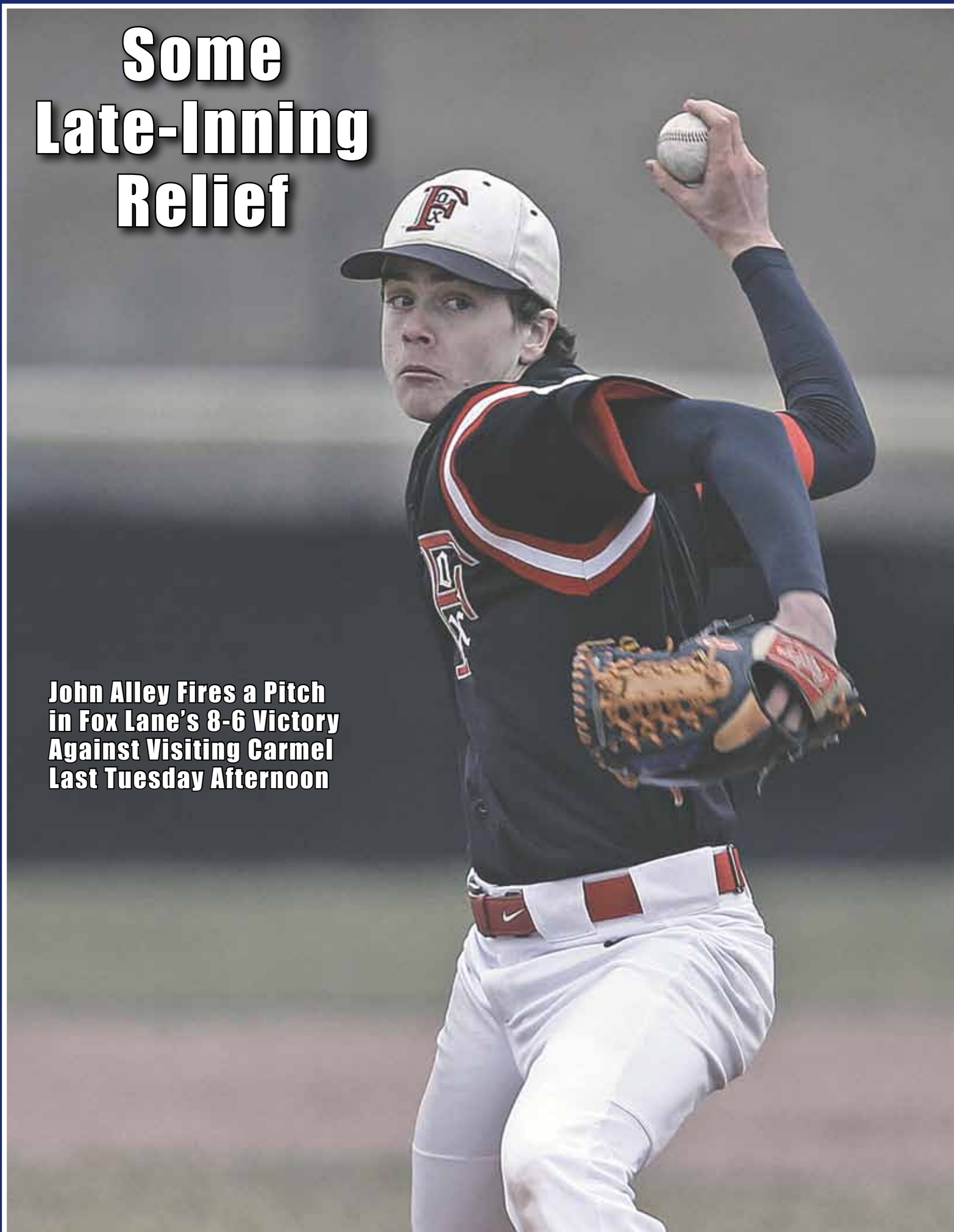


Some Late-Inning Relief

**John Alley Fires a Pitch
in Fox Lane's 8-6 Victory
Against Visiting Carmel
Last Tuesday Afternoon**



Briarcliff Girls Bounce Back With a Rout of Harrison

By Andy Jacobs

A season-opening three-game winning streak had come to a crashing halt a few days earlier, so when the Briarcliff girls' lacrosse team took the field for Saturday morning's home matchup with Harrison it was anyone's guess how the Bears would respond.

