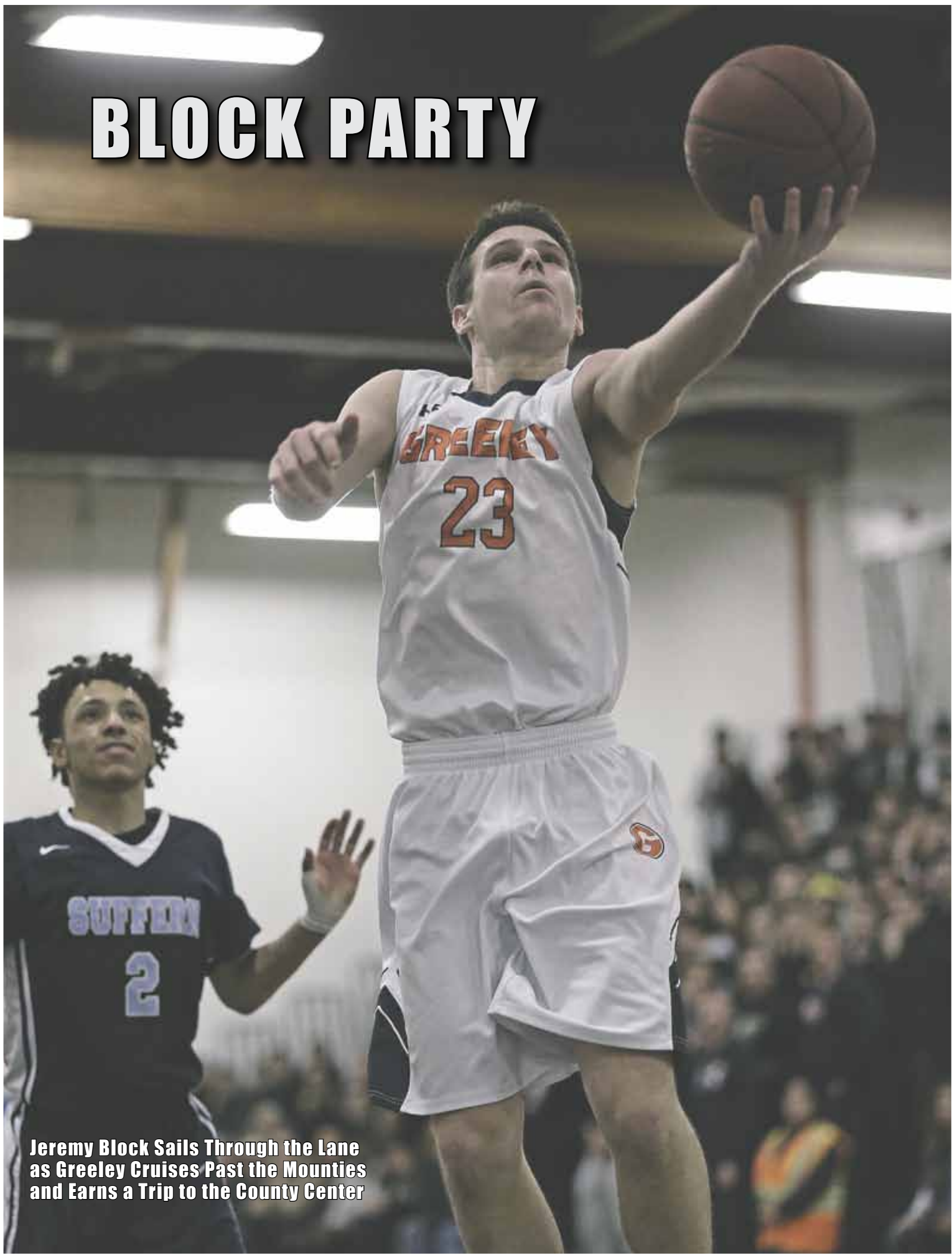


BLOCK PARTY



Jeremy Block Sails Through the Lane as Greeley Cruises Past the Mounties and Earns a Trip to the County Center

Bobcats' Path to a Title Game Again Blocked by John Jay

By Andy Jacobs

For the second year in a row, the Byram Hills hockey team crossed paths with the John Jay Indians in the semifinal round of the Section 1, Division 2 playoffs.

And for the second year in a row, it was the Indians who advanced to the championship game, while the Bobcats made another frustrating exit from the Brewster Ice Arena.

Sophomore forward Jack Browne scored three times, while Brian Daley added two goals and two assists, as the top-seeded Indians skated past fourth-seeded Byram Hills 8-3 on Friday night. Two of Browne's scores came during a four-goal, third-period explosion by John Jay that turned the contest into a rout.

"They're very disappointed," said Bobcats head coach A.J. Cloherty after his players had slowly skated off the ice for the last time this season. "They had high hopes and expectations coming into this season, and rightfully so. They really wanted a chance to play for the big one on Saturday and they fell just short."

Despite a second period in which John Jay controlled the puck, outshooting the Bobcats by a whopping 18-8 margin, a goal by Will Cohen with 2:38 remaining moved Byram Hills within 3-2. Unfortunately for the Bobcats, just 90 seconds later, the Indians' Chase Goldman, who finished with a goal and three assists, skated up the right wing, then made a perfect pass to the left side of the crease where a waiting Browne easily tipped the puck past goalie Grace Lunder.

"Yeah, if we stick to 3-2 after the second period, it's a totally different game," said Cloherty. "But they caught us flat-footed. One of our defensemen made a mistake, they capitalized on it, 4-2, and that really took the wind out of our sails. But they did dominate us in the second period. They came out hot and our players couldn't counter their attack. That's why there's the 10-shot differential."



The Bobcats' Lucca Conigliario works his way toward the net in the sectional semifinal vs. John Jay on Friday night.

The goal by Browne, his first of the game, with 59 seconds left in the second period enabled the Indians to take a two-goal lead to the final period. The Bobcats never really recovered, and just 64 seconds into the third period Browne tallied his second goal, all but putting an end to the Byram title aspirations.

"We told the kids," said Cloherty, "if we give up that fifth goal, it's gonna be a rough rest of the period. And the first minute and a half, they scored a goal. That was that. You could see the disappointment on the kids' faces and it's hard to bounce back."

