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Seeing it in them

Troy Athens girls lacrosse looking to meet its potential

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TROY — Troy Athens girls lacrosse coach Rob Holder knows what it takes to make a state-title run.

The coach is in his sixth season with the program, and in his first two years of his tenure, the Red Hawks advanced all the way to the Division 1 state championship before falling to Grosse Pointe South each time.

Now, with a crop of athletes that were in middle school during the 2005 and 2006 runner-up years, Holder again sees a group capable of being a force in the division.

“It’s hard to say without seeing the other teams, and every year the competition gets tougher and tougher, but I would say they are as talented of a team as I’ve had. It’s just a matter of what they do with it,” Holder said March 25 during practice.

The challenge, Holder said, is getting the girls to believe they are as good as he believes they are.

“That’s one of the hardest things — showing them that they can do it,” he said

The Red Hawks were 7-8-2 last season and return seven starters from the group, he said.

“Our kids, they worked hard during the offseason and really started to come together as a team,” Holder said. “They are probably the most mature team I’ve had. They understand you have to work in order to see results.”

With seniors Paige Montana, Angie Meitzler and Mary Borowsky leading the way, the coach expects the offense to be the strength of the team.

Borowsky said the players’ familiarity with one another on the field will pay dividends.

“I feel like we have a really special bond,” she said. “We all understand each other’s movements, and I think that’s going to help out a lot for the offense and the defense, too. Just being able to know where to pass and go to get open,” she said.

Combining their experience and offensive threats, Borowsky said, this generation of Red Hawks could be in for a special year.

“I definitely see that we could be contenders for a state championship,” she said. “The team just really needs to believe in themselves and just know that we are all good



Photos by Tracy Dreslinski
 The Troy Athens girls lacrosse team comes together before playing Northville High March 29 at home. With the return of most of their roster from last season, the Red Hawks have high hopes this year.

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