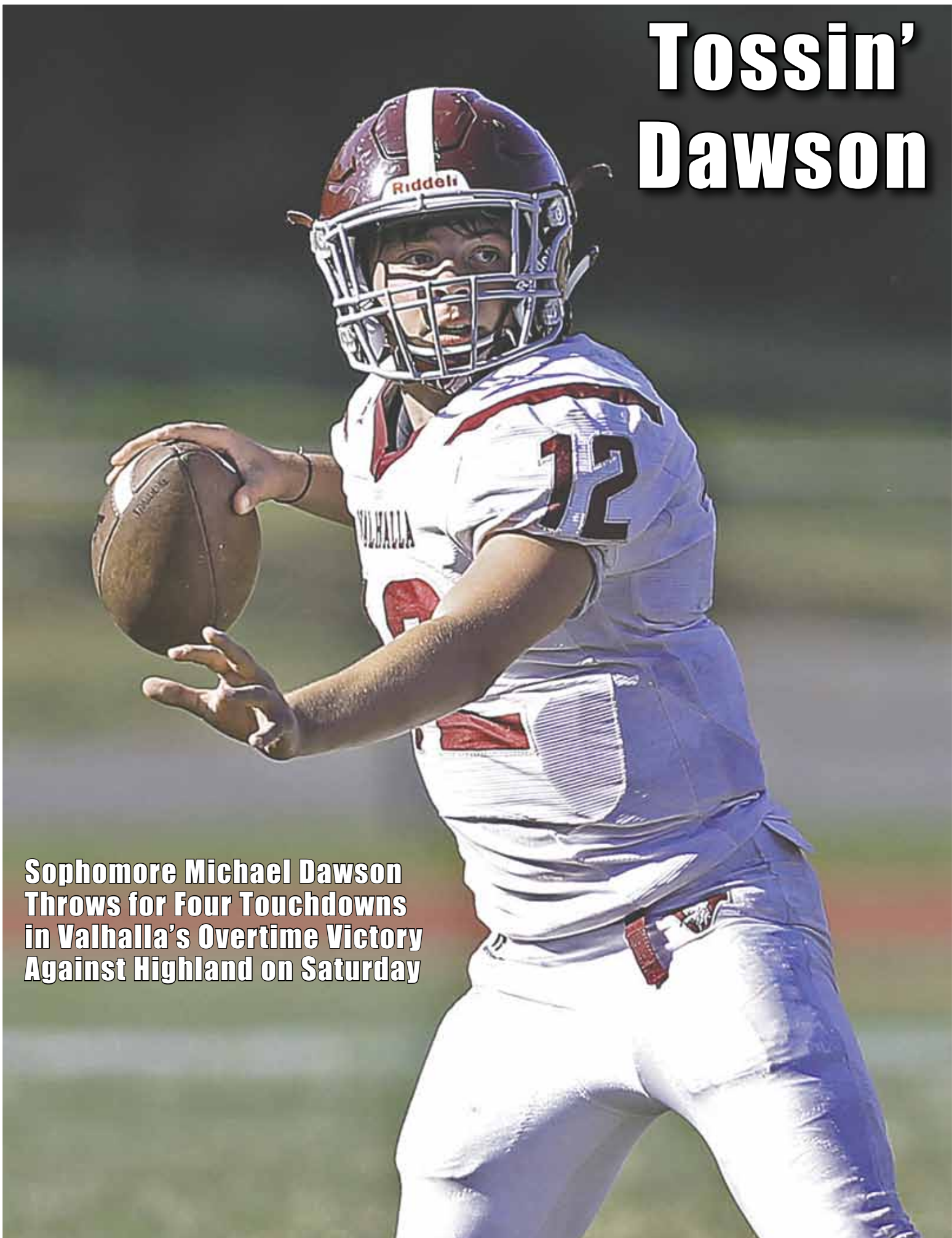


Tossin' Dawson

**Sophomore Michael Dawson
Throws for Four Touchdowns
in Valhalla's Overtime Victory
Against Highland on Saturday**



Unbeaten Fox Lane Runs Past Peekskill on the Road

By Rob DiAntonio

Head coach Bill Broggy knows that Fox Lane's toughest games await in the weeks ahead, but he still had his Foxes focused on the task at hand when they travelled to Peekskill's Depew Park on Saturday afternoon.

