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## Bears develop plenty of threats PAUL BATTERSON

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Senior midfielder Lindsay Godard of the **Upper Arlington** High School girls **lacrosse** team empathizes with teams trying to figure how to stop the Golden Bears.

If an opponent team tries to double-team one player, there usually are two or three others who can step up.

"Everyone is starting to realize that they are a threat," said Godard, who scored five goals in a 17-5 victory over Mason in the second round of the Division I tournament May 15. "Everyone is taking it to the cage. Everyone has found their game in the past couple of games."

The Golden Bears, were 18-2 overall before playing Thomas Worthington in a regional final last Wednesday and are using that diversity to average 15.1 goals a game. In the last four games, UA has outscored opponents 72-12.

Godard, a Penn signee, had the big game against Mason, but she is hardly the only threat. Caitlin Oberlin, Elizabeth Narwicz, Erin Junk, Nancy Baker, Adriane Ghidotti, Kelly Mason and Lauren Hanover also have had games in which they scored at least three goals.

"I'm really happy about the way our offense has developed. Any person can step up and have three goals," coach Lynda McCandlish said. "Midway through the season, it started coming together.

"Lindsay is definitely a really strong player. Because she had a lot of goals early in the season, teams started doubling her more. She still has great games but now everyone on our team can have great games as well."

UA had a 7-4 lead at the half against Mason but opened the second half with a 10-0 run before surrendering a goal in the last 30 seconds to the Comets.

"We came out really flat in the first half," McCandlish said. "We weren't playing our game at all and giving them opportunities. It's great that we can turn it like that but this game was a definitely a wakeup call. We know now that we have to come out and play like we did in the second half. As each game goes by in the tournament, it's going to get harder and harder to get that (burst)."

\*The boys team will enter the Division I state tournament after placing third in the MSLCA A bracket tournament last Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

After losing to Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Brother Rice 9-6 last Saturday, the Bears bounced back with an 11-7 victory over Worthington Kilbourne last Sunday. Adam Donahue led UA with three goals and Keith Olson and Eric Hanover had two.

"We really felt like we let one get away from us (against Rice), but I was pleased with the way we rose up (against Kilbourne) and played with focus and desire," said coach Ted Wolford, whose team is 15-3 overall. "It's really hard to do that. We knew we had a good game with Kilbourne (13-10 win April 30) and there's a chance we may see each other again in the tournament. When you're playing a cross-town rival like Kilbourne, it's a matter of pride for both teams and you have to be ready no matter."

Last Saturday's loss marked the second time this season UA has lost to Brother Rice, which was 18-0 after winning the A bracket. The Bears lost to the Warriors 14-13 on April 19. Over the past four years **Upper Arlington** is 64-7, with four of the losses to Brother Rice.

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"This tournament sets the tone for the rest of the year," senior defender Grant Oliver said. "It lets us know what we need to change and what we need to do better for the state tournament."

Oliver and long-stick midfielder Jon Van DeWerken were named first-team all-MSLCA. Donahue and Olson were second-team selections and Hanover, Alex Drake and Alex Benedick received honorable mention.

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