

## TRIPLE THREAT

**Briarcliff Star Miles Jones  
Connects on Five 3-Pointers  
in the Bears' Win Over Lincoln  
at the Booster Club Tournament**



# Fox Lane Edges the Bobcats With a Late Power-Play Goal

By Andy Jacobs

On a day when a dozen penalties were called in the first period alone, it figured that the latest hockey matchup between local rivals Fox Lane and Byram Hills might come down to which team would have the last power play.

As it turned out, it was the Foxes, who got a game-deciding goal from freshman Michael Gallary with just 73 seconds remaining in the third period and held on for a much-needed 4-3 victory over the host Bobcats late Friday afternoon at the Brewster Ice Arena.

"Huge, absolutely huge," said Fox Lane coach Charles Berger moments after his players found a way to come out on top in a game they trailed after two periods. "We told the kids before, this is as close to a must-win as you can have at the beginning of the season. And, man, did they step up. I think it's huge."

For the Bobcats, the disappointing loss was their third in a row to start the new season. Goals in the second period by Jack Cohen and Will Cohen, and the stellar goaltending of Ben Sfarra, had enabled Byram Hills to hold a 2-1 lead heading to the final period.



Jake Wollman of Fox Lane pursues the puck near center ice in the Foxes' 4-3 win over Byram Hills at the Brewster Ice Arena.

"Fox Lane played a great game and they deserved the win," said Bobcat coach AJ Cloherty. "We started for the second straight game taking five penalties in the first five minutes. Nobody deserves to win a hockey game when they're playing with that level of low hockey IQ. I think we had one minute of five-on-five hockey in the first period."

Shortly after the opening faceoff, Byram Hills found itself playing two men down. With just 14 seconds remaining on the second of the two penalties, the Foxes' Jared Goldstein blasted a slap shot past Sfarra to stake Fox Lane to an early lead. But even though the Foxes had a whopping 17-5 advantage in shots on goal, the first period ended with the Bobcats still only behind 1-0.

"We knew we had to attack the goaltender a different way because he was stopping everything he saw," said Berger after Sfarra had stood up to the first-period Fox onslaught. "That kid's fantastic. So we got traffic and we got rebounds in front. That's how we beat him."

In the second period, the Bobcats were having all sorts of problems just getting out of their own zone before Jack Cohen changed the momentum and tied the game with 10:35 left. Just over two minutes later, with Byram Hills on a power play, Will Cohen tipped in the rebound of Jesse Rosenberg's slap shot from the left point



Fox Lane's Jared Goldstein unleashes a big slap shot to score the first goal of Friday's game against host Byram Hills.



Ben Mauter of Byram Hills takes the puck up the right wing during the Bobcats' home game against Fox Lane at Brewster Ice Arena.



Byram Hills' Jesse Rosenberg gets set to send a shot on goal in the second period of Friday's game against the Fox Lane Foxes.



Adam Maiorano of Fox Lane controls the puck in the right corner as Joseph Cipriano of Byram Hills skates over to defend in Friday afternoon's game.

to give the Bobcats a 2-1 lead.

"Our players started playing our style of hockey," said Cloherty when asked what changed in the second period. "They stopped running their mouths on the ice, they listened to Coach and me and they drew penalties because the refs were calling it tight. And we got the odd-man opportunities and we put the puck in the net. We put shots towards the net."

But nearly three minutes into the third period, the Foxes were able to get even as a Jake Wollman shot from near the blue line trickled into the net in traffic through the pads of Sfarra. Just four minutes later, after they killed off a Byram power play, the Foxes regained the lead when Adam Maiorano scored on a rebound, assisted by James Nemeth.

The Foxes' sudden one-goal lead lasted barely a minute. Byram Hills, with a five-on-three skating advantage, tied the game again on Lucca Conigliaro's tip-in with 8:23 remaining. The score then stayed even for the next seven minutes until Gallary turned into the hero with his go-ahead, power-play goal for the Foxes with just 1:13 left on the clock.

