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Lacrosse means concentration, agility as Weymouth North's Bill Callahan, controlling ball, shows. Ready for anything is Callahan's teammate, Bud Wells, while Brookline's Steve Stremper moves up on the outside in a game Brookline won on Friday, 9-4. (George Rizer photo)

School lacrosse / Lincoln-Sudbury, Newton North are the coaches' picks to click

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The game is lacrosse, and while few in these parts are experts on the sport, many can tell you what it reminds them of. Kind of like hockey, isn't it? Or is it soccer?

Whatever, it's going very well on the high school level.

The Eastern Mass. Lacrosse League, now in its fifth year, begins divisional play this week, with

North and Framingham North earned the Southern berths. In the EMass final, Framingham North topped Concord, 4-3.

In a poll of coaches, Lincoln-Sudbury and Newton North were picked to win their divisions this spring. Sudbury won the EMass crown in 1974, while Newton North won the first league title in 1972. Here's what to look for in 1976:

NORTHERN DIVISION

LINCOLN-SUDBURY — Gone are All-American Dave Reed and four other all-league graduates. Pioneer coach Andy Oleski looks for a lot from juniors Bruce Nagle (attack) and Rob MacMillan (goalie). Captain Mike Zeller is expected to hold down the defense. The team is strongest at goal and mid-field, but with an undefeated front team coming up and 120 tryouts, things should go smoothly once again.

CONCORD-CARLISLE — The biggest problem here will be learning the new system of first-year coach Bob Collyer. Kevin Farragan, Doug Systrom and Berk Bero will also be missed. Junior goalies Doug White and Stu Glover are expected to hold up, as are co-captain mid-fielders Garnett Glover and Mark Byron. Junior John Fay is an adept attacker. The team got off to a good start with a 6-5 non-divisional win over Newton North.

BROOKLINE — This may be the surprise team of the year in EMass. Coach Robby Robinson means the loss of Dyke Hoy and six other lettermen, but he has a fine cast to build around. Senior tri-captains Mike Kennedy, Fred Greene, and Marty McLoughlin are the best of the bunch. Sophomore goalie Tim McLoughlin has been a nice surprise so far, as have mid-fielder Phil Franquies' and defenseman George Vien and Ardis Lukins. Depth could be a problem.

WINCHESTER — Coach Gene Bouley will be out to improve his club's 3-10 record in '75. Three fine defensemen are back along with co-captains Phil Stackpole (mid-field), and Jim Resignini (defense). Mid-

fielder Chris Carzo is recovering from a football injury, but should be ready. Inexperience on attack and in the nets will be the major obstacles.

BEVERLY — Coach Tony Di-Vincenzo has 10 lettermen back from an 11-9 ballclub. Senior mid-fielder Ken Richardson is the best of the veterans and the team should benefit from the experience. They have also added depth at the mid-fielder positions.

BURLINGTON — Twelve lettermen are back from last year's 5-10 campaign. Has a high scoring attack. Jeff Einarson and goalie Mike Kelley will lead club. They expect a lot of help from last year's fine JV team, but may still suffer from lapses on their attack.

IPSWICH — Attack men Mark Humphrey and Peter Jean will be asked to carry the load for coach Art Carey's club this season. There are only two other lettermen returning from the 4-8 club of '75. The team is stronger at mid-field, but with only six seniors on the squad, lack of experience could hurt them in many games.

BILLERICA — This is team's first year in the league, but coach Steve Connolly feels it's ready for a varsity schedule. There are 90 candidates and lots of enthusiasm. "With a few breaks we could surprise people and win half of our games," says Connolly. Sophomore goalie Tom Lavery and seniors Garry Heffernan and Larry Morgan are major threats.

SOUTHERN DIVISION
NEWTON NORTH — Last year's 12-4 season, coupled with a JV squad record of 11-2 point toward another fine season for coach Tom De Porter. They've had a rough start so far, losing to Concord and two New York schools, but only divisional play counts for the tournament. Captains Ken Hagerstrom (goalie) and Doug Jessup (attack) will get some help from defensemen Ray Rist and Dave Keefe, as well as mid-fielder Gerry Murphy. Sophomore mid-fielders Mario Luchetti and Paul Whitehead are the newcomers to watch.

FRAMINGHAM SOUTH — An explosive offensive team led by seniors John Jackowicz and Tom Stefanini. South has back the return of 14 lettermen. The team went 8-6 last year and they'll need to improve defensively to improve that slate. There are more than 80 boys in the program and with the backbone of last year's offense intact, this figures to be a contending club.

NEEDHAM — Coach John Banberry hopes to improve last year's 6-8 slate. Needham won the EMass crown in '73. Mid-fielder Doug White and Peter Hurley lead the offense while Paul Scheufele mans the nets for the Rockets. Attack Terry Gilman is expected to score with frequency. This club must improve speed and stickwork to remain in contention.

