

Georgetown Prep tops Landon, 4-3, in lacrosse

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During halftime of Friday afternoon's boys' lacrosse battle between No. 1 Georgetown Prep and No. 2 Landon, Prep alum Danny Glading, the 2005 All-Met Player of the Year who starred at Virginia and now helps as an assistant coach, offered some advice to the Little Hoyas.

"You guys don't understand," Glading told the team, including his younger brother, senior attack Pat Glading. "It's going to be a broken clear or a quick restart or a groundball that's going to be the difference in this game."

If Pat Glading never listened to his older brother before, he must be glad he did on Friday.

The younger Glading took a pass off a heads-up quick whistle restart from senior Taylor Morgan with 1 minute 23 seconds remaining in the third quarter and scored the decisive goal, leading the Little Hoyas to a 4-3 victory over rival Landon in an Interstate Athletic Conference showdown.

"I actually didn't even think about that," a smiling Pat Glading said after the game. "He was saying that to me, he kept saying that an unsettled goal was going

to win it and fortunately it did for us."

Glading's goal gave Georgetown Prep (13-3, 4-0) its first lead of a physical game that featured, as expected, tough defensive play.

The two teams went entered the second quarter scoreless, though Landon needed just nine seconds to get on the board in the second. And in the fourth quarter several standout defensive plays from captain Greg Perraut stifled Landon (12-3, 2-1).

"It's a low-scoring affair, happens a lot," Perraut said. "But we fought through it. Our defense played big for us."

With their six-on-six offense struggling to find good looks early, Prep needed a coast-to-coast goal from long pole

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defenseman Alex Blonsky to get on the board less than a minute and a half after Landon took its first lead.

And after Landon took the lead before the half and then again with 7:19 remaining in the third quarter, Georgetown Prep senior Matt Smith answered with goals to keep the Little Hoyas in the game.

"I didn't play very well in the first half so I wanted to go out and make plays," Smith said. "That's kind of our team motto: Just make plays, don't play systematically. So I mean I just did that. I just think all this credit in this game goes to our defense."

CAPACITY CROWD: A huge crowd showed up for the rivalry game on an Alumni Day for Georgetown Prep, and the two student sections had impressive entrances, sprinting en masse to the field -- with Landon's students even setting off small smoke bombs to announce their arrival.

LOW SCORING: Georgetown Prep's four goals represented its lowest output since a 7-4 loss to DeMatha on April 19, 2005.

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