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ATTACKMAN BENNETT MURPHY

**Official Newsletter of Friar Lacrosse**

# FRIENDS OF FRIAR LACROSSE NEWS

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE LACROSSE

### UNC, MARYLAND TOP 2008 SCHEDULE



**MARYLAND HEAD COACH  
DAVE COTTLE**

For the second time in three years, the Friars Lacrosse schedule has the letters ACC as the highlight. Only in 2008, the Friars will play two ACC teams. Once again, Providence has entered into agreement with the University of North Carolina for a home and home two year deal starting at Providence in 2008. The Friars last hosted UNC in

April of 2006 in a game that was televised on local Cox Sports in Providence. A string of goals by class of 2006 midfielders Mark Seyer, Tom Kelly, and Michael Farley brought the Friars back to within three goals with just seven minutes to go. UNC would go on to defeat the Friars 11-7 marking the closest contest the Friars have ever had with an ACC school. Highlights of that game can be found on YouTube under Friar Lacrosse Highlights.

The Friars will also travel to Air Force and Maryland as part of their spring training program. The Friars Last trip to Colorado featured a win over Air Force in the 2002 Denver Pioneer Face-Off Classic.

On March 3, the Friars will return to Maryland where the team has not played since the season opener in 1999. Coach Burdick's

first game as Friar Head Coach was a defeat to the Terps by an 18-5 score.

Also on the schedule are local rivals Fairfield, Quinnipiac and Brown as well as the usual host of MAAC games including Mount St. Mary's on Alumni Day on April 5th.

#### 2008 LACROSSE SCHEDULE

##### FEB23 FAIRFIELD HOME

FEB26 AT AIR FORCE  
MAR3 AT MARYLAND  
MAR8 AT QUINNIPIAC

##### MAR11 NORTH CAROLINA HOME

##### MAR15 MANHATTAN HOME

MAR22 VMI HOME  
MAR29 AT SIENA

##### APR05 MOUNT HOME—ALUMNI GAME

APR12 AT ST JOES  
APR 16 AT MARIST  
APR 19 AT BROWN

##### APR 23 WAGNER HOME—SENIOR DAY

APR 26 AT CANISIUS

go to [www.friars.com](http://www.friars.com) for game times

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#### LACROSSE ALUMNI DAY

APRIL 5, 2008

11am Odd vs. Even Alumni Game

2pm MOUNT ST MARY'S  
AT PROVIDENCE



**FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**  
**ABOVE:** the new training room is spacious and will be adding a hydrotherapy unit this spring.  
**BELOW:** the new fitness center hosts the press area that overlooks the turf field.



**KYLE PLUMLY**

Kyle Plumly has accepted an offer to become an assistant lacrosse coach at Providence College. Plumly was serving as

### KYLE PLUMLY JOINS FRIAR STAFF

assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Wesley College in Dover Delaware under the direction of former Providence assistant Christian Zwickert. Plumly has helped Wesley to back to back ten win seasons as well as appearances in two conference tournaments. Prior to Wesley, the College of Wooster graduate served one year as head lacrosse coach at Bridgton Academy where he reported to Athletic Director Brad Smith. Kyle began his coaching career at his alma mater, leading the

College of Wooster to its first NCAA appearance ever.

Plumly joins a veteran staff at Providence. Head Coach Chris Burdick embarks on his tenth season with the Friars and sixteenth season in college coaching. Head Assistant Keith Loftis and Volunteer Assistant Jim Mascia (Providence '98) enter their ninth and eighth seasons respectively. The latter following a great career as a face-off specialist at Providence.

# Player and Alumni Notes—Peter Littell Picked up by Long Island of the MLL—Jason Trout Fights for another Year

## LITTELL TO THE MLL

2007 Graduate Peter Littell became the second Friar to be selected by a Major League Lacrosse franchise.



The Montclair native joins Brian O'Rorke, another Montclair native, as the only Friars in the MLL. Little will be part of the 35 man roster that competes in the spring for a spot on the team. Littell was the 1st team all conference selection in 2007 and led the Friars to two NCAA tournament appearances as a starter in 2006 and 2007. He was a North-South game participant in 2007.

"Peter is a very talented goaltender," noted Head Coach Chris Burdick. "He is technically very efficient, is skilled out of the goal and reads the game like Tom Brady reads NFL defenses. I would not be surprised to not only see Peter make the team in the spring, but challenge for a starting spot."

## TROUT FIGHTS FOR FIFTH YEAR

Three time captain and fifth year senior Jason Trout had his initial request for a fifth year of eligibility denied by the Big East League Office. Jason played in only one game in 2005, a year



compounded with injuries. Although Jason does meet the 20% requirement for a medical hardship, the game he played in, a 10-2 win over Siena, occurred after the half way point of the season. NCAA rules regulating hardship waivers state that if a student-athlete participates in any contest after the 50% mark of the season, he uses a year of eligibility for that year. Jason's case is currently being appealed to the NCAA.

