Senior Quarterback Tom Castro Helps Westlake Defeat Irvington in the Finale of the Regular Season
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**Week Six**

Westlake 22  
Irvington 0

Westlake quarterback Tom Castro tries to turn the corner as he carries the football in Saturday’s regular-season finale vs. the Bulldogs.

Briarcliff 37  
Palisade Prep 0

Ryan Celaj of Briarcliff has plenty of running room as he carries the ball in the first half of Saturday’s game.

Briarcliff’s Dan Huegel bursts through the middle of the field during the first half of Saturday afternoon’s game.

Above: Defensive end Luca Lombardi applies some pressure in Briarcliff/Hamilton’s easy win over Palisade Prep.

Left: Matt Hausman of Briarcliff/Hamilton gets set to change direction as he carries the football vs. Palisade Prep.

Right: The Bears’ Chris Marano takes the football across the field in Saturday’s rout of Palisade Prep.
Fox Lane’s Homecoming is Spoiled by the Rams

By Andy Jacobs

It took a mere 16 seconds for the Fox Lane football team to answer right back when the Carmel Rams scored the first touchdown of the day on Saturday.

Unfortunately for the huge Homecoming crowd that packed the stands at Memorial Stadium, the Foxes never really responded again once the visitors regained the lead.

Carmel quarterback Joe Rodriguez completed 13 of his 15 passes, while running back John Morris III gained over 100 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns as the Rams spoiled the festive feeling in Bedford with a 27-13 victory over a Fox team trying to win for the third straight week.

"Yeah, we couldn't get off the field defensively," said disappointed Fox Lane coach Bill Broggy afterwards. "I mean, we ran nine plays in the first half. It's frustrating. It's frustrating. We didn't make plays when we could've and we should've."

On a spectacular fall afternoon, both teams took to the field in the lengthening shadows for their final game of the regular season with identical 4-1 records. Carmel received the opening kickoff and proceeded to march 63 yards in just five plays, scoring when Rodriguez rolled out to his right and threw to Quinn Willman for a 22-yard touchdown. But the Rams missed the extra-point try and had to settle for a six-point lead.

If the Rodriguez touchdown pass deflated the Fox faithful, the ensuing kickoff instantly revitalized them. Joe Passarelli caught the football at the 10-yard line and burst right up the middle for 64 yards down to the Carmel 33-yard line. He got to midfield, then outraced Ross Hoffman and Nick Tarantelli to the end zone. The fans were still cheering even as the Foxes' Hunter White maintained possession.

Regrettably for Fox Lane, Passarelli's electrifying kickoff return turned out to be just about the only highlight of the game.

"It would've been good if we could've done something else in that first half," said Broggy. "But, like I said, we ran nine offensive plays in the first half. We couldn't stop 'em."

By the time halftime arrived, Carmel's Morris had added two three-yard touchdown runs and the Foxes found themselves facing a 19-6 deficit. The Rams' first opportunity to break the 6-6 tie ended when Ross Hoffman's 28-yard field goal attempt with just under four minutes left in the opening quarter went caroming off the left upright back onto the field.

The Foxes, though, couldn't take advantage. They moved the ball just two yards in three plays. After the punt, Carmel took over at its own 46-yard line and soon grabbed the lead for good by going 54 yards in eight plays. Morris went off right tackle on the second play of the second quarter for the touchdown and the PAT gave the Rams a 13-6 advantage.

This time, there would be no speedy reply from the Foxes. Ryan Chernus did return the kickoff to his own 40, but, three plays later, Fox Lane was forced to punt once again. Carmel took over at its 28-yard line with exactly 10 minutes left in the half and began a 13-play drive that lasted nearly seven minutes. Rodriguez completed clutch passes to Ryan Sullivan and Willman to keep the drive going, then Morris scammed off right tackle again for his second three-yard touchdown.

"We just couldn't cover," said Broggy. "We have trouble in space and you could see that against a good quarterback and a good passing team. So it wasn’t Xs and Os. It was just execution."

Fox Lane, limited to just one first down in the opening half, managed to pick up a second one on its first possession of the third quarter as sophomore quarterback Jacob Payson connected with Kevin Downes on an 11-yard pass play. But the drive stalled just past midfield and the Foxes had to punt the ball away again.

After picking up one first down, Carmel seemed to have another when Rodriguez completed a third-and-eighth pass to Sullivan. But the Rams’ junior wide receiver lost the ball and the Foxes recovered it at the Carmel 33-yard line.

On first down, Payson overthrew Downes on a fly pattern down the right sideline. Fox Lane then kept the ball on the ground as workhorse running back Nick Lancia, who had rushed for 267 yards in a win at White Plains two weeks earlier, carried the ball on seven of the next eight plays. His touchdown, along with the PAT from Chernus, moved the Foxes to within 19-13 with 4:15 remaining in the quarter.

Moments later, Carmel recovered its own fumble on first down. Five plays later, the Rams fumbled again near midfield. The Foxes’ Hunter White recovered the ball, but the officials decided to replay the down and Carmel maintained possession.

