2007 Johns Hopkins Men's Lacrosse Notes

Hopkins Lacrosse

36 Straight NCAA Tournaments • 27 NCAA Semifinal Appearances • 17 NCAA Championship Games 9 NCAA Titles • 176 First Team All-Americans

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:Dave Pietramala (Johns Hopkins '90)Career Record/Yrs:108-36 (.750) • 10 SeasonsRecord at Hopkins/Yrs:85-19 (.817) • 7 SeasonsAssociate Head Coach:Bill Dwan (Defense)Assistant Coaches:Bobby Benson (Off. Coordinator)

Dave Allan (Volunteer)

JHU Men's Lacrosse Quick Facts

Record: 13-4
Current Streak: Won 9
Captains: Jake Byrne
Drew Dabrowski, Brendan Skakandi
Athletic Trainer: Brad Mountcastle

 All-Time Record:
 871-272-15 (.759)

 National Championships:
 44

 NCAA Titles:
 9 (1974, 1978-80, 1984-85)

1987, 2005, 2007)
Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances: 36
NCAA Championship Game Appearances: 17
NCAA Semifinal Appearances: 27

All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 61-27 (.693)

Home Field: Homewood Field
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Capacity: 8.500

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2007 Season-Ending Notebook

NCAA Champions 13-4 (4-0 NCAA Tournament)

• Nine-Time NCAA Champions •

The Team: Johns Hopkins capped a stunning run to the 2007 NCAA Championship with a thrilling 12-11 win over top-seeded Duke in the National Championship game on May 28 at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium. The Blue Jays rallied from a 4-4 record at midseason to claim the program's ninth NCAA Championship and 44th overall national title.

Road to the Championship: After opening the NCAA Tournament with an 11-10 overtime win over Notre Dame, the Blue Jays turned in their most complete effort of the season with a dominating 14-6 win against sixth-seeded Georgetown in the NCAA Quarterfinals. A workmanlike 8-3 win over Delaware in the NCAA Semifinals was followed by the win over Duke in the championship game.

Poll Position: Johns Hopkins finished the season ranked fifth in the USILA Coaches Poll and first in the Nike/ *Inside Lacrosse* Media Poll. The final USILA Coaches Poll came at the end of the regular season, while the final Nike/*Inside Lacrosse* Media Poll was conducted the day after the national champoinshpi game. The Johns Hopkins Sports Information Office uses the USILA Poll to reflect JHU's official ranking at the time of a game.

These are the Facts: Johns Hopkins concludes the 2007 season with an all-time record of 871-272-15 (.759). The Blue Jays own nine NCAA titles, 29 USILA titles and six ILA titles for a total of 44 championships.

Blue Jays Advance to Championship Game for 17th Time: Johns Hopkins' appearance in the NCAA championship game marked the 17th time since the inception of the tournament in 1971 that the Blue Jays have played in the title game. The 17 appearances in the title game are the most of any team in the nation.

An Unfamiliar Site: The third-seeded Blue Jays met top-seeded Duke in the NCAA Championship game. That snapped a streak of 19 straight NCAA Tournament games in which Johns Hopkins was the higher-seeded team. It was the first time a Dave Pietramala-coached Hopkins team had been the lower seed in an NCAA Tournament game.

Hopkins Earns Top Four Seed: Johns Hopkins earned the number three seed in the 2007 NCAA Tournament to extend its streak of top four seeds to 11 years. The Blue Jays have been seeded in the top four every year since 1997. Only one other team in the nation (Georgetown) has even qualified for the NCAA Tournament every year since 1997. The next longest streak of consecutive years earning a top four seed belongs to Virginia, which was seeded in the top four for the third straight season this year.

2007 Results

Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Result	Notes
Feb. 24	Albany	(WMAR/ESPNU	L/7-8	JHU allows three goals in final five minutes to drop first season-opener since 2001
Mar. 3	#3 Princeton (M&T Bank Stad.)	(ESPNU) (2 OT) W/7-6	Boyle (3g), Kimmel (3a), Rabil (2g), Schwartzman (17 saves)
Mar. 6	@ UMBC	(MASN)	W/15-6	Kimmel (3g), Boyle (1g, 3a), Byrne (2g, 2a), Schwartzman (13 saves) JHU jumps to 8-0 lead
Mar. 10	Hofstra	(ESPNU)	W/9-8	Boyle (3g), Byrne (2g, 2a), Kimmel & Huntley (1g, 1a)
Mar. 17	@ #8 Syracuse	(MASN)	W/17-9	Boyle (4g, 1a), Rabil (3g, 3a), Schwartzman (17 saves) JHU uses 8-0 run to take 9-2 lead in 2nd quarter
Mar. 24	#5 Virginia	(WMAR/ESPNU	L/5-7	Rabil (2g), Schwartzman (14 saves)
Mar. 31	@ #15 North Carolina		L/10-13	Byrne (4g), Rabil (1g, 2a), Kimmel (2g) UNC's 1st win over JHU since 1994
Apr. 7	#4 Duke	(WMAR/ESPNU	L/9-11	Peyser (2g, 2a), Boyle (2g,), Rabil (1g, 2a) Duke uses 5-1 run to break open tight game
Apr. 14	@ #7 Maryland	(WMAR/ESPNU)	(OT) W/8-7	Rabil (1g, 2a) nets second OT game-winner of the season Huntley (3g), Walker (2g)
Apr. 21	#9 Navy	(WMAR/ESPNU	W/10-9	Rabil (3g), Kimmel (3g), Peyser (14-of-17 on faceoffs, 11 GBs)
Apr. 28	@ #15 Towson	(WMAR/ESPNU)	W/9-7	Boyle (2g, 2a), Rabil (2g, 1a), Peyser, (2g, 12-of-15 on faceoffs, 6 GBs)
Apr. 30	@ Mount St. Mary's		W/15-3	Rabil (3g, 3a), Kimmel (3g), Gvozden (9 saves) JHU outscores MSM 10-0 in 2nd half
May 5	#12 Loyola	(WMAR/ESPNU	W/12-9	Rabil (3g, 2a), Boyle (3g, 1a), Byrne (3g) JHU uses 6-1 second-half run to take control
May 12	#11 Notre Dame (NCAA 1st Rd.)	ESPNU (0	OT) W/11-10	Fifth all-time meeting every meeting has come in the NCAA Tournament
May 19	#4 Georgetown (NCAA QF @ Princeton)	ESPNU	W/14-6	Huntley (5g, 1a), Rabil (3a), Koesterer (7-of-10 on faceoffs), Schwartzman (15 saves)
May 26	#15 Delaware (NCAA SF)	ESPN2	W/8-3	Peyser (3g), Kimmel (3g), Schwartzman (10 saves) 2nd fewest goals allowed by JHU in NCAA game
May 28	#2 Duke (NCAA Final)	ESPN	W/12-11	Schwartzman (15 saves), Rabil (1g, 5a), Byrne (4g, 1a), Huntley (3g), Peyser (2g, 1a, 9-of-14 on faceoffs)

USILA Coaches Poll • May 7, 2007 •

Rank	School (1st-place votes)	Rec.	Points
1.	Cornell (8)	13-0	160
2.	Duke	14-2	152
3.	Virginia	12-3	143
4.	Georgetown	11-2	133
5.	Johns Hopkins	9-4	130
6.	Maryland	10-5	115
7.	Princeton	10-3	109
8.	Navy	11-3	106
9.	North Carolina	9-5	94
10.	Albany	14-2	89
11.	Notre Dame	11-3	86
12.	Loyola	7-5	72
13.	UMBC	10-5	60
14.	Towson	9-6	56
15.	Delaware	11-5	44
16.	Colgate	11-5	43
17.	Drexel	11-5	26
18.	Rutgers	7-6	19
19.	Ohio State	9-5	16
20.	Bucknell	11-4	15

Others receiving votes: Massachusetts, Brown, Yale

Nike/Inside Lacrosse Media Poll • May 29, 2007 •

Rank	School (1st-place votes)	Rec.	Points
1.	Johns Hopkins (14)	13-4	280
2.	Duke	17-3	264
3.	Cornell	15-1	254
4.	Albany	15-3	235
5.	Delaware	13-6	201
6.	Georgetown	12-3	199
7.	Virginia	12-4	192
8.	North Carolina	10-6	174
9.	Notre Dame	11-4	170
10.	Maryland	10-6	155
11.	UMBC	11-6	154
12.	Princeton	10-4	149
13.	Navy	11-4	121
14.	Loyola	7-6	95
15.	Towson	9-7	85
16.	Colgate	11-5	68
17.	Drexel	11-5	60
18.	Bucknell	11-4	26
19.	Rutgers	7-6	25
20.	Massachusetts	7-7	24

Others receiving votes: Syracuse-9

JHU Week-by-Week in the Polls

	STX/USILA	Nike/Inside Lacrosse
Preseason		2nd
February 12		2nd
February 19		1st
February 26	9th	7th
March 5	5th	5th
March 12	3rd	3rd
March 19	3rd	3rd
March 26	6th	5th
April 2	9th	9th
April 9	9th	10th
April 16	7th	7th
April 23	5th	5th
April 30	5th	5th
May 7	5th	5th
May 29		1st

Johns Hopkins Earns 36th Straight NCAA Tournament Bid: The Blue Jays ran their NCAA record streak of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament to 36 straight years with their selection to this year's tournament. Johns Hopkins' current streak of 36 straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament is more than three times longer than the next longest active streak (Georgetown - 11).

