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COLLEGE BASEBALL

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Wagner second baseman Bobby Weiss (17) has already put an end to Villanova's Matt Longo's attempted steal in the sixth inning of the first game.

Villanova puts wood to Wagner

■ Pounds out 19-14 and 13-4 victories in Seahawks' home opener

By MIKE HYLAND
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Junior Dan Boublis is the Villanova baseball team's No. 1 hurler with a fastball that's been clocked in the low 90s, mph that is. He didn't throw a ball yesterday, but his bat was at the head of a parade of Wildcat hitters who bludgeoned Wagner College twice and ruined the Seahawks' home debut.

The New Jerseyan from Hawthorne whacked a homer and had totalled five RBI by the time he'd had three at-bats in the opener, a 19-14 victory for the 'Cats. Boublis, a modest-looking 5-foot-10, 175-pounder, switched from designated hitter to left field for the nightcap and knocked in two runs with a single in the second on the way to a 13-4 romp.

Righty-swinging Boublis scored one of three 'Nova runs in the first inning of the nightcap after singling sharply over second base. "I'm a low-ball hitter who likes to go the other way. I got my pitch on that one," said Boublis, who was 6 for 9 for the day.

"Cold weather doesn't bother me. I just wore a jacket between my at-bats," said Boublis. He signed with Villanova because it was the only school offering him a scholarship and telling him he could be both a pitcher and DH-outfielder. But the Philadelphians, who amassed 23 hits in the first game and 13 in the closer, weren't lacking for offensive heroes. Tom Shank had four RBI in the second game and one in the first in batterings that upped 'Nova to 6-3 and sent Wagner to 2-10.

On a day in the low 40s that saw a sun-snow shower of several minutes' duration, everybody was hitting, mid-summer style. The Hawks themselves had 14 hits in the opener, including three homers. One was a grand-slam by Mike Cerminaro, a six-RBI man in the opener.

Wagner, down 19-4 at one point in the first game, could do little with starting hurler Chris Pilato and his 88-mph heater. But the Seahawks teed off on the Villanova relievers, cutting the lead to five after a seven-run sixth.

Closer Andrew Schwarz, however, nailed up the win by inducing a double-play grounder in the seventh.

"We had a lot of reserves in and they played well. We showed heart coming back," said Cerminaro, whose homering mates were Gordon Rugg and Jason Scholz in the first game. Jason Rigatti had a punch homer in the second game, but it was one of only six hits off Will Henry (six frames) and Brian Manning (one).

"Villanova's got the best pitching we've seen," said Wagner outfielder Billy Parengknan, a frosh. "Pilato had better velocity, but Henry had better location."

A fast ball "up" was a big weapon for Henry, who fanned seven. Pilato fanned seven in four, telling himself to "go at 'em" after early wildness.

"Villanova is an excellent team," said Wagner coach Rich Vitaliano. "I think we've got Wagner's toughest schedule ever. We must step it up a notch to play with these people. We're a hitting team, but pitching will determine how well we do. And we've got to start making plays in the field. I'll keep making changes to find the right defense."

While junior Mike Forthofer, their starter in the first game, got tatooed to the tune of 14 runs over two innings, his own and others' defense didn't help. Frosh Cerminaro, the football quarterback, threw in the dirt from shortstop to let the game's lead-off man get on.

"The infield dirt is like a beach. It's hard to plant your feet," said Cerminaro.

Florida trip-RT.

Wayne Silvani, a husky left-hander, started on the hill for Wagner in the afterpiece. Shank flared what looked like a good pitch — up and in — to right for a three-run double in the first. But Silvani grooved a pitch to Boublis on the two-run single in the second.

And Rick Welsh followed with a high, RBI double to left that Parengknan had trouble sighting. "I didn't see it right away. It was hard to pick it up coming out of the gray clouds," said Parengknan.

