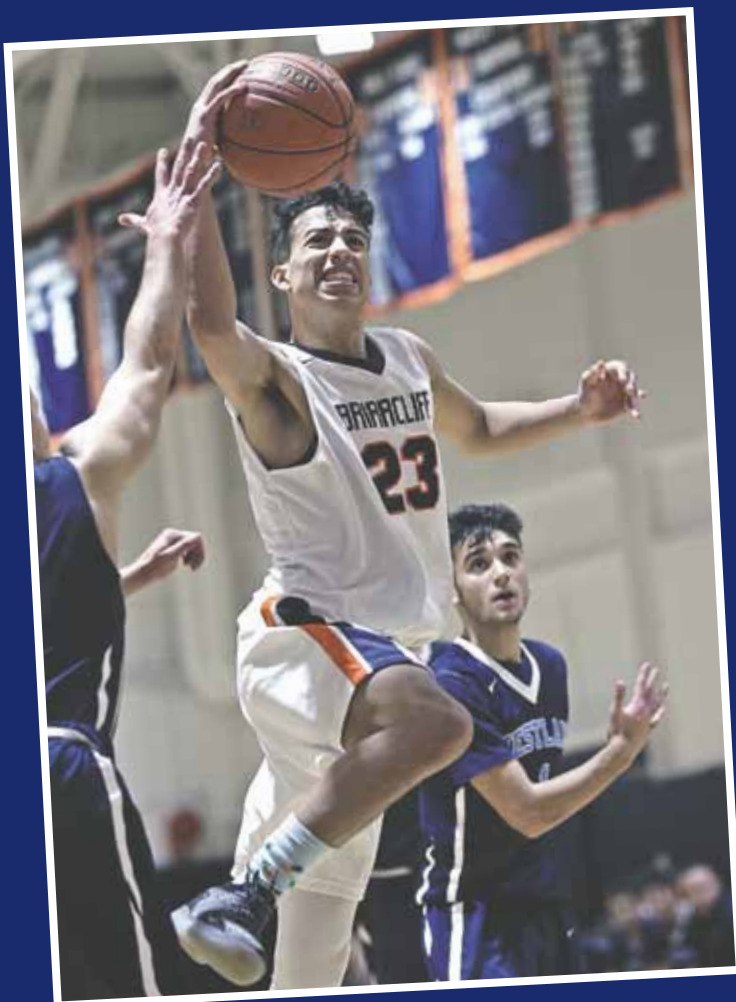


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Briarcliff's Miles Jones heads for the basket in a win over Westlake.



Greeley's Nick Townsend tries to score inside in the Quakers' victory at Somers.



Fox Lane forward John Rocco Trumpbour battles for rebound position with a pair of Yorktown Huskers in the Foxes' come-from-behind win last Tuesday.

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Foxes Step Up the Defensive Pressure to Beat Yorktown

By Andy Jacobs

Spectators inside the gymnasium at Yorktown High School last Tuesday night had to be wondering if it could really be the same Fox Lane boys' basketball team on the court in the third quarter as the one that had just played an underwhelming first half against the host Huskers.

Turning up the intensity and their defensive pressure, the Foxes quickly erased a 12-point halftime deficit by blanking their besieged hosts for the entire eight minutes of the quarter. The remarkable 18-0 demolition paved the way to a 56-43 Fox Lane victory. Junior guard Will Crerend scored 15 of his game-high 20 points in the second half as the Foxes earned their third consecutive win.

"Obviously I was hoping when I put the press on that it would get us back in the game," said Fox Lane head coach Mike Tomassi, whose team outscored the Huskers 40-15 in the second half. "And it did that and more. So it was really nice to see."

Yorktown used a 12-1 burst in the second quarter to open up a 24 12 advantage with 90 seconds left in the half. Despite late baskets from Oliver Shevick and Josh Olsen, the Foxes trailed 28-16 when they walked out of the gym at intermission. Tomassi knew he would have to make a few changes if the second half was going to be different.

