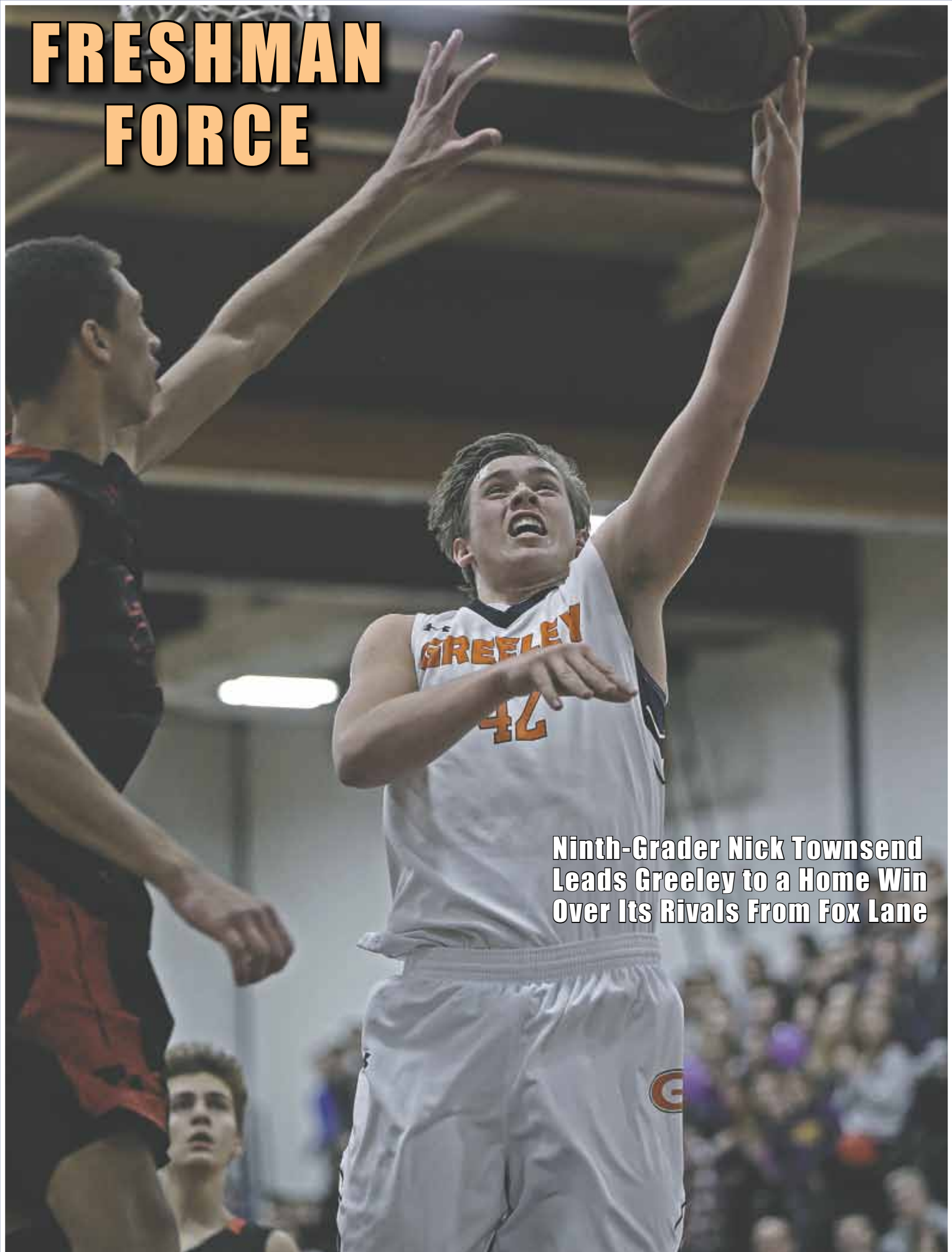


FRESHMAN FORCE



**Ninth-Grader Nick Townsend
Leads Greeley to a Home Win
Over Its Rivals From Fox Lane**

Greeley Girls' Basketball Team Defeats the Visiting Foxes

By Andy Jacobs

The Horace Greeley girls' basketball team returned to action late last Tuesday afternoon for the first time since letting a winnable game against Byram Hills slip away in the last seconds.

