

A Workman- Like Effort

**Andrew Workman Delivers a Pitch
in Fox Lane's Showdown Last Week
Against the Roy C. Ketcham Indians**

Pleasantville Comes From Behind to Defeat the Bears

By Andy Jacobs

When the Pleasantville softball team let victory turn into defeat with two outs in the final inning against Greeley last week, coach Gina Perino learned something new about her players.

"The kids were really down about that loss on Monday and I'm like, 'Now they get it,'" she said. "They didn't go, 'Oh well, now we're gonna go have ice cream.' They were upset about it. So that just tells you, just a great group of girls."

On Friday afternoon, the Panthers rebounded from that demoralizing loss with their own come-from-behind win in a showdown with archrival Briarcliff. Bella Godino's single in the bottom of the seventh inning drove home Kathleen Passabet with the decisive run as the host Panthers edged the Bears 4-3 in a contest that featured a pair of calls by the umpires that left both teams feeling slighted.

"It was a hard day for them," said Perino about the men in blue. "There definitely were some controversial calls."

"You can't blame the loss on the umpires," said first-year Bears coach Lindsay Zekus, shortly after her team's seventh defeat in 10 games this season. "We had a bad call, they had a bad call. So, in the end, it almost evens out."

Briarcliff jumped out to a 1-0 lead in its first turn at the plate as leadoff hitter Molly Charney walked and eventually scored on Shivani Dave's sacrifice fly down the line in left field. The Panthers evened the score in the bottom of the first with Sam Sicignano leading off with a single to center, then hustling all the way to third base on a sacrifice bunt by Evelyn Tocco and soon coming home on a grounder to first by Passabet.

The game's first controversy came in the bottom of the third inning, shortly after Briarcliff right fielder Briana Fernandez had robbed Sicignano of an extra-base hit with a sparkling, backhanded grab on the run just in front of the fence for the second out. Tocco followed with a bloop single and then Passabet gave Fernandez the chance for a second highlight-reel grab, belting a Denise Haxhia pitch high and far to right.



Briarcliff right fielder Briana Fernandez watches the ball carom off of her glove and over the fence in the third inning of Friday's game at Pleasantville.



The Panthers' Evelyn Tocco races in to make a catch in left field during Friday's 4-3 victory over Briarcliff.



On the game's final play, Briarcliff center fielder Sarah Goldstein throws the ball to the plate trying to prevent the winning run from scoring for the host Panthers.

Fernandez ran back as far as she could and got to the ball, but it caromed off her glove and wound up on the grass on the other side of the fence. The umpires ruled Passabet's hit a ground-rule double and Haxhia got out of trouble by retiring Kaitlynn Kwiat on a comebacker to the mound.

"That ball definitely hit off her glove and went over the fence," said Perino about the long drive by Passabet. "It did not drop, and that's a home run. She made that great play the play before, a beautiful play, and then that one she got turned around a little bit. It tipped off her glove and, as I know it, it's a home run."

Perhaps propelled by their good fortune, the Bears grabbed the lead in the top of the fourth. Jackie Contento led off with a walk, moved to second on Dave's sacrifice bunt and scored on a two-out, line single to center field by Alex Linares, who took second on the throw home. More

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Pleasantville's Bella Godino swings the bat in Friday's game vs. Briarcliff. She delivered the game-winning hit in the seventh inning, controversy ensued when Linares was soon called out at the plate trying to score Briarcliff's third run, despite protests from the Bears that the ball had slipped out of catcher Kwiat's glove.

In the bottom of the inning, the Bears' Haxhia retired the first two batters before Meg McCarthy reached on an error and Anne Horton singled to center. But the inning ended when Audrey Tocco, first-pitch swinging, fouled out to Contento, the Briarcliff catcher, who made a nice lunging grab up against the backstop.

The Bears built their lead to 3-1 by scoring another run in the top of the fifth. With one out, Jessica Pereyra smacked a single to right and Charney then beat the throw to first on a bunt in front of the plate. A fielder's choice nubber down the line at third by Rachel Julie loaded the bases, setting up a sacrifice fly by Contento to deep left. Two runners were left stranded, though, when Dave's liner to short was grabbed by Kristie Guttridge for the third out.

