

# 1987

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LACROSSE STANDINGS											
<b>DIVISION 1 NORTH</b>						<b>DIVISION 2 NORTH</b>					
League	All	League	All	League	All	League	All	League	All	League	All
W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
Concord-Carl. ... 8-0	14-1	Lexington ... 2-4	3-8	Beverly ... 12-1	14-1	Burlington ... 5-6	5-9	St. John's ... 8-3	8-3	Medford ... 5-8	5-9
Winchester ... 4-3	11-5	Brookline ... 0-6	0-11	St. John's ... 9-3	10-3	Marblehead ... 2-10	2-10	Ipswich ... 9-3	10-3	Marblehead ... 2-10	2-10
Billerica ... 3-2	3-6			Peabody ... 8-5	8-7	Salem ... 0-14	0-14	Peabody ... 8-5	8-7	Salem ... 0-14	0-14
<b>LEADING SCORERS</b>						<b>LEADING SCORERS</b>					
	G	A	Pts.		G	A	Pts.		G	A	Pts.
Nick Boynton, Concord-Carlisle	45	49	94	John Vitale, Beverly	27	23	50	Mike Earley, Roxbury Latin	33	33	66
Mike Cain, Concord-Carlisle	44	30	74	Kelly Cragg, Peabody	26	19	45	Steve Davidow, Tabor Academy	36	22	58
Mike Murray, Winchester	24	24	48	Gage Parrot, Ipswich	38	4	42	Shawn Knechtel, Tabor Academy	27	31	56
John Birmingham, Concord-Carlisle	36	7	43	Dan Shipp, Beverly	28	13	41	Tom Masaschi, Tabor Academy	39	97	48
<b>DIVISION 2 SOUTH</b>						<b>DIVISION 1</b>					
Acton-Boxboro 12-0	14-0	Bedford ... 5-8	6-9	Wayland ... 10-1	10-1	Wellesley ... 7-4	7-4	Lincoln-Sud. ... 7-3	7-3	Lexington Ch. ... 2-10	2-10
Hingham ... 11-2	11-3	Waltham ... 5-8	5-10	Weston ... 8-4	8-4	Concord-Carl. ... 2-10	2-10	Weston ... 8-4	8-4	Concord-Carl. ... 2-10	2-10
Falmouth ... 9-4	9-4	Wayland ... 1-12	1-12	Needham ... 8-4	8-4	Fram. North ... 1-10	1-10	Newton South ... 9-5	10-6	Weymouth So. ... 1-12	1-12
<b>LEADING SCORERS</b>						<b>LEADING SCORERS</b>					
	G	A	Pts.		G	A	Pts.		G	A	Pts.
Brian Sullivan, Hingham	48	18	66	Shari Krasnoo, Wayland	61	14	75	Tricia McCall, Lincoln-Sudbury	38	4	46
Rob Falvey, Hingham	34	29	63								

April 28, 1987

Concord-Carlisle's lacrosse team is off to a quick start. It is 5-1 and defeated Brown University's junior varsity team, 10-7. Nick Boynton had 12 points (4 goals, 8 assists) against Framingham North in a 15-7 win.

# Another dynasty gets double-crossed

By DAVID PEVEAR  
Sun Staff

**LONGMEADOW** - What gives? The Celtics gag on an eight-point lead in the final 3½ minutes and lose at Boston Garden? Arnold Palmer fails U.S.

## State lacrosse

Open qualifying for the fourth consecutive year? Trainer Woody Stephens' horse finishes sixth at Belmont? Longmeadow High loses a Massachusetts state lacrosse title?

Every dynasty has its day, and yesterday afternoon at Longmeadow the greatest dynasty in Massachusetts schoolboy sports was interrupted by a clearly superior Concord-Carlisle lacrosse team, 13-7.

The Patriots and first-year head coach Dick Kerr won the first-ever "official" state championship in their school's proud lacrosse history, burying the seven-time (with an asterisk) defending state champions on their home field before their spoiled fans. Concord had its elusive championship secured by halftime when the Patriots led 10-4 and their confident supporters chanted "B-O-R-I-N-G!"

"It certainly wasn't boring out there playing," said junior attack Mike Cain (2 goals, 4 assists). "They have all that tradition and our athletic director Mr. (Everett) Thorpe told us they would try to intimidate us with it. But we weren't intimidated."

Instead the Patriots were

merely awesome, especially senior attack and EMass Div. I Player of the Year Nick Boynton, who shredded Longmeadow's scurrying man-to-man coverage for six goals and four assists, including four consecutive goals during the final five minutes of the first half.

"If we played well, this is what I expected," Kerr said of C-C's romp. "The trouble is we haven't

really played that well in the tournament (17-4 victory over Winchester and 10-8 victory over Newton North). But this may be the best game we played all year. Boynton's game is in the open field and we created that by clearing the ball well and getting into the transition part of our game."