So maybe it shouldn't have been much of a surprise that the Quakers were in no mood to let visiting Fox Lane entertain any thoughts about repeating what the Bobcats did to them.

"I don't know if it was a chip on their shoulder or they were just annoyed at hearing me yell at them the last week," said Quakers head coach Sarah Schum after her Quakers had handily defeated their neighbors to the north. "But they definitely had something under there today."

Brianna Gadaleta scored a game-high 22 points, Michaela Santelia finished with 18 and Safia Gecaj added 13 as the Quakers cruised to a 59-41 victory over the Foxes, who got five 3-pointers from Natalie Pence, but not a lot of offense from the rest of the roster.

The Quakers used a 16-2 explosion that bridged the first and second quarters to open up a 25-7 lead and never looked back. They led start to finish and built a 24-point advantage late in the third quarter on Santelia's final basket of the game. Fox Lane, trailing 32-20 at halftime, never got closer than nine points in the second half.

"It's incredibly frustrating," said Fox Lane coach Kris Matts about watching his players get dominated on the boards

by the Quakers. "I see my girls and I know how much skill they have. But we just give the other team five, six, seven shots a possession. And that's a recipe for disaster if ever I heard one."

Pence had already scored five of her team-high 19 points for the Foxes before Greeley went on its huge first-half run, starting with a foul-line jumper by Santelia with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter. Another basket by Santelia, this time from in the paint, with 1:25 to go in the period gave the Quakers their first double-digit lead of the day, 15-5.

By the time Fox Lane finally scored points in the second quarter, on two free throws by Pence with 3:46 left in the half, the Greeley cushion had increased to 18 points. A 3-pointer by Holly Ades, followed by a top-of-the-key, 18-foot jumper from Melanie Matts, moved the Foxes to within 27-17 with 90 seconds left, but the half ended with Gadaleta providing a 3-pointer from the right wing to increase the Quaker margin to a dozen points.

"We knew what they were gonna do," said Matts, who wasn't surprised by the strong start from the Quakers. "What they lack in shooting ability and skill, they make up for in determination and defense. They're in your face all the time and my girls backed down from them, I thought, on a lot of possessions. We got better at certain points during the game, got some turnovers and some quick baskets. But, as a rule, Greeley pushed us around tonight and that's their strength."

The second half began with Pence



Brianna Gadaleta of Greeley takes the ball to the basket in the first half of last week's home win over Fox Lane.



Melanie Matts of Fox Lane boxes out Horace Greeley's Safia Gecaj as teammate Holly Ades looks on during last week's game, won by the host Quakers.

rattling in a 3-pointer from the left wing that narrowed the gap to nine points. But Greeley soon

responded by outscoring the Foxes 19-4 over a five-minute stretch that ended any doubt about the outcome. Santelia had 10 of the Quaker points during the burst.

"Michaela can do it," Schum said about her unheralded senior forward. "She's unexpected to most, but not to me. She shows it in practice all the time. I wish she would do this more often."

Pence connected on a pair of 3-pointers in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but in between them the Quakers' Gadaleta also struck from beyond the arc and Fox Lane was never able to reduce its large deficit below 16 points. Back-to-back baskets from Gecaj and Maddy Negroni midway through the final period assured there would be no late-game collapse this time from the Quakers.

"They're the hardest-working team in Section One, I really believe that," said

Schum about her Quakers. "I expect a lot out of them and they work very, very, very hard. Some days the ball goes in, some days it doesn't. But I can never knock them for their effort. I'm really happy to be on this journey with them and I'm excited that we still have 15 more games."

Matts, who appealed to his players' pride at halftime, is hoping they can step it up a bit more in the 2019 portion of their schedule.

"I graduated from Fox Lane, and I told 'em, 'Losing to Greeley at any time is unacceptable,'" he said. "But being down this far because we're not boxing out, because they're outworking us, that's unacceptable." I was happy with the response to a degree, but the bottom line is if we don't start making changes in rebounding, team defense and aggression, we're gonna have a long season."



