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Longo tends to victory for SWR

Goalie settles down to make key saves; Lustgarten scores 2

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Nick Longo's demeanor changed when he went between the pipes for his first start in goal.

In the morning, the goalie said a case of the nerves was making him sick to his stomach as he thought about Shoreham-Wading River's opening game.

Then it came time to play.

"Once I stepped on the field I was ready to play," the junior said. "Nothing bothered me. It was just about the game."

While his teammates showed some jitters in the opener, according to coach Tom Rotanz, Longo made 16 saves, including five stops in the fourth quarter for the defending Class C state champions.

His effort helped Shoreham to a 6-3 win over Mount Sinai in Suffolk Division II lacrosse.

Three of his saves in the fourth came on one play. Longo made a stick save, and secured the final rebound.

"I just put my stick up and just ran behind the net," Longo said.

He then sent an outlet that eventually led to Nick Guiffrida scoring on Joey Lustgarten's second assist to provide the final margin with 4:21 left.

"For the first game it was good our goalie didn't have the jitters," Rotanz said.

Shoreham (1-0) grabbed a 5-2 lead on Mike Perdie's goal on a pass from Nik Mullen with 6:43 left in the third. Mount Sinai (1-1) made it 5-3 on Mike Chapman's second goal a little over a minute later.

Lustgarten added two goals and Kyle Sopko had a goal and an assist.