Yesterday might have been the best tournament game Concord has ever played. Several times in recent years the Patriots believed themselves superior to Longmeadow, but Longmeadow just kept winning state championships.

In 1982 (a year erased from Longmeadow's memory) Concord crushed Longmeadow in a game the MIAA never recognized as a true state championship game (hence the asterisk). Because of Proposition 2½ there was no state tournament that year and Longmeadow was included in the EMass Tournament.

"To come down here (to Longmeadow) and win is extra special," Kerr said yesterday. "They always seem to win, even though sometimes we thought we had the better team."

## History against Pats

Longmeadow defeated Concord 7-6 (5 overtimes) in the 1983 state title game, and 12-7 in the 1984 title game. Concord was ready for another shot at Longmeadow last season, but several Concord seniors were suspended for disciplinary reasons and Weymouth North defeated the Patriots in the EMass final. Longmeadow then defeated Weymouth North 6-5 in double overtime for its seventh consecutive state title (excluding 1982).

"We should have won it last year," said Boynton. "This year we weren't going to let anybody beat us."

Yesterday Concord dealt Longmeadow its first state championship game loss since Lincoln-Sudbury defeated the Lancers 14-12 in 1978.

"I saw (Concord) play Newton North and I thought the teams were more competitive than what the game showed today," said Longmeadow coach Dan Kane. "We tried matching one person with Boynton and one with Cain because we thought we had to control those people. But we didn't. I thought they kept their composure better than we did. They came up with the balls, they controlled the



Concord-Carlisle celebrates its state lacrosse title victory over Longmeadow yesterday

(Sun photo by Bob Whitaker)

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## Longmeadow double-crossed...

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balls, and we tossed it away a few times. When we went to ride they quickly cleared the ball out and our defense never rotated to the ball. Our three previous losses this season were against teams that like Concord had good fast breaks."

Longmeadow senior captain John Steiger's man-up goal 2:22 into the game ignited a wild nine-goal first quarter. Concord responded with consecutive goals by Boynton at 3:25, Cain at 3:58, and Boynton again at 4:45. Longmeadow retaliated with Matt Landon at 5:20, Steiger at 5:45, and Drew Collina at 6:34 to give the Lancers their final lead at 4-3. Concord junior attack John Birmingham, the hero of Sunday's come-from-behind victory over Newton North, scored at 8:36 and Cain at 10:19 for a 5-4 Concord lead after one quarter.

"On offense Nick (Boynton) and I were confident we could score every time we had the ball," said Cain. "Our defense made some mistakes early, but we knew it was just a matter of time before they started making the plays. I thought it would be a game decided in the fourth quarter. As it turned out it was kind of decided at halftime, even though Longmeadow was tough."

## Five straight goals

Concord carved up Longmeadow for five unanswered goals in the second quarter, Boynton scoring the final four. Longmeadow had gone 21 minutes without scoring when goals by Steiger and Kevin Cardinal in the opening three minutes of the third quarter pulled the Lancers within 10-6. Cardinal's goal came after Longmeadow knocked the ball loose from Concord goalie Chris Mara (16 saves) outside his crease.

"I thought it was more a case of us making mistakes when they got those two goals," said Kerr. "I never really thought they got the momentum away from us."

Concord midfielder John Pearse doused Longmeadow's comeback hopes with his goal at 9:55 of the third quarter, assisted by Boynton. Longmeadow got within 11-7 on Steiger's goal at 2:20 of the fourth quarter, and then Concord's Paul McNeil scored at 3:10 and Birmingham at 8:35.

"I give all the credit in the world to (coach Kerr). Cain said of Concord's longtime assistant who this spring succeeded the lacrosse program's founder, Jim McClellan. "He told us not to get into trouble and he was very strict with us, but it paid off."

## C-C lax sum

**DIVISION I LACROSSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**CONCORD 13, LONGMEADOW 7**  
**FIRST QUARTER** - Goals: 1 L - John Steiger (Mike Sweet) 2:22; 2 CC - Nick Boynton (Mike Cain) 2:25; 3 CC - Cain (unassisted) 3:58; 4 CC - Boynton (Cain) 4:45; 5 L - Matt Landon (Chris Pahl) 5:20; 6 L - Steiger (unassisted) 5:45; 7 L - Drew Collina (Sweet) 6:34; 8 CC - John Birmingham (Boynton) 8:36; 9 CC - Cain (unassisted) 10:19  
**SECOND QUARTER** - Goals: 10 CC - Paul McNeil (Cain) 0:13; 11 CC - Boynton (unassisted); 12 CC - Boynton (Cain) 9:21; 13 CC - Boynton (Mike Duggan) 10:06; 14 Boynton (unassisted) 10:40  
**THIRD QUARTER** - Goals: 15 L - Steiger (unassisted) 3:40; 16 L - Kevin Cardinal (unassisted) 9:05; 17 CC - John Pearse (Boynton) 9:55  
**FOURTH QUARTER** - Goals: 18 L - Steiger (Sweet) 2:20; 19 CC - McNeil (Boynton) 3:10; 20 CC - Birmingham (Boynton) 8:35  
**CONCORD-CARLISLE**... 5 5 1 2 - 13  
**LONGMEADOW**..... 4 0 2 1 - 7  
**SAVES:** Chris Mara (CC) 16, Andre Frosch (LM) 20



