



SEASON PREVIEW 2014

SEASON OUTLOOK

Hudson will once again enter the season as a pre-season favorite in the Northeast Region of the Ohio High School Lacrosse Association. Hudson returns most of its offensive firepower including the 2013 Ohio Player of the Year in Bo Lori at attack. Hudson's offense, which traditionally runs a very high energy style, will rely on that approach early in the season as it allows its newer defense to gain experience and depth. Hudson has a stable of solid midfielders to rely upon both offensively and defensively as well. As the season goes, look for this group to develop and mold into a very substantial group. Defensively, Hudson will rely on Logan Malson's experience and physical play.

Hudson will open the 2014 season on the road at Olentangy Liberty. This will be a big test for the defense right away. Liberty has some very solid offensive players and playing on the road in Columbus is always difficult. Upon returning from spring break, Hudson will travel to St. Ignatius, who beat Hudson in the playoffs last year on their way to the state semi-finals. Hudson will then host out of state rival North Allegheny from Pittsburgh. This annual game has been a very good test for both teams over the years. Games at Walsh Jesuit, home with Jackson, at Westlake, home with Solon, then on the road at Mason will all be tough tests in the first half of the season. Hudson starts the second half of the year with games against Hoover, Chagrin Falls, and Dublin Coffman before moving on to the month of May. Games at Olentangy in Columbus, home games versus Shaker Heights, Strongsville, and Medina, then set up the final week of the regular season at University School and home with Kent Roosevelt.

For the 2014 season, Hudson will be celebrating 25 years of Hudson Lacrosse. In 1989, Sam Rohwedder started the lacrosse team at Hudson High School. Plans for a celebration night will be announced at a later date.

POSITION OUTLOOK

Attack:

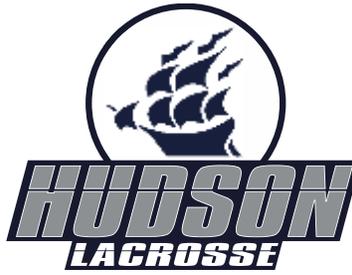
Lori, Bo (12): Bo is an extremely talented player who will be one of the team's leaders on offense. He set the school record for scoring in 2013, earned All-American, and Player of the Year honors. Once again, Bo will be one of the best offensive players in the state and will routinely draw the opponent's best defensive player. He has already committed to Lehigh University.

Nye, Zach (12): Zach is a talented off-ball attackman who has a knack for finding the back of the net. Look for him to have a very good season.

Charlton, Michael (11): Michael is a very versatile attackman who can run midfield as well. He has a good stick and excellent size. He has the capability of putting up big numbers.

Gregory, Sam (11): Sam is one of the best off ball players on the team. He is in constant movement and has the ability to find the open areas to cut to. He is like the Energizer Bunny on the field. Constant movement is key to his game.

Vehar, Gabe (11): Gabe is a very big target on the crease. He has good hands, cuts well to space, and has the ability to finish shots with accuracy and creativity.



Palumbo, Joey (10): Joey is a young attackman who has a strong build and is learning to use his size to get in shooting space and driving to the cage. He should be able to be a solid player all season as he develops his game.

Others: Luc Jambon (10), Sean O'Loughlin (10), and Matt Zelich (10) are a sophomore trio that should see some time later in the season at the attack position. All 3 will be JV starters as well.

Midfield:

Haggerty, Cameron (12): Cameron spent all last year on the IR with a collarbone injury. He is excited to get back onto the field this year and show what he can do. He is a good transition player who hustles and plays hard between the lines.

Lindroth, Erik (12): Erik is one of the fastest players on the team and excels on the defensive end of the field and in the clearing game. There aren't as many kids who are as fast as Erik in getting the ball from one side of the field to the other.

Mougey, Mick (12): Mick will be relied upon to be the "go to middle" this season. Last year, Mick was able to fill the shoes left by several big name players. This year, the ball has to get into Mick's stick in order for the offense to gel. He has good size, good speed, and a solid shot on the run. He is also one of the best defensive midfielders on the team.

Zubal, Brent (12): Brent is a true workhorse on the field. He hustles for ground balls, does well in the clearing game, and is a threat to go to the cage. He is a talented multi-sport player using his hockey skills to assist his lacrosse game.

Ator, Kyle (11): Kyle is an athletic, big midfielder who has a hard shot and can get to the cage. He will need to step his game up this year to be a bigger threat from the midfield after his switch from attack early last season.

Brady, Dan (11): Dan is a quick midfielder who has the ability to play different roles on the team from clearing the ball to face-off wings. He has a quick first step and should be able to see more time as the season goes on.