First game

VILLANOVA — 19	ab	r	h	rbi	WAGNER — 14	ab	r	h	rbi
Kane,ss	3	2	1	0	Cerminaro,ss	4	2	2	6
Kropf,ss	3	1	2	0	Rigatti,lf	1	0	0	2
Perata,cf	5	1	0	0	Grosser,lf	1	0	0	0
Clark,lf	5	2	2	2	G.Rugg,2b	1	1	1	1
Boublis,dh	5	4	4	5	Weiss,2b	2	1	0	2
Welsh,3b	3	2	2	1	Burkman,3b	2	0	2	1
Longo,3b	2	1	2	2	Dunn,3b	3	2	2	1
Plantek,1b	3	3	3	3	Farina,dh	3	2	1	0
Corvino,1b	1	0	0	0	K.Rugg,c	2	1	0	0
Shank,2b	3	1	2	1	Cohen,c	1	0	1	1
Pizzo,2b	2	1	1	1	Scholz,1b	3	1	1	2
Brehm,rf	3	0	0	0	D'Tomasso,1b	1	2	1	1
DeVecchio,rf	1	0	0	0	Spinelli,rf	1	0	1	0
Grover,c	1	0	3	1	Kurella,rf	1	2	1	0
Watson,lf	2	1	1	1	Parengknan,cf	2	1	1	1
Valenti,lf	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Totals	45	19	23	17	Totals	23	14	14	14

Villanova	4	7	3	5	0	0	0		—19
Wagner	1	0	1	2	2	7	1		—14

E—Kane, Kirchner, Cerminaro 2, Parengknan, Forthofer. DP—Cerminaro-G.Rugg-Scholz. Kane-Shank-Plantek.2B—Kropf 2, Boublis, Welsh, Plantek, Grove, Cerminaro, Farina, D'Tomasso. 3B—B. Dunn. HR—Clark, Boublis, Long, Pizzmi, Cerminaro, G.Rugg, Scholz.SH—G.Rugg. LOB—Villanova 7, Wagner 5.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Villanova						
Pilato(1-2)	4	6	4	4	3	7
Kirchner	1	3	2	2	1	1
Petri	2	6	6	4	0	3
Sherlock	⅓	2	2	0	1	0
Schwarz	1	0	0	0	0	0

Second game

VILLANOVA — 13	ab	r	h	rbi	WAGNER — 4	ab	r	h	rbi
Kane,ss	4	3	2	1	Francisco,cf	3	1	0	0
Longo,3b	4	3	2	3	Cerminaro,ss	4	0	0	1
Boublis,lf	3	2	2	2	G.Rugg,2b	3	1	2	0
Pizzo,rf	1	0	1	0	Rigatti,2b	3	1	1	1
Welsh,1b	4	0	1	2	Barkman,dh	2	1	1	1
Plantek,dh	3	1	0	0	LaLiberte,c	4	0	2	0
Shank,2b	4	0	1	4	Musso,rf	2	0	0	1
Brehm,rf	5	2	2	0	Kurella,rf	1	0	0	0
Glover,c	3	1	2	1	T.Dunn,1b	3	0	0	0
Watson,cf	1	1	0	0	Bien,3b	3	0	0	0
Valenti,cf	2	0	0	0	Parengknan,rf	1	0	0	0
					D'Tomasso,rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	13	13	13	Totals	28	4	6	4

Villanova	3	4	4	1	1	0	0		—13
Wagner	1	0	2	0	0	1			—4

E—Longo 2, Glover, Cerminaro 2, Bien.DP—Cerminaro-G.Rugg-T.Dunn. Cerminaro-Rigatti-T.Dunn. LOB—Villanova 9, Wagner 7.2B—Longo, Welsh, Shank, Brehm, G. Rugg, LaLiberte. HR—Longo, Rigatti.SB—Francisco. CS—Parengknan (by Glover).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Villanova						
Henry (1-0)	6	5	3	2	3	7
Manning	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wagner						
Silvani (0-2)	3⅓	10	12	12	6	1
Ustler	1⅔	1	1	0	2	2
Murari	2	2	0	0	1	1

Wagner
Forthofer (0-3) 2 14 14 11 2 4
Chernowetz 2 7 5 5 0 1
Lucas 2 1 0 0 0 0
McKenna 1 1 0 0 0 1
WP—Forthofer.

BOWLING

Donnantuono bowls over SIWBA field

■ Captures both singles events with eye-popping 749 outburst

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

The explosions that ripped through Rab's Country Lanes Saturday and Bowling on the Green yesterday were only Lucy Donnantuono competing in the 50th annual Staten Island Women's Bowling Association's Championship Tournament.

The right-hander, who is the defending champ of the net and gross all-events, made a resounding bid for a second straight net all-events title (the SIWBA board has since ruled that a kegler can no longer win both all-event crowns) by winning both singles crowns and putting the pins in place in the doubles and team events.

