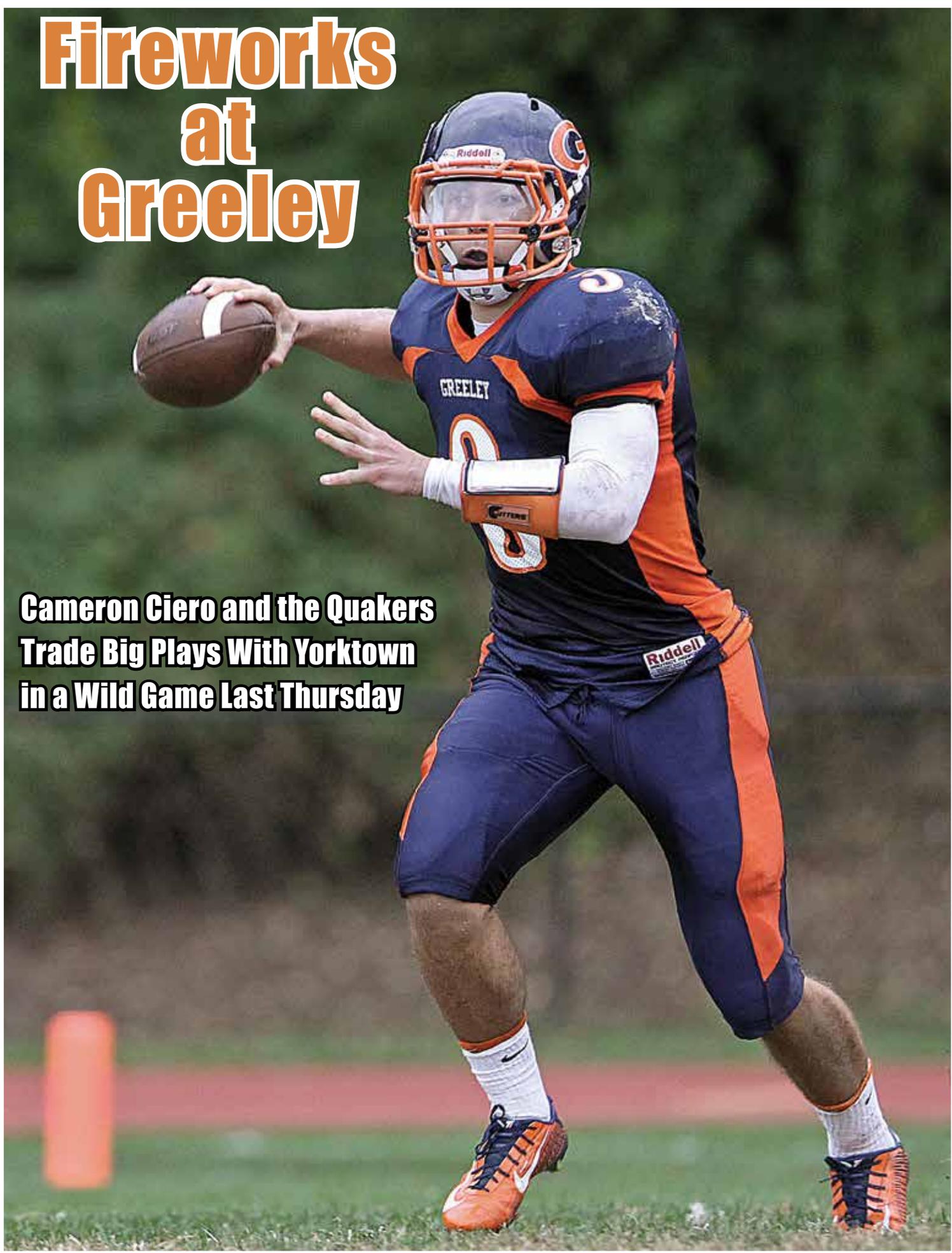


Fireworks at Greeley

**Cameron Ciero and the Quakers
Trade Big Plays With Yorktown
in a Wild Game Last Thursday**



Pleasantville Falls to Ardsley in Overtime Thriller

By Monica D'Ippolito

It was a momentum-filled, down-to-the-wire battle between visiting Pleasantville and undefeated Ardsley on Sunday afternoon – and it only took three overtimes to determine the winner.

Unbeaten Ardsley, now 5-0, emerged victorious in a game between two schools that use the same nickname when Johnny Khym booted a 36-yard field goal in the third overtime session for a 24-21 win.

