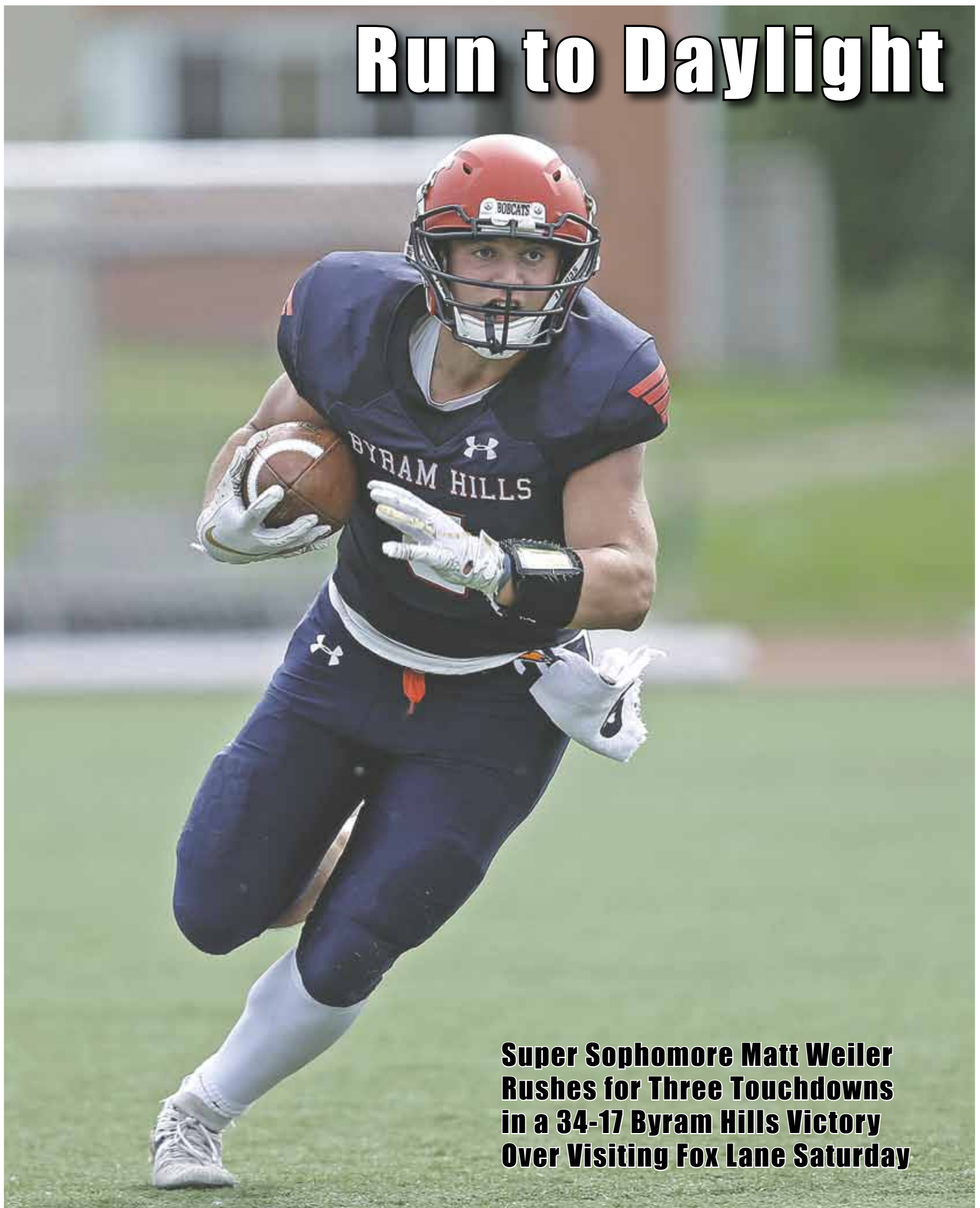


Run to Daylight



**Super Sophomore Matt Weiler
Rushes for Three Touchdowns
in a 34-17 Byram Hills Victory
Over Visiting Fox Lane Saturday**

Bobcats Overcome an Early Deficit to Beat Fox Lane

By Andy Jacobs

Momentum changed hands in an instant on Saturday afternoon, and once it did the Byram Hills football team never gave it back.

