1974 Blue Jays Claim First NCAA Title in Scott’s Last Season

Johns Hopkins was not used to playing the bridesmaid in the sport of men’s lacrosse. But after falling by a single goal in the championship game in both 1972 and 1973, the Blue Jays earned their first NCAA title in 1974.

The NCAA Championship served as a fitting send-off for legendary head coach Bob Scott, who was retiring from the sidelines after 20 years as the Blue Jays’ mentor.

A 15-10 loss to Virginia in the season opener was followed by an eight-game winning streak during which the Blue Jays won by five or more seven times. The streak was snapped with a 13-12 loss at sixth-ranked Navy, but that would be the last time a Bob Scott-coached team would lose. A 17-13 upset of top-ranked Maryland in the regular-season finale jumped started the run to the elusive NCAA title.

In the first game of the NCAA’s, Johns Hopkins trailed Hofstra at the half, but the Blue Jays eventually wore down their visitors and cruised to an 18-10 win. Hopkins had to rally from a three-goal deficit in the fourth quarter to edge Washington & Lee in the semifinals, 11-10. Midfielder Rick Kowalchuk scored the game-winner with 1:50 left on the clock to lift the Blue Jays to their third straight championship game appearance.

Waiting for the Blue Jays in the title game was old nemesis and long-time rival Maryland, which had beaten the Blue Jays, 10-9, in the 1973 NCAA Championship game.

Playing at Rutgers in the title game (a place the Blue Jays had never lost) was Maryland’s starting quarterback, senior Dave Huntley, who had not scored a point in 25 NCAA games. Hopkins won its three NCAA Tournament games by an average of 7.6 goals per game, never allowing more than 11 goals and never scoring less than 13.

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1978 Sweet Revenge as JHU Downs Cornell for Title

After a three-year hiatus from the top of the lacrosse world, Johns Hopkins returned to the winner’s circle with a 13-8 win over old nemesis Cornell.

Cornell had defeated the Blue Jays five straight times, including season-ending losses in the NCAA’s in 1976 and 1977. During the regular season, Cornell handed JHU its only loss with a 16-11 decision at Homewood Field. Other than that setback, the Blue Jays won every other game by at least six goals and scored at least 13 goals in all but two games.

Still, the Big Red seemed to have Hopkins’ (and everyone else’s) number.

When the NCAA Tournament rolled around however, the Blue Jays would not be denied. Hopkins won its three NCAA Tournament games by an average of 7.6 goals per game, never allowing more than 11 goals and never scoring less than 13.

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1979 Back-to-Back

Johns Hopkins completed the 1979 campaign with a perfect 13-0 record and the Blue Jays’ second straight national championship. Ask anyone about the greatest Hopkins teams of all time and few will mention the 1979 team. They should!

Hopkins was led by an outstanding defensive unit that featured two First Team All-Americans, goalie Mike Federico and defenseman Mark Greenberg. Only two opponents managed to score in double figures against the Blue Jays’ defense during the entire 1979 season and JHU outscored its three NCAA Tournament opponents, 51-22.

Hopkins breezed to a 20-6 win over North Carolina State (yes, the Wolfpack fielded a lacrosse team back then) in the quarterfinals and added a 16-7 win over Virginia in the semifinals to move to the title game.

Standing between the Blue Jays and another national title was long-time rival Maryland. The Terrapins had given Hopkins its closest game during the regular season, a 13-12 thriller, and were playing for the championship on their home field at Byrd Stadium.

Maryland took a 4-3 lead after one quarter, but Hopkins took control with a string of five unanswered goals in the second period. Ahead 8-4 at halftime, the Blue Jays never allowed the Terps to put together a sustained scoring run in the second half and cruised to a 15-9 victory to secure their first undefeated and untied season since 1941 (12-0).

Sophomore Jeff Cook fired home three goals and added two assists in the title game and senior Dave Huntley added three goals and one assist to pace a balanced scoring attack that saw eight different players score for Hopkins.

1979 Statistical Leaders

Goals: Dave Huntley - 22
Assists: Jim Zaffuto - 19
Points: Wayne Davis - 35 (21g, 14a)

1978 Season Results (13-0)

To whom:

Towson State W/16-7
Yale W/15-3
Washington College W/15-5
Harvard W/18-7
Princeton W/14-2
Virginia W/13-8
Cornell W/13-5
Army W/12-7
Maryland W/13-12
Navy W/17-10
North Carolina State (NCAA QF) W/20-6
Virginia (NCAA SF) W/16-7
Maryland (NCAA Championship) W/15-9

1978 Season Results (13-1)

Virginia L/10-15
Yale W/19-6
Washington College W/20-10
Princeton W/21-7
Cornell W/13-8
Mt. Washington W/19-12
Rutgers W/13-10
Brown W/21-7
Army W/17-4
Navy L/12-13
Maryland W/17-13
Hofstra (NCAA QF) W/18-10
Washington & Lee (NCAA SF) W/11-10
Maryland (NCAA Championship) W/17-12

1979 Statistical Leaders

Goals: Mike O’Neill - 33
Assists: Mike O’Neill - 35
Points: Mike O’Neill - 68 (33g, 35a)
1980 Make it Three Straight

Johns Hopkins became the first team to win three consecutive NCAA Championships, although this one was much tougher at the end than any of the previous three as the Blue Jays limped into the title-game with a lineup ravaged by injuries.