Tournament Streak: In addition to boasting the longest active streak of qualifying for the NCAA Lacrosse Tournament, the JHU men's lacrosse team also boasts the longest active streak of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament in any Division I team sport.

To the right are the longest active streaks in each of the five major team sports in which the NCAA sponsors championships. Bowl games for Division I-A football are not included since they are not directly sponsored by the NCAA. Also, finishes at national championships in individual sports (wrestling/swimming/track) are not included.

Leading the Pack: In addition to the above streaks, the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team holds the record for the most overall appearances in the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament (36). To the right is a list of the schools with the most all-time appearances in the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championships.

Pietramala Stands Alone: Johns Hopkins head coach Dave Pietramala is the only person in lacrosse history who has won an NCAA Division I Championship as a player (1987) and a head coach (2005, 2007). He is also the only person who has been named the national player of the year and the national coach of the year.

Con	secutive Appearances (Active)	
• NC	CAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament •	
1.	Johns Hopkins	36 (1972-)
2.	Georgetown	11 (1997-)
3.	Maryland	5 (2003-)
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	CAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament •	
	Johns Hopkins	` ′
2.	Virginia	3 (2005-)
Cons	secutive NCAA Tournament Appearancs (A	Active)
	Division I Men's Team Sports •	icure)
1.	•	36 (1972)
2.	Miami of Florida (Baseball)	_ ` ′
	Virginia (Soccer)	
	Arizona (Basketball)	
5.	Michigan (Hockey)	` ′
Over	rall Appearances (20 or more)	
• NO	CAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament •	
1.	Johns Hopkins	36
2T.	Maryland / Virginia	30
4.	Syracuse	27
5.	Navy	24
6.	North Carolina	22
7.	Cornell	20
Johi	is Hopkins' Career Coaching Victories	s List
1.	Bob Scott	
2.	Henry Ciccarone	105
3.	Dave Pietramala	85
4.	Tony Seaman	77
5.	Don Zimmerman	73
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More Petro: Head coach Dave Pietramala

coached his 100th game at Johns Hopkins against Loyola and improved his record at JHU to 85-19 (.817) with the win over Duke in the NCAA Championship game. His overall record now stands at 108-36 (including a 23-17 mark in three seasons at Cornell). Only Hall of Famers **Bob Scott** and **Henry Ciccarone** have won more games at Hopkins than Pietramala.

Johns	Johns Hopkins' Final Depth Chart						
Attack	24	Kevin Huntley (Jr.)	22g, 9a	_ Game-winning goal in national championship game			
	25	Jake Byrne (Sr.)	30g, 7a	Four goals and one assist in national champoinship game			
	10	Steven Boyle (Fr.)	23g, 14a	_ At least one point in 15 of 17 games			
1st MF	9	Paul Rabil (Jr.)	27g, 26a	One goal, five assist masterpiece vs. Duke in title game			
	15	Michael Kimmel (Fr.)	23g, 7a	_ 3 goals in NCAA Semifinals vs. Delaware			
	12	Stephen Peyser (Jr.)	16g, 10a	_ Tied career high with three goals vs. Delaware			
2nd MF	26	Mark Bryan (So.)	5g, 5a	_ Jump-started win over Gtown with JHU's first goal			
	18	Austin Walker (So.)		Scored career-high two goals to fuel win over Maryland			
	19	Brian Christopher (So.)	10g, 1a	_ 3g, 1a in NCAA tournament games			
	17	Drew Dabrowski (Sr.)	3g, 1a	_ Key 3rd quarter goal vs. Notre Dame			
Defense	16	Eric Zerrlaut (Sr.)	0g, 0a, 31 GBs	_ Amazingly started every game after tearing ACL in Sept.			
	33	Michael Evans (So.)	0g, 0a, 11 GBs	_ Anchor of close defense Started all 17 games			
	7	Matt Bocklet (Jr.)		2nd on the team in ground balls			
SSDM	3	Andrew Miller (So.)	1g, 1a, 23 GBs	Scored 1st career goal vs. Georgetown			
	11	George Castle (Jr.)	1g, 2a, 9 GBs	_ 1g vs. UMBC 1a vs. Hofstra and Georgetown			
LSM	22	Brendan Skakandi (Sr.)	0g, 0a, 25 GBs	_ Played in 52 career games			
Goal	2	J. Schwartzman (Sr.) 8.0	08 GAA/.572 save %	Posted career record of 39-9 10-1 in NCAA Tournament			
FO	12	Stephen Peyser (Sr.)		_ 69-of-112 (.616) in last nine games			
	1	Jamison Koesterer (Sr.)	81-of-159 (.509)	_ Won 25-of-38 (.658) in the NCAA Tournament			

Johns Hopkins' R	ecord		
	In	Under	Curr.
	2007	Petro	Streak
Overall:	13-4	85-19	W9
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At home:	4-3	48-6	W3
On the road:	5-1	29-8	W3
At a neutral site:	4-0	8-5	W4
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On artificial turf:	1-0	51-4	W2
On grass:	1-1	14-8	W1
On Sportexe / Fieldturf:	11-3	20-7	W7
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During the day:	10-4	68-15	W7
At night:	3-0	17-4	W3
In overtime:	3-0	13-2	W9
In one-goal games:	6-1	30-6	W6
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On television:	12-3	55-14	W8
On television.	12 3	33 11	110
In weekday games:	3-0	18-1	W12
On the weekend (Sat/Sun.):	10-4	67-18	W7
on the weekend (bat/buns).	10 4	07 10	** 7
Against teams ranked 1-5:	3-2	21-11	W2
Against teams ranked 6-10:	3-0	18-4	W3
Against teams ranked 11-20:	4-1	25-3	W4
Against unranked teams:	3-1	21-1	W3
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Leading after one quarter:	8-1	51-4	W5
Leading at the half:	9-0	62-2	W46
Leading after three quarters:	12-1	69-3	W12
Trailing after one quarter:	4-3	21-12	W3
Trailing at the half:	3-3	17-13	W3
Trailing after three quarters:	0-2	9-14	L3
Tied after one quarter:	1-0	12-3	W3
Tied at the half:	1-1	6-4	L1
Tied after three quarters:	1-1	7-2	L1
Scoring first:	7-3	61-7	W5
Opponent scores first:	6-1	24-12	W6
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Scoring 10 or more goals:	8-1	60-3	W6
Scoring less than 10 goals:	5-3	25-16	W3
Allowing 10 or more goals:	2-2	14-12	W2
Allowing less than 10 goals:	11-2	71-7	W7
Getting more ground balls:	8-1	61-9	W8
Getting less ground balls:	4-3	19-9	W2
Ground balls equal:	1-0	5-1	W5
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Winning more faceoffs:	9-1	62-11	W7
Opp. wins more faceoffs:	4-2	17-7	W2
Faceoffs equal:	0-1	6-1	L1

Notes about longer streaks:

• Last lost after lead at half at Syracuse (15-14) _____ 3-15-03

A Final Petro: The win over Duke in the NCAA Championship Game was JHU's 13th of the year and the 85th in seven seasons under **Dave Pietramala** (an average of just over 12 wins per year). JHU has won 12 or more games in five of Petro's seven seasons. Amazingly, in the 15 seasons prior to his arrival, Johns Hopkins won 12 or more games exactly once (1995 / 13-1).

