

What They're Saying About The Formation of the BIG EAST Men's Lacrosse Conference:

Chris Burdick • Head Coach, Providence College

“The BIG EAST Conference has taken a leadership role in the advancement of the sport with its sponsorship and commitment to men's lacrosse. The formation of the league demonstrates a shared belief among BIG EAST members of the value that the sport can bring to each campus community. It is hopeful that this move will serve as a model for other major conferences to follow.”

“In the fastest growing sport in the country, it's important to provide role models and opportunities for young athletes. The newly formed BIG EAST lacrosse league will provide those role models and opportunities with the addition of top-notch programs, made up of coaches and athletes who represent the game and their institutions at the highest level on and off the field.”

Kevin Corrigan • Head Coach, Notre Dame

“It's exciting for all of lacrosse to have a conference with the profile of the BIG EAST to be actively involved in the sport. For Notre Dame in particular, we are thrilled with the advantages it'll give us with the quality of schedule and strength of schedule. It'll also allow us to play in the areas where lacrosse is a hotbed. This also puts us under the umbrella of the BIG EAST along with the majority of our other sports here at Notre Dame.”

Dave Urick • Head Coach, Georgetown

“We are very excited to join the BIG EAST in men's lacrosse. The sport has grown tremendously over the last decade and to have the association of the BIG EAST Conference will be another boost. The current league members who will join to make up the BIG EAST are established programs that will provide instant national excitement.”

Mike Corrado • Head Coach, Villanova

“We are very excited about the formation of the men's lacrosse league. It is an honor to have a conference such as the BIG EAST take interest in the seven men's lacrosse programs that will join the new league. This is a great step for the future of our program and for the college lacrosse world”

John Desko • Head Coach, Syracuse

“I think you have the added excitement of conferences games, and going for a BIG EAST Championship adds something to shoot for.”

Jason Miller • Head Coach, St. John's

“This is a really huge step forward, not only for our program, but for the sport in general. We've been able to build our program quickly over the past four years by playing in a great league, the ECAC. Moving to the BIG EAST will enable us to continue that growth.”

Lars Tiffany • Head Coach, Brown University

“This is an exciting announcement for New England and the city of Providence. Providence College has now made an outstanding commitment, matching the commitment and extraordinary efforts the current staff and team have poured forth for years. The rest of college lacrosse now has to be even sharper: PC has awoken and empowered their own sleeping giant.”

Mike Pressler • Head Coach, Bryant University

“The announcement made by the BIG EAST is great news for the sport of lacrosse. The BIG EAST is a premiere league in all sports, and for them to step up to the plate and sponsor lacrosse speaks volumes for where the game is going.”

“This is going to be a great shot in the arm for the program at Providence and for lacrosse in the State of Rhode Island. The BIG EAST schedule is going to be bringing top-notch teams to Rhode Island to compete in league play. This a great moment for the game. I'm so happy for Chris [Burdick] and his program.”

Brian O'Rourke • Providence '04 • Three-time MAAC Defensive Player of the Year

“The formation of the BIG EAST men's lacrosse conference is really going to continue to help legitimize the sport. The BIG EAST brand lends instant credibility to men's lacrosse. All you have to do is look at the success the league breeds in a multitude of sports, not to mention the likes of men's and women's basketball and football. This is a huge step for Providence College and the sport as a whole.”

“For Providence, this is an unbelievable opportunity to compete against some of the best teams and top players in the country. Coach Burdick and his staff have done a tremendous job building the program at Providence, and this move is only going to increase the ability of the staff to bring in top-notch recruits.”

John Pynchon • Providence '05 • Also served as an assistant coach for two seasons (2006-07)

“Playing under the umbrella of the BIG EAST Conference gives the formation of the lacrosse league instant name recognition. This is an exciting time for the Providence College community, and moment that I had always hoped for during my playing days as a Friar. The league is adding some of the top names in college lacrosse; immediately making the BIG EAST one of the top conferences in the country.”