The Blue Jays marched through the regular season with an 11-1 record, their only defeat coming on a 12-9 decision to Virginia. As fate would have it, the Blue Jays were given a chance to avenge that loss two months later and they took full advantage of the opportunity.

After winning their final two regular season games by a total of 29 goals, the NCAA Tournament opened with Hopkins downing Harvard, 16-12, in the quarterfinal round. The Blue Jays then needed a big second half to earn an 18-11 decision over Syracuse in the semifinals. Brendan Schneck torched the Orange for four goals and three assists and six other players scored twice to pace Hopkins.

The championship game with Virginia was set when the Cavaliers edged North Carolina in double overtime in the other semifinal.

The Blue Jays went into the title game hampered by injuries, with their leading scorer and top faceoff man both sidelined. However, a sensational defensive effort and timely scoring provided just enough to land the gold trophy.

Hopkins rallied to score two goals in the fourth quarter to force the game into sudden-death overtime. A goal by Jeff Harris in the second overtime period pushed Hopkins to a 9-8 victory and an unprecedented third straight NCAA title. It would be 10 more years before another team won three straight NCAA titles.

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1984 Blue Jays Recapture Title in Zimmerman’s First Year

Johns Hopkins compiled a perfect 14-0 mark and won its fifth NCAA title under the direction of first-year head coach Don Zimmerman. The regular season featured a classic defensive battle with North Carolina. The Blue Jays earned the 4-3 mid-season victory over the Tar Heels in large part due to a spectacular performance by goalie Larry Quinn. Three other regular season games were decided by four goals or less, but the Blue Jays managed to remain unscathed entering the NCAA.

The Blue Jays returned to the NCAA Championship game for the eighth straight season after wins over Delaware (10-3) and North Carolina (14-9) in the first two rounds of the tournament.

The Blue Jays faced a title-game rematch with Syracuse, the team that had come from behind to defeat Hopkins in the 1983 NCAA Final. As it turned out, this would be the second of three straight NCAA Championship games between the Blue Jays and the Orange. It would also mark the third time Hopkins avenged a title-game loss from the previous year.

Hopkins jumped out to a 6-0 lead with freshman attackman Brian Wood registering three straight scores. In the third quarter, Syracuse pulled within one goal at 8-7 and memories of SU’s come-back win in the ‘83 title game ran through Rutgers Stadium. A three-goal outburst in a span of less than two minutes pushed the lead out to 11-7 and SU never seriously challenged again.

As it would turn out, it would be the last undefeated season for Johns Hopkins until 2005.

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1985 Hopkins-Syracuse III Goes to JHU

Johns Hopkins successfully defended its national championship by defeating Syracuse, 11-4, in the 1985 title game. It was the third consecutive meeting between the Blue Jays and Orange in the national championship game with Hopkins winning the last two.

A battle-tested Blue Jay team would appear in the NCAA Tournament as four regular season games were decided by two goals or less. JHU won three of the four with only an 11-10 loss at North Carolina blemishing the JHU’s ledger.

Hopkins earned a return trip to the final by prevailing over Adelphi, 15-9, in the quarterfinals, and then overcoming a five-goal deficit to down Virginia, 11-8, in the semifinals.

In the championship game, Syracuse opened the scoring by taking an early 3-0 lead in first quarter. However, Hopkins responded by scoring four goals in less than two minutes to take a 4-3 edge at the close of the first period.

From then on the Blue Jay defense, led by All-American goalie Larry Quinn, dominated the action. Hopkins held Syracuse scoreless for nearly 33 minutes at one point. The Blue Jays allowed only one goal over the last three quarters en route to the convincing 11-4 decision. Del Dressel scored three goals and Brian Wood, Craig Bubier and John Kremenacker each scored twice for the Blue Jays.

The title-game appearance was the ninth straight for JHU.

To this day no other team has appeared in more than four straight championship games.

