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2011 FIELD HOCKEY: Prep teams putting it together

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LAWRENCEVILLE

Lawrenceville got a piece of the Prep A title last year and despite some losses to graduation, the Big Red seems ready to challenge once again for the coveted Prep A crown.

The process of getting started has been a little slow for the Big Red with the weather and all the other problems that come with the start of the fall classes.

"It has been tough up to this point," said coach Lisa Ewanchyna. "We lost some very good players and at the same time we have some very good returning players and we are looking forward to the season."

Eliza Becker, **Nikki Rivera**, Julia Minnetian and Sara Culhane are some of the returning players whom Ewanchyna will be counting on to keep the program at the state championship level.

Becker and Rivera have been starters for the Big Red for the last several years, and each brings something special to the field. Becker is the consummate all-around player doing what needs to be done to get a win, and **Rivera could possess the most speed in the county.**

Along with her stick handling ability, Rivera can be a blur headed up field looking to get the Big Red on the scoreboard.

Minnetian and Culhane earned their stripes last year as a pair of sophomores and will be ready this season to step into a leadership role for the Big Red.

The roster is not completed because the Big Red have been battling the weather and the difficulty it has caused in getting things started.

Once things do get rolling at Lawrenceville, they are going to — as usual — be a force to contend with in the Mercer County Tournament and the Prep tourney.

Coach: Lisa Ewanchyna (5th season)

Assistant Coaches: Holly Burks Becker, Samantha Schroeder

Last Year: 13-3-1

Roster: Eliza Becker, Sara Culhane, Briana Ehret, Sophie Epstein, Liza Keller, Haley Ketterer, Megan McLaughlin, Julia Minnetian, **Nikki Rivera**, Hannah Taggart.