

## BEAR BASHING



**Andrew Brown Carries the Football  
as Fox Lane Snaps a Four-Game Skid  
by Routing Brewster on Homecoming**



# Woodlands' Passing Attack Overwhelms the Vikings

By Sean Browne

The Woodlands football team sure came to play late Saturday afternoon as the Falcons outran and outmuscled the Valhalla Vikings to a 38-16 win.

"That is a good team that we just faced, they were physical and they have a lot of athletes in space," said Valhalla head coach Stephen Boyer. "We had trouble containing their athletes."

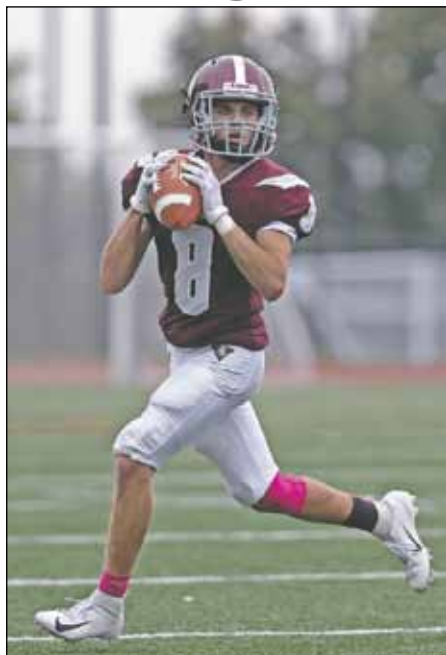
The Vikings' predicament began on the Falcons' very first possession. Woodlands quarterback Elijah Jones connected on a 44-yard pass play to receiver Joshua Holmes to give the Falcons the quick lead. With a two-point conversion, the Falcons had an 8-0 advantage and the Jones-to-Holmes TD turned out to be a precursor for the rest of the day as the Woodlands receivers were too fast for the Valhalla secondary.

But that eight-point lead wouldn't stay for long. On the following Viking possession, freshman quarterback Michael Dawson was facing pressure and his toss toward the right sideline was intercepted by defensive back Danny Adair, who easily returned it 30 yards for the second Falcon touchdown not even halfway through the opening quarter.

On the following kickoff, Vikings back Sammy Mussuto returned the ball to the Falcon 40-yard line and later kicked a field goal to cut the Viking deficit to 16-3.

The Vikings would hold the Falcons on the following drive, only to have Dawson throw his second interception, this time to defensive back Donovan Williams, setting the Falcons up at midfield. Looking to capitalize from the great starting position, Jones got sacked, halting any offensive momentum by the Falcons.

But Dawson's nightmare start then got even worse as he threw his third interception this one by Holmes. Dawson



The Vikings' Sammy Mussuto looks down the field for an open receiver on a halfback option in Saturday's game.

did not throw out of a clean pocket the entire game, as the Viking offensive line was manhandled by Woodlands.

"He was under pressure a lot and he was throwing off his back foot," Boyer said. "It was tough, but he shows a lot of poise as a freshman."

Set up again at midfield, the Falcons would this time capitalize as Jones connected with wide receiver Daniel Tammaro on a 40-yard pass play, stretching the Woodlands lead to 24-3 heading into halftime.

At the start of the third quarter, the Falcons looked to prove that they could put up points with their ground game.



With lots of help nearby, Valhalla's Bryan Cusi tries to tackle Woodlands running back Rochelle Johnson during Saturday's game, won by the Falcons.

They did that with Holmes carrying the ball 30 yards to the house, eluding many Vikings in the process.

Woodlands seemed to show no signs of slowing down as Jones later connected on his fourth touchdown pass of the evening, from midfield, to give the Falcons a 38-3 lead. Two late touchdowns by the Vikings made the score a bit more respectable, and Boyer can only hope his team learned something in the lopsided loss because the two teams will be meeting in the Class C playoffs in a few weeks.

"We need to be able to tackle in space and try and contain their athletes," Boyer said. "We will continue to get better and I think we did in the second half."



Valhalla freshman quarterback Michael Dawson drops back to pass in the first quarter against visiting Woodlands.



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Valhalla's Sammy Mussuto finds some room to run as he carries the ball in the first quarter against the visiting Woodlands Falcons.



Joe O'Neil of Valhalla runs past Noe Fleurimond of Woodlands in the first half of Saturday's Viking home game.

Valhalla sophomore Mahari Davis Jr. tries to evade Woodlands defensive back Santino Amendola as he runs with the ball in Saturday evening's game.





Fox Lane's Andrew Brown is met by a pair of Brewster Bears while carrying the football in the first quarter.



Fox Lane junior Michael Washington scampers across the field with the football in the Foxes' 34-7 rout of visiting Brewster.



