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Georgetown Prep storms back to stun Gonzaga

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Unfortunately for [Gonzaga](#), this was no [April Fools](#) joke. Prep trailed by three goals midway through [the fourth](#) quarter but stormed back to force [overtime](#) and Jack Cleary [fired](#) one into the net in the extra period to [complete](#) the furious comeback.

Gonzaga took a commanding 6-3 [lead](#) in the third quarter and held Prep scoreless for nearly two full quarters. But the Hoyas struck twice less than a minute apart in the fourth to cut it to one and Joel Blockowicz tied the score with 1:33 left.

In overtime, Cleary took a pass from Blockowicz and found an opening. He fired past Gonzaga sophomore Tommy Farrell and Prep players stormed [the field](#) in celebration. "It's a huge win. Gonzaga is a really big rival of ours and coming down here and getting the win in the end - I'm so happy right now," said Blockowicz after the game.

Prep won its fourth straight and improved to 7-1 on the season.

Sophomore Alex Corboy scored three goals to lead Gonzaga, which lost for the first time since its season opener against St. Mary's.

Last year, the Eagles upset Landon in the regular season and took down DeMatha to win the WCAC championship. But they were still viewed by most as the third best team in the area behind IAC powers Landon and Prep - the latter of which beat them 14-2 in their meeting a year ago.

Friday on their [home](#) field, the Eagles had an opportunity to to make a major statement and for a while, it looked like they would pull it off. Prep struck first, but Gonzaga countered, and the Eagles matched two more goals to go into the half tied at 3.

Connor Reed's drive to the net and pretty finish - he leaped and threw the ball into the back of the net - gave Gonzaga 4-3 lead in the third quarter. Two more tallies followed and the team appeared in [total control](#).

Prep, though, never panicked, even as half the fourth quarter ticked away and the hole was still three. Hoyas coach Kevin Giblin said it was actually a tougher spot for Gonzaga to be in than it seemed. "I'd rather be up two than three," he said. "At two, you've got to [press](#). At three, people tend to take their foot off the pedal. I'm not saying they did, but it's the worst lead in lacrosse, anybody will tell you that."

A beautiful solo play by senior Bobby Gribbin broke Prep's scoring drought and turned the tide in the team's favor. The Hoyas then cut it to 6-5 on fluke tally when a string broke on Gonzaga 'keeper Timmy Farrell's stick and the ball dropped into his goal. After the equalizer, they even had an opportunity to win in regulation.

Although Prep made it all the way back, Gonzaga coach Casey O'Neill didn't think it was due to lack

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of effort late. "We didn't let up. We had a ton of shots early and midway through the fourth quarter to take a bigger lead but we just didn't finish."

O'Neil admitted that the loss hurts, but said that trying to recover would be a good test for his club. "The kids are down but we said 'Hang your head for a minute or two, but come out with your head up.' The true sign of a person is how you deal with adversity and how you'll respond to that," he said.

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