RBC GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM CAPTURES SCT TITLE

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he Red Bank Catholic (RBC) Girls' Lacrosse Team had not won a Shore Conference Tournament (SCT) title since 1999. The Caseys last made it to the SCT final in 2006, but were turned away by Shore Regional.

Midway through the second half of the SCT championship final this year, the opposing Manasquan Warriors posted three unanswered goals within 87 seconds to an 8-6 lead. At this point, it appeared a championship



Catherine Luick (#8) of RBC advances the ball upfield under defensive pressure by Manasquan's Amanda Casten (#22).

would elude RBC again as the momentum had dramatically swung in favor of Manasquan.

Coach Lisa Caprioni called a timeout and regrouped her squad. Moments later, Kaitlyn Cunningham scored for the Caseys at 12:43 left to narrow the margin to 8-7. Then Cunningham struck again just 46 seconds later, knotting the score at eight goals each with 11:57 on the clock.

The Caseys took the lead when Catherine Luick fired in RBC's third unanswered goal. However, Manasquan then responded when Jo Jo Reilly put in the game tying score.

Victoria Brown scored the go-ahead goal at 4:12 left on a pass from Luick right in front of the net. The Casey defense was tested several times in the closing minutes and a clean shot by Manasquan's Jo Jo Reilly with 46 seconds remaining was deflected by goalie Rebecca Barile to secure the 10-9 victory.

Catherine Luick led the Caseys with three goals. Kaitlyn Cunningham and Maeve Cowley scored two goals each.