Overcoming an 11-point first-half deficit, the Bobcats scored the game's final four touchdowns, routing visiting Fox Lane 34-17 on a breezy last day of summer. Sophomore running back Jack Weiler rushed for three touchdowns and the Byram Hills defense stymied the Foxes' ground game over the final three quarters as the Bobcats improved to 3-1 this season.

"Football's all about momentum," said Fox Lane head coach Bill Broggy following his team's third consecutive loss. "Obviously the momentum shifted from us to them."

Broggy's Foxes, trying to rebound from a lopsided shutout loss to Somers a week earlier, scored a touchdown on an 11-play, 57-yard drive on their first possession of the day and seemed to be firmly in control when Luca Friedman picked off a pass on the second play of the second quarter and ran 30 yards for a touchdown that stretched their lead to 17-6.

But just 19 seconds later, Bobcat sophomore tight end Steven Franco caught a pass from Jack Kenny, somehow eluded Fox Lane's Josh Olsen, then bolted down the right sideline all the way to the goal line for a 77-yard touchdown that turned around the course of the contest.

"Yeah, that killed us," conceded Broggy. "That killed us."

"For us to be able to answer back was huge and it gave our kids a lot of confidence," said Bobcat coach Doug Carpenter. "Steven Franco, it was his second fairly long touchdown of the year and he did a tremendous job securing the football, kind of skipping through a tackle and then running into the end zone. Obviously that was great because Fox Lane's really good and they've got some really special players."

Fox Lane, with a four-yard touchdown



Fox Lane senior wide receiver Josh Olsen makes an acrobatic diving catch along the right sideline in Saturday afternoon's game at Byram Hills.

run from Andrew Brown and a 25-yard field goal by Spencer Rowley in addition to Friedman's pick-six, held the lead for nearly the entire first half. But with just over a minute remaining in the second quarter, a Rowley pass deep in Bobcat territory was intercepted by Kenny, who returned it all the way to the Foxes' 36-yard line.

Just three plays later, Weiler broke through the line of scrimmage and scored on a 23-yard run that gave the Bobcats the lead for good. The point-after kick by Skyler Healy extended the Byram Hills lead to 20-17 at intermission.

"Oh, it was huge," said Carpenter about being able to leave the field at halftime with a four-point advantage. "At that point, I think it just had a huge impact on all three phases. Our kids settled in on defense. I think after their first couple drives we were a little bit nervous that we couldn't hang with them. They were really, really tough and physical, and then once we settled in our kids did a great job of executing the game plan. We had some guys that made some really special plays in really important spots."

One of those special plays came on the opening drive of the third quarter when a

Rowley screen pass under pressure from Franco was picked off by Cole Picca, who carried the ball down to the Foxes' six-yard line. Moments later, on first down, Weiler scampered right for his second touchdown and suddenly the Bobcats had a 10-point cushion.

"It was a good close game and we just made too many mistakes," said Broggy. "You can't make mistakes."

Fox Lane's Brown returned the ensuing kickoff 40 yards to the Bobcat 32-yard line, but on fourth-and-one, with Matt Bodine now calling signals for the Foxes, the Byram defense rose to the challenge and made a huge stop. Another opportunity for the Foxes would come with four minutes left in the third quarter when a booming 60-yard punt by Jayden Poellot pinned the Bobcats at their own one-yard line.

Unfortunately for the Foxes, they couldn't contain Weiler, who caught a pass from Kenny for a nine-yard gain, then had runs of 21 and 13 yards. By the time the Bobcats were forced to punt, they had crossed midfield and regained control of field position.

The Foxes' last gasp may have come three plays into the fourth quarter when



Byram Hills sophomore running back Jack Weiler carries the football in the second half as Fox Lane's Ben LaRaus chases near midfield.

Poellot, on a fourth-and-nine play, was unable to pick up a first down after he faked a punt and threw a desperation screen pass. A flag was thrown against Fox Lane, but the Bobcats naturally declined the penalty.

They took over on the Foxes' 35 with 11:43 left in the game and, seven plays later, Weiler ran into the end zone from two yards out for his third touchdown of the afternoon. The PAT by Healy gave the Bobcats a 34-17 lead with just over eight and a half minutes left on the clock.