FRAMINGHAM NORTH — Tom Ferraro is gone. So are Craig Beling, Jamie Egasti and Kevin Allen. There went the backbone of the championship team, but mid-fielder Tim Zink will be back. He'll get help from fellow captains Mark Giangregorio (attack) and Jay Terrie (mid-fielder). The defense and goaltending will be question marks early in the year.

NEWTON SOUTH — Senior co-captains Greg McKinney and Tony Botta hope to turn things around for Newton South this year. The club, coached by Tom Stevens, went 5-6 last year, and they may lack the size and speed to improve in '76. But they do have a hoard of fine shooters.

MEDFORD — Coach Mike Venezin has nine lettermen back from a 2-10 club. That means plenty of experience. Top scorer should be sophomore John Stabile, co-captain Robert Mellini led the team in goals last year. Defense figures to be the main problem.

WEYMOUTH NORTH — Fourteen lettermen are back from last year's disaster (1-11). Goalie Marty Curran and attack Paul McAlliff are team leaders. Team lost opener to Concord, 11-3, in a game that displayed team's main problems: scoring and defense.



Eyes locked on the ball, Weymouth North's Callahan moves down the field.

15 schools competing in varsity programs.

The top two teams in each division qualify for the tourney in June. Concord-Carlisle and Lincoln-Sudbury qualified from the Northern Division last year and Newton

Lacrosse

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	All		W	L	All
Brookline	6	0	14-0	Beverly	3	3	6-7
Conc-Carl	5	1	12-2	Burl.	2	4	9-5
Linc-Sudb.	4	2	9-5	Winch.	1	5	3-11
Billerica	3	3	8-7	Ipswich	0	5	1-10

LEADING SCORERS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	All		W	L	All
Fram. So.	5	0	11-2	Weym. No.	2	3	4-10
Needham	4	1	6-5	Newt. So.	1	5	2-10
Newton No.	3	1	5-5	Medford	0	6	2-10
Fram. No.	2	2	4-6				

LEADING SCORERS

	G	Gls	Asst	Pts
John Fay, Concord-Carlisle	14	30	29	59
Marty McLoughlin, Brookline	14	31	19	50
Tom Stefanini, Fram. So.	13	17	31	48
Warren Keiley, Fram. So.	13	30	14	44
Steve Henderson, Billerica	14	32	10	42
Paul Sullivan, Fram. So.	13	29	12	41
Doug Jessup, Newton No.	10	26	14	40
Jeff Einarson, Burlington	14	22	16	38
Paul Monahan, L-S	14	20	17	37
Drew Thwaites, C-C	14	23	14	37
Bruce Nagle, L-S	14	23	14	37
David Haggerty, Brookline	14	27	8	35
Ken Richardson, Beverly	13	22	12	34
Jim Wright, Billerica	14	24	10	34
Toby Kitchener, Beverly	13	15	8	33

LEADING GOALIES

	G	Svs	Shts	Pct
Tim McLoughlin, Brookline	14	184	232	79.5
Paul Scheufele, Needham	8	113	150	75.5
Marty Curran, Weymouth No.	14	224	310	74.3
Tom Lavery, Billerica	14	230	311	70.4
Rob MacMillan, L-S	14	184	159	71.6

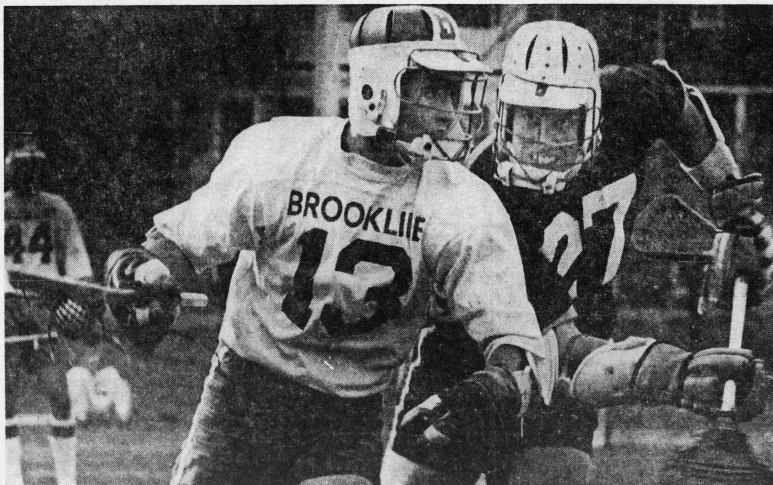
WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY (All games 3:30 p.m.) — Newton So. at Lincoln-Sudbury; Billerica at Burlington; Framingham No. at Concord-Carlisle.

THURSDAY (All games 3:30 p.m.) — Beverly at Lincoln-Sudbury; Brookline at Billerica; Winchester at Burlington; Fram. No. at Weymouth No.; Fram. So. at Newton So.; Newton No. at Needham.

FRIDAY — Ipswich at Concord-Carlisle, 3:30 p.m.

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Brookline's Marty McLoughlin is making a play—and Weymouth North's Bruce Behning is making eyes at him. (George Rizer photo)

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