

LACROSSE DUO SPLIT BY DEATH



Pictured above are Hank Ford (top) and Al Costinuke (bottom), star members of the famous front line of the Chester Comets in the Box Lacrosse League here last summer. Costinuke's death over the week-end at Lexington, Va., ends this sparkling combination, who, with Gary White, formed the finest forward wall in the exciting box lacrosse sport. Al, a Chester High honor graduate, died a few hours after his Swarthmore College lacrosse team had scored an important victory over Washington and Lee. He was also a member of the Garnet football squad.

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The shot and shell still roars in meaningless fury overseas with such manliness as Hitler holding power, and and millions more valuable than human life. Far removed from this bitterness, strife and selfish murder, we live in a country that believes in important things, most valued of which are the life and love of the individual.

So it is today that we pause in the rush of sports gossip to pay tribute to one of our best-liked young athletes, who stepped out of the worries and struggles of this world at the bridling age of 20 when cars are the focus and hope the strongest.

Al Costinuke, Swarthmore College athlete and honor student, died suddenly on Saturday night, following a very important collegiate victory for the Garnet over the Washington and Lee lacrosse team at Lexington, Va. Al was a Chester High boy who loved athletics and gained an opportunity to compete as a college regular through the medium of a scholarship won by the brilliancy of his mind.

The dashing little scoring star of the Garnet lac was well liked by his teammates and fellow-students at Swarthmore, and his death was a severe shock to them as well as to his many friends and acquaintances in this city.

The deceased youngster was an active participant in the well-known local box lacrosse league. He played center on Marshall Gatchell's Chester Comets.

Marshall said today: "The news about Al was a distinct shock to me and to other members of the box lacrosse league. Al formed the outstanding front line of the league, teaming with Hank Ford, Shusley Junior High teacher and Swarthmore College frosh coach, and Gary White, last year's All-American lacrosse star from Swarthmore.

No player practiced more diligently or enthusiastically than Costinuke, and he was a sportsman from start to finish. He gave his best in a game that is fast, rough and dangerous to temper, and he played in only the style he knew, clean, hard and victory-minded."