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Goal

Brock Snyder, Cathedral – Brock is considered the pre-season's best goalie. He is quick in the pipes and has "spot on" outlet passes. He will be leading a young defense and his leadership skill will have to rise this season. Brock may not have the stats that some other players will, with respect to percentages, but it is only because he will be facing the league's most difficult schedule. Don't let the numbers fool you; he's good.

Luke Paul, Zionsville – Luke has taken over the reins at Zionsville. The Eagles are a defensive team and they will be relying on Luke to carry the load. From what I've seen so far, he may be up for the task.

Faceoff Specialist

Sam Bedich, Cathedral – Sam is next in a long line of great FOGO's at Cathedral. Sam is young and quick and will be playing against some of the best specialists in the Midwest. That will only make him better. Look for him to be dominant late in the season.

Jordan Walker, Carmel – I watched Jordan win, essentially every faceoff for Carmel vs. Zionsville. Having a Faceoff specialist do that, can be very demoralizing. Having Carmel play 'make-it-take-it lacrosse' is a scary thought. Jordan is quick and fast and relentless on the loose balls. His speed will create fast breaks often but don't sleep on him at defense; he's excellent there too.

Aidan Craig, Heritage Christian – Aidan, interestingly is listed as an attackman. It is relatively unusual to see a faceoff attackman, but Heritage wants to get the most out of him on the field. At the faceoff X, Aidan is as good as anyone. I think at the end of the season his numbers will prove it.

As I said before, this is not an exhaustive list. There are few Cathedral players on this list, because they are reloading with a group of young talent this year. And there are no Culver players; since I'm not sure they know who will be playing on their Varsity team yet, either. Plus, every year there are players and teams that will rise to a new level as their game matures and there are always hidden gems that will come out of nowhere and surprise us all.

Can't wait to see them!

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Considered the "Godfather of Indiana Lacrosse", Byron has 35+ years of lacrosse experience with over 25 years of coaching experience. He was born and raised in New York and played collegiately at the University of Arizona. He began his coaching career as the Head Coach for the Northern Arizona University men's club lacrosse team.

After moving to the Indianapolis area Byron helped bring lacrosse to Indiana. He was instrumental in establishing the Indiana High School Lacrosse Association, wrote the IHSLA's original by-laws and served on its board in multiple capacities. He also coached at Park Tudor, Brebeuf Jesuit, Hamilton Southeastern and most recently at Noblesville high school. He won a State Championship with Park Tudor 2001 and was the first non-Culver team to win the title. Byron now coaches and teaches lacrosse with both True Lacrosse Indiana and Max Lax.

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