



2004 Men's Lacrosse CAA Semifinals

NO. 14 VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY 11-2
VS.
NO. 19 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, 10-5

Wednesday, May 5, 2004
Villanova Stadium - 7:30 pm

2004 Schedules

VILLANOVA		
February		
21	Colgate	5-4 W
29	Lehigh	8-6 W
March		
6	Pennsylvania	6-5 L
9	Bucknell	16-11 W
13	Lafayette	7-6 W
20	Binghamton	10-6 W
23	St. Joseph's	8-3 W
27	Drexel *	8-4 W
April		
3	Towson *	20-11 L
10	Delaware *	12-4 W
17	Sacred Heart *	12-7 W
24	Hofstra *	13-10 W
30	Penn State	11-9 W
May		
5	Delaware #	7:30 PM
8	CAA Tournament	TBA
*CAA game		
#CAA Tournament game		
Home game		

DELAWARE		
February		
14	St. Joseph's	8-7 W
21	Lehigh	5-3 W
28	Stony Brook	11-4 W
March		
6	Rutgers	12-4 L
10	Mt. St. Mary's	14-3 W
13	Albany	10-7 W
17	Georgetown	10-5 L
20	Air Force	7-6 W
27	UMBC	11-10 W
April		
3	Hofstra *	12-10 W
10	Villanova *	12-4 L
14	Towson *	11-9 L
17	Drexel *	9-8 L
24	Sacred Heart *	13-8 W
May		
1	Denver	15-9 W
5	Villanova #	7:30 PM
*CAA game		
#CAA Tournament game		
Home game		

Probable Starters

Villanova	Delaware
Attack	
#7 Brendan O'Donnell	#3 Matt Alrich
#14 Richie Kratz	#5 Cam Howard
#19 Marc Creegan	#14 Andy Hipple
Midfield	
#8 Dave Cacciabeve	#11 Alex Smith
#10 Eric Heidenberger	#20 Jordan Hall
#31 Matt Lucas	#31 Paul Rodriguez
Defense	
#17 Paul Genovese	#21 Chris Willits
#24 Jon Urbana	#26 Ryan Drummond
#27 Garrett Wells	#40 Ian Wright
Goalkeeper	
#1 Joseph Canuso	#9 Chris Collins

FEATURE MATCH-UP



Today's Tale of the Tape

	<i>VU</i>	<i>UD</i>
Games Played	13	15
Shots Taken	486	573
Goals Scored	126	136
Shots Allowed	365	453
Goals Allowed	96	121
Saves	162	168
Face-Offs	.527	.620
Ground Balls	568	493

Joseph Canuso Goalie

Leads the league in GAA and save percentage

Ranks fifth in the country in save percentage

11-2 record this season

2003 CAA Co-Rookie of the Year

Chris Collins Goalie

Ranks second in the league in GAA and save percentage

Stands 18th in the country in GAA

10-5 record this season

WILDCAT LAX NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Game: No. 14 Villanova welcomes No. 19 Delaware to the Main Line for tonight's Colonial Athletic Association semifinal game. The Wildcats are winners of four straight and stand at 11-2 overall, while Delaware is coming off a 15-9 defeat of Denver and is 10-5 this season.

The Series: Since turning into a varsity program in 1982, Villanova has been perfect in all three meetings against the Blue Hens, including a 12-4 decision earlier this season. Delaware is one of 10 teams that the Wildcats are unbeaten against in varsity history.

First Timers: Tonight's game is the first home playoff game in the history of the men's lacrosse program. Villanova met Hofstra in the 2003 semifinals in Hempstead, New York.

Home Sweet Home: Villanova wrapped up a perfect home season with an 11-9 win over Penn State on Friday. The Wildcats finished 8-0 at home this season and have not lost on the Main Line since a 13-10 loss to Towson on April 12, 2003.

Stellar Season: Sophomore **Brendan O'Donnell** has doubled his point production from his rookie season when he totaled 12 goals and four assists. The attacker has become the Wildcats' set-up man and leads the CAA with 23 assists to go along with 11 goals.

Moving on Up: The Wildcats continued their climb up the national rankings this week, reaching No. 14 in the USILA poll. Three places higher than the previous week, this marks the highest ranking the team has achieved in program history.

Number 300: Villanova head coach Randy Marks will be coaching in his 300th collegiate game tonight against Delaware. Marks is 166-133 during his 22 seasons on the Main Line.