Pleasantville's Jack Browne punched in an eight-yard touchdown run in double overtime, giving the green-and-white clad Panthers the 21-14 advantage. If they kept Ardsley from scoring seven points on the ensuing drive, they would have left with the signature win. However, it wasn't meant to be.

On the first play, Ardsley's Joe Deguardia rolled out to his right and launched a 20-yard pass to Alex Miller in the back of the end zone, forcing triple overtime.

"The kid threw a perfect ball," said Pleasantville coach Tony Becerra after his team had dropped to 3-2 this season. "Logan (Schneeweiss) had it defended perfectly – it was a perfect pass, nothing you can do about that."

"I guess we were expecting them to run the ball a few times before they came out with the passing attack," explained Pleasantville defensive tackle Jack

Drillock about the Deguardia touchdown pass. "I guess they caught us off guard and they just made a big play."

Ardsley's opening drive of the day lasted nearly 10 minutes, taking 16 plays, and ended with a Deguardia touchdown pass to Adonis Carrasco that opened up a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

But at the beginning of the second quarter, Ardsley's Dylan Resk fumbled on the drive's first play. Pleasantville's Sam Mendez jumped on the ball, recovering at the 20-yard line. The momentum suddenly swung back to the Panthers.

Two plays later, Jack Browne took some defenders with him to the end zone on a 21-yard touchdown run, tying the game at 7-7.

Browne finished with 69 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns, while teammate Brandon Castro recorded 88 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown – a 42-yarder with five minutes remaining in the first half.

Through three quarters, it seemed like Pleasantville was going to come away with the victory, as its defense subdued Ardsley's potent offense, which had outscored opponents 130-42 through the first four games of the season.

Drillock was active on defense, sacking Deguardia twice, while Castro also got a sack on the Ardsley quarterback.

"That was not a concern going in,"

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Jack Browne scored a pair of touchdowns for Pleasantville in Sunday's game at Ardsley.

admitted Becerra. "Being able to do enough on offense, which we did in the first half and obviously didn't in the second half."

A fumble recovery – which ignited the Panthers in the first half – is also what propelled Ardsley in the fourth quarter. Castro fumbled the exchange on a handoff from quarterback Jeffrey Barile, which Ardsley quickly pounced on at the 48-yard line.

Ardsley chewed up the clock and, 12 plays later, it was first and goal with under a minute remaining. Carrasco then took the handoff, broke a few tackles and stretched his arm toward the pylon and tied the game at 14 apiece.

"That was the key, I think, right there, the turnover around midfield and giving them momentum," said Becerra. "A team as talented as Ardsley, the last thing you can do is give them hope and give them momentum, because they'll capitalize and they did."

Tied at 21, Pleasantville was forced into a fourth-and-goal on the 7-yard line, so Becerra settled for a 24-yard field goal attempt that missed wide right.

"It was exciting to play in, but the outcome really wasn't what we wanted or expected," Drillock said. "It really just came down to the end, where in the end of the fourth quarter we couldn't stop them and just going back and forth into overtime, just couldn't come out on top."

Pleasantville has a short week as it faces Nanuet Friday, Oct. 10 for its homecoming game.

"This is the test of this team's resolve, and I'm curious to see how they respond," said Becerra. "I may be wrong about the playoff picture, but I think if we win we're in and if not we're done, so there is a lot on the line."

Fox Lane Gets Blanked by the John Jay Patriots



Will Cohen of Fox Lane runs with the ball vs. the John Jay Patriots.



Fox Lane quarterback Luke Verrochi throws a pass in the second half of last Thursday's game vs. John Jay.



Above: Quarterback Will Wortmann tries to throw a pass on the run in the fourth quarter of last Thursday's game at John Jay.

Right: Fox Lane's Colin Reed (right) keeps his eyes on the ball as he returns a kick in the second half of last week's loss to John Jay up in East Fishkill.



Yorktown Wins a Wild Shootout With the Quakers

By A.J. Martelli

Both the Yorktown Huskers and Horace Greeley Quakers have been among the most entertaining of teams on the gridiron this year. So the eyes of local football fans turned to them when they squared off this past Thursday in Quaker country.

The showdown almost became a one-on-one duel between Husker junior running back Nick Santavicca and Quaker senior quarterback Cameron Ciero. In the end, it was Santavicca and Yorktown outshooting the Quakers 32-21 with some full-throttle horsepower.

