

## Roar of the Wildcats



Andrew DeBiase's late Touchdown  
Lifts Resilient Westlake to a Big Win  
Over Its Nemesis From Pleasantville



# DeBiase's Touchdowns Lift Westlake Past the Panthers

By Danny Lopriore

Andrew DeBiase rushed for 153 yards and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns on a muddy and slow home turf as Westlake defeated defending state champion Pleasantville 22-14 in Saturday's regular-season finale for both teams.

DeBiase, who wears the No. 8 jersey as the last in a family of eight brothers to play for Westlake, ran for his first touchdown to bring the Wildcats to within 14-13 early in the fourth quarter. Garritano Gianni made the extra-point kick to tie the game, setting the stage for DeBiase's game-deciding touchdown run from 15 yards out on the Wildcats' next possession, followed by his short run into the end zone again for the two-point conversion with just 1:36 left.

"This game meant everything to us as a team," DeBiase said, shortly after Westlake had secured its second consecutive win after a disappointing loss to Nanuet. "We've been cursed against them for a long time and we wanted to prove we were the best team here on our field. It was a bad field for both teams, but we have a great line that wouldn't quit. We wanted it more. Every run was tough, but I didn't want to go down."

DeBiase may have been exhausted after fighting the sloppy turf and the Pleasantville defense for four quarters, but he had enough left to close out Westlake's arch rival by intercepting a pass on the Panthers' last-chance possession with under a minute remaining.

Westlake, Pleasantville and Nanuet



The Panthers' Justin Perlman has reason to smile as he stands in the end zone after catching a touchdown pass from Danny Melillo against host Westlake.

each finished tied for second place with 5-2 records behind top-seeded Ardsley in the battle for seeding position in the upcoming Section 1, Class B playoffs. The tie was broken for seeding in a random drawing Saturday night. Pleasantville earned the No. 2 seed and will host No. 7 Bronxville and Westlake dropped to No. 4 and will host No. 5 Albertus Magnus.

Pleasantville entered the game at 5-1 and found the muddy field just as difficult to navigate as the hosts. Both teams were penalized several times in the first half as the conditions led to multiple holding calls on run plays.

Westlake varied from coach John Castellano's traditional run-first offense and used the pass to open the scoring when junior quarterback Jason Ausiello hit wideout Vincent Spaziante for a 66-yard catch-and-run play down the right sideline for a 7-0 lead.

"We know we have the ability to pass at this point in the season," Ausiello said. "It

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Pleasantville quarterback Jack Howe runs past Westlake's Connor Napolitano in the first half of Saturday's game, hosted by the Wildcats.



Westlake's Andrew DeBiase breaks through the line of scrimmage on his way to a fourth-quarter touchdown in the Wildcats' 22-14 win over Pleasantville.

was tough to run the ball, so we had the chance and Vin made a great play. It gave us a little room to run the ball again. Our backs and the line took over from there."

Trailing by a touchdown, Pleasantville responded like a champion does, using its passing game to tie the contest at 7-7 as backup quarterback Danny Melillo found Justin Perlman for a 33-yard touchdown pass after relieving starting quarterback Jack Howe for a play. Howe, who rushed for 44 yards and was 9 for 17 for 105 yards in the air, returned to his quarterback spot and later broke the tie by hitting Melillo with a 15-yard touchdown pass to give the Panthers a 14-7 lead late in the third quarter.

Westlake's running game was bolstered by Nick Martinez, who broke through

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Thomas Iazzetta returns a kick in Saturday afternoon's showdown with local rival Pleasantville.



Westlake quarterback Jason Ausiello throws a first-half touchdown pass to Vincent Spaziante during Saturday's game.



Pleasantville junior Jared Willens runs with the football after catching a pass in the first quarter.



Pleasantville senior Danny Melillo rolls out to his right before tossing a second-quarter touchdown pass to Justin Perlman.



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the line of scrimmage for a long run to set up the game-winning touchdown and wound up rushing for 81 yards in all. Offensive lineman Jacob Petfield helped lead the blocking that broke through in the second half.

On its way to the state title a year ago, Pleasantville defeated Westlake two times, including in double overtime in the Class B championship game, adding to an already fierce rivalry.

"We overcame the field conditions, the tough defense and we overcame the fact that Pleasantville had beaten us so many times," Petfield said. "We wanted to prove

that we have the better line and that we know we can win in the playoffs. It was special to win this kind of game at home. Very special."

Castellano, a veteran coach who believes in building teams with strong fundamentals and the ability to control the ground game, was confident his team would give it all.

