

Battle for the Cup



Pleasantville's Devin Juros and Briarcliff's Alex Leahy Fight for the Ball in Saturday's Championship Game at the Annual Mt. Pleasant Cup Soccer Tournament



Donna DeVito of Valhalla has control of the ball in the first half of the Vikings' lopsided win over Irvington.



Tahlia Holmgren of Valhalla tries to get through a pair of Irvington defenders during the Vikings' easy win Thursday night over the visiting Bulldogs.



Valhalla's Isabella Ruane races up the field with the ball in last Thursday's rout of visiting Irvington.

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Briarcliff sophomore Ayla Preble moves the ball up the field in the Bears' win over visiting Hen Hud.



Becca Rubenstein of Briarcliff tries to get into scoring position in last week's overtime victory vs. the Hen Hud Sailors.



Valhalla's Brenna Dockett sends the ball toward the goal last Thursday evening against visiting Irvington.



Emma Diller of Briarcliff waits for a pass on a Bears' penalty corner.



The Bears' Emma Diller starts to celebrate after teammate Aleena Hussain (2) scored a first-half goal in last Thursday's game.



Briarcliff's Aleena Hussain pursues the ball in the first half of last Thursday's 2-1 overtime win over Hendrick Hudson.



Mary Rafferty of Valhalla takes the ball up the field in the opening half of last week's win over Irvington.

Howe's TD Passes Lead the Panthers Past Nanuet

By Danny Lopriore

Pleasantville quarterback Jack Howe tossed three touchdown passes and the Panthers' defense held visiting Nanuet scoreless for three quarters in a 27-13 victory Friday night.

Howe, who completed 6 of 9 passes for 104 yards, connected with Declan McDermott for scores of 16 and 28 yards and also hit Jack Minerva for another touchdown as the Panthers raised their record to 2-0.

"The passing game is coming along a little better," Howe said. "Last week against Ardsley, we weren't dealing with the pressure. This week I had pressure, but found guys who were getting open. It was better."

McDermott said there were still some mistakes, but that the receiving corps was improving. The lighting and shadows at Parkway Field can be a bit difficult, but the senior receiver said that was not a problem. McDermott's second touchdown grab made the highlight reel as he tiptoed the front left corner of the end zone and crossed the pylon for the score.

"I know I dropped a few; won't make excuses about the lights," McDermott said. "So, getting back and being able to get in the end zone makes up for that. I'm glad we could get the passing game going. We are all looking forward to playing a complete game with less mistakes."

Gaining confidence in his arm and the Panthers' passing game after suffering a lacrosse injury in the spring, Howe liked the results against the Golden Knights but was concerned about the lack of consistent play.

"Right now I don't think we're playing



Declan McDermott caught a pair of touchdown passes in the win over Nanuet.

up to the expectations of this program and the traditions we have here," Howe said. "Over the next few weeks, we have to get our heads (relocated) and get rolling. We have a tough schedule coming up and we have to be ready to play."

The Panthers' defense, led by James Daniele, Nick Salzarulo, Tim Driscoll, Cullen Dell, Chris Marchi and a host of aggressive defenders, allowed just five first downs, 92 total yards of offense and a late score. Nanuet also scored on a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter when the game was no longer in doubt.

"Our defense and special teams have done a good job, thanks to Coach Lamar, our specials coordinator, and the coaching staff," said Panthers head coach



Panther quarterback Jack Howe tossed three touchdown passes on Friday night at Parkway Field.

Tony Becerra. "The blocks help build momentum. But we have made too many mental mistakes. Last week we didn't finish drives. This week we didn't finish the game. We have to be much better."

The Panthers blocked two punts and a field goal try just six days after a game-clinching field-goal block in a 7-6 victory over Ardsley. Daniele had a blocked punt and had an interception that ended a Nanuet possession.

"We just want to come out firing on defense," Daniele said. "We all said before the game that people need to step up, especially seniors and even juniors. We have to get on the same page in all aspects. We know we have the talent to win and the coaching, so we have to limit mental mistakes to be successful."

