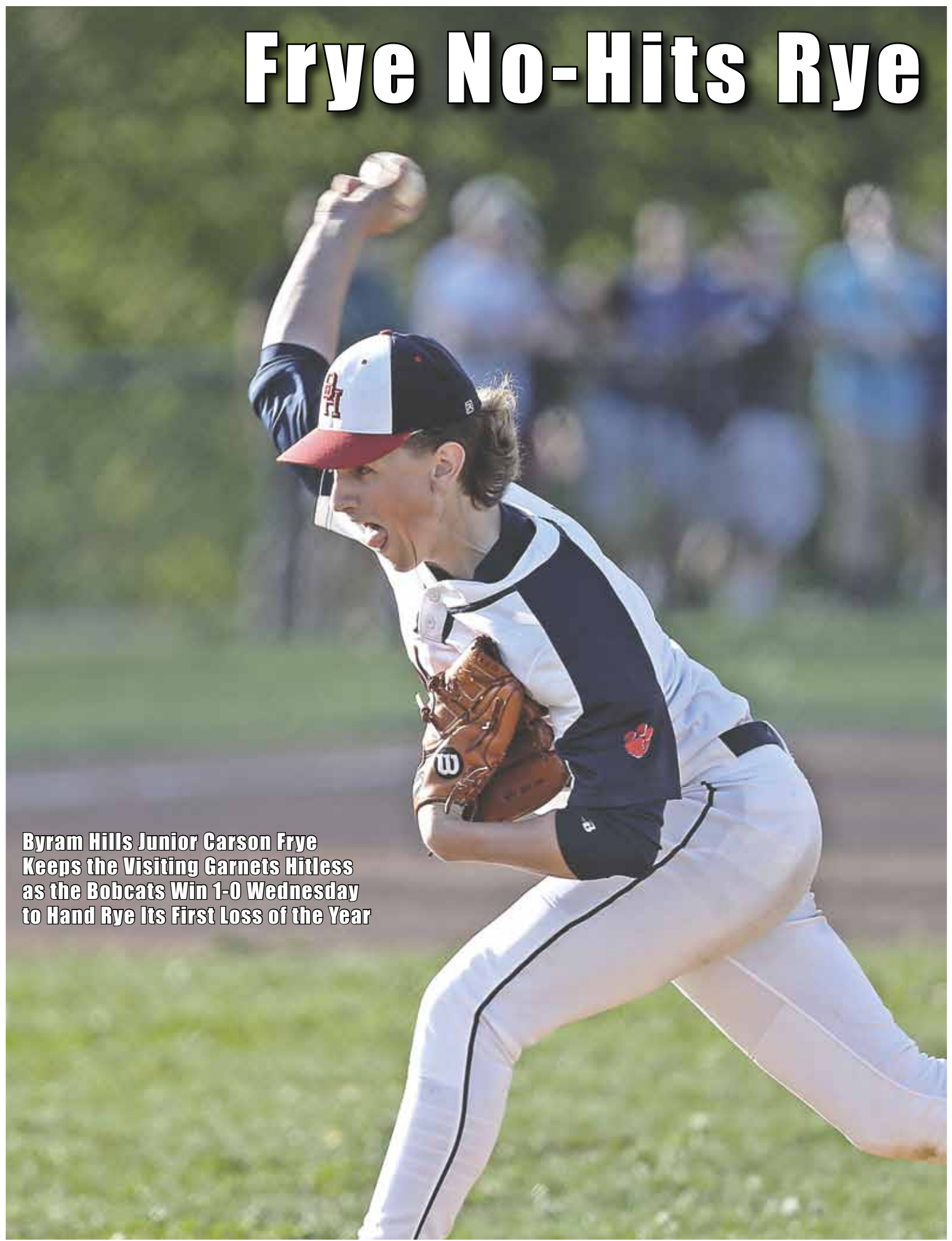


Frye No-Hits Rye

**Byram Hills Junior Carson Frye
Keeps the Visiting Garnets Hitless
as the Bobcats Win 1-0 Wednesday
to Hand Rye Its First Loss of the Year**



Byram Hills' Frye Tosses a No-Hitter Against Rye

By Danny Lopriore

Carson Frye overpowered opposing batters and thrilled a growing home crowd of spectators by throwing his first varsity baseball no-hitter in a 1-0 victory over previously unbeaten Rye last Wednesday.