Scoring Starker: Sophomore **Matt Starker** has become a scoring sensation in his brief stint on the Main Line. He has registered a point in 24 of 28 career games and owns a 15-game scoring streak dating back to April 26, 2003. Starker sits third on the 'Cats with 20 goals and has dished eight assists this season.

One for the Records: With the victory against Penn State on Friday, Villanova tied the record for most wins in a season with 11. The 1984 team owns the best mark in program history with an 11-1 showing.

CAA STANDINGS

	CAA			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Towson	5	0	1.000	9	4	.692
Villanova	4	1	.800	11	2	.846
Delaware	2	3	.400	10	5	.667
Hofstra	2	3	.400	4	9	.308
Drexel	1	4	.200	4	9	.308
Sacred Heart	1	4	.200	3	11	.214

SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

This Week's Schedule

5/5	#3 Delaware at #2 Villanova	7:30 p.m.
	#4 Hofstra at #1 Towson	7:30 p.m.
5/8	CAA Championship at Highest Seed	

Last Week's Results

4/27	Stony Brook 9, Hofstra 6	
	Towson 13, Maryland-Baltimore County 8	
4/28	Binghamton 8, Drexel 2	
	Sacred Heart 8, Marist 7	
4/30	Villanova 11, Penn State 9	
5/1	Sacred Heart 11, Air Force 10 (OT)	
	Johns Hopkins 13, Towson 8	
	Delaware 15, Denver 9	

CAA AWARDS

Player of the Week

Matt Lucas	3/15, 3/22
Joseph Canuso	4/12
Brendan O'Donnell	4/19
Marc Creegan	4/26

Rookie of the Week

Chris Colliniates	3/29
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USILA POLL

1. Johns Hopkins	10-1	11. Towson	9-4
2. Navy	12-2	12. Notre Dame	7-5
3. Maryland	11-2	13. Pennsylvania	7-5
4. Syracuse	10-2	14. Villanova	11-2
5. Georgetown	10-2	15. Virginia	5-7
6. Ohio State	12-2	16. Brown	9-4
7. North Carolina	7-4	17. Hobart	8-6
8. Princeton	8-3	18. Army	9-4
9. Cornell	8-3	19. Delaware	10-5
10. Rutgers	8-4	20. Dartmouth	7-5

Others In Order: Denver, Duke, Binghamton, Massachusetts

WILDCAT LAX NEWS AND NOTES

Note Cellar - Where good notes age like fine wine

Heido's Hat Trick: After scoring three goals through Villanova's first eight games, freshman **Eric Heidenberger** lit up the scoreboard with three tallies against Towson. He leads the Wildcat freshmen in scoring with eight goals and one assist this season.

Preseason Predictions: Hofstra was picked to finish first in the CAA in the preseason coaches' poll with 24 points. Defending champion Towson came in a close second with 22 points. The Wildcats were selected as the third-best team in the league.

2004 CAA MEN'S LACROSSE PRE-SEASON COACHES POLL

1. Hofstra (4) 24
2. Towson (2) 22
3. Villanova 17
4. Drexel 12
5. Delaware 10
6. Sacred Heart 5

Early Hardware: Senior midfielder **Matt Lucas** and junior defender **Jon Urbana** received Preseason All-American Honorable Mention honors from Face-Off Yearbook. This marks the first time that any Villanova men's lacrosse player earned preseason accolades.

THE FIRST TIME AROUND...

NEWARK, DEL. - Joseph Canuso and Marc Creegan proved to be a powerful duo as Villanova used a strong second half to defeat No. 11 Delaware, 12-4, in CAA lacrosse action on Saturday at Tubby Raymond Field. Creegan scored four goals and dished an assist for a game-best five points, while Canuso tallied 17 saves in goal.

Villanova led 2-0 at halftime after goals by Matt Starker and Creegan. The Wildcats then erupted for four scores in the third period. Two goals by sophomore Dan Fanelli helped fuel the fun, while David Cacciabeve also found the net.

The Wildcat defense did not surrender a goal until the 5:58 mark of the third quarter when Jordan Hall got the Blue Hens on the board. Hall's second of the game early in the fourth brought Delaware to within 6-2.

The Blue Hens climbed no closer as the Wildcats continued to pour on the offense. Richie Kratz scored two goals in the period to lead that charge, while Matt Lucas managed a tally.