"When it's Greeley-Yorktown, we always expect a challenge," said Santavicca, who racked up 328 yards on the ground and a pair of touchdowns. "Big, tough physical kids wanting to win. We weren't expecting them to punch it in our face right away, but we had to answer the call - and I'm glad they did. It showed us a little adversity, showed us that we had to play all four quarters. We weren't just going to be handed it."

The Quakers and Huskers matched blows throughout the first two quarters, but Greeley led 21-19 with 5:45 left in the first half. That's when Santavicca, from Yorktown's 45-yard line, rushed to near the goal line after finding a hole and breaking tackles along the way. The huge carry set up short-yardage weapon Tim Forbes, who ran it in to give the Huskers a 26-21 lead they never relinquished.

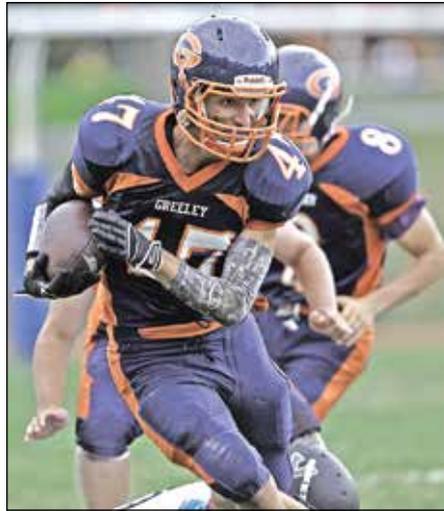
Facing a daunting third-and-25 late in the fourth quarter, the Quakers again turned to Santavicca, who found a hole and raced in all the way from midfield to disappoint Quaker fans and seal the outcome.

"We came in to win the game, and it took every ounce of our being and hearts to come out with it," Yorktown head coach Mike Rescigno said. "I'm glad we had a test. I'm glad that we had a game that we had to dig deeper, and it wasn't something that we were in front the whole time. You don't learn anything about yourself in that situation. We had to fight here, right from the get-go. Cameron has an arm, he throws a good ball. They (the Quakers) had a good game plan. It wasn't easy, but we came out on top."

Ciero hooked up with main target Jonathan Kratz for a 42-yard touchdown to put the Quakers ahead 14-7 with 11:52 left in the half. The Huskers responded by moving the ball to the goal line to set up Forbes, who broke the plane to make it 14-



Yorktown running back Nick Santavicca leaves the Greeley defense behind en route to rushing for over 300 yards in last Thursday's game.



The Quakers' Bo Phillips runs with the football vs. Yorktown. He has now intercepted five passes in the last two games.

13. But the extra point was no good for the Huskers, who struggled several times after scoring a TD, missing a point-after attempt and a pair of two-point conversions.

The Quakers and Huskers traded touchdowns again before halftime. Ciero rushed 75 yards on a keeper, getting to the right sideline and outrunning everyone to the goal line, to make it 21-13 before Forbes scored again, this time from two yards out. A 65-yard Santavicca kickoff return had set the table for the undefeated Huskers.

Rescigno mentioned how valuable Forbes was in short-yard opportunities.

"Tim's a tough kid," he said. "We expect it out of him. When we're in short-yardage situations, he's our go-to guy. I wasn't surprised by his performance."

Greeley began the game with a Ciero 27-yard touchdown pass to Kratz. But the Huskers answered on the ensuing drive with a 52-yard carry by Santavicca to the house to tie it up. The second quarter began with the teams tied at 7-7.

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Greeley's Justin Schachter follows his blockers as he runs with the football last Thursday afternoon in Chappaqua.



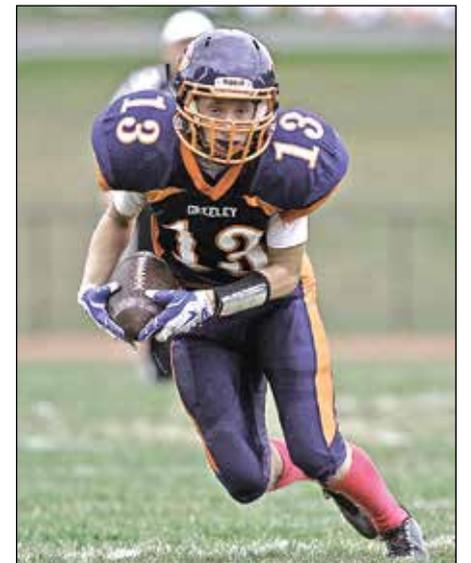
Greeley's Connor Schinderman runs with the ball after making a reception during last week's game vs. Yorktown.



Horace Greeley quarterback Cameron Ciero runs past Yorktown's Nick Golio in last Thursday's game, won by the visiting Huskers.

