



## ***Press Release***

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### **Bainbridge, Lakeside girls win lacrosse semis, set-up title rematch**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. – Senior attack Lucy Schlessler connected for six goals and junior Mariah Walk scored five to rocket Bainbridge to a 21 – 6 defeat of Mercer Island on Thursday in the Girls Varsity A state semi-finals at Bainbridge Island High School. The win propels the Spartans into the Girls Varsity A championship on Saturday for a state title rematch with Lakeside, which won their semi-final with Forest Ridge 17 – 9.

Walk opened a four-goal Bainbridge run at 23:10 of the first half for the first of her five goals. Mercer Island finally got on the board at 15:39 as Victoria Bachman found the net, but the Islanders never really challenged for the lead.

With the Spartans emerging from the half with a comfortable 9 – 2 advantage, Walk again sparked her team, this time with back-to-back goals less than a minute apart to open second half scoring. The goals ignited a seven goal run for the Spartans as they charged through the game and into Saturday's state championship at Seattle Center's Memorial Stadium.

In the win, the Spartans fired a total of 38 shots on Islander goalkeeper Jessica Swarts who had 17 saves.

In the other state semi-final matchup Lakeside, which defeated Bainbridge 10 – 6 in the 2007 state title, downed Forest Ridge 17 – 9 to set up the rematch.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Washington State Lacrosse High School State Championships are set to take place Saturday, May 17 at Seattle Center's Memorial Stadium. The Boys Division I title game with Issaquah taking on Bainbridge gets underway at 1 p.m., while the Girls Varsity A title game with Bainbridge taking on Lakeside gets underway at 6:30 p.m. The Boys Division II matchup features Northshore vs. Seattle Prep at 10:30 a.m. and the Girls Varsity B matchup includes Bellevue vs. Snohomish at 4:30 p.m.

The all-day state championship event for boys and girls high school teams gets underway at 9 a.m. and continues until 8 p.m.

In the 2007 Washington State Lacrosse High School Championships, Bainbridge defeated Mercer Island 9 – 7 for their 11<sup>th</sup> state title. In Boys Division II, Tacoma defeated Puyallup 13 – 7 for their first state title. In Girls Varsity A, Lakeside defeated Bainbridge 10 – 6 for their second consecutive and fifth all-time state title. In Girls Varsity B, Tacoma defeated Lakeside 18 – 10 for their first state title. Tacoma now plays in Girls Varsity A.

For more information on boys and girls high school lacrosse in Washington state and a complete archive of weekly news releases please visit <http://www.uslax-wa.org/08media.html>

**2008 State Semi-Final Results (Thursday, May 15)**

## Scoring

### Girls Varsity A (SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS)

Mercer Island 2 4 -- 6  
Bainbridge 9 12 -- 21

Mercer Island: Caroline Mahony (2 goals), Erin Gibson (2 goals), Victory Bachman (1 goal), Laura Maruhashi (1 goal).

Bainbridge: Lucy Schlessner (6 goals), Mariah Walk (5 goals, 4 assists), Natalie Evans (5 goals, 1 assist), Sydney Whitaker (3 goals, 1 assist), Sally Baumgartner (1 goal, 4 assists), Sarah Shea (1 goal).

Lakeside 7 10 -- 17  
Forest Ridge 6 3 -- 9

Lakeside: Morgan Merriman (5 goals, 2 assist), Arianna Vokos (3 goals), Brett Eisenhart (2 goals, 4 assists), Lauren McAndrews (2 goals, 1 assist), Sadie Mackay (1 goal, 1 assist).

Forest Ridge: Nisa Orozco-McCormick (5 goals, 1 assist), Annie Saunders (2 goals).

### About High School Lacrosse in Washington State

Over 2,100 high school students representing 71 boys and 38 girls teams play lacrosse in Washington state during a 10-week regular season March - May, with the Washington State High School Championships taking place in late May. Varsity boys lacrosse is contested in the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association with 14 Division I and 24 Division II teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Varsity girls lacrosse is contested in the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association with 10 Varsity A and 14 Varsity B teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Lacrosse is considered the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with the sport among the fastest growing in Washington state. For more information visit <http://www.uslax-wa.org/08media.html> or the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association at [www.WHSBLA.org](http://www.WHSBLA.org) and the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association at [www.WSLAX.org](http://www.WSLAX.org).

### 2008 State Tournament Brackets

Boys Div. I <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16875>  
Boys Div. II <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16876>  
Girls Varsity A <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16970>  
Girls Varsity B <http://www.sportability.com/spx/Leagues/Playoffs.asp?LgID=16969>

### Upcoming Games

#### Saturday, May 17

#### 30th Washington State Lacrosse High School Championships – Seattle Center Memorial Stadium

Boys Youth Honor the Game Match	9:00 a.m.
Boys Division II Championship (Northshore vs. Seattle Prep)	10:30 a.m.
Boys All State and All American Awards	12:15 p.m.
Boys Division I Championship (Issaquah vs. Bainbridge)	1:00 p.m.
Girls Youth Games	3:00 p.m.
Girls Varsity B Championship (Bellevue vs. Snohomish)	4:30 p.m.
Girls All State and All American Awards	6:15 p.m.
Girls Varsity A Championship (Bainbridge vs. Lakeside)	6:30 p.m.

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