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## Revenge part one of two for Prep

### Little Hoyas top Bullis in IAC semifinal, set up final with Landon

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It just would not be right any other way.

The Georgetown Prep boys lacrosse team earned a trip to the first-ever, all-encompassing Interstate Athletic Conference championship game Wednesday, holding off host Bullis, 8-6. The league will reward only its tournament champion with a banner in Saturday's final, where the Little Hoyas (17-3) will play its archrival.

Catcalls in the bleachers said it all. At halftime, with Prep leading, 6-0, its fans began screaming in unison: "We want Landon!" The Bears will host the IAC final after whipping Episcopal on Wednesday, 12-4, and beat the Little Hoyas by five goals in the regular season matchup.

"But you know, we thought it was closer than that; it was tied up in the third quarter," Prep attackman Cory Dobyms said. "It got a little bit away from us. I think everyone kind of expected our seniors to do it all and it's not like that anymore. ... At the end of the day, that loss to Landon, loss to Bullis means nothing."

Added goalkeeper Ford Martin: "We've been talking about redemption."

Third-seeded Prep returned to the Potomac site of an April 13, overtime loss with vengeance. Sophomore attackman Bear Altemus scored one minute into the game, igniting a dominant first half for the visitors. Dobyms scored three first half goals, Altemus two, and Liam Giblin added another. Martin stopped all four first half shots on goal, and the score was a surprisingly lopsided, 6-0, at halftime.

Midway through the third quarter, midfielder Joel Blockowitz scored off a pretty pass from Dobyms, pushing the lead to seven.

Then it almost fell apart.

"We finally put together a great first half, a great three quarters," Martin said. "Now the next step is a very good four quarters."

The second-seeded Bulldogs (13-5), hosting their first IAC semifinal, arrived late to the party. Senior Kylor Bellistri scored two third quarter goals, his second with just 12 ticks left in the third quarter, making the score, 8-2.

With their backs to the wall, the Bulldogs played an inspired fourth quarter. Four consecutive goals shook the stadium into a frenzy, with junior Nick Fisher's second goal cutting Prep's lead to two with two minutes, 49 seconds left.

But Prep held on, setting the stage for a rematch of last year's final. The Hoyas jumped out to a five-goal lead in the 2010 championship game before falling, 9-8.

"We're right where we want to be," Prep coach Kevin Giblin said in a postgame huddle.

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