Greeley's Safia Gecaj tries to score an inside basket in last Tuesday's game as Fox Lane's Sophia Garten defends in the paint.

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The Quakers' Jesse Harris dribbles the ball out beyond the 3-point line in last Tuesday's 59-41 win over visiting Fox Lane.



Fox Lane's Rose Frye is guarded by Greeley's Olivia Camhi as she prepares to pass the ball during last week's game.



Fox Lane's Natalie Pence brings the ball up the court in last Tuesday's game at Greeley. She scored a team-high 19 points.

Quakers' Quick Start Leads to a Win Over Fox Lane

By Andy Jacobs

Nearly the entire first quarter of last Tuesday night's rivalry game must have seemed like a dream for the Horace Greeley boys' basketball team.

For the visiting Foxes of Fox Lane, it was more like a nightmare.

The Quakers scored the game's first nine points, stretched their lead to 15-1 and eventually opened up a whopping 21-3 advantage before the overwhelmed Foxes could finally get their bearings. Even though Fox Lane cut its big deficit to just four points midway through the second quarter, the disastrous start proved to be too much of a hurdle as Greeley wound up winning 65-52 behind the game-high 26 points and 18 rebounds of precocious freshman Nick Townsend.

"Hard to fight back when you get down 20 to 2, or whatever it was," said disappointed Fox Lane coach Mike Tomassi afterwards. "We always preach the first four minutes of the game, the first four minutes of the second half and first four minutes of the fourth quarter are very important. They won those first four minutes and it really put us in a hole and it was tough to fight out."

"Yeah, I knew we were gonna come out with energy and a lot of aggressiveness because it's a rivalry game," said Quaker coach Felix Nicodemo. "One of the things we wanted to work on for the past couple of games is to start strong. And we did that. So I was very happy the way we started."

The Quakers' dazzling start began with a layup from Chris Melis 40 seconds after the opening tip. The talented junior



Greeley freshman center Nick Townsend hauls in one of his 18 rebounds in the victory over Fox Lane.

forward scored five baskets while Greeley was building its imposing 21-3 cushion and finished the night with 21 points and 10 rebounds. The first-quarter scoring ended with a free throw from Melis that gave the Quakers a 22-8 lead.

But the Foxes managed to regroup and went on a 12-2 spurt early in the second quarter, sparked by a pair of 3-pointers from junior guard Will Crerend, that narrowed the Greeley lead to just 26-22 midway through the period. Unfortunately for them, though, the Quakers closed the half on an 11-3 run, with six of the points from Townsend, and took a 12-point lead at the break.

"Basketball's a game of runs," said Nicodemo. "They made a run and we adjusted. And then we made a run ourselves. But I liked the way we reacted to their run. You know, we're a young team and we're gonna be learning as we go, tested a lot of times in certain moments."

The second half began with Crerend, who led the Foxes with 17 points, driving for a basket. Neither team scored for almost two minutes before sophomore forward Oliver Shevick, who finished with 15 points, connected on a runner that brought Fox Lane to within 37-29. Again, though, the Quakers stepped up when they had to, outscoring the Foxes 13-6 over the next three minutes to build their lead back up to 50-35.

Trailing 53-39 after three quarters, the Foxes began the fourth with John Rocco Trumpour scoring on a lefty hook in the lane and Crerend driving through the lane for another basket. With 6:30 left on the clock, the fearless Crerend drove the left baseline to score over traffic and again cut the Greeley lead to 10 points.

