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Pats a tough act to follow

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LACROSSE STANDINGS

BOYS

DIVISION 1 NORTH					
League		All		League	
W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Lexington	4-0	9-4	Winchester	0-3	5-9
Concord-Carl.	3-1	8-7	Billerica	0-3	2-11
Brookline	2-2	8-3			

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Sean Murphy, Lexington	32	24	56
Chip Twitty, Concord-Carlisle	36	12	48
Jo Lee, Lexington	27	17	44
John Francini, Concord-Carlisle	20	18	38
Tom Peck, Billerica	21	14	35
Bryan Stout, Concord-Carlisle	24	4	28

DIVISION 2 NORTH

St. John's	5-0	10-4	Ipswich	3-2	7-7
Beverly	3-2	9-5	Medford	1-5	3-10
Peabody	3-2	10-6	Bedford	0-5	1-13
Burlington	3-2	8-6			

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Kevin Kisiel, Ipswich	26	33	59
Pete Drinkwater, Beverly	39	18	57
Sean Fitzgerald, St. John's Prep	28	29	57
Jon Sanidas, Ipswich	36	17	53
John Dawson, St. John's Prep	35	11	46

DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Weymouth No.	4-0	11-1	Framingham S.	2-3	4-6
Newton North	4-0	11-5	Framingham N.	1-4	3-8
Lincoln-Sud.	3-2	10-3	Needham	0-5	1-11

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Mark Donovan, Weymouth North	37	22	59
Ken Cotton, Framingham South	33	17	50
Bryan Stenberg, Lincoln-Sudbury	37	12	49
Fran Yeradi, Newton North	30	14	44
Bill Sepeck, Weymouth North	22	15	37
Tim Walker, Lincoln-Sudbury	22	13	35
Jamie Jackson, Weymouth North	23	11	34

DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Newton South	11-3	4-0	Hingham	4-7	2-3
Acton-Boxboro	8-4	3-1	Falmouth	2-9	1-3
Wayland	6-7	1-2	Waltham	2-8	1-3

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts.
Dave Kowal, Newton South	24	19	43
Matt Rapon, Newton South	22	21	43
Bill Byron, Wayland	24	16	40
Peter Chant, Wayland	21	14	35
Brian Sullivan, Hingham	24	10	34

"Concord-Carlisle is going to be unbelievably strong again," stated Powderly. "Even if we played to our full potential we probably couldn't make them look bad in any phase of the game."

C-C skipper McClellan, beginning his 17th season, feels the Patriots will have their hands full and will face a definite challenge.

But Concord-Carlisle has a great lacrosse tradition, having won four straight Eastern Mass. titles, seven championships in the last 11 years, and an All-State crown in 1982 when the Pats hammered Longmeadow 15-6 in the final.

Last year Longmeadow beat C-C in the state title game, 12-8, and two years ago Longmeadow won a thrilling 9-8 marathon that wasn't decided until the fifth overtime period.

Last year's 17-4 Patriots' ledger included a perfect record against Eastern Mass. high school competition. The only losses were to Phillips-Andover Academy, the Brown University JVs, a team from Long Island, N.Y. and Longmeadow.

This year, in addition to local Division I and II (Acton-Boxboro) opponents, C-C will face Navy Prep of Newport, R.I., the Bowdoin College JVs, Phillips Andover, Tabor Academy and Pinkerton Academy.

Concord-Carlisle

Last Year: 17-4, Eastern Mass. Division I champion; State Division I finalist.

Key Graduates: Mike Shields (Ohio Wesleyan), Brad Lucido (Brown), Glen Stephens (UMass.), Mark Moreau (Bridgeton Academy).

Returning Lettermen: Dave Blackburn, sr., Def; Dave Welch, sr., Def; Chip Twitty, sr., Attack; John Francini, jr., Attack; Paul Martin, sr., MF; Greg Yang, sr., G.

Promising Newcomers: Colin Mara, jr., MF; Greg Mueller, soph., MF; Steve Garnett, jr., Def; Dave Griffis, jr., G; Chris Mara, soph., G; Brian Stout, jr., Attack; Dave Moreau, jr., Attack.

Outlook: The graduation of 24 seniors has left the Patriots with their least experienced team in years, but still look for C-C to be among the top teams in the state because of tradition, coaching and another huge turnout (100 candidates).

Coach Jim McClellan (17th year): "Last year we had a senior group that came up through the program together. They played really well as a unit, but because of that we were unable to build up any depth.

"We'll have our hands full, for sure, because we're inexperienced and there are no truly outstanding individual players. It's going to be a challenge, but we work hard on skills and I think in the long run that will help us a lot.

"We don't have any top pointscorers returning but Francini, Twitty and Stout have all developed hard, vicious shots. We're working on an offense that will set them up in good position to unload, and in that respect we'll be fun to watch."



**CHRIS GRAHAM
CONCORD-CARLISLE**

Graham is a three sport athlete (football and wrestling) at Concord-Carlisle.

The midfielder scored three goals and had six assists on the year but his contribution far outweighed his stats.

