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# **Josh to the Rescue**



**Josh Della Puca's Two Late Goals  
Carry Undefeated Pleasantville  
to a Comeback Win vs. Irvington**

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# Panthers Edge Irvington on Della Puca's Two Late Goals

By Monica D'Ippolito

Coming off of an epic victory over Bronxville, the team that barely defeated Pleasantville in the sectional final a year ago, the Panthers had a difficult task of refocusing and playing a non-ranked Irvington squad at home Thursday.

"We talked about it in practice, we said you can't live off that one win," Pleasantville coach Chris Kear said. "You have to be prepared for any given game, any given day. The kids knew they had to come out hard because Irvington always played them hard."

With their undefeated record on the line, the Panthers were staring at a 5-4 deficit heading into the final 12 minutes of the contest. Senior Josh Della Puca wasn't having the most productive game of his varsity career, but he stepped up when he needed to, putting in the equalizer and the eventual game-winner as the Panthers escaped with a 6-5 victory.

"That's the thing about good players," Kear said. "We asked him to step up today. We said, 'You have to make a play down the stretch,'" and he knew being a captain, being a senior, being a good player, he had to step up and make a play for his team and did."

Della Puca netted the game's first goal at the 5:45 mark of the first quarter, which was followed by a Bryan Arcidacono goal less than a minute later, giving the Panthers a 2-0 advantage. Lucas Cohen added another score with 1:21 left in the period to stretch the lead to three goals. But the Bulldogs got one back on a goal by Dillon Morley with 46 seconds remaining.

The second quarter was at a stalemate until Irvington's Carson Carrito dodged a few Panthers en route to a second Bulldog goal, cutting the deficit to just one. Kear called a timeout shortly after, trying to calm his players down.

It was evident Pleasantville was frustrated with its performance, expecting to dominate a lesser Irvington team. But the Bulldogs played physically, hitting the Panthers hard.

"I was hounding on the refs and my own teammates," Della Puca said after the game. "I was just getting really frustrated because I think they were playing a little dirty. But the refs didn't see that, so it got in my head a little."

Irvington's Louis Lustenberger fueled the Bulldogs' momentum after ripping a shot past Oscar Marchi with about six minutes left to play in the half, and the game remained knotted at 3-all heading to the third quarter.

The Bulldogs took their first lead of the game with a fluke goal just three minutes into the second half. Defenseman Andrew Brennan lofted a pass toward the Panther net that deflected off a stick and into an open Pleasantville goal.

Declan McDermott tied the game again with 5:47 remaining in the quarter, ripping a shot into the bottom left corner past Irvington goalie Josh Shultz.



The Panthers' Lucas Cohen heads for the goal in Friday's win over Irvington.



Baylor Rosenbaum of Pleasantville takes the ball behind the cage in the second half of Friday's game.

Shultz was the main reason the score was so tight, stopping 14 of 34 Panther shots on net.

"Their goalie was fantastic," Kear said of Shultz. "I think the goalie had some great saves, but we also took some long-range shots when we knew we were trying to work it in closer and we sort of played right into their hands in a zone."

With 13 seconds left in the period, Nick Lambiosi made the extra pass to Jake Starpoli along the left side of the crease. Starpoli placed the ball past Oscar Marchi, giving the Bulldogs a 5-4 lead.

But that was the last lead Irvington held. The two teams combined for nine shots on net before Della Puca stepped up with just 3:37 remaining. Cohen made a nice pass inside to the senior, who made one head fake and ripped a shot past Shultz, knotting the game up one last time.

Just 50 seconds later, Pleasantville ran an isolation play for Della Puca on the right side. Irvington made the mistake of not doubling early, leading to a one-on-one in favor of Della Puca. The senior took his opportunity, dodged his defender and capped off the Panther comeback, finalizing the 6-5 score.

"It's huge. Brian Reda actually told me after the third quarter to put the team on my back and I had to listen to him," Della Puca said. "I sort of knew I could take him (the Irvington defender on the game-winning goal) in the beginning. I just went around... I was just, like, thank

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Pleasantville's Declan McDermott searches for open teammates as he moves across the field vs. Irvington.



Pleasantville freshman Brian Reda protects the ball as he's met by a pair of Irvington defenders in Friday's game.



