Michael Ferrara Scores Three TDs and Gets a Lift From James Flaherty as Valhalla Routes the Yellow Jackets to Remain Undefeated This Season
Hammond’s Running Leads the Panthers Past Bronxville

By Arthur Cusano

Inclement weather couldn’t keep the Pleasantville Panthers from a 20-7 homecoming win on Saturday afternoon, even after being forced to play away from home.

Heavy rains during last week’s dismal stretch of chilly, dreary days forced officials to move the Panthers’ game against the Bronxville Broncos to the brand new football stadium at nearby Pace University. Both teams struggled offensively in the first half before the Panthers made a late push to break away.

The player who certainly did the most pushing was Pleasantville senior running back Mike Hammond. He finished the day with 183 yards on 15 carries and ran for two of the team’s three touchdowns. Hammond, one of four team captains, scored his first touchdown in the final minute of the first half to tie the game and then scored again early in the fourth quarter.

Hammond’s impressive running also helped put the Panthers on the 3-yard line late in the game, where freshman quarterback Jack Howe completed a pass to wide receiver Jack Minerva to help put the game out of reach for the Panthers.

Pleasantville head coach Tony Beccera said Hammond got major help from his linemen.

“You have to give it to the offensive line,” said Becerra, “for giving him the holes.”

Beccera also noted that the team’s seniors played a big role in Saturday’s Class B victory.

“It’s their last homecoming, and they really willed the rest of the team to get it done in the second half,” he said.

Beccera, who is now in his 12th year as Panthers head coach, said he did not mind having his team play at Pace’s new facility for its biggest game of the season.

“I’m very envious of the turf,” he said. “I love that it’s so close and they even have a ‘P’ in the middle of the field for us. Our fans came out for us, and it was great.”

Pleasantville will play its regular-season against Putnam Valley on Friday evening, with both teams in position to make the Class B playoffs. When asked what his team still needed to work on, Becerra’s response was “everything.”

“We are not a complete team by any sense,” he said. “We’ll be a work in progress until the very last game. And that’s one of the lessons that they are going to take with them after football – that you never stop working.”

Bronxville’s Sam Connors helped the Broncos get in scoring position with a 40-yard run, which running back Anthony Napolitano then capitalized on for an early 7-0 lead. But the team struggled from that point on.

According to Bronxville head coach Jeff Napolitano, his team was beat up front by the Panthers and could not get into any rhythm.

“They took the game to us right at the line of scrimmage,” he said. “And we didn’t answer back. We couldn’t stop them.”

The Panthers’ strong defense kept Bronco signal caller Brian DePaul on the run for much of the game.

“Unfortunately, our quarterback didn’t have much time to throw,” said Napolitano. “So that didn’t allow us to have as good a game as we had hoped.”

Panther fans packed the bleachers at Pace Stadium on Saturday and had plenty to cheer about.
Valhalla’s Matt Garcia (left) and Kevin Williams celebrate after the Vikings scored on a two-point conversion.

Valhalla 44
Hastings 6

Briarcliff head coach John Consorti watches his team battle Putnam Valley on Saturday afternoon.

Colin Hatcher of Briarcliff/Hamilton goes airborne to sack Putnam Valley quarterback Zach Girvalo.

Briarcliff quarterback John Plimpton tries to get to the outside as he runs with the football early in Saturday’s game vs. Putnam Valley.

Briarcliff’s Dimitry Cafri returns a kick in the first half of Saturday’s home game.

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The Quakers’ Matt Nagler looks for some extra yardage in the second half of Saturday’s game vs. the Rams.

Greeley head coach Tim Sullivan calls out the next play for quarterback Jake Cohen.

Greeley’s Liam Walker fields the punt that he returned for a touchdown in the third quarter vs. visiting Port Chester.

Jacob Glassman of Horace Greeley tries to break a tackle during the Quakers’ last-second loss to Port Chester on Saturday.

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The Bears’ Dimitry Cafri returns a kick in the first half of Saturday’s home game.

