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What is your favorite tournament to attend?

D-III Nationals is probably my favorite I've been to. Attending continuously,

it has definitely been Wildwood in N.J.

Great time to have a reunion with the

college roommates.

at my high school with some friends.

It consistently worked to pump

up our team...

What tournament(s) are on your bucket list? Club Nationals, Kaimana Klassik, Lei-Out and Windmill Windup. Basically, I am trying to travel the world and play ultimate. Do you play any other sports? I'll play pick-up basketball, Spikeball or football. Took me five years, but I finally won intramural flag football, too.

Tell us about one (safe-for-work)

out in your mind.

is talking about?

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one.

memory with your team that sticks

Our coach chugging Red Bulls before

last year. It consistently worked to

pump up our team, but he started to

shake from all the sugar by the fourth

every game on the Sunday of Nationals

What is your go-to pump-up song?

Ante Up by M.O.P. I can't believe this song is not used in every Callahan video.

Who are the best D-III players no one

Andrew Zaccardi from Bentley, Brian

Gzemski from Brandeis (unbiased

opinion), and Austin Kelson from

HILL BALLIET
School Harvey Mudd College (Claremont Colleges)
Hometown Birmingham, AL
Age 20
Year Sophomore
Major Engineering

though, so that would have to wait until about four years ago when I started playing club. I began regularly going to pick-up starting when I was about 13 though, so you can take your pick.

What is your favorite USA Ultimate

I love watching Sockeye play because

they're so patient and fundamentally

proficient, but I'm pretty attached to

taught me almost everything I know.

What is your favorite tournament to

party tournaments like Lei-Out, my

favorite tournament to attend is D-III

Warmup. I found it very rewarding to

organize, and it's a lot of fun to play in

a home tournament against Nationals-

Even though I've been to a few

the Birmingham Ironmen since they've

I'd say about 20 years and nine months.

How long have you been playing

I don't think my mom ever laid out

while she was pregnant with me

ultimate?

club team?

attend?

level competition with extremely knowledgeable observers. Plus, the weather in SoCal is awesome during February.

What tournaments are on your bucket list?

Potlatch, men's Club Nationals, mixed Club Nationals and College D-III Nationals: '16, '17, '18. Also, the World Games are being hosted in Birmingham (my hometown) in 2021, and even if I

don't get to play in them, I really want

I used to dive, swim, mountain bike, ride

cyclocross, run cross country and track,

life, but now it's just ultimate and a little

and play baseball, basketball, soccer

and football at different points in my

I decided it might

Dea bacicea forme

to go to a remote

to be there to watch.

Spikeball on the side.

Do you play any other sports?

village in the middle of Mexico...

Tell us about one (safe-for-work)

memory with your team that sticks

Braineaters go down to a little town

forward to this trip for two years by

the time it rolled around when I was a

freshman because I had toured Harvey

Mudd College while the team was on

this trip, and I had heard about it long

before I started playing for the team.

year, I had a long stint of injuries,

before we left for spring break.

That second semester of my freshman

starting with a pulled hamstring then

been back to my first practice two days

a separated shoulder, and I had just

on the Baja Peninsula about a 15-hour

drive away from L.A. I had been looking

Every year for spring break, the

out in your mind.

I was so excited about getting to play ultimate again and about spring break that I decided to go out with some of my friends the night before the bus left. I was feeling really good, so I started running around and eventually I decided to do a layup with a disc, but when I came down, I landed on the stand of the basketball goal and rolled my ankle. It immediately swelled to the size of a baseball, but I still thought I would be fine in a couple days so I went

to bed—or at least I tried. I didn't end

Eventually it was time to go, so I called

had never met to drive me down to the

bus with my stuff since I couldn't walk,

some of the leftover hydrocodone from

when I separated my shoulder and get

over it. About 45 minutes into the bus

incredibly painful, so I decided it might

be a bad idea for me to go to a remote

village in the middle of Mexico without

a cast. Instead, I asked them to drop me

ride and despite the pills, it was still

and I decided that I would just take

one of the women's captains whom I

up falling asleep that night.

off at a Del Taco, and I called one of my friends to come get me, so I could go to the hospital and get it x-rayed. Later, the team would change the story so that they ditched me at the side of the road because I showed weakness, but it turned out to be a bad sprain that took me out for eight more weeks.

Fortunately, I got back to playing two

weeks before Nationals, so at least I got

to play in one tournament that season.

What is your go-to pump-up song?

I once recorded the sound of SoHo crying after they lost to the Ironmen.

That gets me pretty hyped.

Who are the best D-III players no one

is talking about?

Jimmy Bright-Dumm. He's a great athlete, and I'm always impressed with his spirit, even in high-intensity games. I should probably also note that Jacob Bronstein's backhands are ridiculous.