Frye struck out eight, walked one and overcame three errors to keep a narrow lead the Bobcats opened with a single run in the fourth inning. Byram Hills batters managed just two hits of their own against starting pitcher Declan Lavelle, who allowed the one earned run.

"It felt pretty good because I've never had a no-hitter before," Frye said. "I have had some good games. I struck out 12 against Ardsley, but gave up a couple of hits. My last start against Eastchester wasn't that good, but our big rival is Rye, so I wanted to come out and give my team the best I had."

Frye felt he was on his game, but admitted that he sometimes gets down on himself if his defense is pressed.

"Being totally honest, I consider myself a power pitcher and get a lot of outs on strikeouts, so I can get frustrated if we

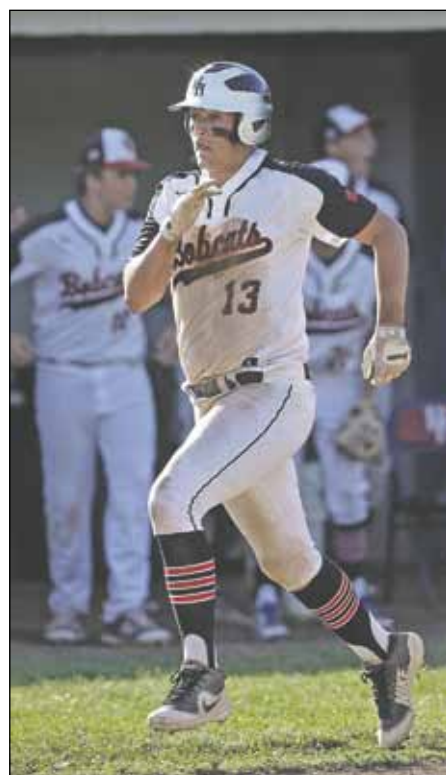


Carson Frye of Byram Hills delivers a pitch en route to no-hitting visiting Rye last Wednesday afternoon.

don't make plays," he said. "But I have to trust my fielders and they will make the plays. 'Rye is a good team, so getting a no-hitter against them is a big deal for me.'"

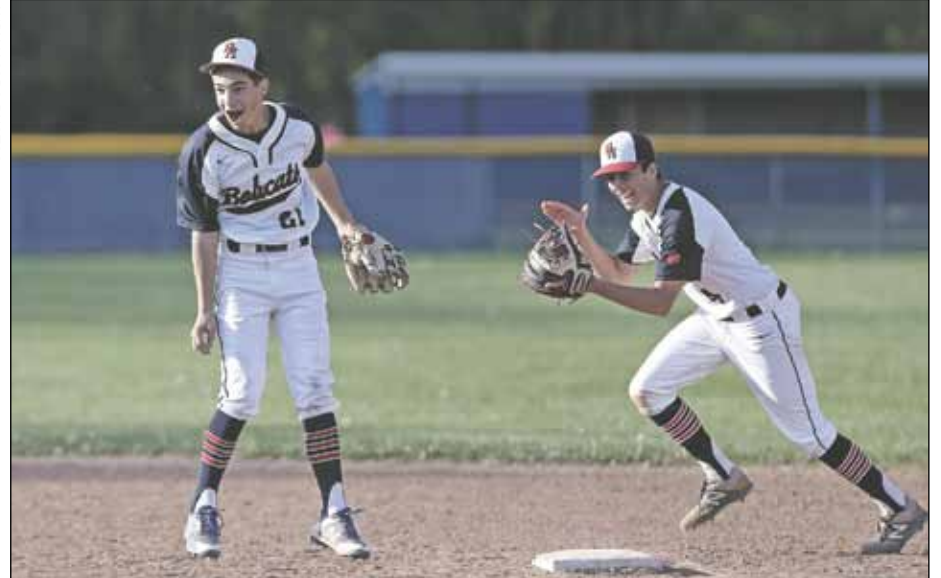
The power right-hander used a good fastball and spotted his curve and off-speed pitches to overpower the Garnets early. Frye struck out the first three batters of the game and allowed no base runners until his infield made two errors in the fourth. Second baseman Kyle Smelser made the play of the game when he recovered from a botched ground ball to throw out a runner headed home, saving a run.

