

• 2008 Game-by-Game Recaps •

Game 1 • February 23, 2008 • Homewood Field #1 Johns Hopkins-10, #11 Albany-5

BALTIMORE, MD – The Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team spotted 11th-ranked Albany an early 1-0 lead then scored six of the next seven goals en route to a 10-5 win over the Great Danes in front of 1,993 fans at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The top-ranked Blue Jays, who never let Albany closer than two after building a 6-2 lead, won for the sixth time in eight season openers under head coach Dave Pietramala and extended their winning streak to 10 games dating back to last season.

Albany's **Jordan Levine** needed just 36 seconds to give the Great Danes an early 1-0 lead as he scored on an ally dodge down the right side. Hopkins' sophomore attackman **Steven Boyle** responded and gave the Blue Jays a 2-1 lead with back-to-back goals less than two minutes apart. He handled a tough pass on the back door and beat Albany's **Brett Queener** from 10-feet out to tie the game and dodged from behind the goal with 11:32 remaining to make it 2-1. As it turned out, the game was never tied again.

Senior **Michael Doneger** and Levine traded goals over the final 8:04 of the first period as Doneger popped off the crease and one-time a shot past Queener off an assist from **Brian Christopher**, while Levine scored from in tight with just six seconds left in the opening quarter after holding the ball for nearly a minute.

Senior **Kevin Hunley** scored the first of his four goals on the day just 80 seconds into the second quarter to account for the only other goal before the half as JHU carried a 4-2 lead into intermission. Doneger added his second goal just over two minutes into the third quarter off an assist from Huntley and senior **Paul Rabil** made it 6-2 midway through the period when he picked the top of the next with laser from 12 yards out.

Albany didn't go quietly as the Danes scored three of the next four goals to pull within 7-5 early in the fourth quarter. An extra-man goal by **Joe Pompo** with 3:03 left in the third quarter was answered by Huntley's second of the day just 73 seconds before the end of the third to make it 7-3 at the end of three. Pompo's goal broke a scoreless streak of 27:03 for Albany and ignited a mild-rally for the Danes. Twin brothers **Steve** and **Mike Ammann** netted back-to-back goals just 38 seconds apart less than three minutes into the fourth quarter to trim the deficit to two, but Huntley's third of the game with 11:29 remaining pushed the lead back to three and **Stephen Peyser** and Huntley closed the scoring with goals in the final 7:05 to account for the final scoring.

Huntley's four goals and five points werw game highs, while Boyle added two goals and one assist and Doneger netted the pair to lead the way offensively for the Blue Jays. Sophomore **Michael Gvozden** registered 11 saves in goal for the Blue Jays, including five in the second and third quarters combined when Hopkins outscored Albany, 4-1. Freshman **Matt Dolente** won 7-of-9 faceoffs to help the Blue Jays to an 11-8 advantage at the X and Hopkins won the ground ball war, 40-29.

Levine was the only multi-point scorer for Albany, which was 1-for-2 on extra-man opportunities and got six saves from Queener. However, the scoreless stretch of over 27 minutes and the inability to win faceoffs in the middle of the game (JHU won 5-of-7 in the second and third quarters combined) was more than the Danes could overcome.

#11 Albany (0-1) 2-0-1-2/11
#1 Johns Hopkins (1-0) 3-1-3-3/10

Goals: A: Levine-2, M. Ammann, S. Ammann, Pompo. J: Huntley-4, Doneger-2, Boyle-2, Rabil, Peyser. **Assists:** A: Small. J: Boyle, Bryan, Christopher, Hutnley, Kimmel. **Saves:** A: Queener-6, McKeon-0. J: Gvozden-11. **Shots:** A-26. J-29. **EMO:** A: 1-for-2. J: 0-for-1. **Attendance:** 1,993.

Game 2 • March 1, 2008 • M&T Bank Stadium #1 Johns Hopkins-14, #9 Princeton-9

BALTIMORE, MD – The top-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team jumped out to a 5-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, pushed the lead to 8-0 midway through the second and cruised to a 14-9 win over ninth-ranked Princeton in the second game of the 2008 Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium Saturday afternoon. The win, the 11th straight for Johns Hopkins dating back to last season, followed Virginia's 14-13 win over Syracuse in the first game of the day. A crowd of 19,165 was on hand for the doubleheader.

It took the Blue Jays just 10 seconds to take the lead for good as sophomore **Michael Kimmel** blistered a shot past Princeton goalie **Alex Hewitt** off a feed from senior **Paul Rabil**. Rabil grabbed the ground ball on the opening faceoff, found Kimmel unmarked coming in from the box and Kimmel wasted no time netting his first goal of the season.

The goals came in bunches for the Blue Jays in the first half as they methodically built a 10-1 lead at intermission. Senior **Stephen Peyser** and Rabil scored back-to-back goals less than a minute apart midway through the opening quarter and senior **Kevin Huntley** netted the natural hat trick with three goals in a six-minute span that bridged the first and second periods. A transition goal by junior **Andrew Miller** and another unassisted goal by Rabil pushed the lead to 8-0 with 8:34 remaining in the first half. An extra-man goal by Princeton's **Bob Schneider** finally ended the scoreless drought for the Tigers at the 6:56 mark, but Huntley and sophomore **Steven Boyle** both scored in the final 4:05 of the quarter to account for the nine-goal halftime lead.

To Princeton's credit the Tigers pushed the Blue Jays throughout the second half. Rabil and Boyle sandwiched goals around a **Brendan Reilly** goal in the first eight minutes of the third quarter to give the Blue Jays their largest lead of the game (12-2) before the Tigers scored seven of the final nine goals of the game.

A **Tommy Davis** goal with 2:57 remaining in the third quarter ignited a 3-0 run for Princeton that trimmed the deficit to 12-5 with Schneider and **Mark Kovler** also scoring during the spree. Senior **Michael Doneger** and Huntley then bookended another goal by Davis in a three-minute span early in the fourth quarter before **Greg Seaman**, **Alex Haynie** and **Jack McBride** all scored in the final 6:07 for the Tigers to make it a 14-9 final.

Hopkins scored its 10 first-half goals on just 21 shots and the 10 goals in the half match the most Princeton had given up in an entire game since the beginning of the 2007. As it turned out, the 14 the Blue Jays scored are the most allowed by Princeton since 2005.

Huntley scored a game and career-high-tying five goals and added an assist to match his personal-best of six points, while Rabil added three goals and four assists for a career-high seven points. Boyle added two goals and an assist and Miller chipped in with one goal and one assist for the Blue Jays, who improved to 4-0 at M&T Bank Stadium since the start of the 2007 season. JHU is 5-2 all-time at M&T.

Sophomore **Michael Gvozden** turned in a solid effort for the Blue Jays in goal as he posted 11 saves, including eight through three quarters as Hopkins built a 12-4 lead in the first 45 minutes. Peyser won 12-of-19 faceoffs and grabbed a game-high 11 ground balls to go along with his early goal.

Davis and Kovler both registered three points in the loss as Davis had two goals and one assist, while Kovler had the one goal and two assists. Schneider added the two goals and Hewitt made 12 saves for the Tigers, who also got a 13-for-22 performance from Alex Berg on faceoffs.

#9 Princeton (1-1) 0-1-3-5/9
#1 Johns Hopkins (2-0) 5-5-2-2/14

Goals: P: Davis-2, Schneider-2, Kovler, McBride, Haynie, Seaman, Reilly. J: Huntley-5, Rabil-3, Boyle-2, Miller, Peyser, Kimmel, Doneger. **Assists:** P: Kovler-2, Davis, McBride, Sgalardi, Striebel. J: Rabil-4, Boyle, Huntley, Miller. **Saves:** P: Hewitt-12. J: Gvozden-11. **Shots:** P-38. J-39. **EMO:** P: 3-for-6. J: 1-for-2. **Attendance:** 19,165.