It was actually John Jay that had to bounce back earlier in the evening. A goal by senior John Fontana, assisted by Michael Salandra, with just under five minutes remaining in the opening period put the Bobcats on the scoreboard first. But the Indians' John McKeon knotted the score with 1:27 left in the period.

The Indians, who would go on to win the section championship the next day, grabbed the lead for good on a tip-in goal by Daley with 8:40 to go in the second period, moments after a Bobcat power play had ended. Just 24 seconds later, Goldman gave John Jay a 3-1 cushion by skating down the right wing, moving to



John Jay's Charlie Oestreicher tries to poke the puck away from Ethan Behar of Byram Hills during Friday night's Division 2 semifinal playoff game at Brewster Ice Arena.



Michael Salandra of Byram Hills scores an empty-net goal to seal the Bobcats' 6-3 victory over Pearl River in the sectional quarterfinals last Tuesday evening.

his left and sending a shot past Lunder.

The goal by the Bobcats' Cohen late in the second period that sliced the Jay lead in half seemed to give Byram hope again, but the Indians quickly dashed those hopes with their third-period onslaught that left Lunder removing the puck from the net over and over again.

"The defense hung her out to dry," said Cloherty. "She's great at everything. The one weakness is the breakaways and we gave up way too many breakaways for her to handle. She's probably disappointed because she holds herself to such a high standard. But as a coach, I couldn't have asked for her to do anything more. In the second period, she made seven or eight impossible saves at point-blank range that most goalies would let in."

The Bobcats had advanced to face John Jay by defeating fifth-seeded Pearl River 6-3 in Tuesday night's quarterfinal game in Brewster. Salandra, just a freshman, had three goals and an assist. It was his power-play goal with just a second remaining in the second period that broke a 2-2 deadlock and gave the Bobcats the lead for good. His empty-netter with 37 seconds left in the game sealed the outcome.

Regrettably for the Bobcats, the same John Jay team that had ended their 2016-17 season with a tension-filled 1-0 double overtime win in last year's semifinals was

waiting for them again. This time, though, there was far less drama.

"It was still a great season," said Cloherty. "The season we put together, the schedule, it was the hardest you'll see in the last 20 years that we've had. Filled with huge D 1 teams. We only played five D 2 opponents. It was a success. It helped prepare us and it made us stronger."

Asked when he'll start planning for the inevitable showdown with the Indians next year, he answered, "For me, personally, immediately, even though my girlfriend will hate me for it."



Byram Hills senior Willie Mann controls the puck in last Tuesday's quarterfinal playoff win over Pearl River at Brewster Ice Arena.



Byram Hills senior goaltender Grace Lunder stays ready in front of the net during Friday's semifinal game against the John Jay Indians.



Bobcats head coach A.J. Cloherty watches his team skate against top-seeded John Jay in Friday night's sectional semifinal game.

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Quakers Shake Up Section One Hockey by Stunning Pelham

By Andy Jacobs

Maybe it wasn't quite on the same scale as the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" at the Lake Placid Olympics, but the Horace Greeley Quakers sure shook up the status quo in Section One hockey on Friday night.

Freshman Dylan Mutkoski's goal in the sixth round of an overtime shootout gave the Quakers an improbable victory over four-time defending champion Pelham in a Division 2 semifinal that probably could have used Al Michaels on hand to reprise his famous "do you believe in miracles?" call.

Unfortunately for the Quakers, though, they had to return to the ice just 14 hours later to face John Jay in the championship game at Brewster Ice Arena. The top-seeded Indians took advantage of a weary Greeley team that had just endured four seven-and-a-half minute overtime sessions and came away with a 5-3 victory.

"It's been a whirlwind," admitted Quakers head coach Dan Perito, looking back on 24 hours of postseason euphoria and disappointment for his third-seeded team. "It's hard to put the whole season into a time capsule right now and look back on it. But give it some time and I think we can take a look back and realize we accomplished a lot."

Facing top-seeded John Jay, the Quakers quickly descended from Cloud Nine and were forced to spend all of Saturday afternoon battling from behind. Just over a minute after the opening faceoff, Chase Goldman put the Indians on the scoreboard and they remained in front the rest of the way.

Jay's Jack Browne scored the first of his two goals, on a wrist shot from the left that found the far side of the net, with just 53 seconds left in the period and Greeley found itself trailing 2-0 at the first intermission.

"I knew going in we were gonna be dragging a little, especially in the



The Quakers' Ryan Renzulli moves the puck up the ice in last Tuesday's 4-0 quarterfinal victory over Rye at Brewster Ice Arena.

beginning," said Perito, whose team was outshot 21-7 in the opening period. "I was hoping we could get a couple shifts for everyone, get our legs under us and kind of ease into it. Second shift, John Jay was able to get a goal. We still weren't fully into it yet."

The Quakers did manage to narrow their deficit to just 2-1 three minutes into the second period when Ryan Renzulli won a race for the puck behind the net and sent it in front where Jake Cronin deposited it past Indians goalie Taylor Isom. But just 10 seconds later, John Jay's John McKeon one-timed a shot past Arye Wolberg to restore the Indians' two-goal advantage.

"There was some life on the bench and it really gave us a shot in the arm," said Perito about the goal from Cronin. "But then we gave it right back, which was tough. You know, that kind of takes the wind out of your sail."

Even more wind came out of the Quakers' sails early in the third period when an odd-man rush by John Jay led to a McKeon pass from the right wing to Brian Daley in front for another Indian goal that left the Quakers trailing 4-1 with



Horace Greeley's Reed Putnam tries to maintain his balance as he reaches for the puck in Saturday afternoon's Section 1, Division 2 championship game vs. John Jay.

11:44 left in the game. But just a minute later, Greeley answered with an unassisted goal from Alex Milne. And with 9:21 to go, Liam Whitehouse scored to narrow the deficit to just one goal.

"I've never questioned the heart, the effort and the hustle of this team all year," Perito said. "We've fallen behind numerous times and been behind late in games. We've tied the game twice in last minutes of a game and won in overtime before. So I knew that no one was gonna quit."