Left fielder Matt Nichols drove home first baseman Antonio Aversa with



Antonio Aversa of Byram Hills races home with the game's only run in last week's 1-0 win over visiting Rye.

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Byram Hills infielders Brady Karp (left) and Kyle Smelser start to celebrate after the final out of Wednesday's no-hitter against the Rye Garnets.

the game's only run when he blasted a booming double to left-center field in the bottom of the fourth inning with the Bobcats' first hit of the game. Right-fielder Brandon Fonte singled in the sixth for the other Bobcat hit.

"(Lavelle) had a pretty nice curveball," Nichols said. "I was looking fastball and got it on the first pitch and just hit it right. I've been waiting to do that for a while, to get a good pitch and a big hit. (Aversa) did a good job getting the run home."

Nichols said the Bobcats were looking forward to a good seed in the playoffs going into next week.

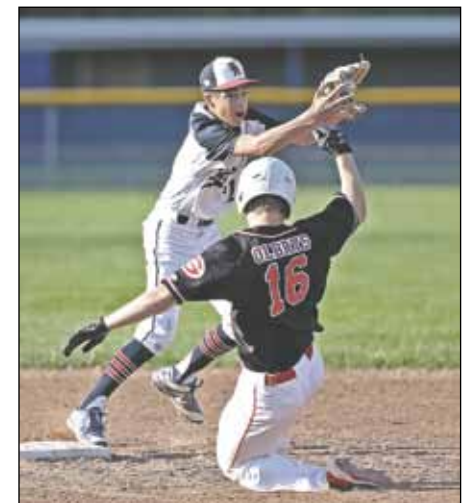
"We're playing for seeding and to just win games," he said. "The league is out of the question, so we want to be playing as well as we can into the playoffs. Beating Rye, their first loss, is a good win, especially with the no-hitter."

Aversa knew Nichols's blast might be the best chance to score a run and never looked back when he saw the ball soar over the center fielder's head.

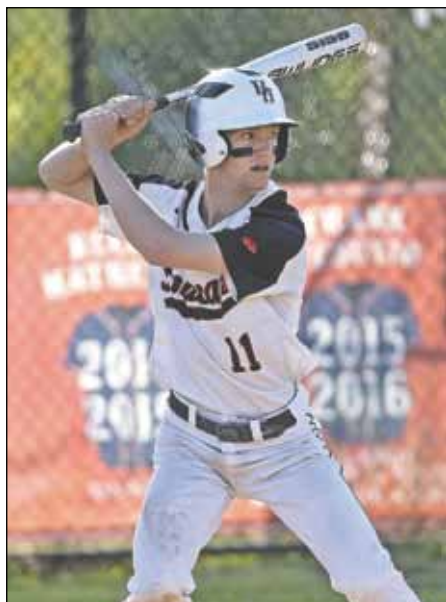


The Bobcats' Daniel DiSano hits the ball up the middle during last Wednesday's 1-0 victory over Rye.

"As soon as he hit the ball and saw where it was going, I just kept running hard," Aversa said. "I knew I had to score once I got past second base and turned third. My guy behind home plate signaled me to go down and I slid in and got right back up. I didn't know it would be the only run, so it was a big one."



Byram Hills shortstop Brady Karp steps on second base for a force-out in the seventh inning of Wednesday's 1-0 win over the Garnets.



Byram Hills batter Jackson Pinsky gets ready to swing at a pitch in last Wednesday's win over the previously unbeaten Rye Garnets.



Byram Hills' Matt Nichols takes a lead off second base following his game-deciding RBI double in the fourth inning vs. Rye.

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Panthers Earn a Hard-Fought Victory Over Briarcliff

By Andy Jacobs

The Section One lacrosse playoffs are still a few days away, but Saturday afternoon's matchup between rivals Pleasantville and Briarcliff sure provided fans with an early taste of the postseason.

With Jack Howe and Declan McDermott each scoring three goals and Brian Reda adding two more, the Panthers managed to overcome a serious upset bid by the host Bears, winning 10-8 in a seesaw game that had spills, thrills and four lead changes.

