

**NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS LACROSSE**

2005 Game Scores, Notes and Archives

9-8 Regular Season Record
Qualified for Tournament
(Lost first round to North Middlesex)
3 All-Stars
Joe Vespa (1st team)
Dan Cesarone (1st team)
Jimmy Young (2nd team)
1 Academic All-American
Dan Cesarone

Scoring Leaders

Joe Vespa 53-24-77* Single Season Points Record For Rams Lacrosse
Dan Cesarone 41-16-57
Jimmy Young 24-14-38
Matt Miller 21-1-22

2005 Game Recaps

Tournament Time: Northbridge lost their first ever tournament game against the number #2 seed North Middlesex. Northbridge started very slow and never recovered en route to a 14-5 loss. Northbridge hopes to build on this experience and the fact that only 4 Seniors graduate in order to be even MORE successful next year.

6/2 Northbridge 9 St Bernard's 8 Northbridge wins the last home game for our seniors 9-8 over St. Bernard's. Dan Cesarone took an assist from Andrew Gawlak with :25 seconds left on the clock and buried a goal past the St Bernard's goalie to leave Lasell field for the last time a winner. Jimmy Young was all over the place and scored 3 goals. Matt Miller chipped in 2 and Joe Vespa continued to pile on to his goal stats for the year which now stands at 51. Ricardo Valdiva and Bryan Warchol rounded out the scoring with help in the assist department. Bryan Burdick had a big game with 13 saves on the day. Northbridge will face North Middlesex this Monday in the Central Mass Tournament.

5/27 Northbridge 5 North Middlesex 13 Northbridge played North Middlesex much better this time actually having a 3-2 lead in the first quarter. North Middlesex just pulled away in the second half, but Northbridge didn't quit. Despite the loss, this was one of the better games Northbridge has played recently. Northbridge hopes to close out the season with a win on their field against St. Bernard's before getting ready for the playoffs. Also, the JV team won their first game and has shown much improvement this year, the future looks bright for Northbridge lacrosse.

5/24 Northbridge 13 Bellingham 4 Northbridge played in wet and cold conditions to earn their first ever playoff birth. Bryan Burdick returned from his ankle injury and looked like he never left as he shut out Bellingham in the second half.

5/19 Northbridge 5 Leominster 8 The game was tied 4-4 at half time, but Northbridge lost the all important battle of ground balls and let up 4 goals in the second half to a very tough and improved Leominster team. Northbridge hopes to win on Tuesday against Bellingham to qualify for the Central Mass. district playoffs.

5/17 Northbridge 12 Grafton 8 Northbridge is still trying to adjust to not having their starting goalie and the defense has been a little soft lately. But, the offense continues to do what it needs to do to win the games that we expect to win. Dan Cesarone, Matt Miller, Ricardo Valdivia, Andrew Gawlak, Jimmy Young and Mason Oviaan all scored to ensure a win. With one more win, Northbridge will qualify for the C-Mass tourney! Northbridge hopes to get this win against a tough Leominster lacrosse team that upset Groton-Dunstable last week.

5/14 Northbridge 10 BVT 8 Northbridge hung on against a physical and inspired BVT team to win despite missing three starters due to injury. Bryan Warchol was a stone wall in the second half in goal and Jimmy Young had three goals and an assist to lead Northbridge in scoring. Mason Oviaan (2 G) Matt Miller (2 G) Andrew Gawlak (1 G) and Dan Cesarone (2 G) all scored with Cesarone's proving to be the game winner.

5/12 Northbridge 5 Shrewsbury 13 Northbridge came out flat and had to deal with the loss of Bryan Burdick for the season due to a severe leg sprain. Freshman Bryan Warchol filled the role of goalie and faced a barrage of Shrewsbury shots due to Northbridge's struggle with ground balls.

5/10 Northbridge 4 Groton Dunstable 13 Northbridge continues to feel the effects of not having 3 full lines of middies. We started out strong, but in the end we ran out of steam on a hot and sunny day.

5/5 Northbridge 7 St. Bernard's 13. Northbridge faced the best goalie they have seen in their three years and could not get enough offense going to prevail. Northbridge started the game up 4-1, but a 3 min. locked in penalty for an illegal stick and a bad 2nd quarter let the game slip away.

4/28 Northbridge 8 Leominster 7. Jimmy Young tied the game with 1:30 in the game and Dan Cesarone scored the game-winner with 30 seconds left to escape with a win at Leominster. Leominster played very good defense and our offense stalled at times, but we got the "W" and that's what counts.

4/26 Northbridge 19 Grafton 11. Northbridge wins one under the lights Lasell field. A little sloppy at times but we did what he had to win.

4/23 Northbridge couldn't get their offense going in the wet conditions in a 17-3 loss to a very tough North Middlesex team. Northbridge had a tough time with the rain and it slowed down their attack style offense. Northbridge hopes to re-group this week with a home game under the lights on Tuesday against Grafton before they start a 5 game away stretch.

4/16 The Rams found a way to win despite playing sloppy lacrosse. They topped BVT 11-6 to run their record to 3-1. Dan Cesarone had 6 goals to lead all scorers while Joe Vespa (3 goals) and Jimmy Young (2 goals) rounded out the scoring. Northbridge has a week to regroup and polish up their game before the host a tough N. Middlesex team next Saturday in Northbridge.

4/14 Northbridge 19 Shrewsbury 11 BIG WIN for Northbridge. This was a great game from defense to midfield to attack. Bryan Burdick earns another varsity win by stopping a lot of tough shots. Dan Cesarone was tireless at midfield with 3 goals and one assist. Ricardo Valdivia had the 2 goal from midfield while the attack had 13 goals (Joe Vespa 9, Jimmy Young 3 and Matt Miller 1) Sean Dube, Aaron Mahoney and Matt Cipelowski played hard nosed man to man defense. All in all, this is the biggest win in the Northbridge lacrosse 3 year history book. Now Northbridge must focus their attention on BVT this Saturday.

4/11 Northbridge lost a tough game to Groton Dunstable 21-8. They will look to regroup against Shrewsbury on Thursday under the lights in Northbridge.

4/9 Northbridge wins its first game with a win over Bellingham 16-2. Dan Cesarone (6G 2A) and Joe Vespa (6G 3A) had huge games. Matt Miller 3G and Scott Dube added the other goals in the game. Bryan Burdick earned his first Varsity win in net behind the stingy defense of Sean Dube, Matt Cipelowski ,Aaron Mahoney , Bobby Forget and Shawn Lebel.