But the Greeley comeback bid was thwarted as Browne, who had a hat trick in Jay's semifinal win over Byram Hills, scored a spectacular goal with just 4:16 left on the clock, somehow maneuvering through a pair of Quakers and then poking the puck past Wolberg while falling face-first onto the ice. The goal by Browne all but sealed the outcome and soon the Indians were flinging their sticks, gloves and helmets all over the ice in celebration of their first title in five years.

"It's just a tough play and that was really a back breaker, mentally," said Perito of the dazzling goal by Browne that dashed the Quakers' hopes. "But, again, we never quit. We almost got a fourth goal there at the end, just snuck by the post. We were fighting an uphill battle all day with the conditions coming back from last night 16 hours later. Obviously even one day's rest would've been great. But out of our control. We don't have a say in that, really.

We played the hand we were dealt."

For Perito and the Quakers, trying to beat both Pelham and John Jay on successive days proved to be just too big a hurdle. But they gained plenty of respect around the region, especially after battling the perennial powerhouse Pelicans to a 1-1 stalemate through 75 minutes of tense hockey at the Ice Hutch as Wolberg, just a freshman, made 45 saves.

"He was a wall in net for us," said Perito. "I mean, he was unbelievable last night. He's one of the reasons why we won that game."

The Quakers wound up just one win shy of capturing their first sectional title and Perito, his first year at the helm now behind him, will have a lot to savor from a memorable season.

"I told 'em before the third period and I just told 'em again there, I could not be prouder of this group of players for everything they accomplished," he said. "You know, we had never won a league title, we had never gotten to the championship before. They accomplished so much in one season. That's something at the very least they can hang their hats on. Right now it's not what they want to hear, it's not the result they wanted. But when they take a minute and look back on it, they'll be able to appreciate it."



Greeley players, left to right, Dillon Rusiecki, Garrett Katchis and Evan Scott set their sights on the loose puck with a wide-open net in front of them during the third period of Saturday's championship game.



Dillon Rusiecki of Greeley fires a shot toward Rye goalie Peter Patouhas in last Tuesday's quarterfinal playoff game, won by the Quakers.



Greeley freshman goalie Arye Wolberg made 45 saves in the Quakers' stunning upset of four-time defending champion Pelham on Friday night.

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Briarcliff Crushes North Salem in a Class B Quarterfinal

By Danny Lopriore

The Briarcliff Bears advanced to the Section 1, Class B basketball semifinal round with a blistering 80-34 victory over visiting North Salem Wednesday.

The third-seeded Bears, who lifted their overall record to 18-4 and are in the Final Four at the County Center for the fourth consecutive season, face No. 2 Irvington next.

"We always preach that we play until the clock says zero, whether it's a tight game or we're up or down 20," Bears coach Cody Moffett said following the lopsided win. "I told the guys just before we took the floor that I wanted to close my eyes and not look at the score and hear you guys focus on defense and see you guys playing with intensity."

Moffett is not as concerned about who his team is playing, but how they are playing as the semifinal approaches.

"If you come out with the mentality that it's more about how we're playing and not who, that's the goal," he said. "My only concern now is the next game. That's why we care about intensity throughout a game."

Senior guard Jack Ryan provided the early impetus for the runaway win, scoring 10 of his 14 points in the first quarter as the Bears jumped to a 22-9 lead. Junior guard Miles Jones, who led all scorers with 20 points, took over in the second quarter, pushing the fast break offense and scoring seven of his points in a 26-1 run.

"I'm not always looking to shoot first, but we got the break going and I just tried to finish," Ryan said. "I had some open shots."

North Salem may have been defeated before the game started, losing leading scorer and rebounder Kendrick Tchoua, who moved out of the district almost overnight after having practiced with the team Saturday. According to North



Briarcliff guard Miles Jones pushes the ball up the court in last Wednesday's Class B quarterfinal round of visiting North Salem.

Salem coach Henry Sassone, Tchoua unexpectedly moved with his step father back to Maryland this week.

Junior Taijon Tribble was a factor off the bench early when starter Brian McCann got into early foul trouble. Tribble was a force inside, grabbing six rebounds and scoring 11 points and playing tough defense. Tribble and the rest of the Bears reserves played major minutes, proving that the bench was not just a place to sit.

"No one thinks about how we are on the bench and not starting because coach has us all in the game," Tribble said. "When I get in the games, it's about playing good defense, doing my job, playing as a team. Today I got to contribute points too."

While the offense was producing points, the Briarcliff defense never let up despite stretching the lead to 48-10 at



Briarcliff senior guard Ross Lachtman searches for an open teammate in the fourth quarter of last Wednesday's quarterfinal win vs. North Salem.



Senior guard Jack Ryan drives to the basket in the second half of Briarcliff's easy playoff win over North Salem.

halftime and 64-24 after three quarters.

Reserve players Nick Reish and Tucker Wexler helped keep up the offensive and defensive intensity despite the big leads. The Bears' bench scored 32 points in all, led by Tribble, Reish with four and Henry Anderson with 8.

"We all have a job to do and coach expects us to keep up the level of intensity," Wexler said. "We talk on the bench and watch what's going on."

According to Reish, each of his teammates has a role to play.

"Coach is always telling us about



Nick Reish of Briarcliff shoots the ball from the left baseline in the Section 1, Class B playoff win over North Salem.



Briarcliff senior Tucker Wexler rises for a shot in the lane in the first half of the Bears' playoff victory against the North Salem Tigers.

keeping up the intensity no matter what the score is," he said. "We all do that when we get in the game."

