

Prep Lacrosse has strong showing in Canada

On Monday, May 9, the Cathedral Prep varsity lacrosse team gathered at the Prep Villa Events Center to leave for Georgetown, Ontario. Athletic Director Bill Flanagan and President Father Scott Jabo were present to discuss the logistics of the trip and to offer a prayer before the team's departure.

While in Canada on Tuesday, May 10, the Cathedral Prep Ramblers were the first and only team to represent the United States of America in the 2nd Annual All Catholic Lacrosse Tourney. In their first game the team won their matchup against Assumption Lacrosse 13-0. In the dominant showing senior attackman, Noah Vroman, led the team with a game high 7 points.

The Ramblers then went on to lose against Dennis Morris 7-5. The game against Dennis Morris was hard fought, but unfortunately the Ramblers struggled to overcome a 5-1 run by Dennis Morris in the second half. Senior midfielder and captain, Blaise Konzel led with 3 goals. After the difficult loss, the Ramblers regrouped and went on to win two more games against Saints Lacrosse 10-5 and Reding Lacrosse 9-6. Senior defensive midfielder and rookie player Connor Robbins pitched in two goals in the Saints matchup, while sophomore attackman, Jake "Brudder" Emerson had 3 goals in the Reding match.

The Ramblers returned to PVEC at 10 p.m. on Tuesday night. The tournament was a great experience for the Cathedral Prep Lacrosse organization. Several of the younger dual roster and JV players that traveled with the team gained valuable experience that will help in the future. The team and coaching staff looks forward to continue going to Canada in future years.

Rambler lacrosse team wins District 10 championship



Whenever Cathedral Prep and McDowell meet on the lacrosse field, it is a battle. Tuesday night, Prep defeated McDowell 8-7 in a double overtime thriller to win the District 10 championship.

The entire game was a close, back-and-forth battle with the score 4-3 at halftime in favor of Prep. Prep came out firing in the second half and they at one point led 6-3. McDowell didn't go away though. The Trojans scored 4 unanswered goals which gave them a 7-6 lead with three minutes to play. Both teams struggled to control the ball in the last couple minutes, but the Ramblers had the ball with under a minute to play, still trailing by one. All season Prep has called on junior Blaise Konzel to make the big play, and he stepped up once again. Konzel scored after receiving a pass and throwing an acrobatic shot that bounced off the iron before falling into the back of the net. The Ramblers tied it up with 30 seconds to go in regulation. CP sophomore Will Lewis had a chance to win it at the end of regulation but he got stuffed on the crease, although he went on to play a pivotal role in overtime.

The first period of sudden-death overtime couldn't decide a winner so the game went to a second OT. McDowell had the best looks at scoring in both overtimes, but Prep goalie Hunter Emerson made some incredible saves to keep the Ramblers alive. Then, with under a minute left in the second overtime, the Ramblers had the ball in the Trojans' zone. There was a scrum around the goal, and the ball found itself in the stick of Will Lewis, who netted the game winner with 51 seconds left in double overtime.

Cathedral Prep will play at State College this Friday, May 23, with the time to be determined.

Lacrosse game to benefit Fallen Heroes Project

This Thursday, April 30, the Cathedral Prep lacrosse team will be playing Fairview High School. The game is a fundraiser and



all proceeds will benefit the Fallen Heroes Project. The game is titled the "Fight for the Fallen" benefit game, and it will be played at the newly renamed Prep & Villa Events Center, formally known as Cathedral Prep Events Center. The game will start at 7 p.m.

and all tickets will be sold at the game. The price for students will be \$3 and for adults it will be \$5.

The fundraiser is sponsored by Dr. Jeffrey Kim and St. Vincent Sports Medicine, F&S Tool, and DJ Danza and is produced by the

Visual Communication class at Cathedral Prep. Donations can be made in checks payable to the Fallen Heroes Fund and cash will be accepted at the game.

