

# 1989

LOWELL - Traditionally high-scoring Concord-Carlisle will lean more toward defense this spring, but the Patriots should remain the power of Eastern Mass. high school lacrosse.

Coach Dick Kerr's 1987 state champions lost last season's

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state championship game to Longmeadow, then lost more than 230 points when Mike Cain and Rob Shields graduated.

Kerr will redirect C-C's emphasis toward its large, mobile defense, headed by 200-pound John Lucy and 220-pound Sean Lanagan. Inexperienced goal-tenders Billy Hackett and Chris Haynes have been solid in pre-season.

The Patriots still have the talent, but Concord's road to another collision with Longmeadow will be rockier. Lincoln-Sudbury, Lexington and Newton North are all eager - and more importantly, able - to step on the Patriots if they stumble.



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### Prowling Pats

Concord-Carlisle lacrosse captains Jon Lucy and Phil Johnson lead the defending EMass. champion Patriots into the 1989 season.

#### CONCORD-CARLISLE

Last year: 19-3; lost to Longmeadow in state championship game.

**Key graduates:** Mike Cain (attack, EMass. Player of the Year); Rob Shields (attack).

**Key players returning:** Phil Johnson, sr., midfield; John Lucy, sr., defense; Brian Cotter, sr., attack; Brian Kilfoyle, sr., midfield; Dave Fevek, jr., midfield; Max Kaufman, jr., attack.

**Promising newcomers:** Billy Hackett, jr., goalie, Chris Haynes, sr., goalie; Sean Lanagan, sr., defense; Jay Webster, jr., defense; Dave Kingman, jr., attack.

**Strength:** Speed in midfield and on defense, size on defense.

**Weakness:** Inexperience and size of attack.

**Coach Dick Kerr (3rd year):** "Our team will be different this year. We've always had dominant attack people. That's been our strong point. Our attack kids this year are sound and have good skills, but they're inexperienced and not too big. (Graduated attackmen Mike) Cain and (Rob) Shields accounted for 230

points last year. There's going to be a gap. I don't know how many points we're going to get from our offense. We'll be a very good defensive club. John Lucy is 200 pounds, and Sean Lanagan is about 220. They're both strong and fast. Our goalies were on the jayvees last year, but both look outstanding so far. We'll be a

Pats will dominate with defense

# Winchester outguns C-C

## Pats' comeback bid foiled

CONCORD — Winchester snapped a 5-5 tie with a pair of goals in the final period, then fended off a furious Concord-Carlisle comeback bid in the last two minutes en route to a 7-6 victory over the Patriots in their Eastern Mass. Lacrosse Tournament preliminary round game yesterday.

The loss knocked the young C-C squad, which played only five seniors regularly, from the

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tournament earlier than they've been ousted in some time.

Coach Dick Kerr's crew closed out the campaign with a 10-7 overall record, while Winchester improved to 14-5 overall and now has the unenviable task of playing powerful Lincoln-Sudbury Tuesday night in the second round (5 p.m.).

Junior midfielder Dave Fivek, C-C's top scorer this season, paced the Pats' tourney offense with three goals while junior middle Max Kaufman added two goals and was excellent on faceoffs throughout the contest.

Junior attackman Campbell Rowe rounded out this list of C-C scorers with one goal.

Juniors Dan Bermingham and Jay Webster, along with senior Sean Lanagan, handled the Patriots' defense while junior goaltender Bill Hackett turned in a sharp performance with 21 saves.

"We just couldn't seem to put the ball in the hole," said defenseman Bermingham. "What really did us in was man-down situations. They (Winchester) scored almost every time they had the advantage in the second half."

Despite being forced to play without top defender and captain John Lucy, Concord-Carlisle did a masterful job defensively in the first two periods and inched ahead 2-1 at half-time.

The Sachems pulled even at 5-5 after three, scored twice in the fourth period for the 7-5 lead, but then had to hold on as C-C closed the gap to 7-6 with 1:51 to play and swarmed the Winchester end the rest of the way.

The Patriots had at least three legitimate labeled shots in the closing minute, but Winchester goalie Frank Micciche made the stops.

"It was an exciting finish," said Lanagan. "I guess their goalie made one great save just before the end. We were even trying for a 'garbage' goal but couldn't get it."

"The goalie was real good on low shots," said Bermingham, "and most of our chances came on low shots. We really didn't test him up high."

Senior midfielder Tom O'Grady netted three goals for Winchester, senior attackman Hector Cromwell added a pair, and senior middle Craig Driscoll passed out four assists as that trio paced the winners.

Micciche finished with 17 saves, 10 of them in the second half.

The Concord-Carlisle High girls' Eastern Mass. Lacrosse Tournament opener at Hingham was postponed by yesterday's severe afternoon thunderstorms.

The Patriots will try again on Monday at 4 p.m. in Hingham.



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### The first of six

Concord-Carlisle's Rich Wells (L) and Dave Kingman celebrate a first-period goal during action of yesterday's EMass. Division 1 lacrosse tournament game against Winchester. The Patriots would celebrate six times, but would come out on the short end of a 7-6 score.



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### Sticking to his man

Concord-Carlisle's Campbell Rowe (R) gets a stick in on Winchester's Chris Linscheid during

action of yesterday's EMass. Division 1 lacrosse tournament game, won by Winchester.