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A NOTE FROM COACH FEDORJAKA



Happy Holidays!

We have been very busy this fall and there is a lot going on back in Lewisburg. As always, our #1 goal is to win the Patriot League Tournament and receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. It is a very competitive league and one can argue that we are the deepest league in Division I. Did you know that Boston University was ranked 16th in the nation after week seven? That's an interesting fact because they finished 7th in the Patriot League and did not even qualify for the league tournament. How many leagues can say that their 7th-best team started 8-2 and was ranked in the top-16 at one point? Of course Loyola made it to the Final Four for the second time in four years! In addition to that, Navy received an at-large bid to the Big Dance, won a first round game, and came one goal away from making the Final Four! We have beaten Navy five out of the last six times we have played them.

Last season was another terrific year for Bucknell Lacrosse. We finished 10-5 and we were ranked in the Top-20 for most of the year. As many of you know we lost to Loyola in the Patriot League semifinal 7-6 in double OT. We had two point-blank shots in OT but the Loyola goalie came up with a couple of big stops.

I was very proud of our team's success last year. We had a great senior group who finished with a total of 38 wins which puts them as the 5th-most winningest class for Bucknell Lacrosse. We had a freshman class that yielded a couple of studs. Jarrett Witzal '19 was one of the top F/O men in the nation finishing in the top-10 (he was the #1 freshman f/o guy in the country). Christian Klipstein '19 (younger brother of Ryan Klipstein '11) finished third in the nation in save %! Nice work Froshies!

From a team standpoint we finished in the Top-20 statistically in almost every category: Man Down (2), Saves per game (8), Extra Man (11), Ground Ball (16), Winning % (18), Defense (20), Offense (20), Scoring Margin (20) and shot % (20).

If you really drill down you can see that we are doing pretty well in spite of some obstacles that we face compared to our league competition. I am taking an educated guess here, but based on what I have heard from my colleagues: Bucknell lacrosse has the least amount of scholarship money (about 73% of one scholarship to split among four classes), the smallest budget, one of the highest (if not the highest) Admissions Standards, and the second smallest roster behind Lafayette.

But what we do have is the highest League winning % since 2007, the highest Patriot League Tournament winning % since '08, a top-20 ranking in each of the past 12 consecutive years, the most Patriot League Academic Honor Roll students and of course the entire athletic department has the #2 Graduation Rate in the nation. Bucknell remains an incredibly attractive University and I am very thankful to lead this program at this University.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Fedorjaka".

Frank Fedorjaka --- Head Men's Lacrosse Coach

BUCKNELL LACROSSE HEADS TO NYC FOR NETWORK NIGHT

The Bucknell Men's Lacrosse team is heading to NYC on Thursday, January 12, 2017 to meet you!!! The event will be held at the University Club from 6-9pm in the Dwight Room. Details on cost and itinerary will follow, however, the general idea is for you to be able to meet the team and for them to learn what it takes to succeed in various industries. For example, we will have alumni speak about Equity buying, selling and research, Advertising, Law, and of course Networking. Our guys will be able to ask questions and receive extremely valuable information.

This will be the first time we are doing something like this and we need it to be a huge success. Please save the date for that evening if you have interest in attending. Not everyone will speak, but we would love to have at least 50 alumni in attendance to start the Networking Process with our team.

The team is really looking forward to meeting everyone and maybe we can even get a pep talk from some wily veterans...

I will be sending out an invitation within the next couple of weeks.

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2017 SCHEDULE

2/4	@ Delaware.....	1:00 p.m.
2/11	BRYANT	1:00 p.m.
2/18	FAIRFIELD.....	1:00 p.m.
2/25	COLGATE*.....	1:00 p.m.
3/4	@ Navy*.....	12:00 p.m.
3/11	HOLY CROSS*.....	1:00 p.m.
3/14	@ Villanova.....	4:00 p.m.
3/18	@ Boston Univ.*	12:00 p.m.
3/25	LOYOLA*	1:00 p.m.
4/1	ARMY-WEST POINT*.....	1:00 p.m.
4/8	@ Mt. St. Mary's.....	12:00 p.m.
4/15	@ Lafayette*	1:00 p.m.
4/21	@ Lehigh*	7:00 p.m.
4/25	PL Tournament.....	TBA
4/28	PL Tournament.....	TBA
4/30	PL Championship	TBA

* - Patriot League game

SID JAMIESON TO BE INDUCTED INTO CENTRAL PA HALL



Sid Jamieson, has been selected into the Central Pennsylvania Chapter Lacrosse Hall of Fame! The induction will take

place at a dinner from 5-8:00 p.m. on January 29th, 2017, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hersey Hotel. Sid continues to make us proud and gather well-deserved honors for his amazing career. He ranks 15th all-time in Division I Coaching wins and has already been inducted into the Pennsylvania State HOF, the Bucknell HOF and others.

