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## King of the Hills!



Byram Hills keeper Aidan Cogan hoists the hardware high as the top-seeded Bobcats swarm their veteran goalie after a 4-0 win over visiting No.3 Walter Panas in Sunday's Putnam/Northern Westchester Small School Regional championship game where the 'Cats saw senior Captain Bailey Goldstein have a hand in three of the four goals scored to continue the rich championship tradition at Byram Hills... see Boys' Soccer Notebook

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## Boys' Soccer Notebook

# Byram Hills Blanks Upstart Panas for Small Schools Crown

*Carmel's Historic Season Ends in Put./N.West. OT Title Loss; White Plains, P'Ville Dip Out in South. West. Finals*

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Every soccer program mentioned in this piece, and others across the section, deserves a pat on the back for entertaining parents and fans while providing their respective clubs with unprecedented valor and courage due to the COVID-19 situation that forced school administrators to juggle schedules throughout the fall while getting us to the finish line in a cohesive, professional manner #KuddostoAll.

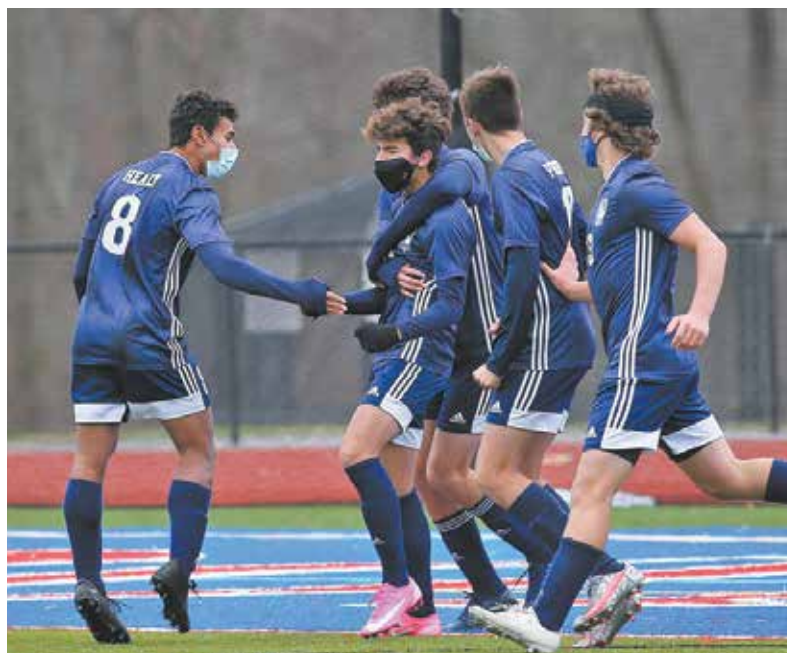
Rich in championship history, **BYRAM HILLS** will never turn its nose up at a soccer championship, especially during a season where COVID-19 had Coach Matt Allen's top-seeded Bobcats quarantined for 16 days prior to playoffs, so Sunday's 4-0 win over visiting No.3 **WALTER PANAS** was especially sweet. The Bobcats (9-0-1) saw four different scorers tickle twine to snag the Putnam-Northern Westchester Small School Regional title. Bailey Goldstein (2A), Ross Eagle (1A), Lorenzo Amorosino and Evan Boekel all found the back of the net.

"Bailey's goal at the end of the first half was a back-breaker for Panas," Allen said of the senior, who had a hand in three of the four goals, saving his best for last.

Panas (8-4-2), which has had a terrific season, failed to penetrate a stingy Byram defense that surrendered just three goals all season.

"I'm extremely proud of these boys," Panas boss Peter Prysclak said. "They have accomplished more than most previous Panas teams have done. They beaten good teams, won a regional game at home and finished as a finalist. They finished with a record of 8-4-2, which was one of our best in a long, long time. Congrats to Matty Allen and Byram Hills."

The Hills have heard that often and 2020 marked the seventh time in 20 years that Byram has championed the section, and this one was dedicated to Christy Saltstein, the mother of a player who passed away sud-



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Byram Hills players congratulate Lorenzo Amorosino after he gave Bobcats early lead in 4-0 regional championship win over Panas Sunday.

denly at the age of 46. An amazing woman, who co-founded the Stayin Alive Charity, her efforts raised over 200-K for local police departments, fire departments and ambulance corps to buy equipment needed in times of distress.

It was a special season for the Bobcat seniors.