Panther goalie Oscar Marchi runs the ball toward midfield during Friday's comeback win over visiting Irvington.



Jack Howe gets ready to pass the ball in Friday's 6-5 Panther home win.



Pleasantville's Jack Drillock moves the ball past midfield during the comeback win over the Bulldogs.

god I just did that because if I missed the coaches would have killed me. Same with all my teammates."

Della Puca finished with three goals and an assist for the Panthers, while Cohen ended with two goals and an assist.

"It's huge because after the Bronxville win, like Coach said, it was a trap game," Della Puca added. "So if we really didn't win this game, it would have been a huge blow for the whole entire season. So we're glad we got this W."

Although the Panthers continued their winning ways, they will have to play the rest of the season without starting face-

off man, Mike Hammond, who was lost earlier in the week with a broken collarbone.

"He was winning about 60 to 65 percent of his face-offs, and right now he's taking on a coach role, mentoring our sophomore, Nolan McAndrew," Kear said. "I thought Nolan did a pretty good job today in his place. But, yeah, Mike does more than just face off. He's not just a face-off guy, he plays defense, he plays offense. So I mean that's going to be a huge blow to our team. This happened last Monday, so we've all sort of been rallying together to try and pick up the slack for Mike."

# A Big Inning Carries the Quakers to a Victory at Fox Lane

By Andy Jacobs

With his Fox Lane baseball team currently in the midst of a losing streak longer than any he can recall, just about the last thing Matt Hillis needed on Saturday afternoon was some more bad news.

But it came anyway, shortly before the Foxes were set to host Horace Greeley on a sunny and spectacular spring day when his starting pitcher informed him he couldn't take the mound to face the Quakers.

Greeley took full advantage, getting home runs from Mack Lauder and Chris DiGuglielmo during a lengthy, nine-run third inning that left the reeling Foxes playing from way behind the rest of the day. The Quakers emerged with a 13-3 victory, their second big win over Fox Lane in four days.

"Unfortunately," Hillis would share later, "before the game even started, Aaron Winkler said that he wasn't gonna be able to go today and that he was feeling some tightness in his arm. So basically what we did was we rallied all the pitchers who don't have a whole lot of length in them yet as far as starts. We said, 'you know what, just go out there, don't pace yourselves, try to give us two to three innings as hard as you can.'"

For a while, the improvising worked as the Foxes, trying to put an end to a three-game losing skid, got two shutout innings from starter Robert Lichtenberger while their offense erupted for three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Leadoff batter Julian Francisco belted a double to the gap in right-center field and, one out later, scored the game's first run on Joe Fraioli's single to left.

Andrew Workman followed with a booming double that nearly cleared the fence in left, putting two runners in scoring position. The Foxes' second run scored on a Chris Stern grounder to short, and then Will Cohen brought home Workman with an infield single.

But Lichtenberger, who stranded a Greeley runner in each of the first two innings, was not as fortunate in the third. Josh Small singled with one out and Mack Lauder followed with a two-run homer that



Greeley's Chris DiGuglielmo blasts his third-inning grand slam vs. host Fox Lane.



Greeley's Adam Quine lines a pitch down the right-field line.

moved the Quakers to within 3-2.

According to Greeley coach Anthony Marino, if the inning had ended right there with the Foxes still ahead he wouldn't have been upset.

"You know what, I was just happy we scored the two runs back," he said. "Just to get those two was great and everything else on top of that was like a bonus. That was fantastic."

Regrettably for the Foxes, the Quakers were far from finished in the third. Bobby Garbuio walked, then stole second. Lichtenberger seemingly was almost out of trouble when he struck out Adam Quine, but freshman catcher Henry Davis couldn't handle the pitch, enabling Quine to reach base.

Hillis turned to Alex Olsen in relief and the junior right-hander walked Quinn Carter to load the bases. DiGuglielmo soon sent an Olsen offering high over the fence in left-center for a grand slam that gave the Quakers the lead for good.

Olsen's troubles were hardly over, though, as Greeley quickly loaded the bases again and Small brought in two more runs with a single to center. Colin Reed was summoned to pitch in relief of Olsen, but fared no better as Lauder battled back from an 0-2 count to smack an RBI single to center. The big Greeley inning finally ended with a strikeout-throw-him-out double play.

