

## Notre Dame duo reaches 100 points

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A pair of Dragons are breathing fire on the lacrosse field at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg this spring.

Junior Devin Pinkston and sophomore David Miller have each become members of the 100-point scoring club. For one player to score 100 points (goals and assists combined) in a season is quite a feat, but for two players on the same squad to reach the feat is remarkable.

Pinkston has scored 123 points (58 goals, 65 assists) and Miller has racked up 111 points (79 goals, 32 assists) through the Dragons' first 29 games.

"Having one big offensive threat is a privilege any coach cherishes, having multiple is a dream come true," Notre Dame boys' lacrosse coach Rob Horne said. "We have been blessed with an offensive unit that is really playing strong together, and David and Devin are a big part of that success."

Notre Dame (22-7) earned the top seed for the Virginia Independent Schools Division II lacrosse tournament, which culminates May 20 with the championship game at Christopher Newport University.



The Dragons have set many firsts this season, including being ranked No. 1 in the VISAA, eclipsing 20 wins in a season, going undefeated in home games and earning Horne his 100th victory as a varsity coach.

"This year has been a lot of fun. Our team has really come together, the defense has been great all year, our goalie, Stephen Ide, has been unbelievable and my offensive teammates have all been awesome," Pinkston said.

"Coach Horne has worked really hard with us all year to help us reach our potential. Hopefully, we can win a championship for him and the school."

Pinkston, a 5-foot-5-inch, 140-pound attackman, and Miller a 6-foot-3-inch, 180-pound midfielder, are friends off the field and complement each other on the field.

"David is a great player," Pinkston said. "He can do anything, face-offs, ground balls, defense, and he has a great shot. I really enjoy playing with him because we can always count on him to give us what we need to be successful. He is so reliable when it comes to finishing, it gives me confidence to feed him at any time."

While this duo is currently focused on winning a state championship, Pinkston and Miller plan to play together this summer for the NoVa West Crusaders, a club team that plays in many college showcase tournaments.

"Playing alongside of Devin has made me a better lacrosse player," Miller said. "His field vision is

unparalleled by many other attackmen in the area, and I know he and I will continue to complement each other well.”

Coach Horne describes the players as very strong team players who play unselfishly. They are both captains on this year’s team.

“Devin is a shifty attackman with great vision and ankle-breaking quickness,” Horne said. “With his vision and passing ability, Devin is a truly unselfish player, which will help him to become successful at the collegiate level.

“David is your prototypical midfielder, good size, great speed, powerful and possesses a great feel for the game,” Horne added. “Although only a sophomore, David has an incredibly bright future at Notre Dame Academy and beyond.”

The Dragons hosted a quarterfinal round game in the state playoffs Tuesday night. A victory would move them into the semifinals, where they would host another game Thursday at 4 p.m. The state championship game is set for Saturday at noon in Newport News.

“This year’s team has put in a lot of work since the first day of school, and our regular season record is a good indication of all the hard work,” Miller said. “The coaching staff has not only taught us the game of lacrosse, but they have helped the team stay mentally focused throughout our long, rigorous season.”

The Dragons are hopeful the hard work and focus pay off this week with three more wins and a state championship trophy.