For Villanova, Kratz, Starker and Fanelli each finished with two goals, while Hall paced the Blue Hens with two goals. Chris Collins totaled 15 saves in goal for Delaware (8-3, 1-1).

CAA Player of the Week Capsules

Multiple Hats: Senior midfielder **Matt Lucas** earned CAA Player of the Week honors on Tuesday after scoring hat tricks against Bucknell and Lafayette. His third goal against Lafayette proved to be the game-winner in double overtime. Lucas also picked up an assist, 13 ground balls and nine face-off wins.

Take Two: Senior midfielder **Matt Lucas** earned his second straight CAA Player of the Week award on Tuesday after scoring a season-high four goals in Villanova's 10-6 victory over Binghamton on Saturday. It was the third straight hat trick for Lucas, who also tallied a season-high 10 ground balls and won 8-of-11 face-offs.

Leader of the Pack: Freshman **Chris Colliniates** earned CAA Rookie of the Week honors after winning 18-of-21 face-offs and picking up 13 ground balls in the Wildcats' two victories against St. Joseph's and Drexel. For the season, Colliniates has won 77-of-146 face-offs for a 53-percent success rate.

CAA Accolades for Canuso: Sophomore goalie **Joseph Canuso** earned Player of the Week honors after making 17 saves and surrendering just four goals in the Wildcats' 12-4 defeat of then-No. 11 Delaware. He is already seventh all-time at Villanova with 307 saves during his career. Taymore Zarghami (89-92) leads the list with 661 career saves.

O' Boy: **Brendan O'Donnell** registered a banner day at Sacred Heart, setting career bests with four goals and four assists for eight points, which earned him CAA Co-Player of the Week honors. O'Donnell has done more than half his damage in conference play with six goals and 14 assists.

Crafty Creegan: Junior **Marc Creegan** became the fifth Wildcat this season to bring home a CAA weekly honor, earning Player of the Week after scoring a career-best five goals against Hofstra on Saturday. Creegan leads Villanova with 24 goals, 15 of which have come in conference action. He moved into ninth place on Villanova's all-time goals list with 76. Chris Sullivan ('91) leads the category with 128 career goals.

MEET HEAD COACH RANDY MARKS

THE MARKS FILE:

EDUCATION

West Chester University, 1969
B.S. Health and Physical Education
M.A. Education

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Coach
Villanova (1983-Present)
166-133 (.555), 22 years

Assistant Coach
Lower Merion H.S. - 11 years

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	W	L	Pct.
1983	7	4	.636
1984	11	1	.916
1985	4	8	.333
1986	8	6	.571
1987	7	6	.585
1988	5	8	.385
1989	9	5	.643
1990	9	5	.643
1991	9	5	.643
1992	7	7	.500
1993	6	7	.461
1994	5	8	.385
1995	6	9	.400
1996	8	7	.533
1997	7	7	.500
1998	6	8	.430
1999	8	6	.571
2000	9	5	.643
2001	8	6	.571
2002	6	8	.430
2003	10	5	.666
2004	11	2	.846
Total	166	133	.555

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Three Consecutive Top-25 Rankings
Four USILA All-Americans
10 North/South All-Star Participants
Four All-Conference Honorees
Two Academic All-Americans
2003 CAA Coach of the Year
USILA Coaches Association
Century Club Member
Coached the 1993 North/South All-Stars

Randy Marks returns for his 22nd season as the head coach of the Villanova University men's lacrosse team in 2004. Since his arrival on the Main Line, the Wildcats have compiled a 155-131 record, while playing one of the toughest schedules in the nation.



In 2003, Marks guided the Wildcats to a 10-5 overall record and 3-2 mark in the Colonial Athletic Association. The squad advanced to the semifinals of the league's playoffs where the 'Cats fell to Hofstra, 9-6.

Villanova garnered three of the CAA's major awards, as Marks earned Coach of the Year honors, while his son Brian was tabbed Player of the Year and Joseph Canuso was named Co-Rookie of the Year.

Prior to 2003, Marks guided the Wildcats to two consecutive top 25 finishes. In 2001, the 'Cats finished 8-6 and ranked 20th, while in 2000 they were 9-5 and closed the season 23rd nationally. In 1991, Marks led the Wildcats to their first national ranking when the team finished the season ranked No. 20 in the STX/USILA Poll.