Game 3 • March 4, 2008 • Homewood Field #1 Johns Hopkins-10, UMBC-8

BALTIMORE, MD – Sophomore attackman **Steven Boyle** totaled three goals and two assists and the top-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team used a 5-1 second-half run to erase a 6-5 deficit and fuel a 10-8 win over UMBC at Homewood Field Tuesday night. The win is the 12th straight for the Blue Jays (3-0) dating back to last season and improves Hopkins' all-time record against the Retrievers to 6-0. UMBC slips to 1-3 with the loss.

The Retrievers took a 6-5 lead on an unassisted goal by senior midfielder **Terry Kimener** 94 seconds into the third quarter, but the Blue Jays scored the next three goals to take an 8-6 lead. Boyle opened the spree with his second goal of the game as he was on the back end of tic-tac-toe that started with **Stephen Peyser** at the top and **Paul Rabil** on the side. Rabil hit Boyle in stride coming from behind the goal and Boyle beat UMBC goalie **Jeremy Blevins** from in tight. Freshman **Kyle Wharton** blew an extra-man goal by Blevins off an assist from sophomore **Michael Kimmel** just over four minutes later and Kimmel gave the Blue Jays their first two-goal lead of the game less than two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Kyle Wimer drew the Retrievers within 8-7 when he dodged to the goal from the top and beat Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozden** low to the far post with 10:05 remaining in the game and the one-goal lead held for nearly six minutes before Kimmel threaded a pass from the top of the box to Boyle just to Blevins' right and Boyle double-pumped before slipping his third goal of the night into the open cage. An extra-man goal by Rabil with 1:36 remaining made it 10-7 and **Matt Latham** closed the scoring with an extra-man goal for the Retrievers with 17 seconds on the clock to account for the 10-8 final.

The Retrievers used a deliberate attack throughout the game and built an early 2-0 lead on goals by Wimer and **Ryan Smith** in the first four minutes of the game. **Austin Walker**'s first goal of the season with 8:02 remaining in the quarter ignited a three-goal Hopkins run that took just over four minutes. Walker's 12-yard blast from the top of the box was assisted by Boyle, who added his first goal of the game 92 seconds later when he came from the side and redodged and slipped inside his defender after being stopped on his first run at the cage. A **Tom Duerr** goal with 3:47 remaining in the first quarter closed the scoring in the opening period.

UMBC answered by scoring three of the next four goals to take a 5-4 lead late in the second quarter. **Maxx Davis** opened and closed the run with Rabil and Smith trading goals between the first Davis goal with 8:11 remaining in the period and his final tally with just 20 seconds left in the quarter. It appeared the Retrievers would carry the one-goal lead into intermission, but Peyser won the faceoff after Davis's second goal and needed just six seconds to work his way through the defense and tie the score. Peyser won the ensuing faceoff and Hopkins nearly scored in the final moments of the half, but a pass to the crease was mishandled just before time expired. Kimener's goal just over a minute-and-a-half into the third quarter was answered by what proved to be the deciding run for the Blue Jays.

The five points match Boyle's previous career high, while Kimmel added one goal and three assists for a personal-best four points. Rabil added two goals and one assist, while Peyser won 14-of-16 faceoffs and had nine ground balls to go along with his goal. The 14 faceoffs won match Peyser's career high. Gvozden had eight saves in goal for the Blue Jays, who won 17-of-22 faceoffs and won the ground ball war, 33-28.

Smith, Wimer and Davis all scored two goals for the Retrievers, who got a goal and an assist from Kimener and 10 saves from Blevins. The Retrievers outshot the Blue Jays 39-36 and ran their patient offense to perfection, but scoreless droughts of 17:58 in the first half and 18:10 in the second were more than they could overcome.

UMBC (1-3) 2-3-1-2/8
#1 Johns Hopkins (3-0) 3-2-2-3/10

Goals: U: Wimer-2, Davis-2, Smith-2, Kimener, Latham. J: Boyle-3, Rabil-2, Kimmel, Peyser, Walker, Wharton, Duerr. **Assists:** U: Kimener, Pierce. J: Kimmel-3, Boyle-2, Rabil. **Saves:** U: Blevins-10. J: Gvozden-8. **Shots:** U-39. J-36. **EMO:** U: 1-for-2. J: 2-for-2. **Attendance:** 921.

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Game 4 • March 8, 2008 • Shuart Stadium Hofstra-8, #1 Johns Hopkins-7 (OT)

HEMPSTEAD, NY - Freshman **Jay Card** scored his fourth goal of the game off a failed Johns Hopkins clear just over two minutes into overtime to lift Hofstra to an 8-7 win over the top-ranked Blue Jays at rain-soaked Shuart Stadium Saturday afternoon. Card, who had scored his three previous goals in the first half as the Pride built a three-goal lead, entered the game with no goals in his first two career games. The loss snaps a 12-game winning streak for the Blue Jays, who slip to 3-1 with the loss.

Hofstra controlled the faceoff to start overtime, but the Blue Jays came up with a loose ball with just over two minutes remaining in the extra session. Junior **Matt Drenan's** pass to classmate **Andrew Miller** at midfield failed to connect and the Pride came up with the loose ball. Junior **Anthony Muscarella** then found Card behind the defense in transition and Card beat Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozden** from in tight for the game-winner and secured Hofstra's (2-1) first-ever win against a number-one ranked team.

Hopkins erased a three-goal halftime deficit and forced overtime by out-scoring the Pride 4-1 in the second half. An unassisted goal by **Stephen Peyser** just 35 second into the third quarter started the rally for the Blue Jays, who also got third-quarter goals from junior **Austin Walker** and senior **Michael Doneger** in a three-minute span midway through the period to knot the game at 6-6. Walker's goal came off an assist from junior **Mark Bryan**, while Doneger buried an extra-man goal off a nifty pass from sophomore **Michael Kimmel** on the doorstep.

Both teams had chances in the fourth quarter, but Gvozden came up with four saves in the period and Hofstra's **Danny Orlando** had three. Still, the Pride pushed out to a 7-6 lead on an extra-man goal by **Dan Stein** with 9:02 remaining. The Blue Jays had held Hofstra scoreless for 37:56 before Stein's goal.

Hofstra held the Blue Jays down a goal for nearly eight minutes after Stein's goal before JHU isolated Peyser at the top of the box out of a timeout. Working from the top and slightly to Orlando's left, he split the defense before firing home his second goal of the game with 1:15 remaining. That set the stage for Card's game-winner, which gave the Pride their second straight win over the Blue Jays at home.

The Pride built a 6-3 first quarter lead that held through half-time as they worked for good shots and limited the Blue Jays' possessions. Back-to-back unassisted goals by Muscarella and Card gave Hofstra a 2-0 lead just over six minutes into the game. Muscarella stuck a shot just inside the crossbar on an ally drive and Card scooped up a loose ball on the crease and stuck the ball into an open net account for the Pride's first two goals.

The Blue Jays needed just eight seconds to get on the board after Card's goal as freshman **Matt Dolente** won the ensuing faceoff and fed senior **Kevin Huntley**, who beat Orlando for his 10th goal of the season. Huntley helped draw the Blue Jays even 59 seconds later when he threaded a pass from the top of the box to Bryan on the crease and Bryan quickly fired home his first of the year. An unassisted goal by Kimmel 90 seconds later gave the Blue Jays a 3-2 lead and what appeared to be all the momentum, but Hofstra scored four times in the final 5:01 of the quarter to take the 6-3 lead that held until the second half.

