

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MEN'S LACROSSE GAME NOTES



#19 Delaware (No. 3 seed/12-4) vs. #2 Hofstra (No. 1/15-1)
Saturday, May 6, 2006 • Shuart Stadium • Hempstead, NY
Colonial Athletic Association Tournament • Championship Game

2006 DELAWARE RESULTS

Feb.	11	at Saint Joseph's.....	W	9-5
	18	at Lehigh.....	W	10-9
	25	Yale.....	W	9-7
	28	Wagner	W	16-2
Mar.	4	at Rutgers	W	10-6
	7	Mt. St. Mary's	W	13-3
	11	Albany (18)	W	18-11
	15	at Georgetown (8).....	L	5-11
	18	Butler.....	W	7-6
	25	at *Towson	L	7-11
Apr.	1	*Drexel.....	W	9-8
	8	at *Sacred Heart.....	L	8-9
	14	at *Hofstra (2).....	L	10-12
	22	*Villanova	W	17-12
	29	*Robert Morris.....	W	19-3
May	3	at #Towson (12).....	W	13-12
	6	at #Hofstra (2).....	7:30 p.m.	
	13-14	NCAA1st Round/Campus Sites		
	20-21	NCAA Quart. at Stony Brook/Towson		
	27-29	NCAACHampionships at Lincoln Financial Field, Phila., PA		

*=Colonial Athletic Association Games
 #=CAA Tournament Games

TODAY'S PROBABLE STARTERS

Attack

5 - CamHoward (Jr.)
 13 - Adam Zuder-Havens (Jr.)
 4 - Vincent Giordano (So.)

1st Midfield

20 - Jordan Hall (Jr.)
 23 - Dan Deckelbaum (Jr.)
 15 - Sean Calabrese (Fr.)

2nd Midfield

33 - Drew Turner (So.)
 42 - Jarryd Knouse (Sr.)
 3 - Beau Davis (Fr.)

3rd Midfield

25 - Bob Meunier (Sr.)
 41 - Brett Manney (So.)
 19 - Kyle Rotelli (So.)

Defensive Midfield

34 - Chad Holmes (Sr.) - SS
 31 - Paul Rodriguez (Sr.) - LS

Defense

18 - Taylor Bloor (Sr.)
 47 - Bob West (Jr.)
 30 - Patrick Biehl (So.)

Goalkeeper

1 - Tommy Scherr (So.)
 12 - Warren Mayberry (Fr.)

Faceoffs

11 - Alex Smith (Jr.)
 42 - Jarryd Knouse (Sr.)

GAME PREVIEW: The University of Delaware (12-4) continues its quest for its first-ever Colonial Athletic Association championship this evening as the No. 3 seed and No. 19 ranked Blue Hens travel to top seed and No. 2 ranked Hofstra (15-1) for the CAA Championship here at Shuart Stadium in Hempstead, NY. Delaware has won three straight games and advanced thanks to a 13-12 win over No. 2 seed and 12th ranked Towson this past Wednesday at Towson, MD. Hofstra extended its winning streak to 15 straight games by knocking off No. 4 seed Villanova 14-7 in Hempstead. Tonight's winner will earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament, which begins May 13-14 at campus sites. The tournament field will be announced Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on ESPNews and tonight's loser will also warrant strong consideration for an at-large berth.

LAST TIME OUT: Delaware finished off one of the most exciting wins in recent memory as the Blue Hens jumped out to a 7-2 lead and held on to finally knock off the three-time defending CAA champion Tigers 13-12 in the CAA semifinals Wednesday night when Dan Deckelbaum scored the game-winner with just four seconds left. Deckelbaum, who scored a game-high three goals, broke a 12-12 as he fired a shot past Towson's Mark DeGroat from 12 yards out, setting off a wild celebration. Towson's Matt Eckerl won the ensuing faceoff but did not have enough time to get off a shot. Delaware had taken a 12-11 lead with 2:09 left when Adam Zuder-Havens scored a back-hander off a loose ball, but the Tigers tied it when Oliver Bacon scored with 31 second remaining. Cam Howard added two goals and five assists - all in the first half - and Jordan Hall added two goals and an assist for the Hens. Towson, which lost its first ever CAA tournament game after six straight wins, outshot the Hens 48-33 but UD goalkeeper Tommy Scherr came up big with a season-high 17 saves. Delaware avenged an earlier 11-7 loss to Towson this season and a 9-8 last-minute setback to the Tigers in last year's CAACHampionship game.

