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Fifth Annual KING OF THE SPRING FACE-OFF CLASSIC set for March 7-10, 2014, in Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill, N.C. Top high school lacrosse teams to raise awareness of nonprofit supporting Army Rangers and families

DURHAM, N.C. – Nearly 30 of the nation’s top high school lacrosse teams will compete in the fifth annual *Brine King of the Spring Face-Off Classic*, scheduled for March 7 to 10, 2014, in the Triangle area of North Carolina. Joining hosts Durham Academy and Cardinal Gibbons High School in sponsoring the event are Brine Lacrosse, OT Sports, Triangle Orthopaedic Associates, Durham Cares and Fusion Lacrosse.

This year’s tournament aims to raise awareness of Lead The Way Fund, a nonprofit that supports disabled U.S. Army Rangers and the families of Rangers who perished, were injured or are serving in harm’s way. The focus on Lead The Way Fund honors Jimmy Regan, a former Duke University lacrosse player who was killed in action in 2007 as an Army Ranger serving in Iraq. King of the Spring director and Durham Academy varsity boys lacrosse coach Jon Lantzy coached Regan when he was an assistant coach at Duke.

“We are very excited to use the national platform that the King of the Spring offers to raise awareness and help funds for the Ranger Lead the Way Fund. Jimmy Regan was and is a true American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. I am blessed to have known Jimmy and honored to help his father honor his memory by supporting other American heroes and their families in need,” Lantzy said. *“As coaches and educators, we are always look for meaningful opportunities to expose our student-athletes to the true meaning of service, and it is my hope that all the participating teams will use this weekend and Jimmy’s story and the selfless work it has inspired to talk with their athletes about giving back to their communities in a meaningful way.”*

In addition to the high school action, the event will feature a collegiate match pairing the Richmond Spiders and Vermont

Catamounts on March 8 at Durham County Stadium. Richmond coach Dan Chemotti said he’s *“looking forward to both the competition with Vermont and the opportunity to “show appreciation for both the Lead The Way Fund and all those who protect our nation’s freedom.”*

“The Lead The Way Fund, the late Jimmy Regan and the Regan family are all very close to my heart, so when Jon Lantzy proposed bringing our Vermont game to Durham County Stadium to support such a selfless charity, it was something we felt honored to be a part of,” Chemotti said. *“For about six years, the Lead The Way Fund and college lacrosse have been supporting one another through Jim Regan Sr.’s efforts. One goal we have on the day is to expand awareness to those in attendance and to provide perspective to our student-athletes.”*

The tournament’s focus on Lead The Way Fund is dear to the hearts of event sponsors like OT Sports. The North Carolina-based lacrosse uniform manufacturing company will supply four teams competing in special charity games Friday, March 7, (Charlotte Latin vs. Durham Academy and Charlotte Catholic vs. Lake Norman High School) with special camouflage uniforms in honor of the fund and will offer tournament-themed socks to both players and fans, with proceeds donated to the fund.

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Participating Schools

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| 1. Durham Academy (NC) - Host School | 11. RJ Reynolds High School (NC) | 22. Austin Westlake High School (TX) |
| 2. Cardinal Gibbons High School (NC) – Host School | 12. Norfolk Academy (VA) | 23. Nansemond-Suffolk Academy (VA) |
| 3. Charlotte Latin School (NC) | 13. McCallie School (TN) | 24. Marvin Ridge High School (NC) |
| 4. Charlotte Country Day School (NC) | 14. Westminster School (GA) | 25. Cape Henry Collegiate School (VA) |
| 5. Providence Day School (NC) | 15. Christchurch School (VA) | 26. Highland Park High School (TX) |
| 6. Lake Norman High School (NC) | 16. Calvert Hall College High School (MD) | 27. Woodlands (TX) |
| 7. Ravenscroft School (NC) | 17. Dallas Jesuit High School (TX) | |
| 8. Charlotte Catholic High School (NC) | 18. St. Anne’s Belfield School (VA) | University of Richmond |
| 9. Chapel Hill High School (NC) | 19. Memphis University School (TN) | vs. |
| 10. Broughton High School (NC) | 20. Plano West High School (TX) | University of Vermont |
| | 21. Coppell High School (TX) | |



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