

Kemp Helps Little Hoyas Get Defensive

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No. 2 Georgetown Prep, which was upset by St. Stephen's/St. Agnes in last year's Interstate Athletic Conference playoffs, beat the Saints on Tuesday night, 12-3. The Little Hoyas (11-1) have held opponents to three or fewer goals in eight of their 11 wins.

"That's a lot of Kemp," said Coach Kevin Giblin, referring to goalie John Kemp, a senior who will play for Notre Dame next year. He had 13 saves against St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, which is ranked eighth.

Kemp had 22 saves in Georgetown Prep's 9-8 overtime win over St. Paul's (Md.), one of the better teams in the competitive Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Little Hoyas led 8-3 late in the third quarter, but St. Paul's rallied and forced overtime. Junior attackman Pat Glading scored on a second rebound with less than a second left in overtime.

"If you told me before I'd win 9-8, I'd take that. But being up 8-3, we're a little disappointed that they got back in the game," Giblin said. Senior

Pat Cotter scored three goals.

No. 6 DeMatha (5-2) graduated its starting attackmen and midfielders from last season but has stayed the team to beat in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, thanks to stiff defense and the ability to rally. The Stags trailed St. Mary's Ryken and Gonzaga and came back to win.

Against the Eagles on Monday, DeMatha was behind 3-1 in the second quarter and 4-2 in the third but scored four straight goals to win, 6-5.

Seven Stags scored when DeMatha beat St. Mary's-Ryken, 7-5.

"We're still trying to find out who we are from an offensive standpoint," Coach Scott Morrison said.

Georgetown Visitation (2-2) came back from a spring break trip to Florida with six scrimmage victories -- and a fresh outlook

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after a 1-2 start in March.

It showed renewed vigor in an 11-9 victory over host Holton-Arms on Tuesday, paced by four goals from Louisville-bound midfielder Megan McCarthy, who noted this year's team needed a wake-up call from the slow start. The Cubs even fell behind against Holton, 3-0, in the first half.

"A lot of girls [on our team] expected us to be top dog," after an 18-3 season a year ago and a No. 3 ranking, McCarthy said. "The first five minutes were a shock to everyone to be down 3-0. But at our timeout, everyone spoke up and said, 'This isn't happening.' We needed to have that fire" back.

The Cubs, with only four seniors this season, responded by scoring five goals before halftime to tie the game. In the opening moments of the second half, junior midfielder Lydia Miller won a draw and burst down the field for a goal, and the Cubs never trailed again.

Also impressive for Visitation has been freshman goalie Gen Giblin, whom Coach McNevin Morris said shows potential to be an all-league player.

After dropping its opening game to Churchill, Poolesville's girls' team has won four in a row, outscoring opponents 70-9. The Indians have dominated the six-team

Montgomery 3A/2A/1A Division over the past three seasons, going 33-3.

Over those seasons, aspirations of a 2A/1A state title ended at regionals, as Poolesville has faced more talented teams. To that end, first-year coach Mark Agnew is mentally and tactically preparing his players for the postseason, according to four-year varsity attack Megan Patton.

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