



**The Official Game Review of the 2018 Hudson Explorer Lacrosse Team**

May 22, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	OT	Final
Hudson Explorers (13-5)	0	3	3	2	1	9
Jackson Polar Bears (14-7)	3	0	4	1	0	8

Overall	Hudson got out to a slow start against an extremely focused and determined Jackson squad. The Explorers took their shots early, but couldn't find the back of the net. Early in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> period, Hudson started to rally and eventually tied the game at 3 heading into the break. After the break, both teams opened up the scoring with Jackson taking an eventual 7-5 lead. Hudson rallied with 3 unanswered goals before Jackson tied the game with just over a minute left. Heading to overtime, Jackson won the initial draw, but called a quick time-out. Hudson triple teamed the ball, stripped the ensuing pass, and gained possession for the eventual winning play. Merrick Widdoes, alley dodged, and scored on a 14 yard shot to send the Explorers to the Regional Championship game on Friday night.
Offense	Joe Graf and company were able to overcome a tough Jackson defense. Graf finished with 4 goals and 1 assist. Merrick Widdoes scored the first and last goals of the game. Blake Lori was balanced with 1 goal and 1 assist. Adam Dunne had back to back points with a huge goal and then followed up with a big assist. Brady Ludewig (1g) and Anthony Rightnour (2a) rounded out the points.
Defense	Hudson's defense was challenged by the ball movement and possession clock. Jackson was determined to hold the ball. Danny Saxon was able to come up with 4 key ground balls. Matt Rudy caused a few turnovers in the ride as well. Matt Withem came up with 8 saves in the net, including 3 big 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter stops.
Special Teams	Stephen Russell and Jack Burdett at the LSM position had 10 ground balls including Stephen Russell's strip-scoop in overtime.
Game Balls	Joe Graf for his 4 goals and 1 assist and hard riding throughout the game.

**GAME SCORING & SAVES**

Hudson goals	Joe Graf 4, Merrick Widdoes 2, Blake Lori, Adam Dunne, Brady Ludewig
Hudson assists	Anthony Rightnour 2, Joe Graf, Blake Lori, Adam Dunne, Merrick Widdoes
Hudson saves	Matt Withem 8

STATISTICS	Hudson	Opponent
Goals	9	8
Assists	6	3
Shots	46	19
Ground balls	33	22
Turnovers	Not available	Not Available
Face-offs	10 of 20 (50%)	10 of 20 (50%)
Clearing	14 of 15 (93%)	11 of 18 (61%)
Extra Man Offense	0 of 1 (0%)	1 of 4 (25%)
Penalties / Minutes	4 for 3:30	1 for :30
Saves	8	18

