



## **Coach Austin Leonard – Boys Head Coach Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

**Austin Played his High School career for Weddington High School as a 2X State Champion and earning a 1X State Champion MVP!**

**Austin went on to start College Lacrosse for Furman University for 2 years before transferring to Queens and completing his college career.**

**Austin spent time at Furman University as a coach for prospect camp All Star games. This is where he discovered not only does he love to play the sport of Lacrosse but he has an equal passion to coach it. He went on to Coach for Team Carolina for 4 years coaching all age groups between 5-18, year round. He also finds it very rewarding providing private lessons to athletes and seeing the benefits of their hard work transfer to the lacrosse field. He has numerous hours of private lessons, coaching various athletes around the Charlotte region and hopes to continue working with our community's youth while being an essential piece to growing the Tomahawk Lax program.**



## **Coach Declan McHugh – Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Declan started playing Lacrosse his freshman year of high school for the Gaston County Patriots and quickly fell in love with the sport. During his Senior year with the Patriots he set the team record with 67 points in a season!! Declan continued his lacrosse career playing 1 year for Pfeiffer College before transferring to UNCC to finish out his degree. Declan currently plays for the UNCC club team and is excited to share his knowledge with our players.





## **Coach Matt Lewin – Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Born in Newtown, Connecticut Coach Lewin moved to Raleigh, NC in 2004. He started his High school career as a 4 year Varsity Lacrosse player at Cardinal Gibbons High School. There, he won four conference championships and two NCHSAA state runner up which earned Matthew a chance to play lacrosse at Guilford College. Matthew played at Guilford for a year and then transferred to UNC Charlotte where he played club lacrosse for 2 years and club hockey for 3 years. After discovering his love to teach the game, he went on to coach Gaston County Patriots High School team for 3 seasons as the Assistant Coach. Last season he was the head offensive coach for Clover JV Lacrosse and helped secure their first perfect season in school history! Matthew currently plays men's lacrosse for the Charlotte Reapers and Buzz City Lacrosse Clubs and is playing indoor lacrosse for the Charlotte Reapers Sr. B indoor lacrosse team. Coach Lewin is "all in" for the youth of this community and can't wait to work with our kids and transfer his experience and knowledge.





## **Coach Rob Contini – Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Rob's love for the game started back in his High School days at a YMCA clinic in Staten Island NY. He went on to play JV Lacrosse as a Defenseman for Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island, NY in his Freshman Year. In his Sophomore year, he moved to LSM and was the Captain of the JV team as well as a reserve player for the Varsity Team. Rob finished his High School career as a Short Stick Midfielder leading the Lions to back to back Island Championships. After high school, Rob went on to attend the University at Buffalo, where he participated in Intramural Hockey and Lacrosse. After relocating down to the Charlotte Area in 2019 Rob looked to get back involved in the sport he loved. He saw Lacrosse booming across the South East and found a perfect home at Tomahawk Lacrosse. Rob looks forward to coaching and helping foster a love for the game that was instilled in him growing up.





## **Coach Jackson Watkins– Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

I have been involved as a part of Clover Lacrosse for the past 9 years. My Lacrosse career started the day that Clover High School announced the new school lacrosse program. I knew from the moment I picked up a stick that my passion for this game would be unparallel to any other sport so my focus was lacrosse from that point forward. I excelled at Clover High School as a 4 year Varsity starter at attack and midfield. My love for playing lacrosse has grown into a passion for coaching the sport that I love. Every season that I played my team was able to make the playoffs but always ended up a little short of the big game. That has always burned in my stomach to change the tradition of coming up short to being the team to beat in the Championship game every year. The path for that tradition is through Tomahawk Lacrosse Youth!



## **Coach Jeremy Hirschman – Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

With over 10 years of lacrosse experience, I have played just about every position on the field. However, most of that time was spent on attack. In high school, I was one of the starting varsity captains, during which we carried our team to a winning season. In college, I played club lacrosse for Northern Illinois University Huskies. During my senior year, I was nominated as the vice-president of the club. My role as vice-president of the club was to serve as a coach/player role. In this role, I not only played on the team, I also planned practice, lead drills, and coached during games. Outside of playing, I participated in multiple Play Lax Day events for the surrounding community to increase children's activeness and involvement in the sport.





## **Coach Cody Doremus – Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Coach Cody Doremus played High School Lacrosse at Dorman High for 4 years starting as a midfielder and finishing his senior year as an LSM. He attended Limestone College where he played all four years on close defense earning 3 conference and 2 national championships. Coach Dormus is a York County Sherriff who enjoys giving back to the community.



## **Coach James Marino—Coaching Instructor Boys Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Sports have been a big part of my life. I always loved competing and striving to be the best on the field no matter the sport. I fell in love with lacrosse when I was in the seventh grade, and I was even more fascinated with watching goal tending. Seeing players in the net is an extraordinary sight to see. From the way they moved, to how fast they were able to react in a split second made me realize that goal tending was where I belonged. With countless hours of practice, I was able to make the varsity team at Marvin Ridge High-school as a freshman. With four long years of hard work God blessed me with a scholarship to play at Wingate University where my team won 2 SAC championships. Lacrosse has been a huge part of my life and I love teaching young players the ins and outs of becoming a scholarship player!





## **Coach Kristin Kelly– Girls Coach Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

Kristin Kelly is excited to get back on the field, helping to grow the girl's lacrosse program.

Kristin earned a scholarship to play Division I lacrosse at Hofstra University (ranked in the top 10 at the time), helping to lead her team to its first ever Conference championships and NCAA tournament. During her four-years as a starter, she notched team, regional and national records, was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, All-American and selected as the Coca-Cola MVP in 2002. Kristin (a former soccer-head) found her love of lacrosse as a sophomore in high school, when the lacrosse coach recruited her, after a soccer game. Mt. Hebron High School women's lacrosse was a dynasty in the sport; having won county and state championships continuously from 1992 – 2007 (also earning 7 national titles). Kristin earned First Team All-County honors and was selected to play in the All-Star game. Lacrosse Magazine name Mt. Hebron High School Women's Lacrosse, "Best in the Nation," in 1999. Much of the high school's success was due to the strong youth, feeder programs. Kristin has spent several years on the sidelines as a coach; most notably, taking the Granite Bay High School Women's Lacrosse team (Granite Bay, CA) team from 1 and 14, to 14 and 1 in just 1 year. In addition, she has helped several athletes earn Division I scholarships to top ranked schools throughout the county. Kristin is married, has two kids and lives in York, S.C. Interesting fact: Kristin's brother-in-law is Jed Prossner; Hall of Fame, All-American, DI Lacrosse for UNC Chapel Hill, Turnball Trophy recipient (Team MVP), Tewaarton finalist and #2 draft pick during the 2005 MLL season.



## **Coach Anna Gordon – Girls Coach Tomahawk Lacrosse:**

**Anna played on the first year that Clover began a women's high school lacrosse program. She graduated in 2015 and went on to play under a scholarship for North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC. She has received recognition such as Most Improved Player her first year of playing lacrosse, Coaches' Award and Defensive Player of the Year. She also played soccer and has coached for multiple age groups for Clover teams. She's been a part of several mission trips and sports' camps for children of all ages. Anna is 23 years old, an Air Force wife and the mom of a two-year-old daughter.**

