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A full slate keeps him on run

Tim Gossier
Roxbury
Concord-Carlisle High
Next: University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill

For most people, playing varsity lacrosse, working toward a college scholarship, playing band and being part of a debate team all at once would be, well, difficult. But Tim Gossier, a senior at Concord-Carlisle High School, isn't like most people.

Gossier, 18, has used his time in high school to full advantage. A Metco student, he lives in Roxbury and has traveled every day since elementary school to attend the Concord-Carlisle system. In September, he will be leaving the Bay State to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on a full scholarship for Division I lacrosse. An All-American in the sport, Gossier also plays soccer in the fall.

"I got into lacrosse in third grade," he said. "In eighth grade I started going to a few clinics. Some friends and I joined, and we've been playing ever since. It's been the same team ever since."

Gossier takes his job as role model for

the younger players very seriously. Co-captain of this year's lacrosse squad, he said he feels responsible for teaching the newer players the fundamentals of being a good athlete. "People see you and strive to be like you. Teammates look up to us," he said. "They work hard as long as they see us working hard."

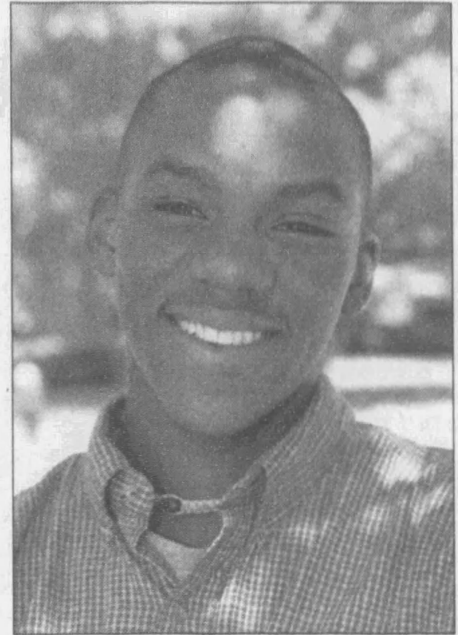
Gossier also belongs to the debating club, and competes yearly in the Massachusetts Junior State Debate Conference.

"It's a good way to learn formal speaking skills," Gossier said. "Last time we met we spoke about affirmative action. I like to be able to speak my mind and change people's views. It's great to be able to express yourself and have people see it your way."

Musical talent is another one of Tim's strong points. He sings for the New England Conservatory on weekends and plays the drums for his school band during the year.

"My parents were always into classical music. It was easy for me to get into it. By watching them, it's easy to appreciate it and I can relate to it."

In his junior and senior years, Gossier was elected to represent his school on the



Greater Boston Student Advisory Council, which meets monthly to provide student input on decisions made by the Massachusetts Board of Education.

"It gives kids a voice as to what goes on in Massachusetts," he said. "Staying positive and watching what you say is the hardest thing. It's important to have an opinion without trying to force anybody to go along with it. People know who you are, so you're always trying to stay on your toes."

DUAL COUNTY

	League Overall			League Overall	
	W-L	W-L		W-L	W-L
C-Car.	8-0	16-0	Newton S.	3-5	9-5
Wayland ..	5-2	11-3	Weston	1-6	6-7
L-Sud.	5-3	8-5	Bedford ...	1-7	4-8
A-Boxboro	4-4	9-6			

LEADING SCORERS: P. Watts, Wayland 42-26-68; T Gossier, C-C, 43-19-62; B. Sandel, C-C, 31-26-57; B Weiderholt, A-B, 35-19-54.

It takes two to tangle

SUNTORY WISNIEWSKI



Concord-Carlisle High School lacrosse player John Desmond goes flying after colliding with Billerica High's Jeff Abelli during action in yesterday's game in Billerica. The Patriots were flying too, posting an 8-1 victory over a strong Indians team. School roundups, Page 20.



PLAYING KEEP-AWAY: Concord-Carlisle's Brandon Sandel, left, keeps the ball away from Billerica defender Martin Battcock yesterday during a high school lacrosse match at Lampson Field in Billerica.

