

Curley's lacrosse team looks strong again in '08

The Archbishop Curley High School, Baltimore, Friars enter the 2008 lacrosse season coming off a 2007 MIAA B Conference championship and an 18-1 overall record - the school's best.

Head Coach Josiah LaTona, in his ninth season, said that the Friars graduated 12 off of last year's championship team, but with another strong senior class in place, they hope to be an elite team in the B Conference again.

Curley will bolster its demanding regular season schedule with tough non-league contests with St. Francis (New York), Columbus St. Charles (Ohio), Orchard Park (New York) and Hampton (Pennsylvania).

On March 20, Curley opened its season at home against Key School, Annapolis. The Friars obliterated the Obezags 14-4 under gray skies, blustery winds and early spring-like conditions.

As the season gets underway, the Friars will return a number of key players, including senior attackman Brandon Capaletti (Villa Julie) with 30 goals and 15 assists in 2007; senior LSM Andrew Sellers (Mercyhurst); senior goalie Mike Lioi (Detroit Mercy); senior attackman Kevin Ruth with 15 goals and five assists; senior defenseman David Manik; senior defenseman Justin Gordon; senior midfielder Jeff Taylor; junior midfielder Pete Lee; and junior midfielder Eric Seglinski.

The Friars will also enjoy the strength and skills of several newcomers to the team: junior midfielder Cory Cooke, junior attackman Ben Kimbel, junior goalie Dylan Doyle, and sophomore defenseman Alex Kelly.

The Friars are poised for another run at the MIAA B Conference championship in May under the leadership of Coach LaTona and his assistants, Chris Ogle, Joe D'Adamo and Frank Romeo.