"Something happened on the other turnover," said Broggy about the fumble recovery by White. "You know, an inadvertent whistle. So they got to play the down over again. So it's frustrating."

While the Rams couldn't take immediate advantage of their good fortune, they did soon force Fox Lane into a three-and-out series, setting the stage for a game-clinching drive that used up a good chunk of the fourth quarter. They went 80 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by a Rodriguez third-and-eight slant pass to Sullivan for a first down and capped off by a 10-yard TD run from Kwashon Correa. Rodriguez then lofted a pass into the right side of the end zone to Sullivan for the two-point conversion.

"We had two linebackers out with injuries on that play," said Broggy of the touchdown run by Correa. "We're down to our sixth linebacker. So that's tough. Still, we lost. There's no excuses. They outplayed us. No excuses."

The Foxes' last gasp came with just over two minutes to go as Payson was sacked on fourth down for a big loss near midfield by Morris. Carmel took over at its own 49-yard line and soon ran out the clock.

"Not happy how we responded to adversity in the first half," said Broggy, whose team has to quickly lick its wounds and get set for this weekend's playoff game at Clarkstown North. "I wasn't pleased with how we responded to what was going on on the field. We've just gotta go back and watch some film and get better."
Fox Lane’s Taylor Cutroneo gets set to hit an overhead during her match at first singles last week at Greeley High School.

Fox Lane third-singles player Emily Bayuk reaches to hit a backhand return last Wednesday afternoon.

Greeley’s Zoe Arditi hits a forehand volley during her match at second singles last Wednesday.

Greeley’s Greg Ginsberg moves the ball along the right sideline in last Wednesday’s home game vs. Yorktown.

Matt Neuberger of Greeley is about to score the lone goal for the Quakers in last week’s 2-1 loss to Yorktown.

James Allen of Greeley chases the ball along the left sideline in the final moments of last week’s game vs. Yorktown.

Elaina Bruck of Fox Lane lines up a forehand during her second-singles match vs. Greeley.

Horace Greeley singles player Chloe Krugel belts a forehand in last Wednesday’s home match.

Nicole Kim of Byram Hills battles for possession of the ball in Thursday afternoon’s 1-0 win over visiting Harrison.

Byram Hills’ Illyse Lipman keeps her eyes on the ball in the second half of Thursday’s home win vs. Harrison.
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Fox Lane’s Emily DeBitetto dribbles up the field in the Foxes’ home win last Thursday evening.

Briarcliff’s Rachel Julie rises high above the net during the Bears’ win over Hamilton on Friday.

Fox Lane’s Becky Moccia gets ready to pass to a teammate late in last Thursday’s 2-1 home win over Hastings.

Above: The Bobcats’ Jessica Kennett turns on the speed as she takes the ball up the left sideline in the 1-0 Byram Hills win over Harrison.

Right: Kaila Haidl of Fox Lane controls the ball in the second half of the Foxes’ victory over the Yellow Jackets.

Right: Sela Berenblum of Byram Hills passes the ball during last Thursday’s 1-0 win over visiting Harrison.

Greeley’s Michael Hiebert (left) and Devin Kidde run together early in last week’s league championship meet at Bowdoin Park.

Fox Lane’s Cameron Stafford runs to a third-place finish at last Tuesday’s league championships.

Alison Moky of Fox Lane competes at last Tuesday’s league championships, where she finished third among 80 runners.

Horace Greeley’s Cari Himel competes at Bowdoin Park last Tuesday afternoon. She was the first Quaker to finish.

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Valhalla second-singles player Catherine Ramos reaches to hit a half-volley return during her match on Friday afternoon.

Right: Brianna DeRaffele of Valhalla smacks a backhand return during a first-singles match vs. Westlake.

Westlake's Isabella Morello concentrates on a backhand return during her match at first singles on Friday afternoon.

Lauren Unger of Westlake hits a forehand in her second-singles match at Valhalla High School on Friday.

Panthers Defeat Pawling on Homecoming Weekend

Above: Danylo Yanovskyi of Pleasantville settles the ball in the 4-0 win over Pawling.

Left: Pleasantville's Esteban Calle battles for possession vs. the Pawling Tigers.

Right: The Panthers' Ryan Onuma takes the ball past midfield during the home victory over Pawling.
Fox Fans in a Frenzy

Fox Lane football fans erupt in celebration after senior Joe Passarelli returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown in the opening moments of Saturday’s Homecoming game. For more on the game, see page S 3.

Quakers Get Routed by Clarkstown South

Above: Greeley running back Matt Nagler runs with the football in the second half against Clarkstown South.

Top left: Ryan Flanagan drops back to pass in Greeley’s 35-0 loss to visiting Clarkstown South.

Left: Horace Greeley quarterback Ryan Flanagan avoids a tackle in the backfield in Saturday’s home game vs. Clarkstown South.

Right: The Quakers’ Adam Cisse runs into some congestion at the line of scrimmage vs. the Vikings.

Greeley’s Liam Walker is unable to make a reception as he gets hit from behind just as the ball arrives in Saturday’s Quaker loss to Clarkstown South.

Matt Baum of Greeley carries the ball during the third quarter of Saturday’s game.

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