After blistering the pines with a 674 series via games of 213, 236 and 225 Saturday at Country, Donnantuono was back on her home alleys at the Green yesterday for her singles and doubles events. She didn't disappoint, either, as she fired an SIWBA all-time tourney high 749 scratch series, on the strength of a 287, 246 and 216 in singles. Her 25-pin handicap gave her a winning gross score of 774.

She continued her torrid bowling by knocking over 689 pins in doubles to help her and teammate Nikki StaAna capture second in the net with a 1,219 pinfall. Donnantuono's doubles scores were 225, 236 and 228.

Her three series combined gives her a 2,112 pinfall, which would be good enough for the all-events net crown, although the results are still unofficial. The net and gross all-events winners will be made known in Wednesday's Advance.

While Donnantuono took control of the singles events, there were no new faces atop the doubles leaderboard as mother-and-daughter Claire and Stephanie Schroder stayed in front in the gross (1,405) and net (1,227).

The same could be true in the team event, where Priority One held on to the top spot in both events — 2,604 pinfall in the gross and a 2,380 series in the net. The foursome, consisting of Loretta O'Connor, Lorraine Frange, Joan Castro and Linda Reese, had rolled into the lead in the tourney's opening weekend.

High game: Diane Puccio 257 (S); Lisa Laursen 224, 224-603 (D); Liz Pridgett 211 (D), 213 (S); Lisa Modica 221 (D), 207-617 (S); Maria Dunn 213 (D); Donna Albanese 225 (D); Michele Dunn 233 (D), 224 (S); Charlene Downey 210 (D), 210, 210-624 (S); Liz Gerhart 237 (D); Janice Reyes 214 (D), 211 (S); Diane Cuce 213, 228-631 (S); Marie Vertelle 226-606 (S); Teresa Taubler 246 (S); Alice Enriquez 210 (S); Lucy Donnantuono 225, 236, 228-689 (D); 216, 246, 287-749 (S); Michele Ferrante 226-613 (D); Nazareth Laursen 213 (D), 213-603 (S); Carol Flores 224 (D), 236, 214-653 (S); Becky Brown 212 (D); Joann Romanello 225 (D); Janet Wilson 210 (D); Gail Johnson 210 (D); Nikki StaAna 212, 232 (S); Lisa Appel 214 (S); Sue Campbell 211 (S); Michelle Gordon 227 (S); Barbara Sprague 223-624 (T); Bonnie Avrita 232 (T); Lisa Laursen 214 (T); Alice Lawrence 221 (T); Maria Dunn 225 (T); Robin Kosso 220, 210-604 (T); Tonyann Nasu 213 (T); Lynda Preziosa 215, 219, 220-654 (T); Sue Campbell 238, 225-624 (T); Donna Van Vorst 214 (T); Bertha Corbisi 231-606; Cathy Parisi 211 (T); Helene Burrowes 236 (T); Lucy Donnantuono 213, 236, 225-674; Becky Brown 610 (T); Colleen Clancy 226 (T).

SINGLES
Gross

	Net	Hcp.	Gross
Lucy Donnantuono	749	25	774
Barbara Visone	689	76	765
Debbie Bradshaw	680	79	759
Diane Cuce	631	124	755
Janice Reyes	561	183	744
Carol Flores	653	81	734
Lisa Modica	617	96	713
Kerry Anne Scully	621	89	710
Helene Williams	592	114	706
Rosalie Wallace	600	102	702

Net

Lucy Donnantuono	749
Barbara Visone	689
Debbie Bradshaw	680
Stephanie Schroder	658

DOUBLES
Gross

	Net	Hcp.	Gross
S.Schroder-C.Schroder	1227	178	1405
L.Henry-C.McCarthy	1005	359	1364
S.Harvey-B.Brown	1055	275	1330
**A.Tummonello-D.Santoro			
**R.Pagano-P.Vicari	1036	288	1324
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L.Downey-B.Yacca	1016	306	1322
E.Taylor-R.Taylor	956	359	1315
**L.Cino-E.Canvana	943	363	1306
**L.Miller-A.Miller	1041	265	1306
D.Reilly-J.Reyes	941	364	1305

Net

C.Schroder-S.Schroder	1227
N.StaAna-L.Donnantuono	1219
M.Ferrante-N.Laursen	1158
T.Taubler-D.Puccio	1151