Despite running into trouble in the third, Lichtenberger gave the Foxes the kind of effort they were looking for in a pinch.

"Robert actually went out and did exactly what we asked him to do," said Hillis. "We saw him lose a little bit of velocity, so we went to our next guy. We have faith in Alex. It just wasn't his day."

Greeley starter Justin Schachter retired the Foxes in order in the second and third innings, but Andrew Workman led off the fourth with a double to the 369-foot sign in right-center field. Both Stern and Cohen were called out on strikes and the inning ended with Joe Passarelli fouling out to the catcher.



Horace Greeley's Joe Raguso tags out Will Cohen of Fox Lane at second base in Saturday's game.



Fox Lane starting pitcher Robert Lichtenberger delivers to the plate during Saturday's game vs. Greeley.



Julian Francisco of Fox Lane heads toward home plate with the game's first run.



Justin Schachter of the Quakers pitches during Saturday's 13-3 win at Fox Lane.

"It was six strikes without even swinging the bat," said Hillis about the back-to-back strikeouts by Schachter. "Not exactly the most competitive situation. You wanna chip away at that lead and we weren't able to do it."

The Quakers added two more runs in the top of the sixth as Garbuio doubled and Quinn followed with an RBI single to center, later scoring on Joe Raguso's ground out. Their final runs came in the seventh against Shane Reichert, the fourth Fox pitcher of

the day, on a two-run double by Carter.

Schachter wound up with eight strikeouts, including two in the final inning. When he got Will Wortmann looking to end the game, the Fox second baseman flung his bat away in frustration, earning a post-game ejection.

"It is obviously extremely unpleasant right now and not fun for anybody," said Hillis about the Foxes' recent funk. "How do we get out of it? That's a great question. I'll tell you what, if you come up with the answer let me know. It's gonna be gut check time. We've actually said that now for a couple of games. We just haven't done it."

Meanwhile, the Quakers' Marino has his team off to a 5-1 start so far this season and can't help noticing a change in the air, the kind that allows for a comeback from an early 3-0 deficit.

"Years ago, it seemed like that would open the floodgates and people would drop their shoulders, drop their heads and sulk," he said. "But, hopefully, this is a new attitude of a new team of a new year. It's great to see them playing good baseball and having confidence in themselves."

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# Fox Lane Runs Past the Quakers in the Second Half

By Monica D'Ippolito

A back-and-forth matchup in the first half became a scoring binge for Fox Lane in the second, as the Foxes got the best of nearby rival Horace Greeley on Wednesday afternoon.

"It is definitely a big rivalry," Fox Lane's Bridget Connors said after the 13-6 Fox win. "I also have a lot of my friends on the team, and knowing that I got to beat them gives me a little bragging rights. It feels great. A big win always makes you feel good about yourself and knowing that you did the best you could during the game."

The visiting Foxes dominated on the circle throughout the game and came up with the majority of possessions, but in the first half Greeley goalie Megan Conroy dazzled, making seven of her 10 saves and allowing her teammates to feed off her momentum and grab the lead.

"We had a great first half from her and we were hoping to build off of that in the second half," Greeley coach Annamarie Marasco said of Conroy. "She kept us in the game. The score should have been even higher."

The Quakers' Izzie Gutenplan claimed the game's first goal at the 21:36 mark, with Anna Waterhouse assisting on the goal by making the extra pass from a free position.

Less than a minute later, Alison Moky responded with a goal for Fox Lane, avoiding a mass of Quaker defenders and placing her shot past Conroy.

The score was tied two more times, first by the Quakers' Emma Lowry at the 19:15 mark, then by the Foxes' Lindsay West with 12:14 remaining. West made good on a pass from Catherine Schreiber, dodging a defender and putting the ball in the goal to tie the contest at 3-3.

The Quakers then regained the lead when Waterhouse cleaned up her own rebound and placed her shot past Fox Lane's Halie Vernon at the 5:35 mark. Then, with 37 seconds left in the half, Megan Graham zipped a shot over Vernon's left shoulder off a free position, giving Greeley a 5-3 lead.

On the ensuing draw, the Quakers won possession but were called for a ward



Alison Moky of Fox Lane is in full stride as she heads for the goal in the Foxes' win at Greeley.