"Our motto has long been 'Standing on the Shoulders of Greatness', and today I told these guys we now sit upon your shoulders," said Coach Allen, who saw his 20-year career record improve to 295-68-28, now just five wins shy of a major milestone that many area coaches will laud. "These seniors are now part of an alumni that understands and cherishes that reference."

In a 5-1 Panas quarterfinal win over Briarcliff, Panthers Tristan Phillips, Mike Ronga, Juan Gonzalez, Kyle Arriano and Steve Qui-

ri-dumbay each had a goal for the Panthers. Gonzalo Cavajani, Paul Ronga and Jackson DiLorenzo each handed out one assist. Kyle Rizzo stopped a penalty kick and made four saves while Shane Kammerman stopped two shots for Panas. Luca Vargish scored for the Bears off a Tyler Cho assist. The Panthers received a 1-0 forfeit win over North Salem on Friday in the semifinals.

Byram also knocked off **PEEKSKILL** in the semis but the Red Devs advanced with a 3-0 win over **LAKELAND** in the quarters. Peekskill, which had its best season in quite some time, had goals from Kevin Mendez (PK), Cesar Culajay from Nilson Sanabria (unassisted). It was the first time Peekskill beat Lakeland in two decades.

"This was a huge win for us," Peekskill Coach Jonathan Iasillo said of the Lakeland



Byram Hills' Rhys Healy gets a head on ball in front of Panas' Alexander Ramirez in 4-0 Bobcat win in Putnam-Northern Westchester small school final Sunday.

game. "It's been a focus of our soccer program to show a gradual growth of producing solid players and quality play. It's rewarding when the boys exhibit that in meaningful games like today. We play Byram Hills on Friday and we are looking forward to seeing how we stand against them."

**CARMEL** had an historic season but sometimes you just tip your cap to an opponent and move on. That was the case at Carmel High School last Friday night where sixth-seeded John Jay CR capped a momentous post-season run, which included victories over No.3 Somers, No.2 Yorktown and top-seeded Carmel.

This post-season party was improbable, given the facts: The Wolves (6-6-1) had to beat the top three seeds, they survived a quarantine that sidelined 10 players for prolonged stretches, and limped their way into the playoffs having lost six of the last seven. But none of that mattered in the finals of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Large School Regional Tournament

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Panas' Jackson DiLorenzo and co. did all they could to contain Byram's Bailey Goldstein, who lit the Panthers up for three points in 4-0 Bobcat win.



Carmel's Simon Douglas drills shot in Rams' season-ending 2-1 OT loss to John Jay CR in Put.-N.West. large School Regional title game Friday.



Carmel's Kyle Klammer controls in Rams' 2-1 OT loss to Jon Jay CR in Friday's Putnam-Northern Westchester regional final.



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Dejected Carmel players leave field after season-ending 2-1 OT loss to John Jay CR in Put.-N.West. large School Regional title game Friday.



White Plains' Eric Ramirez scored crucial goal in second-seeded Tigers' 3-2 semifinal win over No.3 Ardsley Friday.



White Plains' Gael Baraldi scored the game-winning goal in second-seeded Tigers' 3-2 semifinal win over No.3 Ardsley Friday.

where the Wolves outlasted the host Rams, 2-1, in double overtime.

Jay's Cole Ferguson finished just right of the cage, taking a 32-yard cross from Sean Sexton (a converted football player) for his second goal of the game, touching off a mad-cap celebration the Wolves never saw coming

dime in the OT session where Carmel, with limited opportunities, simply fought to defend its turf in front of keeper Joe Galeano (8 saves). The end of the finest season in school history came swiftly.

"I'm very proud of my boys, they left ev-



White Plains' Alan Meneses gathers the ball in Tigers' 3-2 South.-West. regional semifinal win over Ardsley Friday.



White Plains' Victor Flores gets up for a header in 3-2 semifinal win over Ardsley.

until the wins over Somers and Yorktown fueled belief within the unit.

"We beat teams we'd never beaten before, so it means a lot to us, especially the seniors," Wolves defender Josue Giron said.

Carmel's Jack Auteria tied the game at 1-all, hauling along the far side to gather Brian Blaser's through ball eight minutes into the second half, and the Rams had all the momentum throughout the second half when they peppered Jay G Owen Rabii (14 saves). All that changed on a

in NYS. "They fought to the end. It didn't go the way we hoped it would, but I hope they can take everything they've learned from this season and use it in life.

