

## Kallie Adds to Her Tally



**Speedster Kallie Hoffman of Byram Hills Attacks the Cage for One of Her Five Goals in Last Tuesday's Victory Over White Plains**



# Greeley Surges in the Second Half to Defeat Brewster

By Rob DiAntonio

It wasn't exactly a highlight reel first half of action when Horace Greeley and Brewster met up in boys' lacrosse last Wednesday.

The teams combined for just three first-half goals, with the Quakers going into the break with a 2-1 lead.

But Greeley's offense came to life in the second half and the visiting Quakers pulled away for an easy 10-3 win.

"We just kind of focused on our game plan," Greeley coach Brian Zusi said of the halftime talk that preceded a productive third quarter. "We knew what we wanted to do coming in. We've seen zone a couple of times and it was just a matter of they weren't moving the ball quick enough (in the first half). [Brewster's] zone was very good. It was the best we've seen all year."

Brewster had tied the game up at 2-2 to start the second half, but then Greeley responded with a 6-0 run that lasted into the fourth quarter.

"I think they were kind of a little, 'I don't know what to do. These guys are moving a lot faster than we're used to,'" said Zusi about his players' early trouble.



Bryce Gell fires a shot for a goal during a third-quarter run.

"Once they settled in and just got into the soft spots, we were able to jump on it and take advantage of that situation."

Jack Rifkin finished off a fast break with 8:35 left in the third quarter to give the Quakers a 3-2 lead they never lost. Two minutes later, Seth Brail ripped a shot into the back of the net. Bryce Gell scored on a deep blast to increase the lead to 5-2 with 5:47 left in the third. Just 35 seconds later, Brail finished on a feed from Harris Allen.

Allen scored with 2:30 left in the third quarter to give the Quakers a 7-2 advantage. To cap off the run, Brent Rosendorf found the back of the net to stretch the lead to 8-2 with 8:45 left in the fourth quarter. Five different players scored during the Quakers' game-changing 6-0 run.

"It's always nice to see that," Zusi said of the balanced scoring. "Last year we had, I think, seven or eight guys on the scoring leaders' list. We had the most other than Yorktown. So it's always good to see balance. It's good to see that it's a lot of underclassmen too."

Brewster finally ended the run with 8:28 left in the fourth quarter. But just a bit later, Brail received a pass from Rifkin, darted over the middle and fired to increase the lead to 9-3 with 4:38 to go.

The game had been tied 1-1 late in the second quarter before the Quakers took a 2-1 lead into halftime when James Allen scored on an assist from Eli Rosenblum with only 0.2 seconds left.

"That's a huge momentum builder going into halftime," Zusi said. "If we can do that, we can usually set the tone for the next quarter. I thought they came out a little bit flat immediately in the second half, but we picked it up right away."



Spencer McGowan controls late in the fourth quarter.

Rosenblum had five assists and scooped up four ground balls for Greeley. Elliot Cohen and Ryan Pohly added a goal each. Matt Maitland made five saves in the cage for a Quaker defense that rose to the occasion.

Greeley improved to 7-5 with a 16-8 win over Harrison last Saturday. Brail netted three goals to lead the way. Rifkin, Rosendorf, Gell, Allen and Spencer McGowan had two goals apiece.

The Quakers return to action when they host Fox Lane at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30. Then they travel to John Jay-Cross River for a 4:30 p.m. game on May 2.

"We're a game or two behind where I think we should be," Zusi said when asked to evaluate the team's progress up to this point of the season. "But I think we're starting to hit our stride going into the last couple weeks of the season. We'll see what the playoffs bring us."



Greeley's Eli Rosenblum runs the offense.



Greeley's Harris Allen looks for a teammate during a win over Brewster last Wednesday.



Andrew Blum of the Quakers scoops up a ground ball.



Quaker defenseman Matt Crowe throws a stick check.

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# Overtime Goal Lifts Westlake to a Big Win Over Stepinac

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After Stepinac's Colin Sharkey scored as time expired to send the game to overtime, it looked like the Crusaders had all the momentum against Westlake.

"I told the kids right after they gave up that goal at the buzzer, that you can't change the past," Westlake coach Mark Castellano said of his message before overtime. "You can't change what just happened. What you can control is how you come out in overtime and how you finish overtime."

The Wildcats heeded Castellano's words, regrouped and pulled out a thrilling 9-8 overtime win when Matt Sardo scored with 1:05 left last Thursday.

