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Overall (30+ years of coaching)

- DSG named us 1 of top 5 youth programs in the country.
 - Fisher House and Crosse Out Cancer
- Worked for the Iroquois Nation during the 1987 World Cup as a team liaison for the teams from USA, England, and Australia and the World Cup games / Iroquois National Invitational.
- IL Ohio partner (best program to work with)
- 300+ players in college at 100+ schools.
- 40+ National Tournament Championships (59 for BR overall)
- 1st N. Ohio Coach to win a national recruiting championship
- 1st N. Ohio Coach to win a national box lacrosse championship
- Coached 4 professional players and 2 world champions
- Coached 8 NCAA champions, 171 All Ohio.
- Two time state finalist
- 3x conference champions Univ of Buffalo.
- 1st Man to coach the Midwest regional team at the US Women's National Tournament
- Ranked as high as #2 in the national in high school poll (Georgetown Prep 1997)
- Responsible for getting lacrosse back up and running after Covid shutdowns.
 - Testified to the Ohio House of Representatives for both the boys and girls teams,
 - Worked with the Ohio Committee on Youth Sports to create the protocols to open sports\
 - Coordinated with local politicians, facility directors, and tournament managers to create the COVID protocols that were used to allow lacrosse in Ohio to open in a safe manner and return to play.

Biggest Turnarounds (Teams)

- Williamsville North – 1/10 to 11/5 (last in 12 team conference to 3rd)
- St. Joseph Academy – 5/12 to 14/5 (w/playoff win)
- St. Ignatius – 3/12 to 14/5 (Kept them from ending the program in 2003)

Biggest Turnarounds (Games)

- Down 7-1 with 7:14 to go in summer tournament against Trilogy National – Won 8-7 in overtime.
- Down 8-1 at halftime to Kilborne – Won 13-12 in regulation.
- Down 7-1 at halftime at IL to Booth – Won 9-8 in OT.
- Down 7-4 at halftime to Hudson – Won 12-9 to break their 7 year undefeated streak.

Biggest Turnarounds (Same Season)

- St Joes vs Mags - 1st game lost 17-7, 2nd game 3 weeks later in playoffs won 11-9.
- US vs St. Francis - 1st game lost 9-8, 2nd game in playoffs won 14-4.

Biggest Upsets

- St. Ignatius 7-6 over #1 Dublin (returning state champs). 10+ goal underdogs. Bob Scott day.
- Univ of Buffalo 7-5 over #11 Ithaca.
- Summer wins over 17 of top 25 club teams

High School Records

- St. Ignatius – 2nd lowest goals against in school history (2006)
- St. Ignatius – 2nd Highest goals scored in school history (2007)
- University School - Highest goals scored in school history (2009) – 293 versus a prior record of 189

Parent Testimonials

- To the members of Burning River Lacrosse, I was so proud to watch you play at the IL Recruiting Invitational last week. As a Westlake native who went to Ignatius, I was introduced to Lacrosse by my older brother when I was in second grade. However, there was no youth lacrosse in 1993, so I wasn't able to play on a team until my freshman year of high school — and even then, it was 40 practices and 15 games in the spring; there were no additional opportunities to play.

Needless to say, I'm so envious of your chances to play, to have fun, to compete, to get to know passionate lacrosse players from all over the region and to improve.

And all that benefit shows itself on the field. Coach Calleri has brought teams to our events for several years, and the ways in and degrees to which Burning River has improved are obvious. From the OT win over Booth to fighting tooth and nail vs. Express North, I watched your games and thought "This is the best of what I imagined a team of Cleveland's best players looking like" when I would think about it 15 years ago. Tough, cohesive, athletic. Terry Foy, Inside Lacrosse

- "There are plenty of programs that only think about the money but BR is one of the good ones. They actually care about the kids & their development. Their coaches are some of the few that actually proactively call coaches. They also work hard in support of their players during their college careers. Top 10 D3 coach.
- To quote a local high school coach "I have never seen anyone work as hard to get my players into college as Coach Calleri has. He has called numerous college coaches, provided the players and their families with feedback, laid out a timeline of things the player needs to do and helped guide them through the process. My kids would not be where they are today if Burning River Lacrosse wasn't as proactive as they are."
- "We have been a part of the Burning River family for 7 years. I say family, because Woody & the coaches treat my boys like their own. From the youngest teams to the oldest teams, the organization, commitment and teamwork is above and beyond." Britton Family
- "BR has been a great lacrosse resource all throughout my son's career. My son battled 3 different injuries, but BR never forgot about him. They made just as many phone calls (if not more) to college coaches for him. BR truly cares about their players & are in it for the common good of all lacrosse players in NE Ohio." Mark. Sims
- My son has played for a few different travel programs all with their own merits but without a doubt he would not have had the same opportunities to play college lacrosse had he not played for BR. Coach Calleri and his staff worked very hard with my son during the season to improve his skills as well as to get him exposure at the right tournaments in front of the right coaches. One thing that really struck me is that coach Calleri has a network of college coaches that look to him to deliver players. Recruiting is hard for college coaches; its almost impossible for them to get around to see all the players so in addition to doing their own evaluation coaches count on getting the inside scoop from Woody and the BR staff. The BR brand is trust by coaches. It's almost like having your own agent looking out for your son's best interest." John Zimmerman