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NCAA Championship Recaps

1987
Two, One-Goal Wins Give JHU Seventh Title

Johns Hopkins captured its third NCAA title in four years and an unprecedented seventh championship overall. The Blue Jays earned the national crown with a thrilling performance in the NCAA Tournament after suffering through an up-and-down regular season. The Blue Jays were 3-2 after a 9-7 loss to Virginia and just 5-3 after an 11-7 loss at top-ranked Maryland in mid-April. However, a 10-9 win over third-ranked Navy jump-started an improbable run to the national title.

A pair of one-goal wins sandwiched around a five-goal upset of the tournament’s top seed highlighted Hopkins’ run in the NCAA Tournament. As the No. 4 seed in the tournament, Hopkins faced a difficult matchup with No. 5 North Carolina in the quarterfinals. Attackman Mike Morrill scored six goals, including the game-winner, to propel the Blue Jays to an 11-10 win over the Tar Heels and a spot in the semifinals.

Waiting for the Blue Jays in the semifinals was undefeated and top-ranked Maryland. Hopkins turned in a near flawless performance in upsetting the top-rated Terrapins, 13-8. Senior All-American Brian Wood led the way with five goals and two assists against Maryland, while junior Mike Morrill added three goals and one assist. Many believe this was the most talented team the Terrapins had ever assembled and a case could be made that this ranks as one of the biggest upsets in the history of the tournament.

In the championship, Hopkins met another undefeated opponent in second-ranked Cornell. The game was close throughout, with the defense relying on the sensational play of freshman goalkeeper Quint Kessenich (21 saves) in the cage. Attackman Craig Bubier’s fourth goal of the game with 1:51 remaining finished off a fastbreak and clinched the Blue Jays’ seventh NCAA Championship.

The championship capped an amazing 14-year run for the Blue Jays that may never be rivaled in the sport. From 1974-87 Johns Hopkins played in 11 NCAA Championship games and won the title seven times. Three of the four losses in the NCAA Championship game during this run came by a total of just four goals. The Blue Jays were that close to winning 10 titles in 14 years!

Unknown at the time was the first part of history being made by Johns Hopkins sophomore defenseman Dave Pietramala, a starter in the game and a First Team All-American. Pietramala returned to JHU as the head coach of the Blue Jays in 2001 and led Hopkins to what would be its next NCAA title after the ’87 championship. In the process, he became the first person in the history of college lacrosse to win an NCAA Division I title as a player and a head coach.

1987 Statistical Leaders
Goals: Mike Morrill - 31
Assists: Mike Morrill - 16
Points: Mike Morrill - 47 (31g, 16a)

1987 Season Results (10-3)
Syracuse L/14-15
Rutgers W/10-7
Washington College W/23-7
Princeton W/21-6
Virginia L/17-9
North Carolina W/11-10
Army W/11-9
North Carolina (NCAA QF) W/11-10
Maryland (NCAA SF) W/13-8
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The last five Johns Hopkins-Syracuse games in the Carrier Dome had been decided by one goal each. Midway through the second quarter the Blue Jays trailed 7-1 and the Orange were well on their way to a lopsided victory.

Pietramala and Tierney had tinkered with the idea of moving Rabil to the first midfield (it really was just a matter of when, not if) and the second quarter proved to be the time to pull the trigger. As it turned out, the move was just what the Blue Jays needed.

Rabil scored twice before halftime to pull the Jays within 4-3, and added his third straight goal with just under six minutes remaining in the third quarter to make it 7-4. Peyser, Harrison and Byrne all scored in the final five minutes of the period – goals that were matched only by a Greg Rommel tally for the Orange – to make it 8-7 at the end of the third.

After pulling within four goals in the final four minutes the Blue Jays finally tied it on Rabil’s fourth goal of the game with 1:42 remaining and Peyser gave them their biggest come-from-behind win since 1999 when he scored his third goal of the game 2:26 into overtime.

Already the top-ranked team in the nation, the Blue Jays returned home to host second-ranked Virginia and got a then-career-high 20-save effort from Schwartzman to fuel a 9-7 win.

A week earlier Rabil had his coming out party. This time it was classmate Kevin Huntley who took advantage of his opportu-

nity as he scored all three of his goals in a six-minute span in the fourth quarter to emerge from the shadows.

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The Blue Jays would host second-ranked Duke in a prime time game slated for national television (ESPNU). The game lived up to its advance billing.

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Another game with Navy was another classic, as the Blue Jays finally tied it on Rabil’s fourth goal of the game 2:26 into overtime.

After a bold leap it seemed only ironic that it would be Harrison who would score the first goal of the season just 39 seconds into a 9-6 season-opening win at Princeton. Bryne scored three goals and added one assist in the win as the Blue Jays jumped out to a 4-0 lead and cruised to a win that wasn’t as close as the score might indicate.