Marks joined an elite group of men's lacrosse coaches as he reached the 100-win plateau with a 6-4 victory over Lehigh on April 24, 1996. He received major recognition again in 2000 when he was honored with the Frenchy Julian Sportsmanship Award.

During his time at Villanova, Marks has coached four All-Americans – Brian Marks (2003), Rick Bontatibus (1994), Scott Chisholm (1993), and Chris Sullivan (1991). In addition, he has coached 10 players who have participated in the prestigious North/South All-Star Game.

Prior to his arrival at Villanova in 1983, Marks served as an assistant coach for 11 years at nearby Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pa. During that time, he also served as an assistant coach for the school's football program.

In addition to his coaching stints, Marks was an active member of the Lower Merion School District for 32 years in various capacities, including his role as Dean of Students at Harrilton High School. He recently retired from his position and currently concentrates his efforts on coaching lacrosse at Villanova.

Lacrosse is a family tradition in the Marks' home. The oldest son, David, graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1998. He was the

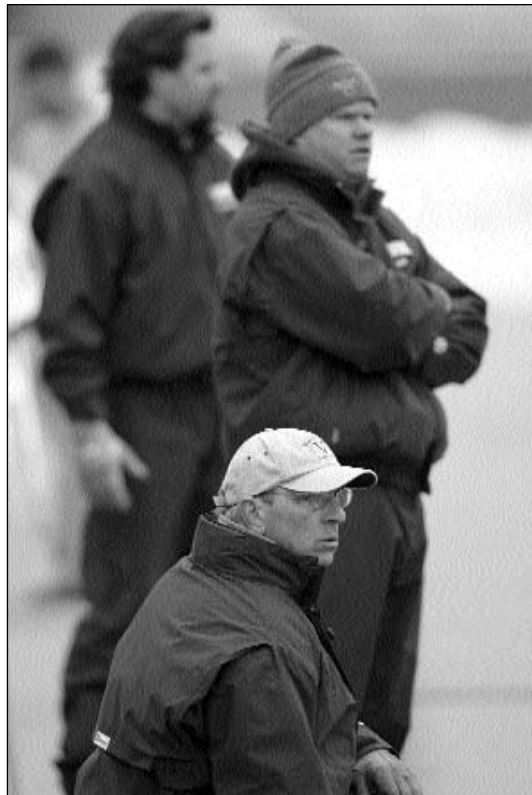
Blue Birds third leading scorer. Prior to his transfer to JHU, David led the Wildcats in scoring during the 1996 season.

Justin and Brian Marks spent their playing days on the Main Line. Justin earned a starting spot on the Wildcat attack unit his sophomore season and went on to start his last two years as well. He graduated in 2002 and finished his career with 53 goals, 23 assists, and 97 groundballs.

Along with his CAA Player of the Year award, Brian led the conference in points (67) and assists (24) in 2003. He also ranked first in the nation in total points and assists and became the fourth Wildcat to earn All-America honors, being named an Honorable Mention All-American.

Coach Marks is a 1969 graduate of West Chester University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education, as well as his Masters degree in Education.

He and his wife, currently reside in Glenmoore, Pa., and have three sons, David (28), Justin (23) and Brian (22).



