

# Lady Skippers humble two lacrosse powerhouses

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

So far, so good. The North Kingstown High School girls' lacrosse team is off to a great start after winning their first three games against the division's best teams.

Barrington has won every state title since the team's inception in 2001 and has met North Kingstown in four of those contests, including the finals last season. The reigning state champs were upset by the Skippers on Monday, 12-5.

Going into the game against Barrington, Head Coach Keith Higgins said, "We are feeling good about how we are playing so far and are taking one game at a time."

The Skippers kicked off their season on April 8 with a huge 13-12 win over Moses Brown, in a very physical game on the Quakers' home turf. North was up by four points at the half, but the Quakers caught up and quickly moved ahead. The Skippers were able to tie the game with minutes to go and then score their thirteenth goal for the win. A timeout was called with only six seconds remaining on the clock, but North was able to keep the ball at their end of the field to win the game.

Junior Taylor Bastien scored eight goals, islander Sydney Ferguson scored three and senior Becca Tiernan scored one. The winning goal was scored by senior Emily MacMillan with an assist from Bastien.

"Moses Brown was a big win. We didn't know what to expect going in. We just came out to win," Higgins said.

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Senior co-captains Ashley Smith, left, and Sydney Ferguson form a powerful offensive-defensive punch for the Skippers this season. Both girls played lacrosse during the off-season to sharpen their skills.

gest challenge and was our first league game, but we won, which was pretty exciting because they just switched to Division I and they are a very well-groomed team. They were in the private school league and playing schools from Mass. and all over last year," Ferguson said. Barrington lost their All-American and a lot of seniors so North was hoping they were beatable, she added.

Following the Moses Brown win, North beat Portsmouth at home on April 11 by a score of 8-6. Portsmouth came out looking stronger than last season and the game proved to be another physical one. North had solid coverage throughout the team and was able to possess the ball to easily win the game.

The Skippers have a talented

squad although they lost a lot of key players to graduation. However, they have replaced them with 10 seniors, including co-captains and Jamestown residents Ferguson and Ashley Smith. The other co-captain is Carol Records of North Kingstown.

Higgins is happy with the way the team is playing together and said, "They (Ferguson and Smith) are both doing well and they have stepped up. With Ashley on defense and Syd on offense, they complement each other."

"At the beginning of the season I wasn't sure it was going to work out because we lost a lot of seniors and we had no goalie at the time. Everyone was kind of flustered, but we have really come together and we have meshed really well," Ferguson said. She added that senior Abby



Senior captain Sydney Ferguson is one of the top scorers for the Skippers this year. Ferguson is one of 10 seniors returning to the team—all hoping to dethrone reigning champion Barrington this season.

Palmer of North Kingstown is filling in at the goalie position and said, "She has never played that position before and apparently she loves it so we really lucked out."

When asked about a possible re-match against Barrington in the finals, Higgins said, "That is a long way off; we are just taking

one game at a time." Barrington is now 2-1 and North Kingstown is 3-0.

Looking ahead, Ferguson and Bastien were recently picked to play on an Under-19 U.S.A. team to play in Prague in July.

The Skippers travel to Providence to take on La Salle Academy tomorrow, Friday, at 4 p.m.

## Paw Sox event slated for hospice care

Area residents can help support Rhode Island's only statewide hospice with a night out with the Pawtucket Red Sox as they take on the Louisville Bats.

Pawtucket Red Sox Night for Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island will be on Wednesday, June 11, at McCoy Stadium.

Proceeds will benefit Home & Hospice Care of Rhodes Island, which has offered comprehensive medical, emotional and spiritual care for people facing life-challenging illnesses for the past three decades.

It will feature an all-you-can-eat barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m., and the Pawsox game, starting at 7:05 p.m. The \$12 ticket covers the barbecue, game and activities such as a prize raffle, music, Paw Sox players' autograph availability before the game and silent auction of New England sports memorabilia. Call 223-4001, ext. 241, or pcasidy@hhcri.org for more information.

## It's 'Farm Kids' time at Watson Farm.

Farm Kids is a six-week outdoor after school program that starts Friday, April 25. It offers children in grades 5 and 6 the opportunity to explore and experience the various habitats that make up the 265-acre Watson Farm.

Woodland, wetlands, shoreline, farm fields and barnyard are all parts of this working historic farm. "Farm Kids" will get a chance to see life on the farm through the change of seasons, and at the same time develop nature observation skills.

The program is on Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., starting April 25 and running May 2, 9, 16, and 30. Registration fee is \$40 for members of Historic New England and \$60 for non-members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact Heather Minto at 423-0005.



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public hearing on **April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue** on the following proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 70 – Traffic and Vehicles. Opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing. The proposed amendment is available for review and/or purchase at the Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

### The Town of Jamestown hereby ordains:

**Section 1.** The Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 87 is hereby amended by changing the text of the Chapter, as follows:

NOTE: words set as ~~strikethrough~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words set in **bold** are to be added to the ordinance.

Chapter 70, Sec. 87. Prohibited or restricted parking on specified streets.

~~Coronado Street, no parking on easterly side from its intersection with Narragansett Avenue northerly for a distance of 90 feet.~~ **sixty (60) minute loading zone only on the easterly side from its intersection with Narragansett Avenue northerly for a distance of ninety (90) feet.**

~~Union Street, no parking on the northerly side from its intersection with Conanicus Avenue westerly for a distance of 200~~ **one hundred nine (109) feet.**

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter 70, Article IV of the Town of Jamestown's Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

ALL NOTE: This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call the Town Clerk at 401-423-7200 or facsimile at 401-423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.

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