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CLOSE ENOUGH: Acton-Boxboro's Matt Close (left) moves in on Concord-Carlisle goalie Jason Newcomb during action of yesterday's game, won by the Patriots.

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Concord continues its mastery of Colonials

LOWELL — Billerica broke out of its scoring slump with a 17-3 romp over Burlington, Peter Greer netted the winning goal with 2:30 left as Concord-Carlisle rallied to edge Acton-Boxboro, 10-9, and Austin Prep broke into the win column with a 3-2 victory over Masconomet Regional in local boys' lacrosse action yesterday.

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The Colonials haven't beaten Concord-Carlisle since 1985 when current A-B coach Steve Colby was a player.

They came within an eyelash yesterday, leading 2-1, 5-4 and 8-7 at the first three quarter breaks. But the Patriots rallied in the final stanza, with Peter Greer's lone goal of the game enabling C-C to improve to 2-1 league and 2-2 overall.

Junior attackman Gordon Allen scored five goals for Concord, while junior midfielder Jason Favek netted one goal and passed out five assists.

Senior attack Rick Eckel, senior midfielder Jesse Fackert and Ryan Sandel contributed one goal and one assist each.

Senior attackman Mike Colmer countered with three goals for Acton-Boxboro. Senior midfielder A.J. Pittorino added two goals and two assists, and junior attack Matt Close had two goals, one assist and senior middle Ryan Hayes one goal, three assists.

Junior Alex Nephew pocketed one goal and senior Mike Keenan had an assist.

The Patriots finished with a 20-16 shooting edge, goalie Jason Newcomb making seven saves for C-C and junior Mike Smith 10 for A-B.

The Colonials continue a brutal week by hosting Lincoln-Sudbury tomorrow (4 p.m.) and Billerica on Saturday (10 a.m.).

It'll be C-C vs. Newton N.

Concord-Carlisle gained a berth in Monday's Eastern Mass. lacrosse final with an

EMass lacrosse 11-7 win over host Billerica yesterday.

Tied at 6-6, ninth-seeded Concord-Carlisle exploded for five straight second-half goals to put the game away. Billerica, the fifth seed, finished at 14-6.

Junior attackman Gordon Allen fueled the attack for Concord-Carlisle (14-6), scoring four goals, while senior Rowen Sandel scored twice. Junior midfielder Jason Fivek recorded four assists.

Concord-Carlisle will square off against Newton North, which gained its berth in the final with a 12-6 win over visiting Weymouth.

Senior attackman Paul DeNaio scored the hat trick and added a pair of assists, while junior Chris DeNaio collected two goals and two assists. Andy Golden, a junior attackman, also notched three goals for second-seeded Newton North, which improved its record to 17-1. Weymouth, the sixth seed, finished at 11-6.

JIM McBRIDE

SCHOOL LACROSSE

Newton N. in control

By Mark Singelais
SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE

NEWTON - A Newton North midfielder trotted to the sideline after drawing an unnecessary roughness penalty with two minutes remaining and victory assured. Coach Bussy Adam stalked him.

Boys' EMass championship

The player asked, "Who, me?"

"You could be Eastern Mass. champs instead of going out and beating somebody up," shouted Adam. Attention to discipline and detail under all circumstances earned Newton North its first state final berth since 1989.

Chris Claflin scored four goals to back the superb goaltending of Brett Splain as Newton North routed Concord-Carlisle, 10-3, in the Eastern Mass. final yesterday.

Newton North (18-1) will host Longmeadow, a 17-2 winner over Amherst yesterday, in the state final Saturday at 1 p.m.

"It just came down to having our heads in the game," said midfielder Chris Mensoian, who contributed two goals and an assist.

Concord-Carlisle (11-4) could not duplicate the performance it gave in a quarterfinal upset of top-seeded Lincoln-Sudbury. The team missed midfielder Ben Chaset, who suffered a deep back bruise against Billerica Friday. The junior watched from a wheelchair as his team lost in the state semifinals for the second straight year.

Newton North took a 1-0 lead 2:14 into the game. After Concord-Carlisle was flagged for unnecessary roughness, senior Brian Salmonson scored on a bouncer past goalie Jason Newcomb.