"The kid who scored the game winner

is a freshman," said Berger. "It's his first game playing with us. Fantastic kid and, man, did he pick that corner. It's a designed play and he buried it. We got traffic in front so the goalie couldn't see it and that was a great job. He was all the way up in the middle of the blue line. If the shot's there, he takes it. It was there and, man, did he hit his target."

The big goal by Gallary enabled the Foxes to win their third game of the season and wound up being the highlight of a brutal four-games-in-four-days stretch. It also left Byram Hills still searching for its first victory of the young season. Coach Cloherty is eagerly anticipating the imminent return from injuries by key players Ethan Behar, Mike DiMarco and Luke Gordon to get the Bobcats' fortunes quickly turned around.

"Oh boy, at this point, Wednesday's game (vs. Nyack/Tappan Zee) is a really big one for us," said Cloherty. "Two of our three games have been very tight. We're hoping we can be on the winning side of it come Wednesday."



Byram Hills goalie Ben Sfarra gets set to make a save in the Bobcats' 4-3 loss on Friday afternoon. He stopped 26 shots on goal by Fox Lane.



Fox Lane freshman Michael Gallary, who scored the game-winning goal in Friday's game, shoots the puck against Byram Hills.

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# Bears Defeat Lincoln in the Booster Club Tourney Final

By Andy Jacobs

The Briarcliff boys' basketball team proved on Saturday night that the more things change in Bear country, the more they stay the same.

With a brand new coach strolling the sidelines and their once-formidable frontcourt gone to graduation, the defending Section One, Class B champions still managed to again capture the championship of their own holiday tourney.

Senior guard Miles Jones connected on five 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 24 points to earn most valuable player honors as the Bears overcame an early seven-point deficit and went on to beat the Lincoln Lancers 57-46 in the title game of the 19th annual Briarcliff Booster Club Basketball Tournament.

"It feels really good," said first-year head coach Nick Friedman shortly after watching his Bears emerge victorious, this time from one seat over on the bench. "I'm just proud of the guys. I mean, they've been able to continue a lot of the success we've had. Lucky for me, we had a winning culture, we had a structure that worked, and the guys have picked up right where we left off last year."

Jones, a key contributor on last year's experienced Briarcliff team that nearly won the state championship, erupted for 12 of his points in the second quarter when the Bears were outscoring Lincoln by a 23-8 margin to turn a three-point deficit after one period into a 34-22 halftime cushion.

"He makes me look good," said



The Bears' Ian Becker sets his sights on the basket as he moves into the lane in the tourney victory over Lincoln.



Briarcliff's Miles Jones pushes the ball up the floor in Saturday night's championship game against Lincoln. He scored 24 points and was named tournament MVP.

Friedman with a laugh. "He's a great, great, great player. He's obsessed with basketball and it shows. Every year, he's in the gym a ridiculous amount of time. You can just tell he puts the work in. He's just gonna continue to get better. I'm excited for this year for him and I want him to get everything out of it, but he's got a lot of basketball ahead of him."

Before Jones and the rest of the Bears began to assert themselves, it was Lincoln that jumped out to an early lead. Junior forward Tyliek Crews delivered a pair of uncontested 3-point baskets from the left wing in the game's first 90 seconds, giving the Lancers a quick 6-0 edge.

"You know, a lot of that was on me," said Friedman, "because I should've had the matchups different. So they hit a couple 3s. At the same time, it's like you've got to challenge 'em (your players) because it's our tournament, Saturday night on our home court. And they definitely responded."

Friedman was forced to call that challenge-his-team timeout midway through the first quarter after Lincoln's Khalique Wright scored on a put-back that stretched the Lancer lead to 11-4. The Bears returned to the court and immediately got a 17-foot pullup jumper from Jones, followed 30 seconds later by a 3-pointer from AJ Panarese. By the end of the quarter, Lincoln's lead had been cut to 14-11.