## Picking his spot

Concord-Carlisle's Mike Cain (L) whips a shot past Longmeadow goalie Andre Frosch during action of yesterday's

state title game, won by the Patriots.

(Sun photo by Bob Whitaker)

June 4, 1987

# Boynton powers C-C, 17-4

## EMASS LACROSSE

Top-seeded and undefeated Concord-Carlisle rode the seven-goal, one-assist effort of senior attackman Nick Boynton to a 17-4 Division 1 semifinal lacrosse tourney victory over Winchester yesterday at Concord.

Mike Cain had a goal and six assists and Paul McNeil and Tom Steinhilber had three goals each for Concord-Carlisle (16-0).

David Robinson had five goals and two assists as

Newton North gained the title match with Concord-Carlisle via a 13-6 win over Lincoln-Sudbury. Mark Adams had two goals and Kevin Devereaux had two goals and an assist for Newton North (15-3).

Shari Krasnoo scored six goals and Melissa Crowley had four goals and an assist in Wayland's 16-11 girls' Division 1 semifinal victory over Wellesley.

Lincoln-Sudbury earned the right to meet Wayland by tipping Weston, 9-8, as Tricia McCall scored five goals.

- LARRY AMES

June 8, 1987

# Concord-Carlisle takes lacrosse title

By Ken Carty  
Special to the Globe

CONCORD - True champions come to play in the big games.

Attackman John Bermingham had lost his starting assignment because of sporadic play. However, yesterday, Bermingham came out of his slump, scoring two fourth-quarter goals to lead Concord-Carlisle (17-1) to the EMass Division 1 title, 10-8, over Newton North (14-4).

"John hasn't been playing very well," said Concord-Carlisle coach Dick Kerr. "When he got himself into trouble he just pushed himself too much. But today, wow, what a way to break out."

With the score tied, 8-8, Bermingham recovered a loose ball in front of the Newton North cage and fired a screen shot past goalie Brian Vona with 3:33 remaining.

With 28 seconds left, Bermingham netted his 38th goal of the year to make it 10-8.

Concord-Carlisle trailed, 8-6, with 6:12 remaining before midfielder Mike Duggan scored his second goal of the day, taking Mike Cain's pass and beating Vona, who had 30 saves, to cut the lead to one.

Cain scored his 50th goal of the season 62 seconds later tying the score and setting up Bermingham's

### Yesterday's summary Concord-Carlisle, 10-8

#### at Concord

Newton North (14-4) .....3 1 1 3- 8

Concord-Carlisle (17-1) ...1 5 0 4-10

Goals - CC, Mike Duggan 2, John Bermingham 2, Mike Cain 2, Torr Steinhilber 2, John Pearse 1, Carter Winstanley 1; NN, Mark Adams 3, David Quinn 2, David Robinson 1, Kevin Devereaux 1, Brian Claffin 1.

Assists - CC, Nick Boynton 2, Mike Duggan 2, John Pearse 1, Mike Cain 1; NN, Mark Adams 1, Kevin Devereaux 1, Brian Claffin 1.

Saves - CC, Chris Mara 20; NN, Brian Vona, 30.

May 12, 1987

Three Concord-Carlisle players scored three goals each in a 12-9 lacrosse victory over Lincoln-Sudbury. The scoring leaders were John Birmingham, Nick Boynton and Mike Duggan.

### Events

## LACROSSE MIAA State Boys' Tourney

### DIVISION 1

Wed., June 10 — State final

Concord-Carlisle 13..... Longmeadow 7

### Yesterday's summary

## Concord-Carlisle, 13-7

### at Longmeadow

Concord-Carlisle.....5 5 1 2—13

Longmeadow..... 4 0 2 1— 7

Goals: CC, Nick Boynton 6, Mike Caine 2, John Birmingham 2, Paul McNeil 2, John Pearse; L, John Steiger 4, Kevin Cardenal, Matt Laydon, Drew Collina.

Assists: CC, Boynton 4, Caine 4.

Goalies: CC, Chris Mara, 24; L, Andre Frosch, 17.

