



Crusader CONNECTION

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Letter From Brooklandwood

***Point. Cover Point. First Defense. Second Defense.
Out Home. In Home.***

Such were the lacrosse positions played by Crusaders in the spring of 1933, the first time they took on the Lakers of Boys' Latin (the Lakers, then known in the newspapers as the Latinists, won that first game, but after another BL win and a tie, the Crusaders would reel off 23 consecutive wins.) An intriguing feature of these early games: no off-sides rules, so players could roam anywhere on the field.

Howdy Myers. Ace Adams. George Mitchell. Jamie Andrew. Mitch Whiteley. Rick Brocato: These six Crusader lacrosse coaches—along with the shorter-tenured Gene Corrigan, Tommy Tongue '46 and Mike Rentko—are the faces of much of our revered St. Paul's lacrosse tradition. Amidst their achievements are a collective 45 victories since 1940 over Boys' Latin, with whom we enjoy one of the most storied rivalries in national high-school lacrosse.



That span includes those aforementioned 23 straight wins over the Lakers, a remarkable streak that ran from 1940 through 1962. And, in four championship contests against the Lakers, three wins against one loss:

- 1979: The Crusaders win amidst torrential rain, 9-8, after losing to the Lakers, 13-5, a week earlier.
- 1992: The tops-in-the-nation Crusader team finishes a 17-0 season with a 9-8 win over the

Lakers, a contest played in a driving rain at UMBC.

- 2010: The Crusaders avenge a regular-season, triple-overtime loss by thrashing the Lakers in the MIAA A-Conference championship game, 17-7, at Towson University. The Brooklandville boys score the first 9 goals of the second half to break a 5-5 halftime tie.
- 2014: The Crusaders fall to the top-ranked Lakers, 16-11, at Towson University.

Since 1933, when the two schools first faced off, Crusader-Laker lacrosse has evolved into a rivalry that both schools strive to keep fierce, friendly and fun. The Lakers lead the series, with 51 wins to 47 for the Crusaders (our 1934 game is recorded as a tie). St. Paul's has won 25 league titles to Boys' Latin's ten.

At 4:15 p.m. on May 16, 2017, the rivals will square off for the 100th time, on Tullai Field in Brooklandville. This centennial game is the last regular-season contest of Crusader Coach Rick Brocato's career, for he will retire as the St. Paul's varsity lacrosse coach after the season, his 17th as head coach and 26th on the coaching staff. Broc, as he is fondly known, will finish his career as the coach with the most wins in school history.

Crusader fans around the nation will, of course, be rooting hard for their boys to seize the Darrell-Ehrhardt Cup on May 16—kept by the winning school for the year—and ultimately bring home a 26th lacrosse championship to the bucolic hills of Brooklandville.

N.B.: In my last issue I wrote about long-time faculty member Farnham Warriner. [Click here](#) to listen to him teaching a class (with thanks to former Headmaster Jack Ordeman)



Voices from the Hill: Four Alumni to be Honored on May 5

The Alumni Association will kick off Blue Gold Reunion Weekend by honoring four alumni for their professional success and community service on Friday, May 5, at the Headmaster's Lunch: **Glenn Yarbrough '48 (posthumous)**, **Cliff Low '65**, **Derrell Bradford '92** and **Walter Hill '02**.

In addition, Lee Mueller will be inducted into the Association as an Honorary Alumnus, recognizing her many contributions and long service to St. Paul's.

[Click here to read their bios.](#)

See "Alumni Association News" below for the weekend schedule and links to event registration.

LAKER-CRUSADER CHALLENGE

#BEPARTOFIT

May 1 - 16

The St. Paul's vs. Boys' Latin Laker-Crusader Challenge

If St. Paul's receives 300 gifts during the Challenge, the Alumni Association will donate an additional \$50,000 to the School!



Alumni Association News

Save These Dates:

Thursday, May 4, 2017: Crusader Golf Outing (Elkridge Club, lunch 11:30 am followed by golf)—proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund

[Click here to register.](#)

May 5-6, 2017: Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend (campus), honoring classes ending in "2" and "7" —of special note:

- Alumni lacrosse game Saturday, May 6, 11 am on Tullai Field
- Alumni basketball game Saturday, May 6, 1:30 pm in Pollock Gym

[Click here to register for all events.](#)

The 46th annual Brooklandwood Bash/Bull Roast & Auction

raised \$100,000 for St. Paul's faculty and student programs. Congrats to co-chairs Josh Scheinker '92 and Will Gore '08 and their committee for their outstanding leadership on this event.

Nominations are being accepted for the Alumni Association board of directors and our Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominate deserving Crusaders on the [SP web site](#) or contact the alumni office.

Contact the alumni office if you're

Remembrance of Things Past

"Lacrosse at St. Paul's extends back to 1905, when Dr. Wyatt felt that the boys needed a more active outdoor sport to relax their minds and strengthen their bodies. He consulted Dr. Ronald F. Abercrombie, the school physician, and asked what sport he would recommend. He was very interested in a new game called 'The Stick.' It was not long before the boys were hiking from Franklin Street to Druid Hill Park daily, so that they might have a soft place to practice. The cobblestones of Franklin Street, although alright for football, were considered impractical for lacrosse." *The Monitor*, May 14, 1948

One St. Paul's choirboy possessed exceptional ability as a soloist: "He was Harry Percy Veazie, a youth who came to St. Paul's from New Jersey. During the early 1900s his fame spread from Baltimore throughout the East. He had the rare distinction of having his voice recorded by Columbia, leading producer of phonograph records, an honor usually reserved for opera singers." *Francis F. Beirne, "St. Paul's Parish: A Chronicle of the Mother Church* (1967), 132.

Trustee Minutes, April 12, 1976: "Mr. [Headmaster John T.] Ordeman reported that students of the St. Paul's Schools will participate next year in joint classes in major courses. Heretofore they have only attended

interested in hosting an alumni event in your area—we have the budget; we just need hosts and venues!

half credit and enrichment programs together."

Spring 1998: The Page, our school's student-run newspaper, garners "4 Marks of Distinction" in the All-American competition sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association.

Crusaders & Lakers to Face Off for the 100th Time

Tuesday, May 16, figures to be quite a day in Crusader lacrosse history: We'll take on the Lakers of Boys' Latin for the 100th time, and it's Coach Rick Brocato's final regular-season game. Let's mark this historic occasion by sending the alumni office your memories and reflections on this historic rivalry (or any aspect of the St. Paul's lacrosse tradition). Send us a photo or brief write-up of a memorable game, team, player, coach or season. Whether you played or cheered from the grandstand, we want to hear from you.



In Memoriam

Paul F. Wooden '04

Back Issues Beckon!

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