Jones began the second quarter with a 3-point basket from the top of the key that started a six-and-a-half-minute stretch during which the Bears outscored Lincoln 20-5, building a 31-19 advantage. Another straightaway trey from Jones with 5:45 left in the half broke a 16-16 deadlock and Briarcliff never trailed again. Just before the buzzer, Jones pulled up from the top of the key again and provided his third 3-pointer of the period to send the Bears off the floor with a 12-point margin.

"I would say defensively our intensity picked up," said Friedman about the second-quarter turnaround. "We contested all shots. They had nothing easy. And offensively we started running



Briarcliff junior guard AJ Panarese dribbles toward the midcourt line in the Bears' 57-46 title win over Lincoln at the annual Booster Club Tournament.

our stuff and playing together instead of going one on one or being back on our heels."

A 3-pointer from the left corner by Panarese, who was named to the all-tournament team, two minutes into the third quarter increased the Briarcliff lead to 39-24. Even though the Bears only scored two more baskets the rest of the period, both by senior forward Ian Becker, they took a 14-point lead into the final quarter.

After five quick points by the Lancers to start the fourth quarter, the Bears' Tajon Tribble, who was also voted to the all-tourney team, connected on a jump shot. But successive baskets by Lincoln's Crews and Wright sliced the Briarcliff lead to just 45-38. Unfortunately for the Lancers,



Briarcliff senior forward Tajon Tribble tries to get to the basket as Brian Urena of Lincoln defends during the annual Booster Club Basketball Tournament.



The Bears' Aidan Murnane comes down with an offensive rebound in the first half of Saturday night's tournament final against visiting Lincoln.

Jones stepped up again, first going coast to coast for a layup, then adding another top-of-the-key 3-pointer that built the Bears' lead back up to 50-38 with 3:50 remaining and enabled Friedman to eventually empty his bench.

"It's a good start," said Friedman, whose Bears defeated Tuckahoe in the opening round on Friday and are now 3-0 this season. "But we've got a long way to go. We can still play a lot better. I'm just focused on getting better day to day. And I think so far we've done that. If we can continue to do that, then I think we can make some noise down the stretch."



Nick Reish of Briarcliff protects the ball as he's closely guarded in the second half of Saturday's tournament final against the Lincoln Lancers.

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# Pace Women's Team Loses to the Visiting Owls

By Andy Jacobs

There were times on Saturday afternoon when it seemed the Pace women's basketball might be falling hopelessly behind, perhaps late in the first quarter when visiting Southern Connecticut State University opened up a 15-point lead or just before the half ended and the Owls' cushion had grown to 20.

But Setters head coach Carrie Seymour is quick to scoff at any suggestion her team is ever out of a game before halftime.

"No, no, no, no," she replied emphatically when asked if she was beginning to think her team had dug itself too large a hole to climb out of. "That's our job. Our job is to win games. Our job is to be competitive. You can't say we don't have a chance at this. And it doesn't make a difference what the scoreboard shows."

Sure enough, the second half seemed to be played by a different Setter team, one that ran off 15 straight points and eventually tied the game late in the third quarter. But the Owls never allowed Pace to grab the lead and they recovered sufficiently to earn a hard-fought 62-57 victory over their hosts in a Northeast 10 Conference game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

"They came out and made shots," said Seymour about the Owls, who had dropped their previous three games. "It's like anyone else in our conference. They're just very aggressive. We were back on our heels in the first half. The first half, we weren't playing as a team. It was a lot of one on one."

The Setters never led even once in the game and an early 9-0 blitz by SCSU opened up a 13-4 Owl lead. Two free throws by Aaliyah Walker with 2:10 left in the first quarter left Pace trailing 22-7. A 3-pointer by Setter freshman guard Lauren Hackett 20 seconds into the second period narrowed the gap to 24-16 before a 14-3 Owl burst extended Southern Connecticut's margin to a whopping 19 points.

