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THIS WEEK IN CHATHAM LACROSSE



Chris Conlin, a Chatham alum and defender for the NCAA Division I Champions Notre Dame, celebrates his team's National Championship victory with family, friends and teammates from Chatham



UPCOMING EVENTS

Only 270 days
until lacrosse
season...

Have a great
summer!



***Congratulations to
our Chatham
High School teams!***

The girls defended their NJSIAA Group
3 State Championship title and the
boys were the Group 3 North State
Sectional Champions. ***Go Cougars!***

2023 CLC Season Highlights



The 8th grade girls had a fantastic season, including 21 wins for the Select team and an undefeated record against opponents from Connecticut. A highlight for the White team was a 1st place finish in the Jersey Jamboree.



The 8th grade boys continued to make the argument that they are the best town team in the state. "Chatham Express" went 4-0 in the NJ /CT play day (Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan and Wilton), won the Laker Lightning tournament, and continued their reign as G8 tournament champions.

Awards were presented to the following players:

Geravante Award- Charlie Dunn

Newes Award- Conall Curry

Coaches awards- Nick Pacchia, Rion Molander

2023 CLC Season Highlights (cont'd)



The 7th grade girls had a great season with strong performance by both teams! Select had wins against some of the best programs in the state (Ridgewood, Morristown, Moorestown, Westfield, Summit). Travel had 5 new players and went 2–1 in the Jersey Girls Challenge tourney with a big win against Summit and tie against Madison. But the highlight of the whole season was a victory against the 7th grade boys at Fishawack!



“Resilient” would be the best word to describe the 7th grade boy’s lacrosse team. With a roster of only 20 (5 of which are first year players and 4 of which are second year players), this team hit their stride midway through the season with a decisive win over Morristown which acted as a catalyst for them making an appearance in the G8 final, coming up one goal short of a Championship. If only they had started their season earlier in 2023, ha..... Their coaches expect great things from this team next year as they made incredible strides as the season progressed. Looking forward to them building off the momentum they created in the back half of ‘23!

2023 CLC Season Highlights (cont'd)



The 6th grade boys had a great year and went 3-0 at the Laker Lightning Tournament. The White team advanced to the finals of the G8. It was a great year for both the players and coaches!



On the girls side, the 6th graders had an awesome season marked by incredible growth and a higher understanding of the game by the end of the season. The girls celebrated wins against Westfield, Summit and Ridgewood and took 1st place in the Jersey Girls Tournament. They proved to be confident athletes even when they lost in OT in the finals of the Jersey Jamboree. They are a motivated, intensely loyal group of girls who have learned to love the game of lacrosse.

2023 CLC Season Highlights (cont'd)



Another great year for the 5th grade boys! They started the season with almost 40 kids (including three first time players- two of whom started in goal). A dramatic improvement in stickwork allowed the focus to shift towards team strategy. Highlights included participating in the MetLife Stadium Trilogy Tournament and a 6-0 record in the G8.



The 5th grade girls Blue and White teams both had great seasons. The coaches saw a lot of growth from all the girls across the board. Their enthusiasm was amazing and the coaches are looking forward to seeing them become an amazing group of lacrosse players.

2023 CLC Season Highlights (cont'd)



The 4th grade boys had a great season as they progressed to 10v10, with a record of 15-6-1 (including tournaments). A highlight of the season was the Skills Competition at Fishawack (pictured above), which included shot accuracy and push-up competitions.



The 3rd & 4th grade girls ended their season with intrasquad scrimmages at Fishawack. It was a joy to coach these hardworking girls and great fun to watch it all come together from building a house on offense to the draw and playing smart defense. They really put on a show for parents and friends!

2023 CLC Season Highlights (cont'd)



The 3rd grade boys had a tremendous last year of 7v7. They broke into two teams and went undefeated in the G8 tournament. More impressive were the friendships developed and player growth. Players tallied first assists, goals, and saves, which was a joy to watch. Their coaches are excited to see them keep their sticks in their hands this summer at camps and clinics so they continue the positive play into full-field next year. Thanks to the wonderful parents who ensured their boys were at practice and games.



The 2nd grade boys had a fun season wearing equipment for the first time. They finished the season with 7v7 and 8v8 games vs Mt Lakes and Westfield, and participated in two play day events with teams from Summit, Ridge, Clark, West Essex, Somerset Hills, and Millburn. While wins/losses aren't stressed, the boys report a 12-2-1 record on the season. Twenty-four players got their first goals in a Cougar uniform, but as the season went on they increasingly gained awareness of the importance of other stats such as assists, ground balls, face-off wins, and caused turnovers. Their coaches are excited to see where the future takes this group of 2033s!

2023 FISHAWACK FESTIVAL RECAP

Thank you to all of the parents, coaches, players and volunteers who made the Fishawack Festival a huge success this year. A special shout out to those brave individuals who took a turn in the dunk tank (Brrrrr!) The 8th graders were fast, talented and competitive, but the coaches emerged victorious against the boys and girls teams. Congratulations to all of the Fastest Shot grade level winners! See the complete list of results below:

8th:
Quinn Grosso (88) and Simone Claps (60)
7th:
Patrick Platek (73) and Maddi Tuli (59)
6th:
Ryan Gabriele (76) and Leighton Douglas (56)
5th:
Max Rodino/Cooper Perez (68) and Hailey McDonough (40)
4th:
Patrick Walker (63) and Ellie Swon (48)
3rd:
Brennan LaMastro/Eddy Zilnicki (53) and Ava Barry (51)
2nd: No participants
1st: Will Ryan (34) and Emma Boyd (36)
K: Xander Overlee (35) and Ellie Kelleher (37)

Honorable Mentions: (no prizes just bragging rights)
High School:
JP Lagunawich (91)
Alexa Grom (64)

HS Coach Sean Landolfi (97)
Youth Coach Nick Russo (85)

Pacchia Award Winners

The Pacchia Award was presented at the Fishawack festival. It is given to a 7th grade boy and girl who demonstrate dedication, spirit and love of lacrosse. Congratulations *Reagan Hay and Cole Faucher!*

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD...

What an incredible year for Chatham lacrosse!

The 2023 season was a success on many levels. It was a victorious year marked by big wins and championship titles across all age levels from the youth teams to our alumni community. Perhaps more importantly, as our coaches alluded to in their year-end recaps, this was a year of personal growth, skill development and friendship.

Thank you to the players, parents, coaches, fans and everyone behind the scenes who contributed their time and energy this season. Have a great summer, don't forget to reLAX and see you next Spring!

Go Cougars!

The Chatham Lacrosse Club Board