

Behind THE MASK

EVERY GOALIE MASK HAS A STORY, SO WE ASKED SOME KIDS TO TELL US THEIR'S

MATT HASTINGS

Age: 16

Team: Mimico Mountaineers

Goalie Experience: Started when he was five years old

Story Behind Mask: Native headdress (mom is part Chipawa Indian) and grim reaper because Matt is into supernatural and good luck charms.

— "I needed a new mask, so I was pretty excited. It was a surprise from my dad."



KEATON DALE, Hamilton Bengals

LIAM WYNNE

Age: 13

Goalie Experience: Started in minor tyke
Team: Clarington Green Gaels

Story Behind Mask: With his nickname "The Wall," Liam's parents decided to go with a design based on the album cover of Pink Floyd's The Wall.

— "I play both field and box lacrosse, and I like playing goalie because it offers more action. My parents designed it — it was a surprise."



BENOIT GAGNIER,
Gloucester Griffins



JONATHAN DONVILLE,
Oakville Hawks

STEPHEN WALSH

Age: 10

Team: Clarington
Green Gaels

Story Behind Mask:

Steven selected mask, but was surprised when he got mask for Christmas from his parents. He used to wear a hockey goalie helmet, which was getting small and he wanted to have a "real" lacrosse goalie helmet.

— "Lacrosse is really fun and it helps with my hand-eye coordination."



HAYDEN JOHNSTONE

Age: 15

Goalie Experience: 7 years

Team: Toronto Beaches

Story Behind Mask: Bought by coach

— "I was outside in the backyard playing with friends, and they needed someone to shoot on. I tried goalie and I liked it."



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