DELAWARE VS. HOFSTRA SERIES: Hofstra leads the all-time series with Delaware by an 18-9 margin since the first contest back in 1951. The teams have split their last four meetings with Delaware winning 12-10 in 2004 and 8-5 in last year's CAA semifinals and Hofstra winning 13-3 during the regular season in 2005 and 12-10 back on April 14. The teams have met twice in the same season three other times. In 2000, Delaware won 8-7 during the regular season but Hofstra came back to capture the America East championship with a 14-4 win in the title game. In 2001, Hofstra swept the two games with a 11-10 regular season win and an 11-8 triumph in the America East semifinals. Last season, Hofstra handled the Hens 13-3 in the regular season before the Hens avenged the setback with an 8-5 win in the CAA semifinals. Hofstra is 2-0 all-time vs. Delaware in championship game action and 2-1 in post season games. The last two games here in Hempstead, NY have been decided by 12-10 scores with Delaware winning in 2004 and Hofstra capturing the victory this season. In this year's game, Delaware stayed close before Hofstra scored two quick goals to open the fourth quarter and take control. Delaware junior Adam Zuder-Havens led the Hens with four goals and an two assists while Jordan Hall and Dan Deckelbaum each scored twice. The No. 2 ranked Pride won their 11th straight game as Tim Treubig, John Keysor, Athan Iannucci, and Chris Unterstein each scored twice. Hofstra's Joe Mascaretti won 15 of 23 faceoffs from Delaware All-American Alex Smith, who entered as the national leader.

Top Delaware Player Career Statistics vs. Hofstra

Jordan Hall - 4 games, 5 goals, 1 assist	Adam Zuder-Havens - 1 game, 4 goals
Cam Howard - 4 games, 3 goals, 3 assists	Dan Deckelbaum - 4 games, 3 goals
Vincent Giordano - 3 games, 2 goals, 1 assist	Paul Rodriguez - 5 games, 2 goals
Alex Smith - 4 games, 1 assist, 47-35 faceoffs (.573)	
Tommy Scherr - 1 game, 12 saves, 12 goals, 12.00 gaa, .500 save pct.	

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TOP 20 TALES: No. 19 ranked Delaware has been ranked in the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Top 20 poll all but two weeks this season (April 17 & 24), going as high as No. 11 in the first weekly poll on March 6. The Hens have also been ranked all but two weeks (April 17 & 24) by Inside Lacrosse with a high mark of No. 9 back on March 13. Delaware is 2-2 vs. Top 20 (USILA) opponents this season, defeating No. 18 Albany 18-11 on March 11 in Newark, DE and No. 12 Towson 13-12 this past week and falling at No. 8 Georgetown by an 11-5 score back on March 15 and to No. 2 Hofstra by a 12-10 score on April 14 in Hempstead, NY. Delaware had not defeated a team ranked as high as No. 12 Towson since downing then No. 12 ranked Towson 11-5 in Newark, DE last season. ***Tonight Delaware will be trying to knock off its highest opponent in school history. The highest ranked opponent the Blue Hens have defeated was No. 5 ranked University of Maryland, who the Blue Hens knocked off by a 9-7 score in 1985.***

UD IN THE CAA: Delaware is 11-20 all-time in CAA action (122 in playoffs) since joining the league in 2002. The Hens lost their first 11 CAA games, going 0-6 in 2002 and 0-5 in 2003 before winning their league opener vs. Hofstra in 2004. Since that 0-11 start, the Hens are 11-9 against CAA foes.

BLUE HENS IN THE POST-SEASON: Delaware is competing in the CAA Tournament for the third straight year, having been the No. 1 seed last season when the Blue Hens defeated No. 4 Hofstra 8-5 in the semifinals before falling to No. 2 seed Towson by an 9-8 score in the title game. Delaware is 4-7 all-time in post-season action, including a mark of 3-4 in conference tournament action and a record of 0-1 in championship action. Below is a look at Delaware's all-time post-season record.

