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WELCOME FROM THE FIL

Stan Cockerton



On behalf of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) and all our members, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship (WILC) on the Onondaga Nation and in Syracuse, NY, USA. The 2015 WILC marks the first world championship hosted by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and we would like to thank Tadodaho Sid Hill, Faithkeeper Oren Lyons, COO & Executive Producer Erick Weiss and all their volunteers and staff for taking on this enormous task in support of our members and athletes. We are confident your combined efforts will produce an event we will all be proud of; an event that will leave all in attendance with lasting and fond

memories not only of the games but also of the Haudenosaunee cultural events that you have planned.

We would like to thank the Onondaga Nation, Syracuse University, Nike and all the event sponsors for their contribution toward making this a professional and historic event.

The FIL would also like to welcome and congratulate all of the players, coaches and team staff who have traveled to participate in this world championship competition. You have been rewarded for your years of hard work and dedication by being named to represent your country at the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. You should all be proud to be representing your country. Play hard, play fair and wear your country's colors with honor and pride both on and off the floor.

Congratulations are also extended to the referees who have been selected to officiate. Your skill and dedication to learning and applying the rules of the game have earned you the opportunity to officiate at an FIL World Championship event. Thank you for your efforts both on and off the floor.

Finally, we would like to welcome and thank all the family members, friends and fans of lacrosse who have traveled from around the world to support these games and our athletes. You should all be proud of your role and efforts in developing such fine athletes and role models for our sport.

Again, thanks to all and let the games begin...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Cockerton'.

Stan Cockerton
FIL President

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WELCOME FROM THE ONONDAGA NATION

Tadodaho Sidney Hill



Dear Countries, Teams, Athletes,
Fans and Distinguished Guests:

As Tadodaho, on behalf of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. The games will be held at the capital of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Onondaga Nation and our surrounding traditional homelands.

This championship will bring lacrosse's finest athletes from 13 countries to compete in the "Creator's Game." While you are here, I hope you have the opportunity to

experience our culture and enjoy our warm hospitality.

I look forward to meeting many of you and experiencing the games together, at what promises to be an exciting and memorable championship. You will witness competition between the teams at the highest caliber for this sport.

We hope you will have the opportunity to visit the Vendors' Village. Our talented artisans and craftspeople will have many items on display related to our customs and culture.

Lacrosse is played for The Creator's enjoyment and used as a medicine for our people, for those who are ill or have a heavy spirit. Long ago, the French saw our people playing the game and they gave it the name "lacrosse." Today, lacrosse is being played around the world and is the fastest-growing sport. Lacrosse is special as it builds teamwork and develops character amongst its players. It creates a brotherhood that lasts lifetimes and spans generations that I am fortunate to be part of.

This championship means so much more than just the games themselves, to the Haudenosaunee Peoples, the originators of the sport. It is an opportunity to extend our nation's hand in diplomacy, friendship and peace.

The Onondaga Nation is proud to be hosting this year's FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship, as it comes back home to Haudenosaunee Territory.

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Tadodaho Sidney Hill

Onondaga Translation

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
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Welcome to the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship:

Onondaga County is pleased to be hosting this prestigious event and proud to have the championship at the birthplace of lacrosse. The Onondaga Nation, together with the Haudenosaunee, began playing lacrosse here hundreds of years ago.

The 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship features teams from 13 nations and offers a premier lacrosse experience. We hope that the fans, family members and friends who have traveled here to support their teams will take advantage of all the great activities Onondaga County and our region have to offer.

We thank the Federation of International Lacrosse for selecting the Onondaga Nation as the site for the first-ever international sporting event to be held on indigenous lands.

Enjoy the games.

Joanie Mahoney
Onondaga County Executive



WELCOME FROM SYRACUSE MAYOR

Stephanie A. Miner



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Hon. Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

Dear World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Participants:

On the occasion of the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship, it is my great pleasure to say Syracuse bids you welcome. It is an honor for our community to be hosting a championship tournament of this nature, which brings competitors from across the globe to the city of Syracuse and the Central New York Region.

It is fitting the FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship is taking place in Syracuse, the birthplace of the game of lacrosse. It was this community which, centuries ago, hosted the first lacrosse games with Haudenosaunee teams. The game has since spread across the globe, and we could not be prouder that lacrosse has indeed come home, with this world championship tournament taking place here in Central New York.

Lacrosse is more than just a game in Syracuse. It has been used to teach acceptance, discipline and team spirit. Perhaps most importantly, it has been a sport passed down from parents to children, as generations have grown up playing it in their homes and at their schools. Parents, teachers and coaches have mentored new generations of players, often sharing equipment passed down from player to player, mother to daughter, older brother to younger brother, neighbor to neighbor. Lacrosse has done more than just provide a few hours of recreation for Central New York's youth; it has been a way of life for generations of families.

Whether you have traveled near or far to compete in this community, I hope you are embraced by the true spirit of lacrosse: fierce competition, sportsmanship and a dedication to the game. Please know and appreciate that, as you are playing in facilities throughout Central New York, you are playing on the hallowed ground that gave life to this game. I hope you treasure this experience.

This tournament would not have been possible without the vision and leadership of those at the Onondaga Nation. Their commitment to their heritage, this sport and our entire community is unyielding. The respect and admiration we have for our neighbors is deep. We are now, as always, proud of their accomplishments.

While you are in Syracuse, I encourage you to take some time and enjoy our city. From world-class dining to cultural attractions and a system of public parks that can offer nearly every experience, Syracuse is a community rich with diversity and entertainment. I hope you take an opportunity to enjoy everything our city has to offer.

I wish you and your fellow competitors the best of luck during the tournament. Welcome to Syracuse.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Miner

Mayor of Syracuse

WELCOME FROM SU CHANCELLOR

Kent Syverud



2015

Welcome to Central New York and Syracuse University (SU)! As Chancellor and President, I am delighted that Syracuse University has this opportunity to join with the Haudenosaunee in hosting the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Syracuse has unique ties to the sport that our indigenous neighbors know as the "Creator's Game." They are ties that reflect both our roots in the region that gave birth to lacrosse and our close bonds with the Onondaga Nation.

Syracuse University values its long relationship with the Nation. One way it continues to foster that connection is through the Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship Program. This scholarship program formalizes Syracuse's gratitude and appreciation for the historical, political and cultural legacies of the Haudenosaunee to this community and region. The diversity that the scholarship has fostered within the university itself has, in turn, made Syracuse a better place.

The Promise Scholarship Initiative, along with the Native Student Program that opened the year after the scholarship program was established, has put Syracuse at the forefront among universities reaching out to recruit and support native students. Today, we count hundreds of indigenous alumni among our extended Syracuse University community.

The University also has a long history with, and regard for, the game of lacrosse. Both our men's and women's teams are fixtures in NCAA championship play, and SU men's lacrosse has won more than a dozen national championships. Over the years, Syracuse University lacrosse teams have fielded a number of extraordinary native players, among them Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation Turtle Clan, world-renowned proponent of indigenous people's rights, honorary chairman of the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, and a graduate and dear friend to Syracuse University. He is one of 24 former Syracuse University lacrosse players to be inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

The University also shares a deep commitment to the values that are part of the cultural and historic tradition of the sport—values such as discipline, honor and purity of mind, body and spirit.

It is fitting that the world championship comes home to the place of the sport's birth, and the University shares in the Haudenosaunee pride at the opportunity to host this competition for the first time ever.

Thank you to the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) for choosing Syracuse and the Onondaga Nation as host site and making this historic event possible. I look forward to an exciting and successful championship.

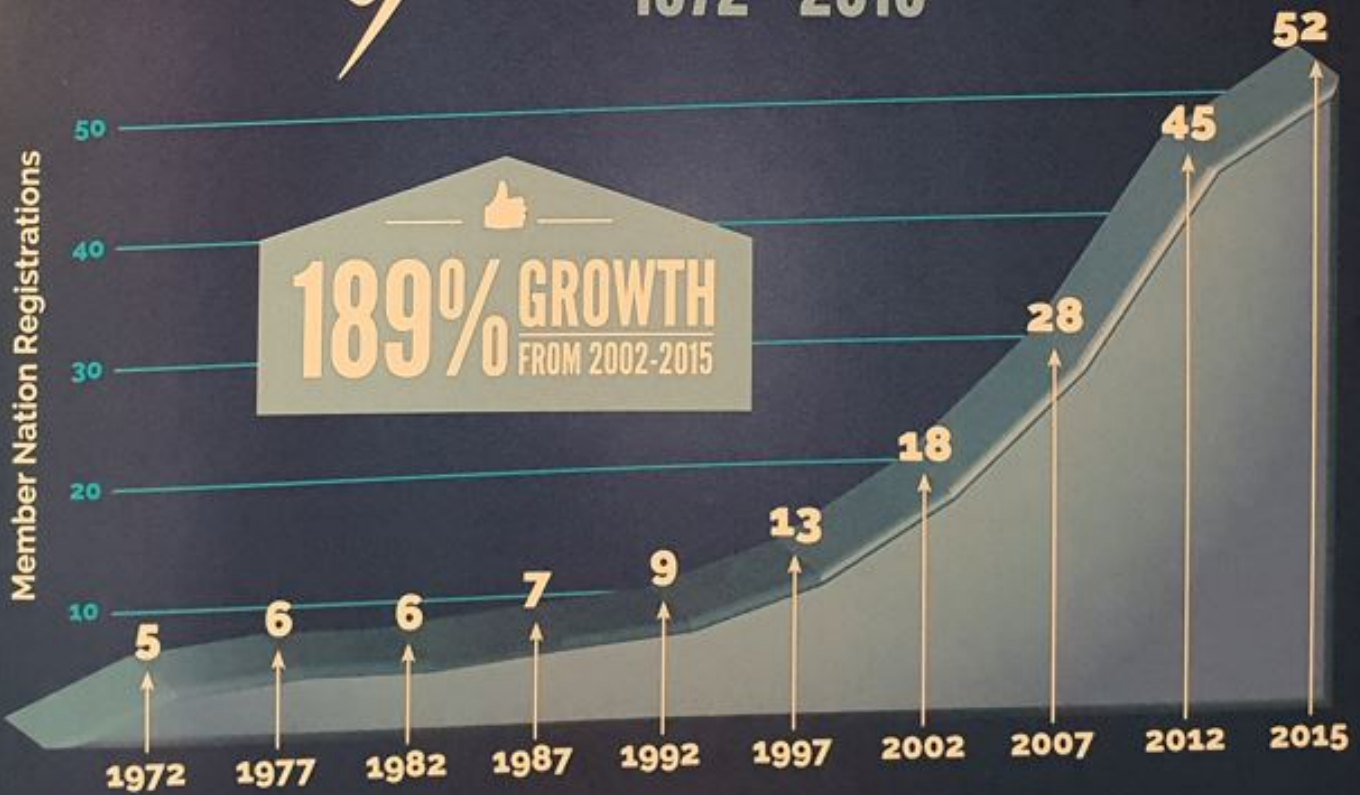
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Syverud". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President
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Hosting the WILC on the Onondaga Nation Gives Everyone a Chance to Experience Lacrosse's Origins and Significance

BY KENT LYONS



Lacrosse has been played as a celebration on the Onondaga Nation for more than 100 years. (Photo by Michael Greenlar)

The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Nations) welcomes you, and we invite you to follow from all directions, the four white roots of peace, back to the great tree of peace and the original homelands of the long stick game of lacrosse. This game whose popularity has spread throughout the world is now returning to its birthplace. The game has come full circle and awaits its players, as the people gather, a thousand-year history continues as intellectual prowess combines with the physical body (one honed by practice, strength and speed) to bring honor to our nations.

Like the stick's woven net, we are all connected; like all of creation, we rely on each other. We are not adversaries; we are participants in The Creator's game. We are not warriors; we are dutifully fulfilling a responsibility to carry with dignity the generations on our backs. From the earth we plant the seeds; from the trees we carve the sticks; from the animals we make the netting; from our teachers we learn respect; from the game we learn discipline, timing, courage and cooperation.

Within the game, each man will find and face his inner-self; he will find strength in reserve and he will find limitations which necessitate teamwork; he will find balance between individuality as well as team efforts; most importantly, he will find the love of his people, who will elevate his name for years for honest play. Lacrosse displays all of the male attributes of strength, intellect,

determination and will power. Within the game, teams must continually test themselves to sustain a competitive edge.

The diversity of worldly participation of this game is but a testimonial to the enduring depth of its design; individuality and teamwork revolving instantaneously around the constant movement of the ball. The game welcomes all participants to compete equally; speed and agility counterbalance strength and size. This along with team play, produces goals.

As our Elder Brother the sun rises over the morning horizons of the Haudenosaunee, the forest floor welcomes all of creation to the homeland of lacrosse.

We open our culture to the world and offer a game of speed, strength, discipline and goodwill. We invite you to show the best that you have, on the playing fields of honor in full view of our Creator, where we will all exhibit our true internal resolve as it represents our true competitive identities within the game. The Onondaga Nation welcomes you equally, and we encourage all participants and fans to enjoy the continuing history of lacrosse, the game that for us, preserves and defines the spirit and physical well-being of the Nation and our people.

Daneto (that is all).