But facing a Huskie squad still seeking its first victory, Briarcliff dominated from start to finish. With Ashley Goldstein scoring five goals, Kelly O'Donnell three and four other players adding two apiece, the Bears routed Harrison 17-5.

"You know, you come off a loss and we talk about gut checks and how we're gonna react to a loss," said Bears head coach Jess McDonough afterwards. "For them to come out and work this hard, I was so happy and so proud of them because it just shows the grit and the pride that they have."

Three of Goldstein's goals came during a four-minute blitz late in the opening half that enabled the Bears to stretch their lead to 8-2 at intermission. Any chance of a Huskie comeback quickly disappeared as Briarcliff scored a trio of goals in the first three and a half minutes of the second half. Goldstein's final goal, with 16:30 remaining, increased Briarcliff's cushion to 14-4 and put the clock on running time.

For the Bears, it was quite a contrast to last Wednesday's disappointing 11-4 loss at Byram Hills that put an emphatic end to their early-season euphoria.

"I just think, defensively, we weren't working together as a unit, and that's what we really focused on this week," said McDonough. "We really talked to our team this week and really focused on our weaknesses from the Byram game. And I think they really came together."

The Bears jumped ahead of Harrison when Julia Dalessandro ended a lengthy first possession of the day with the first of her two goals a minute forty into



The Bears' Julia Dalessandro takes the ball up the field in Saturday's win over Harrison.

the contest. Nearly three minutes later, Dalessandro tallied again, scoring on a free-position shot that gave Briarcliff a 2-0 advantage.

But Harrison won the ensuing draw and Jessica Saviano sent a shot past Bears sophomore goalie Charlotte Baer to cut the lead in half with 19:53 to go in the half. That was as close as the Huskies would get the rest of the way, though, as the Bears proceeded to score the next four goals, starting with O'Donnell's no-look, through-her-legs scoop shot after a careless Harrison turnover.

It took over six minutes for Briarcliff to score again, but the drought ended when Goldstein made a long run up the field and found teammate Dylan Krsulich open just ahead. The sophomore midfielder converted from the right doorstep to increase the Bears' edge to 4-1 with 11:19 left in the half. The Bears added another goal with exactly 10 minutes remaining with Camryn Cohen converting off a feed

from Dalessandro, who had picked up a loose ball and sprinted with it the length of the field.

Another Harrison turnover led to Goldstein's first goal of the game, with 7:39 to go before halftime. The Huskies answered 51 seconds later when a shot by Ashley Staggs that seemed to move in slow motion somehow found the back of the net. But two more goals by Goldstein, on a lefty shot from a feed by Dalessandro with 5:20 left, and a low



Kelly O'Donnell gets set to fire a shot at the cage in the second half of Saturday's Briarcliff home game.

backhand off a pass from O'Donnell with 3:59 on the clock, built an 8-2 lead for the Bears.

The margin could've been even larger, but a point-blank shot by Krsulich with two minutes to go caromed off the post and Dalessandro's free-position shot with 44 seconds left was stopped by Huskie goalie Izzie Cipriano. At halftime, with a six-goal advantage, McDonough warned her team against a second-half letdown.

"We talked about Harrison's gonna come out fired up," she said. "So we need to make sure we keep the same intensity and just come out and keep going strong. And I was really proud that they executed that."

Just 25 seconds into the second half, Goldstein, after sprinting up the field and cutting left to beat a defender, sent a one-hopper past Cipriano. The Bears' lead grew to 10-2 two minutes later when Cassie Lawler, pestering Cipriano behind the cage, forced a turnover and then found Cohen open in front for an easy goal into the vacated net.

A minute after Cohen's goal, a



Briarcliff sophomore midfielder Dylan Krsulich runs with the ball along the right sideline during the win over the Huskies.



Briarcliff's Ashley Goldstein, who scored five goals, runs past Harrison's Lucy Alcoba during the Bears' 17-5 win.

Harrison turnover led to a lightning-quick break with Krsulich passing to Goldstein, who then tossed to the open Samantha Kilman in front of the cage for the Bears' 11th goal. But Harrison did manage to respond with a pair of goals by Sydney Saviano just 13 seconds apart that narrowed the Briarcliff lead to 11-4 with 20:18 left in the game.