Fox Lane's Bridget Connors and Greeley's Anna Waterhouse battle for control of the ball in last week's game.

while transitioning to the offensive end. The turnover led to the Foxes rushing down the field, where Connors put in a goal with just 20 seconds to spare, cutting the Horace Greeley lead to just one entering halftime.

"I already talked to her in the beginning of the game and told her not to do that and it does, it changes the game a little bit," Marasco said. "But you know what, so what, we were down by one goal. We still could have come back. It's a game where, as you can see, you can score a lot of goals."

It didn't take long for the Foxes to build off the Connors score, as they gained possession once again off the opening second-half draw, leading to a Schreiber goal off a nice feed from Brooke Shepard, knotting the game at 5-11.

"I think that first goal that I actually scored, that was the momentum changer for me and probably for the team," Connors said of her last-second score.

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Bridget Connors of Fox Lane runs past Greeley's Bernadette Grant in the Foxes' victory in Chappaqua.



The Foxes' Keeley Connors passes the ball during last Wednesday's game vs. Horace Greeley.



Fox Lane's Lindsay West controls the ball in the second half of last Wednesday's win over host Greeley.



Greeley's Maddy Tipp (8) greets Quaker goalie Megan Conroy moments after last Wednesday's game vs. Fox Lane.

with one goal and four assists. Lowrey and Gutenplan each had two goals for the Quakers.

Connors not only scored what may have been the most important goal of the game, but also did an excellent job working on the circle, which helped the Foxes win 15 draw possessions versus just four for the Quakers.

"Well, in the first half we took advantage (of the draw controls), but the goalie just made some good saves," Broggy said. "We had eight shots that she made saves on. Usually you hope to score on half, so that's four goals right there. Bridget Connors, we've moved to that spot this week. We thought we needed another taller, powerful girl on the circle and she did a great job. She got a gazillion of them. We needed to get some more length and some more explosiveness on the circle. She got a ton of them, so I was real proud of how she responded."

"Knowing that we have to beat this team, knowing that last year we lost to them and it was the first time in seven years and we definitely needed this win this time to put them back in their place."

Fox Lane continued to dominate the second half, scoring seven unanswered goals while maintaining quality possessions throughout.

"They made their own adjustments," Fox Lane coach Bill Broggy said. "We do a good job of respecting possessions. Just keep shooting and it'll come. So score the ball."

Lowrey broke up the Foxes' big run with 2:10 left in the contest, notching the Quakers' only goal of the second half and concluding the afternoon's scoring.

West led the Foxes with five goals. Connors ended the day with three goals and one assist, while Schreiber finished

# Briarcliff Edges the Panthers in the First-Ever Mt. Pleasant Cup

By Monica D'Ippolito

In the first-ever Mt. Pleasant Cup girls' lacrosse championship game, the old rivalry between Briarcliff and Pleasantville turned into a classic matchup.

The two teams traded lead changes seven separate times Saturday afternoon at Valhalla High School, but in the end the Bears were able to come away with a 15-13 victory to remain undefeated so far this season.

"This is the biggest game of the year, we're playing Pleasantville, it's our first in-league game," said Briarcliff's Jordana Cohen afterwards, noting that she and her teammates were spurred on by their halftime chat. "We just needed motivation and our coach was just like, 'Who wants it more?' And we said we did."

Despite outshooting the Bears 29-21 and winning the majority of draw controls 16-11, Pleasantville (2-3) wasn't quite able to put the ball in the back of the net enough times to take control at the end of the game.

"I think we were anxious to score because it was a back-and-forth game and our shot selection wasn't the best, but their goalie (Elizabeth Kreppel) came up really big for them today," Panthers coach Allison Steinberg said. "I think we started to get tired. We had a really contentious game that went late (Friday) against Pearl River and I think we just got outplayed."

Coming into the contest, the Bears' Cohen was just one goal shy of reaching the 100-goal milestone for her varsity career. It didn't take long before the junior celebrated the accomplishment, as she took the ball off the opening draw and netted the game's first score just 16 seconds in.

"I mean, this is pretty big," Cohen said. "I've been playing on varsity since my freshman year and this is my 100th goal. It's amazing."

"She is a great player," first-year Bears coach Jess McDonough said of Cohen. "I think it's good to see a middie be able to get her 100th goal, and she does a lot more than score goals for us. So I'm just really happy with her and very proud of her."

