

V. Lax Prepares for Season at Maryland Tourney

by Noah Krieger

The Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team began their season with a trip to Maryland to participate in the first annual Gilman Invitational Tournament. Port was one of the select teams from Long Island invited to this tournament on the basis of its excellent performance last year.

In the first game, Port was soundly defeated by Boys Latin High School 13-5. This loss can be partially attributed to the fact that Maryland has different laws than New York regarding the legal starting date for spring lacrosse practice. Boys Latin, as a Maryland high school, had been preparing for 4 to 6 weeks, while Port had been practicing for only 10 days.

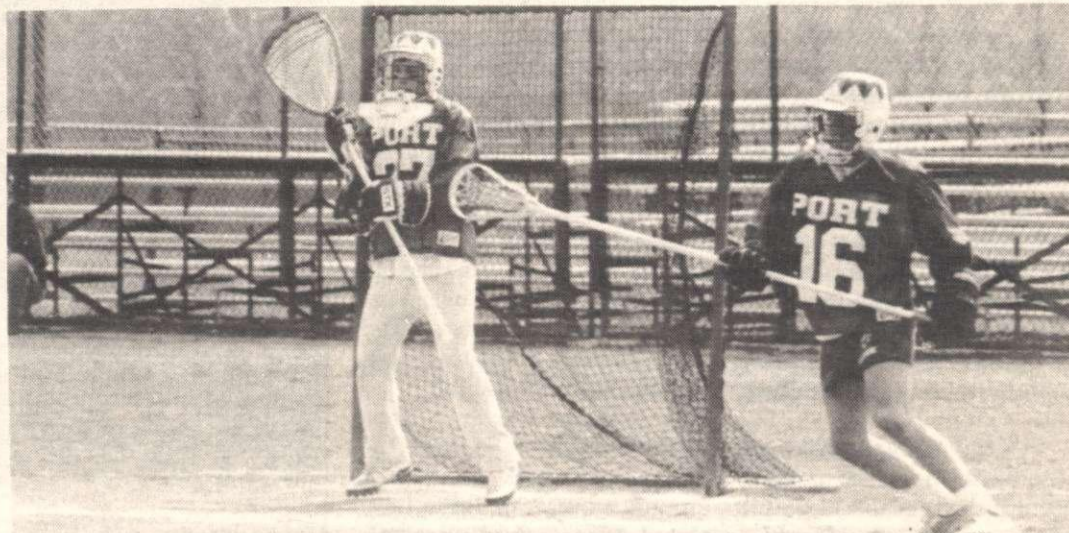
Port's second game was a much tighter contest. The Vikings led the hosts, Gilman High School, 5-4 at halftime. The game continued to be a back and forth battle well into the 4th quarter. Port was up by 1 goal late in that

final quarter, but, partly because of several defensive turnovers, Gilman eventually prevailed by a 2 goal margin.

Coach Ken Case indicated that the team's performance in the second game showed a great deal of improvement from the first and that his squad, "looked like a different team."

The Maryland tournament has helped Port get ready for their upcoming non-league schedule. Although the non-league record does not affect a team's chances for a league championship, it does have a bearing on a team's seeding for the County Tournament.

The Vikings have lost many players from last year's squad. There are only five returning starters. They include Torr Marro, Rob Brady, Erik Johnson, Brian Tomeo, and Sean Craig. Coach Case commented that although this year's team lacks experience, they do have better team speed than last year's



Goalie Erik Evans and defenseman Evan Marks defend Port's goal at the Maryland Tournament.

squad. In addition, Case believes that the midfield and attack lines look very good. As opposed to last season's fast break style, Case plans to utilize a ball-control offense to reduce the number of offensive opportunities for the opposition. This

strategy is being instituted partially to compensate for the inexperienced defense. In addition, three players, Erik Evans, Rob Zwerlin, and John Jones, are vying for playing time in goal. Case indicated that if one goalie does not rise to the top, he

would be perfectly happy to alternate between the three.

Coach Case again expects very strong competition from traditional Viking rivals such as Farmingdale, Oceanside, and Massapequa, when the squad's league schedule commences.

Girls Junior V. Lacrosse Optimistic

by Todd Hazelkorn

The Girls' Junior Varsity Lacrosse team, led by coach Robert Busby, has started what they hope will be a winning season. Coming off a season of mediocrity, the squad plans to make many improvements.

Misfortune has plagued the team early on, as bad weather conditions did not allow them to practice outside. After practicing inside for a week, the team played its first scrimmage on March 15. Although the team lost 6-5 to Carle Place, Coach Busby was fairly pleased. He said, "Despite the fact that we have never been allowed onto a field, the team performed excel-

lently at Carle Place."

In that game, two freshmen made significant contributions. They were Monica Niwa, who scored one goal, and Ariane Paoli, who scored the remaining four. Paoli, however, was injured during the game.

The team has four quality veterans who were on the team last year. Catherine Jennings, Laurie Bonnie, Tricia Pepe, and Pia Pizzalotto are all expected to have good seasons. "All of the girls are really having fun this year," newcomer Maura Mander stated. Coach Busby and all of the players believe that all their hard work effort will pay dividends.

Girls Track Finishes Strong

by Jordana Glantz

The Girls' Varsity Track team finished their winter season with appearances at both the division and county championships.

