**U19 WOMEN ON THE RISE: HUMBLE AND HUNGRY**

“If you asked me a year ago today if I’d be here winning a gold medal, I would not say that would be happening after getting cut,” said Izzy Scane, who was added back on the U.S. Women’s U19 National Team roster after a successful fall season at Northwestern. “A dream come true,” Scane added.

The Margaret Boyd Cup returned to the United States with a decisive 13-3 victory over Canada in the 2019 World Lacrosse Women’s U19 World Championship in Peterborough, ONT on August 10, 2019. The team of 18 players hail from eight different states, a reflection of what’s happening around the country with geographic growth and quality coaching. A record 500 players sent in applications to compete on this team, and a record 645 donors made gifts benefiting the players and their journey. With your backing, women’s lacrosse continues to rise in participation and support!

The victory completed a dominating tournament run for the U.S, going 7-0 and never trailing, and helped erase the memory of the disappointing end to the 2015 championship when the favored U.S. suffered a 9-8 loss to Canada.

Head Coach Kelly Amonte Hiller was not hiding from that past. Her message to this team was to take nothing for granted. “The crucial point for this team is being humble and really hungry every time you step onto the field, whether it’s practice or the game,” she told them at the start of the tournament. “We have to make the measuring stick us.”

For Megan Carney, the feeling of being a world champion was overwhelming. The young budding star from Texas was cut in the initial training camp of 100 players in August 2018 but was brought back after a successful fall campaign at Syracuse. “It hasn’t hit me yet… I can’t believe this is happening. It’s definitely a dream come true,” said Carney.

Five U.S. players were named to the All-World Team: Bri Gross, Rachel Hall, Maddie Jenner, Izzy Scane and Caitlyn Wurzburger. All 18 players let their dreams be their wings. Thank you for raising them up to soar with your support.

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**LET YOUR DREAMS BE YOUR WINGS**

Megan Carney  
Kasey Choma  
Sophia DiGeron  
Madison Doucette  
Brianne Gross  
Rachel Hall  
Elle Hansen  
Elizabeth Hillman  
Leah Holnes  
Madeleine Jenner  
Michaela McMahon  
Alexandra Murphy  
Brooklyn Neumen  
Izzy Scane  
Emma Schettig  
Belle Smith  
Greta Stahl  
Caitlyn Wurzburger

A/M/D - Annapolis, Md./Bardonia, N.Y./Clarkston, Mich.
Manorville, N.Y./Cypress, Texas/Cohasset, Mass./Fallston, Md./Larchmont, N.Y./El Dorado Hills, Calif./Cypress, Texas/Cohasset, Mass./Fallston, Md./Woodbine, Md./Westhampton Beach, N.Y./Penn Valley, Pa./Delray Beach, Fla.
CHAIRMAN’S PERSPECTIVE

DARE TO DREAM

Edward P. Nordberg, Jr. | Chair, US Lacrosse Foundation

The current issue of this newsletter highlights several stories of triumph. As my chairmanship of the US Lacrosse Foundation Board of Directors nears its end, I am filled with gratitude for the support of so many of you in enabling our most triumphant moment in recent memory – the creation of the US Lacrosse National Headquarters. This facility is the result of a $15 million capital campaign entirely funded by private donors.

While the list of supporters is too numerous to mention in this column, I would be remiss in not thanking the IWLCA for its generous lead gift to this project, as well as those who supported the Crum Family Education and Training Center, the Richie Moran Hall of Fame Gallery, the Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Promenade and the William G. Tierney Field. More importantly, the momentum keeps building at US Lacrosse, with the recent recognition of our sport by the International Olympic Committee and in the not too distant dream of seeing lacrosse played in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

I would like to personally thank Steve Stenersen, the CEO of US Lacrosse, for his leadership and friendship. I first met Steve while playing for Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club some 35 years ago. He has led the growth of US Lacrosse since its humble beginnings and is a true inspiration who dared to dream. I would also like to introduce Sol Kumin who will succeed me as chair of the US Lacrosse Foundation Board of Directors. The sport of lacrosse will be well served by his energy and passion.

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Clinics and workshops are great for introducing lacrosse to new participants and growing the game across the country, but as we all know, a financial commitment from organizations and community members is essential. In the summer edition of Lacrosse Matters, players and staff from Lincoln University, who were the impetus behind getting college club lacrosse started at this historically black university, were featured. With significant financial support from the Philadelphia Lacrosse Association (PLA) and administrative and networking support from Jazmine Smith, PLA board member and founder of Eyekonz Lacrosse, the men’s team was able to take the field in 2019 and the women’s team will be suiting up for the 2020 season.

A chapter of US Lacrosse, the PLA has been successfully cultivating the growth and development of lacrosse in Eastern Pennsylvania for over three decades. They model what their website promises - “your lax dollars at work” - and are committed to continuing working in urban and non-traditional areas, supporting the significant needs of these new frontiers through a new capital campaign.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

(LINCOLN UNIVERSITY UPDATE)
Chairman’s Perspective

DARE TO DREAM

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No electricity. No cell phones. No technology. And a blessing in disguise? In one aspect of life, yes.