Quarterback Matt Bodine searches for an open receiver in the second quarter of Fox Lane's 34-7 Homecoming win.



The Foxes' Josh Olsen puts on a few moves as he tries to run past Brewster's Charles Russell after making a catch in the second quarter of Saturday's game.



Fox Lane sophomore Thomas Olsen fields a kick in the first half of Saturday afternoon's Fox Homecoming victory vs. Brewster.



Westlake's Vincent Spaziante throws a pass for a two-point conversion that stretched the Wildcats' lead to 15-0 in the first quarter of Saturday's game.



Bailey Rodgers of Westlake adds the extra point after one of the Wildcats' first-half touchdowns in Saturday night's 41-0 victory over Bronxville.



Westlake senior fullback Andrew DeBiase breaks free for a long gain on the Wildcats' first possession of the night vs. visiting Bronxville.

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**Week Six**  
**FOOTBALL**



Greeley senior defensive end Kevin Klein goes airborne to block the extra point after the first touchdown by Somers in Friday night's game, won by the host Tuskers.



Horace Greeley sophomore quarterback Mike Meringolo collects some yardage on the ground in the first half of Friday night's game at Somers.



Jacob Rose of Greeley drops back to pass the ball in the Quakers' wildcat offense during Friday's loss to host Somers.



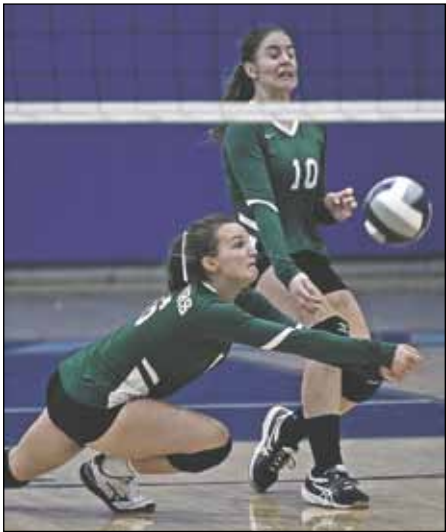
Senior lineman Eddie Greco pressures Bronxville quarterback Clark Stephens in the second quarter of Westlake's 41-0 rout of the visiting Broncos.



# SPORTS SCENE



Briarcliff's Julia Dalessandro controls the ball in the first half of Wednesday's game against Albertus Magnus.



Jenna McAllister of Pleasantville reaches to bump the ball just in front of teammate Madison Schneeweiss in Thursday's match at Westlake.



Pleasantville's Katy Andersen bumps the ball in the Panthers' volleyball match against host Westlake.



Isabelle Tola of Briarcliff races after the ball during Wednesday's home game.



Horace Greeley first-singles player Chloe Zilkha hits a backhand from just inside the baseline during Friday's home match vs. the John Jay Indians.



Stacie Kinlen of Westlake tips the ball over the net as Pleasantville's Lily Rosenbaum prepares to try for a block in Thursday's match.



Westlake's Bea Scoca rises to send the ball over the net in the Wildcats' win over Pleasantville on Thursday.



Briarcliff freshman Talia Fante prepares to pass the ball to a teammate in the Bears' home loss to Magnus last week.



Briarcliff's Karina Zielinski sends a free kick down the field in the opening half vs. visiting Albertus Magnus.



Katie Sternkopf of Greeley lines up a forehand return in her match at second singles on Friday against John Jay.

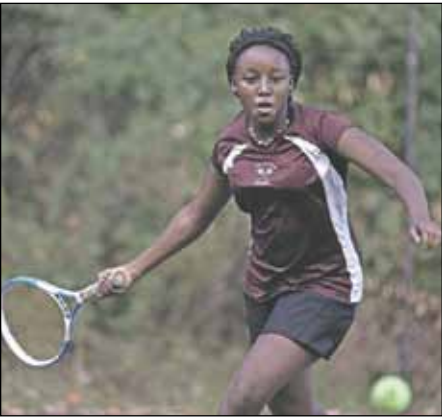


Westlake senior Sydney Roell slams the ball in the Wildcats' three-games-to-none win over visiting Pleasantville.



Pleasantville's Sarah Whynott (left) and Madison Schneeweiss attempt to block the ball in the Panthers' road match against Westlake on Thursday afternoon.

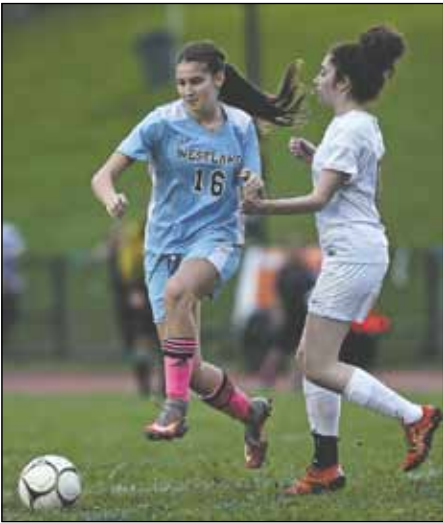




Gabriella Shikapwashya of Valhalla prepares to hit a forehand on the run while competing in first singles against Briarcliff on Friday afternoon.