Home Away From Home: The NCAA Championship game against Duke was the sixth game Johns Hopkins has played at M&T Bank Stadium since the first college lacrosse game was played there in 2003. JHU's all-time results at M&T Bank Stadium:

Date	Opponent	Result	Notes
May 24, 2003	Syracuse	W/19-8	NCAA Semifinals
May 26, 2003	Virginia	L/7-9	NCAA Championship Game
May 29, 2004	Syracuse	L/9-15	NCAA Semifinals
March 3, 2007	Princeton	W/7-6 (2OT)	2007 Inside-Lacrosse Face-Off Classic
May 26, 2007	Delaware	W/8-3	NCAA Semifinals
May 28, 2007	Duke	W/12-11	NCAA Championship Game

Streaking: Johns Hopkins is 65-11 in its last 76 regular season games dating back to the end of the 2001 season and 77-15 overall since the start of the 2002 season.

Streak Snappers: Johns Hopkins proved to be the spoiler of some impressive winning streaks on its way to the national championship. The Blue Jays, who ended the season with a nine-game winning streak of their own, knocked off Notre Dame (eight-game winning streak entering the game), Georgetown (eight), Delaware (seven) and Duke (12) in the NCAA Tournament. Those teams had won a combined 35 consecutive games entering their matchup with JHU.

Changing History: This year's NCAA Championship is just the second the Blue Jays have won in the state of Maryland. Previously the Blue Jays won the 1979 NCAA Championship with a 15-9 win over Maryland at Maryland.

Win Streaks Under Petro: Johns Hopkins emded the season with a nine-game winning streak after a 4-4 start. The nine-game winning streak is fifth wining streak of eight games or longer under head coach Dave Pietramala. Below is a look at the five longest winning streaks the Blue Jays have enjoyed under Pietramala.

Streak Dates (first win - last win)

- 17 March 5, 2005 February 25, 2006
- 11 March 22, 2003 May 24, 2003
- 9 April 14, 2007 Active
- 9 March 26, 2002 May 19, 2002
- 8 April 3, 2004 May 22, 2004

One-Goal Turnarounds: The 12-11 win over Duke in the NCAA Championship game improved Hopkins' recent run of success in one-goal games as JHU is 30-6 in one-goal games under head coach **Dave Pietramala**. The Blue Jays have won 17 of their last 19 and 21 of their last 24 one-goal games. In the five seasons prior to Pietramala arriving (1996-2000) the Blue Jays were 5-8 in one-goal games.

More One-Goal Notes: The Blue Jays have come from behind to win 14 times during their last 17 one-goal wins. In 10 of those 14 come-from-behind one-goal wins the Blue Jays have come back from a deficit of two goals or more. The latest of these come-from-behind one-goal wins came against Notre Dame, when the Blue Jays erased a 4-1 second-quarter deficit.

Blue Jays Continue Overtime Roll: Johns Hopkins continued an amazing run of success in overtime games with the win against Notre Dame. The Blue Jays improved to 13-2 in overtime under head coach **Dave Pietramala** and have currently won nine straight games that have gone to extra time. More impressively, the Blue Jays are 6-1 in road games that have gone to overtime under Pietramala.

Junior **Paul Rabil** became the first player in school history to score two game-winning goals in overtime in one season as he had previously netted the deciding goal in the second overtime of a 7-6 win against Princeton this season before nailing the winner against the Terps.

Records indicate that Johns Hopkins played its first overtime game in the 1973 NCAA Championship game ... a 10-9 double overtime loss to Maryland. Hopkins boasts an overall record of 22-13 in 35 all-time overtime games

Players on the 2007 team who scored game-winning goals in overtime during their career:

- Junior Kevin Huntley punched home the game-winner in the second OT against Duke in 2005.
- Sophomore Brian Christopher scored 1:22 into OT against Loyola on May 6, 2006.
- Junior **Paul Rabil** fired home the game-winner 56 seconds into the 2nd OT against Princeton on March 3 and tallied the game-winner 43 seconds into overtime at Maryland (4-14-07).
- Freshman **Michael Kimmel** became the first freshman in school history to score an overtime goal in an NCAA Tournament game when he netted the game-winner one-minute into overtime against Notre Dame.

Comeback Kids: Johns Hopkins came from behind to win eight times this season, including six times during the season-ending nine-game winning streak.

More Comeback Kids: The three-goal deficit (4-1) the Blue Jays overcame to knock off Notre Dame is the largest deficit Hopkins has overcome to win since erasing a 7-1 deficit in a 12-11 overtime win at Syracuse on March 18, 2005.

A Final Comeback: The three-goal deficit (4-1) the Blue Jays overcame to knock off Notre Dame is the largest Hopkins has overcome to win an NCAA Tournament game since erasing deficits of 3-0 and 4-1 against Syracuse in the 2004 NCAA Semifinals.

May Day: Johns Hopkins is 23-5 in the month of May under head coach **Dave Pietramala**. The Blue Jays are a perfect 12-0 at Homewood Field in the month of May under Pietramala and have won 20 straight home games in the month of May dating back to a 14-13 loss to Towson in 1992.

Class Act: The Blue Jays got balanced offensive production from members of each class during the 2007 season. Below is a look at JHU's scoring by class for the season:

	Goals	Assists	Points	Notes
Seniors	34	10	44	Byrne led the way with 30 goals and seven assists
Juniors	72	48	120	Three of top six scorers were juniors
Sophomores	25	10	35	Bryan, Christopher & Duerr combined for 20g, 8a
Freshmen	47	21	68	Boyle and Kimmel combined for 67 points

Class Notes of Interest:

- Freshman roommates Steven Boyle and Michael Kimmel combined for 67 points.
- Only four seniors accumulated points as **Jake Byrne** (30g, 7a), **Drew Dabrowski** (3g, 1a), **Jamison Koesterer** (1g, 1a) and **Eric Zerrlaut** (1a) accounted for all 44 points the senior class combined for. Zerrlaut has another year of eligibility and is expected to return in 2008.

Hopkins in Overtime Under Dave Pietramala (13-2)

Date	Opponent	Result	GW Goal
3-24-2001	#9 Virginia	(4OT) L/8-9	O O
3-24-2001	#7 Viigilia	(401) L/0-2	
4-13-2002	#6 Maryland	W/9-8	K. Barrie
5-19-2002	#8 Massachusetts	W/13-12	A. Doneger
3-29-2003	@ #8 North Carolin	na W/11-10	K. Harrison
4-12-2003	@ #5 Maryland	W/6-5	J. McDermott
3-27-2004	@ #17 Virginia	L/8-9	
4-24-2004	@ #2 Navy	W/10-9	C. Ford
3-18-2005	@ #7 Syracuse	W/12-11	G. Peyser
4-8-2005	#2 Duke ((2OT) W/11-10	K. Huntley
4-23-2005	#5 Navy	W/9-8	K. Harrison
5-28-2005	#4 Virginia (N)	W/9-8	B. Erwin
5-6-2006	@ #20 Loyola	W/7-6	B. Christopher
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3-3-2007	#3 Princeton (N)	(2OT) W/7-6	P. Rabil
4-14-2007	@ #7 Maryland	W/8-7	P. Rabil
5-12-07	#11 Notre Dame	W/11-10	M. Kimmel

All games completed in first overtime unless noted

- The junior class accounted for more goals, assists and points than any class on the team with **Paul Rabil** (27g, 26a), **Kevin Huntley** (22g, 9a) and **Stephen Peyser** (16g, 10a) leading the way. The junior class accounted for six goals and five assists in the win over Georgetown (NCAA QF), four of the eight goals against Delaware (NCAA SF) and six goals and six assists in the NCAA Championship game against Duke.
- The sophomore class quietly picked up the scoring pace late in the season and combined for four goals and one assist in the win over Georgetown. **Brian Christopher** (10g, 1a) and **Mark Bryan** (5g, 5a) led the way.

Balanced Extra-Man Scoring: The Blue Jays cashed in on 3-of-5 extra-man chances in the NCAA Championship game against Duke and finished the season 17-of-46 (.370) in EMO opportunities. After struggling early in the season the unit rallied and Johns Hopkins finished tied for ninth in the nation in EMO.

Balance was the key for the Blue Jay extra-man unit this season as all six players registered at least three points and five of the six punched up at least five points. Junior attackman **Kevin Huntley** led the way with six goals and eight points, while junior **Paul Rabil** and freshman **Steven Boyle** both contributed four assists. Johns Hopkins has finished in the top 10 in the nation in extra-man offense five times in the last six years (2002-T4th, 2003-1st, 2004-5th, 2006-9th, 2007-T9th).

Second Time Around: The Blue Jays achieved their ultimate goal of a national championship with the win against Duke, a team that beat the Blue Jays 11-9 earlier this season. This was the 15th time Johns Hopkins faced a team in the NCAA Tournament that it lost to during the regular season. Including the win against the Blue Devils, the Blue Jays have avegred the loss eight

ment that it lost to during the regular season. Including the win against the Blue Devils, the Blue Jays have avegned the loss eight times (including three in the championship game) and were swept seven times. This year's championship game against Duke marked just the second time the Blue Jays have faced a team that beat them during the regular season under **Dave Pietramala**.

