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THURSDAY'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

## With balance up top, Franklin boys' lacrosse builds an early lead and cruises into Division 1 quarterfinals

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Following up a convincing first-round win over Methuen, the fourth-seeded Franklin boys' lacrosse team cruised to a 18-6 Division 1 second-round win against No. 13 Needham at home on Thursday night.

Franklin (19-1) relied heavily on senior Jayden Consigli (5 goals, 1 assist). The UMass Lowell commit netted three of the Panthers' first four goals as they opened a 4-0 lead.

“Going up by four is a tough position to come back from,” Franklin coach Lou Verrochi said. “Every aspect of our game was spot on today.”

After junior Spencer Chapman scored the Rockets' first goal at the 8-minute mark, the hosts continued to build on their lead, never letting Needham within three goals the rest of the way.

“With the talent of [Franklin], they make it impossible to come back when you go down,” Needham coach Dave Wainwright said. “They dominated every facet of the game, that's why we're going on the bus and they're moving on.”

Consigli was joined on the attack by seniors Luke Davis (3 goals, 4 assists) and Tyler Sacchetti (3 goals, assist).

“Having those two guys by my side makes things a lot easier for me,” Consigli said. “We made sure to clear through when someone had a matchup today.”

Senior captains Eric Aswad (2 goals) and Charlie Cohen (goal, assist) led the way for Neeham (16-4).

Franklin junior Matt Corvi made five saves over three quarters and thwarted away multiple good Rockets chances in the first quarter,

The Panthers host fifth-seeded Hingham (19-2) in the quarterfinals.

“Matching up against Hingham is going to depend on what defense shows up and what goalie has the better game.” Verrochi said.