



took a pair of opponents outside and made a two-all tie a 3-2 victory by a match which, at 6:00 p. m., had to be called at 6-0, 1-2. On April 28, Winchester High was swamped 11-0, but the number one matches were won with difficulty; Lamb rallied from 2-5, love-forty in his first set to win the match 8-6, 6-2, and the first doubles, Lamb and Weaver, won 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. On Wednesday, May 2, still at Concord (it seemed that few other schools had any courts), we played Browne and Nichols and defeated them 6-0.

Middlesex suffered its second defeat at the hands of St. Mark's. Weaver, playing fourth man, won his

singles match, and Heckscher and Prodis won the second doubles.

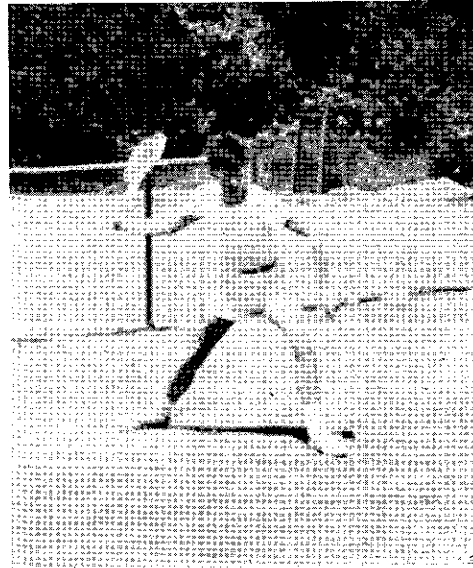
The third defeat was at the hands of Newton High on May 9. It was five losses against four wins for us.

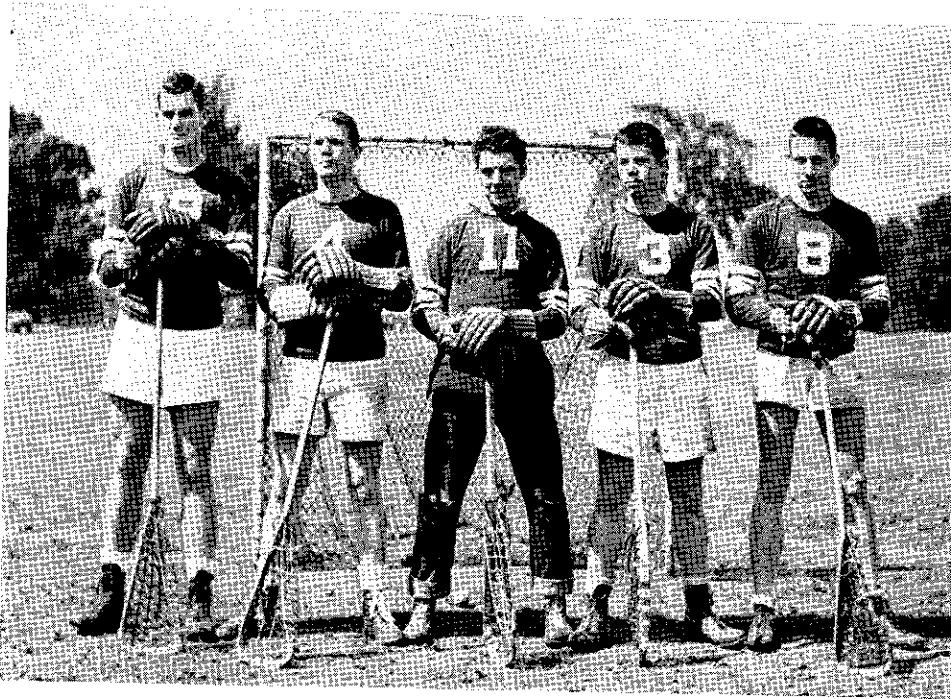
On May 11 and 12, the team went to Exeter for the interscholastics, which had to be held indoors on account of rain. Lamb, Heckscher, and Weaver won their first round matches and were then put out, and the doubles teams of Lamb-Weaver and Heckscher-Prodis had to default after winning through their first rounds.

On May 16, the New Prep team was beaten 6-1. The following Saturday, the Cushing team was beaten 9-0.

On May 26, the team played its only away match. Milton had some tennis courts, and, taking advantage of the opportunity, Middlesex played the Milton team on them and won a 5-4 victory. The season came to a successful conclusion on June 2 when the tennis team defeated St. George's, again in an exciting 5-4 match.

The record of eight wins and three losses was better than the 7-4 record of the previous year, and it was generally agreed that it was a successful season for the whole tennis squad.





The team next traveled to Franklin to meet a weak Dean ten. An abridged version of the usual starting line-up took the field on account of injuries, but the substitutes gave a convincing show of their talents as Middlesex won 12-1. For Middlesex, Shriver scored three, Ostheimer two, Agen, Little, Piper, Shannon, Bourquin, Freeman, and Saxe, one each.