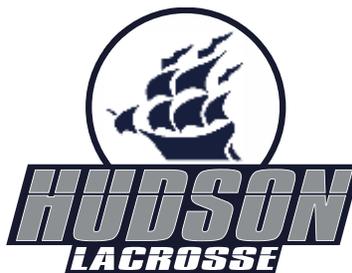
Elffers, Grant (11): Grant had an excellent sophomore season and now will be counted on to be an offensive force on the first line midfield. He has a hard shot, plays physical defense, and can create his own space to shoot. Look for big things from him all spring.

Rightnour, Matt (11): Matt is a very good athlete who is progressing well at the faceoff X. He has the ability to play good defense, create offense between the lines, and is a solid team player all over the field. His ability to be versatile makes him a key to the midfield's depth.

Robinson, Reid (11): Reid is one of the best defensive players on the team. He turns the field over faster than anyone on the team and has the ability to create his own shot. His size and speed set him apart on the field.

Conger, Josh (10): Josh will be seeing time mostly as a defensive midfielder, but is a big time grinder on face-off wings as well.

Menedez, Nate (10): Nate has the ability to have a break out season this year. He has good size, good speed, and has really developed his game this winter playing box lacrosse. Good things are expected from him on the second midfield line.



Motter, Chris (10): Chris is a multi-sport player who is extremely talented at the faceoff X. He has been developing his offensive skills as well due to his numerous faceoff wins. Chris will be the anchor to the fast break offense at the faceoff draw.

Others: Cole Miller (9) and Matt Restifo (9) are two freshmen who may break into the midfield rotation later in the season as well. Miller has good lacrosse knowledge and has shown solid stick skills. Restifo's athleticism and speed are off the charts. He has a huge upside in regards to playing the transition game.

Defense:

Jesionek, Jacob (12): Jake will be moving into the starting defense this season. He has good quickness, recovers fast, and is solid in scooping up ground balls.

Malson, Logan (12): Logan is the most experienced defenseman on the team. He is physical, throws a lot of checks, plays with a ton of emotion, and is the team's vocal leader. Logan will be counted on for covering many of the opposition's top attackmen.

Rudy, Ohlen (12): Ohlen has developed nicely over the past few years and will get a chance to get into the defensive rotations this year. He has a good sense of the game and should get more time as the year goes on.

Wagner, Seth (12): Seth will be the team's starting long-stick midfielder. He excels in transition off the face-off, gobbles up ground balls, and is always a threat to score a goal. He is also one of the toughest kids on the team by being able to take a lot of hits and get back up to his feet to make the next play.

Hogan, Will (11): Will is extremely athletic and plays a very physical style. He will be seeing time at the close defense and long stick midfield. He has a good nose for ground balls and is good in the clearing game as well.

Jesionek, Jared (11): Jared likes to use his body and smash his attackman. He has good cover skills and is working on his stick work to get more active in the clearing game as well.

Maendler, Trent (11): Trent is one of the more talented defenders on the team. He knows where to be and how to get to his spot. He has very good stick skills and can throw a lot of take away checks. He has committed to Bellarmine University.

Others: Matt Bisbee (10) and Enrique Rodriguez (9) will be getting some time on the defensive side of the field at the long-stick midfield position.

Goalie:

Carlson, Evan (12): Evan will be splitting time in the cage this season and will see considerable time. He has the ability to make key saves and does a nice job stopping the ball. He has committed to Southwestern University in Texas.

Krone, Jake (11): Jake has a good future between the pipes for the Explorers. He makes a lot of saves and is very solid in the clearing game.

Others: Spencer Kline (10) will also see time in the cage as well.

COACHING STAFF



David Blue, Head Coach: Coach Blue enters his 19th year of coaching the Hudson High School boys' lacrosse program. His overall record stands at 245 wins and 93 losses (.725 winning percentage). He has coached Hudson to the state finals in 2000, 2007, and 2011 (culminating with the State Championship), the state semi-finals in 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2012, and won GCHSLL Championships in 2000, 2005, 2006, and 2007 as well as the NOSLCA in 2008 and 2009.

Todd Sidle, Assistant Coach: Coach Sidle enters his 11th year with the Hudson Lacrosse program. Coach Sidle is the Junior Varsity Head Coach and serves as a varsity assistant on game day. He also is the freshmen boys' soccer coach.

Bobby Lyle, Assistant Coach: Coach Lyle, a 2007 Hudson graduate and student at KSU, enters his 4th year with the program. He will serve as the Varsity defense and goalie coach.

Logan Parsons, Assistant Coach: Coach Parsons, a 2007 Hudson graduate, enters his 1st year with the program and will serve as an assistant coach.

Dan DeVoe, Athletic Trainer: Mr. DeVoe enters his 12th year as Head Trainer for the Hudson High School Lacrosse Team.

Melanie Bittecuffer, Athletic Trainer: Mrs. Bittecuffer enters her 6th year as Athletic Trainer for the Hudson High School Lacrosse Team.