

## Little Hoyas dominant in early-season Lacrosse

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*The Georgetown Prep and Landon annual lacrosse game is considered the premiere LAX event in the county private high school season. -file photo*

the backbone of a Georgetown Prep team aiming to capture its eighth IAC championship in the past ten years.

The greatest challenge to the Little Hoyas in the IAC this year will be the Landon Bears, who fell just short of knocking off Georgetown Prep in the IAC championship a year ago. The Bears are 1-1 so far in the season with a matchup against ESPNU's second ranked Haverford School (Haverford, PA) looming on Friday.

The key for the Bears this year may simply be to overcome the adversity of a former player's conviction of murder and put the focus on the lacrosse field, where Landon matches-up favorable against almost any team in the country.

Bullis is the third Montgomery County team represented in the Fab 50 rankings, despite starting out just 3-2 the Bulldogs are ranked 47th in the nation. Tuesday's 14-8 win over Good Counsel should serve as a confidence builder and may kick-start a string of wins for the Bulldogs, who intend turn the IAC championship hunt into a three-horse race.

Last season, Good Counsel made an impressive run to the WCAC championship, but couldn't have started 2012 with a more brutal schedule. The Flacons started the season with losses to Calverton, Georgetown Prep, and Bullis; three of the areas most dominant teams.

Despite the 0-3 start to the 2012 campaign, there should be brighter pastures ahead for the Falcons. All-met honorable mention midfielder Luke Poulos returns for his senior season and co-captain Jake Buzy anchors a solid line of defensive for a rising Good Counsel program.

Regardless of how things pan out this year, it is blatantly evident that multiple private school lacrosse programs in Montgomery County are consistently competitive on a national level and the competition through the first two weeks of games reflects that. As the 2012 season continues, expect nothing less than remarkable play from the nation's mecca of lacrosse.

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Private school lacrosse is already in full swing this spring and Montgomery County has quickly been established as one of the nation's hotbeds for lacrosse talent. Bethesda alone is home to two teams ranked in the top ten of ESPNU's Fab 50 national rankings, Georgetown Prep (ranked 5th) and Landon (ranked 7th), and there are other area schools with the potential to compete on the national level.

The defending IAC champion Georgetown Prep Little Hoyas are off to a blazing start. The little Hoyas are already 5-0, including an impressive 11-2 pounding of Saint Paul's (ranked 40th in ESPNU's Fab 50) and a 9-4 victory over WCAC contenders Good Counsel.

Senior Captain Kyle Shanahan, talented sophomore Brendan Collins, and consistent goalkeeper Will Railey will be

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