NDP senior leads spirit

When Kirkland Locey is on the lacrosse field, she loves looking for opportunities to pull some surprises.

"With lacrosse, there's so much freelancing you can do," explained the 17-year-old senior of Notre Dame Preparatory School. "Nothing is the same. You can make plays for attack and each time you go down toward the goal, there is something new that's happening. Every time you run defense, you are going to be covering a new girl."

The midfielder's creativity sets Locey apart, according to her coach, Mary Bartel.

"She has terrific speed and outstanding stick work," Bartel said. "Her positive attitude translates to a really wonderful atmosphere."

Locey, a parishioner of Church of the Nativity in Timonium and Immaculate Conception in Towson, is in her second year playing varsity lacrosse. Throughout her NDP tenure, she also played forward for the varsity soccer team.

In the first two lacrosse games this season, Locey has six goals. She will attend Syracuse University on a lacrosse scholarship in the fall.

Serving as president of the Athletic Association, Locey plays a big role in supporting the all-girls' school's annual Gym Meet – an annual competition of classes.

"One of my favorite things (about Gym Meet) is how we have a ton of fans come up to sports games and just start cheering as loud as they can," said Locey, a second-honors' student who volunteers for Habitat for Humanity through her school. "It just gets you so pumped up when you are on the field."