Quakers head coach Tim Sullivan, very familiar with the Huskers because he's a guidance counselor at Yorktown High School, felt his team rose to the occasion of hanging tough with a formidable foe.

"I thought our kids did a great job adjusting," he said. "That's the best team in



Jonathan Kratz of Greeley returns a kick vs. the visiting Yorktown Huskers.

(Class) A and we went toe-to-toe with them all day, so I'm very proud of our guys. These guys bend, but they don't break. They have a lot of fortitude."

Sullivan also spoke highly of Ciero, who finished the dark, overcast day with 224 yards in the air and another 203 on the ground.

"He always does a great job," he said of his quarterback. "He's a gamer. I can count on him at any time."

The Quakers, now 3-2, will look to make some adjustments before their game at North Rockland on Saturday. Meanwhile, the Huskers (5-0) hope to stay unbeaten when they host Tappan Zee on Friday.

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SPORTS SCENE



Briarcliff's Lauren Haukova smacks a forehand in her win at first singles last week vs. visiting Pleasantville.



Fox Lane goalkeeper Dillon Medd rises above the crowd to make a save in the 1-0 victory over Yorktown last Tuesday afternoon.



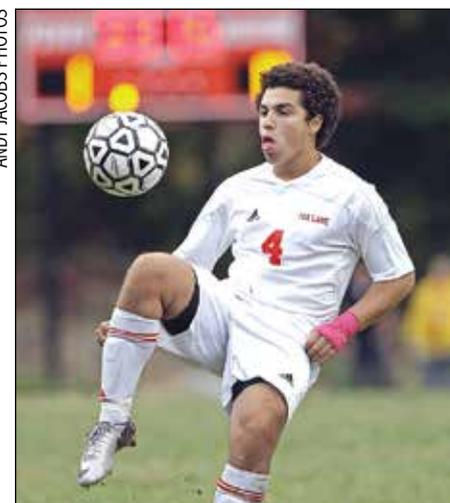
Pleasantville's Olivia Ashton gets set to hit a backhand in her match at first singles last week.



Lia Golden of Fox Lane scores a late goal last Tuesday as the Foxes rally from a two-goal deficit to tie visiting Yorktown.



Juan Rivera of Fox Lane battles for possession in the second half of last Tuesday's win over Yorktown.



Isaac Sanabria of Fox Lane settles the ball in last Tuesday's 1-0 home win vs. Yorktown.

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Westlake's Anelise Catto pursues the ball last Wednesday vs. visiting Pleasantville.



Fox Lane's Chris Gourd boots a free kick vs. the visiting Yorktown Huskers.



Pleasantville's Remi Manna scores on a penalty kick in the Panthers' 3-1 victory at Westlake.



Above: Pleasantville's Katie McAllister (left) is congratulated by teammate Nancy Howe after scoring a goal in the Panther win over Westlake.



Left: Fox Lane's Bridget Connors chases after the ball late in last week's 2-2 deadlock with Yorktown.



Far left: The Westlake defense forms a wall in the second half of last Wednesday's home game vs. Pleasantville.

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Brianna DeRaffele of Valhalla smacks a forehand return in her first-singles match last Tuesday afternoon.



Greeley's Sophia Danyko-Kulchicky gets set to kick the ball up the field vs. visiting Fox Lane last Thursday afternoon.



Emily Strupinski of Valhalla gets possession of the ball in the Vikings' 2-1 win over host Briarcliff on Wednesday.



Westlake's Isabella Morello serves during her victory at first singles last Tuesday vs. Valhalla.



Lauren Unger of Westlake hits a forehand en route to winning her match at second singles last week vs. host Valhalla.



Kelsey Simpson of Briarcliff (left) battles with Juliana Corradi of Valhalla for control of the ball in the Vikings' 2-1 win over the Bears.



Amelia Leahy of Briarcliff takes the ball down the right sideline in last Wednesday's game vs. Valhalla.



Above: Bella Ardizzone of Greeley moves up the field in the second half of the Quakers' win over Fox Lane.



Valhalla's Rachel Palumbo concentrates on a forehand during a match at second singles last week vs. visiting Westlake.



Fox Lane's Kaila Haindl looks to clear the ball away from the goal in the second half of Thursday's game at Greeley.



Right: Fox Lane goalie Hannah Bradsell makes a save in Thursday's game at Horace Greeley.



Above: Briarcliff's Elizabeth Kreppel controls the ball near midfield last week vs. visiting Valhalla. Left: Fox Lane field hockey players celebrate after tying last Tuesday's game vs. Yorktown with a late goal.