Kent Lyons is a former goalie and Iroquois Nationals Emeritus

2015 WILC VENUES

This year's event will be played at four different arenas, culminating with the championship game at **Syracuse University's iconic Carrier Dome**



War Memorial Arena at The Oncenter

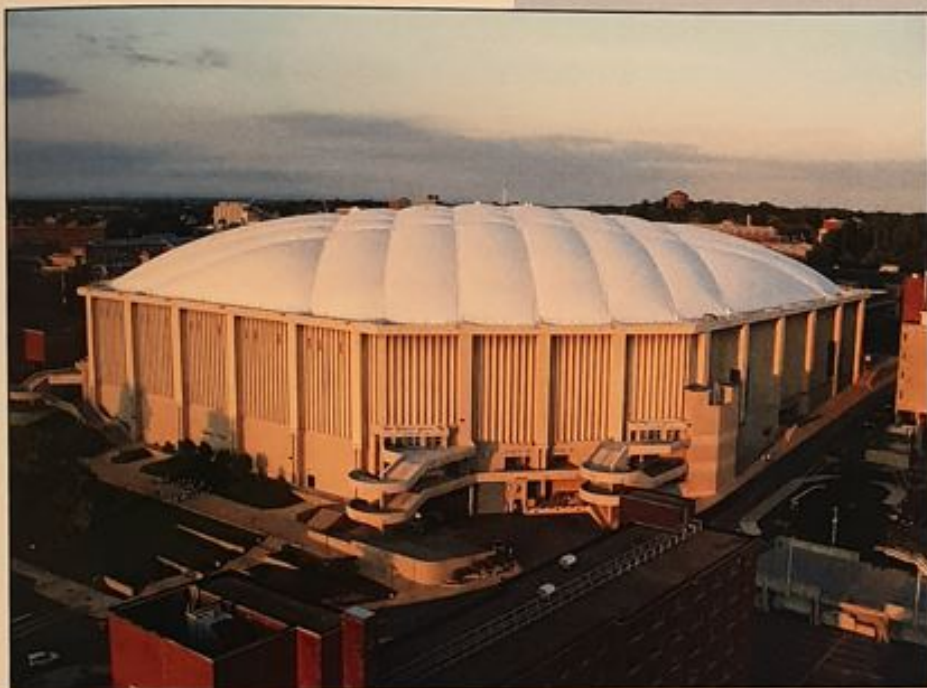
A three-city-block facility located in the heart of Syracuse, the historic War Memorial Arena at The Oncenter, has been home to international, national, regional and local conferences, conventions, trade shows, concerts, performances and events for more than 60 years. The Oncenter is home to the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League (AHL) and Syracuse Silver Knights of the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL). While this 5,000-seat sports arena is best known for hockey, it will be the marquee for the 2015 WILC Opening Ceremony and Game 5 between the Iroquois and USA.



Onondaga Nation Arena

The Tsha'Hon'nonyen'dakhwa' Onondaga Nation Arena is a state-of-the-art 3,000-seat hockey and lacrosse arena located conveniently off I-81, minutes from downtown Syracuse. The arena was built in 2001 at a cost of over \$6 million. It serves as the home rink for the AHL's Syracuse Crunch for annual exhibition games, as well as the Onondaga Nation Cultural Festival, concerts and hockey and lacrosse tournaments.

Ten different lacrosse teams call the building home, varying in age from the Senior and Masters Onondaga Redhawks down to 3-6 year olds.



The Carrier Dome

The Carrier Dome is a 49,262-seat sports stadium located on the campus of Syracuse University (SU). It is the only domed stadium in the Northeast, and is the largest structure of its kind on a college campus in the country. Since its opening Sept. 20, 1980, the facility has hosted a wide variety of events. It serves as the home of SU football, men's and women's basketball and men's and women's lacrosse. Furthermore, the "Dome" has hosted numerous rounds of NCAA championships in basketball, lacrosse and track & field, and hosts regional and state scholastic competitions in football, as well as NBA preseason games.

In addition to sporting events, the Dome has staged Olympic champion ice skating shows, as well as concerts by stars such as Elton John, Billy Joel, Rod Stewart, U2, Genesis, the Rolling Stones, Garth Brooks, The Who, Neil Diamond, Pink Floyd, the Zac Brown Band and many other rock and country performers.

Syracuse led the NCAA in men's basketball attendance the last two seasons, with 2014-15 being the 14th season SU has been No. 1. The Dome will host the medal games and Closing Ceremonies September 27.



Gahóñhsä Village Pavilion

Scheduled to be done just in time for the FIL WILC, this brand-new building, modeled to re-create the feeling of a longhouse, features a full-size artificial turf field, four locker rooms, seating for 300 and solar-paneled LED lighting.

The most notable feature will be its retractable walls, giving it the outdoor feel of the Onondaga Nation's original outdoor box rink with the flexibility to play year-round and in any weather conditions.

Friday, Sept. 18

9:30 AM	Israel v Serbia	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 1
10:00 AM	Switzerland v Turkey	Village Pavilion	Game 2
12:30 PM	Ireland v Germany	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 3
1:00 PM	Australia v Finland	Village Pavilion	Game 4
7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony	War Memorial Arena	
8:30 PM	Iroquois v USA	War Memorial Arena	Game 5

Saturday, Sept. 19

11:00 AM	Finland v Switzerland	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 6
2:00 PM	Turkey v Australia	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 7
4:30 PM	Serbia v Ireland	Village Pavilion	Game 8
5:00 PM	Czech Republic v England	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 9
7:30 PM	Germany v Israel	Village Pavilion	Game 10

Sunday, Sept. 20

9:30 AM	Switzerland v Australia	Village Pavilion	Game 11
10:00 AM	Finland v Turkey	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 12
12:30 PM	Israel v Ireland	Village Pavilion	Game 13
1:00 PM	USA v Czech Republic	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 14
3:30 PM	Germany v Serbia	Village Pavilion	Game 15
5:00 PM	Iroquois v Canada	War Memorial Arena	Game 16

Monday, Sept. 21

10:30 AM	Green 1 v Red 2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 17
11:00 AM	Green 3 v Red 4	Village Pavilion	Game 18
1:30 PM	Red 1 v Green 2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 19
2:00 PM	Red 3 v Green 4	Village Pavilion	Game 20
4:30 PM	USA v England	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 21
7:30 PM	Canada v Czech Republic	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 22

Tuesday, Sept. 22

10:30 AM	Loser G1/R2 v Loser R1/G2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 23
11:00 AM	Winner R3/G4 v Winner G3/R4	Village Pavilion	Game 24
1:30 PM	Winner R1/G2 v Winner G1/R2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 25
2:00 PM	Loser G4/R3 v Loser R4/G3	Village Pavilion	Game 26
4:30 PM	England v Iroquois	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 27
7:30 PM	Canada v USA	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 28

Wednesday, Sept. 23

4:30 PM	England v Canada	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 29
7:30 PM	Iroquois v Czech Republic	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 30

Thursday, Sept. 24

10:30 AM	RG5 v RG3	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 31
1:30 PM	RG6 v RG8	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 32
4:30 PM	Blue 3 v RG2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 33
7:30 PM	RG1 v Blue 4	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 34

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCHEDULE



Friday, Sept. 25

10:30 AM	RG4 v RG7	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 35
11:00 AM	Winner RG6/RG8 v Loser/RG5/RG3	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 36
1:30 PM	Blue 5 v Winner RG3/RG5	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 37
2:00 PM	Loser B4/RG1 v Loser B3/RG2	Village Pavilion	Game 38
4:30 PM	Blue 1 v Winner B4/RG1	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 39
7:30 PM	Blue 2 v Winner B3/RG2	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 40

Saturday, Sept. 26

9:00 AM	Loser Game 37 v Loser Game 38	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 41
9:30 AM	Loser Game 36 v Loser Game 35	Village Pavilion	Game 42
12:00 PM	Winner Game 38 v Winner Game 37	Onondaga Nation Arena	Game 43
12:30 PM	Winner Game 35 v Winner Game 36	Village Pavilion	Game 44
2:00 PM	Nation Social	WILC Event Tent	
3:00 PM	U-17 Demo Tourney	Onondaga Nation Arena	
4:00 PM	Exhibition Game (TBD)	Village Pavilion	
6:00 PM	Exhibition Game (TBD)	Village Pavilion	

Sunday, Sept. 27

1:00 PM	Bronze Medal Game	Carrier Dome	Game 45
4:00 PM	Gold Medal Game	Carrier Dome	Game 46
7:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Carrier Dome	

U-17 Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 26

Onondaga Nation Arena

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Iroquois U-17 v Canada U-17	FIL U-17 Demonstration Game
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Czech Republic U-19 v Canada U-17	Exhibition Match
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Iroquois U-17 v Czech Republic U-19	Exhibition Match

Check WILC2015.com for the latest schedules and results.



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Lowell "Bud" Thompson
 Commander, Iroquois Post 1587
 US Navy CORPSMAN
 3rd Marine Amphibious/
 Vietnam 1966-67

Flag: American
Markey Jimerson
 US Marine Corps, 3rd Battalion
 12th Marines, Vietnam 1966

Robert "Chub" Pierce
Sgt-at-Arms, Iroquois Post 1587
 US Army

Flag: Hiawatha
Marsha Thompson
 Treasurer, Iroquois Post 1587
 US Air Force, Vietnam 1975-83

Flag: Canadian
Sam Smith
 US Army, Vietnam

Flag: American Legion
Larry Isaac
 US Air Force, Vietnam

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England (5th)
Iroquois Nationals (2nd)
USA (3rd)

Red Division

Australia (6th)
Finland*
Switzerland*
Turkey*

Green Division

Germany*
Ireland (7th)
Israel*
Serbia*

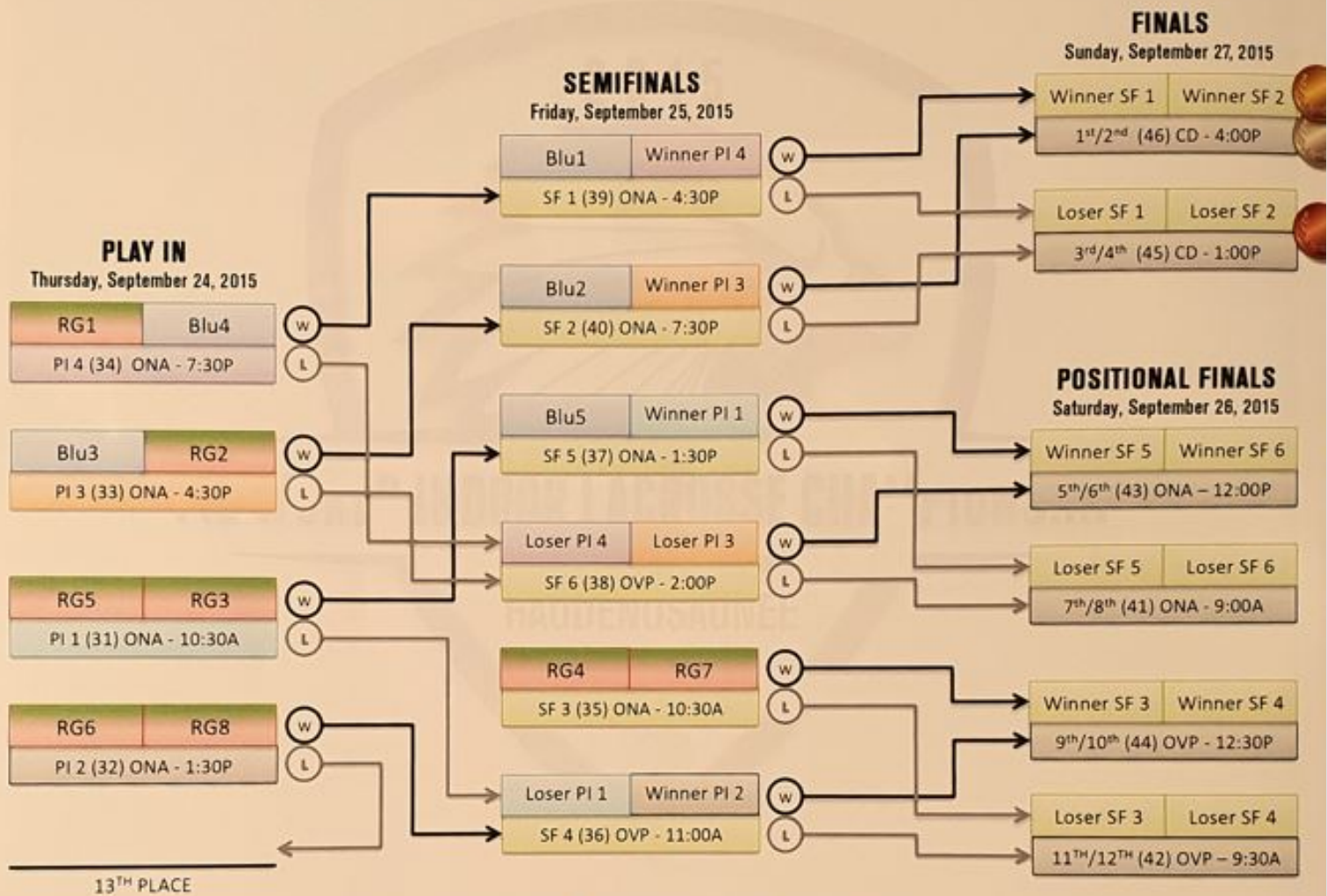
*Did not participate in 2011 FIL WILC in Prague. Other 2011 finishes in parentheses.