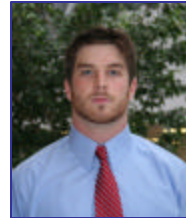
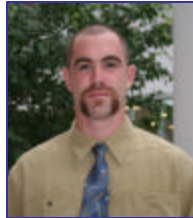
*"Jason has had to overcome more adversity than any student-athlete I've every coached. He has faced so much but continues to show up, everyday, and lead this program. He is truly a role model for perseverance and class that our younger players can follow."*

*-Head Coach Chris Burdick*

## 2008 Captains Announced

The coaching staff has announced four additions to the captainship of the 2008 lacrosse team. Joining retuning captains **Jason Trout** and **Brad Sieniawski** will be Dylan Cox, Bennett Murphy, Colin Reposa and Danny Ryan.

"Leadership for us is not just the captains," notes Coach Burdick. "We expect our older players to help



the captains do their job. The job of keeping this team to their commitments and operating at the championship level."

***Captain Additions in 2008: From Left: Dylan Cox, Bennett Murphy, Colin Reposa, Dan Ryan***

## PLUMLY JOINS STAFF [CONT]

"We are very excited to have Kyle join our program," noted Burdick. "Kyle has a strong desire to become a head coach and that was our first criteria in filling the position. His transition will be facilitated by his background and working with Christian Zwickert, who has a firm understanding of the game of lacrosse and runs a system that is not to far away in scheme and language from our own."

"I am very appreciative of opportunity that Providence College and Coach Burdick have extended to me to join the Friar

family," Plumly said. "It is an honor to work for an institution so rich in academic and athletic tradition. This transition marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in my life and coaching career. I would like to sincerely thank the Wesley College community for its support over the past few years; with special recognition going to the men's lacrosse team, especially Christian Zwickert, for his mentoring and preparation to help me take this step."

Plumly follows a line of great former Friar student-athletes who have served in the po-

sition while finishing their graduate studies at the college. John Pynchon is the most recent in a line of Friars that included **Kyle Ojakian** [right], Kevin Kornobis and Brent Swaby. According to team Captain and current graduate student Bennett Murphy, "Coach Plumly is an energetic and confident teacher who comes to us with a solid understanding



## Former Men's Lacrosse Player Ben Brown Is One Of Several Soldiers Credited With Saving Fellow Soldier In Iraq



**Brown is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army**

**Oct. 31, 2007**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. -**

Former Providence College men's lacrosse player [Ben Brown](#) (Rancho Santa

Fe, Calif.) played for the Friars from 2001 through 2004. During his tenure on the team, he was a two-time Team Captain and

recipient of the program's Mark C. Cordon Heart & Soul Award. He also was a member of the College's R.O.T.C. program, and upon graduating from Providence, he was commissioned, and since then has been sent to Iraq to serve his country. Brown is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

On October 21, a story was published in the Providence Journal by Mark Patinkin, regarding a local soldier, Bernie Teich, who was critically injured when a bomb was detonated beneath his Bradley. After the explosion, Brown and others were credited with saving Teich from the wreckage. The article

may be accessed by clicking on the link below. Brown also appeared on CNN with Jim Clancy on October 29 to talk about the incident.

[A Wounded Soldier -- a mother's story \(Providence Journal, 10-21-07\)](#)

**Ben Brown led the Friars to the 2003 MAAC Regular Season and 2004 MAAC Tournament Titles as a two time captain. While at Providence Brown also was a member of the ROTC unit. He will be featured in an article in Lacrosse Magazine in January.**

## Give to the Spring Training Fund—Colorado/Maryland Trip

We will be paying for the spring training trip out of our Friends of Friar Lacrosse Account. As in the past, we would like to replace as much of the funds used as possible so teams in the future will have the same opportunity to travel on spring break. The account is non-for-profit and thus is a tax deductible donation (some with matching gift opportunities from companies of employees who donate).

This fund is vital in our ability to schedule games against top opponents like Maryland and UNC as well

as giving us a chance to be off campus during spring break.

If you are interested in making a gift or if you know of anyone who has the ability to make a large gift, please get them in contact with myself or Steve Napolillo at 401-865-2677.

### SPRING TRAINING FUND

**COST OF TRIP \$60,000**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR COMMITMENT TO PLAYING THE BEST TEAMS IN THE NATION!**

Checks can be made payable to:

**Friends of Friar Lacrosse**

Send to:

Lacrosse Office, Alumni Hall

549 River Ave

Providence, RI 02918

**OR**

Contact:

Steve Napolillo at 401-865-2677 to make a give via credit card

## MAAC LIFTS SCHOLARSHIP LIMIT GOES TO 12.6

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference presidential council voted this summer to lift the scholarship cap on the men's lacrosse league. In 2007, the league was not permitted to have an athletic scholarship allocation of greater than the value of four full scholarships. The league is progressing towards the NCAA limit of 12.6 by adding two scholarships to the allowed number each year for the next three years. There has been no conversation about what will occur once the league reaches the NCAA limit.

Currently, two MAAC schools, Fairfield and Loyola play in the ECAC because they offer more than the MAAC allowed limit in scholarships.

While the cap will go up, the teams in the league might not be so quick to grow their commitment. According to Friar Head Coach Chris Burdick, "these programs need to not only find the new dollars for the additional scholarships, but many of them have equivalencies of close to 10.0 right now when

*"we would need a few major gifts to endow scholarships."*

you factor in the need based aid that piggybacks with the current scholarship offers."

Providence College is currently the only MAAC school with no scholarships in lacrosse. The future for that is up in the air. "we need a few major gifts to endow scholarships. That would be the quickest way to get that done."