"Just our offensive continuity wasn't there," he said. "The first half, I think the ball was sticking a little bit and we weren't making some shots. So, second half, we decided to come in, speed up the game a little bit and try to get into our offense a little quicker. We switched up some



Fox Lane guard Will Crerend takes the ball to the basket in the second half of last Tuesday's game at Yorktown.

things offensively and it paid off."

Just 15 seconds into the second half, John Rocco Trumpbour grabbed an offensive rebound and converted on a righty flip in the lane. Olsen, who scored 11 of his 15 points after halftime, followed with an inside bucket after the score didn't change for nearly two minutes. Then came three lightning quick fast-break layups by Crerend, all within 40 seconds, that brought the Foxes to within 28-26.

With 3:38 left in the third quarter, a pair of free throws from Shevick tied the score. Then a 10-foot toss in the lane by Shevick 50 seconds later gave the Foxes their first lead since Trumpbour's basket with 2:27 to go in the first quarter put them in front



The Foxes' Josh Olsen gets inside for a basket during the win over host Yorktown.

7-5. The third-period Fox scoring ended with a bucket from Olsen and two free throws by Jordan Alvarado.

Yorktown, suddenly trailing 34-28, had two final chances to avoid being shut out in the third quarter. But Ben Schumer misfired on a jumper from the left corner and Roni Brucaj, after grabbing the rebound, missed a 10-footer from the left baseline as the buzzer sounded.

"That's very rare at the high school level, JV or varsity," said Tomassi about keeping the Huskers scoreless for an entire quarter. "So it was nice to see us dive in defensively. I said at halftime I wasn't happy with the defense that we played just because we've been giving up like 45, 46 points a game. To give them 30 in a half is not great. So they made up for it in that third quarter."

The Fox Lane uninterrupted point streak reached 20 just seven seconds into the fourth quarter when Olsen scored on a layup. A 3-point shot by Crerend from beyond the top of the key with just over six minutes remaining stretched the Foxes' cushion to 41-32 and they opened up their first double-digit lead moments later on an inside basket from Trumpbour, who along with Shevick finished with eight points.

Yorktown never got closer than 10 points after that and



Sophomore forward Oliver Shevick sends up a runner just to the left of the lane in Fox Lane's win over Yorktown.

the Foxes, 7-6 this season with the win, built their largest lead of the night, 54-38, with 90 seconds to go on an Olsen basket in the lane that capped a 9-3 spurt.

"You know, we've played at this speed before, but we haven't done it in a while," said Tomassi about the eight minutes of mayhem his players caused in the third quarter. "We've been pressing a lot, but we haven't done that style of press. We practice it a lot. We got into it and it really helped us out tonight. You never know what you're gonna need in the bag of tools. We needed that one tonight."



Fox Lane head coach Mike Tomassi watches as his Foxes outscore Yorktown 18-0 in the third quarter.



Fox Lane's J.R. Trumpbour hauls in an offensive rebound in the second half of last week's 56-43 victory over the Yorktown Huskers.

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Jordan Alvarado of Fox Lane dribbles past Yorktown's Brandon Carter near midcourt in last week's game won by the visiting Foxes.

A Big Second-Half Run Lifts Greeley Past the Tuskers

By Andy Jacobs

Horace Greeley coach Felix Nicodemo warned his players before last Wednesday night's showdown with 9-1 Somers that baskets might be few and far between because of the Tuskers' tenacity on the defensive end of the floor.

For a while, his prediction was as accurate as could be.

But the Quakers eventually erupted for the last five points of the third quarter and the first 13 of the fourth to break open a close game and emerge with a hard-fought 39-31 victory over the host Tuskers. Freshman center Nick Townsend finished with a game-high 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead Greeley to its ninth win in 11 games this season and seventh in a row.

"We knew it was gonna be a grind-out game and a defensive game," said Nicodemo. "I said to my team tonight it could have the potential to be an ugly game. This is the lowest we've scored all season and it's kudos to Somers because of how well they're coached and how well they play defense."

It took the Quakers nearly half of the first quarter to score their first points of the evening on a 10-footer from the left baseline by Townsend. By then, Somers had already made three baskets and jumped out to a 6-0 lead, to the dismay of Nicodemo, who had just preached "start strong" to his squad a few minutes earlier.

