



Scoop it up! **Andrew Schwartz, 11**, gets low to scoop up a ground ball while his teammates cheer him on from the sidelines.

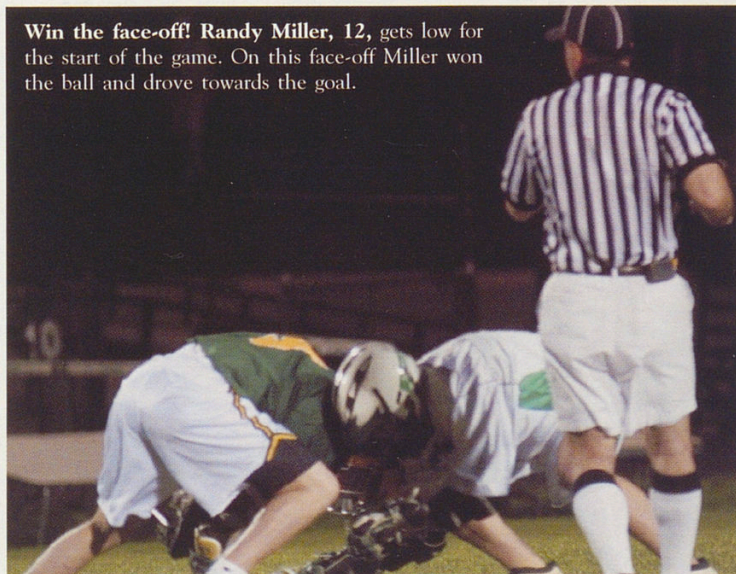
THINK YOUR TOUGH ENOUGH TO HANDLE EXTREME SPORTS?

Think about trying to run and balance a ball while taking hits from other, big guys. This... is lacrosse. A mix of hockey and football, these boys train all year and

work their butts off during the season to get recognized as a new up-and-coming sport. To get the team bonding, on February 22 from 10 PM to 6 AM the team was locked in the high school for an over-nighter. They had a three on three basketball tournament going, which, as always, the coaches won. There was also a kick off dinner March 20 for the players and their parents to prepare for an exhilarating season.

The team played at least 20 games, and with that hectic schedule they barely had time off. Their typical practice ran from about 3:45 to 6 at night. However, when there was time off, they all agreed it was nice to relax.

"In my off time from lacrosse, I like to hang out with my friends and my girlfriend and just relax a bit. Everyone needs a little down time here and there, but for the most part the time put into lacrosse is worth it," said **Tom Booms, 12**.



Win the face-off! **Randy Miller, 12**, gets low for the start of the game. On this face-off Miller won the ball and drove towards the goal.

Speed, strength, stamina, stability

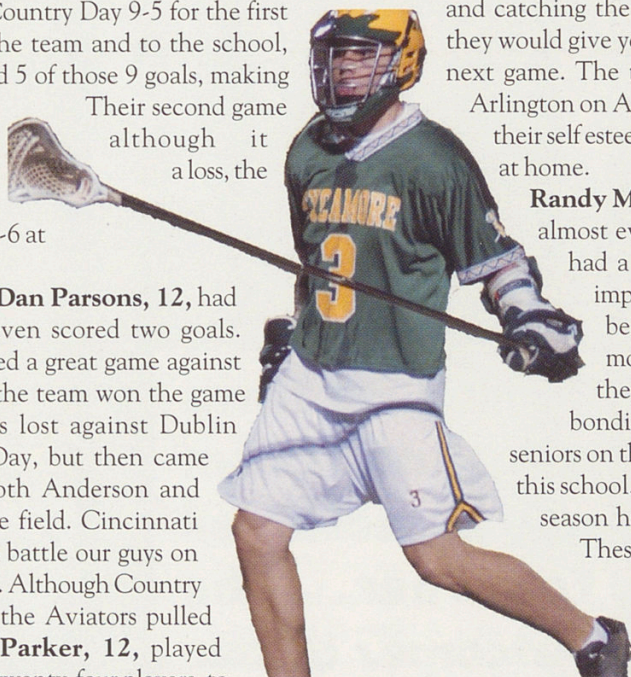
The players that model it

By Mandy Hauser

The Aves beat Summit Country Day 9-5 for the first away game. New to both the team and to the school, **George Wright, 10**, scored 5 of those 9 goals, making him the talk of all the fans.

Their second game was away at Mariemont and although it counted on their record as a loss, the team came back from losing 6-1 at halftime, to 7-6 at the end.

Despite the pouring rain, **Dan Parsons, 12**, had some amazing plays and even scored two goals. **Mike Robinson, 12**, played a great game against St. X from Louisville, and the team won the game by eight points. The boys lost against Dublin Kaufman on April Fools Day, but then came back with wins against both Anderson and Wilmington on their home field. Cincinnati Country Day showed up to battle our guys on April 8th at the Junior High. Although Country Day put up a tough fight, the Aviators pulled out the win 9-11. **Chris Parker, 12**, played goalie. Having a team with twenty-four players, to get a good amount of playing time, it was key to be focused



and catching the attention of the coaches while at practice so they would give you the opportunity to show off your skills at the next game. The team traveled up to Columbus to play Upper Arlington on April 11th, and suffered a tough loss, but regained their self esteem the next night when they played Wilmington at home.

Randy Miller, 12, played one of his best games, winning almost every face-off that he did, scored twice and also had a couple of assists. Overall, this season was an impressive one raked in by the team. Varsity lacrosse beat many teams they were striving to beat, but more importantly they had fun with the games that they played, the bus rides, the practices, the team bonding events, and just hanging out. There were ten seniors on this team, making it, for them, their last season at this school. This was a great way to end their reign and this season has been one of the best in our school's history. These boys will be remembered and emulated.

Callin' for the ball! Wide open, **Danny Holian, 12**, waits for a pass from a teammate. Holian played defense for the Aves, and used one of the longer poles.

"I've been playing on varsity since I was a sophomore. Senior year has definitely been the most fun. I'm glad my last season went so well,"

Randy Miller, 12