WILDCAT LAX NEWS AND NOTES

VILLANOVA ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht./Wt.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
1	Joseph Canuso	6-0/195	So.	GK	Moorestown, N.J./Moorestown
2	Tim Wiegand	5-10/165	So.	M	Cranbury, N.J./Peddie School
3	Fran Cattani	5-7/200	Jr.	GK	Yardley, Pa./Hun School
4	Neil Brazitis	6-0/180	So.	A	Rosemont, Pa./Malvern Prep
6	Garrett Hohendorf	6-0/165	Fr.	M	White Lake, Mich./Cranbrook-Kingswood
7	Brendan O'Donnell	6-0/195	So.	A	Mountain Lakes, N.J./Mountain Lakes
8	Dave Cacciabeve	5-10/172	Sr.	M	Boonton Township, NJ/Delbarton
9	Dan Biser	6-1/175	Jr.	GK	Baltimore, Md./Boys' Latin
10	Eric Heidenberger	6-0/180	Fr.	M	Washington, D.C./Georgetown Prep
11	Chris Mercer	6-1/175	Fr.	A	Severna Park, Md./Severn
12	Brian Pilger	6-2/185	Sr.	M	Manlius, N.Y./Manlius-Fayetteville
14	Richie Kratz	5-8/160	Sr.	A	Roxbury, NJ/Delbarton
15	Connor Dwyer	6-4/210	Fr.	D	Manhasset, N.Y./Manhasset
16	Matt Starker	5-10/180	So.	M	Summit, N.J./Summit
17	Paul Genovese	6-0/200	Fr.	D	Huntington, N.Y./St. Anthony's
18	Ben Remy	6-2/190	So.	D	Maple Glen, Pa./Upper Dublin
19	Marc Creegan	5-10/175	Jr.	A	West Babylon, N.Y./St. Anthony's H.S.
20	Scott MacMullan	5-11/175	Sr.	M	Arnold, Md./Severn School
21	Andrew Mecchi	6-0/165	So.	M	Ellicott City, Md./Mt. St. Joseph
22	Dan Fanelli	6-2/170	Jr.	M	Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.
23	Chris Colliniates	6-0/180	Fr.	M	Atlantic Beach, N.Y./Lawrence
24	Jon Urbana	6-2/170	Jr.	D	Denver, Colo./Denver East
25	Chad Houser	6-2/180	Fr.	M	Arnold, Md./Severn
26	Eric Webber	6-0/215	Fr.	M	Denver, Colo./J.K. Mullen
27	Garrett Wells	6-2/190	Jr.	D	Severna Park, Md./Mount St. Joseph's H.S.
28	Matt Cohen	6-0/190	So.	M	Summit, N.J./Delbarton
30	Chris Kramer	6-2/175	Jr.	M	Massapequa, N.Y./St. Anthony's
31	Matt Lucas	5-10/165	Sr.	M	Gainesville, Va./Paul VI
32	Tucker Gauvain	6-2/215	Fr.	D	Danbury, Conn./Ridgefield
33	Ben Carothers	6-3/195	Fr.	M	Basking Ridge, N.J./Ridge
35	Safi Najdawi	5-10/170	Fr.	D	Bryn Mawr, Pa./Radnor
39	Pat Bogle	6-0/185	So.	A	Avalon, N.J./Wilton
40	Mike Haas	5-9/165	Fr.	M	North Wales, Pa./St. Joseph's Prep
45	Kanyon MacRae	6-5/225	Fr.	D	Springfield, Va./West Springfield
46	Jonathon Ansley	6-0/200	Fr.	A	Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's and St. Agnes

Head Coach: Randy Marks - 22nd Season (West Chester '69)

Assistant Coaches: Mike Corrado (Villanova '87)

Todd Schreiner (Lehigh '00)

John Derham (Villanova '88)

2004 Wildcat Leaders

<u>Points</u>		<u>Goals</u>		<u>Assists</u>		<u>Ground Balls</u>	
Brendan O'Donnell	34	Marc Creegan	23	Brendan O'Donnell	23	Matt Lucas	59
Richie Kratz	32	Matt Starker	20	Richie Kratz	15	Chris Kramer	53
Marc Creegan	31	Matt Lucas	18	Matt Starker	8	Joseph Canuso	48
Matt Starker	28	Richie Kratz	17	Marc Creegan	7	Chris Colliniates	44
Matt Lucas	20	Dave Cacciabeve	12	Dave Cacciabeve	3	Richie Kratz	39
				Dan Fanelli	3		

Goalies: Joseph Canuso - 11-2 Record, 771:58 MP, 93 GA, 7.23 GAA, 159 Saves, .631 Save Pct.