SUNTORY WISNIEWSKI

Gosier, Concord-Carlisle shoot down Billerica, 8-1

Tim Gosier scored 4 goals and the defense was superb for Concord-Carlisle during an 8-1 victory over Billerica in a showdown of unbeaten boys lacrosse teams yesterday at Lampson Field.

Both teams entered the game at 4-0.

Boys lacrosse roundup

Concord-Carlisle (5-0) snapped a 1-1 tie with 2 goals in the second quarter, then broke it open with 4 more in the third period.

Gosier led the way while Steve Wells added 2 goals, defender Mike Harney 1 goal, 2 assists and Brendan Sandel 1 goal, 1 assist.

George Gullage converted a Scott Yavarow feed for the lone Billerica goal.

Paul Defina made 10 saves in the Patriots' net and Paul Beck had 15 stops for the Indians (4-1).

The stingy Patriots' defense was led by Harney, Ryan Matley, Quiney Jones, Clancy Galgay and Eric Shaner.

Austin Prep 14, Matignon 5

Senior attack Rich Paulsen netted 6 goals for the Cougars (2-3), who led 9-3 at the half on the way to the win.

Anthony Palumbo added 2 goals and 2 assists, Mike Lynch and Dave Hartman 2 goals and 1 assist each.

Lincoln-Sudbury 8, Acton-Boxboro 6

Greg Pavlock netted 2 goals for Acton-Boxboro (3-2), which had a 6-2 lead at halftime.

Ben Weiderholt and Avi Frey added 1 goal, 2 assists each. Rich Sharp and Mark Lang scored 1 goal apiece.

Playing well for A-B were Pat Ammendola, Phil Pittorino and Brian Morgan. Goalie Rick Metcalf made 16 saves.

Peabody 9, Burlington 2

Mark Brine made 28 saves in goal for Burlington (2-1).

Wayland 8, Bedford 5

Justin Kessler netted a pair of goals for Bedford. Derek Leary, Ned Chaney and Mark Lorusso scored 1 goal apiece for the Buccaneers (1-2).

Patriots state champions

By SCOTT PLANOWSKI
Sun Correspondent

CONCORD — The waiting was the hardest part. The winning, as it's been all year, was the easiest part.

Boys lacrosse

All Concord-Carlisle apparently needed to secure its first state lacrosse title in a decade was the cooperation of Mother Nature. Once she complied, the Patriots did the rest, with a decisive 16-8 triumph over South Hadley at Concord-Carlisle High School last night.

As per usual, the tri-captains led the way for the 22-0 Patriots. Attackman Brendan Sandel piled up four goals and three assists, linemate Tim Gosier added four goals and an assist, and Mike Harney added three assists, in addition to another sterling game on defense.

"It was hard waiting for the game to come around," said Sandel, noting that he and the Patriots would have preferred to tend to business, as scheduled, last Saturday. "We couldn't really practice with the weather. It took us a while to get going tonight."

He's right about that last point. The Pats held a scant 8-6 lead at halftime before hitting the Tigers with an 8-0 blitz to start the second half. South Hadley didn't score again until late in the fourth quarter, with



Concord-Carlisle lacrosse All-American Tim Gosier handles the ball during yesterday's 16-8 state final win over South Hadley.

mostly reserves manning the field for Concord-Carlisle.

"This team seems to have a moment like that in every game," said Gosier. "We just keep scoring, then I look up and think, wow, when did we score 16 goals?"

South Hadley goaltender Bruce Frady (17 saves) was impressed with Concord-Carlisle's offense, especially All-America Gosier. "He's the

best attacker I've seen all year. I'm not surprised North Carolina wanted him."

The Tiger attackers had the best of it in the first quarter, as Ryan Ouellette racked up two goals — off nifty Dave LeBlanc feeds — en route to a 4-3 lead.

The Patriots answered with a snappy second quarter, scoring five times and grabbing an 8-6 lead by intermission. Their other All-America choice, Har-

ney, was at the center of the rally, making three brilliant passes that led directly to goals.

His third assist, a reprise of a play he made in the Eastern Mass. finals last week, really broke the backs of the Tigers. After Ouellette scored again, to bring South Hadley to within 7-6, it took the Pats just six seconds to retaliate: Harney won a faceoff, fired a perfect downfield strike to teammate Jed Lipinski, and Lipinski took care of the rest with an easy breakaway goal.