When Erin Ryder drilled a 3-pointer with three minutes remaining in the first half, the Owls' advantage swelled to 20. But Pace, now 3-8 this season and 2-5 in the NE-10, began its long climb back just before halftime. A jump shot by Jackie DelliSanti, who finished with team highs of 13 points and 11 rebounds, started an out-of-nowhere 20-2 run that brought the Setters to within 45-43 midway through the third quarter.

"In the second half, we went off the dribble more and we screened for each other," said Seymour, whose Setters were just 3 of 14 from beyond the 3-point line in the opening half. "We set each other up better and we got better shots."

After making 16 of their 26 shots from the field over the first two quarters, the Owls misfired on 11 of 13 attempts in the third. With just over a minute left in the quarter, the spunky Hackett drove



Jackie DelliSanti dribbles into the lane in the first half of Pace's home loss to the Owls of Southern Connecticut.

the left baseline for a basket that tied the score at 47 apiece. Unfortunately for the Setters, SCSU then closed the period with a bucket from Kiana Steinauer and two free throws by Imani Wheeler and never relinquished the lead.

"The game's 40 minutes. If you don't get over the hump at one point, you still have other opportunities," said Seymour. "You've just gotta keep playing and make the plays in front of you. Not taking the lead when there's still time on the clock doesn't really affect the outcome of the game. Whoever has the most points when the clock goes off, that's the only thing I'm concerned about."

Steinauer, the NE-10's leading rebounder who finished with game highs of 18 points and 17 boards, scored inside with 2:45 left to give SCSU a 57-51 lead. But a 3-pointer by Hackett and later another by Allie Monteleone cut the Setter deficit to just 59-57 with 45 seconds to go. And even though Monteleone misfired on a 3-point try from the left corner that would've tied the game with 15 seconds left, Pace got one last chance after the Owls' Wheeler came up empty at the foul line.

But with Pace trailing 60-57 and 7.8 seconds on the clock, Hackett's inbound pass was picked off by Steinauer, who



The Setters' Iliana Krasniqi searches for an open teammate in the second half vs. the Southern Connecticut Owls at the Goldstein Fitness Center.



Pace sophomore forward Lauren Schetter tries to shoot over Kiana Steinauer of Southern Connecticut during Saturday's NE10 game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

then made two free throws at the other end to clinch the win for the Owls, who started the season 5-0 before their recent struggles.

"Well, Allie was the first look," said Seymour about the Setters' fateful final possession. "If she wasn't open, we were supposed to flash back to the ball. We didn't flash back for the ball and we didn't have any timeouts, so I couldn't call a timeout."

As a result, the Setters are now in the midst of their second three-game losing streak of the season.

"The good news is we have a game on Tuesday," said Seymour. "We've got to get back into it. We've never gotten into a good rhythm yet this year. We need some people to spend more time focusing on what we believe would be helpful for the team and make the team successful."



Pace guard Allie Monteleone rises in the lane for a one-hander during the first quarter of Saturday's game vs. visiting Southern Connecticut.



Freshman guard Lauren Hackett played a team-high 34 minutes in Saturday's Pace home game.



Pace senior guard Kristina Olikhver fires up a short jump shot in the Setters' 62-57 home loss to the Owls.

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# Winning Streak Comes to an End for the Setters

By Andy Jacobs

Even though their three-week-long winning streak finally came to an end late Saturday afternoon, the Setters of Pace University continued to prove they're no longer hardwood pushovers.

A miraculous half-court desperation fling by Austin Gilbertson at the end of regulation time banked off the backboard and dropped right through the basket to tie the score, but visiting Southern Connecticut State was able to recover and went on to an 86-82 overtime victory at the Goldstein Fitness Center over a vastly improved Setter team that had begun the day riding a six-game win streak.

"To me, it was just two good Northeast 10 teams slugging it out, feeling really good about themselves," said Pace head coach Matt Healing afterwards. "And unfortunately we came up on the short end of the stick."

The Setters, now 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the conference, have been sitting atop the NE-10's Southwest Division just one year after they only managed to win four of their 20 league games. The winning streak was the longest for Pace since the 2006-07 team also produced six straight victories late in the season.