"Whenever we play them, no matter what the records are, it's always a chippy, feisty game," said Panthers head coach Chris Kear shortly after his three-time defending sectional champions had overcome a rare halftime deficit. "We knew they were gonna give us their best. This is basically one of their biggest games, if not the biggest game of the season. So we tried to prepare mentally that this was gonna be like this, and it sure was."

But just a couple of minutes into a rematch of the 2017 Class C title game, the Panthers already had Briarcliff reeling. Howe and Reda scored goals nine seconds apart and the Panthers had a 2-0 lead with 9:31 to go in the opening quarter. The Bears were forced to call an early timeout.

"Just settle them down a little bit and tell 'em to relax," said Briarcliff coach Al Meola about the early chat with his team. "Do what we do and it'll come. We just had to relax and settle into the game again."

The Bears served notice they were up for the fight by slicing the Pleasantville lead in half not long after returning from their huddle. Chase Duke got the ball to Peter Olsen, who fired it past Panther goalie Jack Fitzgerald from left of the cage. But with 2:46 remaining in the period, Reda, now the all-time leading goal scorer in section history, converted following some impressive P'ville ball movement and the Panthers took a 3-1 advantage into the second quarter.

Briarcliff's zone defense kept Pleasantville off the scoreboard for the entire second period. Meanwhile, the Bears got goals from Duke with 8:50



The Panthers' Jack Howe celebrates after scoring a goal in the fourth quarter against Briarcliff.

left in the half and Aidan Murnane with 7:12 on the clock to tie the score at 3-3. Then just 24 seconds before halftime, the Bears' Spencer Rockmore concluded his lengthy control of the ball behind the cage by somehow slipping past Declan McDermott to send a shot past Fitzgerald while tumbling to the turf.

At intermission, Pleasantville found itself in the unfamiliar position of trailing by a goal.

"Yeah, we talked a little bit about X's and O's," said Kear. "But what we really said to them was it came down to heart. They were beating us to groundballs, they were winning faceoffs, they were outshooting us and they were outplaying us completely. We just had to go out there and want it more and I feel like we responded in the second half."

Still, it was the Bears who started the scoring in the second half as Olson tallied his second goal, running to his right before sending a one-hopper past Fitzgerald and increasing the Briarcliff lead to 5-3.

Unfortunately for the Bears, Pleasantville responded with three straight goals, starting with a missile with 8:22 left in the third quarter from McDermott, who also finished with three assists.

A Briarcliff turnover led to a goal by Patrick Doherty midway through the period, then Jack



Declan McDermott of Pleasantville fires a shot toward the cage during Saturday's 10-8 victory over host Briarcliff.

Halloran connected in a crowd 24 seconds later to give the Panthers a 6-5 edge. But the Bears answered with two straight goals, 43 seconds apart, by Duke and Zach Vincent to retake the lead. Another rocket from the stick of McDermott tied the game at 7-7 with 10 seconds left in the quarter.

A pair of goals by Howe in the fourth quarter, the first off a feed from McDermott a man up and the second while running to his left and firing a low, left-handed shot past Henry Anderson, enabled the Panthers to grab a 9-7 advantage with 6:24 remaining in the game.

"We talked a lot with Jack this week about getting more accurate with his shot," said Kear. "I think he took that to heart and he was putting the shots on cage today and he was burying them. So that was a huge lift for us."

A goal by the Bears' Rockmore cut the P'ville lead to just one with 5:40 still remaining, but a little more than a minute later, McDermott, after a series of head fakes, fired in his third goal of the afternoon to provide the Panthers with their final margin. The final buzzer sounded as Fitzgerald was making his eighth save of the game, on a last, desperation shot by Rockmore.

"Proud of the effort," said the Bears' Meola, despite falling just short. "The four-quarter effort, we've been struggling with that all year long. We've played some



Pleasantville goalie Jack Fitzgerald gets ready to clear the ball after making a save in the 10-8 win over Briarcliff.

tough teams and the wheels have come off at times. But, today, they played four solid, hard quarters. We made mistakes, but the effort was there for four quarters."