"I was just standing there and I was just ready to go," Sardo said. "I was trying to dodge all game. I wasn't having a great game on offense. I saw my friend Dylan (Donnery) come set a pick. I ran right down the alley and I was focused on that far pipe. I just shot it and it went in."

Stepinac quickly took a penalty to start the overtime, but host Westlake couldn't capitalize on the man-up situation. The Crusaders gained possession and called a timeout with 2:07 to play.

Stepinac, however, turned the ball over not long after that. Westlake quickly headed in the opposite direction, setting up Sardo, a sophomore, who charged in and finished off the game winner.

"We had a play called and Dylan Donnery made a great pick to get him open," Castellano said. "We practice every day shooting on the run and hitting the right spots. That's exactly what he did. It was just practice for him."

The Wildcats had taken an 8-7 lead when Donnery scored with 25.7 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Stepinac goalie Dylan Graff made a save with 35 seconds left, but then threw the ball out of bounds, setting up the go-ahead goal.

Westlake trailed 4-2 at halftime, but the offense woke from its slumber in the third quarter. The Wildcats scored twice within the first two minutes of the quarter to tie the game.

"We just got more focused," Sardo said



Westlake defenseman Nick Veltri looks to clear while being heavily pressured by Stepinac.

of the third quarter. "We came out a little slow (in the first half). Our coach got us hyped up and we came out ready to go in the second half. We just knew what we had to do and we executed."

Stepinac briefly regained the lead, but Westlake answered when Greg Cafaro found Ryan Donnery on the doorstep for the one-timer midway through the third quarter. Dylan Donnery won the ensuing face-off, raced in and fired to give Westlake a 6-5 lead.

"That was one of the best games I've seen Dylan play," Castellano said. "He's taken a huge leadership role this season. We lost a couple kids last year who were really important to us. Dylan is one of our captains and he leads by example. That's a kid I love to coach."

With 1:42 left in the third, Stepinac tied the back-and-forth game up again. But Cafaro had the answer for the Wildcats with 1:04 remaining, sending Westlake into the fourth quarter with a 7-6 lead.

"We've always been a second-half team," Dylan Donnery said. "Coach gave us some motivation at halftime and we turned it up."

The Crusaders tied the game up at 7-7 with 7:04 left in the fourth quarter.

Stepinac had defeated Westlake 13-12 in overtime last season. Castellano's message to his team all week was: "You heard how last year ended. A lot of you played on that team. It's time to take our



Nick Gorman of the Wildcats looks to make his move.

turn and finish it the right way."

Cafaro finished with three goals and three assists to lead Westlake. Dylan Donnery netted three goals. Sardo and Andrew Llamas each notched a goal and an assist. Nick Gorman dished out three assists. Goalie Justin Avella came up with some big saves in the cage.

"He's been our rock," Castellano said of Avella. "He had a rough couple of games in the beginning of the year and he's really rose to the challenge. He's gotten better and better each game. He's such a good kid, so I'm extremely happy for him."

In a 16-9 win over host New Rochelle last Saturday, Dylan and Ryan Donnery combined for nine goals and three assists.

Gorman tallied three goals and an assist. Sardo and Cafaro scored two goals each.

Westlake (7-3) travels to Hendrick Hudson for a 5 p.m. game on Tuesday, April 30. The Wildcats then head to Putnam Valley for another 5 p.m. contest on May 1. The Wildcats close out the week by hosting Clarkstown North at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

"We're going to build off this win," Castellano said of the victory over Stepinac. "The kids needed this. We've had a couple of tough games. We had a tough one with Pleasantville where we were in the same exact situation. It was 7-7 with four minutes left and we kind of faltered toward the end of that game. Now that I think they know that they can do it, I think it's going to help us out in the long run."



Wildcat goalie Justin Avella is ready in net.



Westlake's Greg Cafaro had three goals and three assists in a win over Stepinac.