As international headlines read “the island is destroyed” and all of Puerto Rico was without electricity, residents turned to playing sports as a positive outlet and distraction following the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Franceslyne and Nathan Lowmaster of Puerto Rico Lacrosse were driving around the island in early 2017 with a bag of lacrosse sticks trying to find a place to “fish” them - make people curious about lacrosse and hook them into giving it a try. They found Elliot Hernandez of the FUNdamentals Sports Camp and after he checked out lacrosse on the internet, he was all in. And then Hurricane Maria hit. It was going to take more than one bag of sticks, now, to help the people of this territory of the United States.

The Lowmasters, powered by your support through US Lacrosse Diversity and Inclusion grants and equipment, along with clinicians from the Sankofa Lacrosse Foundation, returned to the island as quickly as they could to introduce a new distraction – lacrosse – for fun and fellowship in a safe environment at the FUNdamentals Sports Camp.

“Isn’t it amazing what the power of philanthropy, people and passion can do when it’s the only power you have?”

One participant, Josh, said “I like to run, score – and yeah – and celebrate! I want to keep playing and make the team of Puerto Rico lacrosse. That’s my dream.”

“Lacrosse is a new hope,” said Franceslyne Lowmaster.

Hurricane Maria Churns Up a Love of Lacrosse

If you build it, they will come

It has been three years since we’ve opened the doors to the new US Lacrosse National Headquarters. If you happened to be vacationing in Baltimore during the third week of August – hey, why not? – and stopped by to see us, the place was buzzing with more energy than usual. It was an epic week serving athletes at US Lacrosse, spanning each end of the lacrosse development spectrum.

The week started at the upper end of the development model as 300 starry-eyed U15 and U17 boys and girls took the field and the classroom at the inaugural National Team Development Program National Combine. The week ended with where it all starts - the first time you pick up a stick – as 100 boys and girls ages 5-14 took the field at the Stick2Sports clinic. This two-hour coed TryLax and Discover Field Hockey experience was an introduction for kids who have never played before, developed in collaboration with USA Field Hockey.

Rarely a spring day goes by that there is not at least one team here, if not four. From February to June, Tierney Field at US Lacrosse was host to 191 games, practices and clinics. A record 15,335 fans joined us for those games during that span, and 7,053 fans made the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum part of their experience here.

While it is easy to get mired in emails, phone calls and meetings as the national governing body of lacrosse, the energy these teams bring breathes life into these walls. Watching the athletes play, listening to the fans’ exuberance, observing the intricacies of teamwork, experiencing the thrill of the game, the sounds of whistles, horns, cheers, music... it’s an electric atmosphere and a great reminder of the true beneficiaries of this building: the lucky ones who are part of this great game of lacrosse.

Come see us! We’d like to thank you personally for making this possible.
One of the biggest hurdles for emerging areas is getting kids to try lacrosse first through an affordable option, and then let lacrosse work its magic! The Tidewater Virginia area will host two TryLax Clinics before the next spring season to help schools like Norfolk and Granby grow their rosters down the road.

For a $35 suggested registration fee, TryLax participants get a Warrior (boys) or Brine (girls) stick, a SwaxLax ball, and 90 minutes of creative, fun and functional learning through a US Lacrosse designed curriculum. Though the value greatly exceeds the registration fee, the fee ensures commitment and value with the participants.

TryLax Clinics became the number one requested program of US Lacrosse regional managers in 2019, and, subsequently, the program with the greatest need for funding. You can move the mission forward with:

- A $2500 donation to cover the cost of one TryLax Clinic grant to introduce 100 new participants to lacrosse with a stick, ball, knowledge of fundamentals and fun

A youth football program in Mount Juliet, TN explored the sport of lacrosse with a TryLax clinic in June. With your support, the opportunities are endless and the excitement is contagious for kids across the country through TryLax Clinics!

TryLax Clinics are a 90-minute introductory lacrosse experience for kids who have never played before but are thinking they might. They have taken off like crazy across the country. We simply cannot keep up with the demand.

Norfolk Christian High School in Virginia was excited to begin boys lacrosse last spring, but just one day before the registration deadline, only seven players were rostered. In an unconventional move, Norfolk Christian decided to get creative and join forces with Granby High School, a public school just two blocks away. Since Norfolk didn’t have the players and Granby didn’t have the space for practice, this collaboration made sense.

“Keeping lacrosse was awesome for the school and ultimately our community, while uniting these two schools through lacrosse,” said Norfolk Christian Athletic Director, Tim Bender. This unlikely union of a team reveals the beauty of community-based lacrosse that looks beyond traditional boundaries and collaborates to share the joy of lacrosse. The team managed to win three games and are actively attracting other students for the community-based team next season.

With you, let’s keep the momentum going!