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SCHOOL SPORTS

LACROSSE PREVIEW

Division 2 creation boon to competition

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It's the 'other' spring sport that's slowly but surely gaining popularity in Massachusetts. It's a sport like hockey, in that tradition has a lot to do with its team's success. There aren't many feeder systems for it, so many schools have to rely on teaching the sport to the kids as they go along.

The sport is lacrosse, and this year, changes are in order. The gap between the very good teams and the average teams was too wide, so two divisions were created, much like Division 2 in hockey was split so a Division 3 was formed. It was quite successful.

And like Division 3, there won't be a state final in the lacrosse Division 2. For the most part, the coaches feel that it is a positive move.

"It's going to help the Division 2 teams," said Concord-Carlisle coach Jim McClellan, the Globe's coach of the year last season. "It'll help keep them competitive. They won't have any fears about playing teams like us, Lincoln-Sudbury and Billerica."

But with the good also comes the bad. In years past, the strong teams could schedule weak ones in order to make the 70 percent needed to qualify for the tourney.

Now, with the new setup, Division 1 teams will have to play each other twice and look for outside games against prep schools and the like.

"It takes away two possible teams that could've made the tourney under the old system," said Billerica coach Paul Breault "but it'll be competitive. It's good for the sport."

"The realignment of the leagues will take its toll," said new Lincoln-Sudbury coach Scott Burt. "You finish one big game and then you have to play another. It's a good change because it'll be more difficult for one team to dominate."

The team that can ride the hills and valleys at the beginning of the season will be the major factor. You have to play consistently all year. It could be interesting."

There's no secret who the top three teams are in Division 1. Concord-Carlisle, Lincoln-Sudbury and Billerica are the top dogs, and they are also in the same league. Newton North has many returnees while teams like Brookline, Weymouth North, Winchester, Needham and the Framingham schools will be in the thick of things.

Concord-Carlisle, which made it to the state final before losing to champion Longmeadow, returns All-Scholastics Brad Lucido and Glenn Stephens. Lucido, also an All-Scholastic wrestler, is a top-notch attacker and works well on the line with Mike Shields. Stephens is one of the top midfielders around and, with Evan Hall and Dave Witherell, combine to form a tough combination.

Losing player of the year Chris Wickwire was tough, but McClellan can replace him with Mark Moreau, Brian First, John Seatnicki, Rich Goodall or Mark McColgan. Jeff Saef will man the nets.

Billerica has one of the top players around in All-Scholastic attacker Walter Cataldo, who scored 128 points last year.

But Billerica isn't a one-man show. Rob Glavine can score and junior Tom Peck will be called on in the nets. Jeff Hughes, Jay Devereaux and Sean Murphy will also be called on to help lead the senior-oriented team.

Burt takes over a Lincoln-Sudbury team that is solid on the attack, although it lost All-Scholastic Scott Semple. Dave Burke is one of the top attackers, but the scoring will be spread out.

Newton North coach Rick Clark has

his defense intact. Senior Kevin Blake is, according to Clark, "in the mold of Wickwire," and is one of the top players in the league. Ted Broderick and Paul Boudreau are veterans and goalie Rick Peach has done a good job so far.

Winchester will have to fill in with junior varsity players as coach Eugene Bouley has only five returners. Pat Murray and Ed Brickley head up the midfielders and Peter Oliver is the mainstay of the offense.

Framingham South is rebuilding stage after many successful seasons. A strong bunch of midfielders - Al Rotatrol, Jose Alvarez, Bob Read, Nick Bell and Nelson Miranda - will give opponents fits, but they start off the season with Concord-Carlisle and Lincoln-Sudbury.

Weymouth North graduated eight seniors and will be green. Seniors Jay Doherty, Rich DeRamio and Ed Foster will have to lead the youth.

Division 2 will be a wide open affair with the North Shore schools dominating, but don't overlook schools like Newton South and Waltham.

