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Brunswick goalie Jackson Mills, left, knocks the ball away from the goal as Tuscarora's Jodan Le, right, and Brunswick's Colton Gdowski watch in the first quarter Wednesday at Brunswick High School.

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Brunswick's Luke Williams, left, congratulates Logan Kisselbach after one of Kisselbach's goals in the second quarter of Wednesday's game against Tuscarora at Brunswick High School.

Following sophomore Kisselbach's lead, freshman-filled Brunswick beats Titans

■ Brunswick 17, Tuscarora 5

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BRUNSWICK — There may be no younger boys lacrosse team in Frederick County than Brunswick.

The Roaders' average age is 15½ years old. Ten of their 21 varsity players are freshmen. Sophomore midfielder Logan Kisselbach is the most experienced voice among his teammates and coaches.

It's the sign of a rebuilding program, one that reeled last season after two alleged sexual assaults led to the arrests of five players and two lawsuits filed against several school officials.

"We're young, but we're learning. It's gonna be a tough run," Roaders interim head coach David Spiezio said af-

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ter their 17-5 home win over Tuscarora on Wednesday. "We were on the other end of this yesterday."

Spiezio stepped in to temporarily lead the squad as a "Plan B," he said, with no lacrosse background but an extensive history in Brunswick athletics.

He often uses Kisselbach as a guide.

"He knows more lacrosse than I've ever watched," Spiezio said. "I lean on him a lot in practice. If he comes up with a suggestion, we talk it out, and

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we probably go with his suggestion.”

Kisselbach is a team captain and one of the few hold-overs from the 2025 squad.

He’s been asked to serve as a mentor to those older and younger than him who hardly played lacrosse before this season. Slowly but surely, he’s finding ways to accentuate his teammates’ strengths.

“One thing I’ve been trying to do is facilitate behind the crease, get my guys to cut and pass it to them because the more I can get them involved, the more they’re confident with their stick,” Kisselbach said.

The Roaders (1-2) looked much better in that regard Wednesday night, working the ball more efficiently and freely around the cage.

It led to their first win of the season, powered by Kisselbach’s seven first-half goals and junior attack Kevin Martinez’s hat trick. Junior midfielder Luke Williams and freshman midfielder Daniel Ruiz Melendez each scored twice, while junior midfielder Cole Hoffman, sophomore long-stick midfielder Brenton Johnson and senior midfielder Colby Moore had

one goal apiece.

It’s a small step for Brunswick in returning the program to relevancy.

“This is kind of a rebuilding year,” Kisselbach said. “We can build them up this year, and the next few years will be great.”

It’s a rebuild for Tuscarora, too, which did not field a varsity program in 2025.

The Titans (0-2) are getting themselves re-oriented with few players picking up a lacrosse stick prior to this season. The team’s numbers initially looked scarce but rose to 27 players by their opener last Friday against Thomas Johnson. Tuscarora head coach Donovan Pannell said all of his players received pads and equipment at no cost to them, helping to break much of the cost barrier.

On Wednesday, Aidan Foundas and Adrian Kabiritsi each scored twice, while Daniel McNamara added a goal.

“It’s hard to watch the team kind of fall on tough times from the sideline and from the stands,” Pannell said. “It’s an opportunity to bring some life back into a program that desperately needed it.”