On May 23rd the team travelled to Exeter to play the second big game. But here our winning skein of eight games was broken by a skilled Exeter team 19-8. All during the first half goalie Farnsworth was bombarded and never had a chance as his defense bogged down. At halftime we trailed 12-3. In the second half we played Exeter almost evenly, and if it hadn't been for those early moments the game might have been a little closer, though we were completely outclassed by this team. Our scorers were Ostheimer (5), Shriver, Agen, and Bjork.

For the final game of the season Middlesex met Tabor. But although Tabor was rough and aggressive, they couldn't stop Jim Ostheimer, who scored five times to lead us to a 14-7 triumph along with Carney who scored twice and Agen, Piper, Dinsmore, Wells, Freeman, with one apiece, while goalie Farnsworth always seemed in the right place.

This was the best lacrosse team in Middlesex history, having a 9-1 record. We outscored our opponents 113-56. Captain Shriver led the scorers with 27 goals and 23 assists, followed by Ostheimer who had 27 goals and 5 assists, the two of them combining to account for 41 per cent of the team's goals. Goalie Farnsworth made 95 saves out of 149 chances. All in all the team did much

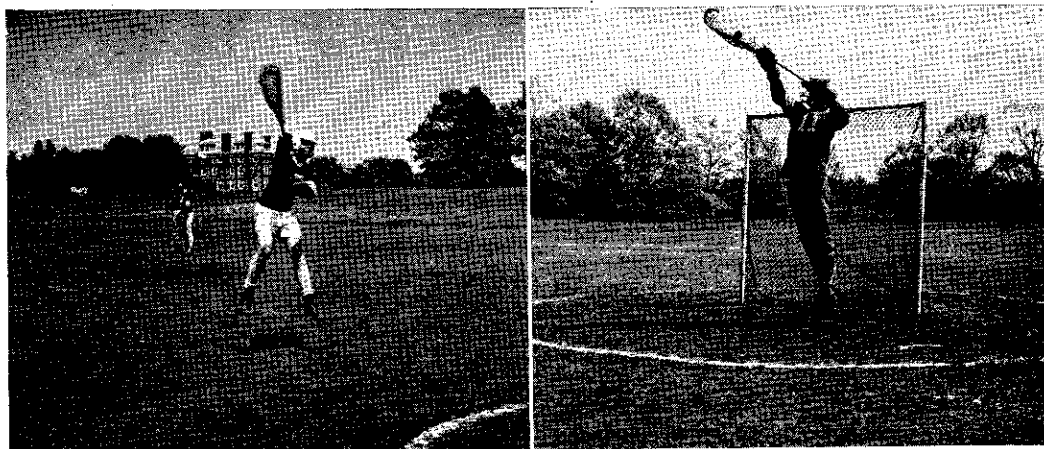
On April 28th we met an inexperienced M. I. T. Freshman team and easily worked our way to a 16-5 victory. All twenty-three members of the squad played as we took an early 11-2 halftime lead. Captain Shriver set the pace with six goals, along with Ostheimer (3), Agen (2), and Piper, Little, Bjork, Latta, and Shannon with one apiece.

On May 2nd we met Lawrence, our standing rival, whom we also vanquished, 20-7. The offensive machine rolled in high gear and at no time was this game a contest. Shriver flipped six shots into the net, and Ostheimer scored 4, Latta 2, Shannon 2, Carney 2, and Amos and Little one each.

On May 9th the team pushed on its winning streak as it crushed Tufts Freshmen 6-0. This game was sloppily played except for Farnsworth's efforts in the nets. Our scorers were Ostheimer, Latta, Piper, Carney, Shannon, and Agen.

On May 12th, before a dance week-end crowd, the lacrosse team showed off its best as it ran over Governor Dummer 17-4. Before the spectators were settled in their places, Jim Ostheimer won the face-off, picked up the ball, and scored. This led the parade of scorers as Ostheimer scored three more times along with Shriver (3), Agen (2), Little (2), and Bjork, Latta, Piper, Shannon, and Saxe one each.

The game of the season was on May 16th as we faced a strong Andover team. Captain Shriver opened the scoring halfway through the first period, and soon afterwards Carney tallied, putting us ahead 2-0. But going into the second half Andover rallied and put the game on even terms as they knotted the score 2-2. Two minutes into the fourth period Piper put us ahead 3-2 but shortly thereafter, Andover again tied the game. With six minutes to play Shriver came through once more and put in the winning goal, which was later supplemented by Piper's second. It was then only a matter of a few minutes of defensive play by Middlesex before a jubilant Red Team trooped into the gym with a 5-3 win.



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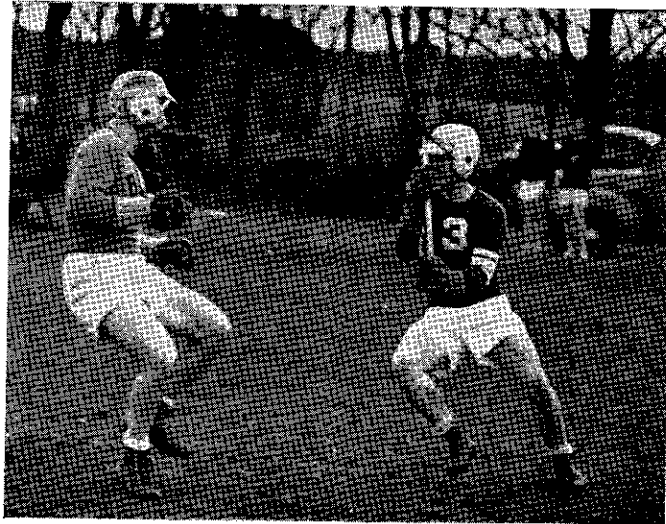
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better than expected and this certainly was a very successful season. The bulk of the credit should go to Mr. Hulburd's fine tutelage, which has made Middlesex a ranking power in New England lacrosse.