"I wouldn't be able to chip in on offense if the other defenders we have weren't so talented," said Harney. "Quincy Jones, Ryan Matley, and (goalie) Paul DeFina cover for me a lot. They deserve credit, too."

Jones got to show off with a goal, off a mad coast-to-coast rush, in the second half, and DeFina was solid all night with 9 saves. Jon Woodard, Alden Nuse, John Desmond, Mark Horne, and Steve Wells also scored for the Patriots, as the second half turned into a blowout.

With that, start the engraving. Concord-Carlisle's 1998 state lacrosse trophy will look dandy next to the hardware from 1982 and 1987 (when head coach Nick Boynton was a senior).

"So many of us have played together for so long," said Harney. "I wouldn't have told you that we'd be 22-0 this season, but we knew senior year was going to be something special."

SUNBOR PHOTOGRAPHER

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

BASEBALL

Quarterfinal Round

Division 1 North

Chelmsford 5, Newton North 3
Pleasbody 17, Andover 6

Division 2 North

Westford 2, Concord-Carlisle 1
Reading 5, Lynn Classical 0

Division 3 North

Wilmington 5, Weyland 4 (8 inns.)

SOFTBALL

Quarterfinal Round

Division 1 North

Woburn 3, Lowell 2

Division 2 North

Dracut 4, Winchester 1

Concord-Carlisle 4, Newburyport 1

Division 3 North

Bedford 13, Pope John 6 (9 inns.)

Central Catholic 7, Greater Lowell 4

Austin Prep 2, North Reading 1

BOYS LACROSSE

EMass. Championship

Concord-Carlisle 12, Falmouth 6

N.H. Div. 1 Championship

Nashua 11, Pinkerton Academy 8

WEB SITE: Concord-Carlisle goalie Paul DeFina has the ball in the webbing of his stick after making a save in C-C's 12-6 victory over Falmouth yesterday in the Eastern Mass. championship game.

PHOTO BY TONY MCKEE

C-C at the summit

EMass. champs 21-0 with one big one to go

By DAVID PEVEAR
Sun Staff

CONCORD — When Concord-Carlisle last won the state title in boys lacrosse, Nick Boynton was the state's best attackman. He had six goals and four assists as Concord-Carlisle interrupted Longmeadow's reign of trophies by winning 13-7 out there in 1987.

Nowadays Boynton coaches an undefeated Concord-Carlisle team that features two All-Americans — including the state's best attackman — and looks about ready to win it all again.

The Patriots' modern version of Boynton, senior All-America Tim Gosier, had six goals and two assists yesterday as Concord-Carlisle defeated Falmouth 12-6 to win its first Eastern Mass. title since 1990.

"We haven't been here for a while," said senior Mike Harney, the Patriots' All-America defenseman. "It's great to get the excitement back in the town. It's been a fun year. Hopefully we'll finish it off on Saturday."

On Saturday (2:00) in Concord, the 21-0 Patriots go after the program's third state title against the winner of today's Western Mass. title game between South Hadley and Minnechaug.



Tim Gosier
...six goals



Mike Harney
...having fun

"I know nothing about either team," said Boynton, "except I feel like we're kind of jinxed being the first (EMass.) team in 29 years not to play Longmeadow in a state championship game."

With players like captains Gosier, Harney and Brendan Sandel, outcomes of Concord-Carlisle games are determined by how ready the talented Patriots are to play on that given day, not by which team they are playing.