Year	Opponent	Reg. Season	NCAAs	Round
2007	Duke	L/9-11	W/12-11	Championship
2003	Syracuse	L/14-15	W/19-8	Semifinals
2000	Syracuse	L/12-13	L/12-14	Semifinals
1996	Virginia	L/9-14	L/10-16	Semifinals
1994	Princeton	L/11-20	L/11-12 (OT)	Quarterfinals
1993	North Carolina	L/9-14	L/10-16	Semifinals
1992	Towson St.	L/13-14	W/15-8	Quarterfinals
1987	Maryland	L/7-11	W/13-8	Semifinals
1983	North Carolina	L/13-14 (OT)	W/12-9	Semifinals
1982	North Carolina	L/12-13 (OT)	L/5-7	Championship
1980	Virginia	L/9-12	W/9-8 (2OT)	Championship
1978	Cornell	L/11-16	W/13-8	Championship
1977	Cornell	L/11-12	L/8-16	Championship
1973	Maryland	L/4-17	L/9-10 (2OT)	Championship
1972	Maryland	L/12-13	W/9-6	Semifinals

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Steven Boyle	2g, 4a			
Jake Byrne	2g, 3a			
Michael Doneger	3g, 0a			
Kevin Huntley	6g, 2a			
Michael Kimmel	3g, 3a			
Paul Rabil	1g, 4a			

Seniors Notch 50th Career Win: With the win over Delaware in the NCAA Semifinals, the seniors on the 2007 Johns Hopkins lacrosse team became just the eighth class in school history to win 50 or more games in their career.

In addition, the NCAA title game against Duke was the 61st for the class of 2007, which ties the class of 2005 for the most games ever played by one class. Below is a look at the winningest classes in school history.

2005	55-6
1981	53-3
1980	51-4
1982	51-5
200=	=0.44
2007	50-11
1985	50-11 50-6

A Game of Runs: Several years ago the Blue Jays were well known for putting together some devastating scoring runs that weighed heavily in the outcome of their games. During the 2003 and 2004 seasons Johns Hopkins had more than 20 game-turning runs where the Blue Jays out-scored their opponents by three or more goals.

This season the Blue Jays demonstrated an ability to do the same thing as they had at least one significant run in each of their 17 games. Below is a look at JHU runs that altered the course of a game this season:

Opponent	Run	Notes
Albany	7-0	Turns 5-0 deficit into 7-5 lead Albany comes back with three-goal run to win
Princeton	6-3	JHU scores six of final nine goals to win 7-6 in double-overtime
UMBC	8-0	Game-opening run puts Blue Jays ahead to stay
Hofstra	5-1	Blue Jays open with 5-1 run Hofstra trims deficit to one, but never ties
Syracuse	8-0	Turns 2-1 deficit into 9-2 lead in 2nd quarter SU never closer than five again
	6-0	Pushes lead from 10-5 to 16-5 midway through 3rd quarter
Virginia	3-0	Game-ending run comes up short in 7-5 loss to Cavaliers
North Carolina	3-0	Game-opening spree
	3-0	Third-quarter run turns 7-6 deficit into 9-7 lead
Duke	4-2	Game-ending run Only time this year JHU did not have a run of +3 or better
Maryland	3-0	Blue Jays use a pair of 3-0 runs to fuel 8-7 victory
Navy	3-0	Turns 3-1 deficit into 4-3 lead
	6-3	JHU scores six of first nine goals in second half
Towson	5-0	JHU goes from down 5-3 to up 8-5 game never tied again
Mount St. Mary's	11-0	Blue Jays score final 11 goals of the game
Loyola	6-1	Second-half rally turns 6-5 deficit into 11-7 lead LC never closer than 3 again
Notre Dame	6-1	Turns 4-1 deficit into 7-5 lead JHU never trails again
Georgetown	6-0	JHU answers game-opening goal with six-goal run
	6-1	Second-half surge pushes 7-3 lead to 13-4 midway through fourth quarter
Delaware	5-0	Extends 3-2 lead to 8-2 in the fourth quarter
Duke	8-2	Turns early 2-2 tie into 10-4 lead at the half. Duke never leads

Career NCAA Tournament Statistics • Active Players •					
Name	GP	G	A	P	
Steven Boyle	4	2	1	3	
Mark Bryan	6	1	1	2	
Jake Byrne	13	18	6	24	
George Castle	6	0	2	2	
Brian Christopher	6	5	1	6	
Drew Dabrowski	8	3	4	7	
Michael Doneger	6	5	0	5	
Tom Duerr	6	6	0	6	
Kevin Huntley	10	18	6	24	
Michael Kimmel	4	6	0	6	
Jamison Koesterer	13	1	3	4	
Andrew Miller	6	1	0	1	
Stephen Peyser	10	14	3	17	
Paul Rabil	10	14	20	34	
Brendan Skakandi	12	0	1	1	
Garrett Stanwick	7	2	0	2	
Eric Zerrlaut	8	0	1	1	
Totals		96	49	145	

Not to Be Outdone: While scoring runs are most often talked about from an offensive perspective, the Blue Jay defense quietly putting together quite a run of its own this season.

The Blue Jays held 16 of their 17 opponents scoreless for at least a span of 10:45 and held Mount St. Mary's off the board for the final 38:28 - the longest such streak this season for the Blue Jay defense and one of eight streaks of 20:00 or longer. Loyola is the only team the Blue Jays did not hold scorelss for at least a span of 10:45, although the 'Hounds' did go without scoring for spans of 9:32 and 9:44.

Johns Hopkins held the opposition scoreless for a span of 10:45 or longer 25 times this season, including three such streaks in wins against Princeton and Maryland. The Blue Jays held their first three NCAA Tournament opponents scoreless for a streak of at least 18:10.

Opponent	Held Scoreless	Notes
Albany	33:28	JHU outscores Albany 7-0 during this span
Princeton	16:21 / 11:58 / 11:21	Princeton scores just once in final 24:22
UMBC	27:36	Retrievers don't score until 2:23 remain in 2nd quarter
Hofstra	27:02	Pride doesn't score until just 2:57 remain in 2nd quarter
Syracuse	14:14	JHU outscores Syracuse 8-0 during this span
Virginia	11:35 / 15:05	JHU outscores UVa 3-0 during final 15:05
North Carolina	17:36	UNC doesn't score until 2:23 into 2nd quarter
Duke	14:23	JHU slices four-goal deficit (10-6) to two (10-8), but can't get closer
Maryland	14:37 / 15:30 / 11:48	Three long scoring droughts for the Terps
Navy	15:13 / 10:57	JHU outscores Navy 3-0 during both runs
Towson	21:59	Blue Jays outscored Tigers 5-0 during this stretch
Mount St. Mary's	38:28	MSM held scoreless for final 38:28 - JHU outscores 11-0
Loyola	9:32 / 9:44	1st game with no stretch of 10:57 or longer
Notre Dame	18:10	JHU outscores Notre Dame 4-0 during this run
Georgetown	29:39	After game-opening goal GU held scoreless until early in 3rd Qtr.
Delaware	25:31	Delaware doesn't get on the board until 4:28 remains in 1st half.
	20:00	JHU out-scores UD 5-0 during second-half run to put the game away
Duke	10:45	Game-opening scoreless drought for Devils

2007 Opponent Scoreless Streaks Top 20	
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Updated Player Notes of Interest

Matt Bocklet

Junior • Defense

(South Salem, NY/John Jay (Fairfield))

Made an immediate impact in his first season at Hopkins after transferring from Fairfield • Played in all 17 games and started the final seven on close defense • Finished second on the team with 70 ground balls and added one goal and one assist while winning 1-of-2 faceoffs • 70 ground balls are the most by a non-faceoff specialist at Hopkins since John Gagliardi had 72 in 1997 • Wasted little time demonstrating ability to come up with loose balls as he grabbed seven ground balls in a 7-6 double-overtime victory against Princeton in the inaugural *Inside Lacrosse* Face-Off Classic and added a career-high eight at Syracuse and seven against Virginia • Scored first goal as a Blue Jay and added five ground balls in a regular-season loss against Duke and matched career-high with eight GBs in regular-season-ending win against Loyola.