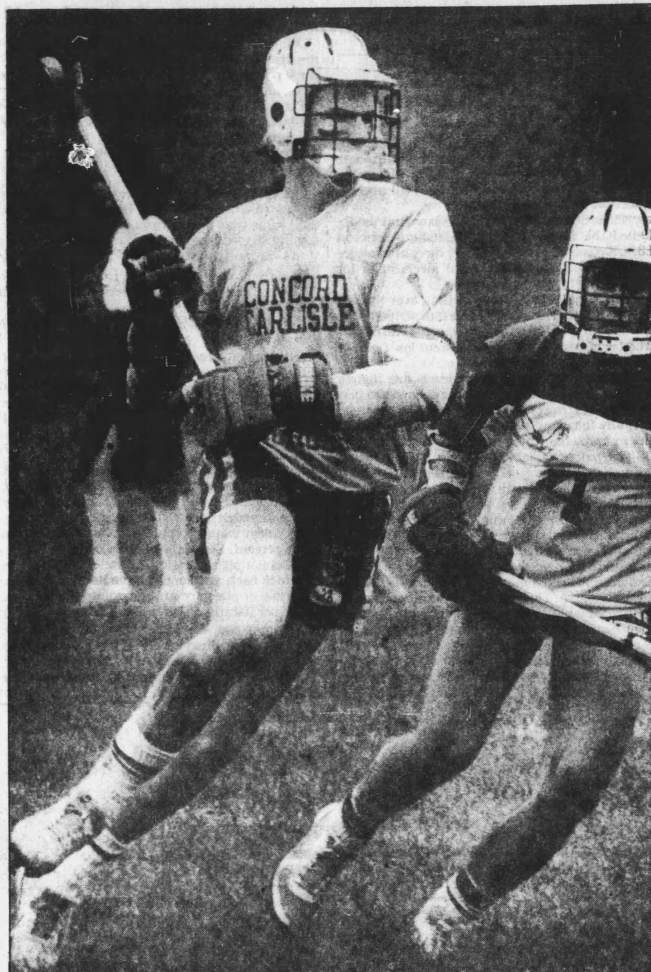
Beverly has a lot of returnees and Chris Barger and Chuck Burke lead the attackers.

St. John's Prep opened with a 6-5 win over Newton South, and the biggest surprise was goalie Dave Roy. "We didn't know what to expect from him," Cragg said. Bob Glatz is a good athlete at attack. "It'll be a dogfight," Cragg added.

Newton South will be led by Bill Burnham, Tom Dorf, Dan Goldberg and Alex Levine, and coach Paul Murphy is cautiously optimistic.

Acton-Boxboro starts a varsity team after having a club for a few years, and will be strong.

Peabody is always tough and may be one of the top teams while Ipswich will be in the fight.



Concord-Carlisle should be a top contender in Division 1 lacrosse. Here, Shane Kielmeyer (left), is shown in action against St. John's Prep last spring. GLOBE FILE PHOTO BY RUBEN PEREZ

LACROSSE STANDINGS

DIVISION 1 NORTH

League Overall			League Overall		
Conc.-Carlisle	5-0	13-3	Winchester	1-3	7-5
Brookline	4-1	7-3	Lexington	1-3	5-5
Billerica	2-2	8-4	Bedford	0-4	8-7

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Rob Glavine, Billerica	51	25	76
Mike Shields, Concord-Carlisle	37	39	76
Walter Cataldo, Billerica	32	36	68
Brad Lucido, Concord-Carlisle	31	27	58
Chris Seibel, Brookline	25	24	49

DIVISION 2 NORTH

League Overall			League Overall		
Beverly	3-1	11-3	St. John's	1-3	7-6
Peabody	3-1	11-3	Ipswich	1-3	3-10
Burlington	3-1	9-5	Medford	1-3	1-12

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Bob Glatz, St. John's Prep	28	48	76
Chuck Burke, Beverly	34	29	63
Sean Fitzgerald, St. John's Prep	38	18	56
Jim Couturier, Ipswich	36	18	54
Greg VanArnum, Burlington	34	20	54
Scott Einarson, Burlington	27	20	47

DIVISION 1 SOUTH

League Overall			League Overall		
Newton North	4-1	13-3	Framingham N.	2-3	6-7
Lincoln-Sudb.	4-1	8-4	Needham	1-4	2-11
Framingham S.	4-1	8-5	Weymouth N.	0-5	3-11

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Tom Ryan, Newton North	19	32	51
Ken Cotton, Framingham South	30	19	49
Greg Pietg, Framingham South	30	16	46
Nick Bell, Framingham South	22	19	41
Jim Quinn, Newton North	22	15	37
Scott Burke, Lincoln-Sudbury	11	25	33

