

FOX HUNTING



**Fox Lane Quarterback Spencer Rowley
Gets Caught by Yorktown's John Bowen
in Saturday's Demolition by the Huskers**

Bears Score Early and Often in a Rout of Haldane

By Andy Jacobs

With just 18 players on its roster, and only 17 in uniform, the Haldane football team didn't figure to have much success on Saturday afternoon trying to stop the high-powered offense of Briarcliff/Hamilton.

As it turned out, the Blue Devils provided little resistance to the Bears, who needed just 21 seconds to get on the scoreboard and then spent the rest of the opening half marching up and down the field piling up the points.

Quarterback Nick Reish passed for one touchdown and ran for three others, while sophomore running back Brandon Rispoli finished with 105 yards on the ground and two TDs as the Bears built a commanding halftime lead and then coasted to a 43-8 victory on Homecoming.

The Bears, now 5-1 and winners of two straight, opened the game by moving the ball 53 yards in just two plays. Reish connected with Jaylen Savage on a 44-yard pass play on first down, then kept the ball himself, running to his right and spinning his way into the end zone. Reish then ran in again for the two-point conversion that gave the Bears an 8-0 lead not even a half minute into the contest.

Haldane managed to advance past midfield on its first possession of the sunny afternoon, but on fourth-and-two, running back Darrin Santos was stopped short. The Bears took over at their own 44 and, eight plays later, Reish ran for an 11-yard touchdown. The point-after kick from Jamey Francis increased the Briarcliff/Hamilton margin to 15-0 with 6:41 still left in the first



Chris Beard of Briarcliff runs with the football after making a reception during Saturday's Homecoming win over the Blue Devils.

quarter.

The Blue Devils soon got near midfield again on their second possession, but a floating, off-balance pass by quarterback Daniel Santos was picked off by Savage. The Bears started from the Haldane 37-yard line and needed just over a minute to find pay dirt once more. Reish's perfect lob pass on first down from the 26-yard-line was hauled in by Savage for another touchdown. With 3:54 left in the period, the Briarcliff lead was up to 22-0.

Taking advantage of three Bear penalties, Haldane moved to the Briarcliff 28-yard line, but the drive ended when quarterback Santos was tackled after a short gain on fourth-and-15. On first down, a play-action pass from Reish to a leaping Savage picked up 27 yards.

The second quarter began with the Bears at the Haldane 44. On third down, with 19 yards to go, Reish delivered a long pass down the right sideline to Rispoli, who

caught the ball at the 3-yard-line despite double coverage. Two plays later, Reish easily stepped into the end zone again. The extra-point try failed, but the lead was still 28-0 just over three minutes into the period.

After the Blue Devils went three-and-out, Briarcliff/Hamilton got the ball back at the Haldane 40. Rispoli ran left for 14 yards on first down, then on an option run two plays later scored a 23-yard touchdown with a second-effort dive across the goal line. Reish then threw to his left to a sliding Jackson Mauro for the two-point conversion that extended the lead to 36-0 with 4:48 remaining in the half.

Nothing at all went as planned for the Blue Devils, so when Darrin Santos returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for an apparent touchdown of course it was called back by a penalty. The Blue Devils were soon punting from just in front of their own end zone, setting the Bears up for one more first-half scoring drive.



Briarcliff quarterback Nick Reish ran for three touchdowns in the Bears' rout of visiting Haldane.

Starting from the Blue Devil 39-yard-line with just over three minutes to go, Briarcliff was penalized on first down. So the Bears instead wound up going 47 yards in five plays, with Rispoli cutting left and managing to stay inbounds along the left sideline for a 16-yard touchdown run with 38 seconds left on the clock. The PAT by Francis gave Briarcliff/Hamilton a 43-point halftime advantage.

Reish and Rispoli got to watch the second half from the sidelines as the Bears, after running up the score in the first half just ran out the clock in the second. Haldane finally managed to score with 4:13 left in the third quarter as Daniel Santos ran for a 14-yard touchdown. He then tossed a pass to Julian Forcello for the two-point conversion that concluded the day's scoring.

The Bears will now take to the road as they look to continue their winning ways. They play at Blind Brook on Saturday at 1:30 and then travel to Rye Neck the following Saturday for another 1:30 kickoff.



Briarcliff/Hamilton junior Jaylen Savage carries the ball in the third quarter of Saturday's 43-8 romp over the Haldane Blue Devils.



The Bears' Kyle Proctor gets past the line of scrimmage as he carries the ball in the second quarter.



Brandon Rispoli rushed for over 100 yards and two touchdowns, even practicing his Heisman pose, in the Bears' 43-8 victory over Haldane.



Jason Bowen of the Briarcliff/Hamilton Bears finds plenty of running room during the Bears' win late Saturday afternoon.

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Foxes Get Overwhelmed by Yorktown at Homecoming

By Rob DiAntonio

Bill Broggy got straight to the point after his Fox Lane football team suffered a 42-0 loss to Yorktown on Saturday afternoon at the Foxes' Homecoming.