WILDCAT LAX NEWS AND NOTES

DELAWARE ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	Tommy Scherr	Fr.	GK	5-8/155	Owings Mills, MD/Mt. St. Joseph's
2	Luke Wiles	So.	M	5-11/175	Orillia, Ontario/Patric Fogarty/O'Neill C.V.I.
3	Matt Alrich	Sr.	A	6-2/190	Timonium, MD/Calvert Hall
4	Andrew Benazzi	Sr.	M	5-9/160	Glen Cove, NY/Chaminade
5	Cam Howard	Fr.	A	5-10/180	Wilmington, DE/Tatnall School
6	Will Deane	Fr.	A	5-11/170	Annapolis, MD/Severn School
7	Dan Hechtkopf	Jr.	M	6-2/195	Virginia, VA/Cape Henry
8	Micardo Celicourt	Jr.	M	5-9/170	Norwalk, CT/Norwalk
9	Chris Collins	Jr.	GK	5-10/180	Yorktown Hts., NY/Lakeland Panas
10	Marty Kupprion	Fr.	A	5-9/165	Wallingford, PA/Episcopal
11	Alex Smith	Fr.	M	5-10/175	Timonium, MD/Boy's Latin
12	Austin Bordley	Fr.	A	5-7/155	Vienna, VA/Landon
14	Andy Hipple	Jr.	A	5-9/180	Moorestown, NJ/Moorestown
15	Kurt Nordhoff	So.	M/A	5-10/170	Ellicott City, MD/Mt. Hebron
16	Scott Boyle	Jr.	M	5-10/190	Lutherville, MD/St. Paul's
17	Mike Sayre	Sr.	D	5-10/200	Churchville, MD/C. Milton Wright (Essex CC)
18	Taylor Bloor	So.	D	5-11/190	Corning, NY/Corning East
20	Jordan Hall	Fr.r	M	6-0/185	Surrey, B. Columbia/Fleetwood Park
21	Chris Willits	Jr.	D	6-0/200	Miami, FL/Hill School (PA)
22	Ryan Metzbower	Sr.	M	6-0/185	Severna Park, MD/St. Mary's (Bridgton Academy)
23	Dave Powers	Jr.	M	5-6/155	Camillus, NY/West Genesee
24	Joe Trentzsch	Jr.	M	6-1/175	Fallston, MD/Fallston (Essex CC)
25	Bob Meunier	Jr.	M	5-9/170	Arlington, VA/Bishop O'Connell
26	Ryan Drummond	Sr.	D	6-2/195	Wilton, CT/Wilton
27	Dennis Smith	So.	M	6-0/190	Ithaca, NY/Ithaca
28	Dan Deckelbaum	Fr.	M	6-0/200	Owings Mills, MD/Owings Mills
29	Evan Crowther-Washburn	Fr.	D	6-2/180	Annapolis, MD/Severn School
30	Patrick Biehl	Fr.	D	5-10/190	Ridgefield, CT/Ridgefield
31	Paul Rodriguez	So.	D	5-10/180	Wilmington, DE/St. Mark's
32	Warner Ball	Fr.	GK	5-8/180	Bethesda, MD/Landon School
34	Chad Holmes	So.	M	6-1/190	Severna Park, MD/Mt. St. Joseph's
36	Bryan Tingle	Jr.	M	5-11/195	Jamison, PA/Central Bucks East
38	Brian Calabrese	Fr.	D	6-0/170	Syracuse, NY/West Genesee
40	Ian Wright	Jr.	D	6-1/195	Denver, CO/Denver East
41	Ryan Overs	Sr.	M	5-11/185	Lynbrook, NY/Lynbrook
42	Jarryd Knouse	So.	M	5-11/185	Bridgewater, NJ/Bridgewater-Raritan
43	Steve Woltman	Fr.	D	6-4/195	Bridgewater, NJ/Bridgewater
44	Josh Posnick	Fr.	D	5-10/185	Potomac, MD/Bullis Prep
47	Bobby West	Fr.r	D	6-0/170	Severna Park, MD/Severna Park
48	Greg Grevey	Jr.	M	6-0/180	Glen Arms, MD/Boy's Latin

Head Coach: Bob Shillinglaw - 29th Season (North Carolina '74)

Assistant Coaches: Greg Carroll (Loyola '97) and Kevin Warne (Hofstra '00)

2004 Blue Hen Leaders

<u>Points</u>		<u>Goals</u>		<u>Assists</u>		<u>Ground Balls</u>	
Matt Alrich	43	Matt Alrich	32	Cam Howard	19	Alex Smith	95
Cam Howard	37	Andy Hipple	19	Ryan Overs	12	Chris Collins	46
Andy Hipple	24	Cam Howard	18	Matt Alrich	11	Jordan Hall	31
Ryan Metzbower	20	Ryan Metzbower	15	Four tied	5	Cam Howard	28
Ryan Overs	20	Joe Trentzsch	14			Two tied	25

Goalies: Chris Collins - 10-5, 875:23 MP, 119 GA, 8.16 GAA, 163 Saves, .578 Save Pct.