"I think in the second half," said Kear, "we got a few stops on defense, which we weren't getting in the first half. We did get some stops, had some takeaways. And we actually killed off that penalty at the beginning of the half, which was a huge momentum swing. We had two men down, so that was nice to kill that off and that kind of gave us a little momentum in the third quarter."

It wouldn't be a shock if the two teams face each other once more this season, perhaps in the sectional championship for a second straight year.

"Yeah, we would love to get to that final game again if we can and get a rematch with them," said Meola. "We'd love it. That's what we want. That's been our dream since last year when we came home off the bus."



Briarcliff's Zach Vincent heads toward the cage despite defensive pressure from Pleasantville's Charlie McPhee in the first half of Saturday's game.



Pleasantville's Brian Reda controls the ball in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game as Briarcliff's Andrew Kanovsky tries to keep him away from the cage.



Camron Fash of Briarcliff, flanked by teammate Zach Vincent, moves the ball across the field against visiting Pleasantville.

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SPORTS SCENE



Pleasantville's Adrian Rippstein runs in the 200 at last week's League 3A Championships.



Fox Lane's Justin Picone hits an approach to the green during Thursday's match vs. Yorktown at Mohansic Golf Course.



Briarcliff's David Levitt lines up a backhand return during his match at first singles vs. host Croton-Harmon.



Diana Santini of Valhalla clears a hurdle during last week's League 3A Championships at Briarcliff High School.



Jack Fogel of Briarcliff gets set to hit a forehand in his second-singles match at Croton last Wednesday.



Westlake's Viktoria Hudd checks behind her as she races toward the cage in the Wildcats' road game vs. Pleasantville.



Westlake's Lia Poggioreale takes the ball past midfield in last Tuesday's game at Pleasantville High School.



Ryan Arkison of Fox Lane watches his chip shot land on the green at last week's golf match against host Yorktown.



Vanessa Lembo of Westlake surveys the field for open teammates during last week's game at Pleasantville.



Briarcliff's Matthew Burnette took fifth place in the 400 meter hurdles at last Tuesday's league championships.



Pleasantville goalie Jessica Mullane guards the cage in the Panthers' victory over Westlake last Tuesday.



Westlake's Nicole Musial is on her way to a first-place finish in the 3000 at last Tuesday's league championships.



Lindsey Grotta of Byram Hills tries to get to the cage in Thursday's home game against the Rye Garnets.



Briarcliff's Christian Gonseth follows the flight of his tee shot on the fifth hole at the Whippoorwill Club last Tuesday.



Kallie Hoffman of Byram Hills prepares for an eight-meter shot during the Bobcats' 13-12 loss to Rye on Thursday afternoon.



Valhalla's Coby Berliner reaches to hit a high backhand volley during his match at first singles vs. host Pleasantville last Tuesday afternoon.



Valhalla freshman Jasmine Grant runs to a first-place finish in the 200 at last Tuesday's League 3A Championships.



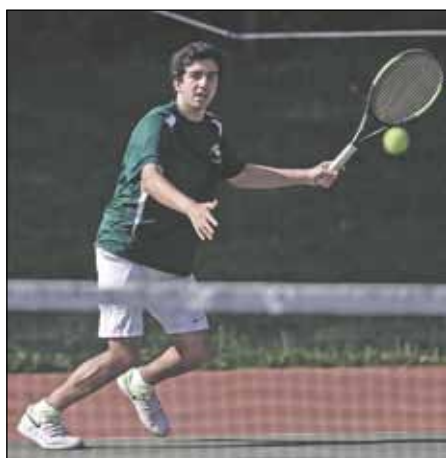
Lilly Ceisler of Byram Hills moves the ball across midfield in last week's game against Rye. The Bobcats nearly overcame a late five-goal deficit, but lost 13-12.



Jason Dahl of Pleasantville drives the ball during last Tuesday's golf match vs. Briarcliff.



Pleasantville's Ryan Kwait hits his tee shot on the fifth hole at the Whippoorwill Club last Tuesday afternoon.



Pleasantville first-singles player Mark Indriolo improved to 11-0 this season with a home victory against Valhalla last Tuesday.



Justin Chan of Briarcliff chips the ball on the fourth green during last week's match vs. Pleasantville at Whippoorwill.