The Visual Communication class is taught by Mrs. Sara Kim. Mrs. Kim stated, "Their goal for this fundraiser is to actively incorporate sports marketing principles and philanthropic values." A member from the Fallen Heroes Fund will be present to accept the check donation on behalf of artist Michael G. Reagan, the founder of the nonprofit organization. The website for the Fallen Heroes Project is fallenheroesproject.org. Founder Michael Reagan notes, "Our mission is to honor the American Fallen Heroes for their ultimate sacrifice during the war against terrorism. The foundation will provide the resources to produce and distribute to each family a hand-drawn portrait of their Fallen Hero, created by artist Michael G. Reagan, free of charge. Each portrait is intended to show our Love and Respect for these Heroes and their families."

It is important to recognize all who fight and fought for our country and respectfully acknowledge and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Please come out at 7 p.m. to the Prep & Villa Events Center on Thursday to watch Prep lacrosse and more importantly support the Fallen Heroes Project.

Rambler lacrosse team set to play Clarence High School

tonight

The Cathedral Prep lacrosse team looks to make it eight straight wins as they travel to Clarence High School tonight for a showdown at 6 p.m. The Ramblers have a record of 9-2, and have notable victories over crosstown rival McDowell and New York powerhouse Silver Creek. Prep is led by junior midfielder/attackman, Blaise Konzel and senior goalie Hunter Emerson.



Senior goalie Hunter Emerson

Konzel has scored 24 goals for the Ramblers over the seven game win streak. He leads the team in points (goals and assists combined) and looks to continue his high level of play for the rest of the season. Emerson has recorded 29 saves in the last two games with a save percentage of 70 percent. When asked about the key to the recent success of the lacrosse team, Emerson stated, "We come out every game knowing we must play to our full potential. We make the little plays happen which leads to capitalizing on the big plays."

Prep has seven games remaining this season with two very important league games against Fairview at home this Thursday,

April 30, and at McDowell the following Thursday, May 7. While the Ramblers always have the date circled when a matchup against the Trojans of McDowell is on the calendar, Emerson said, "It is important to focus on each game individually and not look forward, even though it is hard to hold back the excitement of playing league games, especially [against] our rival."

Look for the results of today's game on prep-villa.com or follow the official Cathedral Prep Twitter account [@PrepVilla](https://twitter.com/PrepVilla) and get out to watch the Ramblers in action during the upcoming games in Erie.

Spring Sports Preview: Varsity Lacrosse



Seniors Drew Farell (left) and Hunter Emerson (middle) with junior Jason Constaple (right)

The Cathedral Prep lacrosse team is practicing and preparing to make a deep run this season. Last year, the Ramblers had a decent season, going 12-9 and winning District 10 against archrival McDowell 11-9. The Ramblers then played a stellar

outing against State College in the sub regional play-in game, winning by a score of 6-5. Unfortunately, Prep met their match against Mount Lebanon.

The lacrosse team suffered major losses from last year, including graduates from the Class of 2014, Brian Dailey and Ryan Bleggi, who led the team in points with 70 and 66 points respectively. The Ramblers are also without senior Dan Maloney, who was poised for a breakout season but unfortunately is no longer with the program.



Last year's team celebrates after winning the D-10 championship

Senior goalie Hunter Emerson, who will play on scholarship next year at Mercyhurst University, looks to repeat his excellent performances this season. Fellow seniors Drew Farrell, Kody Witchcoff, and Daniel Bauman, look to step up on a major level to make a deep run in the playoffs.

"This team has the potential to do great things this season if we can come together as a unit," Farrell said.

Also joining the roster this year are seniors Alex Kissel and Dominic Kramer, who have never played the sport before but are looking to become forces on defense. Kissel has already made a splash at practice, breaking a fellow teammate's clavicle on the first day of outdoor practice. Both players say they enjoy the game and wish they would have started playing sooner. The

team's first game is on the road against Conneaut Area High School on March 24.

Several student-athletes take part in National Signing Day



This past week Cathedral Prep took part in National Signing Day. Among the signees were six exceptional athletes from the Cathedral Prep Class of 2015:

James Trucilla is a football commit to the University of Virginia. A force to be reckoned with and tackling extraordinaire, James is a hot commodity on the field and a terrific catch for the Cavalier football program. Also an accomplished student, James will fit well into the UVA culture.