But with five minutes remaining, Michael Salore delivered a left-elbow

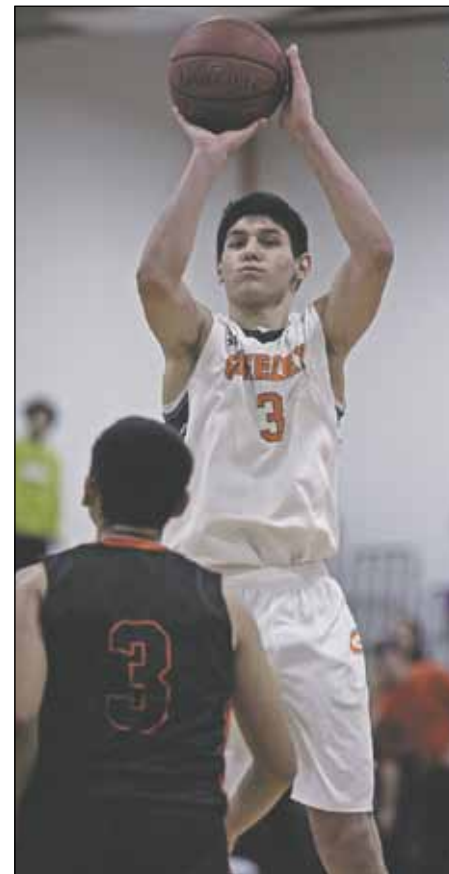


The Quakers' Christoph Sauerborn shoots the ball in the first half of last Tuesday night's 65-52 win over visiting Fox Lane.

3-pointer, the Quakers' only one of the game, to extend Greeley's lead to 59-45. The Foxes never got any closer than 13 points after the shot from Salore.

"Listen, I think it was a tough environment to play in," said the Foxes' Tomassi. "They're a good team. We kept fighting. We got it to four at one point. But coming out of that hole was tough. Unfortunately, we ran out of time today."

The Quakers, now 5-2 this season after closing their week with win at home over Dobbs Ferry and another against Section 9's Middletown at the Westchester County



Chris Melis rises for a jump shot in the fourth quarter of Horace Greeley's home win over Fox Lane.

Center, are getting more and more production from Townsend, the 14-year-old, 6-foot-5 center with an angelic face but devilish moves in the paint.

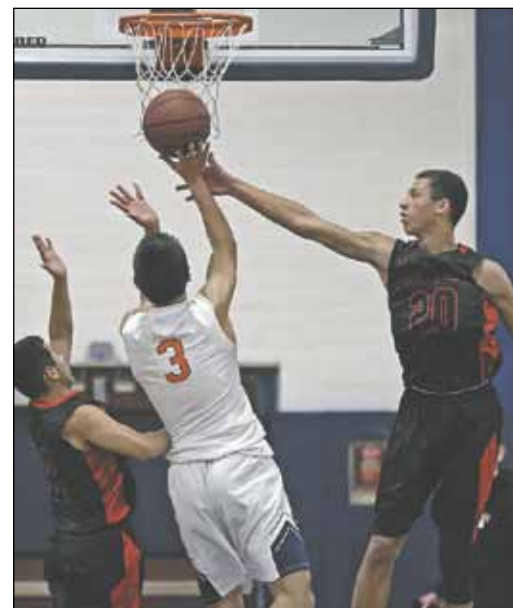
"You know, I think he's progressing the way I anticipated him to," said Nicodemo. "A lot of the teams are collapsing on him, double-teaming him, triple-teaming him. But he's getting better and better each game. And I think he handles himself with maturity and he just plays so hard. It's so nice to watch."



John Rocco Trumpour of Fox Lane tosses up a shot in the lane in the second half of last Tuesday's game at Horace Greeley High School.



Fox Lane guard Will Crerend drives past Greeley's Sean Dunleavy during last week's game in Chappaqua.



Fox Lane's Jordan Alvarado (left) and Josh Olsen try to stop Greeley's Chris Melis under the basket in last week's game, won by the host Quakers.

Westlake Girls Basketball



Julie Lyden of Westlake shoots the ball from the left wing in the second half of last Thursday's home game.



Nicole Karaqi dribbles in the backcourt in Westlake's home win over the Tigers of Croton.



Westlake players celebrate after the game-winning put-back basket by Rebecca Lovett (second from left) at the buzzer lifted them past Croton 50-48.



Westlake's Emily Sardo slips past a pair of defenders just outside the lane in the Wildcats' last-second win over visiting Croton-Harmon.



Westlake's Rebecca Lovett dribbles along the left sideline in the second half of Thursday's game against Croton. Her buzzer-beating basket gave the Wildcats a two-point victory.



The Wildcats' Jamie Perfito fires a jump shot during last Thursday's come-from-behind win over Croton.