Team USA's Casey Powell was named MVP of the 2011 FIL WILC in Prague.
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AUSTRALIA

Division: **RED**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

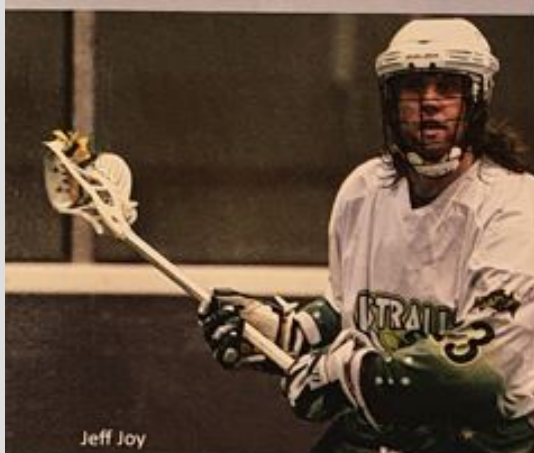
1 PM v Finland
Village Pavilion

Sept. 19

2 PM v Turkey
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 20

9:30 AM v Switzerland
Village Pavilion



Jeff Joy

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
2	T	Jesse Whinnen	Woodville LC
3	F	Rod Maher	Williamstown LC & Thunder Lacrosse
4	F	Peter Kwas	Footscray LC & Storm Lacrosse
7	T	Eben Lok	Brighton Bombers LC
8	D	Lachlan Mackinnon	Altona LC & Thunder Lacrosse
9	D	Jai Arambatzis	Eltham LC & Fury Lacrosse
10	D	Keith Nyberg	Eltham LC & Storm Lacrosse
12	T	Ryan Gaspari	East Torrens Payneham LC
13	D	David Gal	Malvern LC & Storm Lacrosse
14	T	Luca Lettieri	Caulfield LC & Mississauga Tomahawks Junior B
15	T	Kieran Sandow	Burnside LC
18	F	Scott Filliponi	Chadstone LC & Rage Lacrosse
20	T	Dan Mentiplay	MCC Lacrosse Club & Rage Lacrosse
21	F	Tristan Rai	Whitby Warriors Junior A
23	F	Jeff Joy	Malvern LC & Pickled Parrot
24	F	Lucas Wood	Wembley LC
25	D	Cam Semmler	Burnside LC & South Australian Shrikes
29	G	Billy Martin	Altona LC & Rage Lacrosse
30	G	Trevor Brennan	Storm Lacrosse
31	T	Tim Ratje	Eltham LC & Fury Lacrosse
34	T	Caleb Hall	Eltham LC & Fury Lacrosse
42	T	Wade Hammond	Eltham LC & Fury Lacrosse
44	F	Matt Taylor	Footscray LC

ALTERNATES

Brad Currie, Dylan Nangle, Nigel Wapper

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.lacrosse.com.au

FIL Member Since: 1972

Previous Results

2003: 5th

2007: 6th

2011: 6th



HEAD COACH
Bob Carter

ASSISTANT COACH Alan Lewer
ASSISTANT COACH Greg Mollison
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH Ian Webb
TEAM MANAGER Adrian Burns





CANADA

Division: **BLUE**

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
2	D	Brett Mydske	Edmonton Rush
3	D	Billy Dee Smith	Buffalo Bandits
4	D	Kyle Rubisch	Edmonton Rush
6	F	Dan Dawson	Rochester Knighthawks
7	D	Scott Campbell	Rochester Knighthawks
15	F	Shawn Evans	Calgary Roughnecks
16	D	Chris Corbeil	Edmonton Rush
17	T	Brodie Merrill	Toronto Rock
21	F	Ryan Benesch	Buffalo Bandits
22	D	Ryan Dilks	Edmonton Rush
23	D	Steve Priolo	Buffalo Bandits
24	T	Jordan MacIntosh	Georgia Swarm
26	D	Paul Dawson	Rochester Knighthawks
35	G	Brandon Miller	Toronto Rock
37	D	Dan Coates	Colorado Mammoth
42	F	Mark Matthews	Edmonton Rush
48	G	Matt Vinc	Rochester Knighthawks
71	F	Curtis Dickson	Calgary Roughnecks
77	G	Aaron Bold	Edmonton Rush
86	F	Stephan Leblanc	Toronto Rock
88	F	Zack Greer	Edmonton Rush
89	F	Adam Jones	Colorado Mammoth
92	F	Dhane Smith	Buffalo Bandits

GAME SCHEDULE

- Sept. 20**
5 PM v Iroquois
War Memorial Arena
- Sept. 21**
7:30 PM v Czech Republic
Onondaga Nation Arena
- Sept. 22**
7:30 PM v USA
Onondaga Nation Arena
- Sept. 23**
4:30 PM v England
Onondaga Nation Arena



Dan Dawson



HEAD COACH
Eddie Comeau

- NATIONAL TEAM DIRECTOR (BOX)** Johnny Mouradian
ASSISTANT COACH Paul Day
ASSISTANT COACH Glenn Clark
ASSISTANT COACH Derek Keenan
TEAM COORDINATOR Sean Ferris
ATHLETIC THERAPIST Stephen Lobsinger
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Ted Cordingley
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Paul Wade
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLA Joanne Thomson
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TEAM FACTS

- Website:** www.lacrosse.ca
FIL Member Since: 1974
Previous Results
 2003: 1st
 2007: 1st
 2011: 1st

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Division: **BLUE**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 19

5 PM v England
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 20

1 PM, USA
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 21

7:30 PM, Canada
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 23

7:30 PM, Iroquois
Onondaga Nation Arena



Petr Poupě

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
2	G	Jakub Mareš	LCC Radotín
3	F	Radek Skála	LCC Radotín
4	T	Martin Šrůta	LC Forfun
5	D	Martin Mrlik	TJ Malešice
6	D	Jonathan Munk	Maple Ridge Burrards
9	F	Jiří Košťál	LCC Radotín
10	T	Pavel Došlý	LC Jižní Město
11	F	Jan Skokan	LC Pardubice
13	D	Jakub Řiha	Royal City Capitals, LC Pardubice
15	D	Martin Hodaň	LC Radotín
16	T	Kamil Trhlík	TJ Malešice
18	F	Jiří Loskot	LCC Radotín
21	T	Chet Koneczny	Hustle, Nova Scotia Privateers
26	F	Matěj Barák	LCC Radotín
27	D	Jakub Výmola	LCC Radotín
28	D	Ladislav Kopfstein	TJ Malešice
29	F	Dominik Pešek	Hustle, LCC Radotín
30	G	Mike Poulin	Calgary Roughnecks
34	G	Tomáš Čekal	LC Jižní Město
38	D	Michal Hužvar	TJ Malešice
39	F	Jáchym Plecháček	LC Jižní Město
66	T	Jindřich Plečický	TJ Malešice
72	F	Tomáš Procházka	LCC Radotín
73	F	Petr Poupě	LCC Radotín
82	T	Tomáš Žipaj	LC Forfun
88	G	Tomáš Pelikán	TJ Malešice
90	D	Miroslav Polách	LCC Radotín
97	D	Kyle Ross	New Westminster Salmonbellies

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.lacrosse.cz

FIL Member Since: 1992

Previous Results

2003: 6th

2007: 7th

2011: 4th



HEAD COACH
Jim Veltman

ASSISTANT COACH Troy Cordingley
ASSISTANT COACH Roman Pokorný
**ASSISTANT COACH/
MANAGER** Pavel Semerák
ASSISTANT COACH Jiří Malina
PHYSIOTHERAPIST Pavel Székely
TEAM MANAGER Aleš Oulehla





ENGLAND

Division: **BLUE**

GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 19

5 PM v Czech Republic
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 21

4:30 PM v USA
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 22

4:30 PM, Iroquois
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 23

4:30 PM v Canada
Onondaga Nation Arena

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
1	G	Rick Bone	Spencer
2	D	Alan Keeley	Hampstead
5	D	Andy Downing	Heaton Mersey
7	F	Tom Johnson	Vancouver
8	D	John Beadle	Heaton Mersey
9	F	David Leach	Hitchin
10	D	Joseph Darkins	Spencer
13	F	Chris Manwaring	Burnaby Lakers
15	F	William Walker	Spencer
17	F	Nathan Clare	Ladner Pioneers
18	F	Jon Arthur	Hillcroft
21	D	David Cluney	Walcountian Blues
22	F	Peter Dunits	Hampstead
23	D	Matt Baldwin	East Grinstead
25	F	Jamie Tasko	London
27	D	Jack Foster	East Grinstead
29	D	Tony Joseph	East Grinstead
41	F	Cole Shafer	Coquitlam Adanacs
55	D	Andy Ellison	Heaton Mersey
66	G	Nick Rose	Toronto Rock
75	D	Michael Gillan	Barrie Blizzard
87	D	Tyson Roe	Nanaimo Timbermen
93	F	Sam Clare	Ladner Pioneers

ALTERNATES

Eliot Pugh, Owen Williams, Daniel Atkinson, Tom Roche



HEAD COACH
Mike Hasen

ASSISTANT COACH
ASSISTANT COACH
MANAGER
MANAGER
MANAGER
TRAINER
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
MASSEUSE
ATHLETIC THERAPIST

Paddy O'Toole
Chris Driscoll
Jamie Tasko
Peter Dunits
Joseph Darkins
Steve Cluney
Lisa Hoffart
Alice Marno
Emily Manning



Jamie Tasko

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.englishlacrosse.co.uk

FIL Member Since: 1972

Previous Results

2007: 4th

2011: 5th



FINLAND

Division: **RED**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

1 PM v Australia
Village Pavilion

Sept. 19

11 AM v Switzerland
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 20

10 AM v Turkey
Onondaga Nation Arena



NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
00	G	Lauri Uusitalo	Turku Titans
3	D	Jarno Alm	Uusimaa Capitals
6	D	Pekka Leinonen	Uusimaa Capitals
7	F	Altti Hyytiäinen	Turku Titans
9	F	Jarno Aaltonen	Okotoks Raiders Jr. A
13	G	Janne Pasanen	Lahti Box-Monkeys
17	D	Luke Lehtimäki	Port Coquitlam Saints Jr. A
18	T	Joakim Miller	Turku Titans
19	D	Mikko Varjo	Turku Titans
23	G	Juri Elonen	Ltu Lacrosse
25	F	Miika Helminen	Turku Titans
33	T	Anssi Kaisalmi	Mercer Bears
50	F	Roope Jokela	Turku Titans
51	T	Joni Jalvanti	Lahti Box-Monkeys
52	D	Severi Koskinen	Turku Titans
56	F	Pauli Nieminen	Lahti Box-Monkeys
61	F	Robert Raittila	Okotoks Raiders Jr. A
71	D	Markus Mattila	Turku Titans
74	F	Valtteri Laaksonen	Lahti Box-Monkeys
91	D	Kimi Aho	Ltu Lacrosse
92	T	Jimi Wiren	Turku Titans
95	F	Brett Kujala	Coquitlam Adanacs Jr. A

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.lacrosse.fi

FIL Member Since: 2002

Previous Results

This is Finland's first WILC



HEAD COACH
Devan Wray

ASSISTANT COACH	Tracey Kelusky
ASSISTANT COACH	Neil Doddridge
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Ari Aho
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Denis Deis
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5PM - 6PM



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GERMANY

Division: **GREEN**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

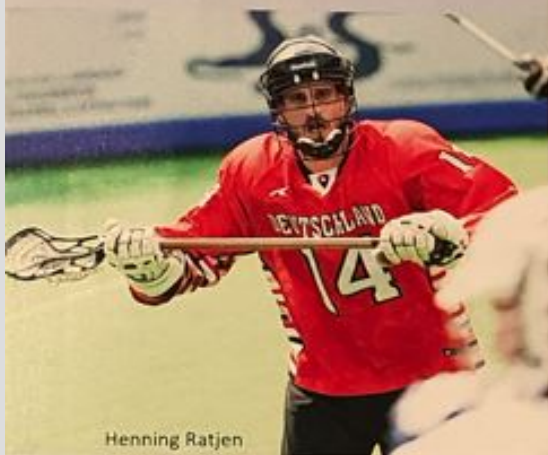
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Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 19

7:30 PM v Israel
Village Pavilion

Sept. 20

3:30 PM v Serbia
Village Pavilion



Henning Ratjen

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
1	G	Tilo Fuchs	HLC Rot-Weiss München / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
6	F	Wolfgang Griessl	HLC Rot-Weiss München / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
7	F	Frieder Hamann	USV TU Dresden
9	D	Thomas Niepel	Freie Turner Würzburg 1899 / Deutschland Adler LC
11	D	Thilo Siegel	Bundeswehr Lacrosse
12	F	Stefan Schröder	Berliner HC/ Deutschland Adler LC
13	D	Christian Schröder	Bundeswehr Lacrosse
15	F	Marc Brandenburger	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Deutschland Adler LC
17	D	Moritz Klett	Freie Turner Würzburg 1899 / Deutschland Adler LC
18	F	Dennis Heerdt	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
20	F	Philip Broz	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
21	T	Henning Ratjen	ATS Buntentor Bremen
22	T	Maximilian Bieber	HLC Rot-Weiss München / Deutschland Adler LC
23	F	Artjom Meriasch	Berliner HC / Deutschland Adler LC
24	T	Brian Tyacke	SCC Berlin / Deutschland Adler LC
29	D	Dominic Schüler	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Deutschland Adler LC
37	T	Michael Wolter	HLC Rot-Weiss München / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
43	F	Brendan Shea	Others
48	T	Sebastian Herzberg	Berliner HC / Deutschland Adler LC
52	G	Tyler Glebe	Others
61	F	Maximilian Sandlein	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Bundeswehr Lacrosse
67	F	Jamie Plunkett	Deutschland Adler LC
73	T	Marius Wolter	KKHT Schwarz-Weiss Köln / Bundeswehr Lacrosse