Jonathan Hayes of Pleasantville hits a backhand return in his second-singles match against visiting Valhalla last week.



Bryam Hills' Taylor Duffy gets ready to pass the ball in the second half of Thursday's game vs. Rye.

Fox Lane Softball Team Blanks Horace Greeley

By Danny Lopriore

Ellie Murphy tossed a three-hit shutout over five innings and the Fox Lane offense produced 14 runs to support her in a victory over host Horace Greeley on Friday afternoon.

Murphy, a senior righthander, struck out six and limited any serious scoring threats. The Fox Lane defense played well behind her, denying the Quakers any momentum when they did get runners on base. Murphy, who has also been added to the batting lineup recently, added two hits and three RBIs in her own cause.

"I've pitched every game so far, but I feel really good," said Murphy, who habitually throws her head back limbo-like before each delivery. "I like being out there every game. It's my strength. The defense is really good and that helps. We want to be playing well going into the playoffs. As for my head going back, I don't have a good answer, except it's a rhythmic thing. It starts my momentum."

The Foxes, looking for late-season momentum, upped their record to 8-7 as they play their final games of the regular season and move toward the playoffs. Greeley, hampered by injuries to key players and playing with several sophomores and freshmen in the lineup, fell to 1-13.

Senior shortstop Lucy Crerend anchored the defense, had a pair of hits, drove in three runs and scored three runs. She handled nearly every ball hit to her.

"We changed our lineup a little bit. Ellie now hits," Crerend said. "She has a good batting average and helps us a lot. Getting to 8-7 is good going into the playoffs."

Danielle Palladino had two hits and drove in a pair of runs, while Samantha Sanchez added two hits and scored three times for the Foxes. Adrian Piccolino had a triple and a single and scored twice for Fox Lane.



Fox Lane's Ellie Murphy delivers a pitch during Friday afternoon's game at Horace Greeley.

Sami Miller, Alison Marina and Emma Hart each had a hit for Greeley.

Jamie Fine, a sophomore outfielder who has been supporting her teammates from the bench after her season was cut short by a knee injury, said the Quakers are using this season's trying times to build something for next year.

"We are playing hard, but have a lot of injuries," she said. "I dislocated my knee and we have several players with tendinitis and other injuries, but it's tough to get going. We have eight freshmen and just six returning players. We're all learning as we go, so we are looking forward to next season. The important thing is to focus on getting better."



Adriana Piccolino of Fox Lane runs to third base in the win over Greeley.



Fox Lane base runner Adriana Piccolino slides safely into second as Greeley shortstop Penny Toll applies a late tag.



Greeley batter Penny Toll awaits a pitch in the fifth inning vs. Fox Lane.



Danielle Palladino of Fox Lane swings the bat in the Foxes' victory over host Greeley on Friday.



Horace Greeley center fielder Emma Hart fields the ball in Friday's home game vs. Fox Lane.



Greeley first baseman Sarah Jakukowicz stretches for the putout just in time to retire Fox Lane's Ellie Murphy in Friday afternoon's game.

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Briarcliff Loses in Extra Innings to the Resilient Unicorns

By Andy Jacobs

Just in case they needed it, the Briarcliff Bears got another reminder on Friday night that the Keio baseball team can never be counted out.

The Unicorns came from behind three different times, finally emerging with a 9-8 victory at Dutchess Stadium on a two-out, bases-loaded bloop single to right field by Yoichiro Ohashi in the bottom of the 10th inning that plated the tying and winning runs and brought an end to a contest that lasted nearly three and a half hours.

"Listen, Keio is probably the most fundamentally sound team in Section One," said Briarcliff coach John Schrader after his team was unable to protect one-run leads in both the ninth and 10th innings. "They are so well-coached, they have so much respect and they're just so fundamentally sound. They really do an excellent job. They get guys on base, they bunt, they steal, they delay steal, they slash. They do about everything in the book that you can think of."

Playing under the lights at the minor-league home of the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Bears jumped out to a 5-1 lead after an inning and a half and seemed well on their way to concluding the 20-game regular season with their 18th win. But a two-out, three-run triple in the bottom of the second by starting pitcher Reiya Matsumoto got the Unicorns right back in the game and paved the way to Briarcliff's second loss in its last three games.