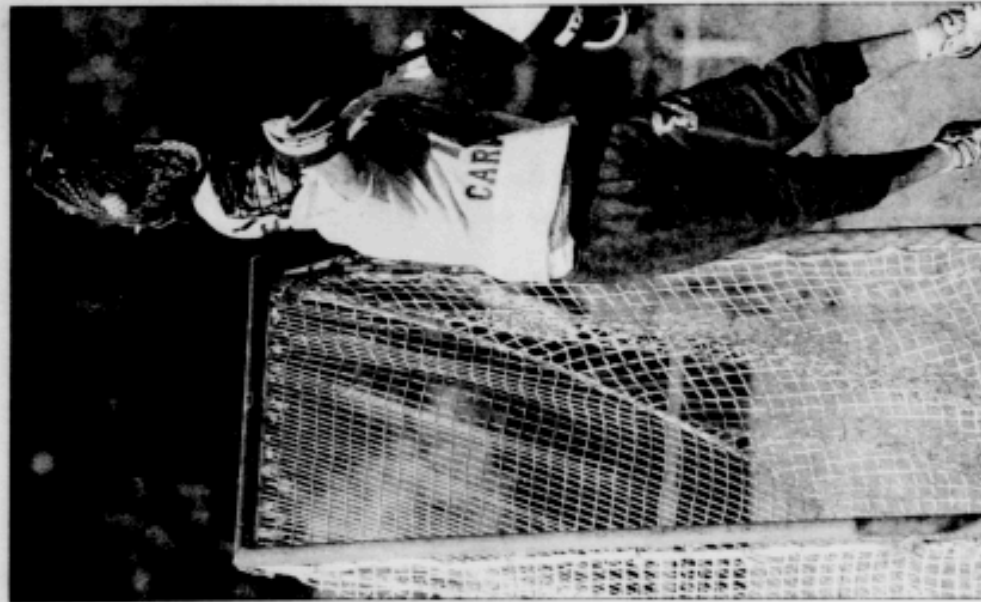
"If the kids want to do it, they'll do it," said Boynton.

Boynton has long marveled over Gosier's potential. But not long ago he was also nagged by doubts whether the 5-foot-9, 185-pounder possessed that extra whatever needed to do it at the major-college level. Gosier is headed to University of North Carolina this fall.

"He's got to be tougher," thought Boynton, who played at Syracuse University. "He's got to learn to step it up in big games."

Well, yesterday's game was the biggest game any Concord-Carlisle lacrosse team has played in a while. Gosier scored six goals and set up two others, giving him 20 goals in the Patriots' four

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Schools

Concord-Carlisle perfect

By Becky Blaeser
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Boys' lacrosse

CONCORD - Forty-four seconds into the second quarter of the boys' state final lacrosse game, Concord-Carlisle senior Brendan Sandel emerged from behind the net and ripped a shot past South Hadley goalie Bruce Frady. As the ball bounced off the netting and trickled back onto the playing field, Sandel came to a dead stop, dropped his stick, and raised his arms in triumph.

It was a dramatic celebration for a goal that merely tied the contest, 4-4, but it proved to be much more. After trailing South Hadley, 4-3, after a quarter, Concord-Carlisle - inspired by Sandel's tying goal - exploded for a 13-3 run in the final three quarters en route to a 16-8 victory and the state crown.

"I thought a little bit about winning it before it happened, and I thought about how awesome it would be to win a state championship," said Sandel, who had four goals and three assists. "But it's greater than anything I've ever thought of before. I feel absolutely awesome."

Concord-Carlisle, 21-0 entering the game, came out

flat. A week-long delay of the game due to the torrential rains not only wreaked havoc on the Concord attack, but it gave Frady a few days to nurse an injured foot.

"The last three days we have had practice, but they have been in the rain," said Concord-Carlisle coach Nick Boynton. "The seniors are also out of school and they want to get on with their lives, so it was hard to keep focus. It was a tribute to the seniors that they came out after the first quarter and said that they wanted to finish what they started here."

After outscoring the Tigers, 5-2, in the second quarter, Concord-Carlisle broke the contest open with a punishing transitional game that translated into four unanswered goals in the third quarter. In that stretch, Concord-Carlisle senior and All-American Tim Gosier tacked on two goals and an assist and fellow All-American Mike Harney added three assists.

"We knew that if we couldn't stop them in transition, it was going to be a long day," said South Hadley coach Randy Fuller. "We stopped them in the first half, but in the second half they just opened it up and we couldn't get it back."

Needham repeats as champ

By Mike Kerwick
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Girls' lacrosse

WESTON - Paula Kelley kept the navy blue T-shirt with the gold lettering stuffed inside her gym bag until after the game. The Needham girls' lacrosse coach didn't want to jinx her team's shot at a second straight MIAA state championship.