ALTERNATE

Don Jacks

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.dlaxv.de

FIL Member Since: 1994

Previous Results

This is Germany's first WILC



HEAD COACH

Jesse Cracknell

GENERAL MANAGER

Simon Krause

ASSISTANT COACH

Scott Stapleford

ASSISTANT COACH

Adam Marshall

STAFF

Barbara Zelenay, Sarah Andreas, Jule Feiks,
Julia Gasper, Mirjam Rockrohr

MEDICAL STAFF

Larry Komer, Frank Stechey, Saskia Silber





IRELAND

Division: **GREEN**

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
1	G	Mike Cregan	Georgetown, ON / Oakville Titans (OSBLL), Dublin Riggers
2	F	Drew Wichmann	Dublin, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
5	F	Tim O'Connor	Rochester, NY / Buffalo Creek Thunder (Canam)
8	D	Paul Murrin	Waterford, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
9	T	Sonny Campbell	Galway, IRL / Emerald Islanders
13	T	Sean Gibson	Dublin, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
15	D	Conor O'Brien	Malahide, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
16	F	Michael Kennedy	Dublin, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
18	T	Zak Jordan	London, UK / Emerald Islanders
19	D	Michael Bradshaw	Scarborough, ON / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
20	D	Tyler Roche	Whitby, ON / Peterborough Lakers (OJALL)
22	D	Tadhg Bolger	Dublin, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
23	F	Ciaran Boylan	Dublin, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
25	G	Colm Murphy	Bray, IRL / Emerald Islanders
28	F	Stephen Keogh	Toronto, ON / Rochester Knighthawks (NLL)
32	F	Kevin Owens	Fairfield, CT / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
37	D	Andrew McBride	Calgary, AB / Calgary Roughnecks (NLL)
48	T	Conor Dockery	Athlone, IRL / East Grinstead, Emerald Islanders
56	D	Mike Shea	Bronx, NY / Emerald Islanders
80	F	Dan Kelly	Peabody, MA / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
81	D	Ryan Doran	Galway, IRL / Dublin Riggers, Emerald Islanders
88	F	Brian Gillis	N. Vancouver, BC / Coquitlam Adanacs (WLA)
92	D	Ben Snider	Edmonton, AB / Nanaimo Timbermen (WLA)

GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18
12:30 PM v Germany
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 19
4:30 PM v Serbia
Village Pavilion

Sept. 20
12:30 PM v Israel
Village Pavilion



Sean Gibson



HEAD COACH
Jeff Dowling

ASSISTANT COACH	Geoff Conn
ASSISTANT COACH	Tom Howe
ASSISTANT COACH	Clancy Almas
TEAM LEADER	John Cavanaugh
ATHLETIC TRAINER	Terry McHugh
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Gus Mclaughlin

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.irelandlacrosse.ie

FIL Member Since: 2002

Previous Results

2007: 8th
2011: 7th



IROQUOIS NATIONALS

Division: **BLUE**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

8:30 PM v USA
War Memorial Arena

Sept. 20

5 PM v Canada
War Memorial Arena

Sept. 22

4:30 PM v England
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 23

7:30 PM v Czech Republic
Onondaga Nation Arena



NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
4	F	Lyle Thompson	Florida Launch
9	F	Craig Point	Rochester Knighthawks
10	T	Adam Bomberry	Akwesasne Indians
15	D	Tyler Garrison	Vancouver Stealth
17	T	Brier Jonathan	Rochester Knighthawks
22	F	Haina Thompson	Buffalo Bandits
26	D	Brett Bucktooth	New England Black Wolves
55	G	Angus Goodleaf	Rochester Knighthawks
63	T	Tommy Montour	Six Nations Rivermen
66	T	Kedoh Hill	Buffalo Bandits
71	D	Brandon Goodwin	Buffalo Bandits
72	F	Miles Thompson	Georgia Swarm
74	F	Jeremy Thompson	Saskatchewan Rush
76	G	Warren Hill	Six Nations Rivermen
77	F	Jeff Shattler	Calgary Roughnecks
79	D	Sid Smith	Rochester Knighthawks
81	F	Roger Vyse	Six Nations Rivermen
83	F	Randy Staats	Rochester Rattlers
84	D	Josh Becker	Allegany Arrows
89	F	Austin Staats	Six Nations Arrows
93	F	Johnny Powless	Georgia Swarm
94	D	Wenster Green	Peterborough Lakers
95	G	Gowah Abrams	Seneca Warchiefs
99	G	Mike Thompson	Kahnawake Mohawks

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.iroquoisnationals.org

FIL Member Since: 1988

Previous Results

2003: 2nd

2007: 2nd

2011: 2nd



HEAD COACH
Rick Kilgour

ASSISTANT COACH Cody Jamieson
ASSISTANT COACH Darris Kilgour
ASSISTANT COACH Andy Secore
ASSISTANT COACH Duane Jacobs
GENERAL MANAGER Landon Miller



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ISRAEL

Division: **GREEN**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

9:30 AM v Serbia
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 19

7:30 PM v Germany
Village Pavilion

Sept. 20

12:30 PM v Ireland
Village Pavilion



NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
3	F	Matthew Cherry	Tel Aviv, Israel / Dickinson
4	D	Benjamin Smith	Boston, MA / Harvard
5	T	Casey Cittadino	Baldwin, NY / Towson
11	T	Bryan Hopper	Netanya, Israel / Hamilton
13	T	Kevin Harper	Oakville, ON / Oakville Titans
14	F	Michael Stone	Wellesley, MA / Middlebury
17	T	Tate Price	Littleton, CO / Colorado
18	T	Seth Mahler	Ashkelon, Israel / Whittier
19	F	Chad Culp	Arthur, ON / Buffalo Bandits
20	T	Cole McCormack	Rye, NY / Cornell
21	D	Dalton Lundy	Brooklin, ON / Clarington Green Gaels
23	T	Daniel Deckelbaum	Baltimore, MD / Delaware
27	D	Adam Crystal	Baldwin, NY / Drexel
31	G	Zachary Higgins	Courtice, ON / Georgia Swarm
32	F	Daniel Leventhal	Chappaqua, NY / Tufts
35	G	Andrew Copeland	Netanya, Israel / Port Moody
40	T	Matthew Flapan	Ramla, Israel / Israel Defense Forces
41	F	Noah Miller	Tel Aviv, Israel / Vermont
43	T	Kyle Bergman	New York, NY / Drexel
56	D	Harrison Freid	Needham, MA / St. John's
57	F	Alec Aloni	Tel Aviv, Israel / Israel Defense Forces
77	T	Jacob Silberlicht	Tel Aviv, Israel / Hobart
91	T	Chase Clark	Netanya, Israel / Colorado Mesa

ALTERNATES

Josh Berger, Danny Bialosky, Adam Culbertson, Benjamin Herman, Michael Horowitz, Garrett Naimie, Zachary Pall

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.lacrosse.co.il

FIL Member Since: 2011

Previous Results

This is Israel's first WILC



HEAD COACH
Brad MacArthur

GENERAL MANAGER
ASSISTANT COACH
ASSISTANT COACH
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL
PHYSICAL THERAPY
ATHLETIC TRAINER
EQUIPMENT MANAGER
SCOUT
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Bill Beroza
 Jason Crosbie
 David Dennenberg
 Chaka Bainbridge
 Yoni Rosenblatt
 Michael Boisselle
 Dave Murray
 Chris Leone
 Frantisek Klima
 Mookie Alderman





SERBIA

Division: **GREEN**

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
1	D	Stefan Trajkovic	Belgrade Zombies
4	F	Fjodor Jemcov	St. Fx University
6	D	Milos Ivanisevic	Belgrade Zombies
9	D	Jordan Pavic	Mimico Mountaineers
10	F	Aleksandar Gajic	Vancouver Stealth / Burnaby Lakers
11	F	Mladen Bukarovic	Belgrade Zombies / Poznan Hussars
14	D	Uros Matijasevic	Belgrade Zombies
15	T	Ilija Gajic	Vancouver Stealth / Burnaby Lakers
16	D	Stevan Kriss	Lexington
17	F	Stephen Simeunovic	Toronto
21	F	Ryan Pavic	Mimico Mountaineers
22	D	Milan Bibeskovic	Belgrade Zombies
24	F	Ivan Negrojevic	Belgrade Zombies
27	F	Lazar Matijasevic	Belgrade Zombies
28	D	Brian Gorodetsky	Belgrade Zombies
30	G	Marko Celic	Six Nations Slash
44	T	Aleksandar Jovanovic	Belgrade Zombies
55	F	Ryan Ferizovic	Six Nations Slash
60	D	Sava Konstantinovic	Belgrade Zombies / Bocconi Lacrosse
69	D	Stefan Lazic	Belgrade Zombies
76	G	Milos Pantelic	Belgrade Zombies / Novi Sad Titans
79	T	Nik Bilic	Edmonton Rush / Langley Thunder
87	F	Milos Vukasinovic	Belgrade Zombies

GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18
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Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 19
4:30 PM v Ireland
Village Pavilion

Sept. 20
3:30 PM v Germany
Village Pavilion



HEAD COACH
Stjepan Sterparn

DEFENSE COACH	Stu Sterparn
OFFENSE COACH	Jonas Derks
ASSISTANT COACH	Matthew Campbell
GENERAL MANAGER	Shauna Sterparn
ATHLETIC TRAINER	Laura McRobb
SCOUT	Josh McRobb
PR AND MEDIA	Luke Stypulkowski
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Ivanko Cernak
VIDEOGRAPHER	Milos Nikolic
PHYSIOTHERAPIST	Tina Carter
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Tomas Simeunovic

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.slf.rs/

FIL Member Since: 2015

Previous Results
This is Serbia's first WILC



SWITZERLAND

Division: **RED**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

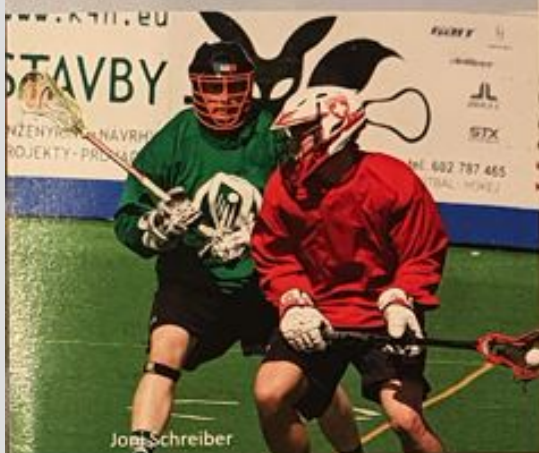
10 AM v Turkey
Village Pavilion

Sept. 19

11 AM v Finland
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 20

9:30 AM v Australia
Village Pavilion



NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
0	T	Joni Schreiber	Olten
1	G	Dan Schreiber	Olten
2	D	Attila Trösch	Zurich
5	D	Michael Haller	Wettingen
7	D	Jesse Glover	Herzogenbuchsee
9	T	Ian Schoch	Zurich
11	D	Matthias Annaheim	Olten
12	T	Lukas Heri	Solothurn
13	F	Philipp Sponagel	Zurich
15	D	Mario Von Jackowski	Basel
17	F	Nicolai Räber	Zurich
22	F	Felix Stutz	Zurich
24	D	Magnus Wolf	Chur
26	T	Dario Lindegger	Luzern
27	D	Stefan Zweifel	Zurich
31	G	Patrick Ponce	Wettingen
40	T	Matt Trautman	Romande
51	T	Patrick Brunner	Zurich
54	F	Martin Beer	Solothurn
67	D	Kusi Graenicher	Herzogenbuchsee
69	G	Alex Meier	Chur
87	F	Rolf Hirt	Bern
88	T	Ben Schreiber	Olten

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.swisslax.ch

FIL Member Since: 2008

Previous Results

This is Switzerland's first WILC



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Andre Blaser

ASSISTANT COACH

Jim Milligan

ASSISTANT COACH

Leigh Augustine

MEDIA DIRECTOR

Dee Balkissoon

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Mark Russo





TURKEY

Division: **RED**

GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

10 AM v Switzerland
Village Pavilion

Sept. 19

2 PM v Australia
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 20

10 AM v Finland
Onondaga Nation Arena

NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
2	D	Patrick Dougherty	Istanbul Sultans LC
3	F	Deniz Sarikaya	Istanbul Sultans LC
6	D	Caner Newton	Wilmington BL
7	D	Alpdogan Johnson	Mcdonough HS
8	F	David Deriso	Tri-State Men's Club / Lasersharks
9	F	Nick Shaw	Lake Tahoe Dawgs
10	F	Anthony Terranova	Tri-State Men's Club / Lasersharks
11	T	Ataberk Ozturan	Ankara Mamak Knights LC
12	D	Adrian Zapata	Palm Coast Sparrows
13	F	Cem Dogrul	Braunschweig LC
16	F	Bora Başkan	Ankara Mamak Knights LC
17	D	Tyler Harryman	Izmir Warriors LC
20	F	Fatih Yokuş	Ankara Mamak Knights LC
21	D	Michael Moir	Ankara Mamak Knights LC
22	F	Curtis Pek	Grand Valley State / Grand Rapids Dragonfish
25	D	Ömer Faruk	Yetiştirici Istanbul Sultans LC
35	F	Tunay İdaci	Izmir Warriors LC
37	D	Nabil Akl	Drexel University / Onondaga Redhawks Jr. B
42	D	Emre Çağrı Arasli	Izmir Warriors LC
44	F	Joe Rainoldi	Drexel University / Onondaga Redhawks Jr. B
55	F	Shane Garrison	Izmir Warriors
80	G	Scott Komer	Pinewood Smoke
88	F	Arda Cetinel	3D Select / GBL Ann Arbor
99	G	Josh Potter	Philadelphia Thunder / Boston Megamen



Tyler Harryman



HEAD COACH
Brian Phillips

ASSISTANT COACH	Shaydon Santos
ASSISTANT COACH	Ben Miller
ATHLETIC TRAINER	Davey Lacroix
TEAM MANAGER	Zaynep Dougherty
ASSISTANT MANAGER	Erica Potter
ASSISTANT MANAGER	Louise Ward

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.turkeylacrosse.com

FIL Member Since: 2010

Previous Results

This is Turkey's first WILC



USA

Division: **BLUE**



GAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 18

8:30 PM v Iroquois
War Memorial Arena

Sept. 20

1 PM v Czech Republic
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 21

4:30 PM v England
Onondaga Nation Arena

Sept. 22

7:30 PM v Canada
Onondaga Nation Arena



NO.	POS.	NAME	CLUB/HOMETOWN
1	F	Joe Walters	Rochester Nighthawks
4	D	Chris O'Dougherty	Vancouver Stealth
6	D	CJ Costabile	Chesapeake Bayhawks (MLL)
7	F	Joe Resetarits	Rochester Nighthawks
8	D	Greg Downing	Georgia Swarm
9	F	Garrett Thul	Charlotte Hounds (MLL)
10	F	Marcus Holman	Ohio Machine (MLL)
11	T	Joel White	Georgia Swarm
13	D	Brett Manney	New England Black Wolves
14	F	Drew Westervelt	Colorado Mammoth
18	D	Joe Smith	Philadelphia Wings
20	T	Ryan Hotaling	New England Black Wolves
21	T	Jeff Reynolds	Philadelphia Wings
22	F	Casey Powell	Florida Launch (MLL)
23	T	Drew Snider	Denver Outlaws (MLL)
25	F	Blaze Riorden	University of Albany (NCAA)
27	F	Kevin Buchanan	New England Black Wolves
33	G	Jake Henhawk	Rochester Nighthawks
37	G	David Mather	Langley Thunder (Senior A)
65	G	Chris Collins	New England Black Wolves
80	D	Don Moss	Rochester Nighthawks
84	D	Brian Megill	New England Black Wolves
90	F	Jeff Ratcliffe	Philadelphia Wings

TEAM FACTS

Website: www.uslacrosse.org

FIL Member Since: 1972

Previous Results

2003: 3rd

2007: 3rd

2011: 3rd



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Canadian Keith Gagne. (Photo by Larry Palumba/Coyote Magic Productions)

INDOOR LACROSSE RULES

An Overview of What to Watch on the Floor



*Diving is legal and an exciting part of indoor lacrosse.
(Photo by Larry Palumbo/Coyote Magic Productions)*

Indoor (box) lacrosse is played on a standard-sized arena floor and features six players (goaltender and five runners) competing in play at any time. Team roster sizes are 23 players (18 dressed).

