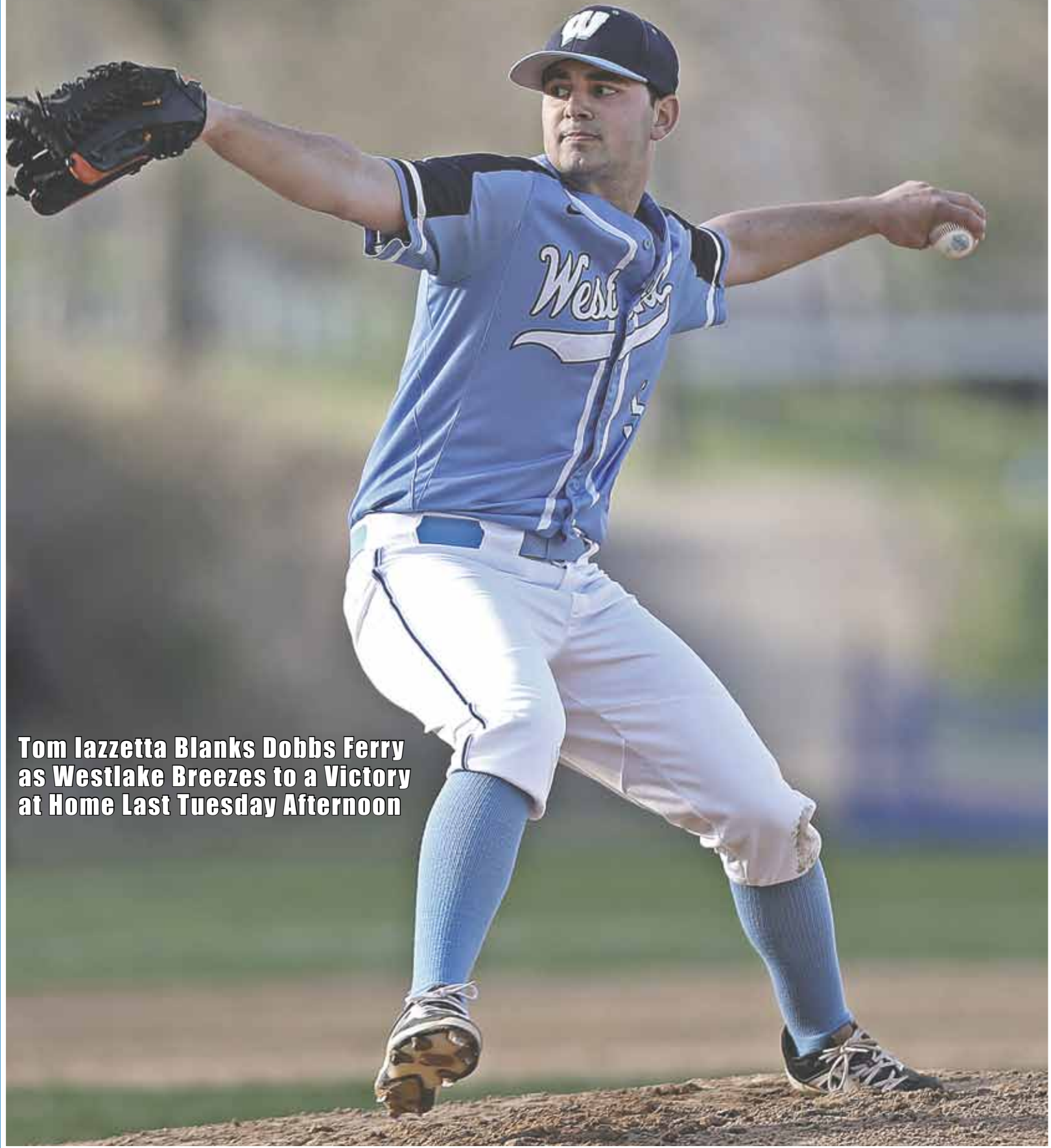


Grounding the Eagles



Tom Iazzetta Blanks Dobbs Ferry as Westlake Breezes to a Victory at Home Last Tuesday Afternoon

Second-half Surge Helps Pleasantville Defeat Rival Briarcliff

By Rob DiAntonio

It was a seesaw affair with Pleasantville leading by just a goal at halftime against rival Briarcliff last Thursday. But the host Panthers were able to take over the game in the second half to pull away for a 21-14 win.