In addition to the hall of fame's, he received the USILA Division I Coach of the Year in 1996 after leading the Bison to a perfect 12-0 record. He won the esteemed Gen. George M. Gelston Award in 1985, as the person who most represents the symbol of the game of lacrosse. He received the Howdy Myers Memorial Award as college lacrosse's "Man of the Year" in 1986 and 1996, and in 2005 he received the Spirit of Tewaaron Award for his contributions to the sport. Congratulations Coach!!

BISON VISIT MICHIGAN & THE BIG HOUSE

The Bucknell men's lacrosse team took a trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan for the final weekend of fall ball. The trip served as both a team bonding experience and an opportunity to compete against a talented opponent.

On Friday, October 21 we departed Lewisburg and traveled to Cleveland, OH in order to break the trip in half, and give us an opportunity to rest and practice before resuming the trip to Ann Arbor. Saturday morning, we practiced at Oberlin College located just outside of Cleveland on its new outdoor athletic facility. Upon arrival their coaching staff was waiting for us and had the field and facility ready to go. After an hour and a half practice the team showered, ate sandwiches delivered to the field and boarded the bus to our hotel located just outside Ann Arbor.

We arrived in Ann Arbor, checked into our hotel and then headed out to watch the Illinois vs. Michigan Big 10 football game. When we arrived at University of Michigan you could see why they tell you to get to the parking lot early. There were over 111,000 people at the game. At first, a lot of people thought we were a part of the Illinois fan contingent (We were wearing our Bucknell orange and blue – same as Illinois colors). We had to walk about a 1.5-mile walk to Michigan Stadium aka "The Big House" – I think this is a plan to wear down the opponent for Sunday's



scrimmage. We had great seats to the game. We were in Section 14 located just to the left of the end zone goalpost. The pregame activities with the band and introductions were great. Even though Michigan dominated Illinois throughout the entire game we still had a great time.

After the game, we ate dinner at Knights Steakhouse located on the outskirts of Ann Arbor. Coach Small's good friend who attended Michigan for graduate school recommended the restaurant. The food was terrific and the atmosphere was even better. Although it was a long day, the time flew by and before we knew it we were back at the hotel to crash for the evening.

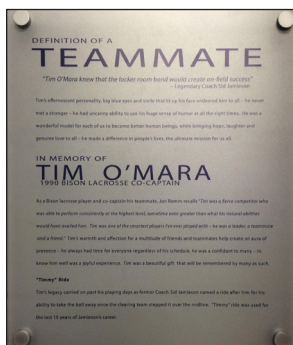
The final leg of our trip was our scrimmage Sunday afternoon vs. Michigan in the Big House. The scrimmage gave us a sense of things that we need to work on in preparation for the spring, as well as an opportunity for everyone to play and showcase their skillset to the coaches as we move into the offseason. Notable players in our scrimmage included sophomore Reed Malas who showed his versatility by scoring two off ball goals; junior Sean O'Brien really brought his A game as he was involved in quite a few scoring plays; freshman Will Yorke got his first real taste of action scoring a goal on a right to left split dodge hammering home a lefty well-placed shot; sophomore Joey Altemus came in the game and made some big stops and showed how he has progressed each week of fall ball; sophomore Jordy Elardo was the team MVP for the day, going 11-17 on face offs and really showing that he will play a major role in helping the Bison gain possessions in the spring. It was clear that our team was a little sluggish from a long weekend. We were outscored 12-10 by a pretty athletic group of Wolverines. They have a good squad. There were a lot of takeaways from the game that we can work on moving forward. Overall, it was a terrific trip and the guys got to spend a ton of time together.

