
Suburban West gets even better

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Northwest (4-16-0, 0-6)

The Lions had a bumpy 2009 season, with more than a few of the bumps coming because of scoring woes. Northwest tallied just 22 goals in 20 games last fall.

The good news is the Lions return one of the league's more interesting offensive talents, sophomore Gino Bono, the leading scorer on last year's team with 15 points (four goals, six assists).

Senior defender Andrew Kaup-Breeden and senior midfielders Matt Strande, Michael Pugliasi and Dylan Lee are other key returning starters. Senior Caleb Day returns in goal.

"We had some growing pains with a very young team last year," Northwest Coach Dave Willis said. "We lost a lot of close games, but have 18 of our 21 guys back from our district roster. I feel we are better at every position this year. These guys have in their mind to win a district title this year. They have put in the time and the work."