"We knew that they could score in transition, and they score the first two baskets in transition," he said. "So we knew it was going to be very important to bounce back. We steadied and then we ended up getting settled defensively. I knew once we got settled, we were gonna be OK."

The basket by Townsend midway through the first quarter started a 10-0 Quaker spurt that changed the early momentum. A 3-pointer from the right



Horace Greeley junior guard Christoph Sauerborn dribbles up the court against host Somers.

wing by senior guard Michael Salore with a minute left enabled Greeley to take a 13-9 edge into the second quarter.

That second quarter was dominated by defense as the two teams wound up combining for just six points. The Tuskers got a basket from Lucas Fecci with 6:25 left in the half, then never scored again the rest of the period. The Quakers, meanwhile, were held scoreless until Townsend hit a shot off glass from right of the lane with 3:34 to go. The other two points came from Townsend at the free-throw line with just under three minutes remaining in the half.

Three times in the opening half, the Quakers overthrew long outlet passes to wide-open teammates racing to the rim. Star forward Chris Melis was held to just two points as he struggled getting to the basket against the Tuskers' pesky help defense.

"I thought they played very tough defense on Chris," said Nicodemo. "But what we always stress is if one thing isn't working for you, how can you change the game another way? And his defense tonight was tremendous. He played great team defense and individual defense. It shows the type of player he is. If his offense wasn't working, he still affects the game with his defense."

The Quakers, leading 17-11 at halftime, were outscored 11-2 by the Tuskers to start the third quarter. Nick Maestri made a pair of 3-pointers and Jalen Wilson one as Somers grabbed a three-point edge. But then Townsend caught a long lead pass and tossed in a short one-hander. When Melis, who had eight second-half points, scored on a fast-break layup while getting fouled and added the free throw with 1:10 left, Greeley regained the lead and held it the rest of the night.



Greeley freshman Nick Townsend scores inside in the Quakers' win at Somers.

That's because the Quakers, in the midst of their game-changing 18-0 blitz, scored 13 straight points to start the fourth quarter. Their flimsy 24-22 lead after three quarters swelled to a 15-point cushion with three and a half minutes left on the clock. The Tuskers, who were held scoreless for nearly nine minutes in the second half, closed the game on a 9-2 run but it was far too little and late.

"They play stifling defense and they have a way of making you play uncomfortable," said Nicodemo about the Tuskers, though he might as well have been talking about his own players. "So we started off a little



The Quakers' Michael Salore tries to pass the ball inside in the first half of last Wednesday's game at Somers.



The Quakers' Chris Melis tosses up a shot in the lane in the second half of last Wednesday's game.

slow and then once we settled down a little bit, we were able to get some good looks. We held 'em to 31 points, so I thought our defense was stellar tonight."

The teams are scheduled to play a rematch in Chappaqua in just over two weeks and Nicodemo, for one, will relish the Quakers' next challenge from the Tuskers.

"I believe the league games get you ready for sectionals," he said. "Tough games, and I wouldn't have it any other way because it makes you better. It's all about getting ready for sectionals, and playing teams as well coached as Somers, and as tough as they play, it can only help."



Horace Greeley coach Felix Nicodemo cheers on his team in the second half against the Somers Tuskers.



Noah Shar of Greeley sails into the lane to put up a shot in the Quakers' 39-31 victory at Somers last Wednesday evening.

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Briarcliff Earns a Home Victory Against the Wildcats

By Andy Jacobs

Even though the Westlake Wildcats trailed host Briarcliff by nine points after three quarters and only made one basket in the fourth, they still weren't out of last Thursday night's game as the clock ticked down toward the midway point of the final period.

That's when the youngest player on either team stepped up and delivered the dagger that sealed a victory for the Bears.

Jayden Larregue, a freshman guard, connected on a wide-open 3-pointer from the left corner with 4:15 remaining in the game, enabling the Bears to stretch their precarious lead to eight points and igniting a key 9-2 run down the stretch that lifted them to a 56-45 win over the Wildcats.