DIVISION 2 SOUTH

League Overall			League Overall		
Newton South	4-1	10-5	Hingham	2-5	6-9
Wayland	2-1	5-6	Waltham	1-3	4-12
Acton-Boxboro	2-1	4-7			

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Peter Chant, Wayland	24	21	45
Kyle Lorentzen, Wayland	25	14	44
Brendan Wilcox, Newton South	22	11	36
Tom Bouvier, Acton-Boxboro	22	9	35

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Patriot laxmen

Vying to continue the tradition of excellence in Concord-Carlisle lacrosse this spring are (l. to r.) quad captains Marc Moreau, Mike Shields, coach Jim McClellan, Brad Lucido and Glenn

Stephens. The 1983 EMass. champion Patriots are favored to successfully defend their title. (Sun photo by Jodi Andruskevich).

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Longmeadow retains state crown for fifth year

SCHOOL LACROSSE

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BOYLSTON — The Longmeadow High School trophy case is in desperate need of expansion.

The boys from the Springfield suburb scored a decisive 12-7 victory over Concord-Carlisle in the MIAA Division 1 lacrosse final at Tahanto Regional High School here yesterday. It was their fifth straight state championship (excluding

1982, when state tournaments were not held) and their 10th overall, a remarkable feat considering only 14 have been held.

Amazingly, they scored on half of their 24 shots yesterday — and they were out-shot, 36-24. That scoring efficiency, combined with the nifty netminding of goalie Greg Lowell, put any Concord-Carlisle trophy aspirations out of reach:

Longmeadow's powerful offense, which averaged 14 goals this season, was dormant in the first 21 minutes of the game, as Concord-Carlisle took a 2-0 lead. But Longmeadow exploded late in the sec-

ond quarter, scoring four times in just over two minutes. Jon Fisk, Ed Carey, Greg Collins and Brian McLaughlin found openings, giving Longmeadow a lead it would never relinquish. Fisk's two goals were his 74th and 75th, a school record.

"Once they took the lead, they took the game away in every way," lamented Concord-Carlisle captain Brad Lucido.

Concord-Carlisle tallied first in the second half, cutting the lead to 5-3, but Carey (two) and John Sheehan added three consecutive goals to stifle the comeback.

"We had to change our offense to

spread them out so we could get going. . . This one really means something," said Longmeadow coach Dan Kane, pointing out that his squad had just six seniors compared with Concord-Carlisle's 22.

Glenn Stephens picked up two fourth-quarter goals for the losers, but John Burke countered with two for Longmeadow as it continued the barrage on goalkeeper Jeff Saef, who had just one save in the second half.

Meanwhile, Lowell was terrific at the other end of the sweltering field, saving several seemingly sure goals.

Lacrosse preview:

C-C favored again

Concord-Carlisle

Graduation took with it two of the state's best players in defenseman Chris Wickwire and goalie Dan O'Neil.

Wickwire was touted by many as the best player in the state last year, and is currently flaunting his talents for another great lacrosse institution - Johns Hopkins University - presently the second-ranked team in the nation.

O'Neil was considered by many to be the best goaltender in Massachusetts last year. He's currently playing at Ohio Wesleyan.

"We lost about six kids, mostly midfielders," McClellan said. "We're gonna have to fill a few holes."

Finding personnel to fill in for graduating seniors has never really been a problem for C-C, and this season is no exception. McClellan had 130 candidates show up on the first day of practice, including 28 seniors.

This abundance of manpower has in fact caused problems for McClellan, who likes to operate on a no-cut policy.

"I've got to get my team down to 30 players," McClellan said. "The problem is that I have 28 seniors. I can't keep them all, and I don't want to cut any of them. They've been in the program right along, and I'm sort of obligated to them."

"The strange thing is that some the kids I'll probably end up cutting will probably go on to play college lacrosse," he said. "I think we've created a monster. It's probably the most popular program at Concord."

Seniors cannot play on a junior varsity team, according to MIAA rules, so McClellan is trying to strike up a plan where C-C would enter a varsity team in Division II.

"We may be able to get away with a team in Division II, just for the kids I can't keep on the varsity now," McClellan said. "Right

now we also have two freshmen teams and a junior varsity."