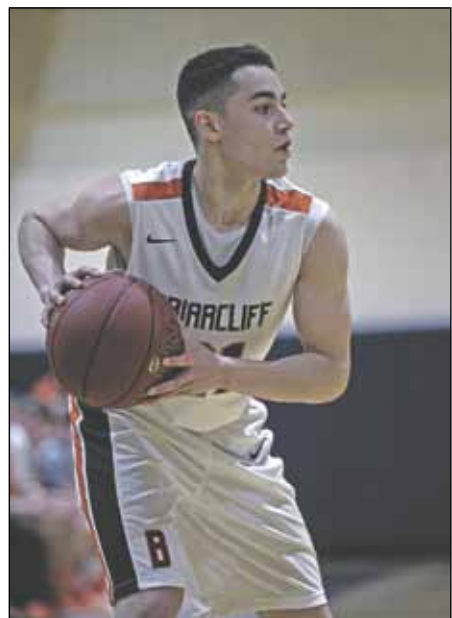
Moffett's coaching philosophy exactly. The bench, no matter who is sitting there, is in the game.

"We talk about things on the bench, whether it's the starters or the reserves," he said. "If I yell at a player, I echo it down the bench. It helps so they don't make the same mistakes when they go back in."

The Final Four coach said that he stresses defense throughout despite the score.

"When I yell at guys defensively, it's not perceived as being disrespectful because we have to have that attitude and brand because defense travels," Moffett said.

And he hopes that Bears' Brand travels all the way to a Section 1 title.



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The Bears' AJ Panarese tries to locate a teammate to pass to in the low post during last week's Class B quarterfinal game.

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Quakers Defeat Suffern to Earn a Trip to the County Center

By Andy Jacobs

It took more than three minutes for the Horace Greeley boys' basketball team to finally put some points on the board in Friday evening's Section One, Class AA quarterfinal playoff game.

Once the Quakers did, though, there was no stopping them.

Behind a dominant second quarter that broke open a close game, Greeley earned a 55-41 victory over the visiting Suffern Mounties. Brandon Gecaj scored a game-high 16 points, while Chris Melis added 15 as the Quakers punched their ticket to the Westchester County Center for Wednesday's Class AA semifinals.

"The magical season continues," said Quakers first-year head coach Felix Nicodemo shortly after his fourth-seeded team had put an end to a County Center drought that lasted almost 15 years. "I'm so happy for this team and all the kids on it. They deserve it. They've worked so hard. I'm speechless right now."

Suffern, seeded 12th, had jumped out to an early 5-0 lead before Melis, driving to the basket at will, scored three consecutive baskets in an 80-second burst that gave the Quakers a lead they never relinquished the rest of the way.

"He was able to pick his spots and was able to get to the rim basically whenever he wanted and take high-percentage shots," said Nicodemo about his star sophomore, who also finished the night with 10 rebounds. "On the scouting report, one of the things I identified was they were gonna have matchup problems with us, and we really took advantage of the dribble penetration."

The Quakers were clinging to an 11-10 lead after the first eight minutes, but proceeded to score the first nine points of the second quarter. The spurt began with a Gecaj 15-foot baseline jumper that was soon followed by Greg Karr's 3-pointer from the right elbow. Jeremy

Block spun his way through the lane for a bucket, then Gecaj capped the run with a left-corner 18-footer to give the Quakers their first double-digit lead of the contest.

Suffern, struggling against the Quakers' relentless zone press, went without a single point for nearly the first four minutes of the quarter and wound up getting outscored 16-3 in the period to fall into a 14-point halftime hole.

"I knew they were big, they were disciplined and they ran their sets very well," said Nicodemo about the Mounties. "But we were prepared and were able to execute the game plan. We said we were gonna pack it in and if they were gonna hit some shots from the outside we would be OK as long as they're contested because they really have an inside game."

Greeley managed to open up an 18-point cushion when Karr, a senior who ended up with 10 points, connected on a leaner from left of the key with 4:17 remaining in the third quarter. But the Mounties closed the period with back-to-back 3-pointers from Anthony Grant-Johnson and Jimmie Warren to close within 37-26 heading to the final quarter.

A pair of free throws by Block, followed by Gecaj's old-fashioned 3-point play, capped a 7-2 Quaker burst at the start of the fourth quarter that rebuilt a 16-point advantage with 4:13 left on the clock. But the Mounties weren't quite done, answering immediately with a 9-2 run and moving to within 46-37 on two Will Krebs free throws with 2:01 to go.

That was as close as they would get, though, as Greeley sealed the outcome



The Quakers' Greg Karr shoots the ball in the first half of Friday night's sectional playoff game vs. Suffern.



Greeley sophomore Chris Melis takes the ball to the basket as a trio of Suffern Mounties try to stop him during Friday's Class AA playoff game.

just like we imagined it and I could not be happier for these kids that they get to experience this in our first year, all of us together.

"At the beginning of the season, we wrote down goals for this team," he added. "The first thing was to beat Fox Lane. We did that. The second thing was to win the league. We did that. The third thing was to get a high seed in sectionals. We were able to do that. And the fourth thing was make it to the County Center. And we're able to check that off now. Now the last thing is to hopefully play well enough where we can make a run, try to win the whole thing."

But is beating the mighty Knights on the County Center floor asking too much of his players?

"I say it over and over," answered Nicodemo. "If this team plays up to their potential, they can beat any team they step on the court with."

by scoring the game's next nine points, seven of them from the free-throw line. The only bucket, a Melis finger roll in the lane with 1:14 remaining, gave the Quakers a 12-point cushion and all but assured they would soon be making the drive down to White Plains to meet top-seeded Mt. Vernon in the semifinals.

"You know, I pictured this and how it would feel, and I know a lot of the players did too," said Nicodemo. "It felt



Horace Greeley's Brandon Gecaj drives the left baseline in the first half of Friday evening's home playoff game vs. Suffern.



Horace Greeley head coach Felix Nicodemo directs his Quakers in the second half of Friday night's playoff win.



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Greeley senior guard Ryan Sullivan sets up the Quaker offense in the sectional quarterfinals.

Greeley guard Jeremy Block dribbles toward midcourt flanked by teammate Chris Melis during the Quakers' 55-41 playoff win over visiting Suffern.

Briarcliff's Big Third Quarter Stops the Eagles

By Danny Lopriore

Stifled and challenged by an underdog Dobbs Ferry team in the first half, the Briarcliff girls' basketball team outscored the visiting Eagles by 13 points in the third quarter to pull out a 70-57 victory in the quarterfinals of the Section 1, Class B tournament.