Pleasantville's Lauren Drillock and Paige Long scored six goals apiece to lead the way. Drillock also had five assists. Jenna McAllister had five goals and two assists for an unselfish Panther offense.

"Paige is one of our middies and we kept her in the whole game," Pleasantville coach Jaime Williams said. "She did a phenomenal job. And Lauren's a baller. She missed three games this season because of an injury. To come back and have a game like that, it was just phenomenal. And when Lauren was out (due to injury), we didn't miss a beat. We had about five different girls putting up two or three goals. It was good to see that we're not being selfish, moving the ball around and continuing it while she's back."

Leading 10-9 at halftime, the Panthers scored five of the first six goals of the second half to increase their lead to 15-10. Long capped off the run when she scored with 17:03 remaining.

"We just said that a lot of the goals they were getting were off our mistakes," Williams said. "We came out strong in the first half. We've just got to come out and



Pleasantville's Grace Capko leads a fast break while Briarcliff's Julia Dalessandro pursues.

do the same thing in the second half. We had to limit out mistakes and capitalize off of their mistakes."

Julia Dalessandro answered for the Bears just 16 seconds later. They scored again less than a minute later when Ashley Goldstein found the back of the net to cut the deficit to 15-12.

Long cut over the middle and was hit in stride by Drillock to get the Panthers a goal back. The same duo hooked up again just 30 seconds later to increase the lead to 17-12 with 13:11 to go.

Kelly O'Donnell responded for the Bears but Pleasantville answered back with a 4-0 run to close out the game. Jenna McAllister found Reilly Byrne in front to make it 18-13 with 10:13 on the clock. Drillock followed with a goal with 6:43 to play. Long then scored on a fast break just 30 seconds later and Drillock stretched the lead to 20-13 on a free position rip less than a minute after that.

"We didn't come out and execute what we talked about at halftime," Briarcliff coach Jess McDonough said. "Pleasantville was able to find those holes. Offensively, we were just shooting right at the goalie. We talk every day how you've got to fake the goalies. We tell the girls to

throw that one extra fake because they're high school goalies and know how to stop the ball."

Panther goalie Maia Mayers, who finished with five saves, made some critical stops in the final 10 minutes to quell a Bears run.

"We started to win the draw and our goalie made some big saves," Williams said of the key in the final 10 minutes. "Our defense was holding them down and we were getting the transition going. Our offense just started to click to finish up with some goals to end it."

Pleasantville was up 10-6 late in the first half when Drillock connected with McAllister with 3:39 remaining. The Bears, however, closed the half on a 3-0 run, capped off when Ashley Goldstein found O'Donnell on the doorstep with 14 seconds left.

Byrne had a goal and four assists for the Panthers. Grace Capko tallied a goal and three assists.

Goldstein (2A) and Sam Kilman (1A) led the Bears with four goals apiece. O'Donnell tallied two goals and two assists.

Two days later, Briarcliff fell to North



Paige Long of the Panthers looks for a teammate.

Rockland 21-10 to see its record fall to 5-4. The Bears return to action when they host Westlake in a 4:30 p.m. game on April 24.

"This is my fifth year here and these girls work really hard," McDonough said. "I think today we saw some areas of concern that we need to really work on. But I trust these girls and value all the hard work they put in. I think we're going to surprise a few people. As a team, I like to play the best. We lost to Byram (Hills). We're playing some good teams. We're playing Mahopac and we're playing Fox Lane. We like to challenge ourselves so we're hoping we can learn from this."