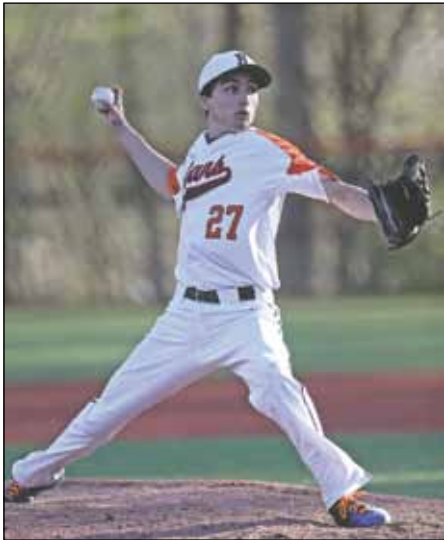


Matt Sardo controls the ball against Stepinac. He scored the game-winning goal in overtime.



Dylan Donnery goes on the attack.





Briarcliff junior Patrick Poggi went the distance, scattering six hits, in last Wednesday's 2-1 win by the Bears over rival Pleasantville.



Byram Hills' Kallie Hoffman tries to maintain control of the ball during the first half of a 13-8 victory over visiting White Plains. She finished with five goals.



Grace Scavone of Byram Hills moves toward the cage for a shot in the Bobcats' win over White Plains last Tuesday.



Pleasantville's Michael Matica hits the ball toward right field during the Panthers' game at Briarcliff last Wednesday afternoon.

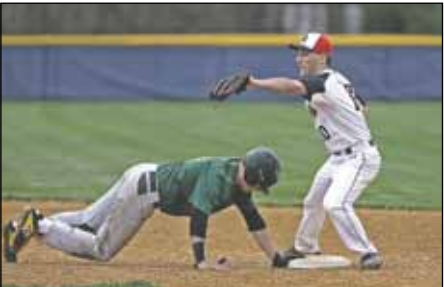
# SPORTS SCENE



Matthew Satriale of Pleasantville fires a pitch to the plate in last week's game at Briarcliff.



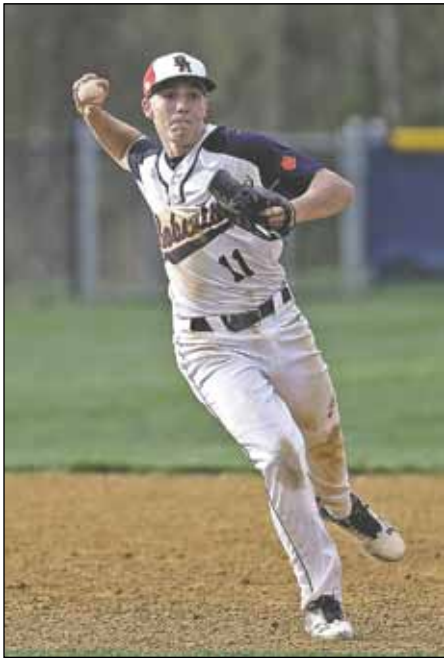
Taylor Duffy of Byram Hills gets set to pass the ball in the first half of the Bobcat victory over White Plains.



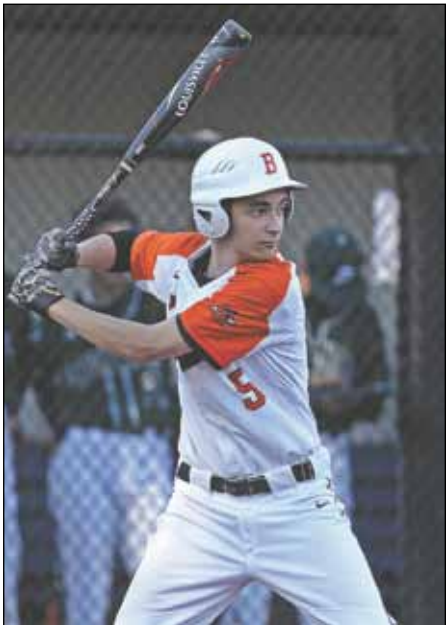
Byram Hills second baseman Gianluca Nelson seeks an out call from the umpire on a pickoff attempt in last Tuesday's home game against Lakeland.



Chloe Siegle takes the ball toward midfield in last Tuesday afternoon's 13-8 home win by Byram Hills.



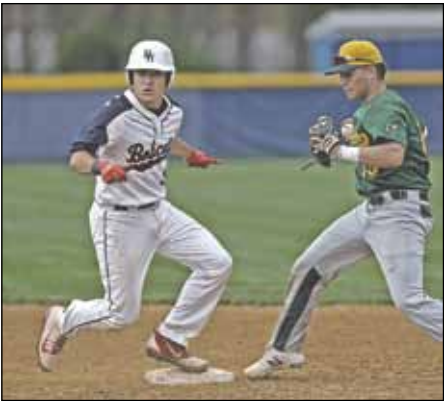
Byram Hills third baseman Dominic Picca fires to first for an out in last Tuesday's game against Lakeland.