The second-seeded Bears (20-1) advanced to the Westchester County Center once again and are set to meet No. 3 Putnam Valley in the semifinals.

Dobbs Ferry, the No. 7 seed, finished its season at 12-10.

Looking like a team with spring fever on an unusually warm 70-degree winter day, the Bears seemed unsettled from the start of the game, missing scoring chances while letting the Eagles slip through their defense. Briarcliff led 18-16 after one quarter, but trailed 33-32 at halftime.

"I felt the whole first half we were a little too hyped and we couldn't breathe," Bears coach Don Hamlin said. "I spent all halftime telling them to just breathe. You can get too tight and things just get tougher. We didn't defend at all in the first half. We got it going in the third quarter and we got it done...moving on."

The Bears emerged from their halftime locker room as if they knew a trip to the County Center was in



Kacey Hamlin scored 14 points in the quarterfinal win over Dobbs Ferry.

jeopardy. Junior Maddie Plank scored eight points, including two 3-pointers, Alana Lombardi added seven and Kacey Hamlin another five in Briarcliff's 24-11 third-quarter run that resulted in a



Briarcliff junior guard Maddie Plank finished with a game-high 15 points in last week's playoff win.

56-44 lead.

Plank, who earlier last week committed to attend Princeton University in the fall of 2019, finished with a game-high 15 points and Hamlin added 14. But it was freshman Jordan Smith who made the difference on both

ends of the court by controlling the boards. Smith grabbed 14 rebounds and added eight points while playing strong defense inside.

"Jordan was amazing today," Hamlin said. "She's a freshman and she helped us so much. You really have to defend our top three players, so if Jordan just does what she does, adds defense and rebounding, we're really good."

Dobbs Ferry, led by freshman Kayla Halverson with 13 points, junior Camryn McCarty (11) and freshman Julia Schwabe (10), played tough defense and battled the Bears up and down the court to stay in the game. The Eagles played the Bears even again in the fourth quarter and pulled to within 61-54 before Plank scored seven points in the final five minutes to seal the win.

Hamlin said the first half struggle may have been the result of his team looking to their star player to carry the load early.

"We did a bad job of looking to Maddie too much in the first half," he said. "They were focused on her and we stood around and watched Maddie play, too. Once we started moving off the ball, we did a much better job. Give Dobbs Ferry credit for making us work."

Lombardi finished with eight points, Julia Dalessandro scored six and Julia Barbalato added five for the winners.

BEAR BLAST



Briarcliff basketball fans cheer on their team during Monday night's Section 1, Class B semifinal victory over Irvington at the Westchester County Center.

Valhalla Cruises Past the Broncos in a Class B Quarterfinal

By Andy Jacobs

Valhalla's Sam Morillo had already just about done it all for the Vikings last Wednesday afternoon when she decided there was one more task she could handle.

So with just over two minutes left in the Section One, Class B quarterfinal game against visiting Bronxville, Morillo jogged the length of the court to retrieve a towel from the Vikings' bench in order to dry a wet spot along the baseline.

"That was the fastest I've seen her run," Valhalla head coach Stephen Boyer would say, jokingly, a bit later. "I was like, 'Where are you going? Don't go off the court.' I didn't know what she was doing. But she's the captain and the leader of our team."

Morillo, the Vikings' dominating senior center, finished with a game-high 29 points as fourth-seeded Valhalla eased past the fifth-seeded Broncos 54-38 to earn a berth in the tournament semifinals at the Westchester County Center once again.

"It's been a great three-year run," said Boyer. "This is our third year in a row and obviously the competition increases once you get to the County Center. But it's a hard fight to get to the County Center. We can say most teams haven't been there. We were there three years in a row."

Before she helped dry the court, Morillo was wreaking havoc on the Broncos at both ends of the floor. She scored five baskets in the fourth quarter during a 12-6 run as Valhalla turned a seemingly precarious 38-28 lead into a 16-point cushion with two and a half minutes left on the clock.

"The bottom line is we got the ball into Sam with her not getting double-teamed as much and she made a couple baskets inside there," said Boyer. "We executed our sideline plays, got the ball into Sam one on one and she finished."

Morillo had three buckets in each of



Valhalla senior center Sam Morillo powers her way to the basket in the second half of last Wednesday's playoff win over Bronxville.

the first two quarters and Valhalla built a 21-15 advantage at halftime. Five quick points from Sierra Lockhart, on a left-elbow 3-pointer and a fast-break layup, enabled the Vikings to open up a double-digit lead with 6:44 remaining in the third quarter. A 17-foot jumper by Shannon Brosnan stretched the margin to 30-17 exactly halfway through the period.

Bronxville narrowed its deficit to 35-28 after a 3-point shot from eighth-grader Kiki Tormey with 1:20 to go in the third quarter. But Valhalla sophomore guard Shelby Sekinski provided a free throw 14



Shannon Brosnan lines up a shot from beyond the 3-point arc in Valhalla's home playoff win last Wednesday.



The Vikings' Sierra Lockhart drives along the right baseline in last week's quarterfinal win over the Broncos.

seconds later and then added a short toss in the lane with 44 seconds left that gave the Vikings a 10-point lead heading to the fourth quarter.

Morillo wound up scoring 10 of the Vikings' first 12 points of the final period. Lockhart, who finished with 12 points, supplied the other two on a pair of free throws with 5:12 left. The last of the Morillo baskets, on a feed from McKenzie Flaherty, opened up a 50-34 advantage. The only intrigue after that came when Bronco senior Ashley Kaye stepped to the foul line with just 2:20 remaining and scored the 1000th point of her varsity career.

By then, the Vikings had long since taken command, so the impromptu ceremony honoring Kaye that briefly delayed the contest had no impact on the outcome.



Vikings head coach Stephen Boyer tries to settle his players down in the second half of last week's playoff win over Bronxville.



Valhalla Shelby Sekinski dribbles past Bronxville's Allie Berkery in the Vikings' 54-38 Class B quarterfinal playoff victory.

"It's fortunate it didn't come to that," said Boyer. "But it's a great accomplishment by Ashley. Credit goes to her. She's had a great career and Bronxville's had a great four years with her on the court. She got herself a ball to take home. She'll always remember this moment."