Card's second goal of the game also came into an open net as he took a nifty cross-crease pass from freshman Kevin Ford and drew the Pride even at 3-3 with 5:01 remaining in the opening period. Card completed the hat trick 11 seconds later when he scored off the faceoff and Muscarella and **Mike Unterstein** both scored unassisted goals in the final 4:07 to account for the 6-3 score at the end of one.

Neither team scored in the second quarter, although the Pride had several good scoring chances and held a 7-1 advantage in shots in the period. Gvozden made four saves in the period, including three spectacular stops, to keep the Blue Jays alive.

Peyser (2 goals), Huntley (1g, 1a) and Bryan (1g, 1a) were the only Blue Jays to register more than one point in the game and Gvozden posted 11 saves in the loss.

Card's four goals paced Hofstra, which also got two goals and one assist from Muscarella and 14 saves from Orlando. **Joe Montemurro** won 10-of-18 faceoffs and Hofstra held advantages in shots (32-21) and ground balls (31-29).

#1 Johns Hopkins (3-1) 3-0-3-1-0/7
Hofstra (2-1) 6-0-0-1-1/8

Goals: J: Peyser-2, Huntley, Kimmel, Bryan, Doneger, Walker. H: Card-4, Muscarella-2, M. Unterstein, Stein. **Assists:** J: Bryan, Dolente, Huntley, Kimmel. H: Colleluori, Ford, Muscarella, Prifte. **Saves:** J: Gvozden-11. H: Orlando-14. **Shots:** J-31. H-32. **EMO:** J: 1-for-3. H: 1-for-1. **Attendance:** 2,741.

Game 5 • March 15, 2008 • Homewood Field #5 Syracuse-14, #4 Johns Hopkins-13 (OT)

BALTIMORE, MD - Senior midfielder **Steven Brooks'** fourth goal of the game 37 seconds into overtime capped a wild comeback for the fifth-ranked Syracuse men's lacrosse team as the Orange stunned fourth-ranked Johns Hopkins 14-13 at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. Syracuse, which scored the final four goals of the game after the Blue Jays took a 13-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter and won at Homewood Field for the first time since 1998, improves to 4-1 with the victory while the Blue Jays dropped their second straight and slip to 3-2.

The Blue Jays led 12-9 with 11:51 remaining after a **George Castle** goal and still held a three-goal lead at 13-10 after **Stephen Peyser** scored on an ally dodge with 8:01 remaining, but the Orange needed just 12 seconds to answer Peyser's goal and Hopkins never scored again. Junior **Matt Abbott** scored off the faceoff after Peyser's goal and **Dan Hardy** punched one home from in tight less than two minutes later to make it a 13-12 game with 6:01 remaining. That lead held for just under four minutes when the Orange made the Blue Jays pay for one of their 14 turnovers. Freshman **Joel White** stripped **Paul Rabil** of the ball and **John Carrozza** started a fast-break the other way. Carrozza carried into the Blue Jay zone and found junior **Kenny Nims**, who beat Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozden** up high with the equalizer.

Syracuse faceoff specialist **Danny Brennan** won the opening faceoff in overtime and the Orange worked the ball to Brooks at the top of the box. After starting to his right, he worked back to his left and bounced a shot past Gvozden from 10 yards out for the game-winner. Just like last week's loss at Hofstra, the Blue Jays never had an offensive possession in overtime.

Brooks scored the first two Syracuse goals of the game as he answered tallies by **Steven Boyle** and **Michael Kimmel** in the opening eight minutes. His second goal with 7:20 remaining in the opening quarter would be the last the Orange would score for nearly 20 minutes as the Blue Jays built a 6-2 lead with a 4-0 run. Back-to-back unassisted goals by second-line midfielders **Austin Walker** and **Brian Christopher** in a three-minute span early in the second quarter made it 4-2 and **Kevin Huntley** and Rabil added goals in a five-minute span to give the Blue Jays the four-goal lead late in the quarter.

The Orange needed just over two minutes to fire off a three-goal run to pull within 6-5 at the half. Back-to-back unassisted goals by **Mike Leveille** 66 seconds apart and a **Greg Niewieroski** tally off an assist from Leveille with just 41 seconds left in the second quarter made it a one-goal game at intermission. The score could have been higher at the half if not the play for Gvozden and Syracuse goalie **John Galloway**. Gvozden made six save before the half and Galloway made eight stops in the opening two quarters.

The one-goal lead for the Blue Jays held at the end of the third quarter as both teams scored four times in the period. Again, each rally by the Blue Jays was answered by Syracuse. Hopkins scored three of the first four goals in the second half as Huntley scored twice and freshman **Kyle Wharton** added an extra-man goal with 10:48 remaining with only a **Jovan Miller** goal in that time for the Orange as the Blue Jays pushed out to a 9-6 lead. SU trimmed the deficit to 9-8 with back-to-back goals

by **Brendan Loftus** and Brooks, but a Boyle steal off a clear attempt led to another Huntley goal with 1:07 remaining to make it 10-8. That lead held until just 12 seconds remained in the period when Miller was on the backside of a misfired pass inside from Leveille and Miller beat Gvozden from eight yards out.

Again the Blue Jays would score three of the first four goals in a period as Peyser book-ended a 3-1 run to open the period with a 12-yard laser 41 seconds into the fourth quarter and the ally dodge six minutes later. Castle and Leveille traded goals between the two Peyser tallies and that set the stage for Abbott's goal that ignited the late-game Syracuse rally.

Leveille paced the Orange with six points on three goals and three assists and Brooks added the four goals to help lead the way for Syracuse. Galloway posted 10 saves in goal for Syracuse, which got another standout performance from Brennan on faceoffs. Brennan entered the game as the nation's top faceoff specialist and didn't disappoint as he won 18-of-27 with three ground balls.

Huntley scored four goals (on four shots) and added an assist, while Kimmel had the one goal and tied his career with three assists. Peyser scored two goals, won 9-of-22 faceoffs and grabbed a game-high 10 ground balls. Boyle, Rabil and Christopher all added one goal and one assist for the Blue Jays, who won the ground ball battle (38-34), but were outshot 40-33 and lost 19-of-31 faceoffs. Gvozden posted 11 saves in goal for Hopkins.

#5 Syracuse (4-1) 2-3-4-4-1/14
#4 Johns Hopkins (3-2) 2-4-4-3-0/13

Goals: S: Brooks-4, Leveille-3, Miller-2, Loftus, Hardy, Abbott, Nims, Niewieroski. J: Huntley-4, Peyser-2, Kimmel, Rabil, Boyle, Christopher, Walker, Wharton, Castle. **Assists:** S: Leveille-3, Carrozza, Hardy, Loftus, Perritt. J: Kimmel-3, Boyle, Christopher, Huntley, Rabil. **Saves:** S: Galloway-10. J: Gvozden-11. **Shots:** S-40. J-33. **EMO:** S: 1-for-2. J: 2-for-2. **Attendance:** 3,563.

Game 6 • March 22, 2008 • Klockner Stadium #2 Virginia-13, #6 Johns Hopkins-12 (OT)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - **Brian Carroll's** second goal of the game with 7.7 seconds remaining in overtime lifted the second-ranked Virginia men's lacrosse team to a 13-12 win over sixth-ranked Johns Hopkins before a Klockner Stadium record crowd of 7,579 Saturday afternoon. Virginia, which will likely take over the top spot in the national rankings after Duke's 11-7 loss at Georgetown earlier today, improves to 9-0, while Johns Hopkins dropped its third straight game in overtime and slips to 3-3. This is the first time Johns Hopkins has ever played three straight overtime games.