The Bobcats could start to celebrate their latest victory just past the midway point of the fourth quarter when a Bodine fourth-and-two pass to Brown near midfield sailed wide of the target. They soon used up most of the remaining time with seven consecutive running plays that advanced the ball to the Foxes' two-yard line before it was turned over on downs.

Nothing Broggy saw from the power running of the emerging star, Weiler,

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The Bobcats' Jack Tillinger returns a kick in the first half of the 34-17 home victory over Fox Lane.



Fox Lane quarterback Spencer Rowley gets ready to throw the football as Byram Hills linebacker Eli Ratzan closes in.



Byram Hills quarterback Jack Kenny leaves a Fox Lane defender behind as he picks up big yardage during the Bobcats' home win over the Foxes.



Steven Franco of Byram Hills is joined by jubilant teammate Cole Picca after his 77-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter of Saturday's win over Fox Lane.

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came as much of a surprise to him.

"No, no, I've seen him on film," he said. "He's a real good back. We knew going in they're a good team with a good coach. So I'm not disappointed we lost to Byram Hills. I'm disappointed in the way we played. We just don't step up. We've got to start stepping up. We've just got to show up on Monday, put it behind us and just work harder."

For the Bobcats' Carpenter, the convincing win over the neighboring Foxes might help him sleep a bit better in the future. It seems he still has flashbacks to a game against Fox Lane back when he was in high school.

"I told the kids afterwards that when I was a senior at John Jay, Fox Lane was our rival and we lost to them," he said. "And I didn't play well. I think about it all the time. I see some of those guys and certainly it's nice to have those bragging rights."



The Foxes' Jack Foote is chased by a trio of Byram Hills defensive players as he carries the ball in Saturday afternoon's game.



Fox Lane running back Michael Washington hits the brakes while carrying the football in the first half against the host Bobcats.



Fox Lane senior Andrew Brown finds some running room as he carries the ball vs. the Bobcats.



Panther quarterback Jack Howe makes an off-balance throw under pressure from Bronxville's Brennan McDermott in the opening quarter of Saturday's game under the lights.

Panthers Defeat Bronxville for Third Straight Victory



The Panthers' Danny Minerva breaks through the line of scrimmage while running with the ball in the opening quarter vs. visiting Bronxville.



Jared Willens of Pleasantville runs past Bronxville's Logan Glick in the Panthers' 36-30 victory on Saturday evening at Parkway Field.



Pleasantville's Danny Melillo scampers to his right before throwing a pass to teammate Jack Howe for a two-point conversion in the first quarter of Saturday night's game.



Coach Tony Becerra watches his Panthers open up a big first-half lead against Bronxville.



Jack Howe runs for one of his three touchdowns in Pleasantville's 36-30 win over Bronxville. The Panthers built a 29-8 halftime lead, then held on the rest of the way.