"You know, if you can shoot, you can shoot," said Bears head coach Nick Friedman afterwards. "It doesn't matter how old you are. He was someone who I thought was close to being ready. But it's kind of taken a season of practicing with varsity, and in practices over the past couple of weeks he's stepped up and shown an ability to score the ball, which we've needed."

The big 3-pointer from Larregue all but put an end to the Wildcats' bid to come from behind in a game they fell behind immediately and trailed 16-8 after the opening quarter.

"I have no idea what happened," said Westlake coach Chad Charney about the Wildcats' defensive breakdown that allowed Larregue to shoot the ball uncontested. "I have to look at the film there. It looked like our guys switched and there wasn't communication. Two guys were on the same side. That's why he was wide open. You can't let that kid get that wide open and have a shot in the fourth quarter and basically put the game away."

Westlake outscored the Bears 19-15 in the second quarter to move within four points at halftime behind the scoring of seniors Tyler Tsiakaros and Richie



Briarcliff guard Miles Jones gets into the lane in the second half of the Bears' 56-45 win over Westlake.

Petrillo. Tsiakaros scored seven of his team-high 20 points in the quarter and Petrillo connected on his third and fourth 3-pointers of the opening half. But the Wildcats only managed to score three baskets after intermission as their record this season dropped to 7-6.

"This is a game that certainly could've been a possession either way and have a chance with two minutes to go, said Charney. "But we've got to execute and score. I don't know what we shot in the



Richie Petrillo of Westlake launches a 3-point shot from the left corner in last Thursday's game vs. the Bears.



Briarcliff forward Tajion Tribble comes down with a rebound in the Bears' win over visiting Westlake last Thursday night.

fourth quarter, but the one field goal was a layup. Probably eight or nine missed 3s, maybe even more."

The second half began with the Wildcats blocking Briarcliff's first two shot attempts. A pair of free throws by Tsiakaros two minutes into the third quarter narrowed the Wildcats' deficit to just 31-29. After an and-1 3-point play by the Bears' Tajion Tribble, Tsiakaros immediately answered with an old-fashioned 3-point play at the other end.

Leading only 34-32, Briarcliff responded with a 9-2 burst to close the third quarter, sparked by three baskets from Miles Jones, the senior guard who finished with 20 points and was called by Charney "the best player in Class B." But the Bears' nine-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter was soon cut to just five as Joe Ragusa made both ends of a 1-and-1 free-throw opportunity and Tsiakaros added four more foul shots, also shooting 1-and-1.

"We got what we wanted," Charney said. "We got 'em in foul trouble. We got to the line in the third quarter in the 1-and-1 and bonus. But, ultimately, we've got to make some shots. You've gotta score some field goals too."

A basket by Briarcliff's Tribble on a lefty jump hook in the lane gave the Bears a 47-40 advantage with 5:09 remaining. Tsiakaros was soon fouled on a drive to the basket and made both of his foul shots. That set the stage for the 3-point shot by Larregue with 4:15 on the clock that wound up taking the wind out of the Wildcats' sails.

"We've kept freshmen every year since I've been here, usually because they're ready to play," said Friedman. "Actually, it was my assistant coach (Ezra Elliott) who had the thought, 'You know, Jayden's really earned a shot.' He got in my ear about it and we put him in and he hit two 3s tonight that were big for us."

After Larregue's late trey, the Bears,



Aidan Murnane of Briarcliff rises for a jump shot in the second half of Thursday's home game against Westlake.

who improved to 8-5, closed the game with an inside basket by Jones on a feed from Aidan Murnane, a backdoor layup by Anthony Panarese, assisted by Tribble, and two free throws by Murnane that gave them their largest lead of the night, 12 points.

"We started very well tonight," said Friedman. "We executed exactly the way we wanted to in the first six minutes of the first quarter pretty much on every possession. Then we kind of let them back in. So we're still sort of waiting to put a 32-minute game together that's complete on both ends of the court. The good thing is we're getting better and it's the time of the year when you need to be getting better."



Westlake senior forward Tyler Tsiakaros tries to score inside during the Wildcats' game at Briarcliff.



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Westlake point guard Matt Martin dribbles past Anthony Panarese of Briarcliff in the second quarter of last week's game.