"There's some returning guys from last year, but it's a new feel," said Healing. "It's a new group, new confidence, new energy, new trust. I feel like we've proven all year long now that we can go head to head with the guys in our league and compete and fight. We did that today and I'm proud of our guys."

In a game that had nine lead changes in the first half and nine more in the second, it shouldn't have been much of a surprise that five minutes of overtime would be needed to decide the outcome. The Setters used a 15-3 spurt late in the first half to grab their largest lead of the day, eight points, with two minutes to go before intermission.

A baseline drive by Gilbertson with 10



Junior guard Ray Montilus came off the Pace bench to provide four big baskets against Southern Connecticut.



Pace sophomore guard Brandon Jacobs sails in for an easy bucket vs. the visiting Owls.

seconds remaining enabled Pace to take a 38-32 edge at halftime. But the Owls began the second half on a 12-4 run, grabbing a one-point lead on a 3-pointer by southpaw Ulyen Coleman with 16:37 left in the game. After the Setters opened up a 49-44 advantage, Southern Connecticut responded with a 10-1 burst to build its largest lead, 56-51.

After a timeout, Pace bounced right back, outscoring the Owls 12-3 over a three-and-a-half-minute span that began with a 3-pointer from Ray Montilus, the reserve guard who provided the Setters with nine big points after halftime. A rare 4-point play by the Owls' Isaiah McLeod, the leading scorer in the conference, soon gave SCSU a 67-65 lead with 3:05 to go.

A layup by Montilus, followed a minute later by a fast-break, left-handed layup by Peyton Wejnert, the junior forward who led Pace with 18 points and 10 rebounds, gave the Setters a 69-67 edge with 1:38 on the clock. But with 40 seconds left, Coleman hit a 3-pointer from the right corner, putting the Owls ahead by two points.

Wejnert picked up a loose ball under the basket and tied the game again with a layup with 20 seconds remaining. That set the stage for drama at both ends of the court, starting first with a 3-pointer from just beyond the top of the key by Coleman that gave SCSU a 74-71 lead with only four-tenths of a second remaining.

The ball was inbounded to Gilbertson near midcourt. In one motion, he sent the ball sailing more than 40 feet toward the rim. It caromed high off the glass and quickly dropped through the rim, sending the Setters and their home crowd into delirium and the game into overtime.

"Well, we had just used our last timeout



The Setters' Austin Gilbertson pushes the ball up the court, with teammates Greg Poleon and Brandon Jacobs right behind him, during Saturday's home game against Southern Connecticut State.

previously on offense," said Healing. "So out of timeouts, just trying to get our guys to space the floor and see if we can get off a heave. Lucky, we got one off and made it. Still had five minutes to play and just weren't able to get enough stops."

The Owls, with Coleman hitting another 3-point shot, scored the first four points of overtime and never looked back. An old-fashioned 3-point play by Wejnert with 1:30 left moved Pace to within 81-79 before the Owls' McLeod delivered the dagger, a long 3-pointer from the right elbow with 11 seconds to go and the shot clock about to expire.

Pace's Jacobs answered with a trey five seconds later, cutting the Setter deficit back down to two points, but McLeod made two clinching free throws with 4.7 seconds on the clock to seal the outcome.

"The three that McLeod hit there towards the end," said Healing, pointing to the one shot that ended his team's chances. "He's a really good player. Obviously we



The Setters' Luke McLaughlin tries to score in traffic in the second half of Saturday's game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.



Pace forward Peyton Wejnert launches a 3-point shot in the second half of Saturday's game.

made a big point of emphasis to try and not let him beat us. We did such a good job on him the whole game, so to let him get that shot off there in that spot was kind of the back breaker for us at that point."

The Setters only play four times over the next month and don't resume conference play until they host Southern New Hampshire on January 9. Despite the end of the winning streak, Healing couldn't really have asked for much more from his players in their back-and-forth battle against the highly regarded Owls.