- 1984 - NCAA 1st Round - at Johns Hopkins (L, 3-10)
- 1999 - NCAA 1st Round - vs. UMBC at Towson (W, 12-11, OT)
NCAA Quarterfinals - vs. Virginia at Princeton (L, 10-17)
- 2000 - America East Semifinals - vs. Hartford (W, 23-11)
America East Championship - at Hofstra (L, 4-14)
- 2001 - America East Semifinals - at Hofstra (L, 8-11)
- 2004 - Colonial Athletic Association Semifinals - at Villanova (L, 6-15)
- 2005 - Colonial Athletic Association Semifinals vs. Hofstra (W, 8-5)
Colonial Athletic Association Championship vs. Towson (L, 8-9)
NCAA 1st Round- at Navy (L, 7-9)
- 2006 - Colonial Athletic Association Semifinals at Towson (W, 13-12)

DELAWARE IN THE CAA / NCAA STATISTICS: CAA rankings as of today / NCAA Rankings entering the week

TEAM STATISTICS	Mark	CAA Rank	NCAA Rank	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	Mark	CAA Rank	NCAA Rank
Scoring Offense	11.25	2nd	6th	Alex Smith			
Scoring Defense	7.94	2nd	14th	Faceoffs	.692	1st	1st
Faceoff Pct.	.684	1st	1st	Groundballs	8.6	1st	2nd
Man Up Offense	.286	5th	29th	Cam Howard			
Man Down Defense	.794	1st	1st	Point Per Game	3.31	3rd	30th
Scoring Margin	+3.31	2nd	6th	Assists Per Game	1.62	2nd	22nd
Win Pct.	.750	2nd	9th	Jordan Hall			
				Assists Per Game	1.20	4th	39th
				Dan Deckelbaum			
				Goals Per Game	1.88	5th	45th
				Tommy Scherr			
				Goals Against Avg.	8.32	2nd	21st
				Save Pct.	.565	2nd	23rd

SIX BLUE HENS LAND SPOTS ON ALL-CAA TEAM: The No. 19 ranked University of Delaware men's lacrosse team has landed six student-athletes on the All-CAA team announced Friday by the league office. Junior attackman Cam Howard (Tatnall/Wilmington, DE), junior faceoff specialist Alex Smith (Boy's Latin/Timonium, MD), and junior midfielder Dan Deckelbaum (Owings Mills/Owings Mills, MD) were named to the first team while junior midfielder Jordan Hall (Fleetwood Park/Surrey, British Columbia) and senior defenseman Taylor Bloor (Corning East/Corning, NY) earned spots on the second team. In addition, redshirt freshman midfielder Beau Davis (Broadneck/Annapolis, MD) was selected to the All-Rookie team. The teams were selected by a vote of the seven CAA head coaches. Howard earned All-CAA honors for the third straight year while Smith, Hall, and Bloor were honored for the second straight year. Hofstra dominated the selection as Chris Unterstein was named Player of the Year, Brett Moyer was named Defender of the Year, Tom Dooley was named Rookie of the Year, and head coach John Danowski was selected as Coach of the Year.

SCORING FRENZY: Delaware currently ranks No. 2 in the CAA and No. 6 in NCAA Division I in scoring offense, averaging 11.13 goals per game entering the week. The Blue Hens have scored 10 or more goals in a game nine times this season with a season-high 19 in the 19-3 win over Robert Morris last Saturday night. The 19 goals was the highest for the Blue Hens since defeating Hartford 23-11 May 3, 2000 in the America East semifinals. Delaware has scored 10 or more goals in four straight games entering tonight's game after scoring in double figures in four straight games earlier this season. The Hens' have not scored 10 or more goals in five straight games since scoring 10 or more in the final eight games of the 1999 NCAA quarterfinal season.

SCORING STREAKS: Delaware juniors Cam Howard, Jordan Hall, and Dan Deckelbaum are working on impressive scoring streaks. Howard, Delaware's leading scorer with 53 points on 26 goals and 27 assists, enters tonight's game having scored at least one point in 22 straight games since being shutout in a 13-3 loss to Hofstra on April 9, 2005. Hall, the 2005 CAA Player of the Year, has scored at least one point in 13 straight games since being held without a point in a 9-7 win over Yale back on Feb. 25. Deckelbaum, Delaware's leading goal scorer with 30, has scored a point in nine straight games. Deckelbaum and Hall have each scored a goal in six straight games entering tonight's contest.

MILESTONE VICTORY FOR SHILLINGLAW: Delaware men's lacrosse head coach **Bob Shillinglaw** reached an impressive milestone in last Saturday's 19-3 win over Robert Morris as he picked up career win No. 250, becoming just the fourth active NCAA Division I coach to reach the mark. Shillinglaw is now 251- 225 in his 31st season overall, including a mark of 227-208 in his 28th season with the Blue Hens. He joins Georgetown's Dave Urick (292), Penn State's Glenn Thiel (290), and Virginia's Dom Starsia (255) in the prestigious club....**More on Shillinglaw:** USILA National Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1999...five-time league Coach of the Year, including 2005 CAA Coach of the Year honors...has led Delaware to 12 conference regular season and tournament titles and three NCAA Tournament berths (1984, 1999, 2005)....53 years old...coached as Massachusetts Maritime before coming to Delaware... selected as head coach of Team USA for the 1999 inaugural World Cup of Lacrosse...Team USA that defeated Team Canada in a best of three series at Johns Hopkins...native of Severna Park, MD and a 1974 graduate of North Carolina where he was a four-year letterwinner and served as team captain as a senior....7-14 all-time vs. Hofstra.

