

# Grand Island, Akron capture Section VI boys lacrosse titles

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Grand Island boys lacrosse coach Ted Lee said he was a little bit nervous just before answering postgame questions for the first time on Thursday evening.

But he took the Gatorade shower in stride like a seasoned vet.

The Vikings had reason to celebrate after winning their first Section VI boys lacrosse title since 2000 with a 10-6 victory over West Seneca East in the Class C championship.

Akron (17-1) beat Eden (14-4) in the second game of the doubleheader at Williamsville North, 7-6, for the first-ever Class D crown. It was the fourth straight sectional title for the Tigers.

“I am at a loss for words,” Lee said. “I told my guys before the game, if you play four good quarters of lacrosse, we’ll be all set.”

Lee also offered some words of inspiration prior to the opening face-off.

“We had a fellow Viking pass away this year and he graduated in 2000, Pete Ragnar,” Lee said. “I told them before the game, ‘win one for him.’ He was the last one, in 2000, to win a sectional championship, so it worked out perfectly that 17 years later we won one for him, too.”

It took some time for the top-seeded Vikings (18-1) to find their groove on offense against No. 2 West Seneca East’s (14-5) stout zone defense, but their ball movement and transition game ultimately made the difference.

Colin Schmatz scored his first of two goals on the day to give the Trojans the first lead 1:30 in. Nick Anzalone got Grand Island on the board with 2:50 left in the first quarter, and Parker Morrow 1:05 later gave the Vikings the lead for good.

“Once we got to push transition a little bit and break their zone down a little bit — I mean, coach” Jimmy “Maisano runs a fantastic zone, and as you can tell by the score early on it was super close,” Lee said. “We were able to push transition a little bit, get some goals off that. But six-on-six he played phenomenally. I got to give him all the credit.”

Junior attack Tom Cecere, who finished with two goals and three assists, was the catalyst on offense. He set up the first two goals with assists, scored with 2.9 seconds left in the half to make the score 5-2 and scored another late goal in the third quarter with 6.6 seconds left to give the Vikings an 8-4 lead.

Cam Blair and Trevor Samplinski also added two goals for Grand Island.