"It never helps when you lose two like that," said Schrader, whose Bears had dropped a road game to Westlake earlier in the week. "But I'm really confident that our group is the type that can regroup and be successful going into the playoffs."

Both teams put runs on the scoreboard in each of the first three innings, then went scoreless for the next five. The Bears grabbed a 1-0 lead in top of the first as leadoff hitter Jack Ryan singled to right field, stole second base and then scored on Noah Campo's sharp single to left. But Keio answered with an unearned run in the bottom of the inning before Briarcliff



Briarcliff's Noah Campo hits a run-scoring single in the first inning of Friday night's game at Dutchess Stadium.

starter Spencer McCann stranded a runner at third by striking out Ohashi and then retiring Hideki Shigeno on a grounder to first.

Briarcliff erupted for four runs in the top of the second inning, which began with hits from John Gross, Mike Hardy and Danny Huegel that loaded the bases. All three of them wound up scoring on consecutive ground balls by Ryan, Joe Scanga and Campo. Cleanup batter Luca Lombardi drove home the Bears' fifth run of the evening with a line-drive single to center field.

Unfortunately for the Bears, McCann had some trouble finding the plate in the bottom of the second, walking two batters and hitting another. With the bases loaded and two outs, Matsumoto helped his own cause by drilling the first pitch he saw from McCann to the right-center-field gap for a three-run triple.

"Yeah, absolutely," said Schrader, asked later if the big hit by Matsumoto had



Joe Scanga of Briarcliff races to third base with a seventh-inning triple against Keio on Friday evening.

changed the complexion of the game. "It absolutely turned around on a dime."

The Bears added another run in the third, taking a 6-4 lead as Gross walked, moved all the way to third base on a wild pitch and then scored on Huegel's grounder to second. But a couple of walks by McCann in the bottom of the inning helped the Unicorns score twice and tie the game. After the one-out single to center by Daisuke Oki that brought home the tying run, Schrader summoned senior southpaw Matt Juvelier, who got out of trouble with a timely strikeout and then a double-steal attempt by the Unicorns that ended with catcher Julian Matthews tagging out Ryutaro Fukumoto on a close play at the plate.

After scoring six runs through the first three innings, the Bears only sent nine batters to the plate over the next three. In the top of the seventh, though, facing new pitcher Yuki Nakagawa, Scanga hit a booming triple to the left-center gap with one out. But Campo grounded to short, then Lombardi hit a chopper in front of the plate and was thrown out, stranding the go-ahead run at third.

Briarcliff also stranded two runners



Matt Juvelier, the second of three Briarcliff pitchers on Friday night, delivers a pitch at Dutchess Stadium.



A fired-up Jack Ryan is greeted by teammate Luca Lombardi after scoring the go-ahead run in the ninth inning vs. the Keio Unicorns.

in the eighth, then turned to its third pitcher, Ryan Nieto, to keep the score tied. He yielded a leadoff walk and a one-out, bloop double to left before making a Houdini escape with a strikeout and a weak grounder that he fielded toward the first-base line.

The Bears finally ended their scoring drought in the ninth inning without even hitting the ball. Both Ryan and Scanga were plunked by pitches. After Ryan stole third base, he came home on a balk to give Briarcliff a 7-6 edge. But back-to-back doubles in the bottom of the inning by Ohashi and Shigeno tied the score again.

In the top of the 10th inning, Briarcliff regained the lead as McCann led off with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch, then to third on Hardy's groundout before scoring on a clutch two-out single to right by Huegel. Keio had an answer once again in its half of the inning, loading the bases on a pair of singles and a hit batsman.

Nieto retired Masaki Miyata on a popup to first baseman Campo for the second out, but Ohashi then sent his Keio teammates racing onto the field in celebration by dropping a flare into short right field in front of McCann for the game-winning two-run single.

"You know what, the atmosphere that we had tonight was definitely sectional playoff play," said Schrader. "That's what it's all about. It's good experience going into the playoffs."