"This game can be cruel when you don't capitalize on your opportunities," the coach added. "We tried to make a few adjustments but they were a really good team and they were able to prevail. Our goal was to secure a culture for young players to come in here and build high levels of success and our seniors did that and then some. They set the standard for the underclassmen for years to come."

No.3 PLEASANTVILLE advanced to Sunday's Southern Westchester Small School Regional title game after a 3-2 OT triumph of No.2 Hamilton 1 last Thursday. Panther Arjun Singh scored off a Ryan Chalice to force OT where Singh came up big again from Patrick Panek. Panther G Adam Panek made nine saves. But the Panthers failed to mount



White Plains' David Paramo scored first goal in second-seeded Tigers' 3-2 semifinal win over No.3 Ardsley Friday.



Yorktown G Dylan Lopez makes saves in Huskers' OT loss to John Jay CR in regional tourney.

everything on the field," said Carmel Coach Vasilii Shevelchinsky, who guided the Rams to what is believed to be their only league title in one of the toughest leagues

a sustained attack on No.1 Bronxville and fell, 3-0, in the title tilt in a game that was much closer than the final score would indicate.

The P'Ville unit posted 10 wins and nine shutouts on the season.

Second-seeded **WHITE PLAINS** (7-1-2) reached the finals of the Southern Westchester Large School Regionals before falling to top-seeded host Mamaroneck, 4-1. Sunday, Tiger Gael Baraldi gave White Plains a 1-0 lead, but Marko Kecman scored a pair of goals in a two-minute span, putting Mamaroneck back on top for good.

"Sports is unforgiving," White Plains Coach Mike Lambert said. "Today ends an extremely successful season where a group of soccer players brought pride and a league championship to their school and city. These boys have done so much for our program, they are my family. They should be proud, they deserve it."

The Tigers reached the finals courtesy of a 3-2 win over No.3 Ardsley who had trouble stopping

David Paramo, who scored off a feed from Jair Cano for a 1-0 lead at the half. Mario Martinez-Jimenez then found Eric Ramirez for a 2-0 lead before Alan Meneses assisted on a Gael Baraldi tally for a 3-0 lead. Tiger goalies Thomas Pisapia (6 saves) and Carlos Mendez (2 saves) split the difference in goal.



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## Field Hockey Notebook

# No.1 Greeley Holds off No.2 Carmel for Large School Regional

## No.2 Lakeland Wins Small School Tourney, Hornets Crowned for 13th-Straight Year

By Rob DiAntonio & Ray Gallagher

It's not a state title, but it'll do during a season filled with so much uncertainty and doubt.

Top-seeded **HORACE GREELEY**, a state finalist in 2019, defeated third-seeded **CARMEL** 2-0 in the championship game of the Putnam-Northern Westchester large school regional tournament on Nov. 20.

Meanwhile, top-seeded **LAKELAND**, winners of 13 NYS titles and 10 of the last 11, posted a 6-0 win over visiting North Salem to lock down the Putnam-Northern Westchester small school regional tournament later that night.

The sectionals and state playoffs were cancelled this year due to concerns over COVID-19.

"This couldn't have been a better opportunity given the circumstances," Greeley senior Grace Arrese said of winning the regional title. "I think we're just so grateful that we had the opportunity to even play this season. For most of us, it's our last year. It was such an incredible feeling getting back out there, making it to the finals and winning it was just amazing for our last year."

It was by no means an easy win for a typically dominant Greeley squad against a stingy and gritty Carmel team. The host Quakers had their chances in the first quarter but were able to break through twice in the second. Senior Nataile Laskowski passed ahead to fellow senior Lily Schoonmaker, who blasted it into the back of the net to put Greeley up 1-0 just a few minutes into the quarter.



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Greeley's Claire Salamida and Carmel's Kylie Rosenquest battle for a loose ball in Quakers 2-0 regional title win over Rams Friday.

Arrese, who will play both field hockey and lacrosse at Wesleyan, added a goal on a corner with 3:25 left in the first half. Caroline Flannery, another senior, found Arrese in the left corner on the set play.

Carmel had its share of opportunities throughout the game, but Greeley goalie Siena Jarrin (8 saves)

and the rest of the defense rose to the occasion. The Rams' best opportunity came early in the fourth quarter when they had three consecutive corners, but Jarrin denied them each time and halted Carmel's momentum.