Running back Charlie McPhee followed up last week's 168-yard performance by gaining 83 yards on 12 carries, including a 12-yard touchdown scamper that opened the scoring. Howe hit Minerva for a 25-yard score, then found McDermott from 16 yards out for a 20-0 halftime lead.

"We want to limit mistakes and get our second-level guys that can develop depth on the team," Becerra said. "Wins are always good because they build confidence, but we all know we can be better and the coaches and the kids will hold themselves accountable."

The defending Section 1, Class B champion Panthers, who have won 13 of 14 games over the last two seasons, host rival Blind Brook (1-1) for Homecoming Friday at 7 p.m.

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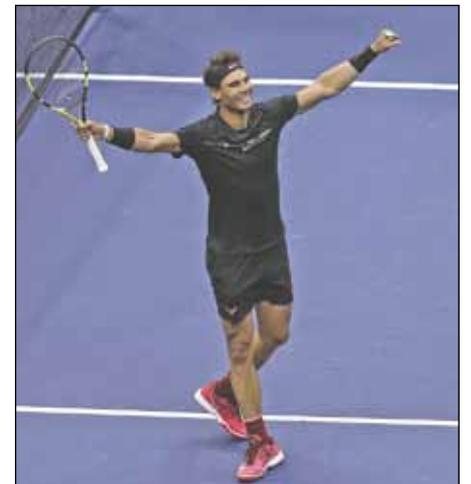
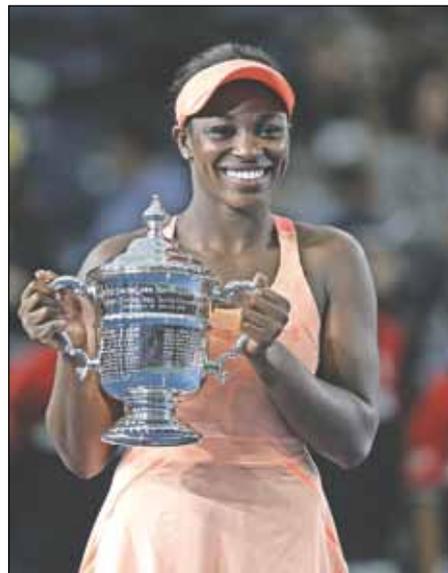
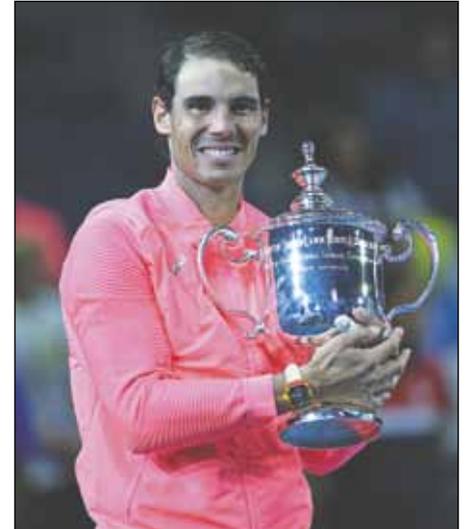
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Rafael Nadal captured his third U.S. Open championship late Sunday afternoon by overwhelming Kevin Anderson in straight sets. The 31-year-old Spaniard now has 16 Grand Slam titles, three fewer than Roger Federer, whose quarterfinal loss prevented a first-ever showdown between the two in Queens.



Sloane Stevens capped off an improbable run in Flushing Meadows by rolling over fellow American Madison Keys 6-3, 6-0 in Saturday's women's final. Stevens had defeated Venus Williams in a tense third set in the semifinals two days earlier, while Keys crushed CoCo Vandeweghe in the other all-American semifinal.



