

Potomac's Louis Dubick, left, and dad Marc

ALL IN THE FAMILY

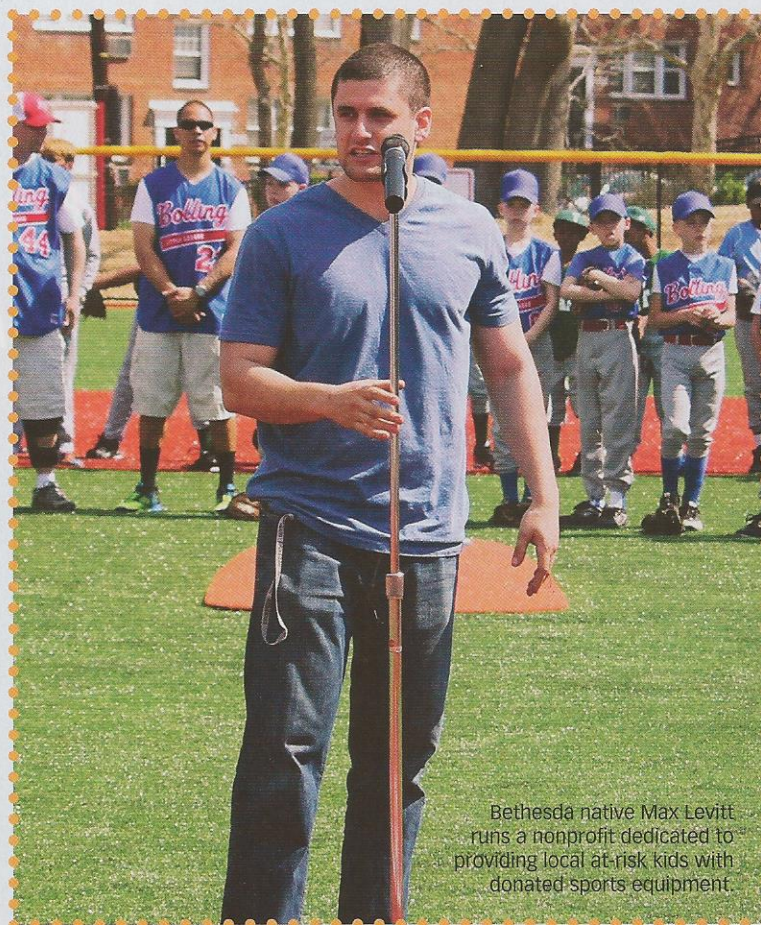
Winston Churchill High School senior **Louis Dubick** has been red-hot on the lacrosse field since he was a freshman. That first year, Louis led Montgomery County players in scoring with 98 points (50 goals and 48 assists). As a sophomore and junior, he led the entire All-Met region in total points—with 145 points (64 goals and 81 assists) as a sophomore and 121 points (75 goals and 46 assists) as a junior. With a total of 364 points entering his senior year, Louis is well on his way to becoming the top Maryland scorer of all time (the state record is 380). He is a two-time US Lacrosse All-American, and in the spring of 2014, he was named to *The Washington Post's* All-Met Boys' Lacrosse First Team and named the All-Gazette team's Player of the Year.

The 18-year-old attacker caught the eye of recruiters, and by the summer after his freshman year, he had verbally committed to play at the University of Maryland in College Park. "The coaches are first-class people," Louis says, "and the school has such a rich lacrosse history. They've had two national championships, and make the top five every year. It will be fun to play for a contender."

Louis may have a greater appreciation for that history than most players. His father, Marc, played for the team in the early 1980s, and his grandfather Harry, who died last summer, played there in 1950 and 1951.

"I also wanted to go to Maryland because my little brother, Eliot, who's 11, plays lacrosse. I want him and the rest of the family to be able to come to my games," Louis says.

Marc Dubick is happy that the family's lacrosse-playing tradition will continue. "We are thrilled that he decided to attend this wonderful university and play on a top-tier lacrosse program," the proud dad says.



Bethesda native Max Levitt runs a nonprofit dedicated to providing local at-risk kids with donated sports equipment.

A SPORTING CHANCE

Max Levitt loved sports while growing up, and he pursued his interest at Syracuse University in upstate New York by majoring in sports management and working as the equipment manager for the university's football team.

Upon returning to school each season, Levitt would clear out the team's old gear from the equipment shed to make room for a shipment of new equipment from Nike. "I had to throw everything out," he recalls. "It was a huge waste."

That rankled Levitt, who grew up in Bethesda and graduated in 2007 from Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville. "I was used to donating everything: clothes, food, etc.," he says of his years growing up. "I started thinking that families around here must have tons of sports stuff just in their garages, and maybe I could get that stuff to kids who needed it."

The summer after his 2011 graduation from Syracuse, Levitt formed Leveling the Playing Field, a nonprofit that provides at-risk children in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area with donated sports equipment.

Levitt says he put donation bins in schools, churches and community centers around Bethesda and stored the donated equipment in his parents' basement. "It grew really fast," he says. "Parents and kids started wanting to do collections for us, and now I get six to 12 calls from individuals wanting to help every week. Last fall, Under Armour called me with \$1 million of football equipment to donate."

Levitt says Leveling the Playing Field has received 40,000 pieces of equipment that have been donated to local nonprofits that offer sports to underserved kids, saving the programs about \$750,000 so far in equipment costs. ■

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