The Bears, though, outscored the Huskies by a 5-1 margin over the next 10 minutes. O'Donnell had two of the goals and Kilman's second of the game, with 10:03 remaining, gave Briarcliff a 16-5 lead. The score stayed the same until Chloe Goldstein sent a lefty shot into the net just 70 seconds before the final buzzer.

With the bitter memory of the lopsided loss to Byram Hills erased for now, the Bears will look to build on their victory over Harrison with home games this week against Eastchester and Hen Hud.

"Our big thing is just working hard and being mentally prepared for whatever's thrown at us," said McDonough. "They'll have one day, then we're back at it on Tuesday. We really focus on, OK, that's in the past, let's look at the future now and let's focus on our next game. We're very focused on one day at a time."



The Bears' Camryn Cohen sends a shot past Harrison goalie Izzie Cipriano during the second half of Saturday's game.



Samantha Kilman of Briarcliff heads for the cage in the Bears' rout of visiting Harrison on Saturday morning.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

Greeley Baseball Team Falls at Home to the Patriots

By Andy Jacobs

A three-run first inning could've been even larger for the Horace Greeley baseball team on Saturday afternoon and the Quakers soon paid the price for squandering the chance to break open their non-league game against John Jay.

The visiting Patriots quickly answered with their own three-run inning to grab the lead for good and went on to a 10-4 victory, handing Greeley its third consecutive loss in a challenging week. Tommy Cavallo belted a long home run in the sixth inning and Andrew Lisella pitched three innings of relief to earn the win as John Jay improved to 3-0 this season.

"You know, we made some mistakes defensively," said Quakers coach Anthony Marino, whose team dropped to 2-3-1 with the loss. "We had a chance to have a really big first inning. We had bases loaded and it seemed like we were content with walks instead of trying to drive in some runs. We got into some good hitter's counts and then didn't really swing much. But that's the game."

John Jay jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Quaker starting pitcher Jordan Klein surrendered a two-out RBI single to right field to Nick Capizola. But in the bottom of the inning, John Jay's Max Hover had trouble with his command. With one out, he hit Nate Jbara with a pitch, then walked Tyler Rosenberg. A bloop single by Jake Andersen loaded the bases.

A line-drive single to right by Norick



Greeley starting pitcher Jordan Klein delivers to the plate during Saturday's home game.

Mathias drove home Jbara and tied the game. Nick Hubbe then walked to force in the Quakers' second run. But then Hover got a called third strike for the second out. Lefty-swinging Jake Murakami earned a base on balls, sending home another run, before Hover escaped further damage by retiring Sam Falk on a groundball to short.

The Quakers' Klein yielded back-to-back walks with one out in the second inning. After Kyle Vidulich flied out for the second out, Kyle Cacamise reached when his hot smash toward short wound up in left field, sending home the Patriots' second run. Jay then took a lead. It never relinquished as Tyler Gray ripped a two-run single to center field.

"That would've been the inning-ender," said Marino about the ball hit by Cacamise. "That let all these in. It was a groundball to the shortstop, hard hit. I don't know if it took a bad hop or what, but a ball we're gonna field 99 out of a 100 times."

Already leading 4-3, the Patriots threatened again in the top of the third inning. They loaded the bases with just



Greeley second baseman Jake Andersen fields a late throw as John Jay's Kyle Cacamise slides safely into the bag during Saturday's game.

one out, but Klein got out of trouble by striking out Lenny Vann and retiring Vidulich on a grounder to short. An inning later, facing new pitcher Dan Stein, John Jay moved ahead 5-3 on Capizola's two-out, opposite-field RBI single to right.

Greeley got the run back in the bottom of the fourth as Zach Reynolds walked with one out and Jbara followed with a single to left, setting the stage for a double steal with two outs. Reynolds crossed the plate before the Patriots could tag Jbara in a rundown.

In the fifth, the Patriots scored again with two outs to regain their two-run lead. Nick Geraci, who had led off with a single, eventually came home on an infield hit by Cacamise. The Quakers had a good chance to get closer in the bottom of the inning when Andersen led off with a double down the right-field line.

But the Greeley threat was quickly erased when Mathias followed with a bloop over second base. Cacamise made a running catch in short right and then threw to shortstop Tommy DiRusso to double Andersen up. Hubbe then drew a base on balls, but was promptly cut down trying to steal second base for the final out.