IT WAS NICE TO BE HOME: Delaware and Hofstra were the only two teams in the CAA this season to post undefeated records at home. The Blue Hens, who have won 14 of their last 16 home games at Rullo Stadium since last season, were a perfect 8-0 this year at Rullo, winning games by an average of 7.0 goals per game. The undefeated home season was the first for the Blue Hens since 1962 when the team completed a record of 6-0 at Delaware Field. Delaware is 4-4 on the road this season, losing each of their previous four road contests to Georgetown, Towson, Sacred Heart, and Hofstra before knocking off Towson on the road in the CAA semifinals Wednesday night.

ANOTHER QUALITY SEASON: Delaware's 12 wins this season mark the third straight year that the Hens have reached the double-figure win mark - the first time in school history that has been accomplished. The Hens, who went 10-6 in 2004 and 11-6 in 2005, have won 10 or more games 11 times in school history and 11 or more games six times. The school record for wins in a season was set by the 1999 NCAA tournament quarterfinal team, led by national Player of the Year John Grant, that went 14-3. Delaware also advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1984 with a 12-4 record.

PENALTY KILLERS: Delaware has been impressive in killing penalties this season, entering this week as the NCAA Division I leader in that category. Including the win over Towson Wednesday, the Blue Hens have allowed just 14 goals in 68 man-down situations this season to lead the nation with a mark of 79.4 percent. The Blue Hens killed all seven penalties vs. Robert Morris last Saturday and had killed eight straight penalties before Towson went 2 for 5.

QUICK STARTS: Delaware jumped out to an 8-0 record this season, posting consecutive wins over Saint Joseph's, Lehigh, Yale, Wagner, Rutgers, Mt. St. Mary's, and No. 18 Albany before No. 8 Georgetown stopped the streak March 15 in Washington, DC with the 11-5 victory. The 8-0 start was the best for the Hens since the 1999 team also started out 8-0 on the way to a berth in the NCAA quarterfinals. Ironically, the 1999 team had its 8-0 start halted in a 16-9 loss to No. 8 Georgetown.

QUICK GOALS: When then University of Delaware sophomore Alex Smith scored a goal just six seconds into the season opener vs. Saint Joseph's in 2005, it tied an NCAA record for quickest goal to start a game. Chances were that record was never going to be broken. Not only was the mark broken, but it was bested by a teammate. Delaware All-American Jordan Hall scored a goal just three seconds into Delaware's 18-11 win over Albany back on March 11 of this season to set a new team and NCAA standard.

INDIVIDUAL QUICK NOTES:

Cam Howard (Jr., A, Wilmington, DE)...three-time All-CAA selection...Blue Hens' leading point-scorer with 53 points on 26 goals and a team-high 27 assists...ranks No. 3 in the CAA and No. 30 nationally in points (3.31 per game) and No. 2 in the CAA and No. 22 in NCAA in assists with 1.62 per game...No. 2 in CAA in shots per game (6.38)...has scored a point in 22 straight games entering tonight's game vs. Hofstra...has scored a point in 46 of 49 career games played...has scored three or more points eight times this season with a high of seven points vs. Towson Wednesday when he had two goals and five assists - all in the first half...has scored five points in three consecutive games entering tonight...CAA Player of the Week for March 11 and March 25...ranks No. 14 all-time at Delaware in points with 135 on 59 goals and 76 assists...needs four points to reach No. 12 held by Mark Strohman (139 points on 115 goals and 24 assists in 1978-82) and 18 points to crack the top 10...ranks No. 7 all-time at Delaware with 76 assists, four shy of No. 6 held by Randy Powers (80 in 1983-86)...reached the 100-point mark vs. Albany...first Delaware player to reach 20 or more goals and points in a season since Jason Lavey had 31 goals and 24 assists in 2001....career-highs of five goals and five assists.