Back-to-back business-like wins over UMBC (9-6 in one of the coldest games in school history) and Hofstra (11-5) set the stage for a rematch with Syracuse in the Dome.

An 8-4 win at Towson in a driving rain and a 12-6 win over Loyola gave the Blue Jays a 12-0 record and their first undefe-

eated regular season since 1995.

All that was irrelevant to the Blue Jays. They had worked for a year to get back to the playoffs and the road to Philly went through Homewood Field.

Hopkins outscored Marist, 22-6 in the first round and drew a national date with Massachusetts at home. UMass had knocked off Syracuse in the first round and people won-
dered if the Blue Jays would have trouble getting up for the Minutemen. Most assumed that Hopkins wanted Syracuse after the Orange had eliminated the Blue Jays from the NCAA tournament a year earlier.

Any of those thoughts were gone before the first television timeouts. Rabil took advantage of his opportu-

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ing in the fourth quarter to give Navy an 8-7 lead. As everyone learned a month later in Philadelphia, 58 seconds was like an eternity to the Blue Jays.

Harrison scored his fourth goal of the game by beating a double-team at the side of the net and scoring over Matt Russ-

sell – with his left hand – to force overtime. The only one of Harrison’s goals that was better than his fourth was his fifth, which he scored 1:37 later when he took a pass about 10 yards in front of the goal and to the right of Russell, spun past a de-

fender, leaped in the air and bounced a shot over Russell’s head while being checked. Television replays of the goal left view-

ners in amazement. If Harrison wasn’t the leading candidate for National Player of the Year honors before the game, he was now.

Eighteen years had passed since Hopkins last won the na-

tional championship, but that didn’t seem to matter now. For

11 seniors who had compiled a school-record 55 wins in four years; for 38 players who had heeded Harrison’s challenge, for a coaching staff that had endured the lows of late May for four straight years, all that mattered was they had reached the top together and together they would celebrate a championship they had worked so hard to win.
It was obvious that they were the outsiders, the forgotten ones - in some respects, the team that didn't really matter. There were better stories out there and that's where the focus was. That's just what the Blue Jays wanted.

Duke? Well, everyone knew that story and it was covered from every angle by every non-lacrosse reporter that could grab a credential. Two teams attending a press conference? No, sorry - just need to talk to another Blue Devil.

Cornell? The Big Red were back. After a two-decade hiatus it was Cornell that represented the Ivy League on lacrosse's biggest stage. The only undefeated team in the nation drew just a number four seed in the tournament and everyone wanted to know what the players and coaches thought.

Delaware? Everyone loves Cinderella at tournament time and the Hens were more than happy to grant every interview request thrown their way. In hindsight, who could blame them? They swept in every aspect of the Final Four and it was refreshing to see such excitement at being on the big stage.

Johns Hopkins? Ah, yeah. We’ll talk to you later. Can I just get a copy of your notes? Sure, that’s just what the Blue Jays wanted.

By the time the Blue Jays arrived at M&T Bank Stadium for the NCAA Semifinals against Delaware just before 10 am, the mercury was already well into the 80s and the team that had been written off just six weeks earlier was about to embark on a methodical 8-3 win over a game but overmatched Blue Hen team in the sweltering heat.

Hopkins stretched a tight 2-1 lead at the half to 5-2 at the end of the third quarter. Exhausted, Delaware tried to push out, but the deeper and quietly confident Blue Jays gradually pushed the lead to 8-2 before a late UD goal made it 8-3.

Hat tricks by junior Stephen Peyser and freshman Michael Kimmel fueled the win and Hopkins again picked its words carefully in the post-game press conference. Duke and Cornell were out playing in what turned out to be an epic semifinal that wasn’t decided until the final seconds of April 7 was reality - Johns Hopkins had won its second national championship in Hopkins’ backyard.

The Blue Jays had beaten Princeton earlier in the season, but Hopkins responded with three straight before the end of the third quarter and went on to a not-as-close-as-the-score indicates 14-6 victory. Hopkins, a team that many thought would miss the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1971, was heading home with a chance to win the national championship in its backyard.

The Blue Jays had beaten Princeton earlier in the season at M&T Bank Stadium in the first game of a doubleheader that featured Virginia and Syracuse in the nightcap. When the Blue Jays, Tigers, Cavaliers and Orange came together at M&T Bank Stadium in the first game of a doubleheader that featured Virginia and Syracuse in the nightcap. When the Blue Jays, Tigers, Cavaliers and Orange came together at M&T Bank Stadium in the first game of a doubleheader that featured Virginia and Syracuse in the nightcap. When the Blue Jays, Tigers, Cavaliers and Orange came together at M&T Bank Stadium in the first game of a doubleheader that featured Virginia and Syracuse in the nightcap.