

WISCONSIN HODAGS NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018 Edition

18/19 TEAM

Henry Goldenberg (So)

Henry graduated from Madison West High School in 2017 where he played ultimate for 4 years, captaining the team for two, and winning 4 state championships. He has also competed with the Madison U20 mixed team at the Youth Club Championships, and with Mad Men during the club season.

Oscar Felcan (Fr)

Originally from Burlington, VT, Oscar is a freshman studying computer science. He played ultimate all four years of his high school career as well as three years of youth club. Outside of ultimate, Oscar enjoys football (especially fantasy football), basketball, and skiing.

Simon Brooks (Fr)

Simon was born and raised in St. Paul, MN and is a freshman studying environmental engineering. Simon played ultimate on his high school team for four years and captained the team his senior year. He was also a varsity cross country skier.

Jack Mallmann (Jr)

Raised on skim milk, now drinks 2%. In a boy band with his triplet brothers Eric and Toby. During high school, Jack captained his cross country team and ran track. First played ultimate during XC practice when the coaches weren't looking. Came to UW to study computers and jump around. Still a Fauxdag at heart.

Anders Shropshire (Sr)

Anders spent three years on the Fauxdags, including one year as captain before rising up to the Hodags. Originally from Monona, WI, Anders first started playing ultimate on his high school team including two years on YCC. In his spare time Anders is a hobby musician and likes keeping up with world news.

Jacob Wham (Fr)

Jacob grew up in Evanston, IL. He played water polo his freshman year of high school before playing frisbee the next 3 years, captaining for 2 of them. In addition to ultimate, Jacob was in concert band and played drum set in jazz band.

Rafi Moskowitz (Fr)

Rafi was born and raised in CA. He started his ultimate career his senior year of high school in which his team claimed a high school state championship title for the second year in a row. Moskowitz is pursuing a neurobiology major and a certificate in dance.

Kevin Tan (Fr)

Kevin is a freshman in the school of Engineering. He has played ultimate through middle and into high school at Madison West. In addition to ultimate, Kevin enjoys badminton, skiing and backpacking. In his free time, he discusses science, math and other nerdy stuff.

DONATIONS

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As we mentioned in our last newsletter, the endowment is a great way to give back to the team. Our primary goal is to reach the \$25,000 minimum to have the endowment professionally invested.

In addition to this goal, we have a new short term goal for the 2018-19 team. This year the fall tournament, No Wisconsequences, was cancelled. This tournament has served as a \$5,000 fundraiser for the team. With this in mind, we need a push in donations this year to help offset this loss of expected income for the team.

Follow the above link to make a one-time donation or to set up recurring payments. Keep in mind that the board must approved all withdrawals from the endowment from the team so donations are properly used.

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PRESIDENT NOTE

As president of the alumni board, I'm very excited about the direction we are headed, and the consistent commitment our group has been putting in to make the board a group that actively works to help secure the future of Hodag Ultimate. I wanted to tell you about some long-term goals I have for the organization, and to fill you in on the work we have been doing.

One priority of mine is to create a defined structure for the board to ensure it is a sustainable organization focused on the health of the program and growth of the endowment fund. A nomination process, elections, and board member terms are all still need to be put in place for us to ensure that our board can maintain the progress we've made while broadening accessibility for all who want to be involved.

Another goal I have for the board is to better connect the generations of alumni, and I am happy to report that we have made progress toward this goal. Our group now spans from the wise sage Dean Bolton '03, to our newest member, Ian Hahn '18. In an effort to bring in new perspectives and energy from recent grads, we instituted a program this year where one member of the graduating class will join the board for a two-year term.

We plan to continue this into the future in order to make sure that the board maintains a strong connection to the current team and recent graduates.

The board has been meeting once a month, with focuses primarily on the state of the team, current budget and financial needs, endowment questions, and alumni weekend. In all, this process has allowed us to lock in and begin coordinating an alumni weekend much earlier than we ever have in the past. Further, we will be coordinating dates with the rest of the Men's and Women's programs to help make the alumni weekend bigger and better than it has been before

Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any other board member if you have any questions, thoughts, or suggestions for the board. If you know of any alumni who are not on our mailing list, please send me an email with their information to jagaynor@gmail.com and I will get them added to our group.

Hodag Love,
Jon Gaynor '09

BOARD GROWING

The board is happy to welcome Ian Hahn (class of '18) as it's newest member. Ian brings a passion for the program and connection to the current Hodags that will be a valuable asset.

Ian graduated from UW-Madison in 2018 with majors in Actuarial Science, Finance, and Risk, Management, and Insurance. He is originally from Apple Valley, MN and attended UW-Madison to play high-level college ultimate and get a great education.

Ian played on the Pimpdags his freshman year and his last three years on the Hodags.

With college ultimate programs becoming more competitive, he believes that having a strong alumni presence is imperative to the continued success of the program. The Hodags currently have the longest Nationals streak in men's college ultimate and that's something that would not have happened without the team identity that was laid by the alumni.

He hopes to assist in keeping alumni connected with the current team of players and guide decision making on the board.