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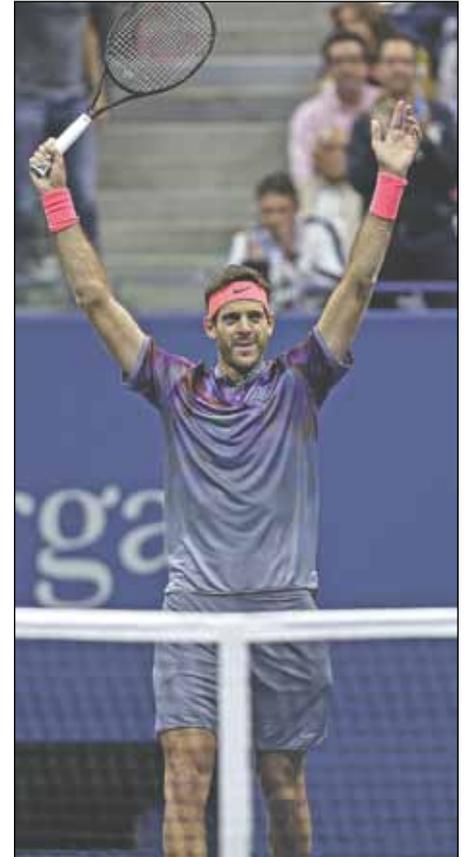
Juan Martin del Potro serves the ball en route to defeating Roger Federer under a closed roof in Wednesday night's quarterfinal showdown.



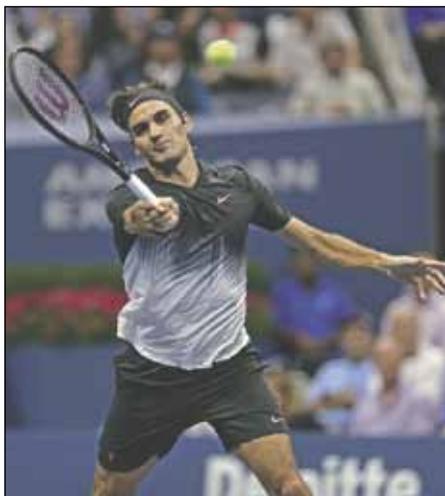
Madison Keys advanced to her first Grand Slam final, but lost to Sloane Stephens in straight sets.



Venus Williams had reason to smile after prevailing over Petra Kvitova in a third-set tiebreaker to reach the semifinals.



Juan Martin del Potro celebrates after ousting Roger Federer in Wednesday night's quarterfinal match in Arthur Ashe Stadium.



Roger Federer hits a forehand volley in his quarterfinal match vs. Juan Martin del Potro. He lost in four sets, disappointing tennis fans hoping to finally see him face Rafael Nadal in Flushing Meadows.



Petra Kvitova, the tournament's 13th seed, belts a backhand return during her three-set loss to Venus Williams in the quarterfinals.



Sam Querrey was the last American man left in the tournament, but he lost a tight match to Kevin Anderson in the quarterfinals.



Kevin Anderson raises his arms in triumph after defeating Pablo Carreno Busta in four sets Friday to advance to the men's final.



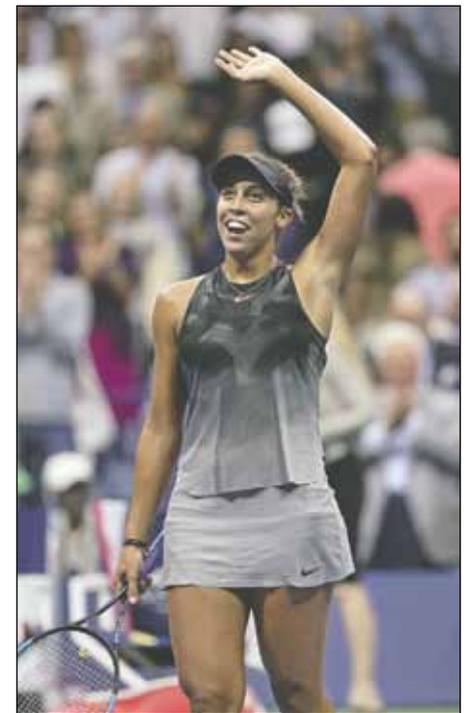
Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta, seeded 12th, made an improbable run to the semifinals before falling to Kevin Anderson.



CoCo Vandeweghe was one of four American women to reach the semifinals at the 2017 U.S. Open.



Venus Williams retreats to retrieve a lob during her three-set win over Petra Kvitova in the quarterfinals.



Madison Keys waves to the crowd following her 6-3, 6-3 victory over Kaia Kanepi in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Mt. Pleasant Cup Boys' Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017



The Bears' John Gross takes the ball down the right sideline in Saturday's title game.