"One thing I know is that these kids won't give up," Castellano said. "When I went to the two-point conversion instead of the kick, I wanted to show that trust and put pressure on a great team on the other side. Now, it's about getting ready to play next week. My kids will give it everything they have. I know that."



Westlake quarterback Jason Ausiello is flushed out of the pocket by Pleasantville's Danny Minerva during Saturday's game, won by the Wildcats.



Westlake's Nick Martinez finds a lot of room to run as he gains big yardage in the fourth quarter to set up the Wildcats' game-deciding touchdown.



Westlake fullback Andrew DeBiase maintains his balance as he breaks past the line of scrimmage in Saturday's 22-14 win over Pleasantville.



Brendan O'Neill of Pleasantville starts to run with the ball after fielding a kick in Saturday's game.



The Panthers' Jack Howe throws a long pass down the field in Saturday's game at Westlake.

## Bears Lose to Blind Brook on Homecoming



Punter Dan Huegel has his kick blocked by Blind Brook's Joseph Denn in the second half of Saturday's game. The ball was picked up by the Trojans' Jason Frankel, who ran it in for a touchdown.



Freshman Brandon Rispoli of Briarcliff/Hamilton runs with the football in the Bears' Homecoming game vs. Blind Brook.



Briarcliff's Dan Huegel returns a kickoff in the second half of Saturday's 22-6 loss to visiting Blind Brook.



The Briarcliff/Hamilton defense brings down Blind Brook running back Matthew Guliano in the third quarter of Saturday's game.



Briarcliff/Hamilton quarterback Nick Reish is chased out of the pocket by Blind Brook's Jason Frankel and Joseph Denn during Saturday afternoon's Homecoming game.

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Bridget Dockett of Valhalla sends the ball up the field during Friday's game against the visiting Edgemont Panthers.



Jack Rifkin, who scored Greeley's first two goals Saturday afternoon, gets set to boot the ball against Yorktown.



Greeley senior Edwin James Allen scans the field as he controls the ball late in Saturday's big win over visiting Yorktown.



Greeley's Zach Eichenberg keeps his eyes on the ball as he kicks it up the field during the Quakers' 3-1 victory over the Yorktown Huskers.



Valhalla's Angela Pepdjonovic blocks an Edgemont shot at the goal off a penalty corner in the second half of Friday's Viking home game.



Fox Lane's Ally Waldman lines up a forehand return while competing in doubles last Wednesday afternoon at the conference championships.



Fox Lane tennis standout Leah Tuluca serves during her singles match on Wednesday afternoon at the conference championships, hosted by White Plains High School.



Valhalla's Nicole DiGilio controls the ball in the second half of the Vikings' home game against Edgemont on Friday afternoon.



Horace Greeley's Aidan Curtis passes the ball in the second half of Saturday's 3-1 win over visiting Yorktown.



Valhalla goalie Hannah Etlinger makes a kick save in traffic during the second half of Friday's game against Edgemont.



Allesandra Brittis-Tannenbaum of Fox Lane gets set to belt a forehand return in her doubles match at last week's conference championships.





Greeley's Joe O'Brien heads toward the finish line on his way to winning last Tuesday's League 1D championship at Croton Point Park.



Westlake senior Miguel Catarino dribbles the ball up the field in last week's game against visiting Pleasantville.



Fox Lane junior Meagan Moky runs to a second-place finish at last Wednesday's League 1D championships at Croton Point Park.



Westlake goalkeeper Frank Malandrucolo thwarts a scoring opportunity for Pleasantville's Jon DiGilio in last Wednesday afternoon's game.



Brian Sheehan of Westlake controls the ball in last Wednesday's game. He had the Wildcats' lone goal in the 2-1 loss to Pleasantville.



Max Notarnicola of Greeley finished second at last week's League 1D championships, just behind teammate Joe O'Brien.



Pleasantville's Nathaniel Graham boots the ball away during last Wednesday's 2-1 victory over the host Westlake Wildcats.



Luke Scopino of Pleasantville takes to the air to head the ball away from Westlake's Brian Sheehan in last week's game won by the Panthers.



Horace Greeley's Isabella Smith finished third among 52 runners at last week's league cross country championships in Croton.



Pleasantville senior Marc Kyriakidis moves the soccer ball across the field in the second half of a 2-1 win over host Westlake.



Westlake's Anthony Scaglione keeps his eyes on the ball during last Wednesday's home game.



Zack Micucci of Fox Lane (right) has a slight lead on teammate Avery Skolnick late in last Wednesday's League 1D championship. Skolnick wound up in third place while Micucci finished fourth, helping the Foxes to the team title.



# SPORTS SCENE *EXTRA*



Abby Glickman of Byram Hills chases after a loose ball in the opening half of Friday's Bobcat home game.



