

Island Sports

Boys' lacrosse will meet Hendricken in the state semi-finals

Girls lose to Moses Brown in quarter-finals

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

Anyone seeing the lopsided 16-8 score of the North Kingstown - Providence Country Day (PCD) boys' lacrosse game on May 23 would not have guessed it was a quarterfinal playoff game. The Skippers easily defeated PCD to advance to the state semi-finals.

Head Coach John Holmes was confident heading into the quarter-finals as North beat PCD in both regular season meetings.

Holmes pulled up some JV players as well as some freshman going into the game, and North quickly tallied the score up to 7-0 at the end of the first quarter, and 8-1 at the half.

North had the home field advantage against sixth place PCD and Jamestown residents Ben Nadeau, Ben Schmidt and Alex Seidler helped rack up the score.

Ryan McDermott, Dan Page and Andrew Bretti all contributed to seal the win against PCD.

Last night North took on defending state champion Bishop Hendricken in the semifinals. The score was not available prior to press. The Skippers lost to the Hawks in both regular season

meetings, the last of which was earlier this month and was a battle to the end where the Hawks prevailed 7-6. In the other semifinal match-up last night, La Salle Academy played Portsmouth.

Last year, North lost to PCD in the state semifinals, 13-11. Hendricken and PCD met in the finals where Hendricken prevailed 21-11.

If North can get past Hendricken in the semifinals they will likely take on La Salle in the finals to be held this Sunday, June 1 at Rhode Island College at 5 p.m. The Skippers capped off their regular season with an exciting win against undefeated division leader La Salle on May 19.

Tough loss ends girls season

The North Kingstown High School girls' lacrosse team wrapped up their season on Tuesday with a tough loss in the semifinal game against Moses Brown on the Quakers' home field. This is Moses Browns' first time in the run for the title as they were in the private school league last year.

The Skippers easily won their quarterfinal match up against La Salle Academy last week 8-6, despite on and off rain showers during the game. Sydney Ferguson scored three goals and Ashley Smith was strong on defense. Is-



Sydney Ferguson, right, and Ashley Smith wrapped up a great 10-3 girls' lacrosse season with the Skippers this year. Ferguson will play at Wheaton College next year and Smith is planning to play for Salve Regina University.

Photo by David Zapatka

landers and co-captains Ferguson and Smith were major forces in the win over La Salle and throughout the season.

North had a great season with a record of 10-3. They won regular season games against the Divi-

sion's best including first seeded Barrington and second place Moses Brown. Moses Brown will take on Barrington in the finals set for Saturday.

Ferguson and Smith are disappointed in the outcome of the

season but are looking forward to playing against each other next year. Ferguson will be heading to Wheaton and Smith to Salve Regina where they will both play Division III college lacrosse.

Young Warriors baseball team fights to the wire in final three games

By Rudd Hall

Jamestown took the field last week hoping to pull off a win as they hosted the Lancers of East Greenwich with their season winding down.

The Lancers came out firing in the top of the first, loading the bases early and making Jamestown work for every out. Jamestown pitcher Owen Heath appeared frustrated with his start early on. "They're

really good," said Heath, "I was throwing curve balls, I needed to get it down in the zone, and they were just hitting it too far. It's been a hard season, but we've been close on a lot, we've lost by one a few times."

The Lancers continued their offensive assault for the next few innings and were running up a large lead when Jamestown's Dan Harpool came up with some great defense. Harpool had back-to-back defensive plays for the Warriors, stopping hard ground balls and firing from third to first for the put out, saving his team two potential runs.

"Pretty good throws, we needed something," Harpool said. "We have to improve on our fielding and our hitting," he later added.

Nick Lutes also put in some solid defensive work with a great grab to sit the Lancers down 1-2-3 in the top of the fifth.

That wouldn't be all defensively for the Warriors, as they began to come together late in the game refusing to give up.

In the top of the sixth, with men on base, and the Lancers posing to score, pitcher Jacob Morris fielded a line drive perfectly and threw to

home for the out. Catcher James Chamberlain relayed the throw to Lutes at first base, completing the double play to end the inning.

Later in the game, Harpool showed he could perform offensively as well as defensively, blasting a shot to center field for a double. The team finished strong, but it wasn't enough for the Warriors, as the game ended with a loss to a tough team.

"They're 8-1 for a reason," said Head Coach Eric Bush, "Their pitchers are tough. East Greenwich is a baseball town, and they come to play. But we're young, that's an eighth grade team we just played, most of my guys are seventh graders, but they played well. I'm not disappointed with my guys at all. Hopefully this experience will carry over to next season."

Coach Bush commented on Harpool's performance saying, "He's a baseball kid, he plays AAU. He can play wherever I put him."

The team wrapped up their season with close games against Thompson, Wickford and Narragansett Middle Schools at home. "

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