"Chris was a very important part of our game," Coach Jim McClellan said. "He was our main hustler, we need more of him."

McClellan counted on the junior in all important situations, often calling on him to win face-offs in crucial situations.

Graham, at 5-6, 145 pounds, had the desire and ability to constantly improve himself and the team through hard work.

Special moments seem to come Chris Wickwire's way

30 seconds.

By RICHARD KELLEY
Sun Staff

LOWELL - Most of us dream of belting the game-winning home run in the seventh game of the World Series or swishing a 20-foot jump shot at the buzzer to win the NCAA National Championship. But rarely do those fantasies become reality.

Concord's Chris Wickwire, though, has experienced that once-in-a-lifetime thrill twice.

As only a sophomore defenseman for the Johns Hopkins University lacrosse team, Wickwire has already encountered those special moments.

"It's great. It's the highlight of a career," Wickwire said of the championship experience. "It's kind of unreal."

Just eight days ago, Wickwire and his Blue Jay teammates won the 1985 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse title with an 11-4 triumph over Syracuse in front of 17,500 fans at Brown Stadium in Providence, RI.

Syracuse entered the contest as the highest-scoring team in the country (15.5 goals per game), but, after almost one quarter in which the Orangemen jumped out to a 3-0 lead, Wickwire & Co. shut down the SU Express.

"The first quarter went by incredibly fast," the former Concord-Carlisle star explained. "I was amazed when I looked at the clock and time was almost gone. It takes a while to sink in."

After settling down, the Blue Jays' defensive unit maintained its concentration, protected All-American goalie Larry Quinn, and let the offense take control.

Timely checks

"We think we're close to the best defense in the country," Wickwire said. "We had a really good game."

So good, in fact, that Syracuse was limited to a championship game record-low four goals.

JHU second-year coach Don Zimmerman agreed that de-

fense was a key and that Wickwire, who broke into the starting line-up in mid-season, was a big factor.

"He's (Wickwire) a very good defenseman," Zimmerman noted. "He handles himself well, makes timely checks, and he's got a good stick. In the championship game, Chris did very well on ground balls."

"Chris played extremely well," former JHU lacrosse coach and present athletic director Bob Scott added. "He played all the way through."

Wickwire and Zimmerman, though, both recognize the fact that success in the "big-time" doesn't come overnight.

Wickwire recalls that the jump to the college level also required some changes in his game.

"In high school, the level (of play) would really vary so that when I got out (of high school), I was really lacking in discipline and technique."

But at Johns Hopkins, a lacrosse dynasty which has won five national titles in the last nine years and two in a row, Wickwire adjusted.

"We play a very conservative style of defense here," Zimmerman said. "But with the excellent coaching of my assistants, Chris toned his play and aggressiveness down."

Wickwire just needed time before his full talents began to show.

"In my first year, I had to learn my position," the defenseman said. "This year everything started clicking."

It's individuals like Chris Wickwire who make the Johns Hopkins lacrosse program what it is - unique.

Unique situation

"We have great tradition at Hopkins," Zimmerman said. "You can't beat Hopkins. Lacrosse is number one here and that makes our school unique."

Wickwire was long familiar with JHU as his grandfather, Dr.

Chester Wickwire, was university chaplain until this year and his father had attended the school for a year. Plus, for any lacrosse player, Johns Hopkins is the place.

"I've always been conscious of lacrosse," the 6'2", 185 defender said. "I went to see a Hopkins-Army game when I was little."

When the time came to choose a school, Wickwire knew what was the school for him.

"Hopkins was the best. I felt I'd have a good chance to win a national championship there and, plus, the academics (are good)."

Now, winning at JHU is almost second nature, but the desire in the players hasn't diminished at all.

"Hopkins is always so good. It's a source of pride for us," Wickwire stated.

Wickwire himself was familiar with winning even before he arrived at the Baltimore university. At Concord-Carlisle, the Patriots won the Eastern Mass. title in both his junior (21-0) and senior seasons.

"In Concord, there was a great program," the 1983 Sun All-Star stated. "Coach (Jim) McClellan built up the program."

Meanwhile, Zimmerman is eager to face future challenges with Wickwire.

"I'm very happy with his development," the coach noted. "and I look forward to having him for two more years."

The defenseman realizes the enviable position he's in and remembers how he got there.

"I'm the product of two really good programs," Wickwire said. And a credit to both as well.



Lacrosse at LHS, CHS?

LOWELL - The way Jim McClellan sees it, there's no reason why schools like Chelmsford or Lowell or Andover shouldn't start a lacrosse program. As the Concord-Carlisle coach explains, it wouldn't cost the towns much, it wouldn't hurt the other spring sports and it certainly wouldn't hurt the players' chances of getting into college.

"The bottom line is that it's for the kids," said McClellan. "Right now, we have 60 kids playing in college. How many kids that graduated from Chelmsford or Lowell or any one school are playing college baseball right now?"

"The problem is that around here everyone thinks the kids will make a million dollars playing baseball or hockey. The college teams around here are loaded with kids from New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania."

