

Lacrosse: Mustangs dominant in quarterfinal win

Dawson advances to Wednesday's semifinals

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After an outstanding offensive and defensive performance from Dawson School boys lacrosse on Friday night, the Mustangs steamrolled to a lopsided 21-6 victory over the visiting St. Mary's Pirates in the quarterfinals of the 4A playoffs.

From the start, the Mustangs dominated the pace of the game as they shared the offensive burden between nine scorers and suffocated St. Mary's offense until the last few minutes of the matchup.

"We're a pretty well-balanced offense, I think," head coach Peter Devlin said. "We have a lot of really selfless players on the team, and it's a little bit of a, 'pick your poison,' when all of our guys are clicking. So I think that a balanced attack is a real advantage for us."

Senior midfielder Wyatt Watts led the Mustangs with an excellent performance, netting six goals while adding an assist to the mix. Sophomore attacker Gavyn Pure also scored seven points, with four goals and three assists.

"I think the offense played really well as a whole and just the fact that we could ride really well and have it in the offense so much, I think that definitely gives a lot more players the opportunity to score," Watts said.

With the win, the Mustangs now improve to 16-1 overall with a 14-game winning streak. The Pirates fell to a final record of 12-5.

For just the first few minutes of the game, the Pirates managed to keep pace with the Mustangs after responding to sophomore midfielder Jack Sham's initial goal with a quick goal of their own.

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But after that, Dawson's offense went off on a tangent and its defense was relentless. Over the next 11 minutes, the Mustangs scored four more goals before St. Mary's was able to respond.

From there on out, it was the Mustangs show. By halftime, Dawson led 15-2.

Throughout the second half, the Mustangs took the pedal off the gas as they only netted six more goals in all. After switching goalies with seven minutes left in the game, they allowed three more St. Mary's goals to reach a final score of 21-6.

As Dawson moves into the semifinals, it will either play Cheyenne Mountain or Windsor on May 18.

"It gives us a lot of confidence, but we don't want to get complacent or anything like that, so we definitely need to

Devlin isn't too worried about the big win getting into his players' heads.

"I think they're a humble group, and I think that they are a pretty loose group," Devlin said. "We have a lot of full practice every day and they're confident, but I don't see them as overconfident in any way. They're happy to be a part of it and to still be playing right now."

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Dawson School 21, St. Mary's 6

At Dawson School

St. Mary's (12-5) 1 1 1 3 — 6

Dawson School (16-1) 5 10 4 2 — 21

Goals — St. Mary's: Wes Moran 3, Kyler Kasten 2, Drew Chesire; Dawson School: Wyatt Watts 6, Gavyn Pure 4, Jesse Rosenblatt 3, Mac Zee 2, Ernie Quintana 2, Jack Shams, Nick Timpe, Kyle Sudol, Hunter Watts.

Assists — Dawson School: Gavyn Pure 3, Jack Shams, Wyatt Watts, Jesse Rosenblatt, Hunter Watts, Cash Vandiver.

Goalies (Min-Goals allowed-Saves) — St. Mary's: Dylan Tait (48 - 14 - 21); Dawson School: Chad Dunnell (40:51 - 5), Colin Petersen (7:08 - 3 - 0).