Steven Boyle

Freshman • Attack

(Derry, NH/Pinkerton Academy)

Honorable Mention USILA All-American • First JHU freshman attackman to earn All-America honors since Terry Riordan and Brian Piccola in 1992 • Played in all 17 games and started the final 16 • Finished tied for second on the team in points (37), second in assists (14) and tied for third in goals (23) • 37 points and 23 goals are tied for the most ever by a freshman under head coach Dave Pietramala • Registered at least one point in 14 straight games to open career before being held scoreless by Georgetown and Delaware in the NCAA Tournament • Had one goal and one assist in career debut against Albany and came back with three goals in a 7-6 double-overime victory against Princeton in the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Classic to earn game MVP honors • Threegoal effort against the Tigers ignited a four-game surge that saw him total 11 goals and four assists in four straight JHU wins over Princeton (3g), UMBC (1g, 3a), Hofstra (3g) and Syracuse (4g, 1a) • Four goals and five points against Syracuse were career highs • Surged into the NCAA Tournament with seven goals and three assists in wins against Towson (2g, 2a), Mount St. Mary's (2g) and Loyola (3g, 1a) . Scored one goal in NCAA First Round win against Notre Dame and added one goal and one assist in the NCAA Championship game agianst Duke.

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Mark Bryan

Sophomore • Midfield

(Niskayuna, NY/Niskayuna)

Key member of JHU's second midfield • Played in all 17 games and totaled five goals, five assists, 12 ground balls and one game-winning goal • Scored goals in early-season games against Albany and UMBC before matching career-high with two points on one goal and one assist in a 17-9 win at Syracuse • Had a career-best six-game point-scoring streak late in the season with assists in wins over Navy, Towson, Mount St. Mary's and Notre Dame and goals against Loyola and Georgetown • Goal against the Hoyas was his first in an NCAA Tournament game and ignited a 6-0 run that gave JHU a 6-1 lead • GU never closer than four the rest of the way.

Jake Byrne

Senior • Attack

(Potomac, MD/Landon)

Co-captain • Garnered Honorable Mention All-America honors for the second time in his career • Started all 17 games on attack and totaled 30 goals and seven assists for 37 points and added 25 ground balls, two extra-man goals and one game-winning goal • 30 goals and 37 assists are career highs . Finished career with 78 goals and 37 assists for 115 points • Fueled early-season four-game winning streak with three straight four-point games • Bounced back from a scoreless showing against Princton in the first of those wins with two goals and two assists against UMBC • Added two goals and two assists against Hofstra and punched up three goals and one assist in a 17-9 win at Syracuse • Notched four goals against North Carolina and combined for three goals in back-to-back wins against Maryland and Navy • Recorded the 100th point of his career with a one goal, one assist showing against Towson before erupting for eight goals in a three-game span to lift JHU into the national semifinals • Scored three goals in wins over Loyola and Notre Dame and added two in the first quarter of a 14-6 win over Georgetown in the NCAA Quarterfinals • Held scoreless by Delaware in the NCAA Semifinals, but ignited the first-half explosion against Duke in the NCAA Championship game with a goal just 12 seconds into the title game • Went on to score four goals and add one assist in the ring-clinching victory to earn a spot on the NCAA All-Tournament Team.

George Castle

Junior • SSDM

(Glenside, PA/Penn Charter)

Played in all 17 games as one of JHU's primary short-stick defensive middies • Scored one goal and added two assists and nine ground balls on the year • Helped fuel a defense that improved steadily as the season progressed • Unit allowed an average of just 7.22 goals goals per game during season-ending nine-game winning streak after allowing an average of 8.5 during the first eight games • Helped hold Delaware's starting midfield to a combined total of one goal and one assist in the NCAA Semifinals • Scored first career goal in JHU's win at UMBC and aded an assist in wins over Hofstra and Georgetown.

Brian Christopher

Sophomore • Midfield

(Spring field, PA/Spring field)

Played in all 17 games with one start and anchored JHU's second midfield • Tallied 10 goals and added one assist to finish seventh on the team in goals and points • Showed steady improvement throughout the season with several key goals during JHU's season-ending nine-game winning streak • Scored once against UMBC and North Carolina and fired home a pair of goals in a 17-9 win at Syracuse • Scored a

crucial third-quarter goal to give JHU a 6-5 lead at Maryland and added a third-quarter goal a week later against Navy to tie the game at 6-6 • Capped a 3-0 game-opening run in the regular-season-finale against Loyola and matched career high with two goals in the NCAA First Round victory against Notre Dame • Added one goal and one assist in the NCAA Quarterfinals against Georgetown.

Drew Dabrowski

Senior • Midfield

(Syracuse, NY/West Genesee)

Senior co-captain played in all 17 games as a member of JHU's second midfield • Made the move from attack to midfield this season • Scored three goals and added one assist on the year • Tallied one goal in the season-opener against Albany and added a goal in the win at UMBC • Sparked JHU's win over Notre Dame with a crucial third-quarter goal that gave Hopkins its first lead of the game.

Sam DeVore

Freshman • Defense

(East Setauket, NY/Ward Melville)

Talented freshman defenseman played in 15 games • Saw increased playing time as the season unfolded and grabbed three ground balls on the year • Increased playing time coincided with JHU's season-ending nine-game winning streak • Key member of a JHU man-down unit that showed steady improvement throughout the season and allowed just four EMO goals on 17 chances in the NCAA Tournament (.235) • Entering the NCAAs the opposition had cashed in on 17-of-43 (.395) opportunities.

Michael Doneger

Junior • Attack

(Hewlett, NY/Lynbrook)

Reserve attackman who played in 16 games primarily as a member of JHU's extra-man unit • Scored five goals on nine shots and grabbed three ground balls • Three of his five goals were extra-man goals, a total that tied for second on the team • Has 19 career goals on 35 shots (.543).

Tom Duerr

Sophomore • Attack

(Manasquan, NJ/Christian Brothers Academy)

Reserve attackman who played in 14 games with one start to his credit • Fired home five goals and added two assists for seven points and grabbed six ground balls on the year · Started the season-opener against Albany and tallied one assist • Added goals against UMBC and North Carolina and an assist against Mount St. Mary's before igniting JHU's run to the national championship with three goals in the NCAA Tournament • Punched home perhaps the key goal in the win over Georgetown in the NCAA Quarterfinals as his unassisted goal midway through the second quarter came after JHU had killed a three-minute non-releasable penalty and gave JHU a 4-1 lead • Georgetown was never closer than three goals again • Ignited the Blue Jays in the NCAA Semifinals against Delaware with an unassisted goal late in the third quarter that ignited a 5-0 run that put the game away • Capped stirring run in the NCAAs with a second-quarter goal in the NCAA Championship game against Duke that fueled an 8-2 run that gave JHU a 10-4 halftime lead.

Updated Player Notes of Interest

Michael Evans

Sophomore • Defense

(Davidsonville, MD/South River)

Emerged as the leader of the Hopkins defense and one of the top young defensemen in the nation • Earned Honorable Mention USILA All-America honors • Started all 17 games on close defense and grabbed 11 ground balls on the year • Sparkled late in the season as the Blue Jay defense began to emerge • Unit allowed an average of just 7.22 goals goals per game during season-ending nine-game winning streak after allowing an average of 8.5 during the first eight games • Sparked JHU's 14-6 win against Georgetown in the NCAA Quarterfinals by helping hold Hoya All-American Brendan Cannon scoreless . Anchored a defensive effort against Delaware in the NCAA Semifinals that resulted in the Hens being held to the lowest goal total in semifinal history (3) • Polished off campaign with a strong effort in the NCAA Championship game against Duke, when he helped hold National Player of the Year Matt Danowski to one goal and one assist.

Michael Gvozden Freshman • Goalie

(Millersville, MD/Severna Park)

Played in three games for a total of 47:27 as the backup to senior goalie Jesse Schwartzman • Posted a 2.53 goals against average and a .833 save percentage on the year • Got the first extensive playing time of his career in the win at Mount St. Mary's • Replaced Schwartzman with 1:48 remaining in the first quarter and went on to post nine saves while allowing just one goal in 43:49 • Also grabbed three ground balls in the win over the Mount

Kevin Huntley Junior • Attack (Towson, MD/Calvert Hall)

Started all 17 games on attack and finished fourth on the team in points (31) and assists (9) and fifth in goals (22) • Added 24 ground balls, a team-high six extra-man goals and one game-winning goal . Totaled just six goals and three assists in the first eight games of the season before sparking JHU's run to the national championship with a strong secondhalf of the season • Ignited late-season surge with a three-goal showing in the pouring rain in a crucial 8-7 overtime victory at Maryland • Added multi-point games against Towson (2g) and Mount St. Mary's (2g, 1a) in the regular season and then sparked the run in the NCAA Tournament with 12 points in four playoff games • Punched up a career-high three assists in an 11-10 overtime victory against Notre Dame in the first round of the tournament • Assisted on three straight goals during a 6-1 spree against the Irish that turned a 4-1 deficit into a 7-5 lead • Offensive difference-maker in the 14-6 win over Georgetown in the quarterfinals as he matched careerhighs with five goals and six points • All five goals came in a span of 27:38 midway through the game after he had been flagged for a three-minute non-releasable penalty for an illegal stick • Five goals are the most by a JHU player in an NCAA Tournament game since Conor Ford had five against UNC (2004 QF) • Scored twice during the first half of the NCAA Championship game against Duke an then beat Blue Devil goalie Dan Loftus from the doorstep with 3:25 remaning with what proved to be the game-winning goal.