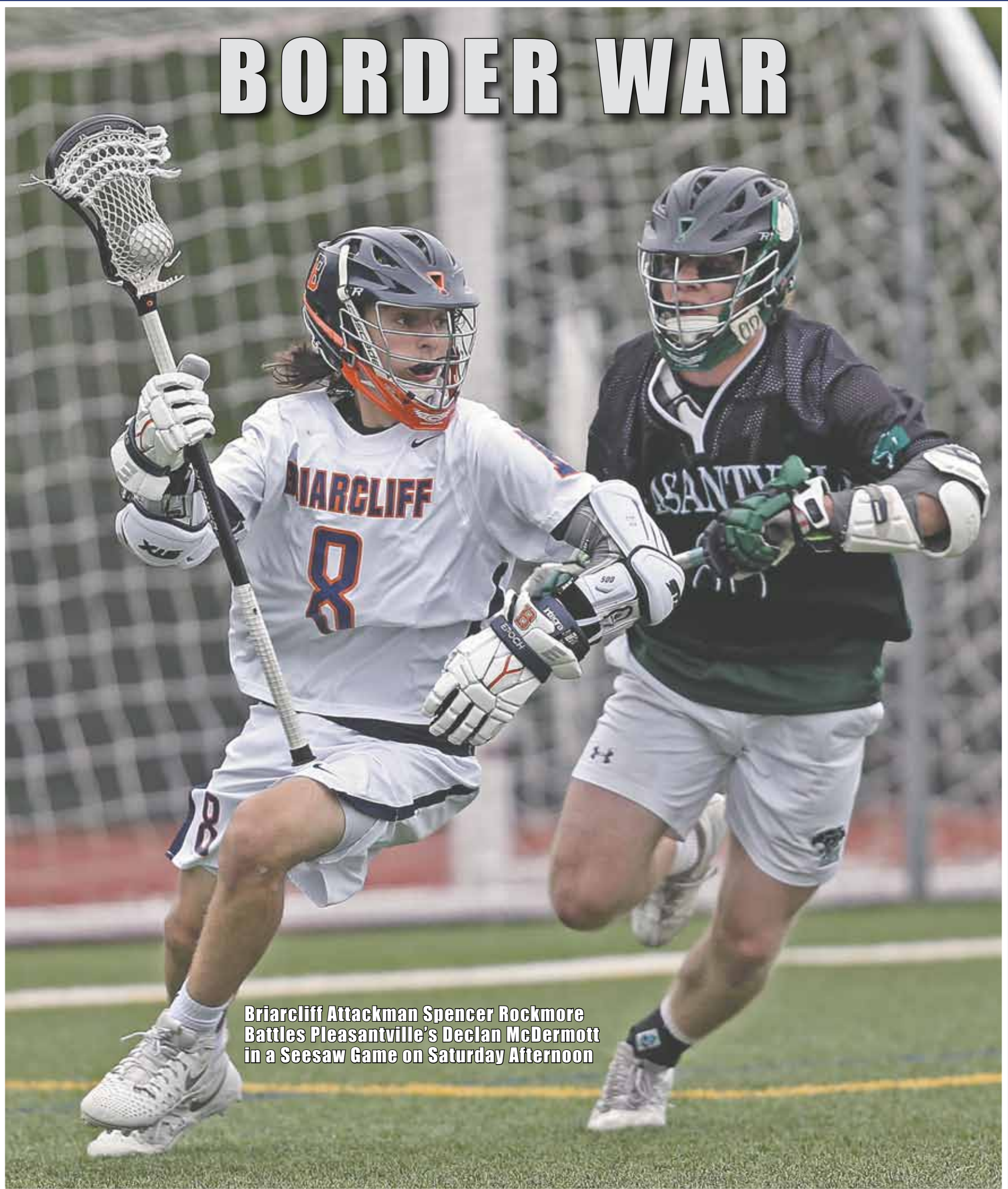


Briarcliff catcher Julian Matthews tags out Keio's Ryutaro Fukumoto at the plate in the third inning of Friday's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Briarcliff right fielder Spencer Rockmore makes a diving catch to end the fourth inning and strand a pair of Keio baserunners.

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**Briarcliff Attackman Spencer Rockmore
Battles Pleasantville's Declan McDermott
in a Seesaw Game on Saturday Afternoon**