Briarcliff's Maddie Plank shoots the ball from the right corner in her first game this season. She scored a game-high 20 points.



Kaitlyn Ryan of Briarcliff lines up a shot from near the left baseline.



Briarcliff guard Kacey Hamlin rises for a jump shot over Westlake's Emily Sardo.



The Bears' Alana Lombardi takes the ball to the basket in the first half of Thursday's 68-41 win over host Westlake.



The Wildcats' Rebecca Lovett tosses up a shot from just right of the lane.



Julie Lyden of Westlake dribbles in the backcourt during the second half of Thursday afternoon's game.



Briarcliff senior Kelly O'Donnell gets set to deliver a pass in the Bears' victory at Westlake last Thursday afternoon.



Westlake junior Riley Neglia shoots the ball in last week's home game against Briarcliff.



Westlake senior Emily Sardo is pressured by Briarcliff's Julia Barbalato in the first half of Thursday's game won by the visiting Bears.



Westlake eighth-grader Allasandra Castellone drives between Briarcliff's Kacey Hamlin (left) and Julia Dalessandro in the second half of last Thursday's game.



Westlake's Viktoria Hudd pushes the ball up the court against the visiting Briarcliff Bears.

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Pace Women's Basketball Team Defeats the Greyhounds

By Andy Jacobs

The Pace University women's basketball team continued its slow and steady rise up the Northeast-10 Conference's Southwest Division standings on Saturday afternoon.

Red-hot first-quarter shooting by senior guard Allie Monteleone and a large dose of full-court defensive pressure carried the Setters to a 59-45 NE10 victory over the visiting Assumption College Greyhounds at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

"We came out and played with a lot of confidence," said head coach Carrie Seymour shortly after her Setters had won their third conference game within 10 days. "We mixed up defenses on them, just kind of kept them out of their rhythm. And if you don't keep them out of their rhythm, they can score a lot of points."

Monteleone erupted for 10 of her game-high 18 points in the first quarter when Pace was sprinting out to an impressive 21-9 lead. Her 3-pointer from the top of the key just 80 seconds into the game broke the only tie of the day and gave the Setters, who never trailed, the lead for good.

"Yeah, it's a big start because it boosts our confidence up when she starts off like that," said Seymour after watching Monteleone make four of her five first-quarter shots, including both attempts from behind the 3-point arc. "Everybody we play is gonna try to not allow that to happen. So she tries to get in right away and get herself going."

The Setters had a 24-16 lead early in the second quarter when freshman Lauren Hackett connected on a 3-pointer to start a 10-0, two-minute blitz that opened up an 18-point cushion. But the Greyhounds closed the half with a 9-2 run, capped off by a layup by Jordan Hawkins just before the buzzer, and closed to within 38-27 at the break.



Pace freshman guard Lauren Hackett takes the ball into the lane during Saturday's NE10 win over Assumption College.



The Setters' Jackie DelliSanti drives to the basket in the second half of Saturday's game.

"They're good," said Seymour about the Greyhounds, now 10-7 this season. "They're bigger than us and they went right at what their strength was. And we fell asleep a little bit. We didn't double team enough, we didn't front enough. We didn't pressure the ball enough. So they were able to get what they wanted to get. But you're not gonna take away everything from them. You're not gonna take away the strengths all the time."

The second half began with a top-of-the-key 3-pointer from Monteleone, her fourth and final trey of the game. Just over a minute later, Jackie DelliSanti, who finished with 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds, made a pair of free throws. Brianna Wong concluded the 7-0 spurt with a bucket on a drive through the lane and suddenly the Setters' advantage was back up to 18 points.

Even though the Setters then went



Pace guard Allie Monteleone, who scored a game-high 18 points, drives past Assumption's Caterina Fonseca in Saturday's game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.



Pace University senior guard Stefanie Svoboda fires a jump shot in the first half of the Setters' win over visiting Assumption.

scoreless for almost four and a half minutes, Assumption was only able to shave four points off the big lead. The Greyhounds scored the last basket of the third quarter and the first one in the fourth, but never got any closer than 14 points the rest of the way. Even though Pace made just seven of its 26 shots from the field in the second half, it hardly mattered.