Byram Hills Boys Basketball



Byram Hills forward Ben Leff tosses up a one-hander in the lane over Quion Burns of White Plains in the first half at the Westchester County Center.

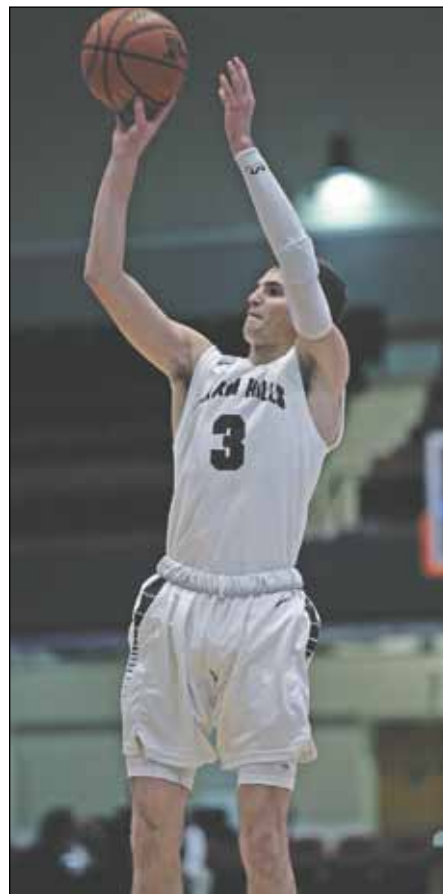


The Bobcats' Michael Caporale battles a pair of White Plains players for a rebound during Thursday night's Slam Dunk Tournament game at the County Center.



The Bobcats' Jack Kenny and Jonathan Fortes of White Plains set their sights on a potential rebound at the 20th annual Slam Dunk Tournament last Thursday night.

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Willy Samsen of Byram Hills fires a jump shot in the second half of Thursday's 57-42 win over White Plains.



Byram Hills guard Sam Goldman dribbles across midcourt in the Bobcats' Slam Dunk Tourney victory over White Plains at the Westchester County Center.



Michael Kalian gets set to pass the ball as Mekhi Woodbury of White Plains defends in last Thursday's game won by Byram Hills.



Pace University guard Brandon Jacobs dribbles toward midcourt in last week's win over Nyack College. He scored a game-high 25 points.



Pace senior forward Greg Poleon sends up a jump hook over traffic in the lane during the second half of last Wednesday's game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.



Pace junior forward Peyton Wejnert shoots the ball in the first half of last week's home game vs. Nyack.



Tyrone Cohen Jr. of Pace rises along the right baseline for a shot in the Setters' win over visiting Nyack College.



Pace's Luke McLaughlin gets set to feed the post in the second half of last week's home win over Nyack College that improved the Setters' record to 9-3 this season.



The Setters' Jackie DelliSanti lines up a shot from the right corner in the second half of last Wednesday's home game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.



Setter freshman point guard Lauren Hackett calls out a play as she dribbles the ball in the second half of last Wednesday's home game.



Pace guard Naya Rivera shoots the ball in the second quarter of the Setters' 51-48 home loss to the University of Bridgeport.



Allie Monteleone of Pace University dribbles the ball beyond the 3-point line in last Wednesday's home game. The Setters erased all of a 20-point, first-half deficit, but fell 51-48.



Pace's Lauren Schetter tries to shoot over Bridgeport's Samnell Vonleh, whose brother, Noah, plays for the New York Knicks.

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Pace Basketball

Quakers Stay Unbeaten With a Big Win Over Mahopac

By Andy Jacobs

Try not to be deceived by the Horace Greeley hockey team's lofty win-loss record so far this season.

Though the Quakers remain undefeated, they are still a work in progress.

That was quite apparent on Saturday evening at the Brewster Ice Arena, where the Quakers squandered a four-goal, second-period lead before Ryan Renzulli eventually notched his third goal of the game with just 68 seconds remaining to lift them to a 6-5 victory over the Mahopac Indians in a battle of unbeatens that was as chippy as it was confounding.