Pleasantville responded in the bottom of the inning by putting together a rally after Haxhia had retired the first two hitters. Passabet, who according to Perino had been struggling, but "had a great day for us today," reached on a single and then proceeded to steal second and third base. Kwiat walked and Godino drove in the Panthers' second run of the day with a single.

The Panthers tied the game moments later as Guttridge sent a short fly to center field that the Bears' Sarah Goldstein nearly snared with a diving, shoestrapping try. But the ball bounced out of her glove and rolled away, enabling pinch-runner Emily Martarano to score and even the contest at 3-3.

An inning later, with Perino imploring



Briarcliff pitcher Denise Haxhia delivers to the plate in the Bears' road game vs. rival Pleasantville.



Pleasantville catcher Kaitlynn Kwiat waits for a late throw home as Briarcliff's Molly Charney scores a run for the Bears.

her team to seize the lead now rather than wait for the seventh, the Panthers were retired in the blink of an eye as Haxhia induced pop outs by Audrey and Evelyn Tocco, sandwiched around a line drive to short by Sicignano.

"Yeah, boom, two pop-ups and a liner to short and it was like three pitches," said Perino. "So that was bad."

The Bears' Zekus was disappointed that her team couldn't take advantage after retiring the Panthers so quickly in the sixth.

"Definitely, especially because then
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Fox Lane's Bats Silenced in a Showdown with Roy C. Ketcham

By Andy Jacobs

No, it may not be a roadmap reality that GPS technology would ever confirm. But, at least for 2014, the path to Provident Bank Park in Rockland, site of the Section One championship game, just might wind through Wappingers Falls, where the Indians of Roy C. Ketcham have lost just once all season and seem poised to earn the top seed in the Class AA playoffs.

The Fox Lane baseball team found that out last Thursday afternoon in a showdown with the host Indians under a rapidly changing sky following two days of heavy rain. Tim Zehnbauer blanked the Foxes and yielded just two hits in his six innings on the mound as Ketcham emerged with a 6-1 victory in a game played between two of the section's perennial powers.

"The kid that they threw against us is an excellent pitcher and we knew he was gonna be an excellent pitcher," said Fox Lane coach Matt Hillis afterwards. "We had to get ourselves in situations where we could hit his fastball and we didn't do a real good job of that. A couple of 'at-em' balls, but you've still got to tip your cap to the kid. The kid just did an awesome, awesome job."

The Indians, winners of nine of their 10 games coming in, got to Fox Lane starter Andrew Workman for single runs in the second and fourth innings before erupting for four more in the bottom of the sixth to all but clinch their latest victory. RCK designated hitter Jacob Morgenstern belted a two-out, two-run double off of relief pitcher Nick Nemeth to highlight the big Indian inning and leave Hillis realizing a late comeback probably wasn't in the cards for his team.

"Yeah," said Hillis, "it felt like we were in a pretty big hole when they put up that kind of number."

Zehnbauer, now 5-0 this season, began the game by retiring the Foxes in order in the top of the first inning. But the Foxes got a hint it wasn't going to be their day when both John Cannon and Dion



The Foxes' Jake Cohen plays in on the grass at third base during last week's loss to RCK.



Fox Lane second baseman John Cannon fires to first base to complete a double play in Thursday's game at Roy C. Ketcham High School.