After the quick Cohen goal, Kate



Nicole Nero of Briarcliff reaches back for a loose ball in the Bears' narrow win over Pleasantville.



Jordana Cohen of Briarcliff shoots the ball as Pleasantville's Karina Roye defends.



Pleasantville's Nancy Howe tries to get past Briarcliff's Jayne Levy during the title game of the Mt. Pleasant Cup.

Manganello added Briarcliff's second goal nearly a minute and a half later. But Pleasantville tied up the score with goals from Kathryn Finnegan and Nicole DiFabio.

DiFabio would tie the game two more times in the opening half. At the 11:11 mark, the junior attacker dodged her defender and netted her second goal, tying the game at 4-4. Then, with 9:33 remaining, she made good on a free position from the right-hash mark, tying the game up at 5-4.

Cohen knotted up the score one final time before the half, finishing off a free-position opportunity from straight on with seven and half minutes remaining.

Pleasantville held possession the majority of the time after the Cohen goal, but the Panthers couldn't capitalize. They put seven more shots on goal, but none found the back of the net and the score remained tied 6-6 at halftime.

"We talked about going back to basics," McDonough said of her halftime speech. "Just taking a breath, throwing and catching, taking an extra second and making sure our passes were on, and moving to the ball."

Briarcliff opened up the second half with back-to-back goals from Cohen and Lexi Grasso, but Pleasantville quickly tied the game once again with goals from



Pleasantville's Nicole DiFabio heads for the goal despite the presence of three Bears during the championship game of the Mt. Pleasant Cup.



Allie Stella of Pleasantville turns the corner on her way to the goal vs. the Briarcliff Bears.

Lauren Schmidt and Nancy Howe.

A DiFabio score at the 17:13 mark gave the Panthers their first lead of the second half. She chased an initial P'ville shot and was given possession behind the net. As soon as the whistle blew, she rolled the crease and ripped a shot past Briarcliff's Kreppel.

McDonough called a timeout after the goal and her message must have hit home for the Bears because they won the ball on the ensuing draw, which led to a game-tying goal by Cohen with 16:36 left.

Howe assisted on a Peyton Long goal that gave Pleasantville back the lead, but Cohen soon continued her dominance on the offensive end, netting her third tally of the game.

The game was tied one last time, 11-11, when Jordan Ricciardi picked up a ground ball and placed it past Pleasantville goalie Tess McFadden. Briarcliff then added three more goals in succession to finally gain the upper hand. Grasso, Cohen and Manganello all found the back of the net to give the Bears a 14-11 lead.

The cushion was just enough to subdue



The Bears' Lexi Grasso races across midfield in the 15-13 victory over Pleasantville.

the Panthers, who still continued to battle back in the final three minutes. But Briarcliff held the ball and ate up enough time on the clock, limiting Pleasantville's chances to score.

"I don't think we've won a tournament in the past 10 years or so, so it's really unbelievable that we've been able to come this far," Cohen said. "Especially in a new tournament with our new coach, it's really crazy how far she's gotten us so far this season."

Ricciardi finished with five goals and Cohen ended up with four goals and one assist for the Bears, while DiFabio recorded four goals and Nancy Howe totaled three for Pleasantville in the loss.

"I think we played an unbelievable game against Pleasantville," said Cohen. "They're our biggest rivals. They're a very, very aggressive team and I really think we pulled through."

Cohen, along with DiFabio, Howe, Schmidt, Levy and Grasso were each named to the all-tournament team, while Kreppel, who made 12 important saves, was selected as the MVP.

"It's awesome," McDonough said after her team improved to 5-0 with the victory. "It's our first league win, and it's great to be first place in the first-ever tournament. So it's good win overall."

# SPORTS SCENE

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Greeley first-singles player Jeremy Wei moves forward to hit a volley during his match vs. John Jay last Wednesday.



Briarcliff shortstop Rachel Julie fields a ground ball vs. Pleasantville.



Matt Magnon of Fox Lane is met by Greeley's Brad Neufeld during last Wednesday's game, won by the Foxes.



Byram Hills right fielder Kayla Vesuvio chases a fly ball in last Tuesday's home game.