LACROSSE LOCKERROOM RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Last spring renovations were completed for our team lockerroom. Thanks to the generous contributions from Mr. Joe O'Mara, father of the late Tim O'Mara '91, we now have a beautiful, state-of-the-art room to house the team. For any of the guys that were on the team from 2001 until 2015 you know how overdue this upgrade was.

It's really given the team a shot in the arm. It's actually refreshing to know that you are going into a team room that's comfortable and not congested. Inside the room each player has his own wooden locker with an open face. And most importantly, no lockers in the middle of the room! We have LED lights, a 62" High Def TV with internet access and a carpet. Additionally we installed logos on the walls inside the room and just outside the room in the hallway, we have hung the old championship signs.

On the wall near the door, just inside the room we have placed a plaque in memory of Tim O'Mara. Many thanks to Joe, Tim's Dad. It will be something each player that puts on the Bucknell uniform can enjoy and take advantage of.



Plaque outside team room



NEW TROPHY CASE HIGHLIGHTS BISON LACROSSE



The men's lacrosse program was able to have a beautiful Cherry Wood Trophy Case installed to hold some of the programs fondest memories and accomplishments. It is strategically located on the second floor of the Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center at the top of the stairs and just outside the entrance to Davis Gymnasium.

It now holds many of our All-American certificates, all six of our Patriot League Championship Trophy's, and a game ball from our victory over #1 ranked Maryland in 1997. To this day Bucknell is still the only team in collegiate lacrosse history at any level to have beaten the #1 ranked team, on the road, as an unranked team. Behind 14 spectacular saves from Matt Baran '06 and three goals from freshman Joe Mele '09 the Herd made history.

Among the Patriot League, Bucknell has the most academic honor roll recipients as well as the most Patriot League Scholar-

Athlete awards. John Golesewski '99, Justin Sussman '03 and Sam Grinberg '15 lead the way.

Bucknell has had 21 different guys make All-American and five of those were multiple AA's -- including Austin Winter '10 (three times), Pete Von Hoffman '79, Chris Cara '05, Justin Zackey '94, and Sweet Lou Kissiling '71 (Yes, 1971...).

Bucknell has had 12 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and Academic All-District recipients, some of which are also housed in the case. In addition there are NCAA plaques that recognize the statistical national leaders such as Justin Sussman, Nick Sciubba '09, Chris Cara, Justin Zackey and the Undefeated team of 1996.

On a side note, the trophy case did cost us \$5,000. If anyone has an interest in helping out with that feel free to reach out directly to me.

BUCKNELL LACROSSE REMEMBERS PETE MURTHA '75

According to Coach Jamieson: "Peter 'Merciless' Murtha was one of those guys that all good teams must have. While not a first line player, Pete was a serious (and yet funny) guy who enjoyed the fellowship of team. He was exceptionally bright and enjoyed making light of the fun things he saw on the field, bus, or lockerroom. I always knew that he would play as hard as he could to make others better... knowing that he himself would not see the field."

BUCKNELL COMPETES IN BOB KEMP LACROSSE CLASSIC

On Sunday, October 9th, the Bison traveled down to Bethesda, MD to partake in the 2nd Annual Bob Kemp Lacrosse Classic at Georgetown Prep School. We faced the Big Red of Cornell from the Ivy League. Despite being very windy from the recent hurricanes off the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, the sun was shining bright. The temperature began to rise closer to game time and there was a tremendous crowd on hand to take in some outstanding Division-I lacrosse.

The day for the Herd got off to a slow start, as the Big Red scored two quick goals. Coach Fedorjaka had seen enough and decided to burn an early timeout. After the timeout, you would not have known that the Bison were down early on. The energy and excitement from the timeout quickly helped to elevate our play as the game resumed. This would be the last time Cornell would find the back of the net until midway through the second quarter.



Sophomore Reed Malas

Coming out of the timeout, we were able to get a spectacular goal from sophomore Reed Malas. He took his defender and split swam him right to left for a well-placed, off stick side shot to get the Herd on the board. The offense then started to settle in with a very patient and cerebral possession. During the possession all six players touched the ball, capped off by senior Tommy O'Connor dodging right to left and finding Sean O'Brien (junior) inside for a slick backhand finish, knotting the game at two a piece.

