

SUN SCHOOLASTIC SPORTS

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Mfg. At Dumbarton

Factory Exports Stick Talent

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There's a lacrosse factory working seven days a week on the near north side of Baltimore county.

It's on the Dumbarton Junior High School field in Rodgers Forge, but it produces neither sticks, nor helmets, nor gloves, nor pads, nor shoes.

The commodity is lacrosse skill, drilled into youngsters from the second grade on.

Ten-Year Endeavor

Patterson, who moved to Kenwood High four years later, served as the salaried Baltimore county recreation leader under the Towson area council.

The factory was set up 10 years ago when John Patterson, physical education instructor at Dumbarton, assembled 15 boys for their first instruction in the Indian game.

Soon, other men, such as Fielding Lewis, Bill Duquette and Tom and Bart Nuttle, joined in the organizing and coaching.

Now, 265 boys turn out after school and at all hours on Saturdays and Sundays to scoop, shoot and check with surprising skill.

Organized Team Play

These lads, aged 9 through 15, are organized into 12 teams, one each in the Maryland Junior and Midset Leagues, and

the other ten in the Dumbarton intramural program, under the supervision of 24 adults. The program reached a milestone last year when some of its first participants graduated from college.

Six of them, representing five different schools, played in the North-South All-Star game—Steve Pfeiffer, Maryland; Marty Cain, Harvard; Pat Monaghan, Loyola; Rick Rider, Army, and

Geoff Berlin and Phil Kneip, stick to him and asked for in-struction. Lewis recalls Rider as an eighth grader, who brought a

It wasn't long after that that the players became good enough to seek outside competition. Fine Ten-Year Record Soon a team was entered in

the Maryland Junior (13-15 years) League, and in 1964 Dumbarton officials, looking for an outlet for their better 12-year-olds, helped organize the Maryland Midset League. Duquette now serves as secretary of both these leagues. The junior team has lost only six games in ten years. A fee of \$2 is charged the younger boys, with the older ones paying \$3. In addition, money is contributed by the Towson Optimist Club and by the C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Post of the American Legion.



List Of "Graduates"
The roster of Dumbarton program "grades" making their mark in lacrosse circles continues to grow. There are Greg Elliott, co-captain at Brown, and Randy Cooper, also at Brown; Jim Eustace, Virginia; Jim Doub, Cornell; Joe Nichols, Washington College; Dick George, Syracuse; Joe Schwanabeck, ex-Navy; Brian Utermahlen, ex-Army . . . and on, and on.

Most of those players, after starting at Dumbarton, got their intermediate lacrosse education at Towson High. Lewis made a check of all colleges playing lacrosse, and found that one in four listed a Dumbarton "grad." And still the factory finds them out.

Billy Ruppertsberger (left) starts his move past Randy Koerbe (center) and Greg Giblin in youngsters' game at Dumbarton