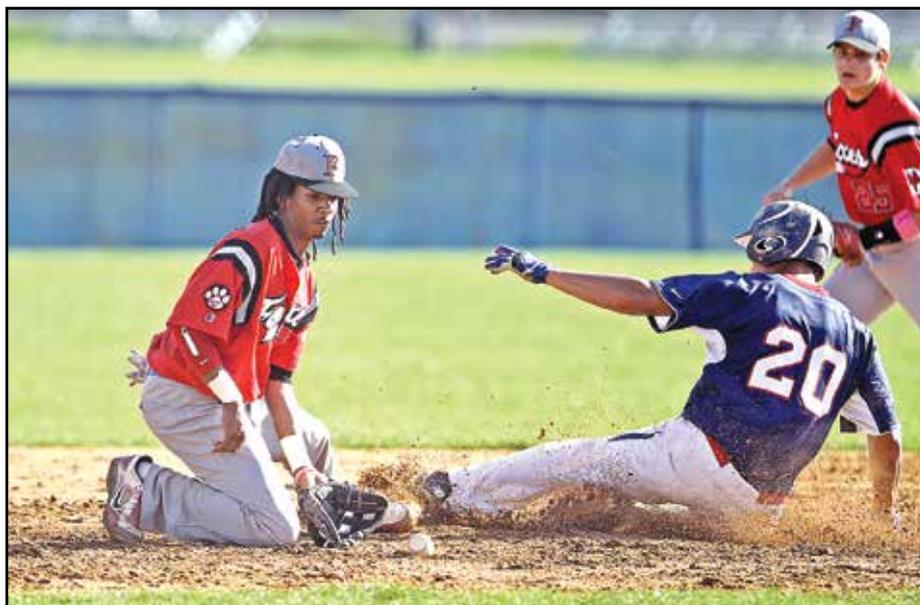
Austrie hit line drives right at Ketcham center fielder Nick Shephard. Workman got out of early trouble in the bottom of the inning when he retired Mark Joao on a called third strike and then picked Morgenstern off at third base.

RCK got on the scoreboard in the second inning as Zehnbauer laced a double to the gap in left-center field with one out and soon crossed the plate thanks to a pair of wild pitches. Tyler Cinelli singled to center and Matt Lynch was plunked by a pitch, but Workman steadied himself, getting Shephard to swing through a high fastball for strike three and retiring Dan Alonzo on a pop-up to third baseman Jake Cohen.

"Obviously, you hope that one run's not gonna be enough," said Hillis. "But it does set the tone for what's going on. We just had trouble with location. Andrew, as usual, guts it out and pitches a good, solid performance. But it's hard to get a win when you don't score any runs."

The Foxes' first hit of the afternoon had come in the second inning from Ralph Nuzzi, who led off by smacking Zehnbauer's first pitch into center for a single and then promptly got picked off. Their second, and final, hit against Zehnbauer came off the bat of Tyler Preizler, who dumped a two-out single to right in the third and moved to second base on a balk. But he was stranded there

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Fox Lane shortstop Dion Austrie fields a late throw to second base as Ketcham's Jacob Morgenstern slides safely into the bag.



Fox Lane's Andrew Workman pitches in last Thursday's showdown with RCK up in Wappingers Falls.

and Ketcham maintained its narrow lead.

Zehnbauer retired the Foxes in order in the top of the fourth and then Ketcham came to bat and added an insurance run. Cinelli, leading off, reached on an error and stole second base. Two outs later, he scored when Alonzo blasted a 3-2 pitch from Workman up the gap in left-center for a booming double.

Any chance for a Fox Lane comeback all but disappeared in the sixth inning when the Indians added to their lead with four more runs. Workman gave up a leadoff bloop hit to Zehnbauer and a walk to Lynch. A wild pitch advanced Zehnbauer to third base and he soon scored when pinch-hitter Ryan Clark bounced into a 6-4-3 double play.

After a walk to Shephard and a single to left by Alonzo that loaded the bases, Workman was through for the day. Hillis summoned Nemeth, who was greeted by Morgenstern's long two-run double that increased the Ketcham lead to 5-0. A sacrifice fly by Joao brought in the Indians' final run.