The strategy of indoor lacrosse is similar to that of basketball, with all five runners involved in the offense and the defense.

Adding to the appeal are the speed and excitement created by a 30-second shot clock.

The combination of action and reaction makes box lacrosse as much fun to play as it is to watch.

Indoor lacrosse is currently played by FIL members Australia, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Iroquois, Latvia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and the United States.

The inaugural FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship was hosted in Ontario, Canada, in 2003. This year's event is the fourth FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship.

There are currently more than 100,000 indoor lacrosse players in the world. Both males and females play this version of lacrosse and the ages of competition range from 6-65 years.

Check FILacrosse.com/rules-mens-indoor/ for more.

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WORLD INDOOR LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Canada Comes Off Three Straight Championships



Team Canada beat the Iroquois 13-6 at the 2011 WILC in Prague, Czech Republic, with Matt Vinc, Kyle Rubisch and Dan Dawson making the All-World teams. (Photo by Larry Palumbo/Coyote Magic Productions)

The World Indoor Lacrosse Championship (WILC) was sponsored by the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) through 2007 and is now sponsored by the sport's unified governing body, the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL).

The inaugural event was held in Hamilton, Kitchener, Mississauga and Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, in May 2003. National teams from Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic, the Iroquois Nation, Scotland and the United States participated. Canada won gold, defeating the Iroquois Nation in the final by a score of 21-4. The United States took the bronze.

The latest championship event was held in Prague, Czech Republic, in May 2011. Canada improved to 17-0 in world championship indoor play beating the Iroquois Nationals for the third straight time in a WILC final, this time by a score 13-6. Again, the United States finished with a bronze for their third straight third-place finish.

Lacrosse has returned to the home of its Haudenosaunee origin with the Iroquois Nationals hosting the 2015 WILC, September 18-27 in the heart of the Onondaga Nation in Syracuse, NY, USA.

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	SITE
2003	Canada	Iroquois	21-4	Canada*
2007	Canada	Iroquois	15-14 OT	Halifax, NS CAN
2011	Canada	Iroquois	13-6	Prague, CR
2015	-	-	-	Onondaga Nation

*The inaugural WILC event was held in Hamilton, Kitchener, Mississauga and Oshawa, Ontario.

BRINGING THE WORLD TOGETHER

This 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Gathers 13 Teams From Around the World to Compete on the Onondaga Nation

BY CONNOR WILSON

SERBIA

"For many members of the team, this will be the first time that they have ever left Europe and visited North America. It's going to be a really exciting experience to see Western culture and visit a city where lacrosse is a well-known sport."

—Brian Gorodetsky

ENGLAND

"The England box lacrosse team is a mixed bunch of guys who all love the game. There are so many personalities on the team and occupations range from a fireman, tree surgeon, osteopath, company director and sports-media salesman. You get your regular mix of loose cannons and other typical player types.

"The growth of box lacrosse in England is frustratingly slow. This is because of limited access to facilities. However, there are a number of box lacrosse teams appearing and there is a hunger for the game. We see players hooked on the game as soon as they play for the first time and see the intensity. Hopefully, within the next few years the first box lacrosse facilities will start to appear."

—Joe Darkins

SWITZERLAND

"We have an extremely dedicated group of men who work hard on their own time to stay fit and keep their sticks sharp. They are fast, tough and creative players. Off the field, there is a lot of positive chemistry.

"We have some very dedicated people at key positions to ensure that the game continues to grow here. The country is focused on youth and making sure all clubs incorporate youth programs into their agendas."

—Scott Hylan

LACROSSE ALL STARS

Preparation for the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship was intense, as teams gathered and practiced in advance of heading to North America for this year's event. Here's a sampling of how teams were feeling and how the game is growing around the world.



Australia finished sixth at the 2011 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship in the Czech Republic. (Photo by Larry Palumba/Coyote Magic Productions)

AUSTRALIA

"All of the players on the team are great ambassadors of the game; they all play the game with intensity and integrity.

"Out of the box, they are the most approachable players you could ever meet. They understand and respect the game, work, dedication and commitment to play at the highest level."

—Bob Carter



Ireland finished seventh at the 2011 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship in the Czech Republic. (Photo by Larry Palumba/Coyote Magic Productions)

GERMANY

"We are excited to come over to the US and Six Nations to play in the area where the game we all love originated. We will be competitive and a great addition to the international box lacrosse scene. Ultimately, we are looking forward to the opportunity to play the best teams and players in the world."

—Simon Krause

CZECH REPUBLIC

"We truly believe that our players have gained more experience since 2011 and would be able to be worthy and strong opponents to North American teams. The goal of our team would be to defend our position as the best European team and try to complicate the way to medals for teams such as Canada, Iroquois and USA."

—Pavel Semerak

IRELAND

"The easiest way to describe our group of players is to say that they are very diverse both on and off the floor. Off the floor, we have a wide array of individuals, ranging from students, financial analysts, IT specialists, chefs and university administrators to a nurse and an ER doctor. On the floor, we are every bit as diverse, but with a recognized common goal, every player has a team-first approach.

"Ireland has a very strong sporting tradition and ethos, and the Irish public loves to get behind its national teams, no matter what sport it is.

"The hashtags #COYBIG (Come On You Boys In Green) and #COYGIG (Come On You Girls In Green) help to bring together all of those who support the Irish national sports teams. We hope people will help spread the word about Irish lacrosse by using these hashtags in any social media posts or stories that relate to our teams!"

—Jeff Dowling

Box Lacrosse Vs. Field Lacrosse

What Differentiates These Two Sports?

BY CONNOR WILSON



Brett Bucktooth has excelled in both box and field lacrosse for the Iroquois Nationals. (Photo by Larry Palumbo/Coyote Magic Productions)

Lacrosse is still a niche sport in many parts of the world, so people are often surprised to learn that there are actually two very distinct versions of the modern game being played on the international level, both regulated by the Federation of International Lacrosse: While the two grew from the same historical field game played by the Haudenosaunee for centuries, indoor lacrosse and field lacrosse are actually quite different.

Sure, indoor lacrosse is played indoors, and field lacrosse is played outdoors, right?

If it were only that simple...

The big difference is not one of indoors or outdoors, despite the name indoor lacrosse. The difference lays in the fact that indoor lacrosse is played on a surface inside a 200-foot-long hockey rink, whereas field lacrosse is played on a full-sized 330-foot-long athletic field with sidelines. Indoor lacrosse can be played outdoors, and there is actually a very famous, beautiful and permanent outdoor box rink in the small town of Radotin in the Czech Republic! Field lacrosse can also be played indoors, and in the spring, Syracuse University's Carrier Dome is home to its legendary men's and women's field lacrosse teams.

Another major difference between the games are the goalies. Box goalies wear padding from head-to-toe and protect a small goal, usually in a similar stance to that of a hockey goalie. Field goalies stand more upright, and wear little more than a chest protector, helmet and gloves. A field net is 6' by 6'; and a box net is usually about 4' by 4'. So why do box goalies get MORE padding? They tend to face a lot more shots per game, and from a much closer distance, and that means more padding is only fair.

Indoor lacrosse is also played with fewer players on the floor than in a field lacrosse game. For indoor, each team has one goalie

and five players (called "runners") who run up and down the floor playing offense or defense. Some teams substitute entire offenses and defenses every time possession changes, and shifts rarely last more than a minute or two. While 15-20 players will see playing time for most teams, no one other than the goalie ever stays on the floor for the whole game.

In the field version, each team has one goalie and nine players on the field at a time, but their movement on the field is restricted. An "offsides" rule allows for a maximum of six players in the offensive half of the field at one time, and a maximum of seven players in the defensive half. Teams will often have designated attack-and-defense players who rarely come off the field during a game, and will use a rotation of midfielders to do the back-and-forth running.

There is also a difference between the sticks that players use in the two versions of the game, although they look very similar. Indoor lacrosse players only use "short sticks" under four feet in length, although the goalie is allowed a longer stick with a larger head and catching area. Indoor heads can also be narrower than those of field sticks, which can make the ball very hard to dislodge. Field lacrosse players also use short sticks, but teams are allowed up to four "long sticks" (about six feet) on the field at a time, and they are typically used for defense.

The two games also come with slightly different rules. Indoor lacrosse has a legalized version of the cross check, whereas field does not. Field lacrosse players can slash with their sticks more, but for box, it is typically less tolerated. Face-offs, although very similar in concept, are also slightly different, but that is because of the field layout, less so the sticks. Indoor face-off rules often allow for more frenzied action, while those on the field tend to be more tactical.

OK, so there are a bunch of technical differences—does the game actually look different?

All of these differences do tend to create a difference in game-play between indoor and field. Indoor lacrosse is played in a very tight space, and contact is constant. The pick-and-roll plays a huge part for offenses, and defending it correctly is a major key for defenses, many of which run an off-ball “zone.” Offensive players must possess an ability to pass, shoot, pick, roll and dodge, and do so very quickly. Offensive opportunities disappear quickly inside the boards. It’s a team game, and since goalies can play angles more easily, teams need multiple threats to truly succeed. The pace of play for the minute or two that a player is on the floor is often breakneck, but better teams will slow down the game and get long, multi-shot possessions on offense. Good defenses encourage poor shots, and use the ever-present shot clock to their advantage by putting pressure back on the offense.

Field lacrosse, especially on the international level, is a more wide-open game, and the pace can sometimes seem slower than indoor. With the larger field of play, teams (and individual players) can hold possession of the ball for longer periods of time. The lack of a shot clock and the presence of long sticks on defense tend to spread the game out even more. Offensive players need excellent skills, and speed and quickness are both incredibly beneficial. De-

fenses want to encourage bad shots, but without a shot clock, they will not press out as hard. Game planning becomes paramount at higher levels, as teams can slow the game or speed the pace, on offense and/or defense.

While there are many differences between field and indoor, some of the players on the Indoor national teams also play for their field national teams. Many of the absolute best lacrosse players in the world excel in both arenas, sometimes even playing very different positions. And it’s not uncommon for players to start playing the “other” version of the game, whichever it may be, later in life.

While the two games are really quite different, at the end of the day, the goal remains the same: throw the ball in your opponent’s net more times than they throw it in yours. Many of the skills cross over from indoor to field, and vice versa, and both versions of the game require ferocity and toughness, great team play and a strong desire to win.

Connor Wilson has been playing and coaching field lacrosse for 25 years and started playing indoor seriously (after playing a little in high school) six years ago, traveling to play in Prague, Syracuse and Baltimore. His company, LaxAllStars.com, has one main goal: to Grow the Game of lacrosse!



In 2014, the Iraqis Nationals won their first medal at the outdoor FIL World Championship, winning bronze in Denver. (Photo by Lax AllStars)

Lacrosse Through the Ages

The Sport Has Differing—and Fascinating—Cultural Significance and Origins Through the Six Nations

BY RICK HILL



Spiritual Origins of Lacrosse

Lacrosse has gotten a bad reputation by some scholars and news reporters, who have focused on the violent aspects of the game. At the same time, the Vanishing American stereotype also romanticized the sport. In 1879, a Vermont newspaper writer described Mohawk lacrosse: "If the reading of their daring prowess excites our wonder and admiration, be excited by standing face-to-face with the Indian themselves, and witnessing in life what we have considered so marvelous in the shadows."

However, for the Haudenosaunee, lacrosse has its origins before humans were created on the Great Turtle Island, more commonly known as North America. In Cayuga, lacrosse is called Dewa'ao:gajihgwa'e', meaning "they played with webbed stick" and "hitting their hips." In Mohawk, the game is called Tewaa:rathon, referring to the netting on the curved stick. In Seneca, lacrosse is called Dewa'ëö'. In Onondaga, lacrosse is called Deion Tshihgwah:is, meaning "bumping hips," indicating the physical nature of the game.

When the world was fairly new, The Creator and his twin brother, named Flint, invented lacrosse as a way to test their spiritual power and supernatural skills. They were contesting for control over life on the Turtle Island.

Back then, one goal post (a wood pole standing straight) was erected. The two original players each tried to pick up the ball with their webbed rackets and hit that standing pole. The first to strike it three times would be the winner. But they played to a draw.

Once humans were made, and learned of the origin of the earth, they played lacrosse to honor the time of Creation. At that time,

lacrosse was played as a medicine game, used to pick up the spirits of anyone suffering from depression. The leather-wrapped wood ball was a form of medicine itself, flying back-and-forth, enhanced by the skills and agility of the players. The focus was on expert stickhandling and quick movements.