Hopkins won the opening faceoff in overtime, but turned the ball over 90 seconds into the extra session. After the Blue Jays forced a turnover it was Virginia that backed up a **Stephen Peyser** shot and cleared with just over a minute remaining. Hopkins again forced a turnover, but an offside on the clear gave the ball back to Virginia with 29 seconds remaining and Carroll fired home the game-winner 21 seconds later to give the Cavaliers their third straight win in the series.

The Blue Jays trailed 9-8 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied to take a 12-11 lead with just over three minutes remaining. A **Mark Bryan** goal just under minutes into the final period drew the Blue Jays even at 9-9, only to have Virginia's **Shamel Bratton** give the Cavaliers a 10-9 lead when he scored off an ally dodge with 7:38 on the clock. The Blue Jays answered with back-to-back goals by **Brian Christopher** and **Paul Rabil** to take an 11-10 lead with 4:02 remaining, but **Garrett Billings** fired one home 40 seconds later from an impossible angle along the goal line. Hopkins needed just 15 seconds to grab what would be its final lead of the game as Rabil grabbed the ground ball off the faceoff and found **Tom Duerr** cutting to the net from behind the goal. Duerr beat Virginia's **Adam Ghitelman** from the doorstep to make it 12-11.

Virginia's **Ben Rubear** forced overtime when he surprised Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozen** with a sneaky shot through a partial screen from 12 yards out to the far post with 56 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Virginia had the final posses-

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sion in regulation, but Gvozden came up with a save with 20 seconds remaining and the Cavaliers couldn't generate another shot before the horn sounded. That set the stage for an overtime that featured four turnovers and three shots, including Carroll's game-winner.

Virginia carried a 6-5 lead into the half as UVa got a goal from Carroll with just five seconds remaining in the second quarter to snap a 5-5 tie. The Blue Jays led 3-2 at the end of the first quarter, only to have Virginia score three goals in the first 4:40 of the second period to take a 5-3 lead. Shamel Bratton jump-started the spree when he slipped inside a defender and scored from eight yards out at the 13:36 mark. An extra-man goal from Billings just over three minutes later and a Rubeor goal 10 seconds after that gave the Cavaliers the two-goal lead.

The Blue Jays answered with back-to-back goals from Rabil. He pulled the Blue Jays to within 5-4 as he beat **Mike Timms** with a swim move near the top of the box and beat Ghitelman upstairs and then added an extra-man goal off an assist from Steven Boyle three minutes later to tie the game with just over two minutes remaining in the second quarter. Carroll gave UVa the one-goal halftime lead just seconds before intermission when he took a pass at the top of the box from Glading and ripped one home from 12 yards.

Peysler knotted the game at 6-6 just over two minutes into the third quarter, but **Steve Giannone** and **Rhamel Bratton** scored in a four-minute span midway through the period to give the Cavaliers another two-goal lead. Peysler added his second goal of the game with 3:06 left in the quarter and **Matt Dolente** scored right off the faceoff six seconds later to tie the game. Shamel Bratton's unassisted goal with 1:15 remaining in the period gave the Cavaliers the 9-8 lead at the end of three and set the stage for a wild fourth quarter and overtime.

Shamel Bratton and Ruber both scored three goals for the Cavalier and Glading added a game-high four assists. Ghitelman posted 10 saves and the Cavaliers outshot the Blue Jays, 44-31, and won 17-of-29 faceoffs.

Rabil scored a team-high three goals and added one assist, while Peysler matched his career high with the two goals and two assists. Gvozen posted a career-high 17 saves in goal for the Blue Jays, who played a third consecutive overtime game for the first time in school history.

#6 Johns Hopkins (3-3) 3-2-3-4-0/12
#2 Virginia (9-0) 2-4-3-3-1/13

Goals: J: Rabil-3, Peysler-2, Huntley-2, Christopher, Duerr, Doneger, Dolente, Bryan, V: S. Bratton-3, Rubeor-3, Carroll-2, R. Bratton-2, Billings, Giannone. **Assists:** J: Boyle-2, Peysler-2, Christopher, Rabil. V: Glading-4, S. Bratton, Carroll. **Saves:** J: Gvozden-17. V: Ghitelman-10. **Shots:** J-31. V-44. **EMO:** J: 1-for-2. V: 1-for-2. **Attendance:** 7,579.

Game 7 • March 29, 2008 • Homewood Field
#9 North Carolina-13, #8 Johns Hopkins-8

BALTIMORE, MD – Ninth-ranked North Carolina got two goals from Ben Hunt in the first three minutes of the game, pushed its lead to 5-1 at the half and was never seriously challenged as the Tar Heels eased past the eighth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team, 13-8, before a crowd of 4,250 at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The win is the second straight for the Tar Heels against Johns Hopkins and their first at Homewood Field since 1994. UNC improves to 7-2 with the win, while the Blue Jays drop their fourth straight and fall to 3-4.

Hunt needed just 35 seconds to open the scoring and pushed the lead to 2-0 with his second unassisted goal just over two minutes later. The Heels added back-to-back goals in a 46-second span late in the first quarter by Cryder DiPietro and Nick Tintle to push the lead to 4-0 and junior goalie Grant Zimmerman was spectacular in the opening 15 minutes as he registered six of his 14 saves in the first quarter. The Blue Jays outshot the Tar Heels 11-7 in the first quarter, yet trailed 4-0 when the period ended.

The teams traded second quarter goals before the Blue Jays goal two of the first three goals of the third quarter – both by senior Michael Doneger – to slice the deficit to 6-3 with just over 10 minutes remaining in the period. The Tar Heels took

over from there and put the game away with a 5-0 run over the final nine minutes of the period to push out to an 11-3 lead at the end of the three quarters. Sean Delaney scored twice and added and assist during the 5-0 spree for North Carolina, which also got Hunt's third goal of the game and a Bart Wagner tally in the period.

The Blue Jays outscored the Tar Heels 5-2 in the final period to account for the 13-8 final score. Stephen Peysler and Dave Spaulding scored in a seven-second span in the first minute of the quarter to pull JHU within 11-5, but DiPietro found Michael B. Burns wide open in front of the net 30 seconds after Spaulding's goal and the Blue Jays solved Zimmerman just once – a Paul Rabil goal off an assist from Kyle Wharton with 8:49 remaining – over the next 10 minutes. Burns added his second goal of the game with 3:25 remaining and Kevin Huntley closed out the scoring with a pair of goals in the final 1:36.

Zimmerman led the way for North Carolina with his 14-save performance, which included 13 saves over the first three quarters as the Tar Heels stretched out to the 11-3 lead after 45 minutes. Hunt scored a game-high three goals and added one assist, while Delaney chipped in with two goals and two assists as the Tar Heels got goals from nine different players and 12 players registered at least one point in the victory.

Huntley, Doneger and Rabil all scored two goals for the Blue Jays, who also got one goal and one assist from Peysler. Peysler also won 11-of-13 faceoffs and grabbed a game-high nine ground balls.

#9 North Carolina (7-2) 4-1-6-2/13
#8 Johns Hopkins (3-4) 0-1-2-5/8

Goals: N: Hunt-3, Burns-2, Delaney-2, DiPietro, McAuley, Tintle, Petracca, Wagner, Kaiser. J: Huntley-2, Rabil-2, Doneger-2, Peysler, Spaulding. **Assists:** N: Delaney-2, Bitter, Burke, DiPietro, Gregory, Hunt, McAuley. J: Boyle-2, Goodrich, Peysler, Wharton. **Saves:** N: Zimmerman-14. J: Gvozden-7, Sheain-1. **Shots:** N-30. J-40. **EMO:** N: 1-for-3. J: 1-for-2. **Attendance:** 4,250.

