

# Lustgarden, Perdie lead SWR's boys lacrosse win

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There hasn't been a team able to withstand the offensive output of Shoreham-Wading River in boys lacrosse and Saturday was no different as the visiting Wildcats defeated Farmingdale, 17-10, in a non-league game at Allen Park.

After a high-scoring first quarter in which both teams scored five goals, Shoreham-Wading River (5-0) started to pull ahead in the second largely due in part to its superior passing. The Wildcats are one of the best passing teams on Long Island and their unselfishness paid off.

Following a goal from Farmingdale's Joe Celano, which tied the score at 6 with 9:20 left in the second quarter, the Wildcats ended the quarter on a 3-0 run. Conor Drost scored his only two goals in the final 4:25 as Shoreham-Wading River took a 9-6 lead into the half.

"When the score was 5-5," Wildcats coach Tom Rotanz said. "I said to my team that we needed to start playing Shoreham-Wading River lacrosse."

You could say the Wildcats took their opponents' best punch in the first half before delivering a decisive knockout in the third quarter. Mike Perdie scored two quick goals and Joey Lustgarden followed with a goal as Shoreham-Wading River took a commanding 12-6 lead with 8:46 left to play.

Sal Tuttle ended Farmingdale's scoring drought when he scored a goal with 5:53 left. Even though Shoreham-Wading River was firmly in control, Farmingdale (6-3) kept plugging away. Celano scored three goals and Tuttle had two goals.

But Lustgarden and Perdie were the two biggest names on the day. When Farmingdale scored two straight goals in the fourth and cut the lead to 14-10 with 9:24 to go, Lustgarden (six goals) and Perdie (five goals) added the finishing touches by scoring their final goals in the last 2:32.

A modest Lustgarden refused to take any credit for his performance. Instead he gave all the praise to his teammate. "Mike works so hard on the field," he said. "He just has the greatest motor on the team."

Farmingdale coach Bob Hartranft said before the game that his team was facing a big test and if you were grading his squad, you would have to give his team an A. When the Dalers fell down by six goals, they could have easily packed it in.

"We knew coming in that Farmingdale was a great program," Rotanz said. "Bob Hartranft has been a great coach for a long time, he's basically a legend. This is a big win for us."