Williams, who is in his second season with the Panthers, recorded his 100th career win in a 21-9 victory over Nyack on April 13.

"It meant a lot, especially with these girls because they're a great group," said Williams, who previously coached at Danbury High School. "Just being able to share that with the girls was incredible."

Pleasantville (6-1) was scheduled to host Dobbs Ferry on April 22. It then travels to John Jay-Cross River (April 25, 6 p.m.) and North Salem (April 26, 4:30 p.m.) to close out the week.

"I feel like we're getting better as we go along," Williams said. "We had a tough loss against Bronxville but we shook that off. We're just taking each game one at a time and trying to grow every single game and practice."



Briarcliff's Kelly O'Donnell carries along the sidelines while Panther Jenna McAllister pressures her.



Panther goalie Maia Mayers clears.



Sam Kilman of the Bears goes on the attack while Panther Julia O'Reilly defends.



Pleasantville's Reilly Byrne rips a shot.



Panther Paige Long heads up the field as Ashley Goldstein of the Bears chases her.

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Foxes' Winning Streak Ends With a Loss to Wappingers

By Andy Jacobs

Trailing by three goals in the final minute on Thursday afternoon, the Fox Lane boys' lacrosse team created some late-game drama almost in the blink of an eye.

Goals by Jake Bazyk and Hunter Cutroneo just 29 seconds apart suddenly narrowed the Foxes' deficit to just one with 13 seconds still remaining and set the stage for a crucial faceoff. But it was won by Trevor Arnone of host Wappingers, bringing a disappointing end to Fox Lane's comeback bid. The Warriors escaped with an 8-7 victory and snapped the Foxes' three-game winning streak.

"Yeah, but you've got to get it done in 48 minutes," said Fox Lane coach Craig Henley afterwards, asked if he would've liked to see what might have happened with another couple of minutes on the clock. "So we ran out of time there."

The Foxes, winners of seven of their previous nine games, got their first hints that their matchup against Wappingers would end in frustration when their bus departed the school late and then erroneously wound up at Roy C. Ketcham instead of John Jay. When the game finally began, about 10 miles away in Hopewell Junction and an hour late, the Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead 90 seconds after the opening faceoff.

But just 85 seconds later, the Foxes' Jaak Chasse received a pass on the right doorstep and converted for the first of his three goals in the opening half, tying the score. Unfortunately for the Foxes, though, a goal by Mike Rooney with 5:36 left in the quarter gave the Warriors a lead they never lost the rest of the overcast afternoon.

A Fox Lane turnover led to a rush up the field by Zack Timmons, who found Hunter McLaughlin open ahead for a fast-break goal that gave Wappingers a 3-1 edge with 3:04 remaining in the period. A goal by Evan Mullay in the final minute stretched the Warriors' advantage to 4-1 heading to the second quarter.

"Turnovers on the offensive end," said Henley about the cause of the Foxes' deficit after the first 12 minutes. "They've (the Warriors) got good defenders all over the field, so guys were slow to figure it out."

Chasse's second goal of the day a minute and a half into the second quarter cut the Wappingers

lead to 4-2, but just a couple of minutes later a straightaway shot by the Warriors'

Arnone eluded goalie Sean Bailey. With 4:51 remaining in the half, the Foxes closed to within 5-3 as Everett Banks ran to his left and then fired a lefty shot into the back of the net.

Wappingers, now 6-3 this season, regained its three-goal advantage on another score by Arnone with 3:36 left. Dillon Morgan then helped set up Chasse for his third goal with just under two minutes to go in the half and the teams walked off at intermission with the Warriors in front 6-4.

"We talk a lot about one quarter at a time," said Henley, "so when you're down a couple goals you've got to win the next quarter."

The Foxes seemed to be winning the third quarter, possessing the ball and peppering the cage with multiple shots. But after a lengthy scoring drought, it was the Warriors who finally broke through with a goal in transition by McLaughlin that left the Foxes facing a three-goal deficit yet again.

