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## **OUTLAWS ROUND UP NEW COACHES**

*Team makes coaching changes in preparation for 2010 campaign*

**DENVER** – Today the **Denver Outlaws Lacrosse Team** announced the signing of Associate Coach **Tom Slate** and Assistant Coaches **Alex Smith** and **Lou Braun**. Slate brings 12 years of professional lacrosse experience both as a player and coach to assist the Outlaws with defensive coordination. Smith spent four years coaching at **Colorado State University** and joins the staff to assist with the offense and goalies. Braun comes to the coaching staff to help out with the face-off specialists.

“Tom is an excellent coach and he will be a huge asset to us,” said Outlaw Head Coach **Brian Reese**. “He has coaching experience in the MLL and knows what it takes to win championships at this level. He will bring some new ideas to the Outlaws and will get the best out of the players and the team.”



Tom Slate was named Head Coach of the **San Francisco Dragons** in December of 2007. Prior to joining the Dragons, Slate served as Assistant Coach for the **Philadelphia Barrage** since 2005 and helped lead the Barrage to two consecutive Major League Lacrosse Championships in 2006 and 2007. In addition to his duties with the Barrage, he has also been the Head Coach at **Downingtown East High School** since 2004. In 2007, Slate’s team won the Pennsylvania State Championship. In doing so, he became the first person in Pennsylvania history to win a state title both as a player (**Springfield High School** 1992) and as coach. Slate also played seven years in the **National Lacrosse League** with the **Philadelphia Wings** where he assisted the team in winning two championships in 1998 and 2001. Slate also played **Major League Lacrosse** for the Baltimore Bayhawks (now the **Chesapeake Bayhawks**) for one season.

“I’m really excited to be part of a winning organization like the Outlaws,” says Slate. “I can’t wait to start helping the team achieve their goals for the upcoming season.”

Alex Smith has been a part of the Outlaws roster since the 2006 inaugural season after being signed as a free agent. Smith has also been on the Colorado State University coaching staff since 2006. He began as Assistant Coach for the 2006 season where he helped the Rams win the **Men’s Colligate Lacrosse Association (MCLA)** national championship. Smith was named Co-Head Coach for the Rams in 2009. This season, Smith has led the Rams to an 11-0 record and the #2 ranking in the MCLA.

“Alex has a great understanding of the game as a coach,” Reese says about Smith. “As a player, he really understood what we were trying to accomplish. He will make a smooth transition from being a player to being a coach.”

Lou Braun has also been a part of the Outlaws roster since the 2006 inaugural season. The 2005 Johns Hopkins University graduate was a key element in JHU’s three-man face-off rotation. Braun assisted JHU in finishing seventh in the nation in faceoff winning percentages as a team. With Braun’s four seasons with the Outlaws, he took 196 draws while fielding 46 groundballs and recorded four points.

“Lou will work primarily with our face off unit,” says Reese. “His experience with the players in the league will be valuable to our younger guys.”

The Denver Outlaws open the season on Saturday, May 15th against the Boston Cannons at Harvard Stadium in Massachusetts.

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**About the Denver Outlaws**

Part of Major League Lacrosse's 2006 western expansion, the Outlaws have made the playoffs in each of their four seasons and have consistently led the league in attendance each year, averaging 10,000-11,000 fans per game. The organization is managed by Edge Sports & Entertainment – a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Denver Broncos Football Club. Outlaws 2010 season ticket specials are available now. For more information, contact the Outlaws ticket office at 303-OUTLAWS or visit [www.DenverOutlaws.com](http://www.DenverOutlaws.com).

**About Edge Sports & Entertainment**

Created in 2005, Edge Sports & Entertainment is a full-service event sports and entertainment company focused on the development of live events, event production, and broadcast. Edge Sports & Entertainment is owned by Pat Bowlen.

**About Major League Lacrosse**

Major League Lacrosse (MLL), the premiere professional outdoor lacrosse league, commenced play in June of 2001. The MLL is comprised of six teams located in Boston, Chicago, Denver, Long Island, Toronto, and Chesapeake. The season will culminate with the New Balance MLL Championship Weekend, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland.

Major League Lacrosse was founded by Jake Steinfeld and is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, please visit the Official League website at [www.majorleaguelacrosse.com](http://www.majorleaguelacrosse.com).