"We're not even close to where our ceiling is," said Quakers head coach Dan Perito, shortly after his Jekyll-Hyde team had somehow escaped with its seventh consecutive win. "We have a long way to go. Obviously, as you saw tonight, there's a lot that we have to learn from and a lot to clean up. And once we clean those things up, I think we can be a solid team in the end."

On a night when it seemed the Quakers would cruise to their latest triumph, they instead wound up playing shorthanded for much of the game's final 30 minutes. They were whistled for five penalties in the second period and three more in the third, including a costly roughing penalty on Renzulli with 95 seconds left in the game that opened the door for Mahopac to finally tie the score after playing from behind all evening.

"I've been telling my team, especially after the second period, stay out of the box," said Perito. "One of the first things I mentioned in the pregame, before the game started, was 'stay out of the box. Don't get caught up in the extracurricular stuff after the whistle.' As you know in sports, they always catch the second guy. They don't catch the first guy. Hopefully that's a lesson we learned."

The roughing call late in the third



Horace Greeley senior Ryan Renzulli moves the puck up the ice in Saturday night's game against Mahopac. He had three goals in the Quaker win.

period with the Quakers clinging to a 5-4 lead enabled the Indians' Nick Bricker to score his second power-play goal of the game and even the contest just nine seconds after Renzulli stepped into the penalty box for the third time. But once the Quakers' senior forward returned to the ice, he quickly atoned for it, scoring the game-winner 18 seconds later by firing a rebound past Mahopac backup goalie Mike Horan.

"He's one of our captains, he's an experienced player, been playing varsity for four years," said Perito about Renzulli. "Played a lot of travel. So he knows the situation, and at that point they've got a backup goalie in. We really hadn't had a great scoring chance. So as long as we get the puck down near the net, we felt confident that we were gonna put one in. He knows that in that situation, let's end this now. Let's not go into overtime."

Overtime seemed far-fetched the way the game began. Even though the Indians outshot Greeley by an 8-5 margin in the opening period, the Quakers jumped ahead when freshman Ben Cohen tipped in Tyler Kay's shot from the left point with just over four minutes to go and the teams playing four-on-four.

Late in the period, Greeley seized



Liam Whitehouse of Greeley skates toward the goal during Saturday's 6-5 victory over the Mahopac Indians at Brewster Ice Arena.

complete control with a pair of goals 57 seconds apart, the first one coming from another freshman, Gabe Adams, who was on the receiving end of a nearly two-line pass and then skated in and beat goalie Logan MacDougall from the left doorstep. The Quakers' third goal, with just 14 seconds left, came off the stick of Renzulli and gave them a three-goal advantage after one period.

Just moments after the puck dropped to start the second period, Renzulli raced in from the left wing and put the puck past MacDougall once again, stretching the Greeley lead to 4-0 just 12 seconds in. But the Indians began their comeback with a goal from T.J. McKee a minute and a half later. Then came all the Quaker penalties, starting with a roughing call on Liam Whitehouse.

By the time the second period was over, Mahopac had outshot the Quakers 16-4 and narrowed the deficit to just 4-3. A goal by Whitehouse almost eight minutes into the final period gave Greeley a little

breathing room, but just two minutes later, after the Indians' MacDougall had departed with a leg injury, Brian O'Shea scored to cut the Quaker lead to one goal again.

After trailing all evening, the Indians finally caught up on Bricker's power-play goal with 1:26 left on the clock. Just 18 seconds later, though, Renzulli, no longer in the penalty box, blasted home the winning goal to complete his hat trick, silence the loud Mahopac student section and keep the Quakers undefeated this season.

"Learned the hard way tonight," said Perito, "because five on five, we were playing pretty well, especially for a period and five minutes. You've got a team down, you've got to keep 'em down. You let a team hang around like that and they think they can win. Hopefully we can regroup after the break here, come back in January, and clean up those mistakes."



Greeley's Tyler Kay takes the puck up the left wing in the third period of the Quakers' dramatic 6-5 win over previously unbeaten Mahopac.



Greeley's Gabe Adams, who scored a first-period goal, controls the puck on the left wing in Saturday night's game at Brewster Ice Arena.