"That's the sport," said Henley about watching his team dominate for a few minutes, yet fall further behind. "I mean,



Everett Banks races up the field with the ball in Fox Lane's 8-7 loss to host Wappingers.



Fox Lane's Jake Bazyk tries to run past Dan Schmidt of Wappingers during Thursday's game at John Jay High School.

it hurts a little, but it's not something you've never seen or you don't expect. Sometimes you get so fixated on the goal and you give up your responsibilities going the other way."

The Foxes did manage to move within 7-5 with 53 seconds left in the third quarter as Bazyk ran hard to his right to get close to the crease, then faked a shot before sending a sneaky backhand one-hopping into the cage.

More turnovers foiled the Foxes in the fourth quarter and they fell behind by three goals once more when Mullay ended a long Wappingers possession with a low-to-the-ground shot from right of the cage with 6:44 remaining in the contest. But the Foxes, seemingly finished, were suddenly revitalized as Bazyk scored his second goal with 42 seconds to go and

Cutroneo followed with another with 13 seconds on the clock.

Regrettably for the Foxes, they couldn't gain possession of the all-important ensuing faceoff and time soon ran out on them.

"Would've called a timeout right away, tried to set something up, but it didn't happen," said Henley about the final possession his team never got. "We're having trouble with the faceoff this year, but it's something we're working on. It was a good game and I'm happy that they stuck it out to the end."



The Foxes' Joe Rozgonyi sets his sights on the cage as he moves the ball across the field against the Warriors.



The Foxes' Sam Harney takes the ball up the field against the Wappingers Warriors.



Fox Lane's Jaak Chasse, who scored three first-half goals, controls the ball behind the cage in last Thursday's game against Wappingers.



Fox Lane goalie Sean Bailey stays ready in front of the cage early in the fourth quarter of Thursday's game.

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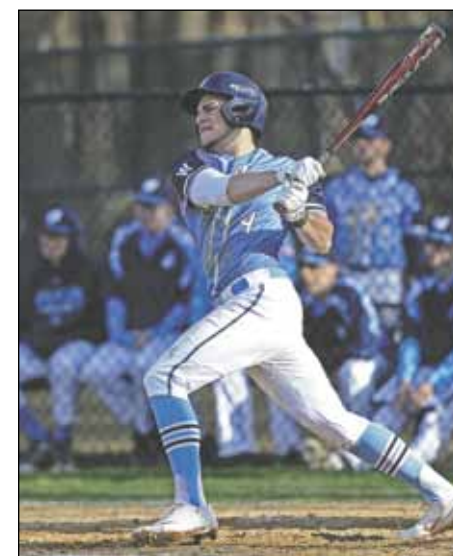
Dillon Morgan is forced to sidestep one of his teammates as he prepares to fire a shot at the cage in Fox Lane's 8-7 loss to Wappingers late Thursday afternoon.



Westlake senior Emily Sardo races toward the cage in last Tuesday's home game against North Salem. She scored her 200th career goal midway through the first half.



Shortstop Steven Donato applies a late tag at second base in Westlake's 11-0 home victory over Dobbs Ferry.



Tom Carpenter of Westlake takes a mighty swing during last week's 11-0 rout of the Dobbs Ferry Eagles.

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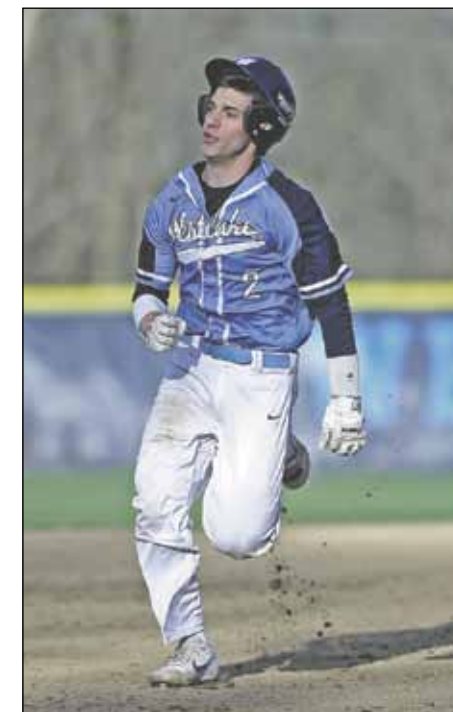
Westlake second baseman Giani Garritano makes a throw on the run for an out during the win over Dobbs Ferry.