Michael Kimmel Freshman • Midfield (Towson, MD/Loyola)

Played in all 17 games and started the final 16 on Hopkins' first midfield unit • Finished fifth on the team in points (30), tied for third in goals (23) and tied for fifth in assists (7) • Tied

for team-lead with four game-winning goals, ranked second in extra-man goals (3) and added 19 ground balls • 23 goals are tied for the most ever by a freshman under head coach Dave Pietramala, while 30 points are fourth-most by a rookie in the Pietramala era . Opened career with a one-goal, oneassist effort against Albany and sparked comeback against Princeton a week later in the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Classic with three second-half assists • Nothced first career hat trick three days later against Hofstra and pushed career-opening multi-point game streak to five with efforts against Hofstra (1g, 1a) and Syracuse (2g) • Career-opening point-scoring streak reached eight before ending in the pouring rain at Maryland • Bounced back from first scoreless game of his career with a three-goal showing against Navy and added third hat trick nine days later against Mount St. Mary's • Further etched name in JHU record book as he became the first freshman in school history to score an overtime goal in the NCAA Tournament when he fired home the game-winner against Notre Dame in the first round • Added two goals on three shots in the NCAA Quarterfinals against Georgetown and added his fourth hat trick of the season in the NCAA Semifinal victory over Delaware • First JHU freshman to score three goals in an NCAA Semifinal game since Kyle Barrie turned the trick against Princeton in 2002.

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Jamison Koesterer

Senior • Defense / Faceoff Specialist (Cazenovia, NY/Cazenovia)

Played in all 17 games and may have been the team's most versatile player in 2007 • Made the move from offensive midfield to defense this season and at various times played close defense, long-stick midfield and short-stick defensive midfield while also maintaining his role in JHU's faceoff rotation • Scored one goal and added one assist, won 81-of-159 faceoffs and grabbed 35 ground balls • Faceoffs won and attempted were both career highs and 35 ground balls were second-highest total of his career • Won 7-of-12 faceoffs and grabbed three ground balls against UMBC and tied career-high with nine faceoff wins on a career-high 18 attempts in the victory at Syracuse • Turned in a solid effort against Duke during the regular season with one goal, one assist and two ground balls while winning 6-of-12 faceoffs in an 11-9 loss • Sparked JHU's season-turning win at Maryland with an 8-of-13 performance at the "X" with six ground balls • Fueled JHU's run through the NCAA Tournament as

he won 25-of-38 (.658) faceoffs, including 5-of-7 against Notre Dame and 7-of-10 against Georgetown • Added a 5-of-9 showing against Delaware's Alex Smith - the nation's top faceoff specialist - in the NCAA Semifinals and was magnificent against Duke in the NCAA Championship game (8-of-12 with three ground balls).

Andrew Miller Sophomore • SSDM

(Mastic, NY/William Floyd)

Played in all 17 games as JHU's top short-stick defensive middie • Tallied one goal and one assist and grabbed 23 ground balls on the year while fueling a defense that improved steadily as the season progressed • Unit allowed an average of just 7.22 goals goals per game during season-ending nine-game winning streak after allowing an average of 8.5 during the first eight games • Picked up the first assist of his career in JHU's 7-6 double-overtime victory against Princeton in the *Inside Lacrosse* Face-Off Classic as he assisted on Steven Boyle's transition goal • Added the first goal of his career to fuel a 6-1 second-half run in a 14-6 win over Georgetown in the NCAA Quarterfinals • Helped hold Delaware's starting midfield to a combined total of one goal and one assist in the NCAA Semifinals.

Ben O'Neill

Junior • Defense

(Oakton, VA/Episcopal)

Key member of the Blue Jay defense and man-down unit • Played in 16 games and started the first eight on close defense • Totaled eight ground balls on the year • JHU man-down unit showed steady improvement throughout the season and allowed just four EMO goals on 17 chances in the NCAA Tournament (.235) • Entering the NCAAs the opposition had cashed in on 17-of-43 (.395) opportunities.

Stephen Peyser

Junior • Midfield / Faceoff Specialist (Lloyd Harbor, NY/Cold Spring Harbor)

Third Team USILA All-America selection • Started all 17 games on JHU's first midfield and finished with 16 goals, 10 assists and a team-high 80 ground balls while winning 106-of-189 (.561) faceoffs • Finished 17th in the nation in faceoff winning percentage and 20th in ground balls per game (4.71) • Ranked sixth on the team in goals and points and third in assists • Came up with the key ground ball in second overtime and assisted on Paul Rabil's game-winner against Princeton in the Inside Lacrosse Faceoff Classic • Added two goals and one assist and won 5-of-7 faceoffs three days later against UMBC • Sparked the win over Hofstra by winning 9-of-13 faceoffs while matching then career high with eight ground balls • Punched up career-high four points (2g, 2a) and won 6-of-10 faceoffs in a regular-season loss to Duke • JHU stood at 4-4 after the loss to the Blue Devils before Peyser fueled a nine-game winning streak that culminated with a win over Duke in the NCAA Championship game • Won 69-of-112 (.616) faceoffs and grabbed 55 ground balls (6.1/game) during nine-game run to the title • Turned in one of the top performances of his career in the win over Navy by winning 14-of-17 faceoffs and grabbing a career-high 12 ground balls • 14 faceoffs won and 17 attempts were also career highs • Effort came against a Navy team ranked in the top five in the nation in faceoff percentage . Scored two goals, won 12-of-15 faceoffs and grabbed six ground balls against Towson • Scored JHU's first goal, won 12-of-15 faceoffs and tied career high with 12 ground balls against Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament • Notched second career hat trick, won 3-of-6 faceoffs and grabbed four ground balls against Delaware in the NCAA Semifinals • Punched

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his ticket onto the NCAA All-Tournament Team with a sparkling effort against Duke in the NCAA Championship game • Scored two goals and added one assist, won 9-of-14 faceoffs and grabbed nine ground balls in the ring-clinching victory over the Blue Devils • Won his first five faceoffs of the game and JHU won the first seven overall • Assist and both goals in the title game came during an 8-2 first-half run that gave JHU a 10-4 halftime lead.

Paul Rabil Junior • Midfield (Gaithersburg, MD/DeMatha)

First Team USILA All-America selection for the second straight year and the MacLaughlin Award winner as the nation's top midfielder • Finalist for the Tewaaraton Trophy • Third Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America • Started all 17 games on JHU's first midfield and led the team in scoring with 27 goals and 26 assists for 53 points • 27 goals are a career-high and ranked second on the team, while 26 assists are also a career-high and led the team • First JHU player since Dan Denihan in 2000 with more than 25 goals and 25 assists and first midfielder to turn the trick since Brendan Schneck in 1980 • Ranked 20th in the nation in assists per game (1.53) and 31st in points per game (3.12) · Closed season with a 16-game point-scoring streak after being held scoreless in the season-opener against Albany • Bounced back from season-opener with a two-goal effort against Princeton that included the game-winning goal in the second overtime • After totaling four goals and one assist in four games got rolling for good with three goals and three assists in a 17-9 win at Syracuse • Career-high-tying sixpoint effort ignited an 11-game multi-point run that included 10 games with three or more points • Scored twice against Virginia and added one goal and two assists against North Carolina and Duke • Fueled the season-changing win for the Blue Jays with one goal and two assists in an 8-7 overtime win at Maryland • Became the first player in school history to score two overtime goals in one season when he fired home the game-winner 43 seconds into the extra session against the Terps • Totaled five goals and one assist in back-to-back wins over Navy and Towson and added a combined 11 points (6g, 5a) in back-to-back wins over Mount St. Mary's and Loyola to end the regular season • Jump-started four-game run of dominance in the NCAA Tournament with a two-goal. two-assist showing against Notre Dame in the first round and added three assists against Georgetown in the quarterfinals · Facing double and triple teams throughout the game, was limited to one goal in the NCAA Semifinals against Delaware · Saved one of the top individual performances by any player in the nation for the NCAA Championship game against Duke when he laid a one-goal, five-assist masterpiece on the Blue Devils to secure a spot on the NCAA All-Tournament Team
• Assisted on the first two goals of the game for JHU and added two more assists before halftime as Hopkins sprinted to a 10-4 halftime lead • Halted Duke's 5-0 scoring run with a running right-handed laser just inside the far post to open the fourth quarter and established a JHU record for assists in a title game when he came up with a loose ball on a failed Duke clear and fed Kevin Huntley for what proved to be the game-winning goal with 3:25 remaining.