TEAM
Gross

	Net	Hcp.	Gross
Priority One	2380	224	2604
Stop The Insanity	2200	341	2541
Team No. 65	2330	196	2526
Fighting Irish	2133	381	2514
Team No. 24	2123	384	2507
Looney Tunes	2120	382	2502
Team No. 88	1863	534	2497
All Ten	2058	428	2486
Anderson's Annex	2300	185	2485
C.S.J. & B	1985	487	2472

Net

Priority One	2380
Team No. 65	2330
Anderson's Annex	2300

Victory Lanes

Gene Finigan Memorial: Bob Kanowicz 255-223-300-778; Ed Wiemann Sr. 236-207-226-718; George Agnello 234-691; Jim Tartaglio 205-690; Tim McAuliffe Jr. 670; Chris Powers 254-680; Rob Rinaldi 246.

Michael Carbonaro Mixed Memorial: Tommy Campbell 241-688; Donna VanWorst 233.

Rab Country Lanes

Bob Kanowicz rolls 300 en route to 778

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

Another day on the local circuit, another 300.

Bob Kanowicz became the latest Staten Islander to reach perfection yesterday, turning the trick in the Gene Finigan Memorial League at Victory Lanes en route to a 778 pinfall.

It was the 13th perfect of the year and third in four days.

Rondinelli fires first 700

Gene Rondinelli finally joined the 700 club.

After countless years of frustrating 680s and 690s, the 51-year-old Tottenville resident, who carries a 200 average, broke through the 700 barrier with a 709 pinfall in the Sunday Funday loop at Showplace. The southpaw's games were 266, 197 and 246.

Rab's Adult/Child League: Rob Marquez 217-187-582; Krystal Bergmann 197-182; Peter LaBella Jr. 186; Thomas Wilkinson 212-186-234-626; Tina Mina 211; John Massimilio 181-182; Mary Zarcocchio 227-182-566; Rich Manasi 248.

Citgo Sunday AM Men's: Dennis Scire 247-246-664; Dennis Delgado 257-682; Henry Vanangel 258-680; John Ruum 279-754; Lou Agnello 247-702; Randy Scrag 245-698; Jerry McClevin 662; Jim Lutsch 242-707; Joe Zarcocchio 244-671; Chris Merola 253; Richie Buck 244; Wally Miller 266; Bruce Schreck 242; Vinny Castro 242; Jimmy Dellasandro 257; Marc Weisman 247; Chris Cuccia 267; Whitey Weiss 257; Mike Cooper 244; Bobby Myers 242.

All-Island Mixed Fours: Rob Talbot 671; Teresa Funder 246-628; Frank Carbonaro 256; 245-721; Helene Burrowes 27.

Bowling on the Green

Sunday Mixed: Linda Leanza 210; Rob DeMarco 248; Ron Wood 240; Pearl Valeti 225-622; Harold Chernoff 267; Vinny Leanza 266; Diane Puccio 238, 222-644; Tom Marmak 269-682; Rob Russo 680; Mike Williams 690; Russell Olson 257; Kevin Backburn 257; Wayne Parisi 248.

Showplace Bowling Center

Sunday Funday: Gene Rondinelli 266, 248-709.

Sunday Morning Men's: Jeff Stone 232; Greg Uzzage 245-661; Joe Finnig 253-682; Fred Campbell 258; Angel Feliciano 232-702; Doug Frost 256.

Gaudio takes Classic lead

Lou Gaudio outclassed the field during the opening weekend of qualifying in the 21st annual Staten Island Singles Classic at Colonial Lanes.

The righty-shooting Gaudio, competing scratch, uncorked a 758 series with games of 276, 248 and 234.

HS HOCKEY

Farrell's season is now down to one final game

■ Chaminade stuns Lions, 5-3, to even AA playoff series at 1-1; deciding game Thursday

By SAM BOROWSKI
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All season long, third-place Chaminade has given Monsignor Farrell fits, going 1-0-2 against the Lions. And the second game of the best-of-three CHSAA AA division championship series last night at the Abe Stark Rink in Brooklyn, was no different.

The Flyers (11-5-4) overcame a 3-2 third-period deficit to post a 5-3 victory and stave off elimination.

A victory by the Lions would have given MF (15-4-2) its second straight league crown, a trick they turned three years ago ('93-'94 and '94-'95) for the only repeat championship in the AA division over the last decade. Instead, Farrell will have to play the Flyers in the deciding game Thursday night at 7 at the Murray Rink in Yonkers for the right to hoist the Cardinal Cooke Memorial Trophy.