Lia Poggioreale of Westlake controls the ball during last week's game against the North Salem Tigers.



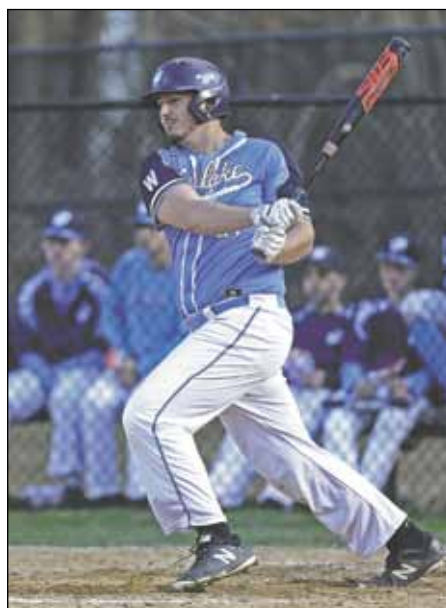
Gianna Eglau of Westlake is pressured as she moves the ball up the field in last week's game against North Salem.



Westlake senior Vincent Spaziante heads toward third base with a two-run triple that ended last Tuesday's home game via the 10-run mercy rule.



Westlake's Richie Petrillo races around the bases to score a run in the Wildcats' lopsided win over visiting Dobbs Ferry.



Westlake batter Sal Nardone blasts a pitch toward left field in the fifth inning of the Wildcats' easy win last Tuesday afternoon.



Westlake's Elle Verna waits for a whistle from the officials before starting a play for the Wildcats in the second half of last Tuesday's home game.



Westlake's Natalie Anderson takes the ball across the field in the first half of the Wildcats' 17-13 home loss to North Salem.



Greeley's Lauren Dinhofer chases after a ground ball in last Wednesday's road game.



Casey Wachtel of Greeley moves around the side of the cage with the ball during the Quakers' road loss to Tappan Zee last week.



Horace Greeley senior Lily Ives draws a lot of attention from the Tappan Zee defense as she prepares to fire a shot last Wednesday afternoon.



Bella Arrese of Greeley waits to start a play as she holds the ball during the second half of the Quakers' game at Tappan Zee.



Horace Greeley's Clara Curnin has control of the ball behind the cage in last Wednesday's game at Tappan Zee High School.



Westlake's Greg Cafaro moves toward the cage on his way to scoring a goal in the Wildcats' road win over Mahopac last Tuesday evening.



Westlake's Jason Ausiello gets set to pass the ball in the first half of last Tuesday night's victory at Mahopac.



Greeley sophomore Grace Arrese races up the field looking for a scoring opportunity against host Tappan Zee.



Greeley's Hailey Rosenthal looks over the Tappan Zee defense as she takes the ball down the right sideline during last week's game.



Andrew Llamas of Westlake is closely guarded while he moves the ball up the field against the host Mahopac Indians.



Nick Gorman of Westlake protects the ball as he heads for the cage in last week's come-from-behind win at Mahopac.



Westlake's Ryan Donnelly tries to run to the front of the cage in the Wildcats' 11-10 win over Mahopac last Tuesday evening.

Fox Lane Uses Balanced Scoring to Beat Nyack

By Rob DiAntonio

A pesky Nyack team hung around for most of the game, but Fox Lane's girls' lacrosse team was able to put its foot down on the gas pedal late in the second half.