Game 8 • April 5, 2008 • Koskinen Stadium
#2 Duke-17, #11 Johns Hopkins-6

DURHAM, NC – Second-ranked Duke got six goals and one assist from senior attackman **Zack Greer** and one goal and six assists from fellow senior **Matt Danowski** as the Blue Devils raced past 11th-ranked Johns Hopkins, 17-6, at Koskinen Stadium Saturday night. The win is the third straight for Duke, which improves to 11-1 with the victory. Johns Hopkins dropped its fifth straight and falls to 3-5.

The Blue Jays trailed 4-2 early in the second quarter before **Austin Walker** and **Paul Rabil** scored back-to-back goals in a span of just 24 seconds to pull Hopkins even. Any momentum the Blue Jays had seized was short-lived as the Blue Devils needed just 13 seconds to answer Rabil's extra-man goal as **Parker McKee** scored in transition off the faceoff to jump-start what would become a 9-0 Duke run that lasted over 20 minutes.

Back-to-back extra-man goals by **Max Quinzani** and **Brad Ross** and **Ned Crotty's** third goal of the first half sent the Devils to the locker room with an 8-4 lead. The Blue Jays then held Duke scoreless for nearly six minutes to open the second half, but failed on several golden opportunities to slice into the four-goal deficit and Blue Devils pounced with a lightning-quick five-goal run that put the game away.

Quinzani opened the spree with his second goal of the game as Danowski found him on the crease with a crisp pass from the top of the box and Quinzani beat Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozden** from the doorstep. Greer scored three of the next four goals for Duke with **Mike Catalino's** goal in transition also adding to the spree.

A **Matt Bocklet** goal off the faceoff after a Greer extra-man goal late in the quarter finally halted the run, but **Sam Payton** and Greer scored added goals before **Kevin Huntley** fired home JHU's final goal off an assist from **Brian Christopher** with 11:50 remaining in the final quarter. Leading 15-6 after Huntley's goal, Greer scored twice more in a three-minute span midway through the final period before the Devils emptied the bench late in the game.

The Blue Jays had controlled the opening minutes of the game and took a 1-0 lead just over two minutes in when Huntley capped off a long opening possession by slipping inside a defender six yards from the goal and sticking one inside the far post.

The one-goal lead held for just over five minutes before Duke got back-to-back goals in a 10-second span from Danowski and Quinzani to take a 2-1 lead. The first of Crotty's three goals came three minutes later when he dodged from behind the goal and scored up high. **Michael Doneger's** extra-man goal early in the second quarter was answered by Crotty's second of the game. That was followed shortly after by the back-to-back goals by Walker and Rabil. Rabil's extra-man goal would be the last tally for the Blue Jays until Bocklet's goal late in the third quarter.

In addition to the seven-point games by Danowski and Greer, the Blue Devils also got the three goals and an assist from Crotty and three goals from Quinzani. Dan Loftus played just over 54 minutes in goal for Duke and posted nine saves while allowing all six Blue Jay goals. Duke won 15-of-25 faceoffs, won the ground ball war 40-38 and outshot the Blue Jays 39-31. The Blue Devils also scored on 4-of-6 extra-man opportunities.

Huntley led the Blue Jays with two goals and two assists, but Christopher (2 assists) was the only other Johns Hopkins player to register more than one point. Gvozden played 56:37 in goal for the Blue Jays and posted eight saves.

#11 Johns Hopkins (3-5) 1-3-1-1/6
#2 Duke (11-1) 3-5-6-3/17

Goals: J: Huntley-2, Rabil, Walker, Doneger, Bocklet. D: Greer-6, Crotty-3, Quinzani-3, Danowski, Payton, Ross, McKee, Catalino. **Assists:** J: Huntley-2, Christopher-2, Spaulding. D: Danowski-6, Crotty, Greer, Payton, Solie. **Saves:** J: Gvozden-8, Sheain-0. D: Loftus-9, Schroeder-1. **Shots:** J-31. D-39. **EMO:** J: 2-for-7. D: 4-for-6. **Attendance:** 4,291.

Game 9 • April 12, 2008 • Homewood Field
#13 Johns Hopkins-10, #7 Maryland-4

BALTIMORE, MD – The 13th-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team thrilled a Homecoming crowd of 8,626 at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon with a thorough 10-4 victory over rival Maryland. The Blue Jays outscored Maryland 6-1 in the third quarter, got great play on faceoffs from senior **Stephen Peysler** and 13 saves in goal from sophomore **Michael Gvozden** as they improved to 4-5 on the year. Maryland dropped its second straight and slips to 7-4.

Hopkins led just 3-2 at the half before Peysler won the opening faceoff of the third quarter and raced down and beat Maryland goalie **Jason Carter** from eight yards just four seconds into the period. Peysler's goal ignited a 5-0 Blue Jay run that took just 7:29 and extended the one-goal halftime lead to 8-2. **Michael Doneger's** third goal of the game 66 seconds after Peysler's tally pushed the lead to 5-2 and junior **Austin Walker** fired home a pair of goals in a span of just over four minutes to continue the rally. Sophomore **Michael Kimmel** assisted on Doneger's goal and Walker's first before junior **Mark Bryan** assisted on Walker's second tally.

Senior **Paul Rabil** scored the first of his two second-half goals 45 seconds after Walker's second goal when he split a pair of defenders and picked the net just under the crossbar from nine yards out. Maryland finally halted the run with 4:36 remaining in the third quarter when **Grant Catalino** scored an extra-man goal off an assist from **Dan Groot**. The Blue Jays were actually playing two men down and nearly killed off the entire man-down situation before the Terps scored. Hopkins won 7-of-8 faceoffs in the quarter, outshot the Terps 11-6 in the period and got three timely saves from Gvozden to fuel the spree.

Maryland trimmed the deficit to 9-4 with 8:09 remaining in the fourth quarter when **Adam Sear** side-armed a shot just inside the far post after Catalino drew a slide and dumped it to him, but Rabil finished the scoring for the day with a goal clearly ticketed for SportsCenter. Matched up with a short-stick middle behind the slide, he dodged from behind, used a swim move to beat the first slide and beat Carter from in tight while falling and rolling through the next slide to complete his hat trick.

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The Blue Jays had built a 3-0 lead in the first 17 minutes of the game as Doneger scored back-to-back goals in a five-minute span that bridged the first and second quarter. Rabil had give the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead just 71 seconds into the game and Hopkins controlled the tempo throughout the first opening quarter. The Blue Jays outshot the Terrapins 14-5 in the opening 15 minutes and won all three faceoffs in the opening quarter.

The 3-0 lead held until the middle of the second quarter when the Terps finally broke through on an unassisted goal by sophomore **Brian Farrell**, who raced the length of the field after a Blue Jay turnover and scored under heavy pressure. A **Drew Evans** goal just over two minutes later trimmed the deficit to 3-2. Gvozden made a nice save on a shot by **Max Ritz**, but Ritz came up with the rebound and fed Evans who scored his fifth goal of the year. Neither team scored again in the first half and Peyser's goal moments into the third quarter jump-started the game-clinching run for the Blue Jays.

Peyser earned JHU's Chris Gardner Player of the Game Award as he scored the one goal, had a game-high seven ground balls and won 12-of-13 faceoffs. This is the 11th straight year the Blue Jays have played a game in honor of Gardner, a member of the 1996 JHU men's lacrosse team who lost his battle with cancer in the fall of 1997. Rabil scored three goals and added one assist, Doneger matched his career-high with the three goals and Kimmel added a career-high-tying three assists. Gvozden's 13 saves are the second-highest total of his career.