Jordan Hall (Jr., M, Surrey, British Columbia)...2005 CAA Player of the Year and USILA honorable mention All-American...two-time All-CAA selection, including second team honors this year...pre-season candidate for Tewaaron Trophy as top collegiate lacrosse player but did not make the top 25 finalist...No. 3 on the team in scoring with 17 goals and 17 assists for 34 points...has currently scored at least one point in 13 straight games and since being shutout during the Yale game and has tallied a goal in six straight games...has scored a point in 42 of 48 career games with three of those scoreless games coming in his first four career games back in 2004...ranks No. 3 in the CAA and No. 39 nationally with 1.20 assists per game...has scored three or more points seven times this season with season-high four points vs. Villanova (2g, 2a) and Wagner (1g, 3a)...has scored 99 career points on 59 goals and 40 assists and needs just one point to become the 28th player in school history to reach the 100-point plateau...set school and NCAA record when he scored three seconds into win over Albany March 11 (breaking mark of six seconds by teammate Alex Smith in 2005 vs. Saint Joseph's)...sat out the season-opener vs. Saint Joseph's with a hamstring injury.

Alex Smith (Jr., M, Timonium, MD)...2005 USILA honorable mention All-American...two-time first team All-CAA faceoff specialist and 2004 CAA Rookie of the Year...one of 25 finalists for Tewaaron Trophy as top collegiate lacrosse player...led NCAA in faceoff pct. in 2005 (.709) and leads again this season (249 of 360, .692)...needs to win two faceoffs to match the school single season record he set last season with 251 faceoff victories...has taken all but 20 of Delaware's 1,056 faceoffs (98.1 percent) over the last three seasons with Delaware losing 15 of those 20 that he did not take part in...for his career has won 704 of 1,036 faceoffs (.679) and ranks No. 2 all-time at Delaware in faceoffs won (Steve Shaw won 838 for .706 pct. in 1983-86)...also ranks No. 2 nationally this season with 8.6 groundballs per game...set NCAA record by winning 21 of 21 faceoffs vs. Wagner (Feb. 28)...also won 20 of 21 faceoffs vs. Robert Morris, 12 of 14 vs. Butler and 15 of 18 vs. Saint Joseph's, 16 of 20 vs. Mt. St. Mary's, 27 of 33 vs. Albany, and 18 of 21 vs. Sacred Heart...won 13 of 28 vs. Towson Wednesday night...has scored goals vs. Yale, Mt. St. Mary's, Albany, and Villanova off the faceoff this season and has 12 goals for his career...does not see action other than on faceoffs.

Dan Deckelbaum (Jr., M, Owings Mills, MD)...first team All-CAA...one of team's most improved players...left-hander who leads the team in goals scored with 30 and ranks No. 2 in points with 35 on 30 goals and five assists...ranks No. 5 in CAA and No. 45 nationally in goals with 1.88 per game...also ranks No. 10 in CAA in scoring (2.19 per game)...has scored a point in nine straight games entering Hofstra and has scored a goal in six straight...tallied two or more goals in 10 games this season with career-high six vs. Mt. St. Mary's March 7 in which he doubled Mt. St. Mary's team total in a 13-3 Delaware win...has scored two or more goals in six straight games entering Hofstra...also had three goals each vs. Drexel, Rutgers, and in semifinal win over Towson Wednesday when he scored the game-winning goal with four seconds left... also scored the game-winner vs. Drexel with 15 seconds left to play...had scored 19 goals in two seasons entering his junior year to give him 49 for his career.

Beau Davis (Fr., M, Annapolis, MD)...redshirt freshman...named to CAA All-Rookie team...Delaware's top freshman this season...sat out last season to retain freshman eligibility...No. 5 on squad in scoring with 18 goals and 6 assists...4 of 18 goals have been game-winners to tie him with Hofstra's John Keysor for CAA lead...CAARookie of the Week for March 11...scored three goals each vs. Butler and Wagner this season.

Tommy Scherr (So., GK, Owings Mills, MD)...sophomore and first-year starter at goalkeeper...has started all 16 games for the Hens this season and has been solid all season long...has played in 894 of 960 minutes this season while allowing 124 goals (8.32 gaa) and posting 161 saves (.565)...has a 12-4 record and recorded 28 groundballs...ranks No. 2 in the CAA and No. 21 nationally in goals against average and No. 2 in the CAA and No. 23 nationally in save pct. (.565)...posted a career-high 17 saves in the CAA semifinal win over Towson Wednesday...also had 16 saves vs. Sacred Heart and had 15 saves vs. Georgetown...played in just three games in a reserve role in 2005...honor student as a chemical engineering major who has earned one of five Miles Powell Jr. Scholarships at Delaware which are awarded to student-athletes who also excel in engineering field.