As such, the game symbolizes the struggle between the Good-minded twin (The Creator) and his brother (Flint), who sought to destroy the new world. It also symbolizes the struggle between the Thunderbeings, who use lightning shot from their wood bows to chase away underwater serpents intent on destroying human life.

Ongoing Cultural Significance

"In times when an elder or anyone in the Nation became sick, the medicine people would prepare and administer the medicines obtained from Mother Earth, and then they would call for a lacrosse game to be played to provide additional power for the medicine. Our people believed that by demonstrating to The Creator that his people had not forgotten his gift, The Creator would look favorably upon their efforts and therefore, would not forget the sicken member." (Mike Mitchell, Akwesasne Mohawk, Tewaarathon, 1978)

The Cayuga at Grand River Territory play lacrosse as part of their Thunder Dance. This game is called Gatchiikhwae, meaning "beating the mush," a reference to the corn mush provided for the winning team by the losers.

David Jack, a Cayuga from Grand River, told the story of the Seven Thunders in 1915. There was an uncle and his nephew away in the bush hunting. They met nearby people, and one of their boys invited the nephew to play lacrosse, and off they went carry-



From left: In native cultures, children are born with wooden lacrosse sticks in their cribs; playing box lacrosse is an important part of growing up on the Onondaga Nation. (Photos by Michael Greenlar)

ing lacrosse sticks to the playing field. However, the other players thought that the boys were too young to play.

One of the boys entered the game anyway, but the older players were too rough on him. The second boy from the bush camp jumped into the game and played expertly like a man. He was actually a Thunderbeing, and when he touched the other players, they fell dead in their tracks. When he knocked players into a tree, a knot was formed on the tree.

When the game ended, the Thunderbeing player touched two other boys, imparting some of his power to them, saying, "Now you will have as much power as I for the ballgame, or anything else, such as lifting; so don't be afraid." He asked them to go back to his bush camp to protect his uncle.

The Thunderbeing player finally returned to find his uncle with a neighboring woman, and the two boys excelling in running, wrestling, jumping and playing lacrosse, even though they were little boys.

However, animals became scarce so they all went to a new location and met some other people. They were invited to play lacrosse. The host team played rough and thought they would have an easy time beating these boys. The Thunderbeing boys won, but the host team started to fight, and were no match for the little boys.

This story informs us of three things. Don't mess with the Thunderbeings: they are too powerful; lacrosse unites our communities; there are consequences for unfair play.

In former days, players would fast, using herbal medicines to purge themselves, thereby cleansing their bodies in preparation for the game. Two teams were formed, one of older men (the fathers)

from one set of clans, and the other of younger men (the sons) from the opposite set of clans. There were seven players on each team, representing seven Thunderbeings.

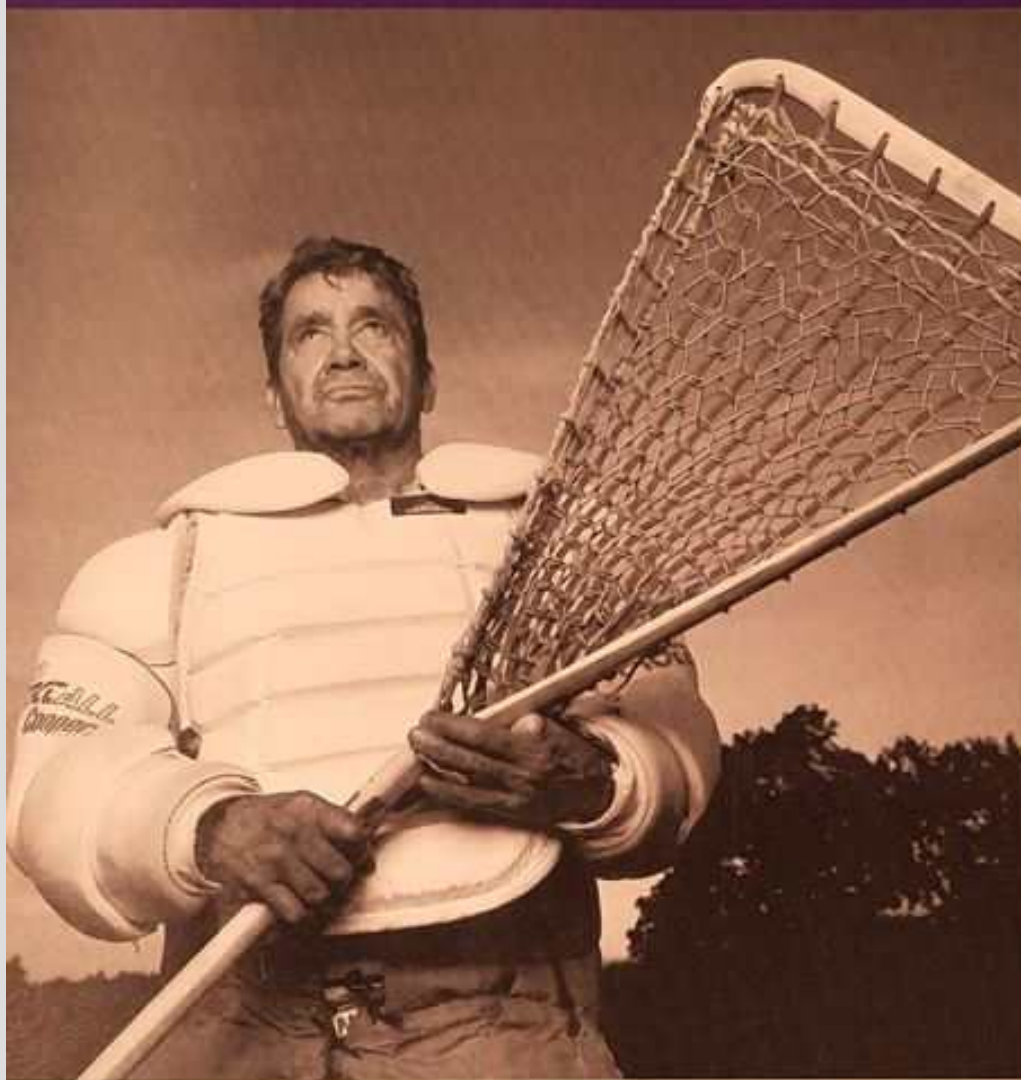
The playing field was an eighth- to a quarter-mile long, with a pair of poles (seven paces wide) erected as a goal at each end. The game was played until one side scored seven goals first.

Before the game, a tobacco invocation was offered to the Thunderbeings (Hadiwennodagyes, in Cayuga). The players were instructed to play clean and fair, and not to cause any harm to each other. They were to have a Good Mind when they played, as this would enhance the 'medicine' of the game.

After the game, Wasase, or War/Thunder Dances, were performed, followed by a distribution of gifts to the players and a meal of corn mush.

The Senecas have a story about the transformation of warriors into Thunderbeings. A war party finally makes their way to the western edge of the world. They sneak under the Sky Dome and find themselves in a strange world of intensive greenness and unusual light. In reality, they arrived in the Sky World, only to find a lacrosse game in process. There was an older man acting as a referee on the sidelines. The field of play was surrounded by cheering fans who delighted at the skill and quickness of the players.

The old man was warning one of the players to keep his play clean and fair. However, the player ignored his instructions. Finally, the old man grabbed the player as he was running by and flung him



Lacrosse is a celebration in Six Nations culture, and men play their entire lives.

(Photo by Michael Greenlar)

they would share songs, dances and entertainment, bringing happiness and contentment to the players. Mrs. Gibson believed that this was the real intent of The Creator in giving humans lacrosse.

The Evolving Lacrosse Stick

At about the halfway point of the 19th century, lacrosse sticks used by the Haudenosaunee had a longer head and netting than what is used today. Those old sticks had no guard wall or pocket stop to hold the ball. The ball was harder to cradle but the longer netting allowed for longer, more accurate passing.

The Penn Museum at the University of Pennsylvania has a carved lacrosse stick that was used by a Cayuga player who died in 1845. He was the grandfather of the legendary Chief Deskaheh (Levi General) who traveled to England and Switzerland on a Haudenosaunee passport in the 1920s seeking political recognition of the Haudenosaunee at the League of Nations.

This old stick is unique in that both ends have carved figures. At the netted end, the face of a dog or bear is carved at the end of the wood that curves around like a bishop's ecclesiastical crosier. It is due to this shape that lacrosse received its French name.

At the end of the handle, a human hand holding a ball is carved, along with other small features. There are also two hands sharing a handshake with each other, symbolizing the 'medicine' of the game to create camaraderie among players.

From 1860 to 1890, the basic shape of the stick remained the same, but the netting began to change. A museum publication describes the unique stick: "Three guard strings at the outer edge of the net also rise above the plane of the web to form an elementary pocket. At the flattened tip of the crosse, the wall is at a very acute angle to the net, so that it might serve as a scoop. However, the end is less dished than that of the modern type, and the web has no sag, all of the pocket-like effect being due to the higher wall and the guard strings. It meets the standards of the *Official Handbook of 1888*."

Rick Hill is Deyohahā:ge: Projects coordinator for Six Nations Polytechnic of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

so hard; the player stuck through a tree like an arrow. "Wait there for a while and think about what you have been doing," stated the old man. "I told you not to play that way; that is not the way lacrosse is meant to be!"

What was his timeout to think about his bad play. In reality, the power of the tree would be a medicine for the player, to calm him down. The old man was The Creator. The tree represents the medicinal powers of wood. The old lacrosse sticks were made of hickory, which is also a form of medicine. Trees have life and power. Wood retains some of that life and power. An old-style lacrosse stick is more than a piece of wood. When he finally realized why his actions were wrong, he was released from the tree and took his place back on the lacrosse field. He never played dirty again.

This story is one of the reasons why the Haudenosaunee believe that lacrosse is played in the Sky World.

The wife of famed oral historian Chief John Arthur Gibson of Six Nations noted that lacrosse among the Haudenosaunee helped to keep clanship ties strong. Hosts from the same clan would take in visiting players from other communities during their lacrosse tours, providing food, lodging, laughter and music. In the evenings

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Welcome Everyone:

In the spirit of friendship, healing, world peace and outstanding athletic competition, welcome to the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Welcome to the region that is widely regarded as the original home of lacrosse. Welcome to a game given by The Creator to the people as a medicine game to promote peace, to build friendships and to provide healing to individuals and their families.

It is our honor to assist the Onondaga Nation in bringing this game home.

The Onondaga people, with their brethren Haudenosaunee Nations: the Mohawks, the Oneida, the Cayuga, the Seneca and the Tuscarora, envisioned these championship games as their opportunity to reintroduce themselves to the world.

To that end, we have created an opening ceremony that touches on the cosmology of their oral history. We have fostered a village on the Onondaga Nation where guests can see native arts and crafts, hear their music, get a glimpse of Haudenosaunee culture and share in their extraordinary story. Among the many events, Syracuse University, Cornell, Harvard and the Smithsonian have come here during these games to think together about the history shared by our nation and those of the indigenous peoples in a daylong conference we are hosting.

We at Honeysweet Productions are proud beyond measure to have been asked to assist the Haudenosaunee in sharing a brief glimpse of their history and their hospitality.

As you experience the finest lacrosse the world has to offer, we invite you to remember the original intention of these games and try to hold that mindset. The extraordinary competitions serve as an elegant method of conflict resolution. They are games to promote peace, build friendships and to provide healing to communities.

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WILC EVENT SCHEDULE

In Addition to the Action on the Floor, There's a Ton Going on Around the Tournament



The Ripcords



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Alfie Jacques
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The Johnny Ray Band

Thursday, Sept. 17

WILC Event Tent

Athlete's Welcome Dinner by chef Rich Francis, presented by Wegmans, Natural Tableware & Saranac Brewery

Saturday, Sept. 19

WILC Event Tent

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Alfie Jacques, Wood Stick Demonstration
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Traditional Dance, by Haudenosaunee Dancers
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Joe Driscoll
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM: The Ripcords, featuring Pete McMahon

Village Pavilion

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Onondaga Redhawks vs Czech Republic U-19 Exhibition Match

Sunday, Sept. 20

WILC Event Tent

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Chef Rich Francis Cooking Demonstration, presented by Wegmans & Natural Tableware
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Traditional Dance, by Haudenosaunee Dancers

Tuesday, Sept. 22

WILC Event Tent

9:30 PM – 11:00 PM: Social Dancing

Wednesday, Sept. 23

WILC Event Tent

5:45 PM – 6:30 PM: 'Lacrosse: The Ancient Game' by Jim Calder

Thursday, Sept. 24

WILC Event Tent

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Revisiting *Basic Call to Consciousness: Peace, Equity and Friendship*
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: The Stonethrowers
9:00 PM – 10:30 PM: The Gunrunners

Friday, Sept. 25

WILC Event Tent

6:45 PM – 7:15 PM: 'Lacrosse: The Ancient Game' by Jim Calder
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Social Dancing

Saturday, Sept. 26

WILC Event Tent

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Nation Social, hosted by Onondaga Nation
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM: FIL Awards Presentation
9:00 PM – 10:30 PM: The Sandy Bigtree Band

Onondaga Nation Arena

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM: U-17 Demonstration Tournament

Village Pavilion

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Exhibition Games
Onondaga Redhawks Peanuts vs Tonawanda Peanuts
Onondaga Nation Masters vs Syracuse

Schedule is subject to change, so please check the postings outside the WILC Event Tent for the most updated lineup.

Hosted by the Onondaga Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy presents:

Revisiting Basic Call to Consciousness: Peace, Equity and Friendship

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“When you sit and counsel for the welfare of the people, think not of yourself, nor your family, nor even of your generation, but on behalf of the Seven Generations to come, whose faces look up from the earth, awaiting their time.”

