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## Prep don't stop believin'

### Dobyns scores three in Little Hoyas' defeat of Good Counsel

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Roughly 10 years ago, the Georgetown Prep lacrosse program ushered in new sentiment on a slab of sediment: Believe.

That one word, engraved on a rock, stayed on the sidelines through the Little Hoyas' championship runs of the early 21st century.

Now, after back-to-back losses, the Interstate Athletic Conference power brought back the past to turn around its future. The rock returned to the sideline, and consecutive wins have followed, including a 13-3 drubbing of Good Counsel on Saturday. Two days prior, Prep (8-2) ousted Delbarton (N.J.), by nine goals.

"We had to get this thing back on track," said attackman Fern Murias, who scored twice against the Falcons. "We were a little thrown by those losses, to be honest, so we had to break the rock out. And I mean, we played really well against Delbarton and we played really well today."

Superstition may have helped, but superior depth has made the difference after a, well, rocky week. After winning their first six games, the Little Hoyas fell to powerhouse St. Paul's (Baltimore County) in triple overtime, 9-8, then to the Collegiate School (Va.) three days later.

But their most recent matchup was never in doubt. Attackman Mike Pirone struck with a quick wrist shot one minute into the game, igniting an avalanche of scoring. Junior Cory Dobyns notched a hat trick in the first half, while Murias, senior Bobby Gribbin and long pole Vince Strittmatter added one goal each.

Even with reserves in for most of the second half, Prep scored six straight times, including Pirone's second of the game. For the Falcons (4-3), midfielder Sean Cummins scored twice and sophomore linemate Luke Poulos added a late tally.

"We don't like to look past anyone," said Pirone. "It was a big game. We've got some big games coming up and we're believing, just like the rock says."

League play begins Tuesday for the Little Hoyas, with a trip to undefeated St. Stephen's/St. Agnes.

"We're going to win out," said Murias.