

• 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, Pifte. **Saves:** J: Gvozden-11. **H:** Orlando-14. **Shots:** J-31. H-32. **EMO:** J: 1-for-3. **H:** 1-for-1. **Attendance:** 2,741.