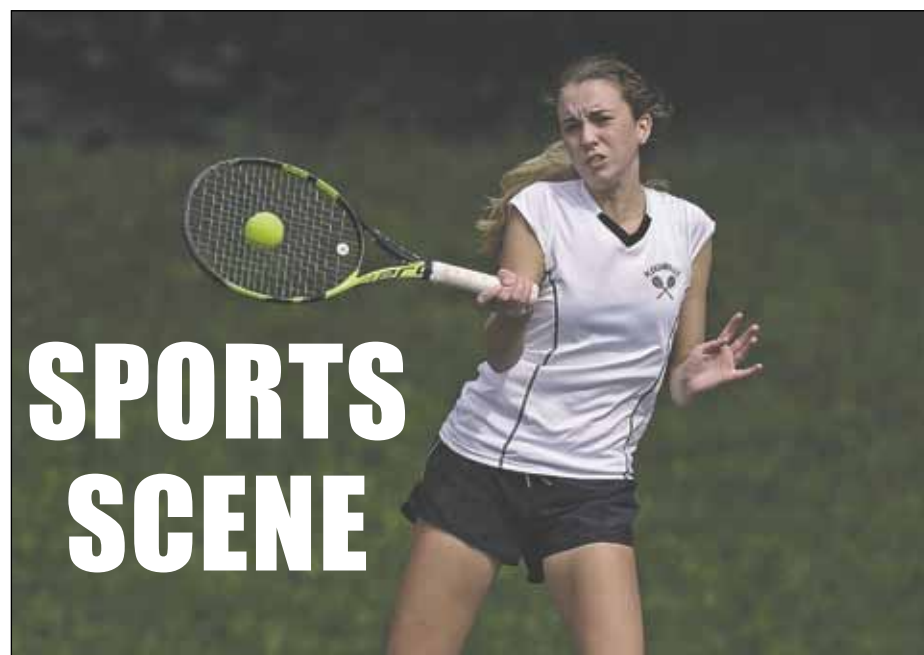


A portion of Pleasantville's big Homecoming turnout watches their Panthers in the opening minutes of Saturday night's game at Parkway Field.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS



Harrison Hailsworth of Pleasantville finds some room to run as he carries the football in the Panthers' win over Bronxville, their third in a row following a season-opening loss to Ardsley.



Pleasantville's Olivia Ashton smacks a forehand return during her easy victory at first singles against Croton on Saturday.



Fox Lane junior Daysi Vasquez chases after the ball along the left sideline in the opening half of Friday's game at Ketcham.



Byram Hills sophomore Madison Jakubek searches for a teammate to pass to in the Bobcats' 3-0 loss on Thursday afternoon.



Izzy Sullivan of Byram Hills races toward the ball in the Bobcats' home game against Clarkstown North on Thursday afternoon.



Anisha Chandy of Pleasantville races toward the net to make a return in her match at second singles on Saturday.



Byram Hills junior goalkeeper Amanda Nivasch boots the ball across the field in the first half of Thursday's loss to Clarkstown North.



Fox Lane's Alexandra Stickler controls the ball in the first half of Friday afternoon's game at Roy C. Ketcham.



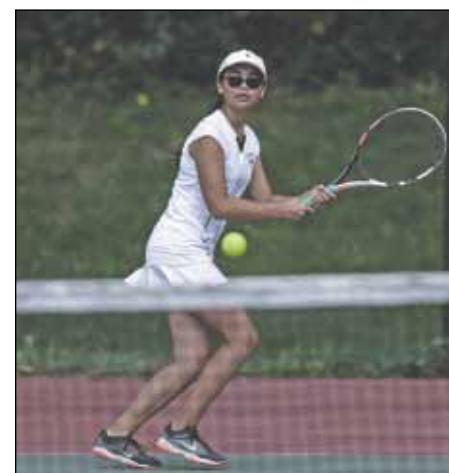
Alexia Giordano of Byram Hills kicks the ball up the field in the Bobcats' home loss on Thursday.



Byram Hills' Kallie Hoffman turns on the speed as she sets her sights on a goal-scoring opportunity in Thursday's game vs. Clarkstown North.



Juliana Surace of Fox Lane tries to maintain control of the ball during the Foxes' road game against the Ketcham Indians.



Pleasantville third-singles player Chloe Balin prepares to hit a backhand in Saturday's home match against the Croton-Harmon Tigers.

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Alexandra Griffin of Fox Lane looks toward midfield before passing the ball in Friday's road game.



Pleasantville junior forward Jade Farina waits for a pass during a penalty corner against Ossining.



Pleasantville junior Sophie Ruhl takes the ball past midfield in the Panthers' home win over Ossining on Saturday afternoon.



Briarcliff star forward Isabelle Tola scored three goals in Saturday's 7-2 rout of visiting Haldane.



Callie Sullivan of Pleasantville wins a race for the ball in the first half of Saturday's victory against visiting Ossining.



Christina Skrypczak of Pleasantville sends the ball up the field during the opening half of Saturday afternoon's home victory vs. Ossining.



Victoria Craig of the Pleasantville Panthers tries to maneuver her way around the Ossining defense late Saturday afternoon.



Kaitlyn Ryan of Briarcliff dribbles the ball up the field in the first half vs. the Haldane Blue Devils.



Fox Lane freshman Emma Greene sends a free kick into the air in the first half against the RCK Indians.



Briarcliff freshman Talia Fante sets her sights on the ball during the Bears' home win on Saturday.



Briarcliff's Maya Celaj tries to control the ball in the first half of Saturday morning's 7-2 win over visiting Haldane.