June 11, 1987

# Concord-Carlisle ends Longmeadow's reign

## DIV. 1 BOYS' STATE LACROSSE

By Donald Spink  
Special to the Globe

LONGMEADOW — How do you defeat a sports dynasty? Concord-Carlisle coach Dick Kerr may have found the answer — bring along a large group of fans to overwhelm the home team.

Kerr's plan succeeded yesterday as Concord-Carlisle toppled

four-time defending state champion Longmeadow, 13-7, in the Division 1 boys' state lacrosse final.

"The fan support for us here today was a definite factor," said Kerr, the Division 1 coach of the year. "I think the whole junior class drove out today to cheer us on."

Thanks to an outstanding effort from Division 1 player of the year Nick Boynton (six goals, four assists), Concord-Carlisle exploited Longmeadow's slow defense.

"Boynton and his partner

Mike Caine dodged up and down the field all day," said Kerr. "They were generous in their passing the entire game, but most notably when they were on the attack in front of the opposing net." Boynton and Caine (four) had the only assists in the game.

Caine, a junior, John Birmingham and Paul McNeil contributed two goals apiece.

The turning point came in the second quarter when all of Longmeadow's scoring attempts were shut down by goalie Chris Mara,

who had 10 of his 24 saves in the quarter.

"Mara played great in net," said Longmeadow coach Dan Kane. "He stopped some unbelievable shots. Along with Boynton and Caine's solid play, Concord-Carlisle's goalie was the difference."

Longmeadow's star of the game was senior John Steiger, who scored four goals to finish with 96 points for the season.

"It's too bad that we could not have been victorious," said Kane.

### PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR NICK BOYNTON Concord-Carlisle

Boynton and fellow attacker Mike Cain combined so beautifully to terrorize Concord foes this spring.

Boynton led the Patriots with 104 regular-season points (48 goals, 56 assists) but saved his best performance for the state championship game against Longmeadow. Boynton scored six goals and assisted on four other scores as Concord defeated the perennial state champions, 13-7, for the Patriots' first-ever official state title.

The senior attack came back strong this season after missing much of his junior season with a broken foot. He was chosen the EMass. Division I Player of the Year.

He will attend Phillips-Exeter Academy next fall.



### MIKE CAIN Concord-Carlisle

The local lacrosse crowd is still mystified over Cain's omission from this year's EMass. All-Scholastic squad.

"He could be the best player in the state next year," Kerr said of his junior attack.

Cain was Concord's second-leading scorer during the regular season with 81 points (49 goals, 32 assists) and the 6-0, 180-pound attack shone during Concord's state title game victory over Longmeadow with two goals and four assists.



### COACH-OF-THE-YEAR DICK KERR Concord-Carlisle

After 12 years as an assistant coach under Jim McClellan, the C-C lacrosse program's founder, Kerr succeeded McClellan this spring and guided the Patriots to their first-ever official state championship.

The Patriots climaxed a 19-1 season by defeating four-time defending state champions Longmeadow, 13-7, in the state title game.

McClellan graduated from Concord high in 1970, and played four seasons on defense at Plymouth State College, earning two varsity letters.



### COACHES OF THE YEAR



#### DICK KERR .....CONCORD-CARLISLE DIVISION 1

Kerr led his team to a 16-1 season in his first year as a varsity coach. He spent 12 years as a freshman and junior varsity coach at Concord-Carlisle. "They want to win and have worked hard to achieve the success the team has had this season," he said.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### NICK BOYNTON .....CONCORD-CARLISLE DIVISION 1

The 5-8 160-pound attacker scored 48 goals and had 56 points this spring. He has a career total of 178 points. He has been chosen as an All-America and will participate in the National North-South high school classic. "His love and dedication to the game of lacrosse has been a great example for our team," said coach Dick Kerr. Boynton plans to enroll at Exeter Academy.

#### RICK MULLINS .....CONCORD-CARLISLE

Mullins made the second team Globe All-Scholastic last year and was all-league. This year, he was a Division 1 North all-star. In football, he was named an all-Dual County League as defensive end and punter. "I feel Rick is one of Concord's all-time great defensemen," said coach Dick Kerr. "He is the team's defensive leader." He plans to attend Bridgton Academy.



#### RICK MULLINS Concord-Carlisle

A two-year starter, the 5-11, 185-pound senior was chosen an EMass. All-Scholastic this spring as Mullins anchored the Patriots' sometimes unappreciated defense.

"He could be a real sleeper (as a college prospect)," said Kerr. "He's a good one-on-one defender with excellent stick skills. He also had four goals and one assist from the defensive position."

Mullins was also a Dual County League All-Star in football last fall as a defensive end. He will attend Bridgeton Academy next fall.