Briarcliff batter Brett Ostrover awaits a pitch in last week's 2-1 victory over visiting Pleasantville.



Lindsey Grotta of Byram Hills looks over the defense as she controls the ball in last week's win over the White Plains Tigers.



Garrett Boekel of Byram Hills is safe at second base after Lakeland shortstop Leo Cummings missed the bag on a force play in last week's game won by the visiting Hornets.





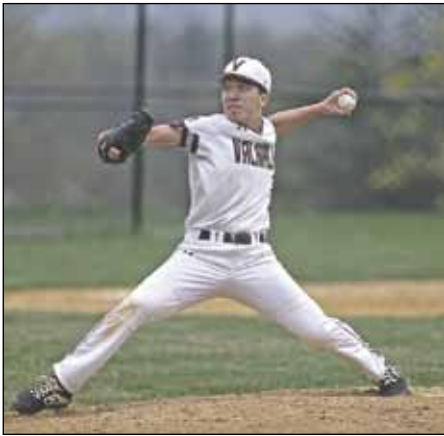
Valhalla shortstop Jake Sekinski makes a late tag at second base in the Vikings' home win over Keio last Thursday.



Horace Greeley sophomore Ryan Guber moves forward to hit a backhand return during his singles match against visiting Yorktown on Thursday.



Briarcliff senior Kelly O'Donnell, who had seven goals and two assists in a 16-8 win last Wednesday, passes the ball on a fast break as Westlake's Juliana Colabatistto tries to stop her.



Robert Carbone delivers a pitch to the plate in Valhalla's 5-3 victory over visiting Keio on Thursday afternoon.



Sophia Falkenberg of Westlake tries to run past Briarcliff's Julia Dalessandro along the left sideline in last week's game won by the host Bears.



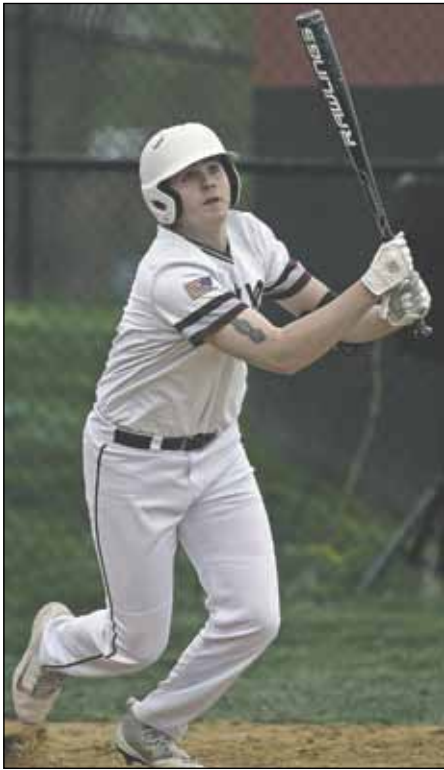
Dylan Krsulich prepares to deliver a pass in Briarcliff's home win over Westlake.



Valhalla second baseman Michael Dawson throws to first for an out in the last inning of the 5-3 win over Keio.



Emily Sardo of Westlake controls the ball in the second half of the Wildcats' game at Briarcliff last Wednesday afternoon. She scored three goals.



Valhalla's Patrick Gleason hits a pitch to right field in the win over Keio. His three-run double later in the game turned out to be the decisive hit.



Westlake's Gianna Eglauf runs with the ball behind the cage in last Wednesday afternoon's game at Briarcliff.



Briarcliff's Chloe Goldstein searches for an open teammate in the Bears' victory over visiting Westlake.



Joe Pecora of Valhalla rounds third base during last week's home game against Keio.





The Setters' Amanda Dickerson moves the ball across the field early in the second half of the 15-9 win over visiting Saint Anselm.



Pace freshman midfielder Aleya Corretjer scored a pair of goals and added two assists in the 15-9 Setter victory last Wednesday evening.



The Setters' Mary Kate Lonigan runs past midfield with the ball in last week's home win over Saint Anselm.



Carlyn Mucci of Pace sets her sights on the cage as she prepares to unleash a shot on a free-position opportunity last Wednesday. She wound up with four goals.