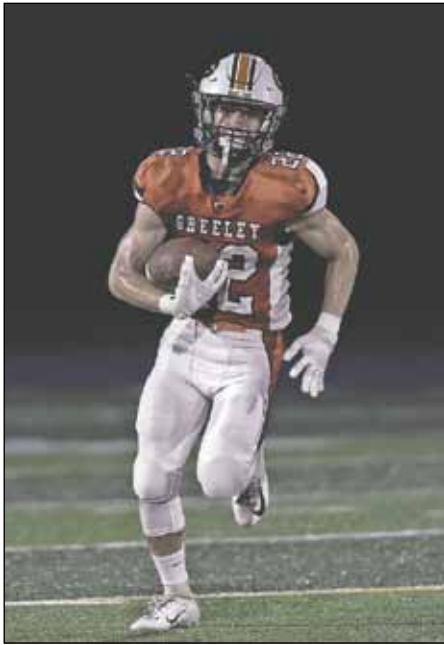
"I don't think today's defeat really affects that much," he said. "I mean, they're a really good team. They were picked first in the preseason poll and everybody knows how good they are. We'll see them later in the year. We're really excited about what the rest of the year holds for us. We've just gotta keep doing what we do — defend, rebound, trust each other, care about one another — and good things will happen."



Senior forward Greg Poleon provided 17 points in Pace's overtime game against Southern Connecticut on Saturday afternoon.

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The Quakers' Mike Meringolo carries the football during a home game under the lights.



Greeley cross country standouts Max Notarnicola (left) and Joe O'Brien run side by side during the league championships at Croton Point Park.



Jack Rifkin gets ready to gain control of the ball during the Quakers' home game against Pearl River on the brand new turf field.



Sophia Rodriguez smacks the ball over the net during the Quakers' midseason volleyball match against host Fox Lane.

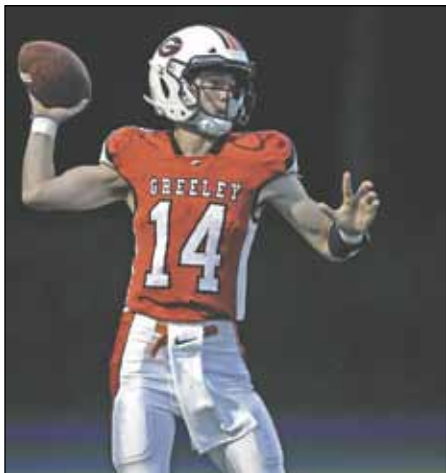
# HORACE GREELEY

## FALL 2018

### *A Look Back*



Aidan Curtis settles the ball in the second half of a Quaker home game against the Lakeland Hornets.



Quarterback Seth Brail throws a pass in the season-opening game against Fox Lane.



Isabella Smith heads toward the finish line at Croton Point Park.



Ally Forster boots the ball away during Greeley's game against visiting Lakeland.



The Quakers' Brianna Gadaleta scans the field as she controls the ball during a game early in the season.



The Quakers' Sophia Rutman sends the ball up the field in the second half of the Section One championship game against Mamaroneck.



Greeley first-singles player Chloe Zilkha serves the ball during a Quaker home tennis match.



Isabelle Klein races up the right sideline with the ball during a field hockey game late in the regular season.



Thomas Schutt of the Ice Cats skates up the left wing with the puck in the first period of Friday's game, won by the host Carmel Rams.



The Ice Cats' Gaetano Hayes moves the puck past center ice during Friday night's road game against Carmel at the Brewster Ice Arena.



Brian Sheehan of the Mt. Pleasant Ice Cats gets set to shoot the puck in Friday night's game against host Carmel.



The Ice Cats' Michael Donoghue waits for the puck to drop during a faceoff in Friday night's loss to host Carmel.



Mt. Pleasant goalie Spencer Rockmore thwarts a Carmel scoring chance early in the second period of Friday night's game at Brewster Ice Arena.



Mt. Pleasant Ice Cat head coach Josh Isenberg chats with his team in between the first and second periods on Friday evening.