"Yeah, tough read," said Marino about the instant decision Andersen faced on the soft fly to short right that turned into an unfortunate double play for the Quakers. "He thought the second baseman wasn't gonna get there, was extending his secondary (lead) and the kid made a nice



Shortstop Norick Mathias scampers after a pop fly in Horace Greeley's 10-4 loss to visiting John Jay.

running grab. Those things happen."

Sean Dunleavy came on in the sixth inning to pitch for the Quakers. He retired the first batter he faced, then gave up the booming home run by Cavallo over the fence in left field. In the bottom of the inning, Falk reached on a two-out walk, but was then caught stealing.

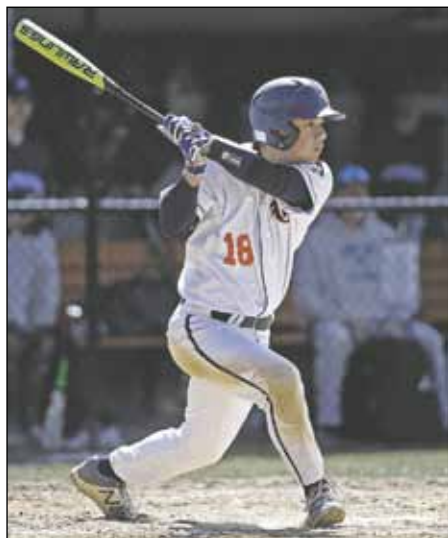
The Patriots put the game out of reach in the seventh with three more runs. Cacamise drove home two of them with a single up the middle against the Quakers' drawn-in infield. Greeley's last turn at the plate didn't last long after Jbara reached on a one-out walk. Rosenberg followed with a grounder to the right side of the infield that was turned into a game-ending 4-6-3 double play.

Greeley had begun its season with lopsided victories over Riverside and Sleepy Hollow. But after falling twice to sectional champion Lakeland earlier in the week and then to the Patriots, the Quakers are suddenly in the midst of a losing streak.

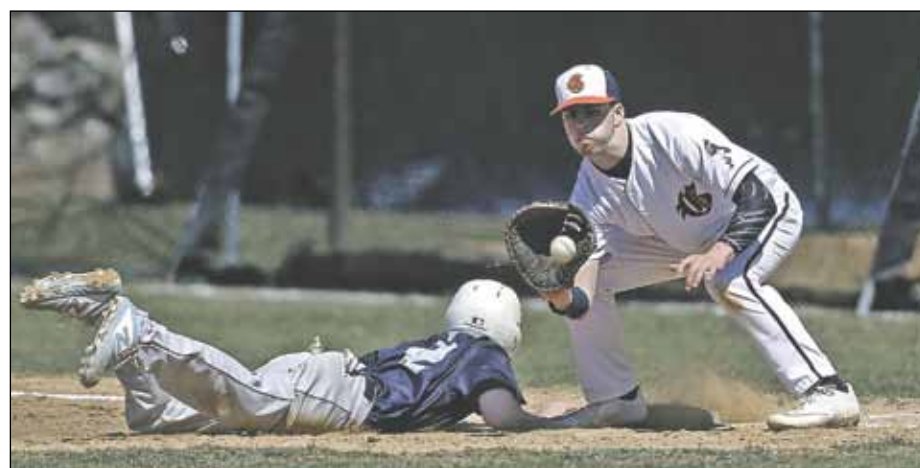
"Hey, as long as they're fighting, that's all you can ask for," said Marino. "Just don't accept losing. You've just gotta keep fighting. It's a long season. We've got plenty of time left. John Jay's a good team and Lakeland, they were a state finalist for a reason, and they return everybody. So we're OK. We're gonna be OK."



The Quakers' Nate Jbara runs to third base in the first inning of Saturday's game.



Greeley DH Jake Murakami swings the bat in the Quakers' game against the John Jay Patriots on Saturday afternoon.



Horace Greeley first baseman Tyler Rosenberg grabs a pickoff throw during the Quakers' home game against John Jay of East Fishkill.



Fox Lane's John Alley pitches in relief during last Tuesday's home victory over the Carmel Rams.