Greeley junior Hudson Burrows pursues the ball late in the game vs. visiting John Jay last week.



Jacqueline Andrews of Westlake gains control of the ball in the Wildcats' night game against Croton on Friday.



Briarcliff's Katya DiDonato concentrates on a backhand return in her match at first singles vs. Valhalla on Friday.



Elle Verna of Westlake dribbles the ball across midfield in the first half of Friday's home game against Croton under the lights.



Westlake junior Samantha Castellano moves up the field with the ball in the opening half vs. the Croton Tigers.



Jesse Harris of Greeley moves the ball up the field in the second half of last Wednesday's home game against the John Jay Indians.



Westlake senior Sofia Catarino gets set to pass the ball to a teammate in Friday's home game.



Abby Gustafson of Greeley prepares to boot the ball near midfield in the second half of the Quakers' home loss to John Jay.



Westlake's Marabel Jaime takes the ball up the left sideline in Friday evening's home game against Croton-Harmon.



Horace Greeley's Lily Shapiro surveys the field for an open teammate during last Wednesday's Quaker home game.





Katherine Arteaga of Valhalla, just an eighth grader, moves the ball up the field during Thursday afternoon's game.



Valhalla's Christina Ferrara moves the ball along the left sideline in the Vikings' home game vs. Croton.



Valhalla senior Michela Leopizzi controls the soccer ball in the Vikings' home game against Croton on Thursday.



Members of the Westlake girls' soccer team stand together during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner before Friday night's game vs. visiting Croton-Harmon.

# SPORTS SCENE

## *EXTRA*



Horace Greeley quarterback Mike Meringolo is forced out of the pocket in the first half of Friday night's game against host Somers.



Westlake football captains, left to right, Sal Nardone, Jack Simon, Andrew DeBiase and Gianni Garritano stand at attention at midfield during the national anthem before Saturday night's win over Bronxville.



Maura Brosnan of Valhalla gets set to pass the ball in front of the Croton goal during the second half of Thursday's game.



Westlake's Samantha Castellano (center) is greeted by teammates Jessica Prauda and Elle Verna after scoring a first-half goal in Friday night's game against Croton.



Yanelli Sandoval, a Valhalla freshman, settles the ball near midfield vs. visiting Croton-Harmon.





The newest members of Fox Lane's Hall of Fame, left to right, Taj Finger, Jon DiNozzi, Sammy Jo Tracy, Tracy Hambley and Sharissa Ryan, wait to be introduced during Saturday's halftime ceremony.



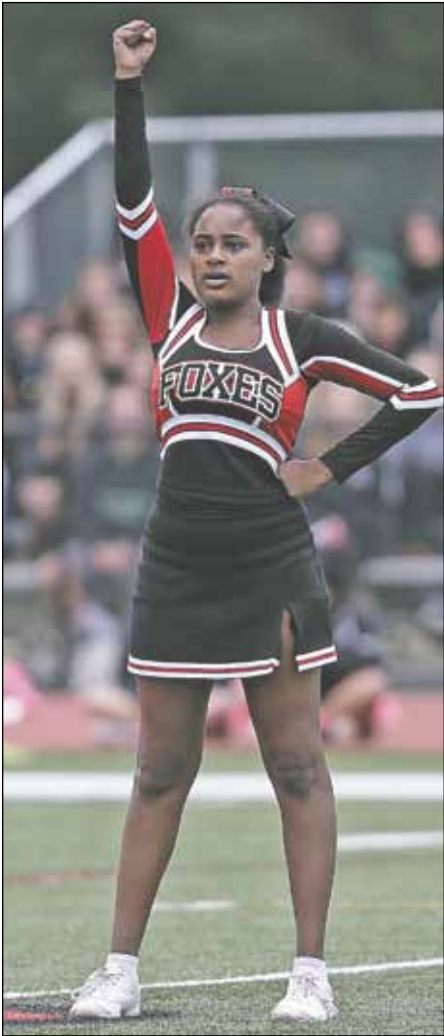
The Fox Lane dance team entertains the large home crowd at Memorial Stadium at halftime of Saturday's Homecoming game, won by the Foxes over Brewster.

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The large Fox Lane student section looks on from the Memorial Stadium bleachers in the first quarter of Saturday afternoon's annual Homecoming game.



A Fox Lane cheerleader performs with the rest of the squad during Saturday's halftime show.

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