McClellan cited the examples of former Billerica players Walter Cataldo and Tim McCaffrey, now playing for Brown and Harvard respectively. Lacrosse isn't the reason the two are in college, but it did make the Ivy League financially feasible for them.

While the sport helps the kids, some people feel it hurts them, the other teams that is, and that's why some schools are hesitant to support it. They just don't want their other spring sports to suffer.

A slight void

"I don't think we've hurt the success of any other spring sport," said Acton-Boxboro coach John Jordan. "We haven't taken one baseball player away. And track hasn't lost any of their top athletes. Maybe a few kids will leave track to try lacrosse, but they're usually just the kids who went out for track because they had nothing else to do."

Without lacrosse, there does seem to be a void in the spring sports season. There is no true contact sport, although baseball is considered a contact sport by some, and there's no fast-paced sport. Winter has basketball, hockey and wrestling. Fall has soccer and football. It would seem there is room for an action-packed, physical sport in the springtime.

"The people who don't like lacrosse are the people who haven't seen it," feels McClellan. "It's fun, it's fast, it involves a lot of kids. You can



Lacrosse

With Gerry Callahan

play 30 kids on one team and they don't have to be big."

Jordan knows what starting a lacrosse program is all about. He did it at Acton-Boxboro a couple years ago and now the Colonials are a respectable Division II team. But he won't take all the credit; as he says, the sport itself deserves its share.

"The important thing is to get things going," he says. "It just takes off for itself. The sport's contagious. You put a stick in a kid's hand and he walks down the hall in school and other kids will be coming up to him and saying 'Hey can I try that?' It sounds corny, but it really happens like that."

"Lacrosse has given a lot of kids who wouldn't be playing a spring sport a chance to get involved in athletics."

Jordan's program at Acton has 50 kids in it, including 30 on the varsity. They range from "just over 100 pounds to 200 pounds. We hit the whole spectrum," says Jordan.

Lacrosse is not nearly as expensive as most school departments think, according to both Jordan and McClellan. In the initial stages of both of their programs, the players used their own hockey equipment (gloves, shoulder pads and helmets) and bought their own sticks, which usually lasted for their four-year high school careers. And there are other ways for a fledgling program to get by on a tight budget, says McClellan.

No mention

"We could loan equipment to a school that's starting out and there are ways to get equipment from the companies for nothing if you're just starting out," he said.

Once a school decides to initiate a lacrosse program, it can find plenty of help through the learning stages.

"We'd could put on clinic for a school, say Chelmsford or Lowell or any of the schools up in that area, any time during the school year, or we could teach them through a physical education class. We could arrange to have a game played at their school or we could just put on a demonstration," offers McClellan.

For Lowell High, the lack of playing fields is a problem, but as Athletic Director Al Mangan explains, the discussion hasn't reached that point. In fact, it hasn't even started.

"The idea of starting a lacrosse team has never been mentioned to me by a single person," said Mangan. "Right now, we have 22 different programs and we'd definitely run into a problem with playing fields. We really haven't seen any interest in it at all."

Chelmsford, on the other hand, does have the interest and the playing fields, but like Lowell, it has no plans to start a program.

"We're not in a position to add lacrosse," said Whitehead. "Lacrosse means big bucks and it would be hurting our other spring programs."

While perennial lax power Concord-Carlisle slumped to 500 overall (5-6) and in Division I North (3-1) this week, the Patriots are still expected to earn a berth in the state tournament. They should either finish second in the league (behind Lexington) which has clinched it or end up winning 60 percent.

As far as the other locals are going, Acton-Boxboro (5-4) has to win three out of its final four, as does Burlington (7-5). Billerica and Bedford are out of the post-season picture.

Lax facts: Paul Paglia, a junior at Tufts and a former Concord player, ended up this season 30 points short of the Jumbos all-time scoring mark, which belongs to his brother Rich. — Mark diTargiani of Concord just completed his career at Wesleyan, but not before he set the school's all-time scoring record (104 points). diTargiani lettered all four years and was the team's captain this spring. —

Lisa Black, another Concord-Carlisle alumna, was recently named to the All-Ivy League first team. Black led her Harvard team in goals (38) and assists (12). She was a second-team selection last year.

A couple of current A-B Colonials are expected to be playing at prominent lax schools next season. Midfielder Bill Parquet is headed to Roanoke College in Virginia while attackman Todd Bombrogh will go to NPI.

Concord-Carlisle will be having an Alumni Game on May 20 at the high school. It will pit old-year alumni against their even-year counterparts. Naturally, admission is free for anyone wishing to see good lacrosse.

Leading scorers

HIGH SCHOOL LAX LEADER	PTS	ASS
Chip Tuffy, C.C.	22	18
John Francisco, C.C.	20	18
Steve Ochoa, A-B	26	6
Scott Lockman, West	22	7
Brian Lockhart, A-B	20	6
Tom Ruppner, A-B	17	10
Tom Maloney, West	15	9
Tom Park, W.A.	15	9
Brian Reed, C.C.	17	4
Mark Collins, A-B	15	1
Gary Perry, A-B	5	11
Skip Jackson, West	15	2