Catalino was the only Terrapin player to register more than one point as he had the one goal and one assist. Carter posted 11 saves in goal for Maryland, but the Terps won just 3-of-18 faceoffs, were outshot 34-28 and lost the ground ball battle, 29-26.

#7 Maryland (7-4) 0-2-1-1/4
#13 Johns Hopkins (4-5) 2-1-6-1/10

Goals: M: Catalino, Farrell, Sear, Evans. J: Rabil-3, Doneger-3, Walker-2, Bryan, Peyser. **Assists:** M: Catalino, Groot, Ritz. J: Kimmel-3, Boyle, Bryan, Rabil. **Saves:** M: Carter-11. J: Gvozden-13. **Shots:** M-28. J-34. **EMO:** M: 1-for-1. J: 0-for-2. **Attendance:** 8,626.

Game 10 • April 19, 2008 • Navy Marine Corps Stadium #7 Johns Hopkins-12, #10 Navy-5

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Playing in front of a hostile crowd of over 16,000 fans at Navy's Marine Corps Stadium, the seventh-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team jumped out to an early four-goal lead, withstood a mild Navy rally, held the Mids scoreless for over 30 minutes at one point and cruised to a 12-5 victory over the 10th-ranked Midshipmen Saturday afternoon. The Blue Jays moved back to .500 (5-5) with their second straight win and 34th straight in the series. Navy dropped its second straight and falls to 9-4.

The Blue Jays needed just over 10 minutes to jump to a 4-0 lead as senior attackman **Kevin Huntley** scored twice in the first six minutes before **Kyle Wharton** and **Steven Boyle** added back-to-back extra-man goals in a four-minute span. Huntley opened the scoring with a behind-the-back goal just 1:19 in when he scooped up a loose ball on the crease and scored from three yards out, then brought the heat on his second goal as he swept in from the side and rifled home a 10-yarder off a feed from senior **Stephen Peyser**.

Wharton and Boyle polished off JHU's first two extra-man chances to push the lead to 4-0. Wharton took a cross-field pass from senior **Paul Rabil** and blistered a shot past Navy goalie **Tommy Phelan** from eight yards out, while Boyle, positioned just off the crease to Phelan's right, took a nifty pass from Huntley from the top of the box and quickly slipped a shot home from the doorstep to close the opening spree.

It took less than a minute for Navy to slice the lead in half as sophomore attackman **Tim Paul** scored back-to-back goals in a 49-second span to make it 4-2. Paul polished of a 5-on-4 fastbreak after a Blue Jay turnover with 3:12 remaining in the opening period and side-armed a shot inside the far post after a nifty spin move just 49 seconds later to make it a two-goal game. Huntley completed the first-quarter hat trick seven seconds after Paul's second goal to give the Blue Jays a three-goal lead at the end of one period.

The pace slowed in the second quarter as the teams traded goals to make it 6-3 at the half. Rabil fired home his 17th goal of the season on an ally dodge with 10:50 remaining in the period to push the lead to 6-2, but the Midshipmen trimmed the lead to three on a **Nick Mirabito** goal five minutes later as **Patrick Moran** found him cutting from behind the goal and Mirabito wasted little time beating Blue Jay goalie **Michael Gvozden** from in close. As it turned out, that would be the last Navy goal until just over three minutes remained in the fourth quarter.

A week after scoring just four seconds into the third quarter, the Blue Jays needed just seven seconds after intermission to increase their least as senior **Michael Doneger** one-timed a feed from **Tom Duerr** past a defenseless Phelan after senior Stephen Peyser cleanly won the opening faceoff of the third quarter.

Navy outshot the Blue Jays 10-6 in the third period, but Gvozden registered five of his 16 saves in the period and Hopkins put the game away with back-to-back goals just over two minutes apart midway through the quarter. Doneger made it five goals in the last two games when he took a **Mark Bryan** pass and again scored from the doorstep with 7:36 remaining and Bryan poked home a rebound after Phelan had made a nice save on a shot by Rabil with 5:15 on the clock.

Peyser and junior **Andrew Miller** scored in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter to push the lead to 11-3 before Navy scored two of the last three goals to account for the 12-5 final score. Navy's **Greg Clement** and **Sean Standen** sandwiched goals around the second career goal for Hopkins' **Andrew Jaffe** in the final 3:14.

Huntley paced a balanced scoring attack with the three goals and one assist, while Doneger was the only other player with more than one goal. Rabil, Peyser and Bryan started together on the first midfield for the second straight week and each of the three had one goal and one assist. The Blue Jays won 13-of-21 faceoffs and grabbed one more ground ball (26-25) than Navy.

Paul was the only Navy player with more than one point as he scored two of Navy's five goals on the day. Phelan posted seven saves and allowed 10 goals before giving way to **Matt Coughlin**, who played the final 11:37 and allowed the last two goals.

#7 Johns Hopkins (5-5) 5-1-3-3/12
#10 Navy (9-4) 2-1-0-2/5

Goals: J: Huntley-3, Doneger-2, Rabil, Peyser, Wharton, Boyle, Bryan, Jaffe, Miller. N: Paul-2, Mirabito, Standen, Clement. **Assists:** J: Bryan, Duerr, Huntley, Peyser, Rabil. N: Gallagher, Moran. **Saves:** J: Gvozden-16, Sheain-1. N: Phelan-7, Coughlin-0. **Shots:** J-25. N-37. **EMO:** J: 2-for-4. N: 0-for-2. **Attendance:** 16,042.

Game 11 • April 23, 2008 • Homewood Field #6 Johns Hopkins-16, Towson-7

BALTIMORE, MD – On a night when the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team honored its seniors during pre-game festivities, the seniors returned the favor by combining to score the Blue Jays' first nine goals to pace a 16-7 victory over visiting Towson at Homewood Field Wednesday night. The win is the Blue Jays' third straight overall and 13th straight against the Tigers. Hopkins, which used runs of four, five and six goals to fuel the victory, improves to 6-5 while Towson slips to 4-9.

The Blue Jays led just 5-3 after Towson's **Jonathan Engelke** scored early in the second quarter, but responded with a 5-0 run that stretched the lead to 10-3 early in the second half. Seniors **Stephen Peyser** and **Paul Rabil** answered Engelke's goal with back-to-back unassisted tallies midway through the second quarter to give the Blue Jays a 7-3 lead at the half and senior **Michael Doneger** and sophomore **Michael Kimmel** sandwiched goals around another Peyser tally in the first 2:49 of the third quarter to build what appeared to be a safe 10-3 lead.

The Tigers had other thoughts and needed exactly three minutes to slice the seven-goal deficit to 10-6. **Mitchell Rosensweig** needed just five seconds to answer Kimmel's goal as he scored right off the ensuing faceoff to jump-start the Tigers' run. **Bill McCutcheon** added an extra man goal just over two minutes later and **Tim Stratton** scored 43 seconds after that. Rosensweig won all three faceoffs in that span as the Blue Jays never had possession during the run and called timeout after Stratton's goal.

Whatever head coach **Dave Pietramala** said during the time-out worked – on both ends of the field. Senior Kevin Huntley netted back-to-back goals late in the third quarter to ignite what would become a 6-0 run that put the game away. Sophomore **Steven Boyle** added a pair of goals and **Mark Goodrich** and **Nathan Matthews** also scored during the spree, which finally ended when Towson's **Randall Cooper** scored an extra-man goal with just 31 seconds remaining in the game. The Blue Jay defense held Towson scoreless for a span of 23:33 between Stratton's goal and Cooper's game-ending goal. The scoreless stretch represents the sixth time this season the Blue Jays have held an opponent scoreless for 22 minutes or longer.