"You don't usually play teams as strong as Chaminade," said MF coach Joe Musanti, whose squad was held to just 26 shots. "They're a big team — big and physical. When you do get off a shot, you've got to capitalize."

"I don't know if was just our size or physical ability, but we were on a mission tonight," said Flyer junior forward Sean Galligan, who scored two goals. "We were not going to be denied. It's been two years since we've been here and five years since we've won.

"We can't go out without a championship."

Chaminade had to twice rally from behind against the defending champs. Two minutes into the contest, the Flyers were already in a 1-0 hole, courtesy of a Mike Cacace goal, which was set-up by Joe Fasanella and Chris Glynn. Yet, despite Chaminade's being limited to only four shots in the first period, defenseman Terrence Gaslow knotted the score with 1:04 left.

Then at 8:48 of the second, after Robert Melina had stopped several shots, the puck cascaded straight to Galligan, who fired it past the Lion netminder for a 2-1 Flyer advantage. The lead was short-lived as Glynn took a pass from Thomas Devaney and scored a little over two minutes later to make it 2-2.

With 44 seconds left in the period, Cacace found the net to give the Lions a 3-2 lead they would take into the third.

That's when Chaminade began to work its mastery over the Lions once again. First, Flyer forward Chris Siska and Glynn, were given offsetting 10-minute misconducts for arguing, and the Lions' leading scorer during the regular season was reduced to watching the majority of the period from the penalty box, although Vin Keenan stepped it up in Glynn's place. Five minutes later at 8:21, Galligan scored again to help the Flyers knot the score for the second time.

The score stayed that way until 2:27 when Daniel Camba took a feed from Gaslow and beat Melina for the game-winner. The Lions took several shots over the next couple of minutes, and defensemen Scott Porto and Mike Nicoletta both had legitimate chances to tie it, but their slap shots sailed wide of the net. Just 18 seconds after Nicoletta's shot, Joe Whelan picked up the loose puck and fired it at the Lions' empty net for the clincher.

"It's two out of three," Musanti noted. "It comes down to one game now. The team that makes the least mistakes wins."

Pirates 14, Vikings 11

Eric Imas scored two goals, while Brendan Lepkowski and John Betrani netted one apiece as the Pirates (6-9-1) took the NYIHA contest at the S.I. Skating Pavilion, Charleston. Mike Pallante was the winning goalie.

Sea savors CHSAA B title

By BILL SPURGE
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St. Joseph-by-the-Sea's veteran coach Ken Grogan said it was "the best thing to ever happen to our hockey program," while captain defenseman Mike Uberti called it "the best feeling in the world."

The Vikings were describing the significance and emotions of winning the CHSAA B championship after convincingly beating Bishop Ford 4-1 in the deciding game of a best-of-three final series at the Sky Rink, Manhattan, Saturday night.

Sea made its return to the CHSAA after an eight-year hiatus a season to remember. After going 12-0-2 in the regular season, the Vikings swept a semifinal series against Christ the King, then shook off its first loss of the campaign Friday against the Falcons to rebound 24 hours later. The key game was the opener which saw Sea come back from a 4-1 deficit late in the third period to win in overtime.

"The first championship is a relief," noted Grogan, in his seventh year as coach at the school. "Especially when we entered the playoffs as favorites. Ford (12-6-1) had a great season, but if we had lost, it would have been a disappointment. After the way we lost (Friday, blowing a late 3-2 lead), it was nice to come right back and dominate."

Indeed, the Vikes controlled play throughout, and its top line of Greg Galligano, Justin Crocco and Sal Bonanno responded to Grogan's criticism of the trio's disappearing act in Game Two to combine on all four Sea goals and finish with nine points.

"I played the hardest I ever played," related Galligano, who was given the Brian Mullen Award as the playoff MVP.

Goaltender Mike Francavilla, who had missed a number of games due to a sprained ankle, made several key stops early in the game.

"The key was we backchecked well," explained Grogan. "Everybody was responsible."

Ironically, Sea wanted to reenter in the A division, but by rules had to start in B. Now that they've won the Brother McGann Trophy, the Vikings believe they should move up next year. "Playing in the B was a good move (as it turned out)," said Uberti, a junior.

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