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Team of the Week: Girls' Varsity Field Hockey

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score some important goals for our team.” In the back, Briana Ehret '12 has been a key defender in all the games, saving the team many from goals.

This year, the Varsity Field Hockey team has been performing better than ever, with a current record of 14 wins and 3 losses. In the past 17 games, Co-Captains Nikki Rivera '12 and Eliza Becker '12 have both been instrumental in leading the team to its many victories. All of the girls have displayed great enthusiasm and dedication in all the games. In particular, veteran players Megan McLaughlin '12 and Sarah Culhane '13 have been playing extremely well. According to Rivera, “They both have been using speed and great stick skills to beat defenders and

Joining the team this year are talented Second Formers Evie Bird '15 and Jane Kirby '15. Both have shown tremendous improvement since the beginning of the season, and have proven to be vital contributors to the team. “The addition of these two Second Formers makes up for the loss of some senior players last year. A couple of valuable players from last year's team graduated, but I do not think we allow ourselves to suffer from the losses. The players who were on the team last year and the players new to the team this year have really worked hard to make sure that we are just as successful as we were last year,” remarks Rivera. In fact, Rivera feels that this year's team has been playing even better than last year's. She accredits all of the wins this season to the sheer amount of team chemistry among the players.

Yet, among any great team there is inevitable room for improvement. Rivera notes that in the beginning of the season, the team would dominate the game but sometimes failed to score goals. Recently however, she claims that the team has drastically improved by working to incorporate every player to advancing the ball to the team's forwards and past the opponents' defenses. Rivera observes, “Our forwards have really improved and scored a lot in the last few games, but it hasn't just been individual effort. Our passing combinations from defense to mid-field to the forwards make our goals team accomplishments.” The whole team together has contributed to getting the team to score so many goals and win so many games.

Currently in the State Championship, Lawrenceville Field Hockey heads to finals on Sunday, November 6, against Peddie following the defeats of Hopewell Valley on October 31 and Hill on November 2. The heated rivalry between the two teams should make it a competitive match, indeed; Peddie and Lawrenceville tied last year for the championship, and will play yet again in the finals. Taking into consideration this year's improvement, Rivera has high expectations, and hopes to see Big Red will come out on top in the State Championship finals.

-Sammy Bhatia '15