Hunter Emerson is a lacrosse commit to Mercyhurst University. It takes an extraordinary amount of guts to willingly play goalie in lacrosse. It's probably right up there with bull riding in terms of pain. Luckily, Hunter is unquestionably one of the toughest kids in the Class of 2015 as well as an incredibly gifted athlete. There is no doubt that Mr. Emerson will excel at Mercyhurst.

Charlie Fessler is a football commit to Northwestern University. Charlie is the all-time leader in receptions at Cathedral Prep, so it's quite safe to say that he knows a

thing or two about catching the ol' pigskin. Charlie will bring his first-class speed and hands to Northwestern and continue to dominate.

Ryan Podufal is a golf commit to Xavier University. Pods is a 4-year varsity golf letterman, being the "go to guy" for the vast majority of that time. The pin-seeking striker will carry this confidence and determination to a Xavier team that will undoubtedly benefit greatly from his play.

Deangelo Malone is a football commit to Youngstown State University. Most accurately described simply as "lightning in the backfield," Deangelo is an expert in juking, jiving, decking, ducking, and dodging defenders. The Penguin football team will benefit greatly from Mr. Malone's outstanding running capabilities.

Corey Fisher is a football commit to Lake Erie College. Corey is a towering human being, fully capable of inflicting his will on most oppositions. Corey will bring size and strength to the Storm football team, and he surely will develop into a fine leader on the team.

Congratulations to all of the signees! We wish you the best of luck in your college athletic careers.

Rambler lacrosse prepares for game against McDowell

Tonight, the crosstown rivals, Cathedral Prep and McDowell, face off against each other in the game of lacrosse at Gus Anderson field at 7 p.m. McDowell stole the first of two games. It was a long hard fought game that went back and forth

many times. Sadly, McDowell scored their final goal making it 10-9 in the fourth quarter. This game is not just any ordinary game between two arch rivals, but it is a game where all the revenue gained from this event goes to a cancer research foundation.

Senior midfielder Ryan Bleggi is one of the keys to the Ramblers' success. When asked what is their game plan for tonight's big game, Bleggi said, "To win tonight's game against McDowell we have to play our game this time, rather than play to theirs. I believe if we run our plays efficiently we should be open for easy goals. If we play sound defense and are making our shots I think we will walk away with a win tonight."

He added, "It's tough to lose any game, but especially when we lose to McDowell. That first game was so close and I really thought we could have won. I really want to beat them and I there is an opportunity for us to do just that tonight."

Please come out and support our fellow 8-6 Ramblers as they take on the 6-6 McDowell Trojans to fight and raise money against the cruel disease of cancer. The game tonight is at 7 p.m. at McDowell's Gus Anderson Field. Be there.

Rambler lacrosse off to hot start

The Cathedral Prep lacrosse team is off to a great start this season. They opened up against the Fairview Tigers last Thursday at Fairview and took home the win 8-6. It was a hard fought game in adverse weather conditions, but the Ramblers came out on top. Kevin Bogniak had two goals while Brian

Dailey, Ryan Bleggi, Jon Fiske, and Dee Baumann contributed goals as well. The JV team also came out with a win against Fairview.

This past Sunday the Cathedral Prep traveled to West Virginia to take on Wheeling Central Catholic. It was perfect weather for a lacrosse game, and the Ramblers took advantage of it, winning 11-8. The dynamic duo of Brian Dailey and Ryan Bleggi contributed eight total goals while Tony Chiarelli had two and Blaise Konzel had one. The defense was stout, killing off multiple penalties including a three-minute man down penalty kill towards the end of regulation. Hunter Emerson has been great in goal with a 60 percent save percentage and 21 saves on the year so far. The JV team went on to beat Wheeling as well by a score of 9-1.

The 2-0 Ramblers have a busy week ahead, as they plan to take on Lake Catholic on Thursday, Trinity on Saturday, and Bloomsberg on Sunday. Get out and support the boys this week!