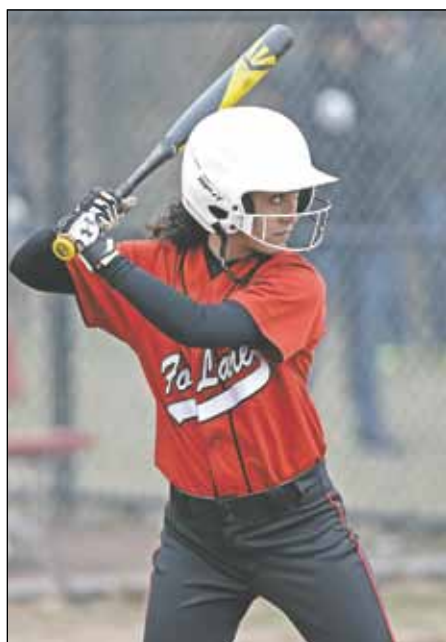
Jordyn Killion of Fox Lane delivers a pitch in last Tuesday's home win over Westlake.



Fox Lane infielder Jack Williamson fires to first base to complete a double play in the Foxes' 8-6 win over Carmel.



Westlake third baseman Kristin Pierce fields a late throw in the Wildcat's road game against Fox Lane.



Alexandra Stickler of Fox Lane awaits a pitch in last week's game vs. the Westlake Wildcats.



Fox Lane's Dean Massari, who had three hits and two RBIs in last Tuesday's win over Carmel, stirs up a cloud of dirt after sliding into second base.



Michael Lombardi of Fox Lane moves back to second base after taking a big lead in last Tuesday's home game vs. Carmel.



Fox Lane shortstop Adriana Piccolino fields a late throw as Westlake's Erin Nebel arrives safely at second base during last Tuesday's game, won by the host Foxes.



Jack Williamson of Fox Lane races down the third-base line to score a run in the 8-6 win over Carmel.



Fox Lane's Samantha Sanchez hits the ball toward right field during the Foxes' win over visiting Westlake.



Maeve Sheehan of Westlake watches the ball leave her bat during last Tuesday's game.



Fox Lane's Valerie Candeleria takes a momentary break after reaching second base in last Tuesday's home game.

SPORTS SCENE



Westlake's Gianna Eglauf tries to find room to fire a shot during last Thursday's home game against Irvington.



Pleasantville's Mia Togneri is poised to score one of her five goals in Monday night's win over the Wappingers Warriors.



Westlake outfielder Erin Nebel waits for a pitch to arrive in last week's game at Fox Lane.



Paige Long of Pleasantville searches for an open teammate in the first half of the Panthers' 20-4 rout of Wappingers on Monday evening.



Westlake's Elle Verna takes the ball across the field in last Thursday's 19-11 loss to Irvington.



Jessica Prauda of Westlake is closely guarded in the Wildcats' loss to visiting Irvington.



Pleasantville's Jenna McAllister races toward the cage during Monday's easy win over the Wappingers Warriors.



Grace Capko of Pleasantville puts on the moves as she tries to get to the cage in the first half of the undefeated Panthers' win over Wappingers.



Westlake shortstop Jamie Perfito chases after a pop fly in last week's game at Fox Lane.



Westlake senior Emily Sardo takes the ball up the field in the first half of last week's game vs. the Irvington Bulldogs.



Alexandra Howard of Westlake fires a shot at the cage in the first half of Thursday's home game.



The Setters' Mary Kate Lonegan sets her sights on the back of the cage as she gets set to fire a shot during Saturday's game at Pace Stadium.



Pace University's Johnna Leone controls the ball behind the cage in the first half of Saturday's 10-7 home win over Saint Michael's.



Pace's Emma Rafferty, who had two goals and an assist, runs past a pair of Saint Michael's defenders during Saturday's Northeast-10 Conference win.

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Taylor Rossi races past midfield with the ball during first-half action at Pace Stadium on Saturday afternoon.



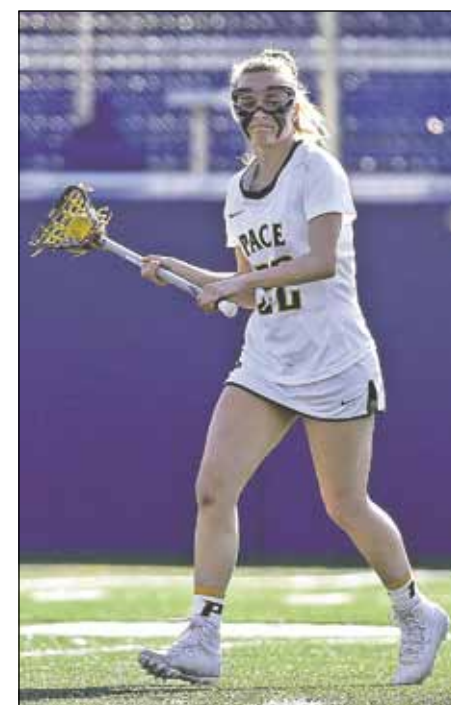
Juliana Marcolini finished with three goals in the Setters' home win this past weekend.