It was over early as the Foxes built a 29-0 halftime cushion and cruised to a 44-6 victory to improve to 3-0.

"We've been practicing well. I'll emphasize that," Broggy said when asked what the key to the unbeaten start has been. "We've been having some great practices and we're building. If we can continue to do that, we'll get better."

Michael Washington finished with 13 carries for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Teammate Christian Horvath had eight carries for 89 yards and two scores. Jordan Sauro added 17 carries for 104 yards and one touchdown.

"We've got some good running backs and our offensive line has really been jelling, so that really helped," Broggy said. "Michael is



Quarterback Spencer Rowley rolls out to pass.

a good back and the good thing is we have two other guys who can also carry the ball. It's good to have and Michael's a special player."

Washington, a senior, got things started with a 4-yard touchdown run with 7:36 left in the first quarter to make it 7-0.

"We had Andrew Brown (last year), who is over at Denison playing in college and was a three-year starter," Broggy said. "So Michael got some time last year, but it's obviously full duty for him this year."

Senior quarterback Spencer Rowley then rolled to his left and scored from 15 yards out. Rowley's two-point conversion pass to Marcial Vasquez made it 15-0 with 3:08 left in the first.

Washington added another 4-yard touchdown run five seconds into the second quarter. Horvath's 12-yard score with 8:18 left in the second gave the Foxes their 29-0 halftime lead.

Pedro Silva had an interception to end the first half, while Washington and Horvath picked up where they left off in the third quarter, providing big runs to set up



Thomas Olsen finds room to run around the outside.



Fox Lane's Michael Washington looks to stiff arm a Peekskill defender.



Fox Lane gang tackles a Peekskill back.

Horvath's 5-yard TD trot to stretch the lead. A two-point conversion pass from Rowley to Henry Wallace made it 37-0. Rowley completed 3 of 3 passes for 55 yards. He was 7 for 7 in the previous week against Greeley.

Peekskill got on the board with a 54-yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter. Sauro's 4-yard sweep for the Foxes closed out the scoring with 2:33 to play.

Tucker Wallace led the Foxes' defense with three tackles for a loss.

Fox Lane travels to Harrison for a 7 p.m. game on Friday, Sept. 27. The Foxes then have their two tallest tasks after that with Somers and Yorktown looming in back-to-back games to close out the regular season.

"We have to continue to strive for excellence and keep working hard at practice," Broggy said. "Don't rest on these games because we know we're going to have difficult opponents in the next few weeks."



It takes multiple Peekskill defenders to bring down Fox Lane's Marcial Vasquez.

ROB DIANTONIO PHOTOS

Valhalla Earns Its First Win by Beating Highland in Overtime

By Andy Jacobs

In a back-and-forth game that featured four touchdowns apiece by the two teams, it took a huge defensive play to finally decide the outcome.

Rahsean Melvin's block of an extra-point try in overtime set the stage for the Valhalla Vikings to soon eke out the narrowest of victories against the host Highland Huskies. Michael Dawson's fourth touchdown pass of the day tied the score for the fourth time and then kicker Elias Gonzalez split the uprights with the point-after that sealed a 28-27 Viking victory on Saturday afternoon.

"It was a great game by both sides and came down to who made the last play of the game," said Valhalla head coach Stephen Boyer amid the euphoria created by his team's overtime heroics. "It was exciting. I was getting ready to use my magic two-point play that I used against Pleasantville and Nanuet the last two years. That was coming if we needed to go for two to win the game."

Under a cloudless blue sky on an unseasonably warm late summer day, a modest crowd that had resisted the temptation to instead go apple picking at the orchard next door watched as two extremely hungry teams battled each other in search of their first win of the 2019 season.

Highland, demolished by a collective 96-3 in its losses this year to Section 9 foes Goshen and Marlboro, took advantage of a Viking first-quarter turnover to get on the scoreboard first. Jagger Lisa's short flea-flicker touchdown pass to a wide open David Post, followed by Gino Mazzella's point-after kick, gave the Huskies a 7-0 lead with five minutes left in the opening period.

But the Vikings quickly responded, marching 80 yards in six plays, highlighted by



Valhalla quarterback Michael Dawson eludes a tackle and searches for more yardage while scrambling in Saturday's game at Highland.

