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## Girls Lacrosse

UA pulls away, wins state championship

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MEDINA -- The Upper Arlington High School girls lacrosse team scored the first five goals of the second half and beat Cincinnati Sycamore 14-8 in the Division I state final Saturday.

UA, which avenged a 9-7 loss to Sycamore from the state final last year, finished 21-2. The Aviators finished 19-2, with their other loss being to UA, 14-9, on May 3 to end a 34-game winning streak.

The Golden Bears earned their fourth state title since 2002.

"We knew it was going to be a rough game against Sycamore, but we wanted to take it to them," said midfielder Nancy Baker, one of seven Golden Bears to score. "We went at it whole-hearted and in the second half."

Attacker Lindsay Godard, who was named the tournament's Offensive Most Valuable Player, had four goals and three assists. Midfielder Kelly Mason had two goals and one assist, midfielder Caitlin Oberlin scored two goals and Baker, Erin Junk, Adriane Ghidotti and Lauren Hanover scored one goal.

For Sycamore, Emile Hunter and Lily Ricci scored three goals and Hannah Kelp and Danielle Ebstein scored one.

"We knew our potential all along," said first-year coach Lynda McCandlish, whose team won its last 11 after losing to New Trier (Ill.) 11-4 on April 19. "Everybody stepped up and everybody played together. It was awesome."

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