The defense did a great job playing through adversity and trying to match the early effort by Cornell. It showed as #77 Canadian defender Matt Gilray did his bread and butter, early offense transition run from defense to offense, finding Connor O'Hara for a quick score to put the Bison up for good. After a quick restart off the end line, junior Will Sands smoked his defender to get to five and five with a quick wrap around shot to finish

out the scoring for the quarter. Bucknell ended the first quarter on a 4-0 run to take a 4-2 lead.

The second quarter started off with O'Connor getting his second assist of the day finding O'Hara naked inside for a quick underhand release shot. Malas continued to have himself a day, getting the offense going again. He dodged down the right alley and really showing his improvement with great vision finding a streaking O'Brien on the backside pipe for a thunderous dunk, for his second goal of the day.

For the day, Bucknell had two extra man opportunities and were able to go 50% with a successful opportunity in the second quarter. Sands was able to skip the ball through the Big Red defense to find Malas at the point for a right time and space bomb that had excellent placement. This was Malas' second goal of the day.

Bucknell was able to take advantage of Cornell's off ball defense with some great passes and unselfish play throughout the day. Still in the second quarter, Malas capped one of the most patient possessions of the day. O'Brien skipped the ball through the Cornell defense to Malas for another goal for a lefty nearside pipe rip. To finish out the second quarter O'Connor took a shot that had to have velocity in the upwards of 95-100 MPH. This caused a rebound off the Cornell goalie's stick that was quickly scooped up and buried by O'Hara for his third goal of the day. The Bison ended the half leading the Big Red 9-5.



Junior Connor O'Hara

stepped off the pressure and freed his hands moving the ball to Malas who was able to exploit a poor rotation breakdown by Cornell for a quick release lefty shot that found the back of the net. The third quarter offense finished off with Sands again showing his dominance at "X". He again ran his man and got him hung-up on the back flange of the crease enabling Sands to get to five and five for a quick lefty finish. The third quarter ended with the Bison dominating the Big Red for a 12-7 lead.



Senior Tommy O'Connor

The third quarter was the final quarter that both teams would play their starters. As the teams started to empty the benches they were able to see what kind of depth they have and to gauge the younger talent. The Bison wanted to finish the third quarter strong to send a message not only to the Patriot League, but to the rest of the country as well. The scoring in the third started off with exceptional offense. Ryan Durkin dodged down the left alley and clicked the ball to Sands at "X" who found a cutting O'Hara in space for a lefty inside finish, to give him his fourth goal of the day. O'Connor, who took the role as the midfield QB, began to dodge with his head up drawing a quick double team from Cornell. He



Junior Will Sands

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Overall, defensively the Bison got off to a slow start allowing Cornell to score off a garbage rebound and a quick dodge from “X” with an inside roll finish from five and five. However, they were able to show their resilience and began to settle in not allowing another Cornell goal until late in the second quarter. Gilray played exceptionally well and looked in mid-season form. He was all over the field making plays with some key take-away checks, ground balls, as well as assisting on a key transition goal.

Junior Luks Munoz had some outstanding breakdown approaches helping the defense rotate and recover on quick slide and helps. Senior Michael Schiappa was solid all around. Hats off to freshman defensive specialist Hunter Newman who was asked to do a lot; not only play short stick defensive midfield and take the burden of being constantly dodged on, but also to fill in and play some LSM.

Goaltenders, Christian Klipstein (sophomore), Georgetown Prep’s own, Joey Altemus (sophomore), and Brac McKee (junior) all anchored the defense and helped them clamp down on the Big Red Offense.

Face Off and wing play struggled to start off, but adjustments were



Junior Matt Gilray

made to finish strong. Sophomore Jarrett Witzal started the day 2-6, but was able to get into a groove going 7-10 in the second quarter and 4-5 in the third. Sophomore Jordy Elardo was solid all around, going 5-8 for the day.

Other notable stats for the day included: Malas (4 goals 1 assist), O’Hara (4 goals), Sands (2 goals 2 assists), O’Brien (2 goals, 1 assist) and Matt Gilray (1 assist), Klipstein (3 saves), Altemus (5 saves), and McKee (6 saves).