"I think with Assumption, it's always a grind, it's always an ugly half-court mess," said Seymour. "Defensively, we made adjustments where it was OK for us to shoot so poorly. They're a very good team. Obviously I don't think this was one of their best performances. When you can catch somebody like that, you've just gotta try to capitalize."

Pace's largest lead of the day, 19 points, came with 7:51 left in the game when sophomore Iliana Krasniqi made a layup just as the shot clock was about to expire. Despite then going scoreless again for another four and a half minutes, the Setters got a 3-pointer from Wong with 3:18 to go that restored the 19-point margin.

The Setters, now 8-10 this season and 5-5 in the NE-10, managed to win just four of the 13 games on the 2018 portion of their schedule. Even though the win over Assumption was their fourth in five games in January, Seymour isn't quite ready to suggest they've turned the corner.

"I don't know about that," she said. "I think we're just making adjustments that we weren't making earlier. Early on in the year, we weren't adjusting to different situations. We were playing every situation the same way. As kids are getting more experience now, they can make better adjustments. They're picking up what the coaches are trying to put down and it's showing. It's showing."



Lauren Schetter of Pace shoots the ball from the foul line.



The Setters' Brianna Wong searches for an open teammate as she holds the ball in the third quarter against the Assumption Greyhounds.

Fox Lane Wins the Team Title at County Championships

By Tony Pinciario

Fox Lane entered the 2019 Westchester County Wrestling Championships aiming to defend its title.

Not only did the Foxes retain their title, they did so in a convincing performance.

Led by champions Quincy Downes (160 pounds), Lucas Friedman (152) and Jake Hoffman (99), the Foxes clinched the team title after the semifinals.

The Foxes amassed 210.5 points, outdistancing runner-up Pleasantville (164 points) and White Plains (139 points).

Horace Greeley finished sixth with 107 points and had a pair of champions – Matt Schreiber (106 pounds) and Aaron Wolk (170). Byram Hills brought four wrestlers, had three finalists – John and Justin Fortugno and Alex Behar – and finished 10th (60.5 points).

“Our goal going into every match or tournament is to dominate as much as we can and wrestle to the best of our abilities, no matter what the outcome,” said Downes, who won his first county title. “Coming in, we were pretty excited at a chance to repeat the title.”

The Foxes came into the season as a young team, but they came of age in December, winning a second consecutive Section 1 Division 1 (large school) Dual-Meet Championship. The younger wrestlers continue to mature and this has led to Fox Lane remaining among the Section 1 elite.

“I was really impressed at how our young guys, like Lucas, Nino (Prisco), Jake Hoffman, and Sam Dixon and others really were able to step up and show some guts in the semis and finals,” Downes said.

Prisco (285) and Dixon (113) were finalists, as was fellow underclassman Marc Berisha (182) and senior captain Amos Rivera (120).

“The biggest improvement I’ve seen from some of the young guys is their mental toughness,” Downes said. “We all have been working very hard in the room from day one, and we constantly look to improve and I think it has showed throughout the season and will continue to show.”

Downes, a county runner-up last year, made quick work of John Jay-Cross River’s Gavin Fiacco, pinning him in 1:02 of the first period. Downes also had two other first-period pins.

“What pleased me with the way I wrestled was constantly attacking on my feet and looking to pin,” Downes said.

Along with the champions and runners-up, Thomas Prisco (145) finished third and Griffen Zegras (195) placed fourth.

Fox Lane will be wrestling in the second annual New York State Division 1 Dual-Meet Championship on Saturday at Onondaga Community College. The following weekend the Foxes will wrestle in the Section 1 Division 1 Wrestling Championships qualifier.



Horace Greeley's Aaron Wolk

“I think our team is in a pretty good place and we are in a good flow,” Downes said. “If we continue to train as we have been, I believe we can accomplish our goals as a team as well as individually.”

Pleasantville junior Len Balducci came into the Westchester County Wrestling Championships a three-time finalist. However, the past two years was not what Balducci envisioned.