Had it not been for a furious second-half comeback by the Vikings in the opening round of the playoffs, Kaye's milestone would have come against Westlake on her own home floor. Valhalla found itself trailing the torrid-shooting Wildcats 37-21 at halftime six days earlier before turning the game around with a big second half and advancing with a 63-58 victory.

Morillo finished up with 34 points, accumulating 17 of them in the fourth quarter when the Vikings were outscoring the Wildcats 24-11. Lockhart had 13 of her 19 points after intermission. Westlake connected on eight of its 11 3-point tries in the opening half, much to the dismay of Boyer.

"They shot almost 90 percent as a team," he said. "Give them credit. They came out firing, which we knew they would. At halftime, we just made a little adjustment. I think our girls came out and played a little harder and shots started to not go in for them. Sam just kind of took over the whole second half. We clawed our way back. We had our first lead with a minute left in the game."

That comeback, and the rout of Bronxville, now gives the Vikings a chance to see if the third time can be the charm at the County Center.

"They know what they're walking into," said Boyer of his now-experienced players. "But we're not just here to compete. We've done that for two years. Let's go win, and there's no pressure on us. Let's just go play and enjoy the experience. And it WILL be a great experience."



Valhalla senior Jenna Lynch dribbles near the top of the key in the fourth quarter of the quarterfinal playoff win vs. Bronxville.

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Fox Lane's Grippi Caps a Spectacular Career

By Tony Pinciario

Matt Grippi grew up on a wrestling mat, so it was inevitable that the Fox Lane senior would follow the family sport.

Prior to joining the varsity wrestling team in seventh grade, Grippi was a regular, matside, filming the matches of older brothers Joey, Peter and Tommy.

Once Grippi became a varsity wrestler, he began authoring what would be a phenomenal six-year high school career.

He culminated his Fox Lane career with a runner-up finish in the New York State Division I 152-weight class at the Times-Union Center in Albany this past weekend.

Teammate and classmate Johnny Santos finished third in the 195-pound weight class.

Grippi concluded his Fox Lane career with an impressive and lengthy resume, including 243 varsity wins, three sectional titles, four state championship appearances/place finishes. Grippi was a three-time state finalist.

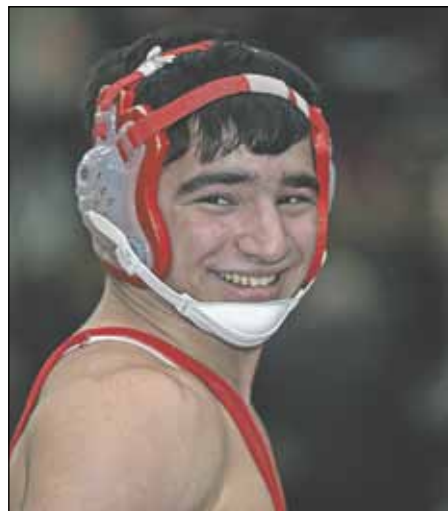
"I was watching my brothers wrestle my entire life, so I was excited when I finally got my opportunity to wrestle with them and compete," said the North Carolina State-bound Grippi. "It helped me get to the next level as they helped me a ton with wrestling."

Joey, Peter and Tommy could still be found supporting their younger brother, especially during sectionals and the state championships. They were in Albany watching their younger brother wrestle in his final state championship.

Grippi, the second seed, advanced to the finals to face four-time state champion and senior Jacori Teemer of Long Beach (Section 8), who will attend Arizona State and continue wrestling.

"I am a strong believer that everything happens for a reason," said Grippi, who finished the season with a 55-3 record. "Although I really wanted that state title, the relationships that I've created and built, and the amount of people that have affected me and I have affected, I would never change that for the world."

"I'm excited for what the future has for me. I'm extremely excited for North Carolina State. I'm given an amazing



Fox Lane's Matt Grippi

opportunity and I'm ready to attack it."

Accomplishments aside, Grippi is prouder of what the team accomplished this season. Fox Lane won numerous tournaments, including the Section 1 Dual-Meet and Section 1 Division I titles.

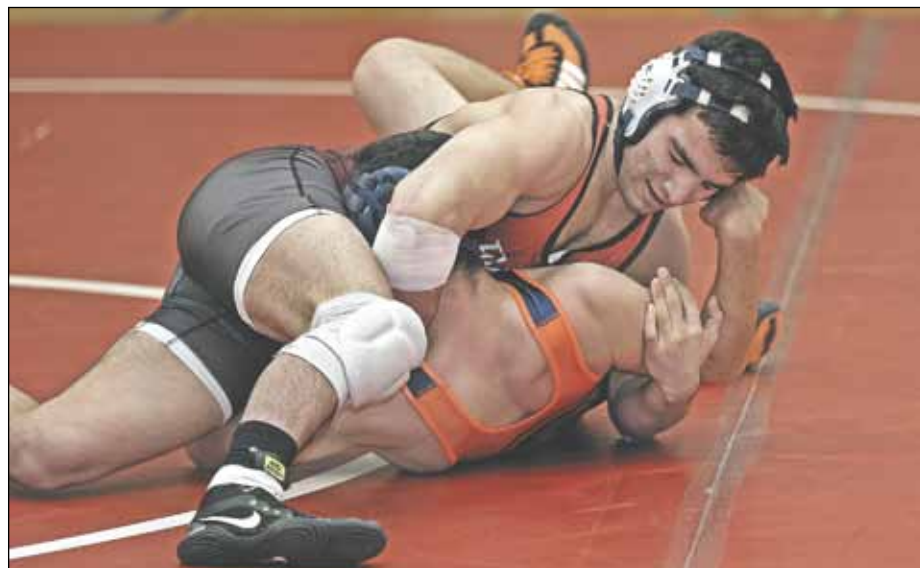
"This season was awesome for the team," Grippi said. "We accomplished a ton and we have so much potential. Although I won't be there, I expect them to do the same next season."

Santos, who was seeded fourth, reached the championship semifinals. After a loss to the top seed, Santos bounced back to win his final two high school matches.

Horace Greeley boasted three state place finishers, the most among Section 1 schools.