Pleasantville's Thomas Merritts races after the ball in the final moments of the Panthers' 1-0 victory over Briarcliff.



Marc Kyriakidis puts on the brakes as he tries to maneuver past Briarcliff's Camron Fash during Saturday's title game.



Briarcliff's Alex Benson is sandwiched between Pleasantville's Adrian Rippstein (left) and Oscar Diaz Reyes as they battle in the air for possession of the ball.



Briarcliff's Alex Cabeca pursues the ball in the second half of Saturday's game with teammate Alex Benson right behind.



Devin Juros of Pleasantville settles the ball in the Panthers' Mt. Pleasant Cup showdown with rival Briarcliff.



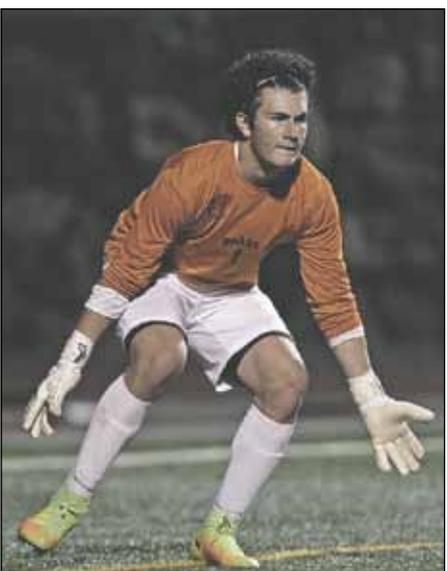
Alex Benson of Briarcliff tries to run past Pleasantville's Adrian Rippstein during the second half of the Mt. Pleasant Cup title game.



Briarcliff senior Alex Leahy boots the ball in the Mt. Pleasant Cup final at Valhalla High School.



Matt Sturman of Briarcliff gets set to pass the ball as Pleasantville's Oscar Diaz Reyes chases after him in the Mt. Pleasant Cup championship game.



Briarcliff goalie Andrew Kanovsky is poised to make a save in Saturday night's game vs. the Panthers.



Pleasantville goalkeeper Jan Becerra makes a sliding save as he thwarts Briarcliff's Alex Benson in the second half on Saturday evening.



Pleasantville players start to celebrate while their opponents from Briarcliff drop to the turf as time runs out in Saturday's 1-0 Panther win.



Briarcliff freshman Muriel Oppong is about to boot the ball into the back of the net in overtime to give the Bears the lead for good against the Vikings.



Allison Portera of Valhalla, who scored three goals, tries to get past Briarcliff's Karina Zielinski in the first half of Thursday's game, won by the Bears in overtime.



Valhalla players, left to right, McKenzie Flaherty, Shannon Brosnan, Sierra Lockhart and Jenna Lynch form a wall as Briarcliff's Karina Zielinski prepares to send a shot on goal.



The Vikings' Jenna Lynch passes the ball vs. host Briarcliff.



Valhalla's Shannon Brosnan (left) and McKenzie Flaherty, along with Briarcliff's Julia Dallessandro, set their sights on the ball in Thursday's first-round game in the Mt. Pleasant Cup soccer tourney.

Mt. Pleasant Cup Girls' Soccer Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017



Briarcliff sophomore Karina Zielinski boots the ball near midfield in the second half of the Bears' win over Valhalla.



Bears goalkeeper Khassandra Muniz makes a save in the first half of Thursday afternoon's home game vs. Valhalla.



Briarcliff players celebrate after scoring a goal in overtime during their 5-4 victory over the Valhalla Vikings in the Mt. Pleasant Cup. Kari



Briarcliff's Caitlyn Dornau controls the ball near midfield as Valhalla's Emily Strupinsky applies pressure during last Thursday's opening-round game of the Mt. Pleasant Cup.



Kaitlyn Ryan of Briarcliff takes the ball up the right sideline in the opening-round game of the annual Mt. Pleasant Cup.

OVERTIME THRILLER



**Briarcliff's
Karina Zielinski**

**Valhalla's
Shannon Brosnan**

**The Bears Come From Behind
to Beat the Visiting Vikings 5-4
in the Mt. Pleasant Cup Tourney**