"We had a good week of practice, but the better team obviously won," he said following the lopsided defeat. "When a team's better than you, they're better than you."

Fox Lane started the game strong defensively. A Tucker Wallace sack forced Yorktown to punt midway through the first quarter. But the Huskers were winning the field-position battle with most of their drives starting at midfield. Their first score came on a 46-yard touchdown run around the left edge by Keith Boyer with 2:21 left in the first quarter.

A Marcial Vasquez interception at the Foxes' 12-yard line halted a Yorktown drive early in the second quarter, but Fox Lane couldn't capitalize, going three and out.

Yorktown scored on its next possession when quarterback Trevvon Johnson jetted 47 yards to the end zone with 6:14 to go in the first half. Boyer added a 9-yard touchdown run with 2:42 remaining on the clock to send the Huskers into halftime leading 21-0.

It was more of the same in the second half.

Luca Friedman did make a big fourth-down stop at midfield for the Foxes early in the third quarter, but their offense couldn't pounce on the opportunity yet again.

A Dylan Smith 50-yard touchdown run gave the Huskers a 28-0 cushion with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

Johnson's 8-yard touchdown trot stretched their lead to 35-0 with 10:19 left in the fourth quarter. The Huskers added a late touchdown pass to close out the scoring.

Fox Lane had difficulty moving the ball against an athletic Yorktown defense. Standout running back Michael Washington was often met by multiple defenders at the line of scrimmage.

"We had way too many negative plays and it was their defense that forced it," Broggy said. "They were more physical and much quicker in the box. They're much quicker



The Foxes' Marcial Vasquez starts running with the ball on a punt return in the first half vs. visiting Yorktown.



Fox Lane quarterback Spencer Rowley runs with the football in the second quarter of Saturday's game.



Thomas Olsen returns a kick during Fox Lane's Homecoming game at Memorial Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

than we've seen all year and it's something we can't simulate in practice. And that's what it boiled down to. There's nothing else I can say."

Quarterback Spencer Rowley's passes were often on target, but the Foxes' receivers didn't do him any favors.

"He played well," Broggy said. "He was poised and under a lot of pressure. I really liked the way Spencer played. He made some key throws that could have extended drives, but it just didn't work out that way."

The Foxes started the season 4-0, but have lost their last two games against top

Class A contenders. In Week 5, Fox Lane trailed by just a touchdown at halftime, but unraveled in the second half in a 28-7 loss to Somers.

"We can keep working as hard as we've been working and that's all I can ask from the kids," Broggy said. "We had a great week of practice and we had a great week of practice the week before. The scoreboard just wasn't in our favor."

Fox Lane received the No. 9 seed in the Class A qualifying round and will travel to eighth-seeded Lakeland for a 7 p.m. game on Friday, Oct. 18.

Hall of Fame Inductees

At halftime, Fox Lane inducted four former athletes and a coach into its Hall of Fame: Danny Fontana (Class of 1980, football/baseball), Michelle Kowalski (2011, soccer), Nyasha Miller (2007, volleyball/basketball), Vincent Minotti Sr. (1963-1996, faculty/coach) and Caroline Raue (2009, cross country/track).



The Fox Lane defense, led by high-rising Marcial Vasquez (24), tries to block a Yorktown extra-point try.



Quarterback Spencer Rowley fakes a handoff to Michael Washington during the first half of Saturday's Homecoming game.



The Fox Lane student cheering section was filled for Homecoming on Saturday, but there was little to cheer about as the Foxes were routed by Yorktown.



Fox Lane running back Michael Washington tries to break past the line of scrimmage in the second quarter of Saturday's loss to Yorktown.

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Fox Lane senior Deysi Vasquez controls the ball in Thursday's home game against Port Chester.



Fox Lane's Abby Bayuk is poised to hit a backhand return while competing in the third-singles match last week vs. Mamaroneck



Fox Lane's Leah Tuluca slices a backhand return during her win at first singles against visiting Mamaroneck on Thursday afternoon.



Fox Lane sophomore Aliya Sizer boots the ball up the field in the 1-0 victory over Port Chester.



Pleasantville's Grace Capko races up the field in the second half of Friday's overtime game against host Westlake.

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Jacqueline Andrews of Westlake and Allison Portero of Pleasantville get tangled up as they battle for the ball in Friday's game, won by the host Wildcats 3-2 in overtime.



Ally Waldman of Fox Lane lines up a forehand in her match at second singles vs. the Mamaroneck Tigers last Thursday.



Caitlyn Moccia of Fox Lane pursues the ball in the Foxes' 1-0 win over visiting Port Chester.



Clarissa Landsman gets set to send a pass to a Fox Lane teammate during Thursday afternoon's home game.



Isabelle Kapoor of Pleasantville moves the ball past Nicole Karaqi of Westlake in Friday's game that was decided in overtime.



James Varriano of Briarcliff uses his head to advance the ball in Saturday's game against visiting Pleasantville.



Westlake senior Lauren Lyden races after the ball in the Wildcats' 3-2 overtime win over Pleasantville.