Senior and Bucknell-bound Jacob Ferreira was the Division I 182-pound runner-up, falling to New Rochelle's Jake Logan in the final. Juniors Matthew Schreiber (99 pounds) and Aaron Wolk (160) placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Overall, Horace Greeley finished seventh in Division I.

Schreiber won his first match, but lost in the quarterfinal round, thus sending him to the wrestlebacks, where a loss in the next match would eliminate him. Schreiber registered two victories, sending him into the third-place match.



Matt Grippi wound up with 243 varsity wins in his spectacular career wrestling for Fox Lane.

"My coaches just kept telling me to go for the next best thing, which was third place," said Schreiber, who went 4-2 at states and finished with a 46-12 record. "I had been in this situation before. It was my freshman year at sectionals so I knew I could wrestle back if I just stayed calm and relaxed."

Wolk was upset in the first round, which made his journey to placing even tougher. The junior reeled off three straight wins to reach the placing round. Even though he lost in the consolation semifinals, Wolk responded with a pin in the fifth-place match.

"It's tough to come back from a loss at states, but I had to reset my goals and remind myself to take the tournament one match at a time," said Wolk, who went 48-7 this season. "I knew I couldn't dwell on the loss because it would just hurt me, so I focused on my next match."

"Picking up a win really helped restore my confidence and I started wrestling better, and smarter. At the end of the day, a fifth-place finish wasn't what I came there for, but it will help drive me for next year."

Wolk and Schreiber will be back for coaches Mike DeBellis and Anthony Tortora and both are hoping for a return trip to Albany.

"It was a really cool feeling to place at states, after not even qualifying for the

tournament last year," Schreiber said. "Even though I didn't reach my end goal of becoming a state champion, I feel I wrestled a great tournament and can't wait until next year. Jacob and Aaron also wrestled a great tournament, and I can't wait to see what Jacob accomplishes next year at Bucknell."

Pleasantville sophomore Len Balducci is now 2 for 2 at the state championships, placing third in the Division II 106-pound weight class. Last year, Balducci finished fourth at 99 pounds.

Balducci, like last year, advanced to the championship semifinals. Despite a loss, he reflected on what he needed to do, came back and dominated his two opponents in the wrestleback semis and final.

"I was nervous during the semis," said Balducci, who went 41-8 this season. "My coaches gave me space to think and reflect on how I could wrestle. I had to put the semifinal match behind me and focus on the next match."

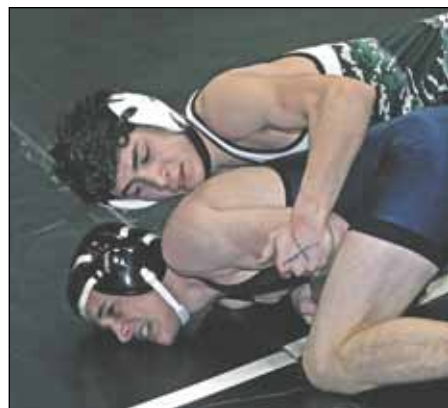
"During the wrestlebacks, I was more aggressive, opened up more and zeroed in on being more aggressive than I was during my semifinal. The results were evident in two major decisions for me."

Balducci outscored his two opponents, 22-1, in the wrestlebacks.

Balducci now owns bragging rights over his father, Lenny, himself a sectional champion for Irvington, with two titles and two state-place finishes.

"That's for sure," said Balducci, laughing, in regards to some good-natured ribbing toward his dad about having more sectional titles. "I wouldn't be where I am today without him, that's for sure. We will continue to have fun with it as he continues to keep me focused on having fun, working hard and enjoying it."

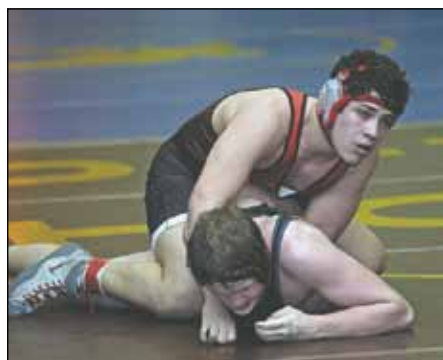
For the second consecutive year, Balducci's uncle, Chris, himself a sectional champion and state champion, made the trip from North Carolina to Albany to watch his nephew.



ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Horace Greeley's Jacob Ferreira was the Division 1 state runner-up at 182 pounds.



Fox Lane's Johnny Santos wound up taking third place in Division 1's 195-pound class at the state championships this past weekend in Albany.

Pleasantville's Len Balducci took third place in the state's Division 2 106-pound class.

Bobcats Ousted by Hendrick Hudson in Overtime

By Danny Lopriore

Byram Hills and Hendrick Hudson were locked in a tug-of-war for four quarters Friday night before the Sailors prevailed in overtime 59-52 in the Section 1, Class A quarterfinals.

Hen Hud guard Dylan Fraser scored five of his team's nine points in the overtime session, while the Sailors' defense allowed just three points to pull out the victory.

The fourth-seeded Sailors (18-4) reached the Section 1 semifinals for the first time since 1991 and the fifth-seeded Bobcats finished their season with a record of 16-6.

"When you have a team that is so skilled, like Byram Hills, you have to stick to your guns and buckle down," Hen Hud coach Jordan Hirsch said. "We don't have incredible schemes or funky zones. We depend on the work we put in and do the best we can to keep them from scoring. It was a great high school game."

The teams exchanged the lead 12 times through four quarters with Byram Hills leading by as many as five in the first quarter and trailing by only three points just once until falling short in overtime.

Tied 49-49 after four quarters, the Bobcats could manage just one 3-pointer by Willy Samsen in overtime. The Sailors made six of eight free throws in the extra session to seal the win.

Kyle James led the Sailors with 21 points, 12 of them coming in the second quarter alone. James' nephew, Mekhi Gray, added 12 points and 10 rebounds, including two big offensive boards in the overtime to maintain important possessions. Austin

Fraser added 10 points for Hen Hud.

