



Delaware Lacrosse Alumni & Friends

Spring Notes 2007

Fall Notes

The Delaware lacrosse team enjoyed a successful fall program that consisted of two weeks of lifting and conditioning followed by five weeks of practice. Delaware played at a tournament held at UMBC, playing UMBC, Bucknell and VMI. The coaching staff's assessment of the team's performance in the tournament was positive. A lot of hard work went into the winter training session, which saw team members lifting and conditioning four days a week until finals. NCAA rules allow two hours per week of skill work as a team. UD began winter term on Jan. 3 and the team officially began practice on Jan. 9 in preparation for their first scrimmage Feb. 3 against Maryland and Loyola and their opener on Feb. 10 vs. St. Joseph's.

2007 Pre-Season Notes

Several publications have listed Delaware in their pre-season Top 20. The Blue Hens were picked No. 19 in both the pre-season Inside Lacrosse/Face Off Magazine and Lax News NCAA Division I polls and No. 13 in the Lacrosse Magazine poll. The Hens were also picked No. 1 in the Inside Lacrosse/ Face Off Magazine pre-season CAA conference poll.

Along with the team honors, four players have been selected as pre-season All-Americans by Inside Lacrosse / Faceoff Yearbook. The pre-season All-American teams were selected by a group of media members who cover collegiate lacrosse. Honored were senior faceoff specialist Alex Smith on the first team

and senior midfielders Jordan Hall and Dan Deckelbaum, and senior attackman Cam Howard on the honorable mention team.

In addition to the pre-season All American picks, a total of six Blue Hen players were selected to the pre-season All-CAA team. Delaware's total of six was more than any other CAA team as Towson and Drexel each placed three on the team, Hofstra had two, and Villanova one.

Earning pre-season All-CAA honors for the Hens were senior midfielders Jordan Hall (Fleetwood Park/Surrey, British Columbia) and Dan Deckelbaum (Owings Mills/Owings Mills, MD), senior faceoff specialist Alex Smith (Boys Latin/Timonium, MD) senior attackman Cam Howard (Tatnall/Wilmington, DE), junior goalkeeper Tommy Scherr (Mt. St. Joseph's/Owings Mills, MD), and junior defender Patrick Biehl.

2007 Team Captains

Jordan Hall, senior defenseman Brian Calabrese, Alex Smith and Tommy Scherr were selected as captains for the 2007 season.

2007 Recruits

The 2007 preseason outlook was sent in December. The team is looking forward to this upcoming season. Our future is beginning to shape up with the commitment of thirteen recruits for the class of 2007. The majority of our 2007 are strong multiple-sport athletes.

John Austin

John is a three-sport athlete from Shoreham Wading River High on Long Island. He is the quarterback of the football team, starting forward on the basketball team, and a three-year starter at midfield on one of the top programs from Suffolk county, N.Y. John is a 6'4" 210 player that is excellent between the lines.

John Bastone

John is a two-sport athlete from Plainview High School on Long Island. John is long stick midfielder who played midfield the majority of his career and most recently was converted to defensive midfield. John has a great stick and will be a tremendous asset in creating transition from the defensive end of the field.

Carter Bloor

Carter Bloor is the brother of recently graduated All-CAA defenseman Taylor Bloor. Carter is a three-sport athlete from Corning High School in up-state New York. An All-county midfielder and a member of the

Western New York Empire Team, Carter is a midfielder who also faces off. As a junior, Carter lead Corning to the New York State C Finals.

Jordan Bowdy

Jordan is a two-sport athlete from Dublin Coffman High in Columbus, Ohio. Jordan is a wide receiver in football and an attackman in lacrosse. Jordan has great speed and quickness along with a physical style of play. He was an All State selection as a junior.

Tyler Boykin

Tyler is a defenseman and three-sport athlete from St. Paul's School in Baltimore. Tyler is a three-year letterman and captain for the 2007 season for St. Paul's School. Tyler played in the inaugural Under Armour Underclassmen Game last year. A defenseman with great stick handling, Tyler covers the best attackmen the MIAA conference has to offer. He also played football and ice hockey for St. Paul's

Scott Higgins

Scott is an outstanding soccer-lacrosse athlete from Eastern High in southern New Jersey. Scott is a 6'4" midfielder with exceptional speed (4.4 in 40yd). Scott was a two-time All conference player and 205 camp All Star.

Tim Langmaid

Tim is an exceptional two sport athlete at Governor Drummer School in Byfield, MA. Tim will play either close defense or long-stick midfield. He is an excellent athlete who will create transition offense from the defensive end of the field

Tom Maher

Tom is a junior college All-American and captain for the 2007 Herkimer Community College Lacrosse team. Tom was strongly recruited by the Delaware staff out of Port Washington High school on Long Island. He is an exceptional defenseman with strong stick skills.

Justin Matinelli

Justin is an outstanding two-sport athlete from Mt. Hebron High in Columbia, MD. Justin was selected for the Free State All-Star Team this past summer, a select team picked from the best players in the state of Maryland. Justin was also a 205 camp All-Star. Justin has excellent speed and stick skills.

Justin Rose

Justin is a three-sport athlete from Rush-Henrietta High. He is a member of the football (captain), ski team, and lacrosse team (2006 MVP). Justin is a physical midfielder who is excellent at both ends of the field. Justin was a member of the 2006 Western Empire Team.