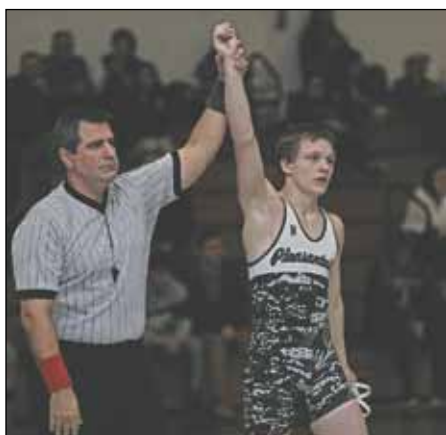


Greeley junior Evan Scott waits for the puck to drop on a faceoff in the home win over Mahopac.



The Quakers' Jake Potter controls the puck near center ice in the win over Mahopac on Saturday evening.

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Aidan Canfield was victorious at 138 pounds for the Panthers in last Wednesday's rout of visiting Eastchester.



Wrestling at 106 pounds, the Panthers' Quinn Egan is on his way to a first-period pin against Eastchester's Parker Buckley.



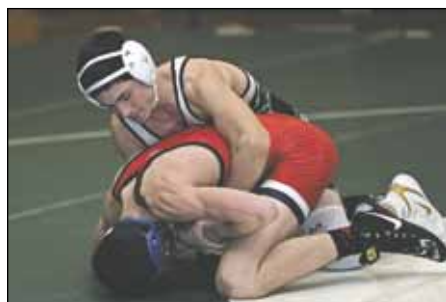
The Panthers' Victor Perleshi registered a 5-0 decision in his match at 132 pounds last Wednesday afternoon.



Chris May needed just 80 seconds to record a pin in his match at 152 pounds vs. Eastchester.



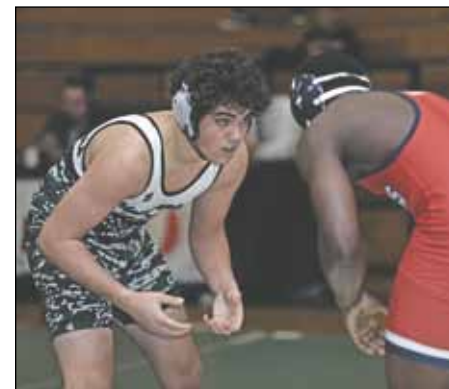
Jon Albaum was a 5-3 winner over Eastchester's Danny Zadrima at 170 pounds in last week's Panther home match.



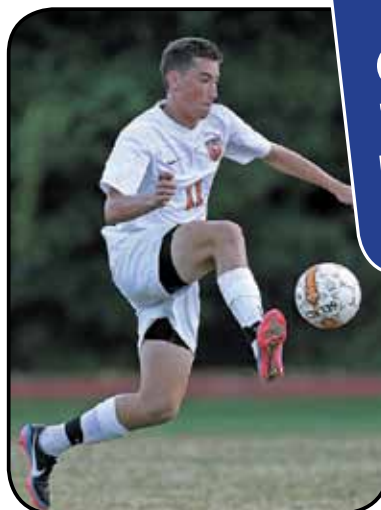
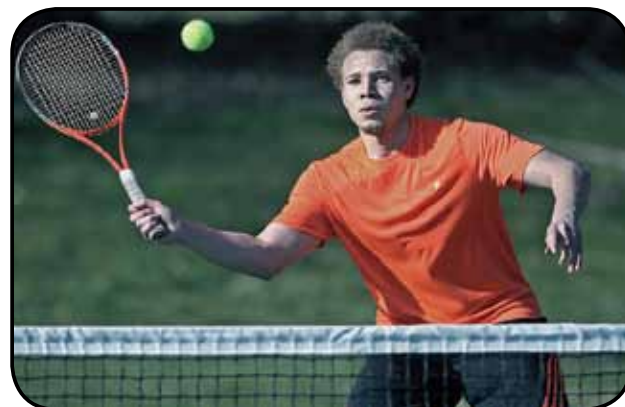
Len Balducci is in control on his way to victory at 126 pounds in last Wednesday's home match vs. Eastchester.



