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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

10 Questions with Bailey Busscher

The Loyola Academy class of 2016 graduate was member of the 2016 state champion Ramblers, the eighth consecutive state title for the program.

Do you have any pregame rituals or superstitions?

Before every game I find a quiet spot and I put on my headphones and I close my eyes for about 15 minutes and I just visualize myself making good plays. I think that really helps then translate to what I do on the field.

What does your pregame musical playlist look like?

I love country music and I have to do kind of the more hip hop, pump-up too, so definitely Drake, I love Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, so I'm all over the place.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would probably go to, I think Africa would be really interesting just because I love animals, it has a lot of culture there and I think it would be really interesting.

Favorite North Shore restaurant, and what do you order there?

I really like Roti. I love the Mediterranean food there. I normally get the rice plate with salmon.

What is something

some people might not know about lacrosse?

I would say that boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse are two completely different sports. We don't wear padding. We can't hit each other. I would say it's a lot more fast-paced than people think.

What is your favorite sports team?

My favorite sports team would have to be the Cubs. I'm a huge Bulls fan too, but I love going to Cubs games. I think it's a lot of fun and my dad works for Mr. Ricketts too.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My brother. He played high school basketball, he was very dedicated, and then he played a year of college basketball. But he had multiple concussions so he had to stop. But I think he has perceived so much through very difficult times. And when I'm doing a hard workout or something I always think of him because he was such an inspiration to me.

How real is the Loyola-New Trier rivalry?

I think it's really competitive. I always love beating New Trier. I'd definitely say it's a huge rivalry and I love beating them every time. It felt really great just to kill them by eight goals. I mean they're great girls, I love them, I play club lacrosse with a lot of them,



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but it was just a great win for the girls team as well as the boys team.

How did it feel to continue the streak?

It was a huge relief to capture [my] third state championship and also it feels great. I love building up the program, especially for the younger kids and drawing more people to Loyola.

What was your favorite thing about being an athlete at Loyola?

I loved the community feeling. It was great because before every state championship, before every start of the season, we'd get together and we would have a Mass. And that was really special because you wouldn't get the spiritual experience at a public school. So definitely the community. It was great developing friends and getting closer to God.

Interview by Editorial Intern Jack Vita