"That end line, the three inches to the right or left of that goal were not our friend today," Carmel coach Aislinn Breslin said. "The bounces just weren't there. But I'm proud of them, especially against a team

like Horace Greeley, that they had so many opportunities. They're happy with how they played so that's all I can ask for."

Arrese praised her goaltender for coming through in such a crucial moment.

"Siena just did an amazing job of getting the ball out of the circle," Arrese said. "We did exactly what we've been doing in practice. Obviously, we got unlucky and they had a few consecutive corners. We just put in our all and put aside the fact that we were really tired and tried to get the ball out as fast as we could. I think the defenders did a really good job of getting it out."

Jarrin, a senior, became the Quakers' starting goalie as a sophomore after never playing the position before.

"My goalkeeper stepped up," Greeley coach Suki Sandhu said. "They managed well, stepped up and all helped each other. They covered all of the middle and the top well."

Carmel junior goaltender Julianna Marone was impressive in her own right, keeping the Rams within striking distance with save after save against an aggressive Greeley offense. She finished with 15 saves.

"She's a first-year varsity player and she's the type that you can score 15 goals on her and she's not going to stop," Breslin said. "At the half, she was kind of like, 'Coach, I missed a few shots there.' So I sent her to talk to our younger goalie and she goes, 'Coach, I've got this.' She just gets in this mindset where she takes disappointment and turns it around into something completely positive and she was lights out in that second half."

The win capped off a stellar career for Greeley's 16 seniors. Ten of the Quakers' 11 starters were seniors, so Sandhu naturally pointed to their experience as a big

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Greeley's Grace Arrese pushes the attack as Carmel's Claire Bumgarner defends in Quakers' 2-0 win in Putnam-Northern Westchester regional final.



Greeley players pose with championship plaque after Quakers' 2-0 win over Carmel in Putnam-Northern Westchester regional final.



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Greeley players celebrate Quakers' 2-0 win over visiting Carmel in Friday's Put.-N.West. Large School Regional title win.

reason for their success.

"We have girls that have played a long time together that also play year-round," said Sandhu, whose team finished the season with a 12-1 record, outscoring opponents 75-3 in their 13 games.

The Quakers reached the finals by blanking fourth-seeded **MAHOPAC**, 3-0, in the semis on Nov. 18. Laskowski tallied two goals while Flannery added one. The Indi-

ans had a solid campaign behind All-Section senior Krista Dietz and a solid group of seniors.

Carmel advanced to the finals by upsetting second-seeded John Jay-Cross River, 3-2. Senior Kylie Rosenquest, who will continue her career at Tufts, scored twice, and her sister Laila Rosenquest, a sophomore, added a goal. Marrone made four saves.

"They were persevering when the odds were stacked against them," Breslin said. "They always believed that they were capable of whatever they could do. Even when they had a bad game, they said, 'You know what? Today wasn't our day. We move on and we work on it.' They never stopped."

The Rams finished their strong campaign with an 8-3-1 record, among the finest seasons in school history behind the Rosenquest sisters, among the finest to ever play for the program.

"At the beginning of the season, especially in August, I had girls saying, 'Coach, are we playing? Are we playing?'" Breslin said. "I said, 'I don't know. I hope so.' That first day of practice they were just so grateful and so cautious. They were wearing their mask, staying six feet apart because of how badly they wanted to play. We only had three games cancelled all year. But just the fact that they got what they got, and this is where



Greeley's Grace Arrese scores the Quakers' second goal on a corner in 2-0 Put.-N.West Large School Regional title win Friday.



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Lakeland field hockey player pose with yet another championship plaque after winning small school regional title Friday, 6-0, over North Salem.

we ended up, it's awesome."

**LAKELAND** did what Lakeland does: it came out on top for the 13th consecutive season behind All-Section seniors Keirra Ettere (3G, 1A) and Emma Fon (2G, 1A), plus junior Mia Smith (1G) and Jaden Ray (1A). Senior D Kristen O'Shea (1A) returned after a two-month absence to lead a tight defense. The defending state champs finished 13-1 and allowed just one post-season goal and just six all season.

"As hard as this season has been for everyone, it was a Godsend," said 39-year veteran Hornet Coach Sharon Sarsen. "The kids were grateful each and every day, constantly thanking the coaches and never complaining about anything. We, as coaches, agreed that this team was so very special. The seniors were fantastic leaders and followed the rules every day. They made it as easy if that was possible. Our seniors all contributed to our positive chemistry and outstanding team culture. There were 23 "really nice girls" with no drama ever. I nev-

er had to address attitude, ever! And these seniors were so special. They welcomed each and every player, despite their skill level or grade and made them a part of our team immediately. They were so thrilled everyday to play another day."

