

JUMP FOR JOY: After scoring a goal, **Jake McQuaid**, grad, celebrates with his fellow teammate, **Gabe Kemp**, grad, behind the goal. "It was a playoff game, so it had a little more meaning and was more hype," McQuaid said; photo by a. morral



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Senior continues sport he loves from across the globe

Unlike many high school lacrosse players in the U.S., **Dylan Boyce**, 12, spent much of his teenage years not only playing lacrosse, but teaching the game to kids in his community as well.

However, for Boyce, he wasn't in his normal backyard anymore. He was in Japan.

"We moved to Japan because of my dad's job and we moved back [to the United States] for the same reason," Boyce said.

Although Boyce was in a foreign country, he didn't let that stop him from playing the game he loved. Keeping up with his favorite sport while living in Japan, where the sport isn't popular, was a challenge for him, but Boyce still found time to serve in the community around him, by coaching.

"Lacrosse was new [in Japan] for whoever was playing," Boyce said. "I definitely got experience with helping people learn how to play the sport."

While stationed on a military base in Japan, Boyce would offer to help both Japanese and American youth learn and perfect their lacrosse skills. Whoever lived in his community and wanted to try a new sport had their own personal trainer just down the street.

"I would correct mistakes with their passing or shooting, and help them better understand movement on the field," Boyce said. "I always liked hanging out and helping other lacrosse players."

Looking back on his experiences in coaching in Japan, Boyce has been able to improve his own lacrosse game.

This coaching made him the lacrosse player he is today.

"It helps me understand players more and how they would think on the field and it also helps me improve my own skill," Boyce said. "When I recognize someone else's mistakes, it makes it easier to recognize my own."

Boyce's teammate, **Peter Foulke**, 12, has seen Boyce's lacrosse growth, as they have been teammates at Wando for two years. But Foulke sees his friendship with Boyce as something stronger than just teammates.

"I'd say [Boyce] is like a brother to me," Foulke said. "He's a teammate and a friend."

The way Boyce shines isn't just on the field. According to head coach **Lance Renes**, who described Boyce as unyielding, as he is a very physical player.

"He's willing to display physicality. He's willing to do his job and accept his role," Renes said.

Renes applauded Boyce's personality and demeanor off the field, and said the journey boosted his character.

"I knew that Dylan came from a military family and children who have parents who are in the military always have a very similar personality in terms of being respectful. They look you in the eye. They're great kids. They understand structure and order and how to follow directions," Renes said. "So right away it was clear that that was Dylan's personality and that was great because that's the kind of kid I would want to be a Wando lacrosse player."

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TURNOVER TRIUMPH: (above) Rushing across the field, **Gabe Kemp**, grad, fights to get the ball back so his team has the opportunity to score. "My team made a mistake and I was trying to fix it," Kemp said; photo by a. mcloed



OFFENSIVE OPPORTUNITY: (right) Scanning the field, **Gill Johnson**, grad, waits for the ball to make its way back to him. "I was thinking about what options I have once I have the ball," Johnson said; photo by a. mcloed



DEDICATED DIVE: (above) Diving to the side, **Sam Goss**, 12, takes a shot to score. "I was nervous the clock was running down so I was determined to get a goal," Goss said; photo by aj. morral



FINAL FIGHT: (above right) Looking for a pass, **Brian Leonard**, grad, runs his defender around to try and get the offense going. "This was my last stretch of playoffs in my high school career so I was excited to get everything going and watch the team do well," Leonard said; photo by a. morral



DEFENSIVE DECISION: (left) As fellow teammate **AJ Zarzaca**, 9, runs down the field, **Nico Boccabella**, 10, makes the decision to stay on the defensive side. "We stopped them on defense, I passed it up to him... so I stayed back so he could continue," Boccabella said; photo by a. schwinn



PASSING PERFECTION: (left) Running up the field, **Bragg McConnell**, 10, passes the ball to a teammate after a defenseman tries to take it away. "When the defender came up I was like I gotta make a quick pass, so that's what I did," McConnell said; photo by a. schwinn