

Rosman attacks bases

Backs Milopsky with slide home and RBI double

BY PETER KERSICH
peter.kersich@newsday.com

Despite batting eighth in the lineup after some early season struggles, Rocky Point second baseman John Rosman knew he could make an impact come playoff time, not only with his bat, but also with his legs.

CLASS A FINAL

 **7** : **3** 

ROCKY POINT SWR

Rosman, who doubled to open the scoring in a three-run bottom of the second, attempted to score from third on a grounder to first two innings later. The senior made an acrobatic headfirst slide into home to avoid the tag, and give No. 2 Rocky Point an early three-run

lead, in its 7-3 win over No. 1 Shoreham-Wading River (18-5) in Game 2 of the best-of-three series Suffolk Class A baseball championship Tuesday afternoon at Rocky Point High School.

The Eagles swept the series to earn their first county title.

"I have been aggressive on the bases the whole series, just trying to help the team out anyway I could," said Rosman, who went 1-for-2 with two runs, a walk and a stolen base.

Eagles starter Rob Milopsky pitched a complete game, al-

lowed six hits, one walk, two earned runs and struck out six to earn the win.

The righthander allowed back-to-back home runs in the top of the sixth to bring Shoreham within two, but the offense came right back in the bottom of the inning with two runs of its own. "Getting those extra runs helped so much," Milopsky said. "I trust my offense and I trust my team, and they got it done."

The Eagles (20-5) will face Wantagh in the LI Class A Championship on Saturday at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's College.

FRIARS FALL JUST SHORT OF STATE TITLE

CLASS C FINAL

MONROE CATH. 4
ST. ANTHONY'S 3



BY OWEN O'BRIEN
owen.o'brien@newsday.com

Kayla Daly, one of the two seniors on the St. Anthony's softball team, looked around the field at Hofstra Tuesday afternoon in disappointment after the Friars' 4-3 loss to Monroe Catholic in the CHSAA state championship game. But she quickly realized the legacy she left and the promise for the team in the future.

"They're going to mature and they're going to win it," said Daly, of North Babylon, a three-year varsity player at St. Anthony's. "It's maturity . . . and I feel like the next few years, they'll have it and they'll make it far."

St. Anthony's returns 12 of 14 players next season, graduating Daly, a pitcher and center-fielder, and Nicole Gravagna, the starting first baseman, off a 22-3 team. The Friars reached their second straight state championship game. Moore Catholic (28-1), of Staten Island, has ended St. Anthony's season the past two years.

But Daly played a huge role all season for the Friars, including tossing a five-hitter with no walks and eight strikeouts in a 2-1 victory over Nardin Academy (12-5), of Buffalo, in the semifinals earlier in the day.

"She's a warrior," coach Mike Massa said. "She puts in a ton of time and it's going to leave a big void."

Erin Steinert, who had four extra-base hits in the two games, including a solo home run against Moore Catholic, will likely be pitching in Daly's role next season, Massa said. And the junior hopes to be like Daly in the circle.

"She owns that mound and she acts like she's the best because she is," Steinert said. "She just controls everything and her aura is something to look up to."

Alyssa Seidler had two RBI singles in the championship game. Taylor Zatyk went 3-for-4 and Daly and Jessica Roberts each went 2-for-4 in the final.

Koerick pitches Longwood to title

BY JOHN BOELL
john.boell@newsday.com

Longwood's Emily Koerick made her signature grunt as she released her 92nd pitch of the game. Half Hollow Hills West's last swing became a high pop-up right above the Lions' senior.

"I thought," she said, "Don't drop it."

The ball fell gently into her glove. Koerick then slammed the ball and glove to the ground to punctuate No. 2 Longwood's 2-1 win over No. 5 Hills West in the Suffolk Class AA softball final Tuesday.

Longwood (21-2) will face Nassau champion and defending state Class AA champ East Meadow (17-5) at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Long Island Class AA final at Hofstra.

"We went 4-16 in 2016," Koerick said. "We worked so hard for this, and we deserve this."

The host Lions did all their damage in the first inning against the Colts' tough Jillian Weinstein, who has thrown every pitch for Hills West (20-6) this season, including five straight wins in six days in the losers' bracket.

Longwood's Molly Ryan (2-for-3) slammed a double off the leftfield fence to drive in Koerick with two outs, and Natalie Intriери followed with an RBI single for a 2-0 lead.



Hills West made it 2-1 in the third when Weinstein sent a long smash to deep center-field, just in front of the 225-foot sign, for a sacrifice fly that scored Karlie Cennamo.

"Weinstein hit the ball 223



Longwood's Emily Koerick pitched a four-hitter against Half Hollow Hills West in the Class AA title game.

CLASS AA FINAL

 **2** : **1** 

LONGWOOD HILLS WEST

feet, and we needed 225," coach Bryan Dugan said. "Game of inches, man." Weinstein allowed two

earned runs and five hits, with no walks. Koerick tossed a four-hitter and allowed a run, with four strikeouts and one walk.

"She does everything," Ryan said of Koerick. "She pitches her heart out for us every game."

Mount Sinai four-peats. Mount Sinai didn't do things the easy way — having to come out of the losers' bracket

— but the third-seeded Mustangs (22-4) won their fourth straight Class A title with a 10-3 win against host Sayville (20-3).

Julia Golino went the distance and was 3-for-4 with a single, double and triple for the Mustangs, who will face Nassau champion Carey (15-7) at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Hofstra in the Long Island Class A final.