Vikings Get Overwhelmed by the Dobbs Ferry Eagles

By Sean Browne

"Dominance" was the key word to describe the Dobbs Ferry football team's 41-0 lopsided victory over the Valhalla Vikings this past Friday night.

"Dobbs Ferry is a very well-coached team, probably the best team in Class C," said Vikings head coach Stephen Boyer. "It was a tough test for our team and they played hard until the final whistle."

Valhalla had no answer for the Eagles' run game, led by halfbacks Emilio Nolasco and Jack Baglieri. On Dobbs Ferry's first possession, the two backs were alternating big run after big run, each with a carry for over 20 yards. Senior halfback Awwise Khan put the finishing touch on the drive with a 12-yard touchdown, giving the Eagles an early 7-0 lead.

The Vikings started with the ball at their own 36-yard line, but did very little with it as they went three and out. When the Eagles got the ball back, they went right back to work. On the first play of their second drive, Nolasco took a handoff 70 yards to the house and Dobbs Ferry had a 14-0 lead just like that.

Needing to answer the Eagles

desperately, Valhalla back Mahari Davis Jr. had a long run for 35 yards, followed by a screen pass from freshman quarterback Michael Dawson to halfback Bryan Cusi that set up the Vikings at the 1-yard line. Unable to punch the ball in three straight times, the Vikings decided to go for it on fourth down instead of a field goal, only to be stuffed again at the goal line.

"We had trouble stopping them, so three points isn't going to do anything at that time," Boyer said. "We practice stuff that we do at the goal line and we tried to just run them over. Probably not a great choice on my part."

Unfortunately for the Vikings, that squandered opportunity would turn out to be their best chance to put points on the scoreboard for the rest of the game.

Taking over on the 1-yard line, the Eagles looked to prove that their offense is not one dimensional. Quarterback Patrick Straub had back-to-back pass plays of over 20 yards to his top receiver, Tevaun Holness. On the first play of the second quarter, Straub found Holness again for a touchdown on a 22-yard pass play.

The Eagles lead was now up to 20-0, but not for long. Holness soon scored again following a 36-yard pass from Straub as the Eagles extended their lead to 27-0. They would take a 34-0 halftime lead, finishing the half without punting the ball even once.

At the start of the third quarter, the pressure was on the Vikings to put some points on the board, but that task was too difficult with Eagle defensive ends Thomas Palicz and Justin Morgan wreaking havoc in the Vikings' backfield, sacking Dawson multiple times.

On their first possession of the second half, the Eagles picked up right where they left off as



Running back Mahari Davis Jr. of Valhalla carries the football during Friday's home game against the Dobbs Ferry Eagles.



Valhalla freshman quarterback Michael Dawson rolls out to his right before throwing a pass in the first half of Friday night's game.



The Vikings' Bryan Cusi tries to outrun Michael McGoe of Dobbs Ferry in the first quarter of Friday's game, won by the visiting Eagles.

Baglieri took a carry 70 yards for a touchdown, putting the game away before the fourth quarter even began.

According to Boyer, it was the Dobbs Ferry edge in experience that played a big role in their domination of the game. The Eagles have 13 seniors, far more than the Vikings. However, Boyer believes that his team's inexperience can lead to opportunities in the future.

"It was a test of what is in front of us," he said. "This is a good example of what our squad will be in three years. This will be a goal for us to improve on."



It was a long and frustrating evening for Jaynique Charles (center) and the rest of the Valhalla defense against the potent offense of the Dobbs Ferry Eagles.



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Valhalla's Keith Foisset Jr. grabs the back of Jack Baglieri's shirt as he tries to make an open-field tackle in Friday night's Viking loss to visiting Dobbs Ferry.



Dobbs Ferry wide receiver Tevaun Holness holds the ball aloft after scoring one of his first-half touchdowns in the Eagles' rout of host Valhalla.

Valhalla junior Sammy Mussuto turns upfield after catching a first-half pass in the Vikings' home game last Friday night.

Bobcats Battle to a Scoreless Tie Against Jericho



Byram Hills senior Michael Kalian gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate against the Jericho Jayhawks.



Bryan Roden of Byram Hills surveys the field while controlling the ball during Saturday afternoon's home game.



