



2017 COLLEYVILLE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION SEASON RECAPS



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BOYS VARSITY

COACHED BY DERON BROWNLEE, DARRELL BARABASH, RYAN GRADKE, JAMES KALEIGH AND KIRK SCHALAU (JV)

The twin themes that underscore the boy's varsity season are **DISCOVERY** and the **CREATION OF AN IDENTITY**.

"ALTHOUGH we lost 14 seniors from the 2016 squad, the coaches and I knew we had some really talented kids. What we didn't know was how well the team would get and how each player would find and step into their role," said Coach Brownlee.



Summer, fall and winter scrimmages are invaluable periods in lacrosse, representing a time where players and coaches learn to trust each other and compete.

"We played well in some, even won the Ag-gieland Classic at Texas A&M, took our lumps in a few & struggled with consistency which is typical for preseason. Overall we felt optimistic heading into the season," said Coach Brownlee.

The 2017 campaign opened against two tough DI teams (Plano West and Austin-Lake Travis.) Although delivering a competitive performance, the team lost both games. But these games were preparation for district play and solid benchmarks for the coaching staff to evaluate how far the team

had progressed. In the highly competitive DII-West, CLA was undefeated and at the end of the season we were 11-3, earning a berth in the state playoffs.

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After defeating Highland Park 13-4, Georgetown 14-13 and Frisco 11-5, CLA secured a spot in the THSLL Final Four against perennial powerhouse Rockwall.

"We struggled in the first quarter against Rockwall," said Coach Brownlee. "But, we recovered and played well the rest of the way. It just wasn't enough. Rockwall, the eventual THSLL state champion, defeated CLA by a score of 15-4.

Said Coach Brownlee: "The staff is proud of what our players accomplished. They sculpted themselves into a championship caliber team, making sacrifices and commitment. We watched them transform into brothers—on the field and off. It was rewarding beyond measure."

The team finished the season with a record of 11-5.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ALL STATE -- Cale Dow & Clayton Moore. **ALL DISTRICT --** Cameron Hamway. **Honorable Mention --** Braedan Hudson & Zach Maserang

GIRLS VARSITY

COACHED BY BOB MCGREGOR AND SAM MIOCIC



THE girls varsity program competed in the TGHSSL Northern District Division II finishing the season with a record of 1-6.

It was a transitional year for the girls as district realignment pushed two Division I teams (Frisco and Ursuline Catholic) in Division II and moved three other teams into the Junior Varsity division. This made for a competitive season.

The girls showed their toughness and skills playing state finalist (Coppell) to a one goal game and state semi-finalist (Southlake) to a three goal game. Another noteworthy factor about our district was that it produced three of the four state finalists.

The district coaches recognized our talent and competitiveness by honoring four of our student-athletes with All State honors and another two for All District. We were the only team that had that level of post-season awards.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ALL STATE - Samantha Miocic (Sr, Attack), Janine Justusson (Jr, Defense), Maura McGregor (Jr, Attack), Hannah Critchfield (Jr, Defense)
All District - Maddy Jordan (Sr, Attack), Shay Stene (Sr, Attack)
CAPTAINS - Samantha Miocic, Maddy Jordan
GAME MANAGEMENT - Chris McCain, Tim Stene, Jon Justusson, and Melissa Wuestenberg
SPECIAL EVENTS - Tami Miocic, Deena McCain, Beverly Strickland, Barbara Gradke, Blynda Purdy, Dawn Critchfield, Patricia Iven, Alisa McGregor
SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINER - Howard Morrow



TRADITION - LEGACY - FAMILY



2017 YOUTH BOYS

29 ATHLETES REGISTERED, PRACTICED, AND PLAYED TWO GAMES PER WEEK

WE split the boys into two teams (D2 / D3) We also had two great High School volunteers that were able to help our youth throughout the season each week; Jack Catlett and Ethan Bratton with two others (Jack and Daniel) making appearances as their schedule allowed.

5/6 BLACK D2 (COACHED BY GREG FAGAN AND JP WEBB)

- Regular season record (7-2)
- Advanced to the semi-finals in the DFWLL Tournament.
- Played with an abundance of heart and team spirit (most games having only two substitutes)

- ### **5/6 RED D3** (COACHED BY TOM COYNE AND JOHN SCHUMAN)
- Regular season (3-11)
 - Advanced to the quarter-finals in the DFWLL Tournament.
 - Despite a challenging injury-filled year, the team responded with a first round victory in the tournament.
 - 50% of the team were first year lacrosse players

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(COACHED BY GREG FAGAN)

- Seven players (Grades K-2) attended weekly developmental practices using age-appropriate drills and equipment to build skills and interest in the game.

7/8 (COACHED BY WILL MEIER AND JACKSON TURNER)

Will played Varsity in 2008 when we won the D3 State Championship and has returned to CLA to give back to a new generation of players. Jackson played college lacrosse and doesn't have any kids in the program but enjoys coaching and getting more kids enthused about lacrosse, his passion as a kid.

The boys 7/8 team had a challenging season—but, it was perfect environment to develop the correct mental approach to lacrosse. Although the team won only a few games, the players remained positive and continued to work hard at games and in practice. This team never quit—never hung their heads but 'pushed' themselves and each other.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We've come a long way since our CHHS student-initiated beginning in 2002. And, we could not have done it without each of you.

It has been 15 years since the old days when we didn't have a practice field and were struggling to find players. Believe it or not, there was a time we were the only club west of DFW Airport.

Our first tournament was in Shreveport, Louisiana. I remember it well: we had 35 boys who'd never played before. We were reading the rules on the bus. Reflecting on that day, I knew we were building something.

And now— as we are well into the second decade — I am pleased to report the 2017 season has been one of our most successful.

Consider: Colleyville Lacrosse has more than 300 young athletes, 15 coaches and fields competitive teams at each grade level.

We now have access to fully lit turf fields, all the equipment we require and generous, caring volunteers. Yes, it is about lacrosse, but it is also about the extraordinary adults who offer time, energy and passion to support our young athletes.

It's also about the remarkable coaches who understand that success begins with molding a lasting community of young men and women who've done more than played a sport, but been part of a value-building endeavor. Colleyville Lacrosse prepares our young athletes for the next chapter of their life.

The winds of change are again upon us. There'll be lots of news over the summer and fall — and, there will be opportunities to become more involved with the club. I believe we have a solid foundation with a view toward a bright future.

-Darrell Barabash laxcoach@barabashtx.us

2017 YOUTH GIRLS



CLA YOUTH GIRLS

BY JIM DIXON

THE youth girls had a foundation with which to move forward. We experienced growth to the point that we can completely self support all our teams at all levels 3|4, 5|6 and 7|8 in the coming season. In the past we have had to piece together teams from all ages to accommodate the schedule. This year we had two complete teams at 3|4 and

5|6 composed of about 40 young ladies. They played a complete schedule of 10 to 11 games with two tournaments. They were extremely competitive and the girls embraced the development focus that will allow us to grow. In the off-season we will again stress fundamentals with a skills program for the summer as well as in the fall and a single team practice with tournaments to provide games.