Dawson's first TD pass of the day, 51 yards to Sammy Mussuto. The PAT by Gonzalez tied the score with 2:14 remaining in the first quarter. Valhalla, though, squandered the chance to take the lead after recovering a fumble at the Husky 23-yard line on the ensuing kickoff.

Instead, Highland regained its advantage after taking over on downs at its own 28. On third-and-seven, quarterback Brian Joyce found Lisa over the middle near midfield and the senior wide receiver raced all the way to the end zone for a 73-yard touchdown. Mazzella's kick gave the Huskies a 14-7 edge with just 7.9 seconds left in the quarter.

"Our defense let 'em loose," said Boyer, reminded afterwards that Highland hadn't crossed the goal line yet in its previous games. "They scored a couple nice touchdowns on us. We've got to get more disciplined in what we do, offensively and defensively. It's very coachable and we'll focus on that this week."

The Vikings, again forced to start from their own 20-yard line because of the powerful leg of Mazzella, who easily booted each of his kickoffs into the end zone, answered once more with another 80-yard scoring drive. This one lasted 10 plays, featured a 30-yard pass completion to a leaping Mussuto and ended with Dawson



The Vikings' Daniel Tammara carries the football in the first quarter of Saturday's game against the Huskies.

passing over the middle to Mahari Davis Jr. for an 18-yard touchdown. The extra point by Gonzalez tied the score for the second time.

Davis also provided a spectacular one-handed interception on Highland's next possession, but the Vikings then went three-and-out. The Huskies appeared to take the lead yet again in the final minute of the half when Matt Champagne returned a punt 60 yards, but his TD run was called back by a penalty and the teams walked off the field at halftime still tied at 14-apiece.

A Highland fumble early in the third quarter gave the Vikings the ball at the Husky 36. After a 21-yard run by Joseph Nolan and, a few plays later, a flag on the Huskies, Valhalla had the ball at the 1-yard line. But Dawson, who threw for 265 yards, was stopped short twice and on fourth down the Vikings fumbled the snap, ending the threat.

"Yeah, we should score inside the 5-yard line," said Boyer. "We ran the quarterback two or three times and then we had a missed snap in a wildcat formation. You can't have that."

Valhalla couldn't take advantage of Daniel Tammara's interception with just over four minutes left in the third quarter, quickly turning the ball over on downs at the Highland 26. But the Vikings finally grabbed the lead for the first time late in the period

as Dawson connected on first down with Davis for a 35-yard touchdown. The PAT by Gonzalez gave Valhalla a 21-14 margin with 1:07 to go.

It took Highland just one play to catch up again. Joyce, the Huskies' mobile quarterback, got to the left sideline and raced 76 yards for a touchdown. Mazzella's point-after tied the game for the third time and the teams headed to the fourth quarter even at 21-21.

"We didn't contain the quarterback, who



Rahsean Melvin of Valhalla runs with the football after making a catch in Saturday's win.

was very fast and shifty," said Boyer. "75 yards later, the game's all tied up."

After a Dawson pass was picked off near midfield halfway through the fourth quarter, Highland had another apparent touchdown, on a 34-yard pass play, nullified by a penalty. Mazzella eventually attempted a 57-yard field goal with 95 seconds left, but his kick landed wide and well short. Dawson had a go-for-broke pass intercepted near the end zone by Lisa in the final half minute and the game soon shifted to overtime.

Starting from the Vikings' 20, it took Highland three plays to score its go-ahead touchdown, a 10-yard run by Joyce. But on the extra point, Mazzella's kick was knocked out of the air by the leaping Melvin. Valhalla then evened the contest again when, on first down, Dawson connected with Davis on a pass to the right for a 20-yard TD.

Gonzalez had to wait a bit longer than he might've wanted before sending everyone home with his point-after kick that easily sailed over the crossbar and brought an instant celebration to the Valhalla sideline.

"The kids know we have a really good kicker in Elias Gonzalez," said Boyer. "As long as we can block for him, he'll put the ball through. You saw what happened."

With their first victory secured, the Vikings' long bus ride home figured to be a lot more fun than the trip north.

"You know, winning cures a lot of things," said Boyer. "It's nice to be 1-2 going into the Homecoming as opposed to 0-3."