Newton North increased its lead to 4-1 on goals by Claflin, Toby Rand and Salmonson, sandwiched around a score by Concord-Carlisle's Rowen Sandel.

School tourney roundup

C-C turns the tables

By Mike Biglin
SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE

Concord-Carlisle's boys' lacrosse coach Dick Kerr knew he had the odds on his side when his squad began its EMass tournament quarterfinal matchup with unbeaten Lincoln-Sudbury.

The tournament's No. 1 seed had beaten Kerr's team twice in the regular season, but both times by the slimmest of margins - 14-13 in overtime and 8-7. So, Kerr recited that old trusty sports saying to his players - it's difficult to beat the same team three times in one year.

Kerr's boys responded with their best effort of the season, upending Lincoln-Sudbury, 11-8, to advance to the semifinals. Attacker Rich Eckel scored two goals and added four assists, and middie Jason Fivek notched the hat trick, adding two assists.

But Kerr thought the game was won by defensemen Mike Leonard and Josh Schohn, who held Lincoln-Sudbury's pair of 50-goal scorers, Kevin Dolan and Brendan Glass, to only a goal apiece.

Rich Eckel /Concord-Carlisle



In his team's 11-8 upset of L-S in the tournament, this 5-foot-9-inch, 150-pound senior scored two goals and added four assists. Eckel has been C-C's main man throughout his career. This season, Eckel scored 27 goals to go along with 36 assists. He finished his career with 45 goals and 65 assists. In his spare time, Eckel enjoys the piano and

the guitar. He will attend St. Lawrence.

Mike Leonard /Concord-Carlisle



Like teammate Rich Eckel, Leonard came up huge in the upset of L-S. Leonard, a 5-foot-11-inch, 170-pounder, helped limit L-S's top two scorers to a goal apiece. He finished this season with two assists, and he had three goals and eight assists in his career. Leonard, a Dual County League all-star in wrestling and lacrosse, is a National

Honor Society student. He will attend Lehigh.

RICK ECKEL **Concord-Carlisle**

Eckel, a senior attackman, was the primary reason Concord-Carlisle upset rival Lincoln-Sudbury in the tournament, scoring two goals and adding four assists.

He finished the season with 28 goals and 42 assists and was named an All-Scholastic. As a junior, Eckel scored 18 goals and added 27 assists.

The 5-foot-9, 150-pound senior will enter St. Lawrence University in the fall.



JESSE FACKERT **Concord-Carlisle**

Fackert, a senior midfielder, scored 30 goals and added 15 assists in only 15 games this season. He possessed perhaps the fastest shot in Eastern Mass., to go along with his quick feet.

"Toward the end of the season, we gave him the green light to shoot, shoot, shoot," said Concord coach Dick Kerr.

Fackert, who is also a soccer standout, was named a first-team West League All-Star in his first season as a starter for the Patriots.

He will enter the College of Wooster (Ohio) this fall.



JASON FIVEK **Concord-Carlisle**

Fivek, a midfielder, was the best all-around player on a Concord-Carlisle team that advanced to the Eastern Mass. title game before losing to Newton North. The Patriots' Golden Rule on offense was that the ball had to at some point touch Fivek's stick.

Fivek was Concord's primary faceoff man, played both man-up and man-down situations, and was the Patriots' best passing midfielder.

The junior finished with 23 goals and 16 assists and was selected a first-team West League All-Star and second-team All-Scholastic.

"He's a thoroughbred," said opposing coach Steve Connolly of Billerica. "He's just the epitome of what a lacrosse player should be."



MIKE LEONARD **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** **Concord-Carlisle**

As a first-year starter on defense for perennial power Concord-Carlisle, Leonard stepped in and became an All-Scholastic while also receiving All-America consideration.

He's a very athletic defenseman," said Concord coach Dick Kerr. "Just because of his good speed, he's very hard to get by."

In Concord's 11-8 upset of defending state champion Lincoln-Sudbury in the Eastern Mass. quarterfinals, Leonard helped limit Lincoln-Sudbury's top two attackmen to only one goal each.

Leonard was also captain of the Concord-Carlisle wrestling team. He is a National Honor Society student and will attend Lehigh.

