

Recruiting Spotlight: MINNESOTA

The Land of 10,000 Lakes is turning into the Land of 1,000 Lacrosse Recruits



ATTACK

Ryan Graff | 2016 | Bloomington-Jefferson | Team MN | Uncommitted

The lefty is creative on the wing, both in rolling underneath and stepping back to shoot over his defender; he can also carry down the lefty alley and stick a shot on the run. He's strong enough not to get pushed off the spot and quick enough to turn the corner.

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Matthew Schwartz | 2016 | Mahtomedi | Team MN | Air Force
Luke VanOverbeke | 2016 | Rosemount | Uncommitted

MIDFIELD

Jadon Kerry | 2018 | Chanhassen | Team MN | Duke

Kerry is a natural athlete, smooth running between the lines and adept at making tough plays look easy at both ends of the field. As an offensive player, he has a nice sidearm lefty, excellent lateral movement and suddenness in his dodging. Defensively, he shows good composure on-ball and an active stick in passing lanes and sliding off-ball.

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Luke Anderson | 2016 | Lakeville North | True MN | Marquette
Ben Ward | 2016 | Prior Lake | Team MN | Air Force

LONGSTICK MIDDIE

Alex Johnson | 2016 | Culver (Ind.) | Team MN | Loyola

Stop if this sounds familiar — slightly undersized with a thick frame, a really strong and fast longpole from an emerging hotbed with a nose for digging out groundballs and likes to get involved offensively is going to Loyola. The Blaine, Minn., native picked the perfect spot to develop his skillset.

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Jonah Halterman | 2016 | Rosemount | Uncommitted
Quinn Scallon | 2016 | Chanhassen | Team MN | Uncommitted

FOGO

Thomas Washington | 2018 | Blake School | Team MN | Syracuse

Ben Williams made a name for Minnesota FOGOs with the Orange last spring, and Washington looks to build on that legacy. Also a football running back, his low-to-the-ground power is immediately evident. He's worked with FogoLax's Matt Schomburg and is a one-knee-down draw-taker. More impressive than Washington's ability to win it forward for a fastbreak is his willingness to pop a face-off back through his legs and still win the GB himself.

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Jack Dessler | 2016 | Prior Lake | Team MN | Colorado Mesa
Lucas Honebrink | 2017 | Mahtomedi | Team MN | Uncommitted

DEFENSE

Crey Bankes | 2016 | Blake School | Team MN | Michigan

The big righty plays under control and is strong enough that he can trail a dodger and push him off the spot — whether rolling back or trying to get underneath at GLE — without fouling. He's selective in the checks he throws, fast running hip-to-hip and a capable ball-handler.

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Connor Bateman | 2016 | Eastview | MN Loons | Uncommitted
Andrew Broman | 2016 | Bloomington Jefferson | Team MN | Uncommitted



GOALIE

Nick Washuta | 2016 | Blake School | Team MN | Vermont

The 6-3, 180-pound lefty plays a low crease and stands in a deep crouch; he's fast pipe-to-pipe and likes to react late to shots, using really fast hands to catch up to shots in tight and good footwork to handle shots from distance, especially down low.

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Chris Rolfing | 2016 | Woodbury | Team MN | Marquette
Patrick Jackson | 2016 | Edina | Team MN | RIT

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