Briarcliff's Chris Li moves the ball up the field during Saturday afternoon's home game against Pleasantville.



Julia O'Reilly of Pleasantville moves toward the ball near midfield during the Panthers' game at Westlake.



Pleasantville's Amber Nanaj gets set to pass the ball during Friday afternoon's game at Westlake.



Pleasantville senior Thomas Merritts passes the ball as teammate Patrick Panek looks on in the Panthers' 1-0 road win over Briarcliff on Saturday.



Westlake players, left to right, Samantha Castellano, Jacqueline Andrews, Jennifer Straface, Nicole Karaqi and Guiliana Piazza set up a defensive wall in the Wildcats' overtime win over Pleasantville.



Westlake's Nicole Karaqi settles the ball late in the second half of Friday's home game.



Pleasantville’s Mike Saldana wins a race for the ball with Briarcliff’s Atti Smith during Saturday’s latest clash between the two neighboring rivals.



Briarcliff’s Ashley Sutton puts the ball away during the Bears’ three-games-to-none victory over Pleasantville on Saturday.



Pleasantville’s Josie Driscoll sends the ball over the net during Saturday morning’s match at Briarcliff.



Kailyn Reilly of Briarcliff sends the ball past Pleasantville’s Allison Mendoza and Josie Driscoll in Saturday’s match, won by the host Bears.

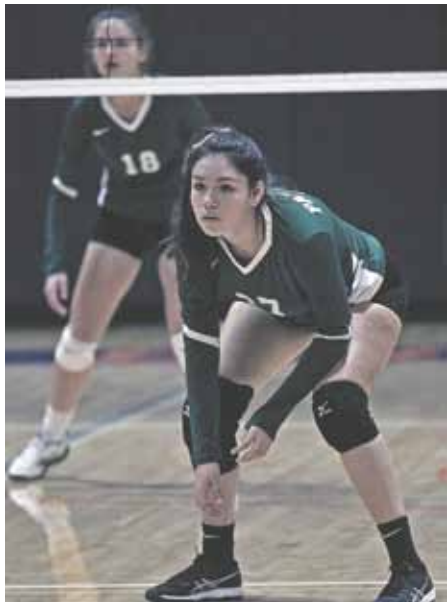
SPORTS SCENE



Briarcliff sophomore Kevin Callaghan dribbles the ball up the field in the Bears’ home game on Saturday.



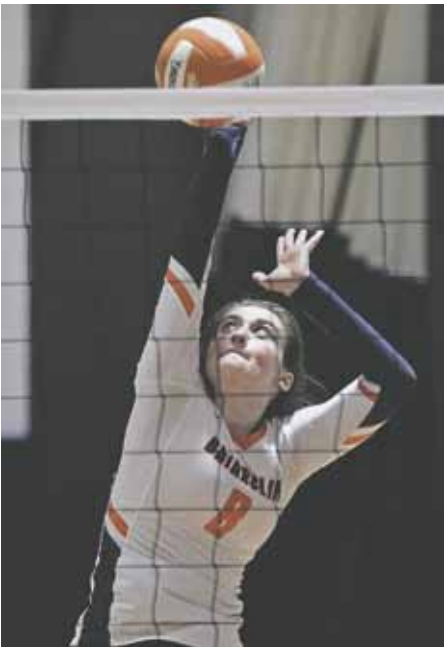
Pleasantville’s Angelie Wallace (left) and Meghan Hogan try to prevent the ball from coming over the net in Saturday’s match vs. Briarcliff.



Allison Mendoza of Pleasantville stays ready near the net as the Panthers await a serve during Saturday’s match.



Pleasantville’s Jacob Coleman chases the ball along the right sideline in Saturday’s game at Briarcliff.



Briarcliff senior Meghan Hayes rises to meet the ball over the net in the Bears’ 3-0 home win over Pleasantville.



Cole Catalano of Pleasantville gets set to kick the ball as Briarcliff’s Chris Macca arrives to disrupt him in the Panthers’ 1-0 win this past weekend.



Valhalla quarterback Michael Dawson threw for 297 yards and three TDs as the Vikings prevailed over Magnus 49-46 under the lights on Friday.



The Vikings' Rahsean Melvin (6) and Sammy Mussuto (8) block an extra-point attempt by the Albertus Magnus Falcons in the first half of Friday night's game.



Valhalla senior Sammy Mussuto carries the ball for a big gain in Friday night's win over visiting Albertus Magnus.

Vikings' Offense Outlasts Magnus



Junior running back Joseph Nolan takes a handoff from quarterback Michael Dawson in Friday night's home game.



Daniel Tammaro runs with the ball near midfield in the first half of Valhalla's 49-46 victory over Magnus. The Vikings overcame an early 20-6 deficit.



The Vikings' Mahari Davis Jr. scored four touchdowns in Friday night's thrilling win over the visiting Falcons.



Valhalla head coach Stephen Boyer watched his team surrender 46 points on Friday night and still win anyway.

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as Briarcliff/Hamilton Runs Away
Against the Haldane Blue Devils
at Saturday's Homecoming Game