Paul Rabil Statistically Speaking - Now has career totals of 75 goals and 53 assists for 128 points • Has 14 goals and 20 assists for 34 points in 10 NCAA Tournament games • 20 assists in the NCAA Tournament is already just one shy of JHU's career record (21, Kevin Boland) and 34 points are just six shy of JHU's career record (40, Mike O'Neill) • Has registered at least one point in 43 of 47 carer games and has 35 career multi-point games and 25 career multi-goal games.

Jesse Schwartzman Senior • Goalie (Owings Mills MD/Pik

(Owings Mills, MD/Pikesville)

Started all 17 games in goal for the Blue Jays and posted an 8.08 goals against average and a .572 save percentage • Registered 175 saves and allowed 131 goals in 973:05 • Earned NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors for the second time in his career after leading JHU to its second NCAA Championship in three years • Joins Larry Quinn as the only JHU players to win Most Outstanding Player honors more than once (just fourth overall to do this) • 175 saves is a career-high and tied for the 10th-highest single-season total in school history • Sparked JHU's 7-6 double overtime victory against Princeton in the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Classic with a 17-save effort • Had 13 saves while allowing just four goals over the final three quarters and overtime • Came back with 13 saves and allowed just six goals three days later against UMBC • Registered 17 saves at Syracuse in a 17-9 win and came back with 14 saves while allowing just seven goals a week later against Virginia • Cemented his reputation as one of the top big-game goalies in recent history with his performance in the NCAA Tournament • Posted a 7.32 goals against average and a .651 save percentage in the NCAA Tournament • Posted career-high 15 saves in NCAA Quarterfinals against Georgetown (5 GA in 56:50) and NCAA Championship game against Duke (11 GA in 60:00) • Registered biggest save of his career with a kick save in the final 10 seconds to preserve JHU's 12-11 win over the Blue Devils in the title game.

Rabil Compares Favorably to Standout JHU Middies

Paul Rabil has helped lead Johns Hopkins to a pair of NCAA Championships and compares favorably to many of the top midfielders to play at Johns Hopkins in the last 25 years. In fact, only four-time First Team All-American Del Dressel (1983-86) is ahead of the scoring pace Rabil is keeping.

Below is a look at how Rabil's numbers compare to several All-America midfielders at Hopkins during their first three years at JHU:

Name	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Three-Year Totals
Paul Rabil (2005-07)	23g, 14a	25g, 13a	27g, 26a	75g, 53a
Kyle Harrison (2002-04)	9g, 4a	22g, 14a	26g, 7a	57g, 25a
Kevin Boland (2001-03)	1g, 6a	12g, 19a	21g, 25a	34g, 50a
A.J. Haugen (1997-99)	8g, 5a	27g, 8a	23g, 4a	58g, 17a
Milford Marchant (1993-95)	16g, 6a	14g, 11a	19g, 2a	49g, 19a
Adam Wright (1989-91)	14g, 1a	19g, 1a	17g, 4a	50g, 6a
Del Dressel (1983-85)	27g, 19a	27g, 17a	23g, 19a	77g, 55a
John Krumenacker (1982-84)	16g, 11a	20g, 16a	10g, 16a	46g, 43a

Jesse Schwartzman Statistically Speaking

- Finishes career as JHU's career leader in goals against average (7.48) and ranks sixth on JHU's career saves list with 519 • Efforts during 2007 NCAA Tournament improved career record to 10-1 in NCAA Tournament action and 39-9 overall (JHU was 40-9 in his 49 career starts)
• 10 NCAA Tournament victories are the most ever

by a JHU goalie • Fashioned a career goals against average of 7.24 and a career save percentage of .605 in the NCAA Tournament.

Brendan Skakandi

Senior • LSM

(Farmingdale, NY/Farmingdale)

Co-captain • JHU's top long-stick defensive midfielder and one of the top players in the nation at the position • Played in all 17 games and grabbed 25 ground balls • Teamed with short stick defensive middies Andrew Miller and George Castle to hold many of the top midfielders the Blue Jays faced in check • Helped hold Delaware's starting midfield to a combined total of one goal and one assist in the NCAA Semifinals • Sparkled late in the season as the Blue Jay defense began to emerge • Unit allowed an average of just 7.22 goals goals per game during season-ending nine-game winning streak after allowing an average of 8.5 during the first eight games.

Garrett Stanwick Junior • Midfield (Aquasco, MD/St, Mary's)

Reserve midfielder and designated clearing specialist who saw action in 16 games • Did not register any statistics on the year.

Austin Walker Sophomore • Midfield (Dix Hills, NY/Half Hollow Hills West)

Played in 16 games as a member of JHU's second midfield
• Scored three goals, added one assist and three ground balls
on the year • Enjoyed a solid effort at North Carolina with
one assist and his first career goal • Came back two weeks
later and sparked JHU's dramatic 8-7 overtime victory at
Maryland with the first two-goal performance of his career
• Tallied goals on back-to-back runs against the Terps to turn

Eric Zerrlaut Senior • Defense (Gambrills, MD/St. Mary's)

a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 lead.

Started all 17 games on close defense after making a miraculous recovery from a torn ACL • Suffered what was feared to be a season-threatening injury early in the fall, but battled back to start the season-opener against Albany and didn't miss any time once the season began • Grabbed a career-high 31 ground balls on the year to finish sixth on the team in that category • Turned in a tremendous effort against Delaware and Duke at the Final Four • Helped limit Delaware just three goals in the semifinals ... the fewest goals ever allowed in an NCAA Semifinal • Came back two days later and helped hold Zack Greer, the top goal-scorer (67) and second-leading point-scoring (94) in the nation, to just one assist in the national championship game • Sparkled late in the season as the Blue Jay defense began to emerge • Unit allowed an average of just 7.22 goals goals per game during season-ending nine-game winning streak after allowing an average of 8.5 during the first eight games.

Miscellaneous Statistics

The Last Time Johns Hopkins (2007 accomplishments in bold) ...

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Scored 20 or more goals	22, vs. Marist (5-14-2005)
	15, vs. Mount St. Mary's (4-30-2007)
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Allowed 15 or more goals	15, vs. Syracuse (5-29-2004)
Totaled 30 or more points	32 (19g, 13a), vs. Mount St. Mary's (4-3-2006)
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Won 20 or more faceoffs	21 (21-of-39), vs. #7 Syracuse (5-20-2006)
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Grabbed 50 or more ground balls	77, vs. St. Joe's (4-21-1999)
	77, vs. St. Joe's (4-21-1999)
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Took 50 or more shots	52, vs. Marist (5-14-2005)
	61, vs. Albany (3-9-2004)
	83, vs. St. Joe's (4-21-1999)
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Scored five or more extra-man goals	6 (6-of-11), vs. Albany (3-9-2004)
	Kevin Huntley vs. Marist (5-14-2005)
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Allowed five or more extra-man goals	5 (5-of-7), vs. UMass (5-21-2005)
	Zack Greer of Duke (4-7-2007)
Anowed a man-down goal	Zack Offer of Duke (4-7-2007)
Come from behind to win	vs. Georgetown (5-19-07) - Trailed 1-0 in 1st Quarter - Won 14-6
Come from two goals down to win	vs. Notre Dame (5-12-07) - Trailed 4-1 in 2nd Quarter - Won 11-10 in OT
Come from three goals down to win	vs. Notre Dame (5-12-07) - Trailed 4-1 in 2nd Quarter - Won 11-10 in OT vs. Notre Dame (5-12-07) - Trailed 4-1 in 2nd Quarter - Won 11-10 in OT
Come from four goals down to win	vs. Syracuse (3-18-2005) - Trailed, 7-1 in 2nd Q - Won 12-11 in OT
Come from five cools down to win	vs. Syracuse (3-18-2005) - Trailed, 7-1 in 2nd Q - Won 12-11 in OT vs. Syracuse (3-18-2005) - Trailed, 7-1 in 2nd Q - Won 12-11 in OT
Come from six goals down to win	vs. Syracuse (3-18-2005) - Trailed, 7-1 in 2nd Q - Won 12-11 in OT vs. Syracuse (3-18-2005) - Trailed, 7-1 in 2nd Q - Won 12-11 in OT
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	vs. Syracuse (3-15-2003) - Led 8-2 in 2nd Q - Lost 15-14
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Scored 5 or more goals	5, Kevin Huntley vs. Georgetown (5-19-2007)
	6, Dylan Schlott vs. St. Joe's (4-21-1999)
	7, Dylan Schlott vs. Villanova (4-4-1998)
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Dished out 4 or more assists	5, Paul Rabil vs. Duke (5-28-2007)
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	6, Dan Denihan vs. Hofstra (3-11-2000)
	8, Dave Marr vs. Navy (4-19-1996)
Dished out 8 or more assists	8, Dave Marr vs. Navy (4-19-1996)
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Totaled 6 or more points	6, Paul Rabil vs. Duke (5-28-2007)
	7, Jake Byrne vs. Albany (4-5-2005)
	9, Kyle Barrie vs. Navy (4-19-2003)
Totaled 9 or more points	9, Kyle Barrie vs. Navy (4-19-2003)
	11, Dan Denihan vs. Towson (5-2-1999)
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Scored an overtime goal	Michael Kimmel vs. Notre Dame (5-12-2007)
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Grabbed 14 or more ground balls	14, Kyle Harrison vs. Syracuse (3-20-2004)
Won 15 or more faceoffs	15, Greg Peyser vs. Hofstra (3-13-2004)
Registered 20 or more saves	21, Jesse Schwartzman vs. Towson (4-30-2005)

