

## TOADS SOAR OVER RAMS IN BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE OVERTIME THRILLER

Senior middle Casey Wyman scored a dramatic goal in the last minute of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter to tie the game and attackman Will Waste scored the game-winning goal 25 seconds into overtime to give the Thacher School a thrilling, 11-10 come-from-behind victory over the Cate School in a CIF-Southern Section Condor League game Wednesday.

Waste, who finished with a game-high six points on five goals and one assist, scored with a low shot on the run from about 15 yards into the bottom right corner to give the Toads (9-2, 6-0 Condor League) their second straight outright Condor League title. Thacher has gone unbeaten in league play over the last two seasons and has won 15 straight conference games, a streak that dates back to the 2008 season. More importantly, Thacher extended its winning streak over Cate to four games.

“Without any playoff implications, this was our chance to prove ourselves,” Thacher head coach Cam Spaulding said. “We’re lucky to have a great rival to play this game against. Cate came and played a great game today.”



In the 89<sup>th</sup> meeting between California’s oldest rivals, senior middle Casey Wyman added three points on two goals and an assist and picked up 15 ground balls, and senior middle Cole Ryder had three points on a goal and two assists and grabbed 14 ground balls for Thacher.

Junior attackman Will Callan finished with a goal and an assist, and senior middle Tim Reed and sophomore attackman Matt Wyckoff each scored once to round out the Toads’ offense.

In the cage, freshman goalie Grady Jacobsen saved 12 shots, including five in the fourth quarter. “Their goalie was sick in the last few minutes,” Cate head coach Steve O’Neill said. “We had three really good looks, and he stopped us.” In defeat, senior attackman Mackie Greason had a team-high five points on three goals and two assists for Cate (6-7, 5-2).

In a rivalry that dates back to 1967, the game was tied, 3-3, at the end of the first quarter, Thacher led 7-5 at halftime and Cate came back to take a 9-8 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The game was tied, 9-9, late in the fourth when Greason scored to put the Rams ahead, 10-9. But Wyman answered just 18 seconds later with less than a minute in regulation to draw Thacher level, and Waste wasted little time in overtime to give the Toads a win in both teams’ season finale.

“It is always our rivalry against Cate which raises our level of play,” Spaulding said. “The seniors brought their leadership to today’s victory. It was a senior-led win for us.” Senior Tri-Captains Ryder, Waste, and Wyman were all smiles.