The Vikings' Joseph Nolan tries to outrun Highland's Matt Champagne in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.



Valhalla senior Sammy Mussuto celebrates following the Vikings' overtime win at Highland.



Valhalla's Mahari Davis Jr. brings down Highland's Osei Adoma by grabbing his jersey during the Vikings' 28-27 overtime victory.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Greeley’s Sammi Forster works her way around the defense of Fox Lane’s Emma Greene in the second half of last Wednesday’s game, won by the visiting Quakers.



Jasmine DiDona of Fox Lane bumps the ball in last week’s home match vs. Greeley.



Horace Greeley’s Abigail Hanlon boots the ball away in the Quakers’ 3-0 win over Fox Lane.

SPORTS SCENE



Fox Lane freshman Clarissa Landsman chases after the ball in the Foxes’ home game against Greeley.



Jacob Coleman of Pleasantville tries to gain control of the ball in the Panthers’ victory over Croton-Harmon on Friday.



Thomas Merritts of Pleasantville surveys the field as he moves the ball forward during the Panthers’ win over visiting Croton-Harmon.



Avery Schwartz of Greeley gets set to pass the ball to a teammate during last week’s win at Fox Lane.



Westlake senior Ken Dronzek takes the ball across the field in the Wildcats’ loss to Ardsley.



Fox Lane senior Madelyn Contreras sets her sights on the ball in the second half of last week’s home game against Greeley.



Bella Gjonmarkaj (9) and Corinne Wierzchowski of Fox Lane rise together trying to block the ball in last week’s volleyball match vs. Horace Greeley.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Alexandra Griffin of Fox Lane dribbles the ball past midfield during last Wednesday's game.



Matt Bonsignore of Westlake and Noah Guo of Ardsley collide near midfield as they fight for possession of the ball.



Greeley's Daniella Chung goes high to slam the ball in the Quakers' win over Fox Lane last Tuesday.



Sophia Rodriguez of Greeley bumps the ball in last Tuesday's match at Fox Lane.



Briarcliff's Maya Celaj gets set to take possession of the ball in Thursday's home game vs. Bronxville.



Timothy Fudale of Westlake settles the ball in the first half of Friday's home game.



Fox Lane's Marni Chernis (8) and Jada Singleton try to block the ball being sent over the net by Greeley's Daniella Chung in last Tuesday's match.



Briarcliff goalie Emma Smoler races away from the front of the net trying to prevent Bronxville's Kiki Tormey from getting to the ball first.



Briarcliff players, left to right, Allison Labick, Kaitlyn Ryan, Samantha Franks, Sarah Aframian and Nico Vargish form a wall to stop a Bronxville shot in the second half of Thursday’s game, won by the visiting Broncos 3-1.



Kelechi Emenike of Greeley tries to block Fox Lane’s Adriana Piccolino during last Tuesday’s three-games-to-two Quaker victory.



Julia Dalessandro of Briarcliff battles for possession of the ball last Thursday afternoon.



Fox Lane players, left to right, Deysi Vasquez, Emma Greene, Vivian Villeda and Guianella Noriega form a defensive wall during last week’s game vs. Horace Greeley.

SPORTS SCENE



Pleasantville’s William Riccardi sets his sights on the goal as he controls the ball in the second half of Friday afternoon’s win over visiting Croton.



Greeley’s Ellie Shepardson takes the ball up the field in last Wednesday’s game at Fox Lane.



Greeley’s Helen Matthews rises above the net to block the ball vs. host Fox Lane.



Fox Lane’s Quinn Alami prepares to set the ball for a teammate during last Tuesday’s home match.



Westlake’s Frank Shkeli moves the ball up the field in Friday evening’s game against Ardsley.



Pleasantville senior Cole Catalano chases after the ball late in the first half of Friday afternoon’s home game.



Vincent Santelia of Greeley runs with the football during Friday evening’s loss to the visiting Nyack Indians.



Greeley senior quarterback Brent Rosendorf is pressured by Nyack’s Jachi Harper while searching for an open receiver.

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Football



Greeley senior running back Thomas Brennan tries to elude Nyack’s Jason Breganti during first-half action on the Quakers’ home turf Friday night.



Greeley’s Mike Meringolo tries to run past Nyack’s Isaiah Francois in the first half of Friday’s home game.