The Foxes finally got on the scoreboard in the seventh inning, picking up a run against side-arming relief pitcher Nick Sciamatore. Austrie led off with a base on balls and eventually scored one out later



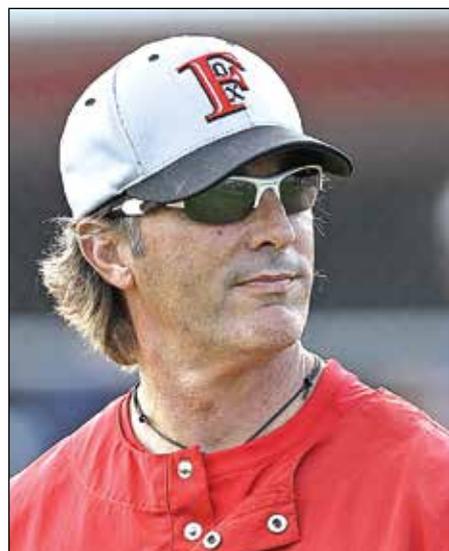
Tyler Preizler of Fox Lane singles to right field during last week's game vs. the Ketcham Indians.

on a slow grounder to third by Workman. But Cohen then grounded out to second to end the game and send the Foxes home with their third loss of the year.

"We're still right now showing this unfortunate trend where every defensive mistake we make scores," said Hillis, whose team rebounded to beat Horace Greeley on the road 24 hours later. "And that's something we haven't been able to stop all year. Even though we're 8 and 3, if you watched the ballgames we've played, even the wins, every mistake we make scores."

If the Foxes have any hope of returning to spacious Provident Bank Park for the Section One title game in a few weeks, they just may have to endure one more long ride back up to Wappingers to face Ketcham yet again.

"No, we wouldn't mind seeing anybody down the road," said Hillis. "That's the way we approach every game. So if it happens, it happens. Great."



It was a frustrating afternoon for Fox Lane coach Matt Hillis last Thursday vs. Roy C. Ketcham.

SPORTS SCENE

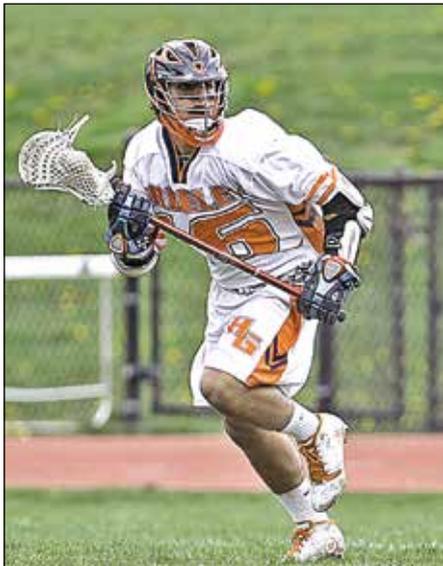
Saturday Lacrosse Action



Greeley's Charlie Mirisola controls the ball as he crosses midfield in the Quaker rout of Wappingers.



Horace Greeley's Declan Byrne tries to get to the goal vs. the visiting Wappingers Warriors.



Zander Levitz of Greeley goes on the attack during the second half of Saturday's game vs. the Warriors of Wappingers.

**Horace Greeley 15
Wappingers 6**

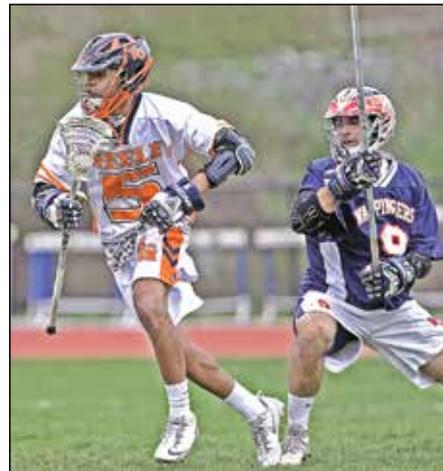
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Westlake 3**



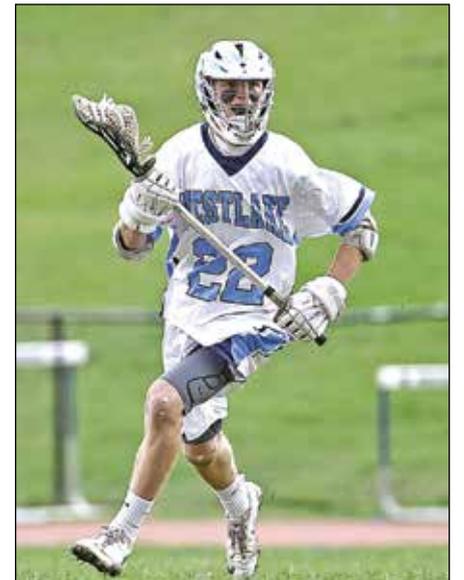
Westlake's Ricky Grassi tries to run past Briarcliff's Dan Millner in Saturday's game.