Pleasantville's Nicole DiFabio scored six times in last Thursday's home game vs. the Bobcats.



Fox Lane second baseman Emily Moccia glides over to cover the base in last Wednesday's game at Greeley.



Fox Lane's Sarah Violante watches the ball jump off her bat in last week's road game vs. Greeley.



Matt Magnon of Fox Lane is met by Greeley's Brad Neufeld during last Wednesday's game, won by the Foxes.



Briarcliff baserunner Sofia Marcellino is safe at first on a pickoff attempt as Pleasantville's Audrey Tocco makes late tag in Friday's game.



Byram Hills' Thomas Gagliardi runs the bases in last Tuesday's easy win over Port Chester.



Above: Fox Lane pitcher Lexi Bazos makes a tag at home plate to prevent a Greeley run from scoring.



Ashley Rosenberg of Greeley smacks a pitch to left field in the Quakers' home game vs. the Foxes.



Derek Petfield of Westlake rounds third base during Thursday's 7-6 win over Keio.



Pleasantville's Nancy Howe charges toward the goal in the Panthers' home game vs. Byram Hills.



Westlake's Brendan Duane delivers a pitch in the Wildcats' 7-6 walk-off win vs. visiting Keio.



The Bobcats' John DiMarco sends a pitch down the left-field line during last Tuesday's home win.



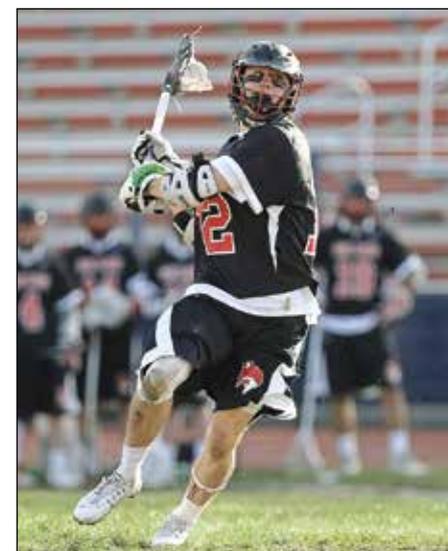
Noelle Love of Byram Hills, who scored six goals, heads for the cage in the Bobcats' 17-13 win at Pleasantville.



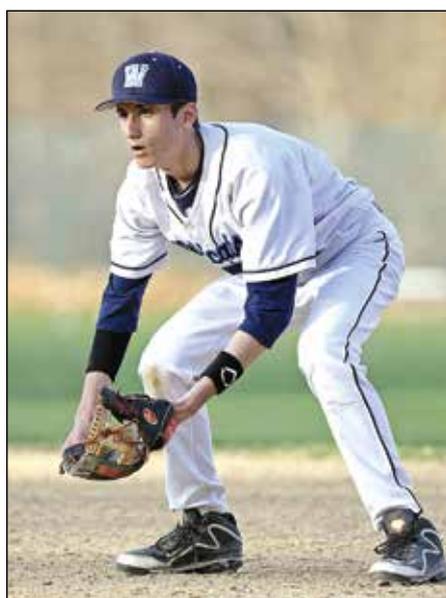
Lauren Schmitd of Pleasantville races past the Byram Hills defense during last Thursday's game, won by the visiting Bobcats.



Brian Schoenfeld of Byram Hills swings the bat in last week's victory vs. Port Chester.



Fox Lane's Cullen Morgan fires a shot on goal in Wednesday's rout of host Greeley.



Above: Westlake second baseman Nicholas Sica stays ready in the Wildcats' home victory vs. Keio.

Left: Sabrina Mauro of Byram Hills runs to third base in last week's game against Port Chester.



Greeley outfielder Samantha Russo makes a catch during last week's home game vs. Fox Lane.



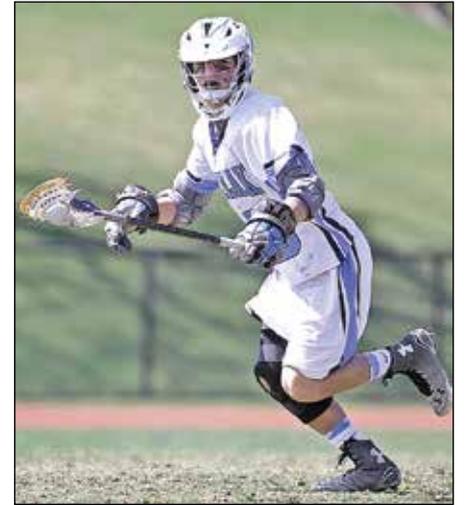
Right: Teresa Marinaccio of Briarcliff pitches in the Bears' 2-1 victory over Pleasantville.