–The Great Peacemaker

In 1977, the Haudenosaunee, along with many indigenous peoples, traveled on their own passports to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, to address concerns of oppressive conditions experienced by native peoples; to bring attention to broken treaties between indigenous peoples and the colonial governments in the Americas, and to assert self-determination through the liberation of the Natural World. Knowing that they may have had only one chance to speak, the indigenous representatives at that meeting decided to speak on behalf of the Natural World, because the Natural World cannot speak. This was known as *Basic Call to Consciousness*.

As indigenous peoples confront a colonial condition, the Haudenosaunee have always honored the Natural World, governed through the true nature of democracy, practiced engaged decolonization, and lived through principles of thinking Seven Generations into the future. This conference will revisit *Basic Call to Consciousness* to seek peace, equity and friendship through the traditional governing principles of the Haudenosaunee, known as the Gayaneñ•hsä•go•nah, or the Great Law of Peace.

Revisiting Basic Call to Consciousness: Peace, Equity and Friendship

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Onondaga Nation WILC Village, Event Tent

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Event Schedule

Peace 9:00 AM

Peace-building in the context of cultural sustainability; restoring a peaceful relationship with the earth and the environment; creating peace between indigenous communities, Canada and the United States.

Equity 11:00 AM

Equity and fairness in incorporating indigenous knowledge in modern-day society; seeking true justice in treaty and land matters; restoring gender balance.

(LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 1:30)

Friendship 1:30 PM

Building lasting friendships between neighbors; issues of governance, jurisdiction, food sovereignty and economic justice.

Consciousness Now 3:30 PM

What has been achieved since 1977? What still needs to be done to ensure peace, equity and friendship for many generations to come?

Now Is the Golden Era of Iroquois Lacrosse

Coming Off a Banner Year in 2014, Native Teams and Players Are at the Top of the Game

BY DOUG GEORGE-KANENTIIO



Iroquois Nationals veteran Cody Jamieson is one of lacrosse's biggest stars. (Photo by Larry Palumbo/Coyote Magic Productions)

Of the 700,000 or so lacrosse players in North America, an enormous and growing talent pool, the Iroquois have at the most, a couple thousand players performing at all levels of the game: peewees, bantams, midgets, juniors, seniors, on the college level and as professionals.

Lacrosse is a game invented by the Iroquois many generations before contact with the Europeans as an alternative to war and conflict among communities and nations and as a contest that promotes peace and physical healing.

At one time, it was played by hundreds of contestants on fields stretching for a couple of kilometers characterized by matches that lasted for days. It requires stamina, accuracy, mental and physical toughness and exceptional skills with the netted stick.

The Iroquois played the game throughout the summer and during the winter, when the rivers and lakes were frozen. They un-netted their curved sticks and batted a ball across the ice, yelling "ha-gee!" whenever they were hit: the Mohawk word for "ouch" and the origin of the word hockey.

Once the Europeans had established large, stable towns, they took to leisure activities and adopted lacrosse as a spectator sport, becoming the official game for the new nation of Canada by the 1860s. It was adopted not only in the US and Canada but was taken by the Mohawks across the ocean where games were played before English royalty and clubs formed thereafter.

But the Iroquois were perhaps too dominant and by the 1880s, were banned as teams from national and international matches. Yet there was one exception. At the 1904 Olympics in St. Louis, lacrosse was a medal sport and the Canadians sent two teams: one made up of non-natives and the second composed of all Mohawks.

The native team won the bronze but the game itself was rejected as a medal sport with the exception of "exhibition" status in 1928, 1932 and 1948. At the Games in Los Angeles in 1932, the Iroquois played several teams, but that was the last time they were acknowledged on the international level until the formation of the Iroquois Nationals in 1983.

When box lacrosse was created in 1930 to fill otherwise empty ice hockey arenas, the Iroquois found that version much more to their liking and skills, with its emphasis on speed, hard checking and stickhandling.

The Iroquois formed local and traveling teams that crossed the country: stars such as Angus "Shine" George, Angus "Rock" Thom-

as, Robert Porter and Harry Smith (Jay Silverheels) filled stadiums from Vancouver to New York City.

With the arrival of World War II, box lacrosse faded for a while, but it began to reclaim its popularity in the 1960s, led by the legendary Gaylord Powless and followed by the formation of the National Lacrosse League in the 1970s. A few years later, the Nationals gave international exposure to some of the best players in the world and led to a new national box lacrosse league with the All-American Barry Powless leading the Rochester Knighthawks to prominence.

Other Iroquois were recruited to play at the college level and became All-Americans: Neal Powless, Cody Jamieson, Sid Smith, Gewas Schindler and Tewaaron Trophy winners Miles and Lyle Thompson.

The Golden Era has arrived

The Nationals proved their abilities when they won three consecutive silver medals in the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships (2003, 2007, 2011), while the Iroquois Juniors won bronze for the field games in 2012, beating the Americans along the way.

In 2014, the Iroquois Nationals took bronze in the FIL World Field Lacrosse Championship in Denver and are closing in on the gold.

In 2014 alone, the teams from Six Nations won three of Canada's top lacrosse titles: Founders Cup, Mann Cup and the Minto Cup, with the Onondaga Redhawks securing the President's Cup as the nation's top Senior B team.

The game is rooted deep in Iroquois history and is bearing remarkable fruit. For the first time in modern history, an aboriginal nation is hosting a world championship and it is appropriate that lacrosse is the sport.

It is inevitable that lacrosse will one day take its place as an Olympic sport and entering that arena will be the Iroquois Nationals, the purple and white banner declaring not only their dominance of the game but their standing as free nations in the world.

Doug George-Kanentio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is the nephew of the late Angus "Shine" George, one of the greatest Iroquois lacrosse players in history. Kanentio is a co-founder of the Native American Journalists Association, was the editor of the journal Akwesasne Notes and served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of the American Indian. He is the author of Iroquois on Fire, among other books.

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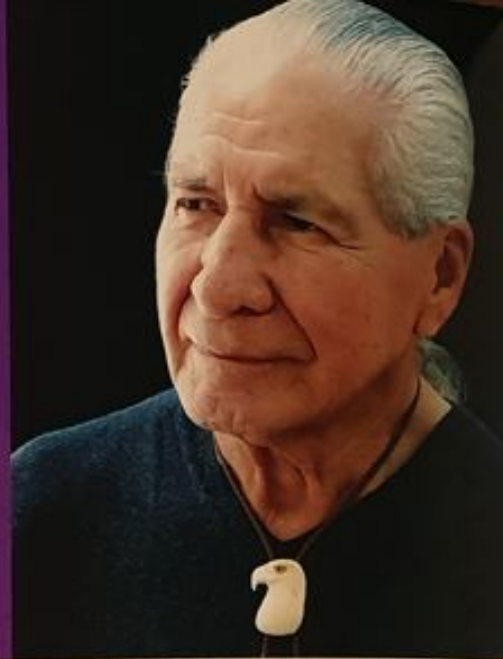
Jim Thorpe, Olympic Athlete



The Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Story

From Humble Beginnings in 1983, Iroquois Teams Are Now Among the World's Best

BY OREN LYONS



The present-day Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team begins with an idea broached to me in 1982 by Syracuse University (SU) lacrosse coach Roy Simmons Jr. Roy has a penchant for history, traditions and antiquities. Roy and I were teammates on the 1957 undefeated SU lacrosse team coached by his father, Roy Simmons. He suggested that the Iroquois play an

exhibition match with Canada at the 1983 NCAA Championship in Baltimore, MD. The match would be reminiscent of the 19th-century lacrosse tournaments held in Canada.

Haudenosaunee Six Nations teams had been playing mostly box lacrosse for many years and I knew our field skills would be rusty, but the idea was intriguing. I took the question to our players,



coaches and leaders. Their response was "Why not?" The consequence of that exchange was that in 1983, The Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee sanctioned the Iroquois Nationals as the national team of our confederacy, for the first time since the exhibition matches of the 1932 Olympic Summer Games.

The Baltimore games were a wakeup call to our Iroquois players; we were rusty and our team was soundly beaten in several games. I sat in the box seat with my former Syracuse University teammate, Jim Brown, then a famous running back for the Cleveland Browns. He said, "Your team is getting beat bad, it must be embarrassing."

There was truth to that statement. My thoughts were, "Let's see how the men take this; that will determine what happens next."

"We don't like getting beat," is what the players said. "It was kind of fun and it is our game and we are going to take lacrosse back." Moving from the box game to the field game is a major transition. I saw their determination and their pride. I recognized the stirred spirit of our team. We had lost games, but we were not defeated.

The 1984 Olympic Summer Games were scheduled for Los Angeles. Indian Country was reminded of Jim Thorpe's amazing exploits at the 1912 Olympic Games held in Stockholm, Sweden, where he won the pentathlon and the decathlon gold medals, an athletic feat unmatched in the modern history of the Olympics and still stands today—103 years later. King Gustaf V of Sweden called him, "The greatest athlete in the world." We were inspired.

We contacted the Olympic Committee and asked if we could play

an exhibition match at the games, reminiscent of the lacrosse exhibition games of the 1932 Summer Olympics held in Los Angeles. The Committee welcomed the idea but said the exhibition match could not be played during the Olympic Games but could be played prior to or after the event. We chose prior. We called Canada and asked for a rematch. They were all for it.

We named our event, "The Jim Thorpe Memorial Games and Pow-Wow." We found a venue at Whittier Narrows in Los Angeles and began preparations for the event. It was a huge undertaking. We formed the Iroquois National Committee and asked Wesley Patterson, a Tuscarora stick maker and former player, to be our executive director; his wife, Carol, was asked to be the treasurer. Rick Hill (Tuscarora) and Tonya Gonnella Frichner (Onondaga) were legal counsel; we asked Kimball Patterson to be our general manager; Ron Doctor (Mohawk), who was the coach for Skaneateles High School, and Sid Jamieson (Cayuga), the coach for Bucknell University, coached the 1984 Iroquois Nationals team. There were many more helping hands and great enthusiasm from Iroquoia to support this event.

In 1983, the Australian lacrosse team was touring Canada; they heard about the games and asked if they could join. "Sure," we said. "It is up to you to get here and take care of your team but you are welcome."

Orange County, CA had players and we asked them to form a team to balance out our team pool. Then we got a call from England; they heard about the games and asked to join. We said, "Of course, just get here." By this time, Team USA had heard and they too joined our event. Now we had a full-blown tournament.

Dennis Banks was at Onondaga and he worked with the Nation to organize "The Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run." This was developed simultaneously with the lacrosse games. We calculated the time it would take to run across the United States and sent our runners off accordingly. They were on their way with a staff consecrated for the occasion.

The Haudenosaunee Six Nations runners carried the staff to Wisconsin; the Oneida and Winnebagos carried it to Minnesota; the Anishinaabe carried it to South Dakota; the Dakota and Lakota carried it to Wyoming; the Arapaho and Northern Cheyenne carried it to Colorado; the Ute and the Ouray carried it to Nevada; the Western Shoshone carried it to California; eight California native running teams carried it to Whittier Narrows to coincide with the opening of The Jim Thorpe Memorial Games and Pow-Wow. The two staffs presided over a very successful tournament, and introduced the Iroquois Nationals to the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF).

Opposite page: The Iroquois Nationals have won silver in three straight World Indoor Lacrosse Championships, coming a long way since beginning in 1983. (Photo by Larry Palumbo/Coyote Magic Productions)

This is a spiritual run. We carry with us the medicine of our people. We will remember our old ways and ask our young to grasp the meaning of these duties and learn of their us. We will run fast.
—Dennis Banks, Onondaga

The Great Jim Thorpe LONGEST RUN

Onondaga Nation (NY) to Los Angeles - May 28 to July 19, 1984

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*Oren Lyons was an All-American on Syracuse's undefeated 1957 lacrosse team and is also in the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
(Photo by Michael Greenlar)*

As you can see, many nations were involved in this event, including the Agua Caliente Nation, who contributed vital funds in support. We reinvigorated the quest to return Jim Thorpe's gold medals to their proper place in Olympic history and eventually, they were returned with the honor they deserved. His daughter, Grace Thorpe, and his granddaughter, Dagmar Thorpe, expressed deep gratitude to all of us for our efforts to bring light to this long-standing injustice to one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century.

This added note of interest little known or talked about was the fact that someone stole Jim's track shoes and he had to borrow a mismatched pair to compete. He still won the pentathlon and the decathlon. This is a lesson to anyone who complains about equipment. Just do it!

The leaders of the English team asked us to tour England in the coming year of 1985. We accepted the offer with the understanding that we were traveling with the Haudenosaunee passport. This tour was a 20th-century continuation of the 19th-century tours of England, attended by the Queen herself.

We petitioned to join the ILF to take part in the 1986 World Games in Canada. Our petition was denied, so we invited the teams to come to the University at Buffalo for preliminary games.

We treated the teams to dinner and the Tuscarora organized a fire ball game that evening. (The game is played with a blazing ball of fire; a version of an Iroquois soccer match.)

The following year, the ILF accepted our petition as a full member nation. We were the fifth member nation, adding Haudenosaunee to Australia, Canada, England and the United States.

We were invited to the next World Games hosted by Australia at Perth. The ILF asked for our flag. Previously, we had always carried our eagle feather staff. That would not fit on a flagpole. I worked with Rick Hill on this issue. We traveled throughout Six Nations territories; there were many ideas, but no consensus. In the end, there was only one option: The Hiawatha Belt. The great union belt designed by the originators of our confederation of five nations: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca. The purple and white represents the colors of our sacred wampum beads. Tuscarora joined our confederacy in 1713. We flew six eagle feathers with our flag, inclusive of the Six Nations. Today, our flag is as ubiquitous as other national flags.

The ILF instituted the Under-19 men's lacrosse program. This development has been responsible for much of the improvement of international competition. Our Under-19 men have consistently

medaled in the men's outdoor games and continue to improve. They are staying in school and they are being recruited into college and university programs.