Pace freshman Isabella Piccola considers her options as she possesses the ball during the first half of the home win over Saint Michael's.



Courtney Sulfaro runs behind the cage with the ball in Pace's home victory over Saint Michael's.



The Setters' Emma Norton gets set to pass the ball against the Purple Knights.

Second Half Surge Propels Greeley Past White Plains

By Rob DiAntonio

It was a back-and-forth first half last Thursday evening with host Horace Greeley leading by a goal after the first 25 minutes.

With their dominance on the draw, however, the Quakers quickly ran away with the game in the second half. They pulled away from an athletic White Plains girls' lacrosse squad and wound up winning 15-9.

The game plan was simple: win the draw, possess the ball and finish. Rinse and repeat.

"They really just played in the system," first-year Greeley coach Maggie Sharp said. "They held onto the ball and then they were able to finish when we needed them to. I think it really started with just winning the draw. [White Plains] has really good draw girls, so I think it came down to who was getting the ball and just holding onto possession."

Greeley's draw team features Mia Scott, Bella Arrese, Lily Ives and Hailey Rosenthal.

"A lot of them were 50-50 balls," Sharp said of the draws. "[White Plains] girls are really tall. They do very well on the draw. So it was kind of just battling on the ground and getting the 50-50 balls."

Molly Byrne started the scoring spree when she jetted past a defender and finished just 49 seconds into the second half to make it 7-5 Quakers.

Arrese, who tallied a game-high six goals, scored on a feed from Casey Wachtel a minute and a half later. Wachtel hit Arrese again in the middle of White Plains' defense and she spun and scored to make it 9-5 with 18:44 to go.

Wachtel absorbed a hit and finished to increase the lead to 10-5 with 16:21 to go. Byrne charged in and found the back of the net to make it 11-5. Arrese scored on an 8-meter to cap off the 6-0 run, stretching the lead to 12-5 with 13:55 to play.

White Plains finally broke its scoring



Greeley's Mia Scott looks to make her move



Quaker Lily Ives raced up the sideline.



Madison Rosenthal looks to pass during a game with White Plains last week.

drought when Alexa Donahoe scored with 13:29 on the clock to cut it to a six-goal deficit. The Tigers, however, weren't able to get within five goals.

Following a two-goal run from White Plains, Wachtel scored on a feed from Lily Ives with 4:27 left to give the Quakers a 14-8 advantage. Byrne closed out the scoring with 1:15 to go.

Wachtel (2G, 4A), Byrne (3G), Ives (3G, 2A), Rosenthal (1G) and Scott (1A) all helped stuff the stat sheet for a well-rounded Quaker offense.

"On any given day, any of our attackers and midfielders can step up," Sharp said. "Whoever is hot, we try to keep the ball in their hands. We really do have a balanced attack, so it's nice. A lot of our plays focus on a lot of different girls. It's nice to be able to really count on anyone on our offense."

Goalie Sophia Rutman came through with some big saves when she needed to and finished with eight stops. Grace Arrese and Bella Arrese combined to create five turnovers defensively.

"Rutman was awesome for us," Sharp said. "She is really a leader out there, makes a lot of saves and communicates well on defense. Since our last game, we've definitely been working on crashing hard, forcing them out and finishing plays

just all the way through. It was nice to see them do that tonight."

Earlier in the week, Greeley defeated Nanuet 13-11 on April 1.

Greeley, 2-1 now after also defeating Nanuet 13-11 earlier in the week, squares off with visiting Yorktown at 6 p.m. on April 9. It then travels to Somers for a 4:30 p.m. contest on April 11 and closes out a busy week the next day by hosting Carmel at 6 p.m.

"Even just from our first game, they have improved so much," Sharp said of the Quakers. "They are really a tight-knit group and work so well together. They talk a lot and they battle. I'm excited to see them keep working together as a team and building those connections on the field."



