

Ravens Lacrosse Mid-Season Review

The halfway point of the Ravens' 2013 season has been reached, and it's time for a midseason review. The Ravens are currently sitting at 4-4, with a 1-0 record in the TISAC. Compared to how the Ravens started last season, a 2-6 mark before they reeled off a remarkable 10-game winning streak en route to the program's first NCISAA championship game appearance, coach Sandy Kapatos is pleased with his team's first-half play.

"We're way ahead of where we were at this point last season, and I think we can continue that as we head into the next half of our schedule. Last season, we learned how to compete, and it's definitely carried over to this year. The staff and I are confident that the boys can handle any pressure that comes our way."

The Ravens are currently ranked 10th in the *The News & Observer* High School Boy's Lacrosse rankings, and are ranked 5th among NCISAA teams in the LaxPower rankings. But those rankings don't mean much to coach Kapatos. "We don't really care about where we're ranked. All that matters to us is where we finish at the end of the season."

While the Ravens are averaging 8.25 goals scored per game, they are also allowing an average of 7.88 goals per game. Coach Kapatos attributes this to inconsistent goalie play, and he has recently been going to a two-goalie system. "It's a position we need the most consistency out of, game in and game out. We'll continue doing this until someone stakes a claim to the position."

Coach Kapatos believes his team's tough first half schedule – which included last year's NCISAA champion Charlotte Latin, two-time Virginia VISAA champion Christchurch School, and 2011 Maryland IAC champion Georgetown Prep – will help the team as they begin their tough second half stretch (a combined .613 winning percentage).

The Ravens' second half schedule features three TISAC games against Cary Academy and Durham Academy, a home match against Chapel Hill, and a crucial neutral-site showdown with the undefeated Christ School Greenies. Coach Kapatos, though, doesn't have the team looking ahead. "Our most important game is the next game on the schedule. You can ask the boys; we don't look beyond the next game."

The Ravens resume action next week with trips to Greensboro Day (April 16th), Cary Academy (April 18th), and Christ School (April 20th, at Greensboro Day) before returning home for a match-up with TISAC rival Durham Academy (April 26th).

Statistical Leaders

Goals: Jamie Herakovich (23), Carter Voelkel (13), Jimbo Barnes (11)

Assists: Jamie Herakovich (9), McLean Voelkel (7), Carter Voelkel (6)

Points: Jamie Herakovich (32), Carter Voelkel (19), McLean Voelkel (15)

Ground balls: Jimbo Barnes (37), Jamie Herakovich/Will Barefoot (23), Grady Finch/Josh Moorman (21)

Turnovers Caused: Josh Moorman (23), Will Barefoot (20), Jimbo Barnes/Kubi Johnson (10)

Face-off Percentage: Jimbo Barnes (40-68, .588), Jamie Herakovich (21-39, .538), Grady Finch (11-33, .333)