

Boys lacrosse team looks strong

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The boys lacrosse team boasts 31 players that comprise a talented and gifted squad this year.

Sisters has several attack players, including seniors Josiah (Jo) Jones, Luke Hull, juniors Mark Fish, and Chance Hailey, and sophomore Andrew Mayes. These guys will attack the opponents' goal and Coach Andrew Gorayeb told *The Nugget* he expects big things from them this year.

"Chance and Mark play well together, and Jo Jones will add to that chemistry," said Gorayeb. "They understand one another, can almost read one another's thoughts, and so they do some really impressive things. With support from Luke and Andrew, we should be scoring some goals this year."

The Outlaws defense has outstanding talent in senior Casey Lane, juniors Gary Jacques, Devon Slaughter, Sam Patton and David Keeton.

"Casey, Gary, and Devon have their own aggressive style, and my hope is that they can form a solid defense

with support from Sam and David," said Gorayeb.

The midfielders have a big job, in that they cover the entire field. Midfielders will include seniors Chris Burdick, Josh Andrade, Lane Gladden, Christian Hunt, juniors Tyler Cross, Spencer Risenmay, and Chase Lawrence, and sophomore twins Tanner and Tyler Head.

"Chris is our culture keeper in the midfield," said Gorayeb. "Lane is our workhorse, Christian is our wisdom, and Josh is unstoppable. Between these seniors, we have leadership to set the bar high."

Angelo Frack and Casey Warburton, who is returning from a leg injury, will play in the goal. Foreign exchange student Max Kahnt will also see time in the box.

Gorayeb told *The Nugget* that the team has lots of new freshmen, and will have even more when they all get registered.

Currently, the freshmen on the team are Brigham Ford, Drew Hendrickson, Ethan Kennedy, Magnus Sampson, Sam Mitchell, Ethan Morgan, Cole Pade, Chayce Sproat and Damien Wills.

"We have lots of talent, and we're already looking good," stated Gorayeb. "We had our first full-field scrimmage on Saturday, and it went very well. The best thing about the 2015 Outlaws lacrosse team is that everyone cares a lot about the team, about the games, about practice and about the coaches. We're a band of brothers."

In addition, Gorayeb has three former Outlaws helping out with the high school program this year. Cris Smoot (class of 2012) is the offense coach and the JV assistant coach; Wyatt Gladden (2012) is the JV coach and the assistant varsity coach; and Porter Ford (2014) is the defense coach.

"Having kids from our program come back and coach is nothing short of amazing, and reinforces my belief that our program is very special," Gorayeb said. "We help to build solid citizens, people that are invested positively, and doing good for the community."

The boys lacrosse team will play in an exhibition game on Saturday, March 14, at Burns High School against Natzisaga.

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Hendrickson will play defense. Trott-Rickards said that Mackenzie has a great attitude and knows her position well.

Schneider is an attack player and also one of the captains on the team. Taylor has strong skills and Trott-Rickards said she has a desire to understand the game, is a good decision-maker, and a great leader.

Young is a very strong and aggressive player and will play midfield. Marissa is a fast player who doesn't quit if she gets beat. Trott-Rickards said that Marissa is impressive and an exciting player to watch.

Papworth played goalie for the Outlaws last season, but her position this year is still undecided.

"Hopefully, she'll play goalie part-time," the coach said. "She has good leadership and decision-making skills, and is working her way into using a regular stick and doing great."

Seven freshman will join the varsity squad this year, including Addy Baney,

Jessica Edwards, Brenna Jividen, Mckenna Jones, Katelyn Josten, Makila Lajko and Keely Roberson.

Baney, Jividen, Lajko and Jones' positions have yet to be decided. Baney is a quick player and Jividen is a smart player who understands field position well. Trott-Rickards described Lajko as a positive and dedicated player. Jones is tall and quick, and working hard to be a crucial member of the team.

Edwards, who used to play in Hood River, will play at midfield. Jessica is quick-footed and, according to the coach, has impressive stick-work.

Josten and Keely Roberson round out the newcomers. Katelyn is a multi-athlete student. Trott-Rickards noted that she is very impressed with both girls, stated they are picking up the game quickly, and look to be key players in the game.

The coach told *The Nugget* that the team's goals for this season are to establish a strong foundation in offense, defensive and midfield transitions, and slowly add new plays. They hope to become a front-running team in the OGLA League.

Sisters' first game of the season will be Monday, March 16, at South Salem.



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