Looking Ahead to 2015 Season

By coach Kyle McQuillan

As the 2015 lacrosse season approaches, we are all getting very excited for what lies ahead.

This year’s schedule is definitely the most challenging in program history, but it will provide the team with a great opportunity to test itself against some of the best teams in the country.

As a program, we have evolved a great deal in the past four years, and I believe that we have the tools and the players to be successful, and to hopefully compete for a National Championship.

This fall we had the greatest number of incoming recruits in our history and as always we have continued to focus our efforts on building team chemistry and camaraderie.

In addition to this we have been working hard on the field and in the gym. Our team’s strength and conditioning has and will continue to be a primary focus for this program and we believe it will give us the competitive advantage we will need to compete well this season.

Our 2014 fall tournament proved to be very worthwhile as we were able to see some great competition, and give our players a chance to get on the field and play some lacrosse. With one win, one loss and a tie, we were able to experience it all.

So it is with high expectations and optimism that we enter the new ear. We appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you at our games this season.
From One Dad to Another

Article submitted by a Dad “blessed beyond belief”

After coming back for the fall lacrosse tournament in 2014, I can’t help but look back at the journey God has put my son over the last couple of years. Like a lot of dads watching their son excel in the game of lacrosse during high school, I remember getting caught up in the “my son is going to play for some NCAA D-1 college program” syndrome. My wife and I went from club tourney to club tourney in his junior and senior years of high school waiting for some college scout to call and say he wanted my kid on his team. I mean, that’s what it’s all about isn’t it? Work hard, play hard and you become a good lacrosse player for some college, then graduate and then your life begins as an adult… so I thought.

A few college visits went by during his senior year, all of which ended in my son feeling that he just didn’t fit into the mix, whether it was the party atmosphere that he wasn’t comfortable in, school location, or the fact that it just didn’t compare to Liberty. “Liberty?” I said. “Isn’t that the school down in the middle of the mountains in Virginia that doesn’t even have a lacrosse program?” I remembered we had visited LU at the request of a friend back when he was a sophomore in high school but gave little thought to it since then. LU had a club program, then dropped it, then had brought it back in recent years. But it was club ball and I thought it probably wasn’t going to be very serious and besides, I thought my kid should be playing NCAA ball, not club.

So we decided to give LU another look and we took my son down for a ‘college for a weekend’ event and to meet coach McQuillan. I was impressed by the new facilities that were being constructed at the time along with a nice, new turf field to boot. Wow, I thought to myself, this was supposed to be club ball but I hadn’t seen facilities this nice anywhere else we had been! The thoughts I was struggling with turned to excitement the following days as my son told his mother and I how much fun he had that weekend but more importantly how much he felt that LU was the school for him. He felt he didn’t have to act differently to ‘fit in’ like he felt in high school as a follower of Jesus Christ. This was what LU was all about. Living out your faith in every aspect of life, not hiding it! Then the thought crept into my mind “Could playing lacrosse at the college level be more than just ‘eating, sleeping and playing lacrosse’?

As my son’s freshman year at Liberty unfolded (2012-13), it was obvious God was teaching this dad a valuable lesson. Make the right decision for the right reason and HE will handle the rest. This world seems to offer temporal things that just don’t fulfill what God’s true purpose is for us. All the experiences I was hoping my son would have in four years of college were happening all at once in just one season. He was playing competitive teams at a college level. He was learning what it was like to play for the glory of the All Mighty; having an impact on other teams as they prayed with each and every one of them at the end of each game. He was making lasting friendships with other believers. He went on with the team to play for the conference title and then moved on to play in the national championship semi-finals. We came so close! Wow GOD, you are truly AWESOME!

My son is now in his junior year and I have to say, he’s growing up to be a Godly man that I’m so proud of. And guess what? He’s a pretty good lacrosse player too! LORD, you know just how to humble me! I can’t wait to see what GOD has in store this coming season. Every year it just seems to get better and better. If I had one wish to make, I would be sure that every dad with a son playing high school lacrosse would see this letter and stop for a moment to check their priorities before getting caught up in things that are temporal and won’t fulfill their son’s life or their own. “God has a great plan for your kid” I would say. So check Liberty out first dad! You won’t regret it… I guarantee it!

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[Photo of lacrosse team]
2015 Tailgating

In recent years Tailgating at all Liberty LAX home games has become an integral and exciting aspect of the LU LAX experience.

Every year participation in and appreciation of the event has grown and we expect more of the same in 2015. All events are held in the Men’s Lacrosse Team Room located in the athletic building at the lacrosse fields.

It is always a good time with great food and an excellent opportunity to visit and make new friends – regardless of the weather.

Sign-up sheets will be circulated in advance of the games and/or drop- in attendees are most welcome.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this component of the LU LAX experience please send an email to menslacrosse@liberty.edu

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