Derek Sherman

Derek is a two-sport athlete from St. Mark's High School in Delaware. Derek plays ice hockey and is an attackman in lacrosse. He is an excellent athlete. Derek is a two-time All State lacrosse player with 70 goals and 24 assists his junior year.

Matt Stefurak

Matt is a three-sport athlete from Smithtown East High on Long Island where he plays football, basketball, and lacrosse. Matt was an alternate on the Long Island Empire state team, which won the gold medal this past

summer. A four-year member of the lacrosse and football team, he was selected as the lacrosse team's MVP in 2006 and the football team's MVP this past fall. At 6'4" and 215 he is an imposing defender that has exceptional stick-handling skills. Matt was a midfielder until he was converted to defense this past spring. His skills will help to create an up-tempo style of play starting from the defensive end of the field.

Brad Zink

Brad plays midfield for the McDonogh School in Baltimore, MD. Brad is a four-year varsity player at McDonogh. Inside Lacrosse ranked McDonogh #1 in the country in 2005. Brad was a two-time selection to the Maryland Free State All-Star team. He was selected to the Inaugural Under Armour Underclassman game in 2006. Brad has tremendous speed and a hard outside shot.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

In 2005, the "Friends of Delaware Lacrosse" was started with the goal of assisting the program in its efforts to become one of the top programs in Division I. There is an Executive Board of 10 interested alumni and parents who will lend a hand with fund-raising, with providing enjoyable gatherings for alums and supporters and with improving the visibility of and publicity for the UD men's lacrosse program on more of a national level.

Over the past several years the alumni and parents have done a marvelous job of fund-raising over \$130,000 for a new state-of-the-art locker room. Also your support has been a tremendous help to the overall budget. This season the program, due to alumni and booster support, has been able to purchase two new sets of uniforms along with Boathouse sideline jackets. The sideline jackets are a first for the program. The lockerroom is one of the best in Division I. The "Friends of Delaware Lacrosse" has enabled the program to purchase high-end video equipment and editing equipment. This is a tremendous asset, assisting the team in its goal to be a consistent NCAA participant and a Final Four team. The donations from Alumni and supporters has been a tremendous help in increasing our athletic scholarships and allowing us to meet the equipment needs for the team.

3rd Annual Friends of Delaware Lacrosse Golf Outing

On Friday, April 20, the 3rd annual UD Golf Outing will be held at Patriot's Glen Golf Club in Elkton, MD.

Please circle April 20 and 21 and plan to spend the weekend in Newark. Friday's golf outing will be followed with a reception later in the day at Klondike Kate's Restaurant in Newark. On Saturday, April 21, there will be an odd vs. even year alumni game followed by a reception

and tailgate prior to the 7 p.m. Delaware vs. Sacred Heart game. The Delaware Lacrosse Foundation has also designated the evening as Youth Lacrosse Night.

Please contact John Miller at 302-577-8938 for additional information. More information on all of the above events will be in the mail in the near future, so watch your mailboxes!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University has increased the program's number of available scholarships to 11.5 out of a possible 12.6. Your support is greatly needed to assist us in funding the additional 1.1 scholarships so that we are not only on par with our conference opponents but also able to compete on a national level for a Division I championship. The interest from recruits is at an all-time high, with 13 summer commitments from our 2007 recruits. The quality of the incoming recruits improves yearly, and the UD program is one that, with complete support, could be a Final Four contender with a legitimate shot at a national title.

One way of assisting the team is to contribute to one of our existing scholarships. Presently there is the Ryan Kohart Scholarship established by Rich Volpe, a former lacrosse captain at UD. We also have the Milt Roberts and Gary Celeste Scholarships, and most recently the Lee Levis and Lakeiben Brown Scholarships. You can always make gifts to the general

lacrosse scholarship funds. For further information on how you can contribute to any of the programs, or to create your own scholarship, please contact Bob Shillinglaw at 302-831-8661

2007 UD Men's Lacrosse Schedule and Special Events

Please circle the following dates on your calendars.

Sat. Feb. 3 Noon at Maryland
Scrimmage
Sat. Feb. 10 1:00 Saint Joseph's
Sat. Feb. 17 1:00 Lehigh

Sat. Feb. 24 1:00 Manhattan
Sat. March 3 1:00 Rutgers
Tues. March 6 12:00 @Mt. St. Mary
Sat. March 10 1:00 @ Albany
Wed. March 14 7:00 Georgetown
Sat. March 17 1:00 Butler
Lee Levis Memorial Game
Sat. March 24 7:00 Hofstra
Milt Roberts Memorial Game
Fri. March 30 3:00 @Duke
Sat. April 7 1:00 @Drexel
Wed. April 11 7:00 Towson
Gary Celeste Memorial Game

Sat April 14 7:30 @Villanova
Fri. April 20 UD "Friends of Delaware Lacrosse" Golf Outing @ Patriot's Glen followed by gathering at Klondike Kate's
Sat. April 21 3:00 Alumni Game
UD odd years vs UD even years
7:00 Sacred Heart
Delaware Lacrosse Foundation Youth Day and Lakieben Brown Memorial Game
Sat. April 28 1:00 @ Robert Morris
Wed. May 2 CAA Semifinals
Sat. May 5 CAA Finals
Both at highest seed