But when the game ended, after Needham (17-0-3) scratched out an 8-6 victory over Weston (19-2), Kelley pulled out last year's state championship T-shirt for the trophy presentation ceremony.

"I thought they could do it again," Kelley said.

Needham was able to do it again thanks to a three-goal effort by sen-

ior Gretchen Puttkamer, a 12-save performance by junior goalie Eden Coelho, and a Monday afternoon downpour. That downpour postponed the match until yesterday, washing away an early 3-0 lead Weston had built up.

"We were up for it [Monday]," said Weston coach Elise Annes, who posted a 19-2 record during her first year with the Wildcats. "It's tough to get up two days in a row."

Instead of having to fight back from a three-goal disadvantage, Needham jumped to a 5-0 lead. Center Nuola O'Donohoe and second home Lauren Goodman each struck twice while Puttkamer tallied once during the five-goal spree.

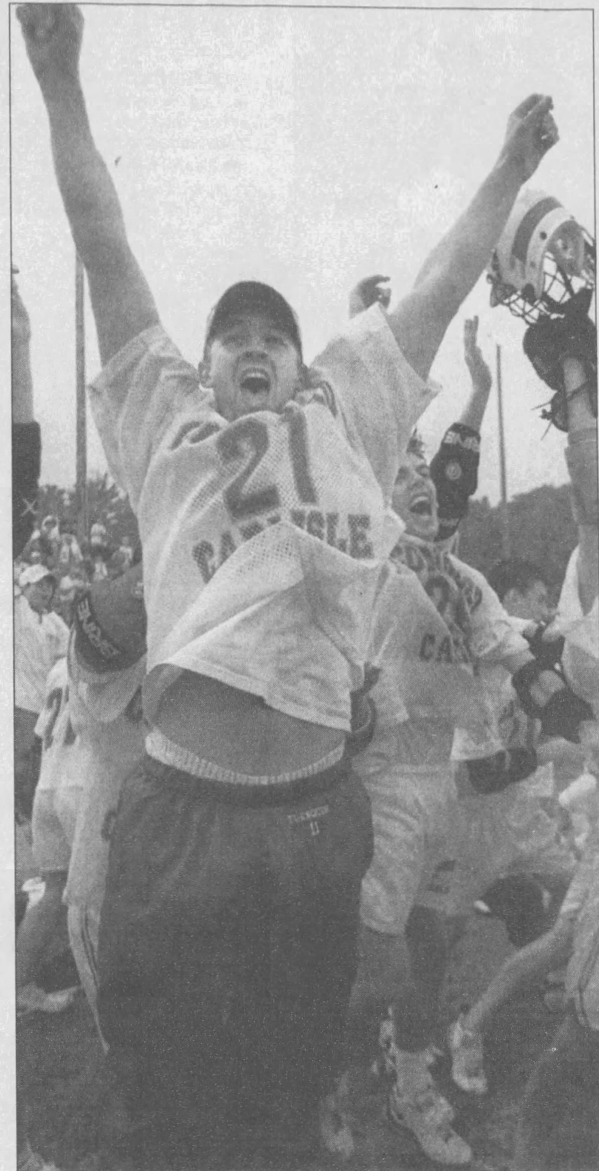
Weston knotted the game, 6-6, with three goals to start the second half, but Harvard-bound Puttkamer

regained the momentum for Needham, netting the eventual winner while surrounded by a crowd in front of the Weston goal.

While Puttkamer capitalized on offense, Coelho made an eye-popping save. With her leading, 7-6, Coelho stonewalled Weston captain Katie Ryan and caught the ball in her left hand to prevent a rebound. Minutes later, with Weston again looking for the equalizer, Coelho got some help from the left post on a shot by Lizzy Frisbie.

"That's why I play goalie," Coelho said. "I'll take any kind of help I can get."

Maybe even if that help comes from a left post. Or a thunderstorm. Or a navy blue T-shirt stuffed in the back of a gym bag.



Concord-Carlisle senior Russell Turnquist joins in the celebration after the Patriots beat South Hadley to earn the state title.