# Saturday Lacrosse

## Westlake Cruises Past Port Chester



With a step on his defender, Westlake's Anthony Sardo takes the ball toward the left side of the cage in the win over Rye Neck.



Robert DiNota takes the ball up the right sideline vs. the Rye Neck Panthers.



Owen Peterson controls the ball behind the cage in Westlake's 13-7 victory over Rye Neck.



Joseph Ferri prepares to send a shot on goal in the first half of Saturday's game.



James Gorman protects the ball as he's closely guarded in Saturday's home game vs. Rye Neck.



The Widcats' Robert DiNota tries to win a race to the ball in Saturday afternoon's game.

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# Valhalla Edges the Eagles



Above: Valhalla's Maria Pezzolanti controls the ball in the home win vs. Dobbs Ferry.



Right: The Vikings' Lisa Rice holds the ball behind the cage vs. the Dobbs Ferry Eagles.



Rapheala DaSilva gets set to shoot while being closely guarded in the Vikings' narrow win this past weekend.



Sofia Mazza of Valhalla races along the right sideline in the Viking home win on Saturday.



Valhalla's Olivia Vlad cuts across the field looking for a scoring chance in Saturday's 10-9 win over Dobbs Ferry.



Jeannie Yamazaki makes her way to the goal during Valhalla's 10-9 win over the Eagles.



Above: Fox Lane's Lindsay West moves past Greeley's Eleanor Sadik-Khan in the second half of last Wednesday's Fox victory over the host Quakers.

Right: Pace University's Trevor Chernoff makes his way to the cage during Saturday afternoon's 17-8 win by the Setters over visiting Saint Michael's in a Northeast-10 Conference game.

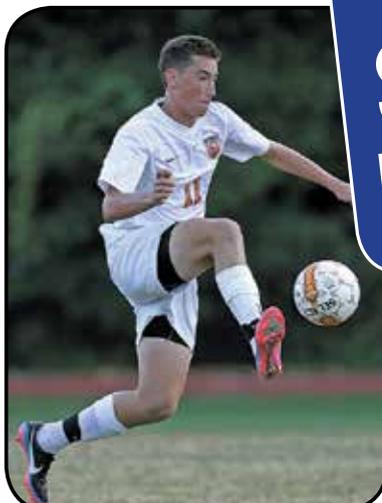


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# Pace Lacrosse Team Defeats St Michael's



John Oteri controls the ball in Pace's win on Saturday afternoon.



Above: Liam Brennan, who had five goals and five assists for Pace, gets set to fire a shot on goal vs. visiting Saint Michael's.



Left: Pace University's Trevor Chernoff has a decided advantage as he shoots in Saturday's win over Saint Michael's.



Peter Sharp of Pace goes on the attack during Saturday's NE-10 win over Saint Michael's.



Pace's Anthony Gadaletto tries to get to the cage in the third quarter of Saturday's game on the Briarcliff campus.



Right: Matt Cossidente fires a shot during the Setters' 17-8 victory over Saint Michael's.



The Setters' William Gantert takes the ball up the right sideline in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

## Byram Hills Names Rye Administrator New Athletic Director

By Martin Wilbur

The Byram Hills School District announced last Tuesday night that it has hired Rob Castagna of the Rye City School District to be its new athletic director.

Castagna, a Ridgefield, Conn. resident who was surrounded by his family for the announcement at the Apr. 14 Byram Hills Board of Education meeting, will take over for longtime Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health Education Michael Gulino effective July 1.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity," Castagna said moments after the board approved his appointment. "I'm proud to bring my talents to the community, put my best foot forward and get to work."

Castagna, who earned his bachelor's degree in education from Iona, has worked in Rye for the past 21 years, the last 12 of those as director of health, physical education and athletics. Prior to assuming the administration post, he was a health and physical education teacher. For the first five years of his career, Castagna taught in the Malverne Union Free School District



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Robert Castagna will take over for longtime Byram Hills Athletic Director Mike Gulino who is retiring this summer.

on Long Island.

