Lacrosse is Body Checking Its Way into Morton

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Lacrosse is fairly new to the city of Morton, and has been growing in popularity for the past few years. Weather that be for the chance to body check someone as hard as you want, or just something “different” from all the mainstream sports, Lacrosse offers a well desired change for students.

“I wanted to do something new for a change because I had grown tired of playing tennis. Lax was that change.” Said Senior A.J. Zimmerman, “Plus I get to hit people as hard as I want… just so long as it’s a legal hit.”

Though people have been enthusiastic about the season of Lacrosse the games thus far have not been pretty. Morton losing its first two games quite severely. “I feel when the team learns the plays and begins feeling more confident with themselves we’ll turn it around.” Said Zimmerman.

Practice for the Lacrosse team isn’t different from any other sport’s practices. They run through plays, build endurance, and sharpen their skills, which leads towards the ultimate goal. Winning games and just having a good time doing it. “It’s kinda like a brotherhood, we’re Lax Bros.” said Senior Zach Roley “, and even when practices are hard we still find ways to enjoy ourselves.”

To most the sport seems like it would be quite difficult to pick up and just start playing. One major reason why is because you’ll have to go out and buy new equipment specifically for the sport. Another might be you have to grow accustom to catching a ball in a little net at the end of a pole. A daunting prospect to many. “At first yes, it was a little hard getting used to. But like all things we get better with practice.” Said Roley.

Though Morton’s team may have had a bad start to the season with enough luck, determination, and hard work they’ll be able to turn it around and win a few games. Lacrosse is a well needed change to the everyday sports that we all know so well. And it will probably continue to grow in popularity in the years to come.