The Tigers answered a game-opening goal by Rabil with back-to-back goals by **Adam Hagelin** and Engelke in a four-minute stretch before the game was six minutes old. Doneger ignited a 4-0 run over the last 8:04 of the first quarter with consecutive goals in a 72-second span midway through the quarter and Peyser and Rabil both added goals before the period was over to push the Blue Jays out to a 5-2 lead entering the second quarter.

Engelke's goal early in the second quarter was answered by the 5-0 run that eventually built the lead to 10-3. Towson was never closer than the four-goal margin at 10-6 and the Blue Jays methodically built the lead to 10 before ending with the nine-goal margin, the team's largest victory of the season.

Seniors accounted for 11 of the Blue Jays' 16 goals with co-captains Rabil, Doneger and Peyser each netting a hat trick. Rabil and Peyser added assists to pace the team with four points apiece. Huntley's two goals push his career total to 100, which ties with his father, **Dave Huntley** (1976-79) and **Brian Wood** (1984-87) for 13th place on JHU's career goal-scoring list. Boyle added the two goals and one assist and Kimmel added a goal and assist to help pace an offense that netted the 16 goals on 37 shots.

Sophomore **Michael Gvozden** posted nine saves for the Blue Jays, who also got a spectacular individual effort on defense from senior **Matt Bocklet**, who assisted on Doneger's second goal of the game and grabbed a game-high 10 ground balls, many of which came in traffic after he knocked the ball to the ground. He fueled a defense that also killed off 7-of-9 extra-man opportunities for the Tigers.

Engelke paced the Towson attack with two goals and two assists and Cooper added one goal and one assist. Rosensweig added the one goal and dominated on faceoffs as he won 14-of-23 and grabbed seven ground balls. **Matt Antol** and **Rob Wheeler** split time in goal for the Tigers and both posted four saves.

Towson (4-9) 2-1-3-1/7
#6 Johns Hopkins (6-5) 5-2-6-3/16

Goals: T: Engelke-2, Cooper, McCutcheon, Stratton, Hagelin, Rosensweig. J: Rabil-3, Peyser-3, Doneger-3, Huntley-2, Boyle-2, Kimmel, Goodrich, Na. Matthews. **Assists:** T: Engelke-2, Andrew, Boyle, Cooper. J: Bocklet, Kimmel, Miller, Peyser, Rabil. **Saves:** T: Antol-4, Wheeler-4. J: Gvozden-9, No. Matthews-0. **Shots:** T-36. J-37. **EMO:** T: 2-for-9. J: 1-for-2. **Attendance:** 2,714.

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Game 12 • April 28, 2008 • Homewood Field #5 Johns Hopkins-12, Mount St. Mary's-1

BALTIMORE, MD – Johns Hopkins got two goals apiece from **Steven Boyle**, **Michael Kimmel** and **Austin Walker** and the Blue Jay defense held visiting Mount St. Mary's scoreless for the final 49:11 as the fifth-ranked Hopkins men's lacrosse team eased past visiting Mount St. Mary's, 12-1, at Homewood Field Monday night. The win is the fourth straight for the Blue Jays, who improve to 7-5 with the victory, while Mount St. Mary's dropped its second straight and ends the season at 2-12.

Hopkins needed just 49 seconds to open the scoring as Boyle one-timed a feed to the crease from **Paul Rabil** past Mountaineer goalie **T.C. DiBartolo**. An unassisted goal by Kimmel six minutes later gave the Blue Jays a 2-0 lead, but Jon Rodrick answered three-and-a-half minutes later for the Mount when he split the defense down the middle and fired a low shot past Blue Jay goalie Michael Gvozden.

A tenacious Hopkins ride forced a Mount St. Mary's turnover late in the quarter and senior **Kevin Huntley** cashed in on the breakaway with 1:45 remaining in the period and Walker's first of the game 56 seconds later made it 4-1 at the end of the first quarter.

DiBartolo came up with seven second-quarter saves and held the Blue Jays at bay until late in the period when Kimmel fired home his second of the game on an ally dodge with 2:17 remaining. A Rabil extra-man goal with four seconds remaining in the opening half sent the Blue Jays to intermission with a 6-1 lead.

Any hopes of a comeback for The Mount were dashed in the first six minutes of the third period as senior **Stephen Peyser** needed just 13 seconds to net his 16th goal of the season and Boyle dodged from behind the goal and beat DiBartolo from in tight with 9:39 remaining. **Tom Duerr** scored late in the period for the Blue Jays, who also got fourth-quarter goals from **Josh Peck**, **Walker** and **Tim Donovan** to close out the scoring.

Gvozden made seven saves and allowed just the one goal before departing with just over six minutes remaining in regulation. His efforts keyed a defensive showing that resulted in the fewest goals the Blue Jays have allowed since April 24, 1999 when Hopkins beat Navy, 11-1. Nine different players scored for Johns Hopkins with Boyle, Kimmel and Walker leading the way with the two goals apiece. Huntley and Rabil also netted two points in the win with one goal and one assist.

DiBartolo was spectacular in goal for the Mountaineers as he finished with 15 saves before giving way to **A.J. Schaffler** with 7:39 remaining in the fourth quarter. Rodrick's unassisted goal was the only shot that found the net for Mount St. Mary's, which was outshot 44-28 and turned the ball over 16 times in the loss.

Mount St. Mary's (2-12) 1-0-0/0/1
#5 Johns Hopkins (7-5) 4-2-3-3/12

Goals: M: Rodrick. J: Walker-2, Kimmel-2, Boyle-2, Rabil, Huntley, Peyser, Duerr, Peck, Donovan. **Assists:** M: None. J: Bryan, Huntley, Rabil. **Saves:** M: DiBartolo-15, Schaffler-0. J: Gvozden-7, Sheain-2, Matthews-0. **Shots:** M-28. J-44. **EMO:** M: 0-for-2. J: 1-for-1. **Attendance:** 675.

Game 13 • May 3, 2008 • Diane Geppi Aikens Field #5 Johns Hopkins-9, #17 Loyola-6

BALTIMORE, MD – The fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team used a 6-0 second-half run to erase a 5-3 deficit en route to a 9-6 win over host Loyola at Diane Geppi Aikens Field Saturday afternoon. The win is the fifth straight overall and the ninth straight against Loyola for the Blue Jays, who improve to 8-5 on the year and have likely secured their 37th straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Loyola, champions of the ECAC and recipient of the league's automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA Tournament, slips to 7-6 with its second straight loss.

Loyola rattled off three consecutive goals in a span of just over three minutes midway through the third quarter to take a 5-3 lead, but an opportunistic goal by junior **Tom Duerr** jump-started the game-turning run for the Blue Jays. Duerr's fourth goal of the season came after Loyola's **Jake Hagelin** made a save, but failed to handle the rebound. Duerr scooped up the

loose ball seven yards in front of the cage and fired home his only goal of the game to pull the Blue Jays within one. Junior **Brian Christopher** knotted the game three minutes later when he dodged from behind the goal and beat Hagelin upstairs. Both teams had chances to take a one-goal lead before the end of the third period, but Hagelin made a nice save on a **Mark Bryan** shot in the final minute and **Michael Gvozden** made a save at the buzzer to keep it 5-5 entering the final quarter.

