



# WILTON LACROSSE



## This Week in Wilton Lacrosse – April 24, 2017

The first full week of lacrosse got off to fast start with both the girls and boys varsity teams playing 3 games last week, both going 2-1. The girls lost a tough one to New Canaan 15-11 in a furious 2<sup>nd</sup> half comeback by the Rams. The boys had a very nice come-from-behind victory over Ridgefield last Wednesday but then suffered a 11-4 setback to Darien on Saturday night. Since it was Boys Youth night there was a big crowd at Memorial Stadium and everyone was treated to an exciting game and some great food/drink at the concession stand (maybe the highlight for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders??). JV girls continued their undefeated season with 2 victories. The girls varsity returns to action on Saturday night with a game versus St. Joe's and the boys have a tough battle with John Jay on Friday night.

One of the highlights of the Saturday night activities was the high participation from both the Darien and Wilton sidelines to a fund raising effort for a Fairfield Ludlowe ice hockey player. You can see more details here, <http://www.fcicac.net/711099/711099/>, but Charlie Capalbo, the Fairfield senior goalie, was diagnosed with inoperable non-Hodgkins lymphoma shortly after the hockey season. The Fairfield Ludlowe lacrosse team decided to hold a fundrasier at last Saturday's game with Greenwich. In solidarity with the Ludlowe team, the WLA and the Darien Lacrosse association jointly agreed to also raise money at their Saturday game. I'm happy to say we collected \$714 in donations between both sets of stands which will be plussed up by both organizations to be able to deliver a joint donation of over \$1,000. This is an outstanding example of the lacrosse community coming together for a good cause. Thank you to all who donated.

The other big event of the week, the Boys Jamboree, came off without a hitch. Prayers to the weather gods were answered as a beautiful day unfolded out on the many fields in use for the jamboree. There was spirited play across the board and many lacrosse related activities to take in. Another great demonstration of the great Wilton Lacrosse program. Mike Corry, Frank Shipman and Tony Vallance all did a great job bringing this event home and leading a huge group of volunteers who made it all happen. Thank you!!!

The youth seasons are now in full swing and everytime I go by the fields, they are full. The new US Lacrosse initiative to have the younger grades play 7v7 has changed the look of the fields a bit. There are more goals out there but when there is a game it is easy to see the effects as there are more players engaged and touching the ball and less standing on the sidelines. All great for development and fun.

Believe it or not the college seasons are winding down with many leagues having their final regular season games this weekend to determine seeding for post-season league tournaments. Tonight there is the battle for Rhode Island between Bryant/Brown which you can catch online if you don't want to drive to Providence. For those of you who want to have lacrosse take over your weekend you can sit on your couch watching lacrosse from 12 noon to 9pm on Saturday if desired. And don't forget about our Twitter feed for Wilton Lax that has scores/news from the high school teams (as people report them) as well as news from our alumni who are playing in college.

**Schedule for Week of April 24th**

<b>Girls Varsity</b>	Saturday 4/29	Away	St. Joseph	12:00pm
<b>Girls JV</b>	Saturday 4/29	Away	St. Joseph	1:30pm
<b>Girls Freshmen</b>	Wednesday 4/26	Home	New Canaan	4:00pm
	Friday 4/28	Away	Norwalk	4:30pm
<b>Boys Varsity</b>	Tuesday 4/25	Away	Westhill	5:30pm
	Friday 4/28	Away	John Jay	7:00pm
	Saturday 4/29	Home	Trinity Catholic	4:00pm
<b>Boys JV</b>	Tuesday 4/25	Away	Westhill	4:30pm
	Friday 4/28	Away	John Jay	4:30pm
<b>Boys Freshmen</b>	Wednesday 4/26	Away	New Canaan	4:00pm

Have a great week and come out and support all our high school and youth teams. Concession stand will be open at all boys varsity home games!