Board of Education President Ira Schulman called the hiring of Castagna "a coup" for Bryam Hills.

"I think it's going to be wonderful for us," Schulman said. "I hope it will be wonderful for you."

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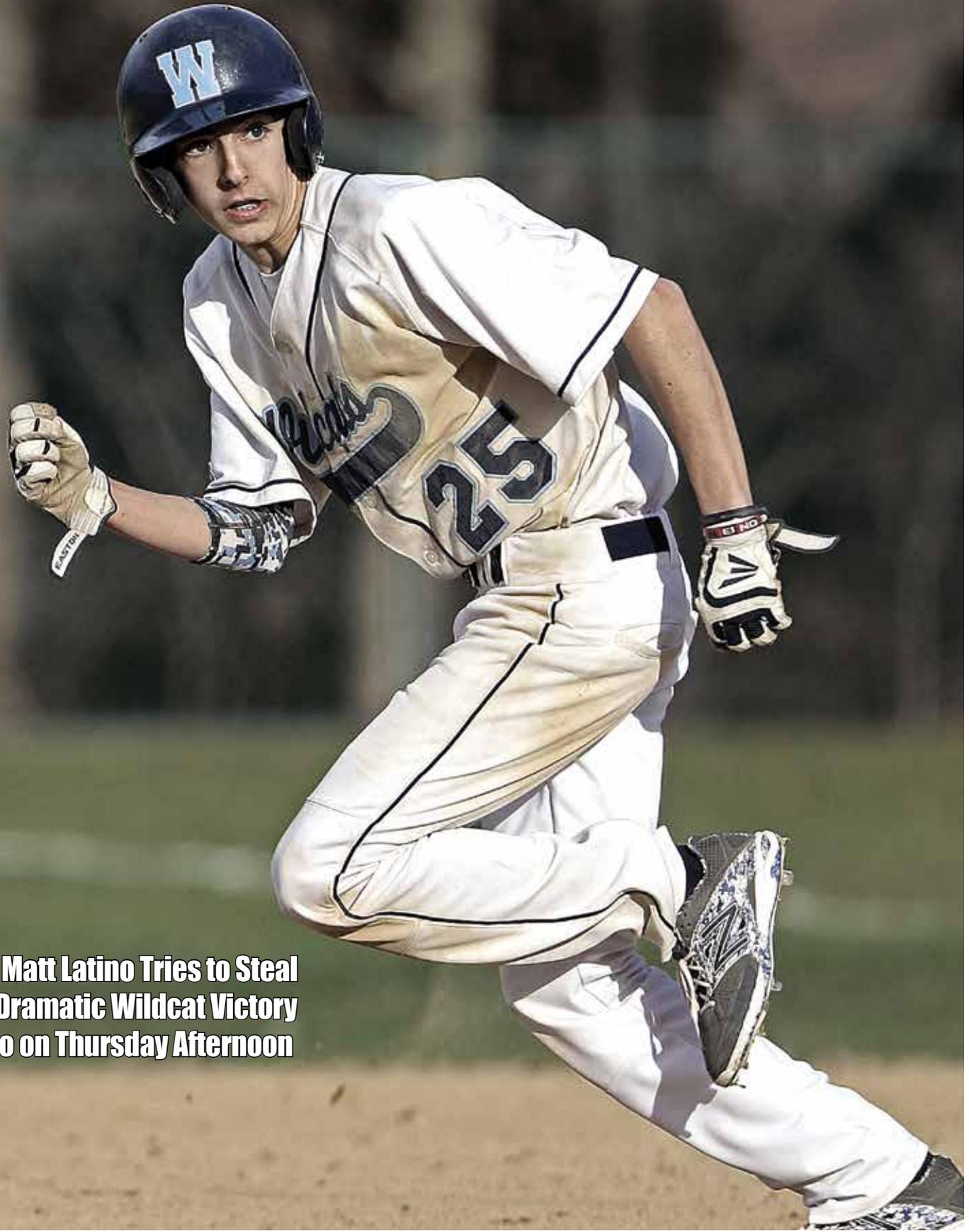
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