After winning a county crown as an eighth-grader, Balducci had consecutive runner-up finishes, which did not please him.

“I was determined to win this year after placing second the last two years,” said the two-time Section 1 champion.

The road to a title was not going to be easy as Balducci was wrestling in a deep, talented weight class – 120 pounds. Seeded second, Balducci showed he deserved to be seeded first as he decisioned fifth-seeded Amos Rivera of Fox Lane, 5-2, to win the title.

Balducci, along with fellow champions Victor Perlleshi (132 pounds) and Aidan Canfield (138), propelled Pleasantville to a second-place finish.

The Panthers finished with 164 points, 25 ahead of third-place finisher White Plains. Pleasantville was the highest-placing Division II (small school) team in the tournament.

Balducci did not alter his approach toward his weight class.

“I tried to stay focused and take one match at a time,” said Balducci, whose father, Len, and uncle, Chris, were sectional champions for Irvington. Chris Balducci was also a state champion.

Balducci had an 11-4 victory and pin prior to his victory over Rivera. Balducci took control of the final with a takedown in the first period and added an escape in the second period for a 3-0 lead.

“A big part of the match was getting the first takedown because it set the tone of

the rest of the match,” said Balducci of the final. “I liked that I was able to stay focused during each match and keep the momentum going.”

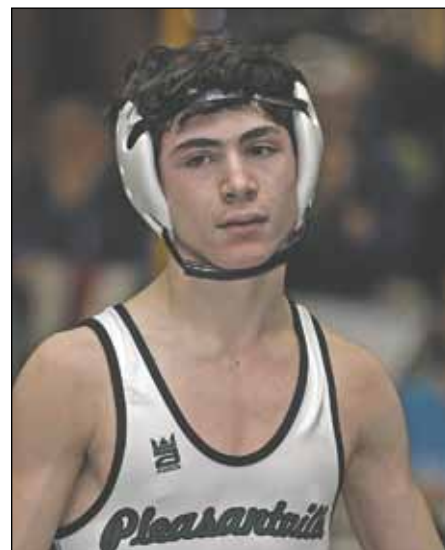
Perlleshi won a second consecutive county title with a 7-2 triumph over Harrison’s Tyler Joseph. Canfield decisioned teammate Chris May, 8-2.

Jaden Kammer (170) finished third and Christian Perlleshi (99), Victor’s younger brother, and Jon Albaum (170) were sixth.

It was another strong showing for Pleasantville, which has proven it can wrestle and excel against the large schools.

“It shows we are a hard-working team and we are able to hang in there with any other team, even though we are a Division 2 school,” Balducci said. “This definitely boosts the confidence as well moving forward to the team states this weekend in Syracuse and sections.”

Pleasantville will be wrestling in the New York State Division II (small school) Dual-Meet Championships at Onondaga Community College on Saturday.



Pleasantville's Len Balducci

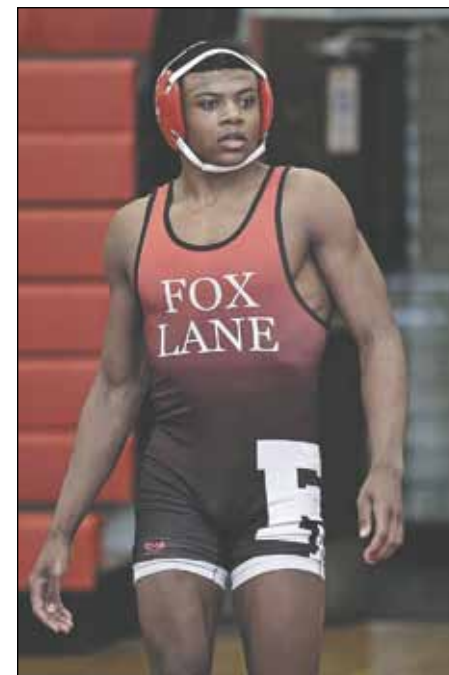
Seniors Matt Schreiber (106 pounds) and Aaron Wolk (170) won individual titles and led Horace Greeley to a sixth-place finish at the Westchester County Wrestling Championships.