Hopkins needed just 71 seconds of the fourth quarter to take the lead for good as senior **Paul Rabil** dodged down the ally and snuck a low left-handed laser between Hagelin and the pipe for his 22nd goal of the season. The Blue Jay defense then forced four straight Loyola turnovers before sophomore **Michael Kimmel** gave the Blue Jays some breathing room with back-to-back goals in a 69-second span. Out of a timeout he isolated behind the goal and stuck one inside the cross bar after dodging to Hagelin's right and the Blue Jays ran the same play a minute later with the same result to push out to an 8-5 lead. Christopher's second goal of the game with 2:23 remaining sealed the victory, although the 'Hounds got the last goal of the game with two seconds remaining on a transition goal by **Cooper MacDonnell** off an assist from **Paul Richards**.

A defensive struggle in the first half produced a 2-2 tie at intermission. **Shane Koppens** gave the Greyhounds an early 1-0 lead as he got a step inside his defender and beat Gvozden with a behind-the-back shot from in tight with 12:53 remaining. Kimmel answered with a 10-yard left-handed blast after spinning inside his defender off an ally dodge. The 1-1 tie lasted just under two minutes before **Collin Finnerty** drove to the goal and scored from the three yards out with 7:54 remaining in the opening period.

The Loyola defense, and Hagelin in particular, were solid in the first half as the Blue Jays went more than 20 minutes without scoring after Kimmel's goal before **Stephen Peyser** handcuffed Hagelin from 10 yards out with 3:31 remaining in the first half to make it 2-2.

The Blue Jays took a short-lived 3-2 lead early in the second half as Peyser dodged from the top and netted his 18th goal of the season with a left-handed rocket, but Loyola answered quickly with a 3-0 run that gave the Greyhounds the 5-3 lead. Koppens' second goal of the game less than two minutes after Peyser's goal forced the third tie of the game and **Taylor Ebsary** scored nine seconds later from the doorstep of a nifty feed from Koppens to make it 4-3. A transition goal by **Chris Basler** just over three minutes later after a Blue Jay turnover gave the 'Hounds the two-goal lead, but Duerr's goal three minutes after that ignited the game-turning 6-0 run. The Blue Jay defense held Loyola scoreless for 23:44 between Basler's goal and the final tally by MacDonnell in the closing seconds.

Kimmel's three goals led the way for the Blue Jays, who also got two goals from Peyser and Christopher. Gvozden continued to sparkle late in the season as he posted 14 saves while allowing just the six goals. Senior **Matt Bockett** was dazzling with the ball on the ground as he registered a career-high 12 ground balls. With his efforts leading the way the Blue Jays won the ground ball war 33-24 and were successful on 21-of-22 clearing attempts.

Koppens was the only multi-point scorer for the Greyhounds as he had the two goals and one assist. Hagelin was strong in goal for Loyola as he posted 10 saves, including eight through three quarters as the teams battled to a 5-5 tie after 45 minutes. LC held a 31-27 advantage in shots and won 12-of-19 faceoffs.

#5 Johns Hopkins (8-5) 1-1-3-4/9
#17 Loyola (7-6) 2-0-3-1/6

Goals: J: Kimmel-3, Christopher-2, Peyser-2, Rabil, Duerr. L: Koppens-2, MacDonnell, Finnerty, Basler, Ebsary. **Assists:** J: None. L: Koppens, Landry, Ricci, Richards. **Saves:** J: Hagelin-10. J: Gvozden-14. **Shots:** J-27. L-31. **EMO:** J: 0-for-2. L: 0-for-2. **Attendance:** 3,410.

Game 14 • May 11, 2008 • Homewood Field #4 Johns Hopkins-10, #16 Hofstra-4 NCAA 1st Rd.

BALTIMORE, MD – Senior midfielder **Paul Rabil** scored a game-high four goals and host Johns Hopkins used a 6-0 run to

break open a close game as the fifth-seeded Blue Jays knocked off Hofstra, 10-4, in the first round of the 2008 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament Sunday afternoon. The win, which avenges an 8-7 overtime loss at Hofstra during the regular season, is the sixth straight for the Blue Jays, who improve to 9-5 and will play Navy in the NCAA Quarterfinals next Saturday at Navy. Hofstra had a four-game winning streak snapped and ends the season at 10-6.

Despite controlling the action for most of the opening 20 minutes, the Blue Jays found themselves in a 2-2 tie after Hofstra's **Michael Understein** netted an unassisted goal with 8:47 remaining in the second quarter. The Blue Jays needed just 54 seconds to answer as Rabil swept across the top of the box and blew a 14-yard laser past Hofstra goalie **Danny Orlando** to give the Blue Jays the lead for good. The Pride held the Blue Jays away for six minutes before Rabil gave the Blue Jays a two-goal cushion with 1:53 remaining in the first half as he scored the 100th goal of his career on a left-handed shot inside the far post on an ally dodge. The first of sophomore **Michael Kimmel**'s three goals with 23 seconds remaining in the first half pushed the lead to 5-2 at intermission.

If not for the play of Orlando, the deficit could have been larger at the half as he posted seven first-half saves as the Blue Jays outshot the Pride 24-8 in the first 30 minutes. Any hopes of a second half Hofstra comeback were short-lived as the Blue Jays maintained possession for nearly the first seven minutes of the third quarter and tallied twice during that stretch to push out to a 7-2 lead.

An extra-man goal just under four minutes into the second half by senior **Michael Doneger** on a nifty pass to the crease by Kimmel made it 6-2 and Doneger scored his second of the game just under two minutes later as he picked the top corner from 10 yards out on a quick pass from senior **Stephen Peyser**. Kimmel closed the 6-0 run with 2:09 remaining when he quick-sticked a pass from **Steven Boyle** past Orlando from in tight to make it 8-2 at the end of three quarters.

The teams traded goals in the fourth quarter with Unterstein and **Tom Interlicchio** sandwiching goals around Rabil's fourth of the day in the first nine minutes of the period. Kimmel polished off his second straight hat trick and the sixth of his career when he closed the scoring with 2:47 remaining with a six-yard shot off a nice feed from Boyle.

Johns Hopkins held the Pride scoreless for the first 16:06, but led only 1-0 after one quarter as a Peyser goal with 6:27 remaining in the first quarter was the only tally for either team in the first 15 minutes. Hofstra finally pushed through with 13:53 remaining in the second quarter when **Dan Stein** worked from behind the goal and scored on a wrap-around shot to tie the game. Rabil got his day started just over a minute later when he scored the first of his four goals with an unassisted tally at the 12:50 mark. Unterstein's goal four minutes later forced the second and last tie of the game as the Blue Jays embarked on the 6-0 run, during which they held the Pride scoreless for 25:33, shortly after.

Rabil's four-goal effort not only led the way for the Blue Jays, but also pushed him to the top of the all-time goal-scoring list among Hopkins midfielders as he now has 101. The four goals also tied Rabil's career high. Kimmel added the three goals and one assist, while Boyle assisted on three goals for the Blue Jays. The three goals tied Kimmel's career high, while Boyle matched his personal best with the three assists. Sophomore **Michael Gvozden** anchored the Blue Jays' defensive effort as he posted nine saves while allowing just the four goals.

Unterstein's two goals led the way for Hofstra, which didn't have any assisted goals in the game. Orlando posted 14 saves for the Pride, who were outshot 40-25, won just 7-of-18 faceoffs and lost the ground ball war 34-27.

#16 Hofstra (10-6) 0-2-0-2/4
#4 Johns Hopkins (9-5) 1-4-3-2/10

Goals: H: M. Unterstein-2, Stein, Interlicchio. J: Rabil-4, Kimmel-3, Doneger-2, Peyser. **Assists:** H: None. J: Boyle-3, Peyser-2, Kimmel. **Saves:** H: Orlando-14. J: Gvozden-9. **Shots:** H-25. J-40. **EMO:** H: 0-for-1. J: 1-for-1. **Attendance:** 2,219.