The Horace Greeley defensive unit makes a tackle in the first half of Friday night’s 48-14 loss to Nyack.



Danny Meringolo picks up big yardage after making a catch during the Quakers’ home loss to Nyack under the lights on Friday.

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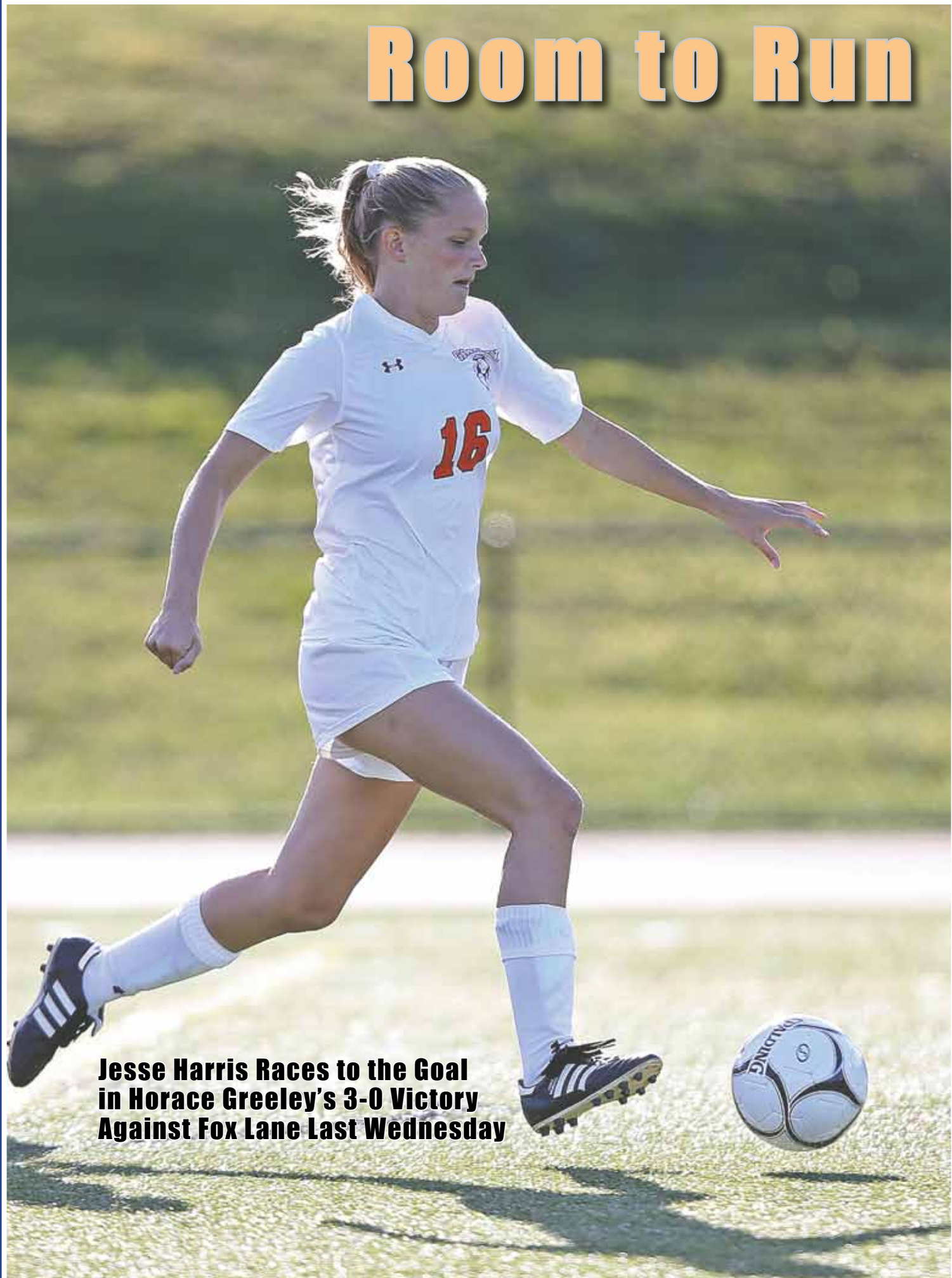
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Room to Run



**Jesse Harris Races to the Goal
in Horace Greeley's 3-0 Victory
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