

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# 10 Questions with Patrick Flanagan

The Loyola Academy 2016 graduate was a captain and attack for the state champion Ramblers. He will be attending Indiana University this fall.

## Do you have any pregame rituals or superstitions?

On the way to every game I sit next to the same kid, Thalin DiPaolo. We also always stretch next to each other. We just don't want to mess with any of our tendencies and keep doing what's been working.

## What does your pregame musical playlist look like?

It consists of a lot of rap. Got a lot of Kanye West and 2 Chainz on there.

## If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Italy, because I'm Italian. It's a great thing to be; it has only benefits.

## What would your dream job be?

An entrepreneur of some sort, but I don't know. That's a tough question. Making a lot of money is the end goal.

## What is your favorite North Shore restaurant and what do you order there?

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and I get a chili dog and cheese fries.

## Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration would be Allen Iverson. He's undersized, but he's always rising to the occasion, so I've always loved A.I.

## Are you playing college lacrosse?

Indiana only has club there and I'm not going to play club. I think I'm ending on a high note with a state championship.

## How real is the Loyola-New Trier rivalry?

That rivalry is real, especially in lacrosse. The people talk about Loyola lacrosse, the only game they talk about is Loyola-New Trier. And if you play New Trier, you better beat them. But that rivalry is very real, especially in lacrosse.

## How did it feel to beat

## New Trier in the state title game?

It's a weight lifted off your shoulders every time you beat them. You're like, 'There you go.' Every time they beat you, you know you're going to have to come back and get revenge. But it feels real good, especially to end your career on a victory against New Trier. It's such a good program, so it's very special.

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

Just the friendships you make playing on a team. Most of the kids that are playing with you are great guys. It's all about the friendships and bonds that you build. Our senior season, we wanted our team to be really tight. So yeah, just the friendships and relationships you are able to build.

Interview by Editorial Intern Jack Vita



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