The host Foxes pulled away for a 17-10 win last Wednesday afternoon.

It was a balanced attack for Fox Lane with Natalie Bazyk and Eugenia Kaltsas scoring four goals apiece while Olivia Dey and Emma Greene netted three goals each.

"It makes it tough for the other team to decide who they're going to try to stop," Fox Lane coach Bill Broggy said soon after the victory. "But they're all young. They're all freshmen and sophomores. It's a good problem. Sometimes we force the ball. We had a couple of turnovers, but we're learning."

With the Foxes leading 13-9 with 12 minutes left, Bazyk scored on a feed from Dey, who finished with three assists, to stretch the lead to five goals. Nyack countered a few minutes later, but the Foxes answered by scoring the final three goals to close out the win. Dey, Greene and Jada Singleton tallied the goals.

Fox Lane burst out of the gates in the first half, taking a commanding 8-2 lead when Singleton found Nicole Castaldo in front of the cage with 8:12 on the clock.



Jada Singleton carries into Nyack territory.



The Foxes' Natalie Bazyk passes the ball in the win over visiting Nyack.

"I thought we did a good job on ground balls and executing our offense," Broggy said of the first-half run. "We really did a good job moving the ball and finding the best shot. With the high-percentage shots, we benefit from that."

Nyack, however, used its prowess on the draw to get back in the game. The Indians trimmed the deficit to 10-6 with 2:41 left in the first half.

"The game is all about possession," Broggy said. "If you win that draw circle, that's the key to the game."

Kaltsas helped the Foxes respond when she charged in and finished, extending the lead to 11-6 with 39 seconds left in the first half.

Bazyk collected 10 draw controls and scooped up five ground balls. Meagan Moky also gathered five ground balls.

"I thought we did pretty well on the



Eugenia Kaltsas makes her move against visiting Nyack last Wednesday.

draw today," Broggy said. "Natalie Bazyk did a great job on the draw. Defensively, we need to work our

slides better. They had some easy shots and that puts our goalie in a difficult situation."

Fox Lane, which improved its record

to 5-3, returns to action when it travels to Arlington for a 4:30 game on Wednesday, April 24. The Foxes then host Suffern at the same time on Friday.

"We dropped a tough one to Mamaroneck on Friday (April 12)," Broggy said. "That would have been a nice win. But we're getting better and that's the most important thing."



Fox Lane's Emma Greene controls.



Eugenia Kaltsas looks for a teammate.



Alix Riley of the Foxes looks to pass.



Olivia Dey makes her move.

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Pace senior Bradley Paterson fires a shot at the cage in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. He finished with two goals and five assists.



Pace senior attackman Daniel Keenan finished with five goals and three assists in the home win on Saturday.



The Setters' Matthew Simone tries to find some shooting space in the fourth quarter of the 21-16 win on Saturday afternoon.



Pace University's Patrick Mulcahy searches for an open teammate as he controls the ball in Saturday's home game.



The Setters' Joseph Diggle takes the ball toward the cage. He assisted on three of the Pace goals.



Daniel Lewis (40) and John Kelly provide some defense during Pace's home win over the Bentley University Falcons on Saturday afternoon.



The Setters' Bruno Surace reaches back to launch a shot during the 21-16 win over Bentley at Pace Stadium.



Vincent Vasheo puts on the brakes before delivering a pass in the win over Bentley.



Pace senior midfielder Steven Weindler takes the ball past midfield in the second half of the Setters' home victory over Bentley.



The Setters' Connor Vercruysse celebrates after scoring one of his five goals in Saturday's 21-16 victory.

