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Wayne Valley's Brian Seldeen was first-team All-Passaic in soccer, hockey and his first love, lacrosse.

Man of many uniforms

Wayne Valley's Seldeen excelled in 3 sports

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NORTH HALEDON – Pick a sport, any sport. If Brian Seldeen was in uniform, it meant he was one of the best players on the field.

The Wayne Valley senior was the top defender for the boys soccer team that posted six shutouts last fall. He was named to the All-Passaic first team.

When soccer season was over, Seldeen laced up his skates and was a defenseman for the Indians' hockey team. He scored five goals and added 17 assists, proving to be dangerous at both ends of the rink. He was named to the All-Passaic first team.

After hockey season, Seldeen moved on to lacrosse. He showed himself more than capable on the offensive end, finishing among the County leaders in goals and assists. It shouldn't come as a surprise that he was a member of the All-Passaic first team.

Seldeen received one final hon-

or Thursday night, when he was named the 2008-09 Male Student-Athlete of the Year at the 36th Passaic All-County boys awards dinner.

The award is presented by the Passaic County Coaches Association to the student-athlete who excels in competition, academics and sportsmanship. West Milford wrestler Will Weaver and Lakeland quarterback Dan Deighan were the other two finalists.

"It was a mixture of relief and happiness," Seldeen said. "It's a great way to end my high school career. It's just tremendous. Hearing my name called is one of my greatest accomplishments in my whole high school career."

Seldeen will play just one sport, lacrosse, when he attends Stevens Tech in the fall. He plans to major in business and technology. Seldeen won't entirely give up the other two sports he plays. He plans to play hockey in a recreation league.

Deighan, who spent his first

three seasons as a wide receiver – and was All-County as a junior after making 45 receptions for 819 yards and eight touchdowns – made the switch to quarterback look easy as he led the Lancers to 11 consecutive wins and a spot in the North 1, Group 3 championship game against Wayne Hills at Giants Stadium.

Deighan also played shortstop for the Lancers' baseball team and was a first-team All-Passaic selection. He used his speed as a threat at the top of the lineup.

Weaver won the Passaic County tournament title at 215 pounds. He won two bouts by pin and captured the final, 10-2. Weaver followed that with a district title and went on to place third at the Region 1 tournament. He also was a stalwart on the offensive line for West Milford's football team.

Weaver previously had received an academic honor, as he was awarded the John Tessler Memorial Scholarship at the Region 1 tournament.