In the Division Championships, held at Farmingdale College, Port placed in 5 different events. In the 55m hurdles Tanya Clusener placed third. She also placed third in the 600m run and second in the 4x400 m relay. Jessie Graham took 6th in the hurdle event, 2nd in the 4x400m relay, and 4th in the 4x200m relay. Kara Courtois earned 5th place in the 600m run, and 2nd and 4th place in the 4x400 and 4x200m relays, respectively. Stacy Maddocks won the division in the 1500m walk, 2nd place in the 4x400 m relay, and 4th place in the 4x200m relay. Bridget Finnerty finished 4th in the 4x200m relay.

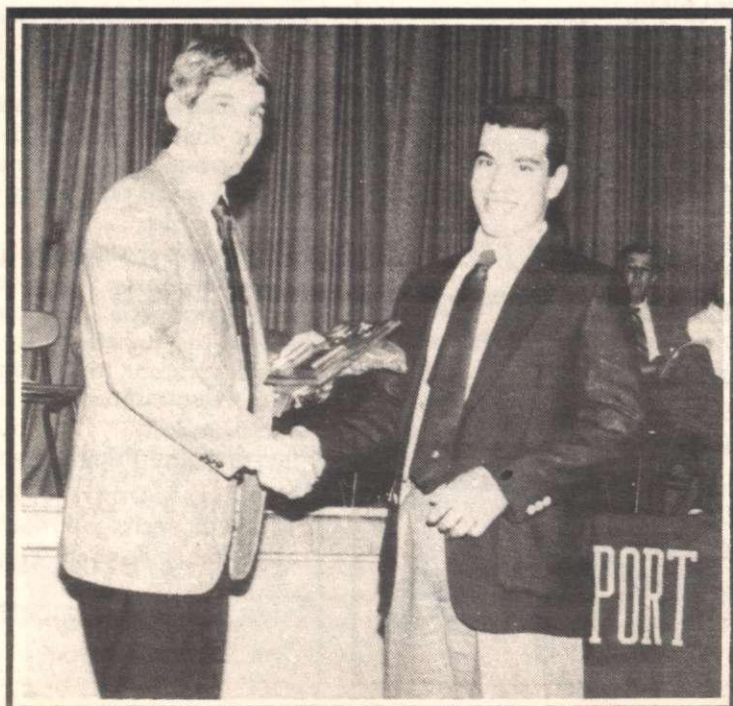
In the county championships, Port placed in 5 different events as well. Stacey Maddocks performed tremendously in the 1500m walk to win 2nd place. Kara Courtois clinched 4th in the 1000m run and Tracey Koegel took 7th in the 55m dash. Tracey also took 7th in the 4x200m relay along with Stacey Maddocks, Jessie Graham, and Maura Mander. The 4x400m relay team of Graham, Maddocks, Courtois, and Mander took 5th place.

As a result of finishing second in the 1500m walk at the county championships, Stacy Maddocks was invited to the High School State Championships held at Cornell University. At the state meet, Stacey came from behind to win her section. She took 2 minutes 31 seconds off her first walking time to fin-

ish 12th of 26 in the state. From Cornell, Stacey flew to Annapolis, Maryland to compete in the National Scholastic Track and Field Championships held at the United States Naval Academy. She competed in the 1 mile walk and finished 11th.

The Girls Spring Track and Field team is underway with the largest squad in the history of Schrieber. It is composed of mostly 9th and 10th graders, a few juniors, and one senior. There is a tremendous amount of new talent, which, when coupled with the experience of returning team members, will make for a good season. Kara Courtois, Angie Kim, Meredith Leung, Jessie Graham, Carrie Klimmerman, Stacey Maddocks, Tracey Koegel, and Bridget Finnerty have all run before.

Athletes Honored at Winter Sports Awards Ceremony



James Tierno gets a handshake and a trophy from Coach Shackel.

by James Weiner

The Schrieber High School athletic department held the annual Winter Sports Award Night on Monday, March 20th, honoring the athletes of the various varsity, junior varsity and "a" teams.

Retiring coach and gym teacher Dr. Stan Cutler received an award for his long-standing involvement with the Schrieber High School athletic department.

James Tierno, an excellent, all-around athlete, was the winner of the Chet McDonough Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the athlete who has contributed the most toward team play in football and basketball. Tierno is the first Schrieber winner since Barry Milhaven, now a St. Johns varsity basketball player, who won the honor in 1985.

Other awards were as follows:

Girls Winter Track:
(Coached by Bruce MacDonald)
Most Valuable Player...Stacy Maddocks (finished eleventh in the nation in the racewalking event)
Coach's Award.....Kara Courtois
Junior National Team Award.....Tanya Clusener
All-County...Tanya Clusener, Stacy Maddocks

Boys Winter Track:
(Coached by Robert Acevedo)
Most Valuable Player...Bill Haubert
Coach's Award...Robert Dallesandro, Kevin Littman
All-County.....Bill Haubert
(In addition, the 4x200 relay team of Jon Camera, Ara Ketchedjian, Torr Marro and Joe Perez and the 4x800 relay team

of Littman, Dallesandro, Greg Heijmans and Abbas Reza finished third in the county.)

Girls Gymnastics:
(Coached by Kari Reiersen)
Most Valuable Player ...Rachel Shalett
Coach's Award...Amanda North
(Both North and Shalett represented the team at the county championship.)

Boys Bowling:
(Coached by John Hegi)
Most Valuable Player...Junichi Honda (league-high average)
Coach's Award...Adam Pugatch

Girls Bowling:
(Coached by Al Jessen)
Most Valuable Player ...Laurie Bender
Coach's Award...JoAnn Suk
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