Casey Wachtel sends a pass during last Thursday night's game vs. White Plains.



Greeley goalie Sophia Rutman looks for a teammate to outlet to.

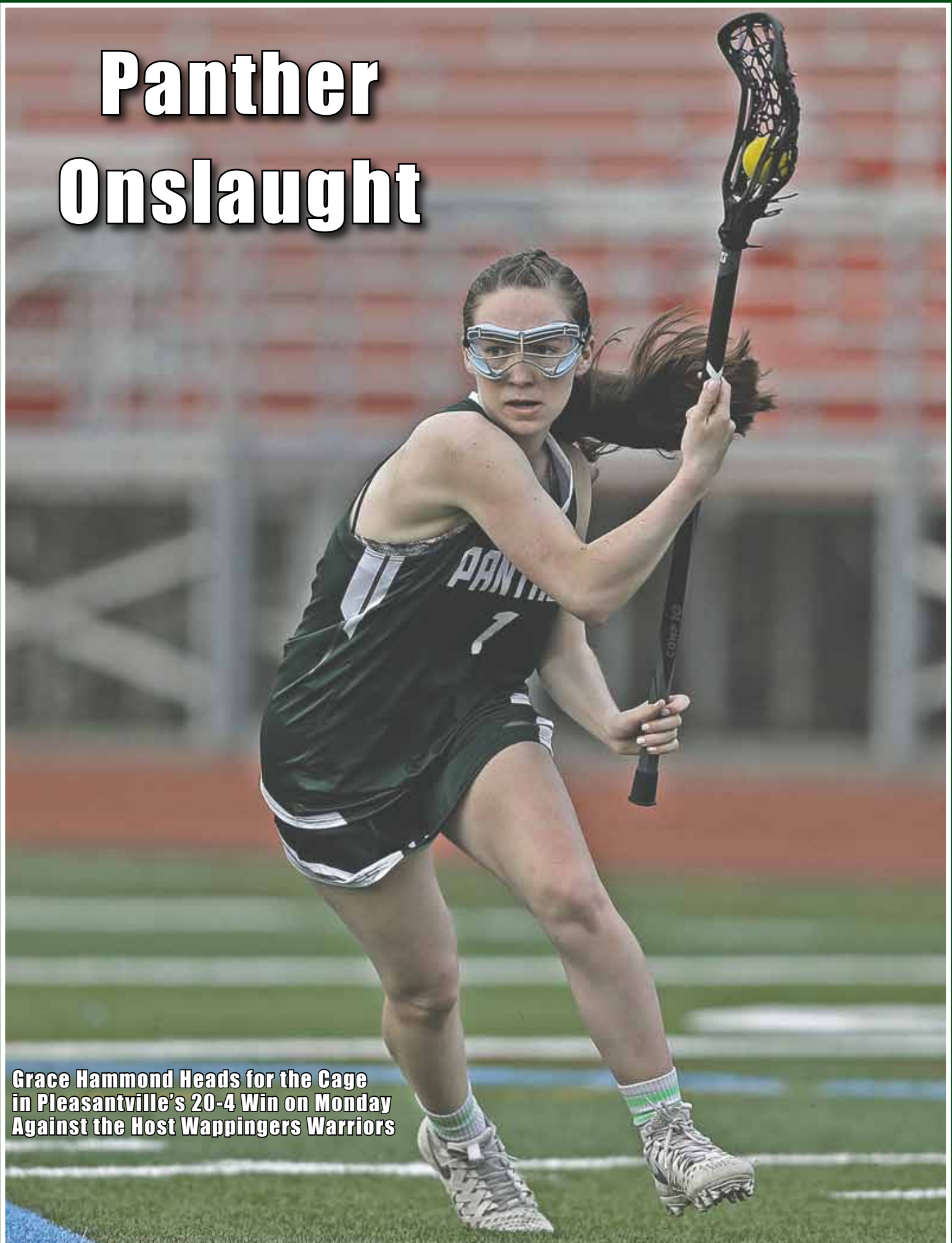


Natalie Daly starts a break up the field.



Bella Arrese leads a fast break up the field.

Panther Onslaught



**Grace Hammond Heads for the Cage
in Pleasantville's 20-4 Win on Monday
Against the Host Wappingers Warriors**