For indigenous nations and in particular, the Haudenosaunee, the indoor game is a natural. "The Box Game" is what we play. When I was 5 years old, my dad took me to one of his games in Geneva, NY. I still remember the excitement and action, and that was in 1935 (or thereabouts). We grew up playing in our box at home. We all played. It was a part of our childhood.

The box game is back with the professional National Lacrosse League (NLL) leading the charge. The stick skills and close contact require quicker stick work and sharper shooting. The heavier contact forces players to move and the game tempo increases. The 30-second shot clock requires action. Here the advantage lies for those programs that have minors playing indoor lacrosse at all age levels. By the time these young players are bantams, they are 14 years old and they could have 10 years of experience. The point is that our kids are in the box at 4 years old, playing high-contact throughout their intermediate years. By the time they are 14 years old, their stick skills are already highly developed.

The Canadian provinces have such programs as well as the Six Nations territories and villages. The United States is just starting to build similar programs.

The European nations have taken an interest in the indoor game; the Czech Republic has been playing the indoor game for many years and they have run indoor tournaments in their country taking advantage of the hockey arenas. Therefore, the "indoor game" is building in Europe. Six men on the floor is a lot easier than 10 men on the field. Both games will flourish because one game helps the other. Lacrosse is lacrosse, whether it's indoor or outdoor. The seasons have adjusted to both games, with the NLL playing a winter schedule and outdoor lacrosse leagues playing a summer schedule.

The Iroquois Nationals lacrosse programs have been on a steady improvement curve. The future of our game will continue to improve as long as we continue to maintain spiritual values inherent in the origin and purpose of the game. For the Haudenosaunee, it is not a sport.

From the first time we took the field as a national team in 1983 and were soundly beaten, to our first medal in the men's world field games in Denver in 2014, we have been steadily improving. Lessons in humility are important. When we started out, we always had the talent and ability, but we didn't have the discipline for tournament play. That took us years and two generations of players to acquire.

I have deliberately not mentioned our players by name; there are always exceptional players, but it takes a team to win.

I cannot tell you how much compassion and pride I felt for our men as I watched them lose game after game, year after year, and never give up. Their determination and grit against all odds is something to see. To me, they are all heroes.

It's important for our players today to remember how we got here and the years of work and sacrifice of those men that made our successes possible.

The Haudenosaunee women have formed a team and have joined the FIL Women's Lacrosse. The International Federation of Lacrosse and the International Women's Lacrosse programs merged and now come under the new title of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL). The Haudenosaunee women have been competing for several years and were invited to the Under-19 World Championships in Scotland in July 2015. The women's team travels with a Haudenosaunee passport. The United Kingdom (UK) refused to accept their passport for the same reason they refused to accept the Iroquois Nationals passport for the 2010 FIL World Championships.

They said that they were not sure we could return to the USA with our passports. We appealed to the US State Department and they assured the UK that we could return with our passports. The UK then said that our passports did not meet their standards and continued to refuse our entry. They offered the option of using a US or Canadian passport. We refused to compromise our identity and we did not attend the 2010 World Games (and we had the greatest team you never saw).

The Haudenosaunee women's team refused to travel for the same reason in 2015, and the issue remains unresolved because treaties are involved.

We have medals in the Under-19 men's division, we have consistently medaled in the men's indoor games, and we now have a medal in the men's outdoor game—quite a journey from the defeats of the 1983 games. But that's who we are. We represent the spirit of the indigenous peoples.

In the context of 7.3 billion people in the world today, we are still here. Battered but intact. We carry the values of nature inherent in the wooden stick, and we look forward to more contests with the game that we share with the world.

The game is good medicine for the world. Put down your weapons of war, pick up your sticks and settle your differences in our fields of honor. Peace to one and all.

Dahnayto (now I am finished).

Joaquisho (Oren Lyons)

Haudenosaunee

On behalf of the indigenous peoples

and the natural world

Oren Lyons is the traditional Onondaga Chief and Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. An internationally recognized advocate for indigenous rights and one of the most influential Native American leaders of the 20th and 21st centuries, Oren is also a US Lacrosse Hall of Famer, recipient of the 2015 Spirit of Tewaaron Award and an All-American goalie on Syracuse's undefeated 1957 lacrosse team.

The Great Ball Game Between the Winged Birds and the Four-Legged Animals

A Story About How Lacrosse Began

BY MICHAEL KANENTAKERON MITCHELL



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Our Grandfathers told us many stories that would relate to lacrosse, how one is to conduct himself and how important one can be to a lacrosse game.

We present a short cultural story: *The Great Ball Game Between the Winged Birds and the Four-Legged Animals*. This is a part of our introduction as well as an invitation to learn about our game of lacrosse.

We know now that all creatures, no matter how small, are important and have a contribution to make in the overall life cycle. No matter how unworthy you may feel a person is, that person may have qualities which may help you some day.

Long ago, our Grandfathers would have told this story about a great ball game that took place between the four-legged animals and the winged birds.

The captains for the four-legged animals were: the Bear, whose weight overpowers all opposition; the Deer, whose speed and ability to stop and go made him valuable on a team; and the Great Turtle, who could withstand the most powerful blows and still be able to advance toward the opposition at his own pace, was also valuable.

The captains on the side of the Winged Birds were: the Owl, who excelled in the ability to keep his eye on the ball no matter what position or direction the ball may be directed; the Hawk and the Eagle, both noted for their swiftness and their powerful flight. These three represented all the winged animals.

While the birds were preparing for the game, they noticed two small creatures, hardly larger than mice, climbing up the tree on which were perched the leaders of the birds. Finally reaching the top, they humbly asked the captains to be allowed to join the game. The eagle, seeing they were four-legged, asked them why they did not ask the animals where they properly belonged. The little creatures explained that they had done so, but had been laughed at and rejected because of their small size.

On hearing their story, the bird captains took pity on them, but wondered how they could join the birds' team if they had no wings. After some discussion, it was



decided to try and make wings for the little fellows, but how were they to do it? By happy inspiration, one bird thought of the drum, which was to be used in the dance. Perhaps a corner of the drum leather could be taken from the drumhead, cut into shape and attached to the legs of one of the small animals. It was done, and thus originated the bat.

The ball was now tossed up, and the bat was told to catch it. With his skill in dodging and circling, keeping the ball constantly in



motion and never allowing it to hit the ground, he convinced the birds that they had gained a most valuable ally.

The birds thought they could do the same for the other four-legged creatures, but to their dismay, all the leather had been used in the making of the bat's wings, and there was no time to send for more. In this confusion, it was suggested that perhaps wings might be made by stretching the skin of the animal itself. So, two large birds seized him from opposite sides with their strong bills. By tugging and pulling the fur between the fore and hind feet, the task was completed and there originated the flying squirrel.

When all was ready, the game began. At the very outset, the flying squirrel caught the ball and carried it up a tree and threw it to the birds, who kept it in the air for some time. Then, just before the ball was to hit the ground, the bat seized it and by dodging and doubling, kept it out of the way of even the fastest of four-legged animals, until finally, he threw it in the goal. This won the victory for the birds.

Our Grandfathers told us that when lacrosse was a pure game and was played for the enjoyment of the Great Spirit, everyone was important, no matter how big or how small or strong or weak.

Today, when we see a team play, it makes everyone who is watching want to play, but usually only

the best will be accepted onto a team and the coach will say, "No, you are too small," or "you don't run fast enough" or "you are too fat."

Our Indian lacrosse players, before a game, often asked the spirit of an animal for guidance that he may have the eyes of a hawk; that he may be as strong as a bear and as durable as a turtle. Sometimes they tied an eagle feather to their hair, or wore bear claws or a rabbit's foot.

A player would ready himself mentally by saying, "I have asked the spirit of the black bear to give me his strength," and when it came time to play, he would indeed be as strong as a bear.

After the game, a player will give thanks to the animal spirits who he asked for guidance and strength.



The Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for more than 20 years, Michael Mitchell is one of the most respected First Nations leaders in Canada and was a 2014 recipient of the Canadian Lacrosse Association's Lester B. Pearson Award



We Remember... Tonya Gonnella Frichner

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Ms. Gonnella Frichner was a monumental figure in indigenous rights.

She was the President and Founder of the American Indian Law Alliance (AILA), since 1989. AILA served as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Tonya worked closely with global indigenous leadership, as well as the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee. She accumulated a remarkable record of advocacy on behalf of people's rights to their land and territories, intellectual properties and cultural vitality. She devoted her life to the pursuing of the right to self-determination, sovereignty and treaty rights. She fought for women's rights and the protection of the earth.

Tonya passionately served as an active participant and legal and diplomatic counsel to the indigenous delegations in virtually all United Nations international forums affecting indigenous peoples, especially during the drafting, negotiations and passage of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), overwhelmingly adopted in December 2007. This UN document set the minimum standard for the survival, dignity and individual and collective rights of indigenous people globally. As Special Rapporteur, she was instrumental in the study of the iniquitous Doctrine of Discovery and its impact on aboriginal peoples.

In September 2014, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon quoted Ms. Gonnella Frichner in his remarks: "A longtime indigenous activist and former member of the Permanent Forum, Tonya Gonnella Frichner once said, 'Indigenous peoples all speak many different languages but in our meetings, we are speaking one language. Our relationship to Mother Earth is identical.'"

Tonya devoted much of her time to numerous Boards, including serving as Chairperson for the Seventh Generation Fund. She was showered with several prestigious awards that include the Ellis Island Congressional Medal of Honor and the Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Award.

Tonya also loved mentoring and teaching young people and was an associate professor of American history, human rights and anthropology at the City College of the City University of New York (CUNY).

Ms. Gonnella Frichner was a founding Board member and served as legal counsel for the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse program from 1984-2015. She dealt extensively with the Haudenosaunee passport issues, frequently declaring, "it's about sovereignty, citizenship and self-determination."

Those who knew Tonya admired her generosity, grace under pressure, her beauty and her unwavering loyalty to her people, family and friends. She always conducted herself in a manner that demonstrated respect for her elders.

History will record her achievements and remember her as an influential Haudenosaunee woman. A woman who walked in beauty, always prepared for battle, a key global voice for peace and justice and for the human rights of indigenous peoples and the earth.

Tonya's valiant decade-long battle with cancer ended on February 14, 2015.

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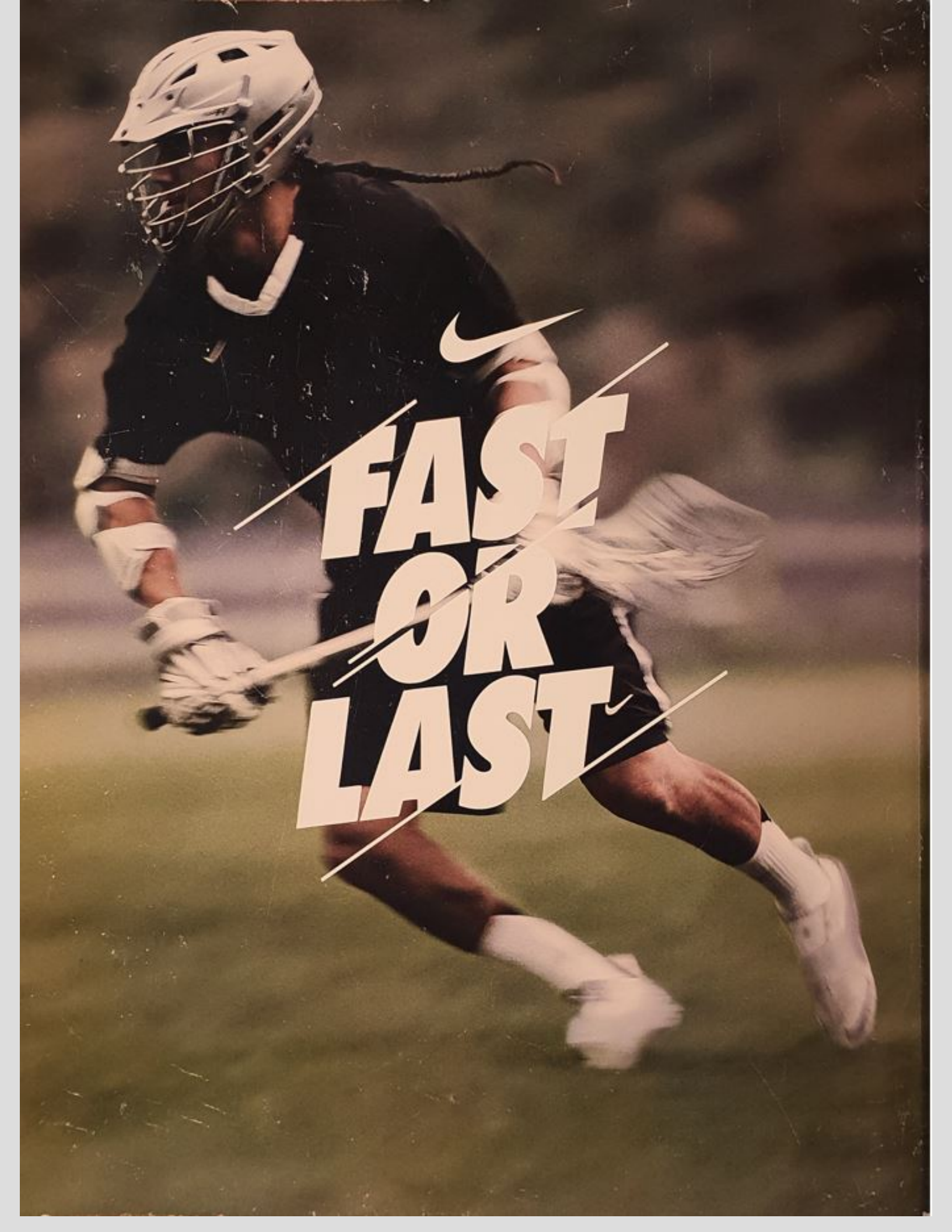


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