"If we need a bucket, we go to (Kyle)," Gray said. "We know no one can really guard him. We talk about the rebound game. Every single rebound is ours. If we do that we can win. We've been dreaming about this. We're going to the Big House now."

Skylar Sinon led all scorers with 23 points and carried the Bobcats' offense with 15 points in the second and third quarters. Teammates Samsen and Ben Leff added 13 and 11 points, respectively. Samsen hit a field goal and a free throw to tie the game at 47-47 and Leff made a game-saving basket off a rebound with 4.7 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Byram Hills showed great ball movement and stayed a step ahead of the Sailors' defense with Sinon hitting from the perimeter, while Leff and Samsen scored off screens and drives. Leff also grabbed six rebounds and played tight defense.

James said his game was all about getting position inside, but that defense won the game.

"My game is to get position and go to the basket," James said. "The guys all made big defensive plays when we needed it. Dylan, Mike, Austin, the defense worked hard. This is a team that wanted to go far. We have more to do."

Mike Fasolino scored just seven points in the game, but his basket from 15 feet out early in overtime gave Hen Hud a 52-49 lead. He followed later with a free throw to make it 57-52. James hit a basket



RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS



The Bobcats' Willy Samsen fires a shot from the left baseline during Friday's Class A quarterfinal game against the Hen Hud Sailors.

Byram Hills guard Skylar Sinon scored 23 points in his final varsity game Friday night at Hendrick Hudson.

on a spinning move inside and Fraser, who finished with eight points, made two free throws to seal the win.

"It was in the flow and I practice that shot every day," Fasolino said. "My teammates boost my confidence with that shot and thank God it went in. But it has been all about take care of each other and take care of the ball. We are just pumped

to be playing in the County Center."

Hirsch said he was thrilled to see his team reach the section's Final Four.

"They impress me every day," he said. "They have worked so hard to put themselves in this spot, so it's no surprise they made the plays they did. They've been together for a long time and I've been fortunate to coach most of them during that time. It's incredibly exciting for the kids."

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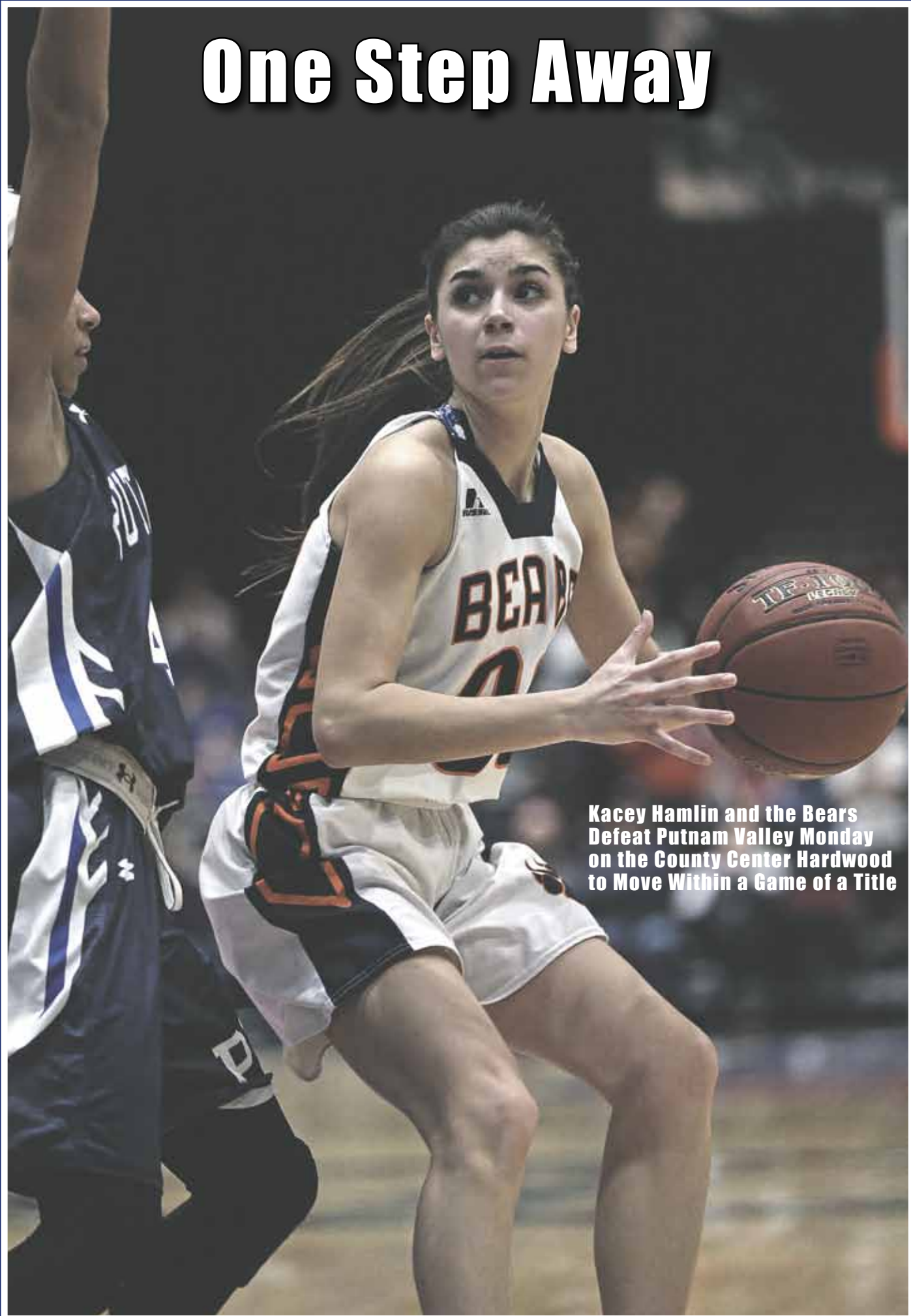


Westlake's Frank Malandrucolo (20) and Tyler Tsiakaros rise together trying to deny a path to the rim in the Wildcats' season-ending playoff loss at Putnam Valley.



Westlake point guard Joseph Mazzariello drives to the basket in the Wildcats' 54-44 playoff loss to host Putnam Valley last Wednesday evening.

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