It was the second consecutive titles for Schreiber, while Wolk registered his 100th varsity pin in the final.

“It was definitely awesome last year winning my first belt,” said Schreiber, who will wrestle for Binghamton in the fall. “This year I was determined to repeat and be the first wrestler from Greeley to win back-to-back county titles.”

Schreiber posted a 16-9 victory over Byram Hills’ John Fortugno in the final. Schreiber had a pin and 21-8 decision in his other matches.

“My neutral felt really good as I was able to fire off a bunch of shots and score a lot of takedowns,” Schreiber said. “On



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Fox Lane's Quincy Downes

bottom, I never stopped moving and was able to get my escapes. I know I still need to work on turning from people on top, so it’s nice to have a couple of weeks to prepare before the postseason begins.”

Wolk registered four pins, all under a minute of the first period. His aggregate wrestling time for four matches was one minute and 50 seconds.

“It’s hard enough to win 100 matches, but to have 100 career pins is pretty special, especially to get it in the finals,” said Schreiber of Wolk.

The Quakers had another strong showing in the county championships and appear to be wrestling at a peak level in preparation for divisionals and sectionals.

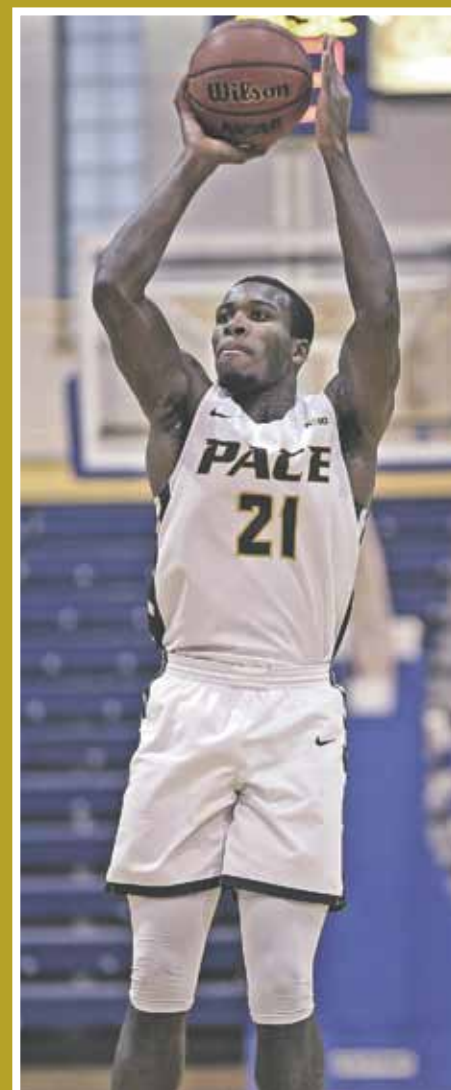
“At the beginning of the season, we lost to teams that we probably shouldn’t have lost too,” Schreiber said. “However, it shows that the coaching staff knows how to get us to peak at the right time as we were able to outperform the teams we lost to. This will give our team a lot of confidence going into sectionals as the majority of the schools in the section are from Westchester County.”

Byram Hills coach Joey Grippi could not have asked for a better performance from his wrestlers.

The Bobcats had four wrestlers compete in the Westchester County Championships and came away with three runners-up – Justin Fortugno (99), John Fortugno (106) and Alex Behar (195).

“I’m very proud of the guys and how they competed,” Grippi said. “They went out, wrestled hard and competed every match. We definitely still have some work to do in the coming weeks, but to take 10th out of 25 teams is something Byram Hills wrestling should be proud of.”

Setters Defeat Assumption



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Action from Saturday afternoon's Pace University 71-68 home win over Assumption included, clockwise from top left, forward Peyton Wejnert shooting the ball near the right baseline; Tyrone Cohen, Jr. slamming home two of his game-high 17 points; Greg Poleon rising for a jump shot at the top of the key; point guard Brandon Jacobs leaving his feet to deliver a pass in the lane; Austin Gilbertson launching a long jumper in the first half; and senior forward Luke McLaughlin driving toward the basket.