Briarcliff's Stefano Paone takes the ball behind the cage in the Bears' win vs. host Westlake.



Ryan Gibbs of Greeley eludes a Wappingers defender in Saturday's easy win by the Quakers.



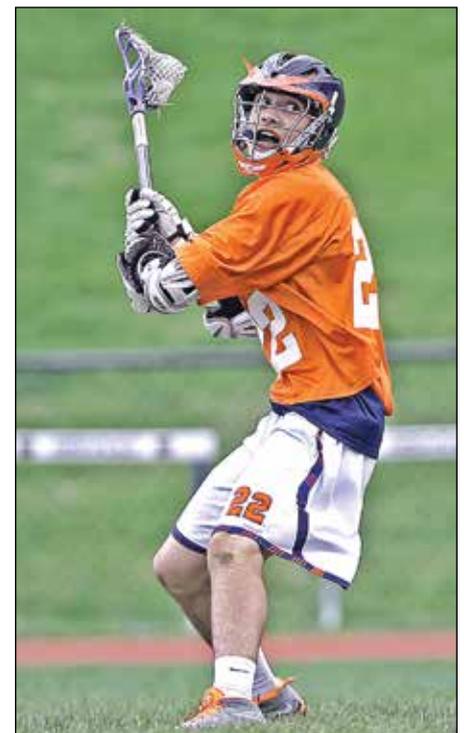
James Gorman of Westlake takes the ball up the field vs. the visiting Bears.



Above: Westlake goalie John Hayes watches as a Briarcliff shot arrives in front of the cage.



Left: Greg Kramer of Briarcliff controls the ball as the Bears transition from defense to offense in Saturday's road win.



Right: John Plimpton of Briarcliff gets set to unleash a shot on goal in the Bears' win vs. host Westlake.

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Julianna Ursillo of Valhalla turns the corner looking for a scoring chance vs. Briarcliff.



Briarcliff's Melanie Prinz protects the ball from Valhalla's Jessica Tesoro in the final moments of Saturday's game.

Briarcliff 8 Valhalla 7



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Above: Annie Barrett of Briarcliff passes the ball during the Bears' win at Valhalla this past weekend.

Far left: Jordan Ricciardi of visiting Briarcliff attempts to get past Valhalla's Jessica Tesoro late in the second half of Saturday's game.

Left: Valhalla's Mary Kelly searches for an open teammate as Briarcliff's Samantha Tobin defends in Saturday's game.

Right: Briarcliff's Lexi Grasso sends a shot toward the Valhalla goal in the Bears' 8-7 win.



Briarcliff's Megan O'Donnell controls the ball late in Saturday afternoon's one-goal victory by the Bears.



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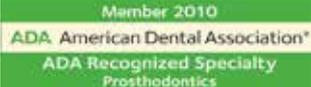


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we had that momentum going into the seventh,” she said. “But we couldn’t produce a run. And then I told the girls all we just need is three outs, we come back in and hit. But, you know what, you have to tip your hat to Pleasantville for being able to produce the runs when they needed to.”

After the Bears went down in order in their half of the seventh, Pleasantville wasted little time putting an end to the game. Leading off, Passabet reached base when her grounder up the middle caromed off of Haxhia and the ball wound up in short right field. Kwiat was retired on a liner to second, but Passabet stole second base and then came home with the winning run on Godino’s single to center, somehow managing to elude Contento’s tag attempt following a strong throw from Goldstein.

“The catcher was in perfect position to make the play,” said Perino. “She (Passabet) kind of danced around her. The kid had the ball blocking the plate and she danced around her. I haven’t seen that one in a while.”

“I couldn’t have asked for a better throw from my center fielder to home plate,” said the disappointed Zekus. “Just, unfortunately, we couldn’t get that tag down.”

