

German Lacrosse has experienced exponential growth during the last decade. We currently have four full men's leagues around the country, and such classic European Lax events as the annual Berlin Open draw 30+ teams from as many as ten different countries in any given year. This unchecked growth in turn has unsurprisingly created a demand for youth programs of late, and in 2007, the first official DLaxV Junior Lacrosse League took to the field. And now here we are in beautiful Port Coquitlam to also witness the second coming of the DLaxV U19/U21 Herren Lacrosse Nationalmannschaft.*

*Note: The 2008 DLaxV Team plays under a waiver granted by the ILF that allows us to field U21 players as well. German Youth Lacrosse would not be able to field a team worthy of the fine competition here at these worlds if limited to U19. Thus, by the same token, and out of respect for those nations who do field true U19 teams, we include the reference "U21" in our team name.



Sebastian
Herzberg
Attack
Height: 179 cm
Weight: 77 kg
Berliner HC



Jakob
Albrecht
Goal
Height: 175 cm
Weight: 65 kg
HTHC Hamburg



Christian
Baum
Midfield
Height: 182 cm
Weight: 78 kg
KKHT Schwarz-Weiss
Cologne



Thore
Rosenberger
Goal
Height: 182 cm
Weight: 74 kg
DSC 99 Duesseldorf



Lorenz Lehmhaus Midfield Height: 186 cm Weight: 83 kg DSC 99 Duesseldorf



Marek
Beck
Midfield
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 78 kg
HTHC Hamburg



Alexander Coslow Attack Height: 181 cm Weight: 76 kg HLC Rot-Weiss Munich



Max Kowalewsky Midfield Height: 180 cm Weight: 75 kg FC "Inde" Hahn Aachen



Jan van Eijkelenburg Defence Height: 185 cm Weight: 75 kg HTHC Hamburg



Jaspar Kubasek Midfield Height: 183 cm Weight: 73 kg Belmont HS



Enrique Montoya Attack Height: 180 cm Weight: 69 kg Berliner HC



David
Pearson
Defence
Height: 189 cm
Weight: 93 kg
Foothill HS

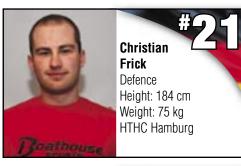


Rene Thomas Midfield Height: 177 cm Weight: 74 kg DSC 99 Duesseldorf



Matthias
Rau
Defence
Height: 197 cm
Weight: 87 kg
HTC Stuttgarter Kickers

RED DIVISION





Maximilian
Bieber
Defence
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 68 kg
Berliner HC



Benedikt Fohrmann Defence Height: 198 cm Weight: 95 kg DSC 99 Duesseldorf



Fentress
Boyse
Midfield
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 84 kg
DSC 99 Duesseldorf



Alejandro Brown Midfield Height: 174cm Weight: 71Kg Brewster Acadamy



Julian
Lübke
Attack
Height: 189 cm
Weight: 70 kg
LC Kiel



Arley
Morelock
Midfield
Height: 170 cm
Weight: 67 kg
SC1880 Frankfurt



Jakob Willisch Midfield Height: 181 cm Weight: 85 kg Berliner HC



Martin Nemitz Midfield Height: 189 cm Weight: 81 kg Berliner HC

In the run up to the 2008 Worlds, the DLaxV decided to try and do more than just pick a team. Instead, our goal was to create a program that furthered youth lacrosse in Germany across the board, and so the motto for everyone from coaches, to management, and of course players too became "development on every level". Instead of a single tryout weekend, the program offered a series of five open camps over 9 months and 60+ players used these chances to learn the game, to bond with a wide group of similarly aged athletes, and yes, to try out in a way never before attempted. Each of these camps featured a tough dawn-to-dusk full weekend schedule which included not only practice but live scrimmage with local German clubs and twice even vs. the Netherlands' Euros08 Training Squad. At the end of the day, each player was given a two page report card during a personal evaluation meeting, and the coaches made the difficult selection of 23 players and 6 alternates in what was almost a "happy coincidence" of the whole camp process. Sounds good, right? It was.

Beyond that, we have been visited by very good fortune in securing sponsorship the likes of which have never before been seen in the 14 years of German Lacrosse. Several sponsors have helped our cause tremendously, but two especially stand out. In 2008, our players will not only be well equipped and protected by the finest gear made, but they will be looking sharp all the while as well. Brine and Boathouse, both industry leaders in the USA and worldwide, have now recognized an opportunity with Team Germany to team up with a fast growing program and a central player in European Lacrosse. We especially thank them and all our sponsors for their key part in making this truly "once in a lifetime" opportunity become reality for this group of fine young men who over the last year have earned the right to step onto the international field of play, sing their national anthem, and then win that first faceoff.



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Patrick M. Finn Coach Delbarton School, NJ



Felix Friedheim Assistant Coach HTHC Hamburg



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Assistant Coach
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