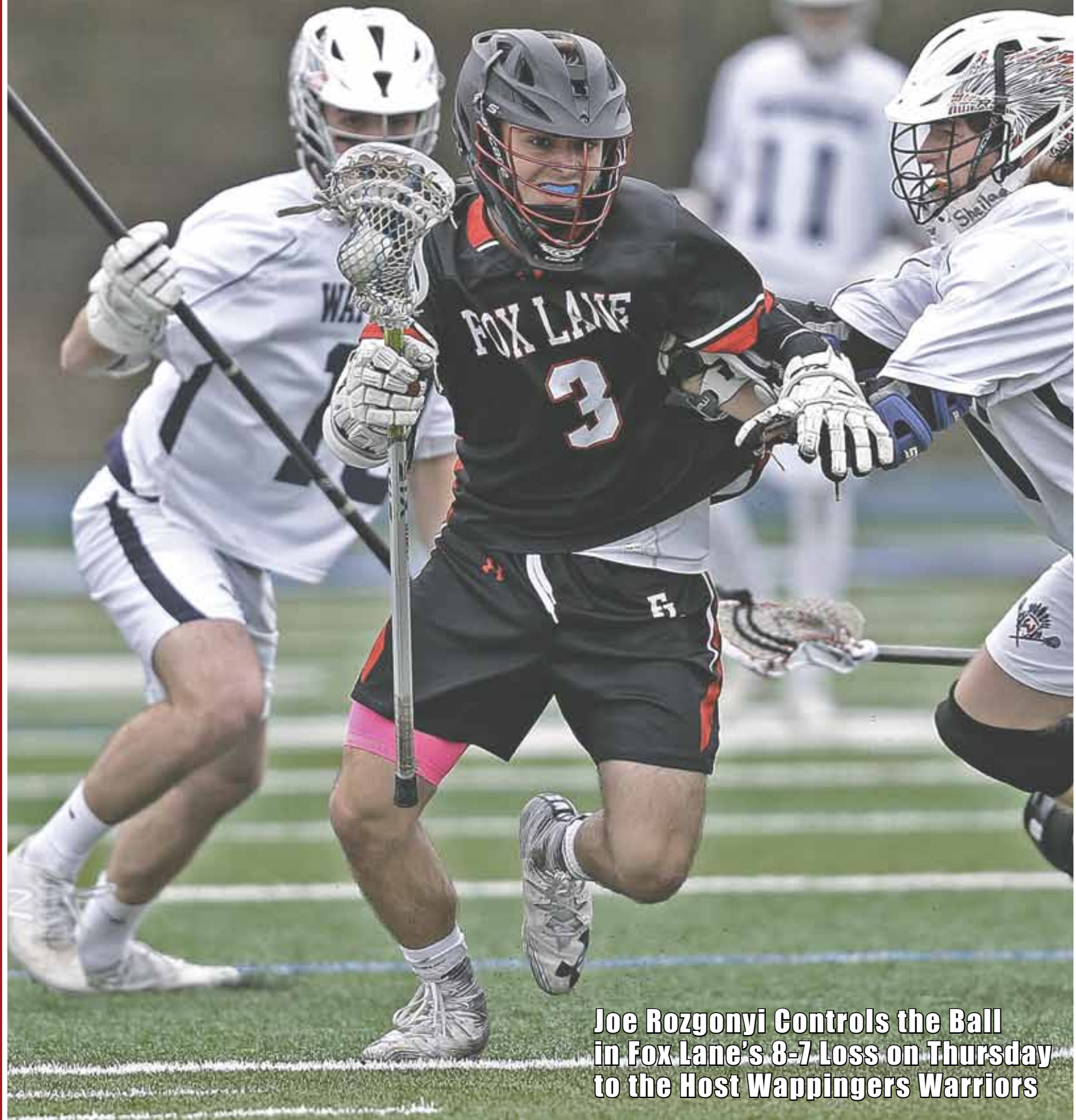


Pace freshman goalie Louis Ragusa keeps an eye on the action behind the cage in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.



Adam Story passes the ball in the third quarter of Pace's home victory over Bentley.

Squeezing Through



**Joe Rozgonyi Controls the Ball
in Fox Lane's 8-7 Loss on Thursday
to the Host Wappingers Warriors**