



MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE COMES TO CHICAGO

CHICAGO MACHINE OPENS SEASON MAY 20TH

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Chicago, IL - Exciting lacrosse action has arrived in Chicago with the area's newest professional sports team, the Chicago Machine of Major League Lacrosse. Lacrosse is the United States' oldest game and also its fastest growing team sport. The Machine will spearhead that growth in Chicagoland with their fast-paced, explosive brand of lacrosse: a unique blend of high scoring and hard-hitting action.

The Machine will play home games at Benedictine University in Lisle under the direction of Head Coach and General Manager Kevin Finneran, a veteran of five seasons as a respected player with Philadelphia and Long Island of Major League Lacrosse (MLL). Finneran also starred at Ohio Wesleyan University and on the United States National Team. The Chicago Machine has on its staff such highly respected lacrosse professionals as Assistant Coach Jacques Bagley.

Among the players sure to stand out for the Machine in this historic inaugural season are Kevin Leveille, acquired from the Boston Cannons after an All American career at the University of Massachusetts. Leveille will be joined in uniform by Lyle Shirley of Lake Forest College, Syracuse University National Champion Kevin Kelley, Tony Lignelli, named All Big Ten at Ohio State and Todd Rassas, another key player from Notre Dame and Team USA.

The Chicago Machine is part of the westward expansion of MLL, which also includes Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver. Chicago joins Boston, New Jersey, Long Island, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Rochester in the ten team League which was founded by Jake "Body By Jake" Steinfeld.

The Machine will offer a variety of seating options. Ticket information is always available at (847) 424-1390 and www.chicagomachine.com. MLL games can be seen on ESPN2 and the Chicago Machine will be among those teams appearing on the network. This franchise is locally owned by the Chicago Lacrosse Group.

Opening Day for the Chicago Machine is May 20th.

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About Major League Lacrosse

Major League Lacrosse, a ten-team professional outdoor lacrosse league, was founded in 1999 by fitness entrepreneur Jake Steinfeld, CEO of Body by Jake Global L.L.C., and founding partners Dave Morrow, a former champion lacrosse player and now CEO of Warrior Lacrosse, a leading global provider of innovative and high performance lacrosse equipment; and Timothy B. Robertson, former CEO of The Family Channel and the current chairman of Bay Shore Enterprises, L.L.C., an investment holding company with activities in international media and Internet technology ventures. The MLL commenced play in June of 2001. The MLL is comprised of two conferences. The Eastern Conference contains the original six teams, Baltimore, Boston, Long Island, (Montclair) New Jersey, Philadelphia and Rochester. The Western Conference debuts in the 2006 season with MLL expansion franchises Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Additional league information can be found at www.majorleaguelacrosse.com.

