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Newton South's Dan Berenson tries to swing by Concord-Carlisle's Conner Shapiro.

Lexington, 8-6, in a first-round game . . . Jeff Critchlow had three goals and three assists as Concord-Carlisle routed Marshfield, 12-4, in a first-round game.

Nonleague: Concord-Carlisle (12-2) slipped past EC High, 8-7, with the help of junior Jess Williams's hat trick.

goals, routed Lowell, 15-2 . . . Tom Lipinski and Jeff Critchlow combined for eight goals in Concord-Carlisle's 17-2 trashing of St. John's (Shrewsbury) . . .

School roundup

Concord-Carlisle meeting its goals

By Reagan Berube
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To Concord-Carlisle coach Nick Boynton, lacrosse is all about goals.

With Tom Lipinsky, Jess Williams, and Jeff Critchlow doing the scoring, and Paul Defina and Clancy Glangay preventing the goals in yesterday's 10-4 win over visiting Weymouth, Boynton's Colonials took another step in fulfilling their season ambitions.

"Our goal for the year is to defend our Dual County League title," said Boynton. "We feel if we do well in the DCL, then we'll do well in the state tournament. If we repeat as DCL champs, then we will focus on a new set of goals."

Although yesterday's contest with Weymouth was a nonleague game, it gave Concord-Carlisle a chance to test its mettle against the Wildcats, currently tied for first place in the Bay State Conference.

The Colonials' quick transition and strong ground-ball games produced early goals from Williams and Lipinsky, leading the Colonials (7-0) to a 5-1 halftime advantage. C-C's defense, led by goaltender Defina (12 saves) and senior Clancy, then clamped down on the Wildcats' attack. Defina made several sensational saves in the first quarter.

Lipinsky finished with a game-high four goals, while Critchlow, the team's leading scorer, finished with one goal and three assists. Mission

accomplished.

For the Colonials, every game brings more goals. Next up: undefeated Duxbury.

"We have a big game on Sunday. Duxbury is what we are really focusing on now," said Boynton. "We want to get better with every game."

Baseball

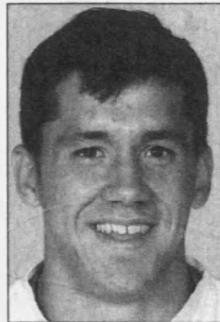
Catholic Conference: Freshman pitcher Mark Rosen spun a one-hitter and helped his own cause with a pair of home runs in Xaverian's 12-0 win over Catholic Memorial.

Greater Boston: Senior center fielder Corey Scafidi had a banner day at the plate in Waltham's 12-5 victory over Medford. Scafidi cracked a double, triple and a home run, scored three runs, and had four RBIs.

Nonleague: Brockton's record (8-0) remained untarnished with its 6-0 win over Weymouth. Sophomore hurler John White (3-0) went the distance, fanning nine.

Jeff Critchlow / Concord-Carlisle

► ATTACK



Critchlow is the third installment of boys' lacrosse all-scholastics from Concord-Carlisle. The 1998 state champions have produced some of the best lacrosse players in the state and this year is no exception. The talented Patriots' attacker compiled 83 points in the regular season (51 goals and 32 assists) and was the team's

leading scorer. Critchlow's excellent play earned him various awards. Like his teammates, Defina and Lipinski, Critchlow was a First Team All-League selection in the Dual County League and an All-American at attack. He was also a First Team Dual County League All-Star in soccer, and a member of the 1998 championship team. In the fall, Critchlow will enroll at Bates.

School roundup

C-C on top of game in DCL duel

By Adam DiPerri
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The Concord-Carlisle boys' lacrosse team solidified its standing as the top team in the Dual County League with a 7-4 win yesterday over visiting Lincoln-Sudbury.

Behind strong performances by goalie Paul Defina (nine saves) and defenseman Clancy Glangay, Concord-Carlisle (8-1) shut out the Warriors in the second half and pulled away.

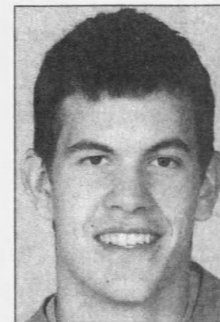
Providing much of the Patriot offense was Paul Lipinski, with three goals and one assist.

Bay State: Framingham beat Milton, 14-5, behind Bob Eppsteiners' five goals and two assists.

Dual County: John Fallers and Jack Watson netted two goals apiece in Weston's 8-3 win over Newton South.

Tom Lipinski / Concord-Carlisle

► MIDFIELD

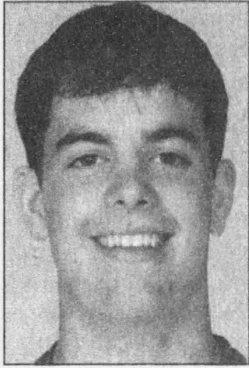


The success of Concord-Carlisle next season will depend on Lipinski, who is already considered one of the most reliable midfielders in the state after a promising 1999 campaign. Lipinski, a junior, scored 40 goals this season which led to his selection to First Team All-League in the Dual County.

He also played in the Bay State Summer Games in 1997 and 1998 and was a member of the gold medal team in 1998 along with Concord-Carlisle teammate Paul Defina. That season turned out to be a good one for Lipinski, who was also a member of the EMass state champion soccer team along with the lacrosse state champions. Lipinski is an honor roll student.

