

the brotherhood

A challenging season gives players on the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team a chance to shine.

Strength through adversity was an unofficial theme of this year's Boys Varsity Lacrosse season. As with most school sports around the world, this team lost some crucial momentum when COVID shut down play in 2020. "These seniors," said **Assistant Coach Kerry Crotty**, "almost every one on the team missed a season." That kind of interruption could easily derail years of work, but the players returned for a rebuilding season in 2021, and roared back at full strength for 2022. They placed third in the GMC this year, and even celebrated **senior Alec Blessing** as GMC Player of the Year.

Blessing will take his talents to Cleveland State University next year, along with standouts **Ty Harris, 12**, and **Michael Davis, 12**, who will play for Wittenburg University and Thomas More University, respectively.

Though some early-season injuries to key players threatened their hard-won progress, others stepped up to fill leadership roles and carry the team through the season. Said Crotty: "It helped more guys feel the responsibility of supporting and helping the team. We didn't achieve what we wanted to, but they still came together as a group and grew together and made the most of it."

The result was "the brotherhood," the team's self-appointed nickname and rallying cry. Hardship and struggle brought out the best in these players, and they used it as a chance to support one another and to represent the Sycamore community with grit, spirit, and honor.

