



Lacrosse Alumni Newsletter

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As usual, the 2007 season got off to a very cold and wet start. To the dismay of the players, the first day of conditioning had to be canceled due to 2" of ice over 2" of snow on the stadium turf.

We had a tremendous turnout for "Open Gyms" & "Conditioning Week." After the teams were selected, the St. Xavier Lacrosse Program had 151 student athletes participating, to include four teams: Varsity, JVA, JVBlue & the 2006 GCLL JV "B" Bracket Champions, JVWhite, with a coaching staff of nine. These numbers place lacrosse as the second highest participation sport at St. Xavier High School. We had over 44 freshmen, many with years of experience, try out for the team. The competition for spots on the Varsity & JVA teams was very strong, and will continue to strengthen as more and more experienced players enter St. X.

We started off the season March 3rd & 4th with the **2nd Annual St. Xavier Invitational Lacrosse Tournament**. Once again, Tournament Director Bob Hill and his army of volunteers did a tremendous job putting this event together. The field of teams was expanded to all D-1 Ohio South teams, Western Reserve Academy (OH), Montgomery Bell Academy (TN), Mt. Lebanon (PA) & Louisville Trinity (KY). We used both turf fields to accommodate the expanded schedule, and Cincinnati Bengals Head Coach Marvin Lewis was our banquet keynote speaker. With the exception of ten minutes of blinding snow, followed by two hours of sun, all day Saturday, the Tournament was a tremendous success.

The **Georgetown Prep Tournament** (noted as one of the premiere Jesuit high school tournaments in the country) was another story. The team, coaching staff and a group of parents showed up at the airport all ready for our trip to Washington DC, only to find out that all flights to east coast airports were canceled due to a late winter storm. Unfortunately, some of our loyal parents and fans were already in DC! We tried every way possible to get our team to Georgetown (including looking into chartering a flight!), without success. Two other teams were also unable to get to the Tournament. I heard from a coach that attended and played on Friday afternoon that it was 33 degrees and raining sideways. We will try again next year.

The start of the 2007 season brought many unanswered questions with it. We returned only one starter from the '06 defense, we were looking for a LSM and an "X" man on attack, and on top of that, we were installing a new offense. What I did know was that we had some very athletic, very fast middies. Five games into the season at 4 – 1, it is clear that we can outrun any team, and the season outcome will just depend on how badly we as a team want to win.



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We will conduct our 2nd clinic for the Wyoming Youth team, Thursday, April 19th, and will continue to host “special event” games:

- Youth Day, Saturday, April 21st
- Ladies Night, Thursday, April, 26th
- Fan Appreciation Night, Wednesday, May 2nd
- Senior Day, Saturday, May 19th

We also will host the GCLL JV Tournament, Saturday & Sunday, May 19th & 20th.

The summer of ‘07 will also be a busy one for the St. Xavier Lacrosse Program:

- We will participate in our first “Team Camp” at the **2007 Buckeye Team Camp**, at Ohio State University, July 19th – 22nd.
- Coach Nugent, Coach George and I will take a team of Sycamore, Mariemont & St. Xavier players, the “OHIO BUCKNUTS”, to the **Rutgers Tournament**, June 15th – 17th.
- And for the second year, we will host the **St. Xavier Lacrosse Summer Camp**, July 9th – 13th.

Our entire calendar of games, events, team rosters and coaches are posted on Bomberlacrosse.com and www.stxavier.org.

We invite you to a home game to check out the 2007 team. We have a new look all the way around, including new uniforms. Mrs. Carroll and some of the players put together a great look. We are the first and only sports team at St. Xavier to proudly display **BOMBERS** on our home jerseys.

If you have any questions, or just want to talk Bomber Lacrosse, please feel free to call or write anytime.

GO BOMBERS!

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