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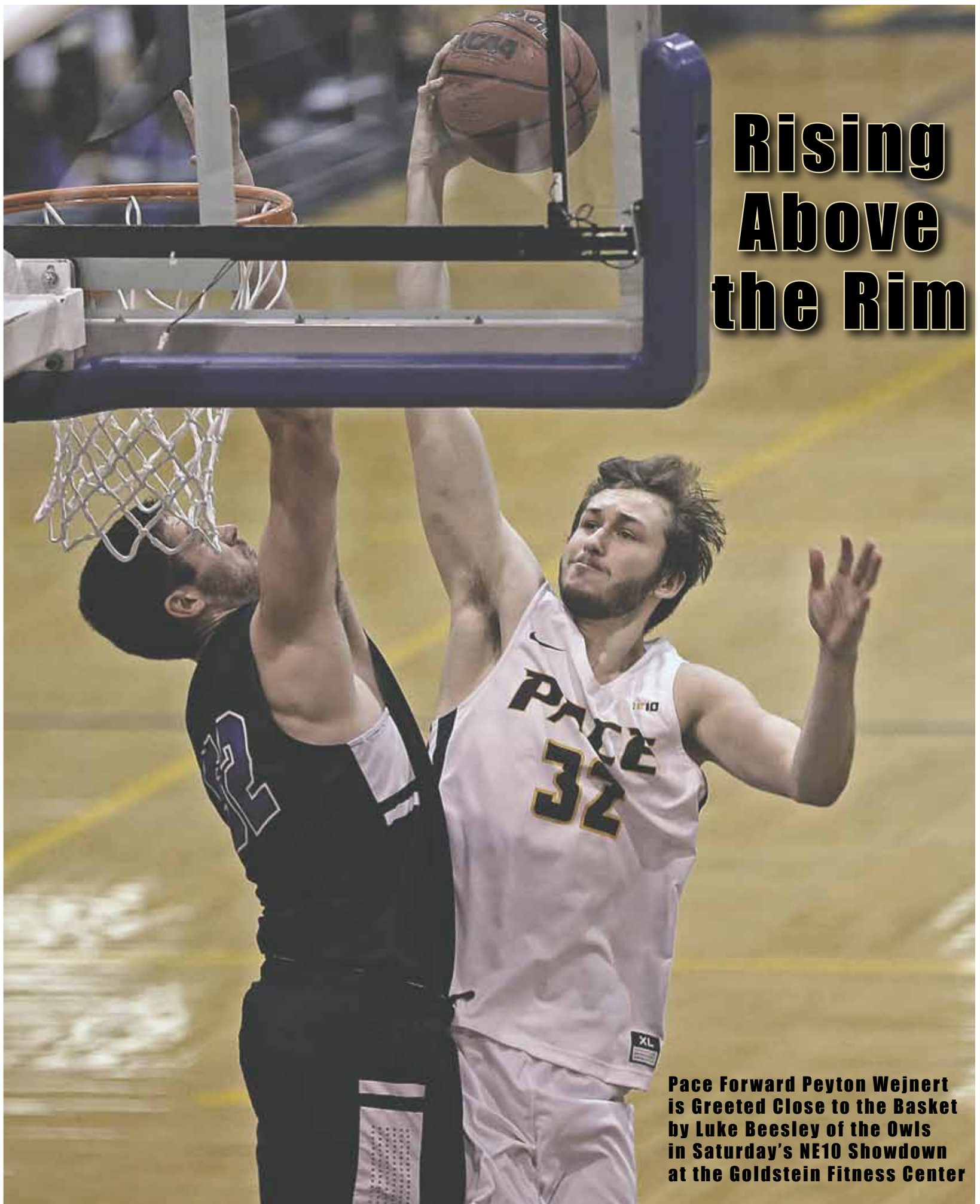
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## Rising Above the Rim

**Pace Forward Peyton Wejnert is Greeted Close to the Basket by Luke Beesley of the Owls in Saturday's NE10 Showdown at the Goldstein Fitness Center**