"Our seniors all had excellent seasons; some starting for the first time in their careers; contributing off the bench or doing whatever the coaches had in store for them," Sarsen added. "They were always engaged, enthusiastic and eager. I feel so fortunate to have been able to spend as much time with them as we were able. I told them we will have a great big party when this is all over. We are not settling for anything less."

All teams should follow Lakeland's lead and salute their players and programs with a feast to end all feasts when COVID-19 is finally in our rear view mirror.



Carmel's Laila Rosenquest looked every bit the part of the future for the Rams in 2-0 Put.-N.West. Large School Regional title loss at Greeley.



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## Girls' Soccer Notebook

# Mahopac, Somers Share Put.-N.West. Large School Regional Title

*Indians, Tuskers Battle to Scoreless Tie, PK's Not an Option; Bricarcliff vs. Byram Title Tilt Cancelled*

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Somers High was besides itself upon Saturday's 0-0 tie with visiting Mahopac in the Section 1 Putnam/Northern Westchester Large School Girls' Soccer Regional Championship game. Mahopac, which was out-shot 30-6 and hung on for dear life from the opening whistle, was cool with the notion of co-champions between the bordering rivals, which left everything they had on the field after 110 minutes of scoreless soccer.

Due to the fact that there would be no state tournament on account of COVID-19 restrictions, Section 1 decided the night before the game to eliminate penalty kicks as an option to determine a champion, thus leaving both teams with a pre-determined winner should the overtime process prove fruitless.

"If we needed a team to advance (into a state tournament), we would have had the PKs, but there was no need for it," said Tim



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Somers F Ella Kittredge tries to drive through defense of Mahopac's Marissa McCarney in 0-0 tie for Put.-N.West Regional title.

side today. I am still so proud of our team and how far we've come this season. A tie is still better than a loss, but a win certainly would've been nice."

Somers head coach Kelci Hegg said, "It's tough for both teams to accept. We both put our heart and soul out there on the field and would've liked to see a champion in the end. It was a game of inches today, for sure, and those inches just weren't on our side. I'm extremely proud of this team. The beginning was rough. They had a lot of adjustments... new coach, new style of play to COVID. But they overcame it all and turned it around with nine wins without a loss, 10 if you count today, and we will."

Mahopac will, too. McCrosson racked up 24 saves as Somers out-shot Mahopac and held a 17-2 edge on corners, and Mahopac junior D Maddy DeCola was in on more than a dozen clears while junior D Marissa McCarney flanked Kittredge and Pepe to limit their looks.



Somers M Victoria Righetti and Mahopac M Hailey Pereira get after 50-50 ball in scoreless tie during Saturday's Put.-N.West. regional championship.

"I'm happy with the fight these girls put up," Mahopac Coach Casey Carroll said. "We had injuries left and right and quarantined players throughout the playoffs, and these kids just pushed through. Piper Klammer is literally on her last leg out there, begging me to let her play the last five with a blown up knee. This is why this team deserved this. We left it all on the field and ended with a championship."

"The back line was phenomenal," she added. "They saved us today, specifically DeCola. Both Maddies, really. They peaked when they needed to."

DeCola will take the shared title and not think twice about it, considering how shorthanded the Indians were. Mahopac

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Mahopac's Aunchalee O'Brien and Somers' Ava Giudice eye possession in 0-0 Put.-N.West. regional title tie Saturday.

Gavan, the chair of Section 1 girls' soccer.

That was tough to accept after both teams left it all on the line. Somers, with its potent scoring quartet of Dahlia Pepe, Ella Kittredge, Ava Giudice and Noele DeMarinis, was the better team in terms of time of possession, shots on goal and overall control, but Mahopac's defensive unit, though lucky at times, stood the test of time.

No.4 Mahopac (8-3-2) vs. No.2 Somers (11-3-1) featured everything one would expect, including sound technique, demonstrable desire, light hostility on both ends of the pitch, sensational goalie play from Mahopac's Madeline McCrossen, exceptional individual runs (mostly by Somers), which produced a slew of rattled cross-bars, and two teams whose players gave everything they had to produce a memorable battle.

