

Gazette Churchill girls, Wootton boys showcase supremacy

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The Churchill girls lacrosse team is off to a 3-0 start, thanks to Friday's 14-13 comeback victory over reigning 4A/3A West Region champion Wootton (2-1). The win set a precedent for the Bulldogs' senior class, marking its first-ever win against their arch-rivals.

After falling behind by three goals early in the first quarter, 2008 All-Gazette first-team selection and University of Delaware-bound senior Angela Biciocchi spearheaded the comeback, as the Bulldogs rallied for a 9-6 halftime lead. Biciocchi scored a game-high seven goals, while Zoe Kabelac, Sofia Ein and Katie Ruben each found the net twice.

"The girls were talking to me during the day," said Churchill head coach Christen Pena-Ariet. "They wanted to win so bad all day. I told them to come in and shock Wootton on their home field. ... The girls had never beat them in anything."

• Aside from its season-opening loss to Churchill, Poolesville has outscored its three opponents by a combined score of 51-9. Megan Patton's 17 goals pace the Falcons, while Shelby Dahlen has been solid between the pipes, including a 24-save effort against the Bulldogs.

• On Tuesday, Bethesda-Chevy Chase played an opponent from the other side of the world. In a foreign affair, the Barons outscored the United Kingdom's Cheltenham High, 11-10.

• Good Counsel looks to be well on its way to a sixth consecutive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference crown. The Falcons (4-0) defeated the 2008 WCAC runner-up, Bishop Ireton, 12-8.

Boys

While Bethesda-Chevy Chase had its best season in school history last spring, it might be having its wildest in 2009. It opened the season with a 10-9 overtime victory over Quince Orchard, with attackman Thomas Krogh putting home the game-winner after the Barons trailed nearly the entire match.

In between that goal and the second half of Friday's 9-8 loss to Washington Catholic Athletic Conference power St. John's (D.C.), four B-CC starters sustained concussions: Krogh, stand-out midfielder Chris Pappalardo, long-stick midfielder Sam Eury and defender Connor Savage. Yet the shorthanded Barons won the second half and came within an eyelash of tying the game.

"We had a guy cranking up a shot when the horn sounded," said B-CC coach Alan Pohoryles. "We're without Pappa and T.K. and we almost come back. It was amazing to watch some of these guys who don't get playing time come in and produce."

• With its 10-3 victory over Churchill on Friday, Wootton has now won 40 consecutive games against public schools in Montgomery County. The streak dates back to April 24, 2006, when Whitman topped the Patriots, 10-9.

• Through two games, against Clarksburg and Kennedy, Seneca Valley brothers Kyle and Drew Borsody have scored seven goals each.

• Statistically, no team in Montgomery County began the season more overwhelmingly than Damascus. The Hornets ousted Blake, Rockville and Watkins Mill by a combined score of 35-6. For the second year in a row, they tallied 20 against the Wolverines.

• Quotable: "We've had the HMOs working overtime."

Clarksburg coach Curtiss Belcher, on his five injured starters

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