Early Deficit is Too Much for the Bobcats in a Loss to Rye

By Andy Jacobs

After yielding a pair of first-quarter touchdowns Sunday, the Byram Hills football team spent the rest of the afternoon playing a futile game of catch-up.

The visiting Rye Garnets managed to make just enough big plays when they needed to and held off a second-half Bobcat comeback bid, winning 28-21 under a cloudless blue sky on a crisp fall day. Despite over 100 yards rushing from both Mike Sardo and quarterback Lou Filippelli, Byram Hills lost for the third time in five games this season.

"We expected a war," said Byram Hills coach Scott Saunders soon after the Garnets had converted on a key fourth-down play in the final moments to clinch their latest victory and remain unbeaten. "We knew Rye's the best of the best, and our kids were prepared. Our kids were excited. Unfortunately, we came up a little bit short."

They came up short because an onside kick with 1:42 left on the clock was gobbled up by Rye's Chase Pratt and the Garnets were able to run out the remaining time. Facing fourth-and-four just past midfield with 43 seconds remaining, Rye ended the Bobcats' hopes of a last-minute miracle as Tim DeGraw took a handoff and ran 11 yards for a first down.

"Yeah, we were hoping to get that shot," said Saunders about the last-ditch opportunity that never materialized. "But Rye does their homework too. They made a great play to seal it."

The Bobcats found themselves playing from behind all afternoon once Rye's standout quarterback, Andrew Livingston, ran five yards for a touchdown nearly five minutes into the game. The Garnets' lead increased to 14-0 in the final minute of the first quarter when DeGraw capped a 10-play, 80-yard drive by running left five yards for another touchdown.

But Byram Hills responded with a 14-play drive that covered 80 yards and over five minutes. A 17-yard Filippelli-to-Kellen Hatheway pass on third-and-eight early in the possession sustained the drive, which was concluded when Filippelli ran straight ahead to score from the 5-yard line with 6:53 left in the half. The extra point by Jerry Friedman moved the Bobcats to within 14-7.



Byram Hills co-captain Joe Venuti catches his breath during a break in Sunday's game vs. Rye.



Byram Hills quarterback Lou Filippelli tries to run past Rye's Alec Miranda in Sunday afternoon's game.



Mike Sardo of Byram Hills runs past Rye's Drake Turcotte en route to a 48-yard gain during Sunday's game.



Byram Hills kicker Jerry Friedman boots one of his three extra points in the Bobcats' 28-21 loss to Rye.

pass over the middle for a touchdown. The point-after kick gave Rye a 28-14 advantage.

A 48-yard run by Sardo, who wound up with 145 yards on the ground, soon gave the Bobcats the ball at the Rye 25. But on fourth-and-one, the Bobcats turned the ball over when Filippelli handed off to Sardo and the ball squirted free. Two plays later, though, the Bobcats' Andrew Zaccagnino recovered a Garnet fumble and Byram was back in business with 1:31 left in the third quarter.

But Sardo was tackled behind the line on first down, then Filippelli's pass over the middle to Karl Samsen was intercepted by Sam Lubeck. The fourth quarter began with the Bobcats still behind by 14 points, but hardly finished. An 80-yard drive that took just under two minutes late in the period moved the Bobcats back within seven points and provided some drama for the final few moments.

The Bobcats' touchdown drive was highlighted by Sardo's third-down, 32-yard run in which he broke several tackles and reached the Rye 41. There was also a 23-yard pass to Hatheway on fourth-and-10 after Filippelli had two straight passes knocked down at the line of scrimmage. Three plays later, Filippelli hit Sardo with a six-yard TD pass. Friedman's kick made it 28-21 with 1:42 still on the clock.

Unfortunately for the Bobcats, the onside



The Bobcats' Michael LaGravinese returns a kick vs. the visiting Rye Garnets.



Rye's Will Hynson is chased by Connor Ahern of Byram Hills during Sunday's game.

kick wound up being easily grabbed out of the air by Rye's Pratt and they never got the ball back again.

"I think our boys played a great second half to hold Livingston and their offense to seven points," said Saunders. "I'm really proud of the way they played in the second half. We were able to take DeGraw out of the mix, but they had some other guys step up. Them having the ability to turn to other answers was the difference."

With games against Pelham and Hendrick Hudson still on the schedule before the regular season ends, Saunders can only hope Saturday's losing battle against an elite team helps down the road.