Those awarded minor letters and silver lacrosse sticks were Captain Shriver, Captain-elect Van Meter, R. Farnsworth, Latta, Little, Bjork, Carney, De Gunzburg, W. Dinsmore, Hines, A. Wells, Babson, Bourquin, Shannon, and Agen.



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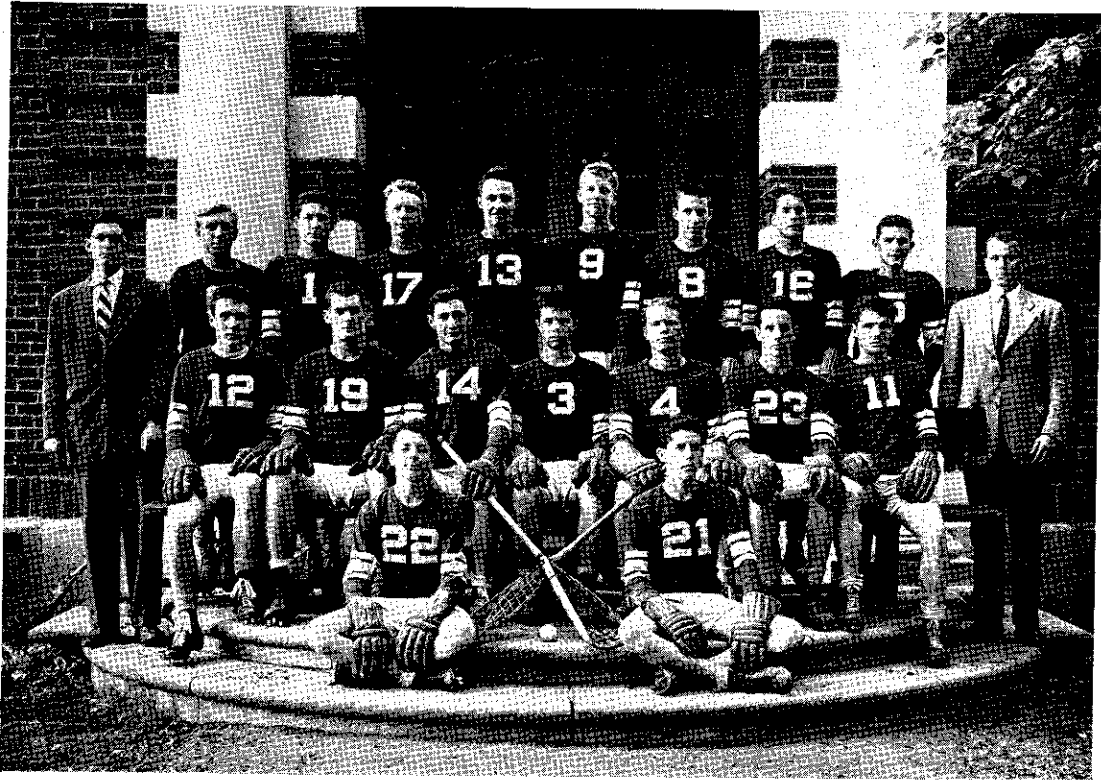
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Front Row: Bourquin (a.), Shannon (a.). *Second Row:* Carney (a., g.), Latta (m., d.), Van Meter (d.), Shriver (a.), Ostheimer (m.), De Gunzburg (d.), R. Farnsworth (g.). *Third Row:* Calder, Manager; W. Dinsmore (m.), A. Wells (m.), Bjork (m.), Babson (d.), Agen (a.), Little (m.), Piper (m.), Hines (d.), Mr. Hulburd.

This year's lacrosse team's chances for anything better than just a barely winning season appeared to be slim. The team of '50 that was ranked third among New England prep schools lost thirteen of its twenty-four members through graduation and didn't promise to leave much for the next year's team.

But on April 21st the red jerseys of Middlesex came through in the last two minutes of their opener against Boston Lacrosse Club 5-4. Ostheimer knotted the score in the last minutes and sent the game into a ten-minute overtime which we won. Shriver and Latta also got two goals.

Traveling to Cambridge on April 25th we met and conquered a highly regarded Harvard Freshman team 10-6. At the half, Middlesex held a 5-2 lead over its over-confident opponents, but when Harvard scored two quick goals in the third period to make the count 5-4, it seemed as if the spell had worn off. But we bounced back to win handily. The scorers were Agen (3), Shriver (2), Ostheimer (2), Wells, Carney, and Little one each.