Paul Defina / Concord-Carlisle

► GOALIE



With Defina leading the way, Concord-Carlisle advanced all the way to the MIAA state semifinals against Newton North. Although the Patriots lost a close game to Newton North, 6-5, and failed to repeat last year's state championship run, Defina put the finishing touches on a spectacular high school career. Along with the

state championship in 1998, the Patriots won the Dual County League league's regular season title. For his efforts this season, Concord-Carlisle's senior goalie was a member of the Dual County's First Team All-League squad and was also named as the league's Most Valuable Player. This All-American goalie has participated in the Bay State Summer Games where he helped his team capture a gold medal in 1998. In the fall, Defina will attend Babson.

Boys' lacrosse

Bay State: Mike Serris and John Iodice scored three goals apiece in Milton's 8-3 victory over Walpole.

Dual County: Defending state champs Concord-Carlisle, paced by a combined four goals from Steve Wells and Tom Lipinsky, defeated Newton South, 12-3.

School roundup

Concord survives BC High

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When BC High tied the game at 10 early in the fourth quarter, it was the closest the Eagles had come all afternoon to making the home team sweat.

However, the celebration only lasted a minute. Concord-Carlisle senior attackman Jeff Critchlow caught BC High off guard and scored a wrap-around goal with 7:56 left, spurring the host Patriots to a 13-12 second-round victory yesterday in the MIAA boys' lacrosse tournament.

Critchlow struck again 15 seconds later, assisted by junior midfielder Tom Lipinski, giving defending state champion Concord-Carlisle a 12-10 lead.

"Lacrosse is a game of momentum, and we felt that we had to get it back, especially after [BC High] tied it," said Critchlow, a Dual County All-Star.

Critchlow's two late goals were almost wasted when BC High's Derek Towle came alive for the Eagles. The senior scored BC High's final two goals, but Concord-Carlisle had an answer.

Junior Jess Williams's goal with 2:10 left clinched the victory.

"No one said playing in June is easy," said Concord-Carlisle coach Nick Boynton. "We got a great game out of Critchlow. He is the best midfielder in the state, who we have asked to play attackman this year. I am sure glad he took the responsibility without a problem."

Lacrosse

Tigers survive scare

By Andy Nesbitt
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Newton North 6 CONCORD
C-Carlisle 5 When Newton North midfielder Harry Klein streaked through the offensive zone midway through the fourth quarter and blistered a shot past Concord-Carlisle goalie Paul DeFina, it looked as if the Tigers, with a commanding four-goal lead, would waltz into the EMass boys' lacrosse final.

However, Concord-Carlisle, stormed back with three quick goals and nearly tied it up. But the Patriots' valiant effort to salvage their season fell short at the buzzer as Newton North survived, 6-5.

Winchester will host Newton North Tuesday for the championship.

For Tigers coach Bussy Adam, the late comeback gave him flashbacks of when his team wasn't so lucky against Concord-Carlisle.

"It was on this same field in 1989 that we blew a lead and lost in overtime when my All-American goalie and defenseman got tangled up and allowed Concord-Carlisle to walk in alone for the game-winner," Adam said. "I was just relieved when it was over today."

After two goals by Tom Lipinski and one from Steve Woodward, Concord-Carlisle had one last chance to salvage a tie in the final 20 seconds. Jeff Critchlow emerged from a five-man scramble for a loose ball deep in the offensive zone. With the crowd chanting down the final seconds and yelling for a shot on goal, Critchlow attempted a pass to an open teammate in front. Time expired, however, before a shot was attempted.

"We wish we played the entire game like we did in the final five minutes, but it just didn't happen," said Concord-Carlisle coach Nick Boynton.

A punishing Newton North defense was a big reason why Concord-Carlisle struggled throughout the afternoon. The Tigers played a physical brand of defense, continually shutting down Critchlow, Concord-Carlisle's top offensive threat.

"They did a great job on Jeff today," Boynton said. "They took us out of the game early offensively."

Newton North scored on its first three shots of the game to jump out to a 3-0 lead three minutes in. The Tigers were successful offensively, passing the ball around and waiting for their chances.

"We wanted to set the tone today," Adam said. "We didn't want to play catchup."

Mike Herman netted the first Tiger goal at 1:13. Klein scored his first of the game a minute later and Dan Mazmanian made it 3-0 when he bounced a shot in from short range.

Critchlow and Woodward brought the Patriots to within one in the second quarter before Newton North scored three unanswered goals.

Jeff Critchlow
Concord-Carlisle
Player of the Year

The senior moved before the season from midfield to attack and earned All-American honors, tallying 51 goals and 32 assists for 18-3 Concord-Carlisle, which fell to Newton North in the EMass. semifinals.

"He had an incredible year," says Patriots coach Nick Boynton. "He was the best player on the team. He's a big, strong dodger with a hard shot."

Critchlow was a returning starting midfielder the first day of practice, when Boynton asked him to move up front after the Patriots' attack went scoreless in the opening practice.

Critchlow, also a standout soccer player, will attend Bates College, where he hopes to play soccer and lacrosse.



Tom Lipinski
Concord-Carlisle

Lipinski and Jeff Critchlow were the only Concord-Carlisle players to score in every game this season.

Lipinski, an especially strong junior midfielder, effective with either hand, tallied 40 goals and 18 assists, earning All-Scholastic honors.

He was also one of the top soccer players in the Dual County League last fall.