BRIAN SMALL JOINS BISON COACHING STAFF

Brian Small, a former All-American at Ohio Wesleyan who had been a college head coach and assistant coach over the previous eight years, joined the Bucknell men’s lacrosse staff as an assistant coach in July 2016. Small came to Bucknell from Dartmouth, where he was an assistant coach in 2016 after a three-year stint as head coach at John Carroll.

“I am very excited to have Brian on our staff,” said Bison head coach Frank Fedorjaka. “He brings a great deal of experience, energy and enthusiasm. He has worked on both sides of the ball at the collegiate level, and we plan on taking advantage of his dynamic abilities in all areas of the program. I think his experience as a head coach will give him a unique perspective as an assistant coach.”

“I am very humbled and excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Bucknell men’s lacrosse program and the Bucknell community,” said Small. “I would like to thank Coach Frank Fedorjaka and the Bucknell Athletics administration for giving my family and me this amazing opportunity. The Bucknell men’s lacrosse program has a great rich history and Coach Fed has grown this program not only into a Patriot League power, but a contender and top program in the country in NCAA Division 1 lacrosse. Coach Fedorjaka and Coach Joe Connor are both well respected in the lacrosse community, and I am looking forward to learning more from them and helping them take the program to new heights.”

Small was the first-ever head men’s lacrosse coach at John Carroll after the sport was established there in 2012-13. In their first season of NCAA competition in 2014, the Blue Streaks finished 13-4 and advanced to the Ohio Athletic Conference championship game. A year later they went 9-7 and returned to the postseason, giving Small a 22-11 record in his two competitive seasons.

Prior to establishing John Carroll’s brand-new program, Small spent two seasons as assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Quinnipiac, where he helped the Bobcats claim Northeast Conference regular-season and tournament titles in 2011. One of his top defenders, Chris Coppolechia, led the nation in caused turnovers.

Small also spent one season each as an assistant coach at Sacred Heart (2010) and Ohio Wesleyan (2009 NCAA appearance), while his introduction to the coaching profession came as a high school coach in his native Baltimore from 2005-08.

Small is a 2005 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, where he earned a degree in sports management. As a senior midfielder, he was named an Honorable Mention USILA All-American and was selected to play in the North-South All-Star Game after helping the Battling Bishops to its third straight North Coast Athletic Conference championship and NCAA Tournament appearance. He led his team in ground balls in 2004 and 2005 and was a two-time First Team All-NCAC selection. In 2006, Small played professionally with the Baltimore Bayhawks of Major League Lacrosse.

Small, who played his high school lacrosse at Calvert Hall in Baltimore, has also coached at numerous camps across the United States and Canada, including Bucknell’s summer camp.



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BUCKNELL LACROSSE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

Energy, passion, and togetherness have been the hallmarks of the Bucknell Men's Lacrosse Program for many years. This has been true not only for the student-athletes on the field, but for the group of supporters who have helped our program each year. As most of you know, the University budget covers only a fraction of the operating expenses to run a competitive Division I men's lacrosse program.

This year, we have been given a fundraising goal of \$220,000 to meet our program's budgetary needs. ***As of the end of November we have raised \$26,000.*** This money is spent in the three main areas of student-athlete recruitment, purchasing equipment to help train our team members, and covering the travel, lodging, and food costs for our team's travel. As you know, student-athlete recruitment is a year-round and highly competitive and intensive process that is of essential importance in fielding successful teams. In addition, we feel it is important to be able to travel safely, stay in quality hotels, and feed our student-athletes appropriately when we travel.

Our program needs your financial support to continue in our quest for excellence. Your earmarked contribution for men's lacrosse to the Bison Club will help make this a reality. We hope we can count on 100% participation from everyone on our support team. Thanks in advance for your assistance! -- Coach Fedorjaka

Methods of Giving

Check or Cash: This is the most common way to give. When writing a check, make it out to Bucknell University and in the memo section note "Men's Lacrosse."

By Credit Card: The university accepts most major credit cards. Monthly payment plans can be arranged.

Gifts of Stock/Securities: To arrange a stock transfer, call the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 570-577-3200.

Pledges: You can set up a payment schedule when you make a pledge, and payment reminders will be sent to you.

Corporate matching gifts: Many corporations match their employees' charitable donations to nonprofit institutions. Check with your benefits department for matching gift information and to see if they will match gifts to athletics.

You can give on-line: www.BucknellBison.com.