GLOBE STAFF PHOTO / JONATHAN WIGG

Nick Boynton / Concord-Carlisle

► COACH OF THE YEAR



He was the 1987 Massachusetts Player of the Year in lacrosse, and now 11 years later, Boynton re-emerges as the sport's most successful coach. A winner on every level (1987 state title at Concord-Carlisle and a member of the three-time national champions at Syracuse), Boynton guided

the Patriots to an undefeated season at 20-0, culminating in a state championship win over Hadley. He has accumulated a 63-26 mark during his tenure at Concord-Carlisle and enjoys biking in his free time.

Brendan Sandel / Concord-Carlisle

► ATTACK



There is no shortage of accolades for Sandel, the third member of Concord-Carlisle's undefeated state title team to make an All-Scholastic appearance. With 45 goals and 39 assists in his senior season, Sandel leaves the Patriots just one point shy of the 200-mark. A repeat selection for Dual County League All-Star, Sandel also

garnered the Physical Education Award, the Community Service Award and the Excellence in Foreign Language Award at Concord-Carlisle this year. Sandel, who earned a gold medal in the Bay State Games last year, will be attending Colgate University.

► ATTACK



What better way to describe the most dangerous player on the most dangerous team than to list his contributions when it mattered the most – in the postseason. After helping lead the Patriots to a Dual County League title, Gosier lifted his team with a six-goal effort in the EMass final before C-C claimed the state crown.

With 98 points this season, the All-America and all-league player leaves with 201 career points. Gosier's next stop will be the lacrosse fields at North Carolina, which he will attend on an athletic scholarship.

Mike Harney / Concord-Carlisle

► MIDFIELDER



One of three Patriots named to the All-Scholastic squad, Harney spearheaded a defensive effort that kept Concord-Carlisle unbeaten, and he also found the time to contribute 31 points offensively. The All-America player ends his career with 62 points and two Dual County League All-Star selections. Harney is an honor roll student and will attend Georgetown in the fall. In the meantime, he plans to keep in game shape by playing in the Brine Elite Lacrosse League and the Bay State Games.

Mike Harney Concord-Carlisle

The senior defenseman was an EMass. All-Scholastic and All-American, and the Dual County League Player of the Year.

Along with being a phenomenal defenseman, he frequently jumped into the attack and had 10 goals and 25 assists this spring, including six assists in the 16-8 victory over South Hadley in the state title game.

Harney is headed to the University of Georgetown, where he will play lacrosse.

"He's a great hustler, who knows the game well and has great stick skills," said Concord coach Nick Boynton.



Brendan Sandel Concord-Carlisle

Opponents paid dearly when paying too much attention to Concord's Tim Gosier.

Sandel, a senior attack, had 60 goals and 40 assists this season and himself was an DCL All-Star and EMass. All-Scholastic.

At Concord-Carlisle, Sandel earned the Physical Education Award, the Community Service Award and the Excellence in Foreign Language Award.

He also plays football for the Patriots. He will attend Colgate University.



Tim Gosier Concord-Carlisle Player of the Year

The senior attackman was the area's top scorer with 70 goals and 40 assists, earning EMass. All-Scholastic and All-America honors while helping Concord-Carlisle win its third state title.

Gosier scored six goals in the undefeated Patriots' victory over Falmouth in the EMass. final.

He is headed to the University of North Carolina, where he will play lacrosse.

"He is just one of the best players we've ever had here at Concord," said Patriots coach Nick Boynton. "He's quick on ground balls. He's a great shooter. He's just a great kid."

Gosier also played soccer at Concord-Carlisle.



Nick Boynton Concord-Carlisle Coach of the Year

Boynton was *The Sun's* Player of the Year in 1987 when he led Concord-Carlisle to its last state championship before he coached the Patriots back to the title this year.

"Those guys playing made it a lot easier for me," said Boynton, 29, who guided C-C to a 22-0 record. "We may never have a senior class like this one again."

As a senior at Concord-Carlisle, Boynton scored 126 points and was the EMass Player of the Year. He played four years at Syracuse University and was a part of three NCAA championship teams. The fifth-year head coach works in his family's commercial real estate business.