Pleasantville's Eli Cuniffe, wrestling at 160, has control en route to a win by pin in the first period at last Wednesday's home match.



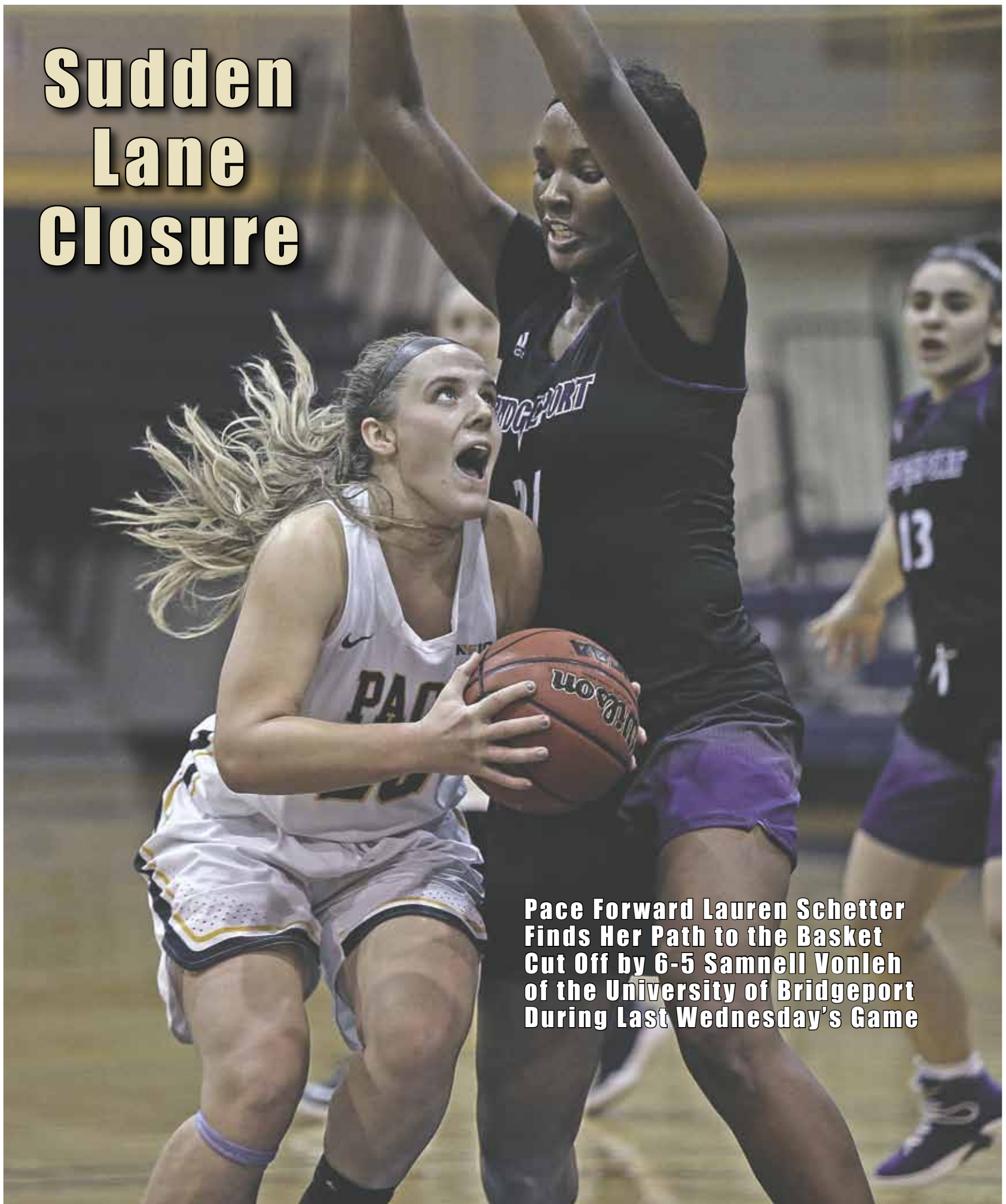
Wrestling at 195 pounds, the Panthers' Keke Ansari looks for an opportunity for a takedown.



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