It was everything you could ask for, save for the outcome. Section 1 decided the night before this game to eliminate penalty kicks as an option to determine a champion.. Essentially, Section 1 played the contest under the New York State Public High School Athletic Association rule of sharing the championship when there is no longer the need, or chance, for advancement, which nobody, particularly the Tuskers, was happy about.

"It's extremely frustrating knowing you've dominated the game but all that matters is the score, which neither team were able to do," Holy Cross-bound Somers senior Ella Kittredge said. "I think some of the game is luck and with hitting about eight cross-bars the luck just wasn't on our



JENNA MAYER PHOTO

COVID-19 mask mandates could not hide the smiles of the Mahopac girls' soccer team after earning co-champs with Somers in Put.-N.West regionals.



Mahopac and Somers #LetTheBodiesHitTheFloor and there wasn't a single thing left on the field in this play during a scoreless regional title



Mahopac D Maddy DeCola and Somers M Nicole DeMarinis get tangled up in 0-0 tie in Put.-N.West. regional championship Saturday.



# Sports

## Local Harriers Come up Strong in X-C Regionals, Carmel Takes Two 1st-Place Finishes



Somers Boys' X-C team took 2nd place in Put.-N. West. Large School Regional behind Nicola DeMarinis (4th place) and Colin Brooks (5th).



Carmel's Katie Turk (4th from L) took 1st place overall in Put.-N. West large School Regional Championship to lead Rams girls' team comes in first place Sunday at Milton.



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Carmel's Josh Goldberg (L) and Zach Martin placed 1st and 2nd in the Putnam-N. West large School Regional Championship Sunday in Milton.



Fox Lane Coach Dossena's Foxes won the boys cross country Put.-N. West. Large School Regional Championship Sunday at Milton.



The Briarcliff men's cross country team won the Put.-N. West small school division and placed third of out of 44 schools overall, a tremendous showing in Milton.



Hendrick Hudson girls' cross country team finished off with a Putnam-Northern Westchester Regional Small School Championship Sunday at Milton.

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Byram Hills junior Gabriella Colabello dictates tempo in Bobcats' 2-1 semifinal win over North Salem Saturday.

played without quarantined star Mia Klammer, a legit difference maker.

"We'll take it (a shared title)," DeCola said. "After all we've been through and the way

we had to battle shorthanded today. Somers kept us on our toes today and we were under a lot of pressure, but we kept them scoreless and we'll accept this."

No.1 **BRIARCLIFF** and No.3 **BYRAM HILLS** were supposed to get after it for the Putnam/Northern Westchester Small School Regional title on Monday, but the game was cancelled due to a positive COVID case and is in danger of not being contested at all, according to Bears A.D. Chris Drosopoulos.

Byram advanced to the title game after Saturday's 2-1 win over host North Salem where Alexa Jindal and Sydney Nicols both scored for the Bobcats.

**PLEASANTVILLE's** 2-0 semifinal win over Irvington -- behind goals from Mary Grace O'Neill and Izzy Kapoor -- allowed the defending NYS Class B champs to reach last night's Southern Westchester Small School regional title game against Bronxville (more on this game next week). Katie Moses set up both P'Ville scores for a depleted Panther team, which played their quarterfinal shootout win (4-3) over Blind Brook with



Byram Hills senior Alexa Jindal, who scored a pivotal goal, drills shot in Bobcats' 2-1 win over host North Salem Saturday.

all but six varsity players sidelined due to quarantine issues. The undefeated P'Ville JV club came to its rescue.

**LAKELAND** knocked off **PUTNAM VALLEY** 3-1 in the quarters but was forced to shut it down afterward and would forfeit the semis to Briarcliff.





# Knot Kidding!



## Mahopac, Somers Named Co-Champs After Scoreless Stalemate Leaves Sour Taste

RAY GALLAGHER PHOTOS

Members of the fourth-seeded Mahopac and second-seeded Somers girls' soccer teams each pose with the Putnam/Northern Westchester Large School Regional title plaques last Saturday at Somers where the two neighboring rivals battled through 110 scoreless minutes and settled for a co-championship situation, which did not sit well with many in attendance or on social media. Somers (11-3-1), which dominated time of possession and put 30 shots on Indian G Maddy McCrossen (20 saves), was totally distraught with Section 1's decision to name co-champs instead of a typical penalty kick situation. Meanwhile, Mahopac (8-3-2), which played without All-NYS senior Mia Klammer and two others in COVID quarantine, seemed to take the tie in stride, though nobody was thrilled with the outcome... see Girls' Soccer Notebook