Depth will certainly not be one of McClellan's worries this season, but inexperience may.

"I have a lot of seniors, but it doesn't really matter what year they're in if they didn't improve from last year," McClellan said. "We have a lot of kids, but in certain positions, like goaltending, we're green."

Because of O'Neil's heroics over the past four years, McClellan has had very little time to develop many goalies. Right now senior Jeff Saef will get the starting nod, while junior Peter Cox will be the backup.

The defense should continue to be strong again this season, even in Wickwire's wake. The Patriot backfielders will be centered around seniors Brian First, Marc Moreau, John Scotnicki, and Rich Goodall.

McClellan plans to carry three groups of midfielders, with senior star and quad-capt. Glenn Stephens leading the first line. Last year Stephens was a force at midfield, and was C-C's ball control specialist.

Stephens will be surrounded by senior Dave Witherell and high-scoring senior Chris Shanley.

The second group consists of seniors Chris Swindell and Evin Ho, and junior Paul Martin.

"That second group is excellent at attacking, and can run all day," McClellan said.

The third midfield will consist of seniors Jeff Shay, Brian McLaughlin and Peter Lee, and possibly senior Shane Kielmeyer.

The Concord-Carlisle attack is also very deep in talent and numbers. McClellan will go with basically two attack groups.

Brad Lucido is the key to the C-C first attack group. The senior quad-capt. pumped in 52 goals and 15 assists last season, most of it while hampered with a leg injury.

He is surrounded by senior quad-capt. Mike Shields and senior Paul Johanson.

The second attack group is youthful, but deep in talent. McClellan feels that this is his first attack of the future. Sophomores Dave Moreau and John Francini will team up with junior Chip Twitty.

Concord's main preseason encounter thus far came at the Dan Hand Tourney in Madison, Ct. The tourney consisted of 12 of the East Coast's best high school lacrosse teams battling it out in a series of "mini-games".

"I think we fared pretty well in the tourney," McClellan said. "We won a couple of games and lost a few close games - I was pleased with the results."

MIKE SHIELDS..... CONCORD-CARLISLE

Shields led Concord-Carlisle in scoring this year with 39 goals and 42 assists and is one tough customer to opposing defensemen. The senior cocaptain is a two-time Division 1 North All-Star and is a vital contributor to Concord-Carlisle's success. He is also an outstanding soccer player, being named to the Dual County League All-Star team, and was the team captain in the fall. Shields combines excellent stickhandling skills with an accurate shot, but also has the ability to find the open man in traffic. A camping lover, Shields will attend Ohio Wesleyan in the fall.



MARC MOREAU..... CONCORD-CARLISLE

Defensive excellence has been a trademark of Concord-Carlisle teams, and Moreau follows in the fine tradition that coach Jim McClellan has established. At 6-3 and 200 pounds, Moreau is an imposing figure and one of the reasons Concord-Carlisle made it to the Division 1 finals. An All-Dual County League selection this year, Moreau was captain of the Concord-Carlisle team. He is also a good basketball player, being chosen for the league all-star team in that sport. He'll attend Bridgton Academy in Maine in the fall, and would eventually like to go to Boston College or West Point.



GLENN STEPHENS..... CONCORD-CARLISLE

One of the repeaters from last year's team, Stephens is another in a line of outstanding players to come from Jim McClellan's lacrosse factory at Concord-Carlisle. Like many others on the All-Scholastic team, Stephens is a two-sport standout. He was selected as the most valuable player of the Concord-Carlisle football team this past fall and was named to the Dual County League All-Star team as a defensive back. In lacrosse, Stephens has been a Division 1 North All-Star the past two seasons and will play in the North-South All-Star game at Johns Hopkins.

BRAD LUCIDO..... CONCORD-CARLISLE

Don't let Lucido's size fool you. At 5-4 and 130 pounds, Lucido may look like a pushover, but don't tangle with him. He is a two-time state wrestling champion in Division 2 and won the New England title this year, making the All-Scholastic wrestling team. This is his second straight appearance on the lacrosse All-Scholastic team, as he followed a 53-point junior year with a 31-goal, 27-assist senior season to help lead Concord-Carlisle to the Division 1 North title. The senior cocaptain is also a member of the National Honor Society and will attend Brown to study pre-law this fall.