The Bobcats' Sebastien Sampere races up the field with the ball in the second half of Saturday's 0-0 tie against visiting Jericho.



Benjamin Hammond of Byram Hills rises high in the air as he tries to win a battle for the ball in Saturday's home match against Jericho.



Yusuf Hafez of Byram Hills battles in the air for a scoring chance following a Bobcat corner kick in Saturday afternoon's game.

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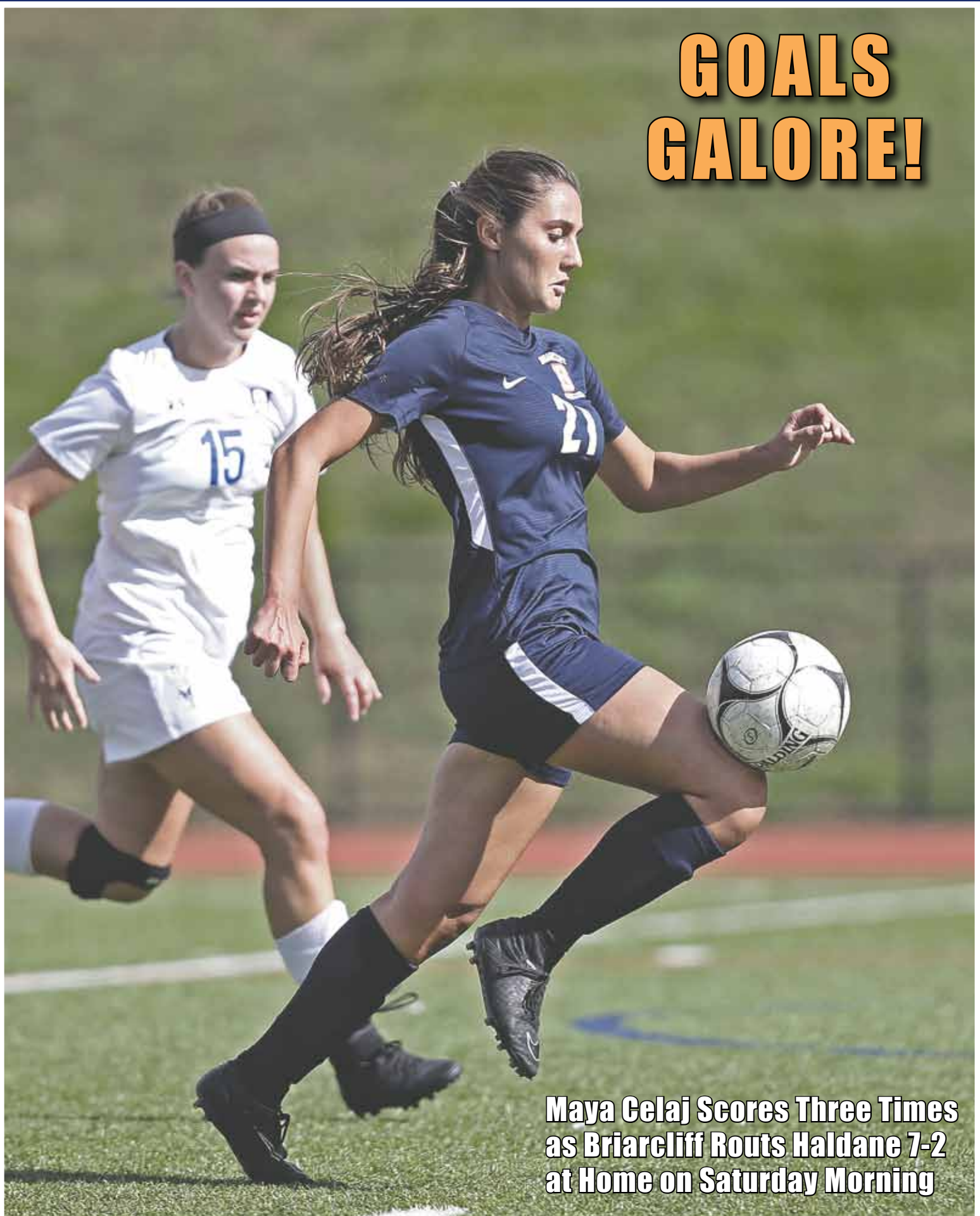
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