Sophie Maniscalco of Byram Hills wins a race for the ball with Harrison's Athena Staten during Friday's Bobcat Senior Day home game.



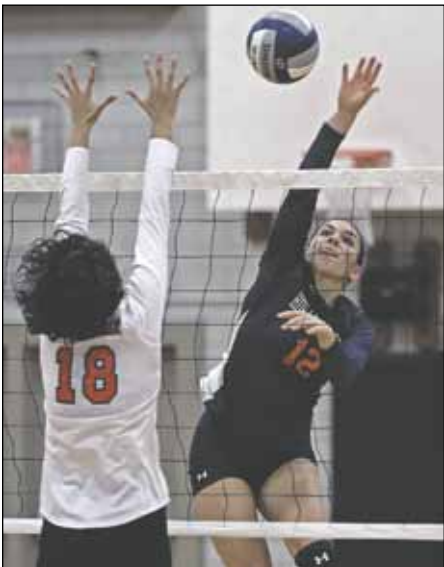
Byram Hills captain Olivia Gordon gets set to send the ball up the field in the first half of Friday's Senior Day game against the Harrison Huskies.



Byram Hills' Victoria Vettoretti clears the ball out of the Bobcats' defensive zone in Friday afternoon's game vs. visiting Harrison.



Greeley sophomore Daniella Chung rises to block the ball in the Quakers' road win over Fox Lane.

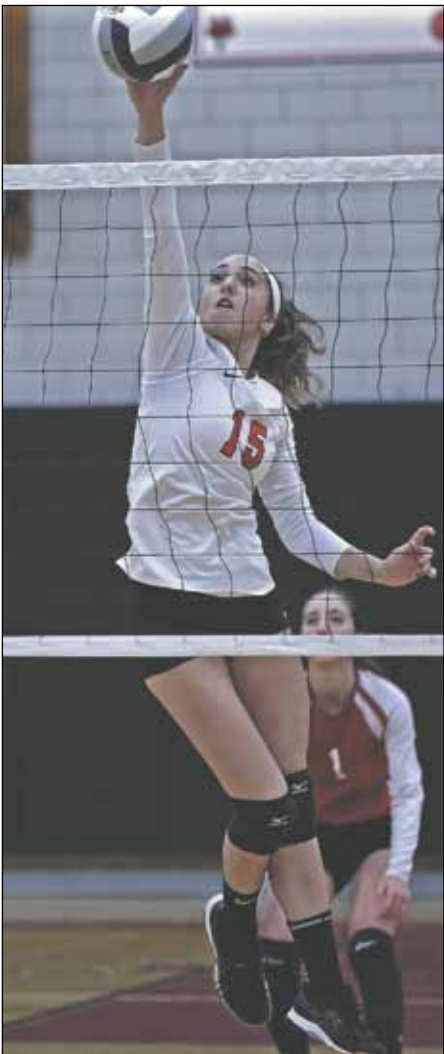


Horace Greeley's Vivian Zymeck goes airborne in an attempt to send the ball past Fox Lane's Milo Feldman at Thursday's match, won by the Quakers three games to one.

Milo Feldman of Fox Lane is challenged above the net by Horace Greeley's Vivian Zymeck during last Thursday's volleyball match.



Sophia Rodriguez of Horace Greeley blasts the ball past Fox Lane's Caroline Harrington during Thursday's match. The Quakers dropped the first game, then won the last three.



Fox Lane's Adriana Piccolino rises high over the net to put away the ball in Thursday's home match vs. Greeley.

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## Three-Time Champ



Pleasantville's Olivia Ashton captured the Conference III singles championship for the third consecutive year this past week.

## Setting the Pace



Horace Greeley's Max Notarnicola (left) and Joe O'Brien lead the field early in last Tuesday's League 1D cross country race at Croton Point Park. O'Brien wound up first, while Notarnicola took second.

## Surprising the Rams



Fox Lane wide receiver Josh Olsen caught a pair of touchdown passes from Matt Bodine on Friday night, helping the upstart Foxes' to a 28-14 upset of fifth-seeded Clarkstown North in a Class A sectional qualifier. The Foxes earned the right to meet top-seeded Clarkstown South in the quarterfinals this Friday night.

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## Ready, Set, Go!



Runners from Fox Lane High School start their 5000-meter race at last Tuesday's league championships at Croton Point Park. The Foxes finished in first place among the five teams, narrowly edging Horace Greeley.



Fox Lane and Horace Greeley runners are bunched together at the start of last week's League 1D championships in Croton. The Quakers placed four finishers among the top six to take the team title.

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