Pace University junior Johnna Leone controls the ball behind the cage in last Wednesday evening's regular season home finale.

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The Setters' Emma Rafferty, who scored twice, gets set to fire a shot at the cage vs. Saint Anselm.



Pace freshman goalie Sienna Masullo guards the cage for the Setters, winners now of seven straight games and set to host an NE-10 Conference playoff game this Wednesday night.



Juliana Marcolini tries to work her way toward the cage midway through the second half of last Wednesday's Pace game against visiting Saint Anselm.



Freshman Kayla Conway races toward the cage against Saint Anselm. She scored four goals in the Pace victory.

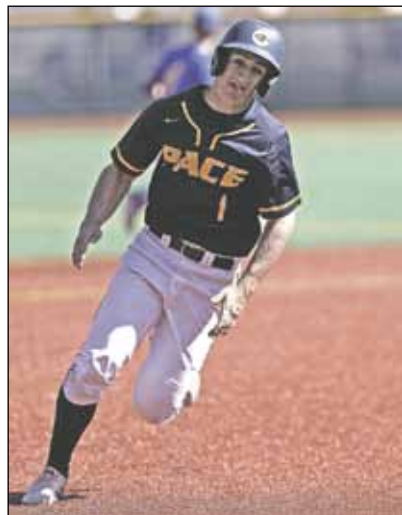




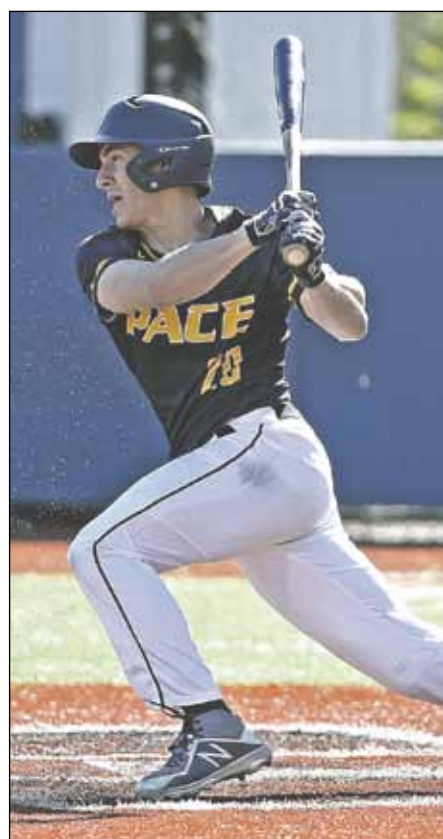
Pace second baseman Michael Salmonese tags out New Haven's Noah Budzik on a steal attempt in the third inning of last Wednesday's 8-3 Setter victory.



The Setters' Dan Wirchansky fanned 13 New Haven batters last week to set a new school record for strikeouts in a single season (89).



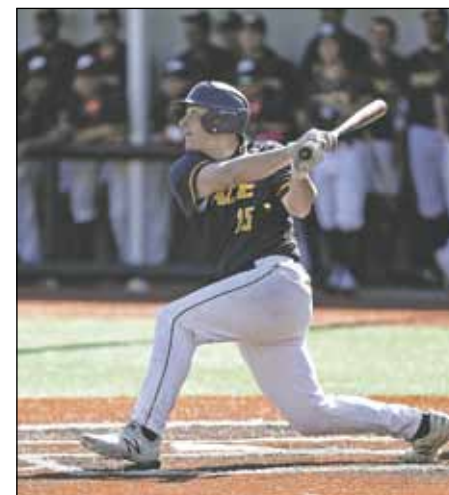
The Setters' Dean DePreta heads home to score a run on Brian Bohlander's single in the second inning vs. visiting New Haven.



Pace DH Luke Jacobi had a pair of hits and scored two runs in last Wednesday's 8-3 win for the Setters, who are currently 27-12 this season.



Pace University catcher Michael Barbato fields a late throw as Matt Chamberlain of New Haven slides safely across home plate after rounding the bases on an error following a rundown between first and second.



Pace's Brian Bohlander hits an RBI single in the second inning of the Setters' 8-3 win over New Haven.



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Greeley Shortstop Dan Santana Awaits the Call  
as Gianluca Nelson of Byram Hills Tries to Steal  
in the Bobcats' Win Over the Quakers on Monday