"We know what it takes to prepare to go toe to toe with the best," he said. "Hopefully, one of these weeks we can poke through. The way we look at it, we've got to win out. We've got to win out and we're still in the mix. Obviously our playoff hopes aren't dead. We just need a little bit of help."

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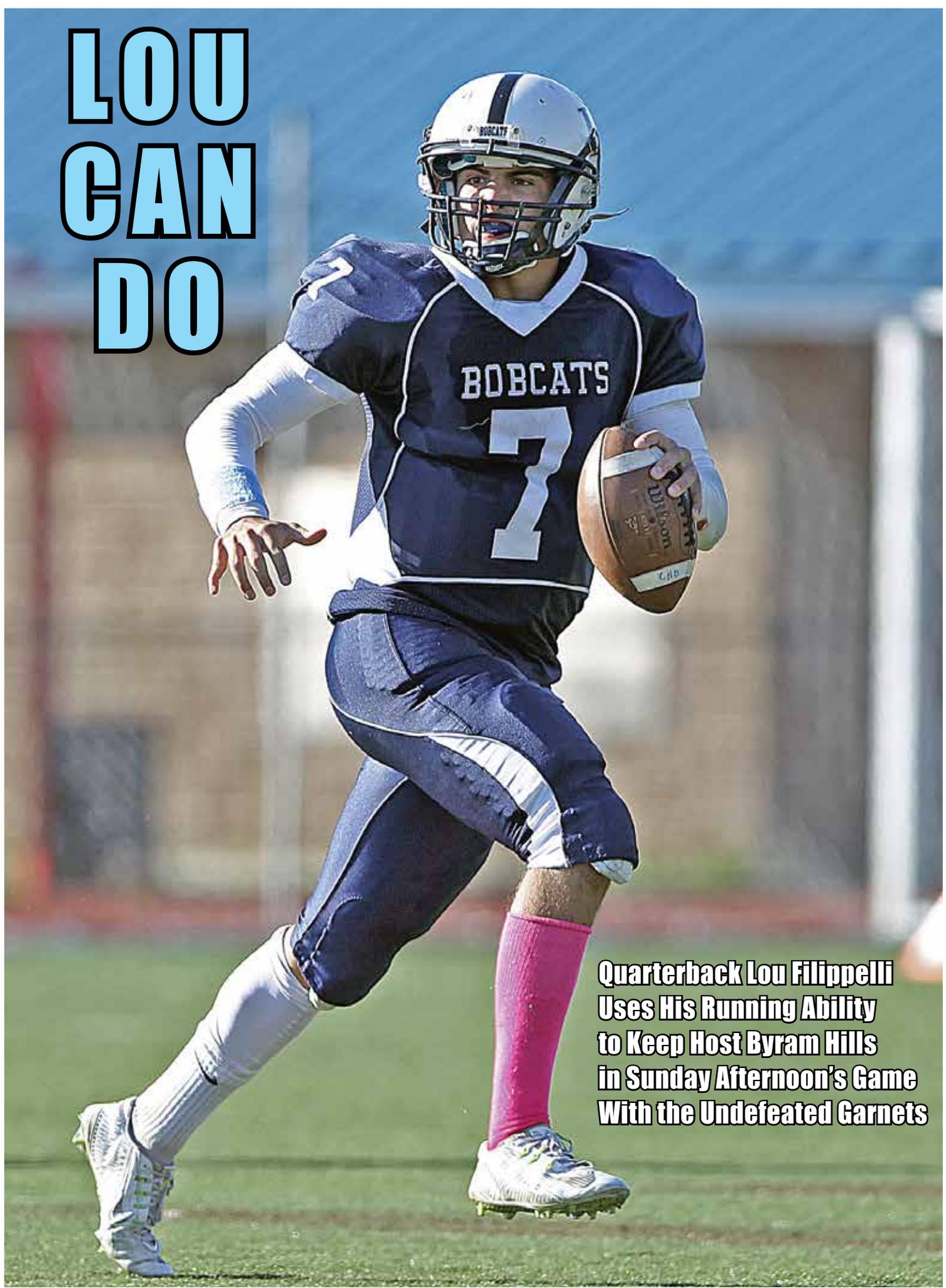
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**Keeley Connors' Hustle
Gets Fox Lane a Big Goal
in a 2-2 Tie With Yorktown
Last Tuesday Afternoon**

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**Quarterback Lou Filippelli
Uses His Running Ability
to Keep Host Byram Hills
in Sunday Afternoon's Game
With the Undefeated Garnets**

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