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*GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY*

# BRUINS



# SEASON INFORMATION

# 2017 ROSTER

If the 2015 season was a step in the right direction, 2016 was a giant leap. Last year was monumental in the growth of the George Fox women's lacrosse program. With seven All-Northwest Conference selections, the NWC Player of the Year and a 9-1 conference record, the Bruins claimed a share of the NWC title in their third season.

With steady improvement since the program's inception four years ago, Harrington feels George Fox has the leadership in place to build off of last year's accomplishments. "We started this program with little to no experience," she said. "Now the experience is driving this team every day because of the leadership we have in place, and our eight seniors are key."

Miranda Edwards and Christine Doherty, two seniors who each started 13 games a season ago, combined to score 53 goals in 2016 and will play important roles for the Bruins. Edwards found the back of the net on half of her shot attempts last year, and Doherty finished the campaign with a 82.2 shots-on-goal percentage.

Defensive player, Mikaela Easterlin, carries skill and leadership at the goalie position. In her first year as a starter in net, Easterlin led the NWC with 120 saves and finished with a 11.14 goals-against average, ranking second among conference goalies in 2016.

Harrington also expressed excitement about sophomore Lois Ray and junior Jess Hanson who have grown exponentially. Hanson finished second on the team in goals (37) last year while Ray had eight assists, second behind graduated star Alexa Nakashimada.

The Bruins have continued to establish themselves as a true contender in the Northwest Conference, but the competition has also improved. As the sport of lacrosse grows, the competitive landscape has ramped up, placing more schools on George Fox's radar.

## Coaches



### Natalie Harrington

Head Coach (2013-)

Natalie Harrington enters her fourth year at the helm of the women's lacrosse program.

A former women's lacrosse high school All-American and star player at NCAA Division I Fresno State University, Harrington became the first head coach for the women's lacrosse team at George Fox University.

The Bruins finished the 2016 season as co-champions of the NWC, as they shared the rights with Pacific. They finished with an overall record of 9-5 and went a program-best 7-1 in the NWC. They set the program record for most goals scored in a game with 24 in a win over Worcester State. The Bruins recorded seven All-NWC awards, while Alexa Nakashimada was named the first-ever Player of the Year in the George Fox lacrosse program. Harrington now holds an overall record of 26-16 (.620).

Harrington hails from Oregon City, Oregon, where she played four years at Oregon City High School. She led the team to the Oregon 6A state championship in 2009 and was the game's most valuable player.

Harrington served at numerous lacrosse clinics for Fresno State working with elementary, middle, and high school girls, as well as at various lacrosse camps and activities around the Central Valley of California. She was also active in the community, working as a member of the "Big Heroes, Little Heroes" mentoring program and interacting with patients at sporting events sponsored by the Central California Children's Hospital.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
FEBRUARY		
Tue. 28	Eastern University	6:00 PM
MARCH		
Sat. 4	Whitman *	12:00 PM
Sun. 12	Colorado College	12:00 PM
Sat. 18	at Pacific (Ore.) *	3:00 PM
Mon. 27	at Whittier	7:00 PM
Wed. 29	at Pomona-Pitzer	7:00 PM
Thu. 30	at Redlands	1:00 PM
APRIL		
Sat. 1	at Puget Sound *	12:00 PM
Fri. 7	Southwestern (Texas)	1:00 PM
Sun. 9	at Whitman *	12:00 PM
Tue. 11	at Linfield *	6:00 PM
Sat. 15	Pacific (Ore.) *	5:00 PM
Sat. 22	Linfield *	12:00 PM
Sun. 23	Puget Sound *	12:00 PM

The Bruins will test themselves outside the NWC, taking on a group of California schools. Harrington feels competing against Redlands, Whittier and Pomona-Pitzer, programs she labels as "established," will benefit the Bruins when it comes to conference play.

Bolstered by experience and confident in skill and cohesiveness, the Bruins are aiming high in 2017. Harrington and her team know that a focused and balanced mindset will be key in repeating as conference champions.



### Lacey Beaty

Assistant Coach (2015-)

Lacey Beaty is an experienced lacrosse coach with more than 18 years of experience as a player. She joins the Bruins' coaching staff for her second season under head coach Natalie Harrington, serving primarily as a goalie coach. Beaty took over for the Beaverton High School Women's Lacrosse program in 2009 when they were a new and struggling team. Within a few years, the Beaverton Beavers qualified for their first playoff game and since have become a regionally respected team.



### McKenzie Coulson

Assistant Coach (2014-)

McKenzie Coulson has been involved with the Oregon lacrosse community for more than 10 years. She joins George Fox for her third season as an assistant coach under head coach Natalie Harrington.

She graduated from Lakeridge High School in 2003, where she was a three-sport athlete. Coulson got her start in coaching at her alma mater in 2008 where she coached the JV program for three years before taking over the head coaching position at Tigard High School. She coached at Tigard for five years until taking the George Fox assistant position in 2014-15.

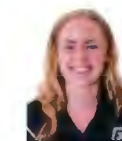
No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/College
2	Brittney Baird	M	So.	5-3	Vancouver, Wash. / Evergreen / -
3	Christine Doherty	M	Sr.	5-5	Hillsborough, Calif. / Mercy Burlingame / -
5	Erin Fettig	D	Sr.	5-1	Corvallis, Ore. / Santiam Christian / -
9	Miranda Edwards	M	Sr.	5-8	San Diego, Calif. / River Valley Charter / -
10	Emma Fanger	M	Fr.	5-8	Tualatin, Ore. / Tualatin / -
11	Madison Stratton	M	Fr.	5-7	Tempe, Ariz. / Corona del Sol / -
12	Marissa Gill	D	Jr.	5-2	Beaverton, Ore. / - / -
13	Jess Hanson	C	Jr.	5-7	El Dorado, Calif. / El Dorado / -
14	Yecenia Arrezola	D	Sr.	5-3	Milwaukie, Ore. / Rex Putnam / -
15	Madison Strickland	M	Fr.	5-2	Bothell, Wash. / Lake Sammamish / -
18	Grace Matteson	M	Fr.	5-2	Clackamas, Ore. / - / -
20	Lois Ray	M	So.	5-7	Springfield, Ore. / Thurston / -
21	Jennifer Burke	M	Fr.	5-6	Oregon City, Ore. / Oregon City / -
22	Katelyn Bradshaw	M/D	Sr.	5-10	Payette, Idaho / Payette / -
25	Lauren Abshire	D	Sr.	5-7	Rancho Murrieta, Calif. / Pleasant Grove / -
27	Alyssa Poffenroth	D/GK	Sr.	5-4	Spokane, Wash. / Shadle Park / -
28	Mikaela Easterlin	GK	Sr.	6-0	Lake Oswego, Ore. / Wilson / -



2 Brittney Baird



3 Christine Doherty



5 Erin Fettig



9 Miranda Edwards



10 Emma Fanger



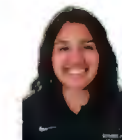
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13 Jess Hanson



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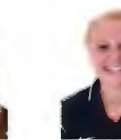
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