



BRYNN OSBORN

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Crosse Over Success

Lacrosse is a foreign concept to people in South Texas, according to Brynn Osborn, low defense for the Texas State lacrosse team.

“There’s no exposure down there, so I think being on the team now seems like something pretty unique to my friends and family,” the Corpus Christi native said.

The Texas State photography junior became intrigued by the sport two years ago. It was the summer before her freshman year at Texas State. She was at New Student Orientation and wanted to play club volleyball.

Instead, she signed up for lacrosse.



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This decision brought Osborn to the on-campus field for the team’s first practice of the academic year (and one of three per week), despite never having picked up a lacrosse stick.

The team’s 20 members and coach taught Osborn how to play lacrosse, she said, attributing her success in the sport to this familial atmosphere.

There are no tryouts based on performance and endurance. “We welcome anyone to show up and practice, and if they make the commitment then they’re on the team,” she said.

LIKE A BALLER

Osborn said she makes an effort to help new players learn the sport because she was in their lacrosse cleats not so long ago.

From no lacrosse experience to being a starter on defense, Osborn feels more confident on the field with every game.

She also attributes her success in lacrosse to her history of playing other sports, which helped her weather the differences to some degree.

Many of the sports Osborn played were indoor, so playing lacrosse outside in the freezing rain or blazing sun is something she still has to prepare for. The size of the lacrosse field can also be exhausting, Osborn said, but the high number of players on the team allows for substitutions during a game, and getting fresh legs on the field is important to the team’s success.

Defense is Osborn’s position of choice because the movements feel similar to other sports she’s played, such as her more than decade-long basketball play.

Osborn’s committed to lacrosse. She recognizes that the team is a club sport where its members pay to play on top of school and work. This juggling act can sometimes be difficult to accomplish, but Osborn said the team succeeds when members understand what is best for the team.

“I know there is a seriousness in wanting to be a competitive team, but we all have a lot of fun playing together and I think we have a great balance of the two,” Osborn said.



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