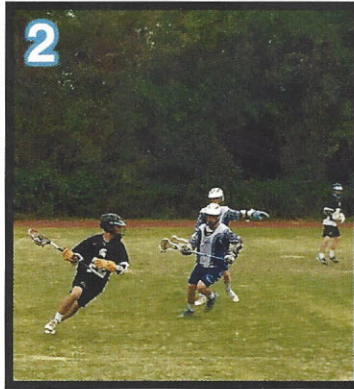


This year's lacrosse team was a culmination of all levels of lacrosse, beginners, kids with a couple years of experience, and seniors who have had sticks in their hands since they were little. However about half our team had never played lacrosse before. Yet one month in, I had never witnessed people trying so hard to learn the sport and get better. By the end of the season these kids were the backbone of our team, and helped us overcome a lot of adversity. The lacrosse team finished 7-3 in the conference, only losing to the team that went on to win the championship. At the end of the season there was a great sense of camaraderie and the team was truly brothers.

Nick Schulkin of Larkspur, California

1. Yannick den Boer, of Confort, France, chasing the ball after a missed shot.
2. Nick Schulkin, Larkspur, California, clearing the ball into the offensive zone.
3. The team meets to discuss their strategy.



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Spartans find success in regular season and beyond

I hoped the boys would grow as individuals and a team, on and off the field, and that we would compete for a league championship. This season they have matured as individuals and grown together as a team, and, hopefully, developed a greater love for the game of lacrosse.

The highlight of this season thus far was our strong league season. We finished 6-2 in league games. Both losses were against Charleston Lacrosse Club (by 1 goal and by 3 goals), who we will play in the semifinals. I am proud and impressed with how they have grown and matured this season. I am also excited that so many boys have picked up the game anew this year.

Awards: MVP: Ray Gradwell, Cape May, New Jersey. Most Valuable Offense: Nick Schulkin, Larkspur, California. Most Valuable Defense: Lee McCabe, Anderson, South Carolina. Most Improved: Nathan Grantham, Hartsville, South Carolina; Nick Hillesheim, Woodstock, Georgia.



6. Lacrosse Team- Row One: Matthew Carpenter. Row two: Adam Lascell, Samuel Russell, Nick Hillesheim, Nicholas Schulkin, Lawrence McQuaide, Ross Hogan, Ruhi Patel, Royce Truett. Row Three: Nicholas Paolillo, John Bowen, Thomas Seymour, Evan Lowe, Nathan Grantham, Ryan Figlow, Joseph Geiger, Lee McCabe, Ray Gradwell. Row Four: Coach Jeff Jordan, Dylan Miller, Quin Hahn Armstrong, Nathaniel Lusk, Yannick den Boer, Christopher Strain, James Henderson, Coach Caleb Thompson.



7. The whole game halts to await the referee's decision.



8. CMA's offense waits for the defense to bring the ball back.