But the Bears won’t have to wait very long to get another crack at Pleasantville.



Pleasantville's Sam Sicignano pitches in Friday's come-from-behind win over the Briarcliff Bears.

The two teams meet today (Tuesday), this time at Briarcliff.

“Like I said to the girls, this one hurts, and they all know,” said Zekus. “But we face them again next week and hopefully the roles will be reversed.”

SPORTS SCENE EXTRA



Fox Lane first-singles player Dylan Brittis-Tannenbaum (left) smacks a forehand return while teammate Truman Samberg, playing second singles, hits a backhand during last week's tennis match vs. the Arlington Admirals.

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Gertz, Bobcats Roll Past Horace Greeley Once Again

By Skip Pearlman

After dropping a tough 5-4 decision to Rye on Friday, the Byram Hills baseball team rebounded by ripping Horace Greeley 15-1 in a league game Saturday afternoon in Armonk.

Junior right-hander Matt Gertz (2-1) picked up the win on the hill for the Bobcats (10-3-1, 4-1 league), giving up just one earned run on five hits, with five strikeouts and three walks in a complete-game performance.

"I felt really good out there today," Gertz said after the win. "We've got some really good hitters on this team, and I just thought if I can throw up some zeros I can give the team a chance to win the game. We had a big loss to Rye, so we needed to get back on track today. I had a good feel for my fastball and the curveball was working too. We're off to a real nice start, and we're looking to keep things going, keep that momentum going."

"I thought Matt did an outstanding job today," Bobcats coach Scott Saunders said. "He threw strikes and stayed ahead of the batters, and he had confidence in his fielders behind him. And one through nine, the lineup really attacked."

Byram Hills got contributions from throughout the lineup. Jake Nivasch ripped a three-run homer in the first and went 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Tommy Gagliardi and Armend Pushka each went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a double. Kevin



Matt Gertz allowed just one run in a complete game win over Greeley Saturday.

Wietsma drove in two runs and went 2-for-3, Nick Contillo doubled, had two RBI and went 2-for-2, and John DiMarco doubled in a pair of runs.

"We were patient hitters today," Saunders said. "We were able to come up with some big hits in some big spots and really spread the wealth around."

Ian Beck took the loss for Greeley (5-7), allowing six runs on five hits. Griffen Dresner and Jordan Block also pitched for the Quakers in relief.

Quinn Carter had Greeley's only RBI in the game, and Dean Rosenberg went 2-for-2 for the Quakers.

"We got outplayed, got beat badly," Quakers coach Anthony Marino said. "Defensively, I know we made a couple of



Greeley's Justin Ellick sprawled on the ground after being called out on a play at home.

errors, which led to late tack-on runs, but nothing that changed the game. (Gertz) did a nice job; he only gave up one run. Nothing overpowering, but he mixed his pitches well - he made the pitches and they made the plays behind him."

Marino said the Quakers need to turn the momentum in order to make a run at playoffs.

"I was feeling better two weeks ago - when we were winning more games," Marino said. "We were playing well, winning some league games, but the two (losses) here (to Byram) really hurt because they were both major duds. As far as a league game goes, there was a lack of spark, lack of fight that you would hope for in these contests. We just didn't execute."



Byram Hills second baseman Tommy Gagliardi gets the force on Greeley's Nick Perretti, and throws to first in a BH win Saturday.

As for the Bobcats, they've been playing well so far this season, and Saunders hopes to see them get even better.

"We like where we're at, but we're not comfortable," Saunders said. "We have a tough week coming up, we're in the heart of our league schedule right now. We have a tough one coming up Tuesday against Rye and we just want to keep playing good baseball. If the bats come alive like today, it's going to keep us in games."

Byram was set to visit Rye today (Tuesday) at 5:15 p.m., then the Bobcats host Harrison Thursday at 4:30 and travel to Harrison Saturday for an 11 a.m. start. Greeley visits Fox Lane today and hosts Rye Thursday (both 4:30). The Quakers host Scarsdale Friday at 4:15 and visit Rye Saturday at noon.

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