Valhalla’s Michael Ferrara runs for one of his three touchdowns Saturday, despite the presence of a pair of Yellow Jackets.

Valhalla’s Jason Robles picks up some big yardage in Saturday evening’s win over Hastings.
Pleasantville’s Lauren Turenchalk sends a shot on goal in the Panthers’ game vs. visiting Briarcliff last week.

Pleasantville’s Kathleen Passabet takes the ball up the right sideline in the Panthers’ 2-2 tie against Briarcliff.

Katie Keane of Pleasantville moves the ball toward the goal in the second half of last Tuesday’s home game vs. Briarcliff.

Above: Byram Hills’ Olivia Tantleff smacks a backhand return in a second-singles match vs. Scarsdale B last Thursday.

Upper left: Andie Shapiro of Byram Hills hits a forehand during her match at first singles on Thursday.

Left: Byram Hills third-singles player Ariel Milewicz, one of six Bobcats honored on Senior Day last Thursday, concentrates on a forehand.

Jesse Deutsch tries to maneuver his way past a pair of Eastchester players in the 2-0 win by Byram Hills on Thursday afternoon.

Byram Hills’ Oliver Grossman takes the ball across the field in Thursday afternoon’s victory vs. visiting Eastchester.

Ben Weinstein of Byram Hills pursues the ball during the Bobcats’ 2-0 win over Eastchester.

David Noel of Byram Hills controls the ball in the second half of last Thursday’s game vs. the Eagles.

Above: Becca Rubenstein of Briarcliff controls the ball during last week’s game at Pleasantville.

Left: Briarcliff’s Aleena Hussain shows some dexterity as she moves the ball up the field in last Tuesday’s 2-2 tie with Pleasantville.
Camron Fash of Briarcliff gets control of the ball during the first half in the Bears’ win over Pleasantville.

Westlake’s Cayleigh Power (10) tries to block the ball during last Wednesday’s road win over Pleasantville.

Briarcliff’s Alex Jacobs scores the first of his two goals in Monday’s 4-0 victory over visiting Pleasantville.

Above: Carolyn Meaney of Pleasantville sets the ball during the Panthers’ match last Wednesday against Westlake.

Left: Ashlin Leen was the first Pleasantville runner to finish in Monday afternoon’s meet at Briarcliff.

Westlake’s Laine Peterson bumps the ball during last Wednesday’s road win over Pleasantville.

Natalie Dell of Pleasantville sends the ball back over the net vs. Westlake as teammate Carolyn Meaney looks on.
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Registration for W’chester’s Newest Volleyball Club Underway

Warriors Volleyball Club is opening in Westchester this month for girls between 12 and 18 years. Club registration for the 2015-16 season is now available online. Tryouts will be held in November at St. Theresa’s School in Briarcliff Manor. Warriors Volleyball Club is dedicated to promoting the ideals of responsibility, teamwork and sportsmanship. Volleyball is one of the three most popular sports for girls to play in high school and its reputation continues to grow.

The club’s players actively participate in regular practice, travel and local tournament play throughout the season. All instructors are experienced athletic professionals who have played and coached at the high school and college level and are dedicated to the sport of volleyball.

“Warriors Volleyball Club has always been a dream of mine. I’ve been playing since college and fell in love with the game,” said club director Andre Patnett. “Every player I coach becomes a part of my family and I give everything I have to make sure my family succeeds.”

For more information, visit www.warriorsvbc.com.

Bobcats Earn First Win

Byram Hills quarterback Lou Filippelli threw four touchdown passes and ran for another two TDs as the Bobcats defeated visiting Beacon 55-43 on Saturday afternoon. Filippelli finished the day with 271 yards in the air and 131 more on the ground. Two of his TD passes were caught by Matt Grotta.
Saturday Ground Attack

Pleasantville’s Michael Hammond

Valhalla’s Jason Robles

Greeley’s Matt Nagler

Briarcliff’s John Plimpton