Ranking Record - I: Below is a look at JHU's record under head coach Dave Pietramala by JHU's ranking at the time of the game

JHU Record
42-7
6-2
9-1
4-2
10-1
3-2
4-1
1-1
3-2
1-0
1-0
1-0
85-19

Ranking Record - II: Below is a look at JHU's record under head coach Dave Pietramala by the opposition's ranking at the time of the game

Opp. Rank	JHU Record
1st	4-1
2nd	6-2
3rd	3-0
4th	3-5
5th	5-3
6th	2-1
7th	4-1
8th	5-0
9th	2-2
10th	4-1
11th	5-0
12th	4-0
13th	2-0
14th	3-0
15th	4-2
16th	1-0
17th	2-1
18th	1-0
19th	1-0
20th	2-0
Unranked	21-1
Total	85-19

POLL NOTES: The Johns Hopkins Sports Information Office uses the STX/USILA Coaches Poll to reflect JHU's actual ranking at the time of the game. The only exception is for games early in the season prior to the release of a coaches poll. In this instance, the team's ranking is based on the Face-Off Yearbook Poll, which is a poll of all Division I head coaches.

In 2007 there wasn't an official coaches poll in Face-Off Yearbook. JHU's ranking at the time of the game for the Albany game was based on the Blue Jays' rank in the Nike/*Inside Lacrosse* Media Poll.

Individual Career Totals

Mark Bryan		Jamison Koesterer	
Goals:	8	Goals:	7
Assists:	6	Assists:	12
Points:	14	Points:	19
Ground Balls:	15	Ground Balls:	101
		Faceoffs Won:	175
Jake Byrne		Faceoffs Taken:	318
Goals:	78	Faceoff Winning Percentage:	550
Assists:	37		
Points:	115	Stephen Peyser	
Ground Balls:	80	Goals:	30
		Assists:	13
George Castle		Points:	43
Goals:	1	Ground Balls:	121
Assists:		Faceoffs Won:	146
Points:		Faceoffs Taken:	
Ground Balls:		Faceoff Winning Percentage:	
Brian Christopher		Paul Rabil	
Goals:	23	Goals:	75
Assists:		Assists:	53
Points:		Points:	
Ground Balls:			
		Jesse Schwartzman	
Drew Dabrowski		Goals Allowed:	363
Goals:	12	Saves:	
Assists:		Minutes Played:	
Points:		Goals Against Average:	
Ground Balls:		Save Percentage:	
Michael Doneger		Brendan Skakandi	
Goals:	19	Goals:	0
Assists:	0	Assists:	1
Points:	19	Points:	1
Ground Balls:	7	Ground Balls:	95
Tom Duerr		Garrett Stanwick	
Goals:	13	Goals:	1
Assists:		Assists:	
Points:		Points:	
Ground Balls:			
Ground Dails:	10	Ground Balls:	
Kevin Huntley		Eric Zerrlaut	
Goals:	75	Goals:	0
Assists:	21	Assists:	1
Points:	96	Points:	1
Ground Balls:		Ground Balls:	57

Game 1 • February 24, 2007 • Homewood Field Albany-8, Johns Hopkins-7

BALTIMORE, MD – In a game of runs, it was visiting Albany that had the final one as the visiting Great Danes stunned the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team, 8-7, at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. Albany grabs its first win in the six-game series and moves to 1-0, while the Blue Jays drop their first season-opener since 2001 and are now 0-1. Johns Hopkins was ranked number one in the Nike/Inside Lacrosse Media Poll.

Hopkins led 7-5 after a seven-goal run erased an early 5-0 Albany lead, but it would be the Danes who had the final spree. Steve Ammann's unassisted goal with 4:46 remaining drew Albany within one at 7-6 and it took just 41 seconds for John Alpizar to get the equalizer as he drove hard to the goal and beat a late slide to tie the score at 7-7.

Albany, which won 4-of-5 faceoffs in the fourth quarter after winning just 5-of-13 through three quarters, won the faceoff after Alpizar's goal and worked the clock down under two minutes before Alpizar fed a cutting Frank Resetarits, who beat Blue Jay goalie Jesse Schwartzman with a shot low inside the far post to give Albany the 8-7 lead. Albany won the ensuing faceoff as well, but turned the ball over quickly to give the Blue Jays one last shot. The Blue Jays had two shots in the final 10 seconds, but Kevin Huntley whistled one low just past the far post and freshman Steven Boyle was stuffed on the crease as time expired.

A late-game rally didn't seem like it would be necessary for Albany as the Danes sprinted out to a 5-0 lead in the first 22 minutes. Resetarits scored three of his four goals during the spree, including one less than one minute after a Matthew Green goal to make it 5-0 with just over eight minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Blue Jays trimmed the deficit to 5-3 at the half as Huntley, Jake Byrne and freshman Michael Kimmel all scored in the final 7:34 of the second quarter. Huntley and Byrne scored within 35 seconds of each other, while Kimmel's goal came off a restart with three seconds remaining in the second period.

It took just 55 seconds of the third quarter for the Blue Jays to pull within one as senior Drew Dabrowski beat Albany goalie Brett Queener from in tight after a nifty spin move to avoid a defender. Sophomore Mark Bryan finally knotted the game with 12:30 remaining when he took a pass from Kimmel and one-timed one past Queener.

When Boyle and junior Michael Doneger scored within three minutes late in the third and early in the fourth quarter it appeared the Blue Jays would avoid their first two-game losing streak in seven years, but Ammann's goal jump-started the game-ending run for the Danes and provided a win that wasn't secured until Boyle was stuffed at the gun.

Resetarits led the Danes with four goals, while Alpizar and Steve Ammann added one goal and one assist. Queener played 50:39 in goal and posted four saves, while Dan McKeon played 9:21 and registered two.

Seven different players scored goals for the Blue Jays with Boyle and Kimmel each knotting a goal and an assist in their collegiate debuts. The Blue Jays held a 30-21 advantage in shots and won the ground ball war 40-29, but Hopkins couldn't overcome Resetarits and the spirited rally by Albany.

Albany (1-0) 2-3-0-3/8 **Johns Hopkins (0-1)** 0-3-3-1/7

Goals: A: Resetarits-4, Ammann S., Alpizar, Thomson, Green. J: Boyle, Kimmel, Byrne, Huntley, Bryan, Doneger, Dabrowski. Assists: A: Alpizar, Ammann M., Ammann S., Dale, Small. J: Boyle, Duerr, Kimmel. Saves: A: Queener-4, McKeon-2. J: Schwartzman-4. Shots: A-21. J-30. EMO: A: 0-for-2. J: 2-for-2. Attendance: 1,760.

Game 2 • March 3, 2007 • M&T Bank Stadium #9 Johns Hopkins-7, #3 Princeton-6 (2OT)

BALTIMORE, MD - The Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team dropped a 7-6 overtime decision at then top-ranked Princeton in the 1997 season-opener. Fast forward 10 years and the teams and the score were the same, but this time it was the Blue Jays who pulled out the 7-6 double-overtime victory as junior midfielder Paul Rabil scored his second goal of the game 56 seconds into the second extra session to lift the Hopkins to the win in the inaugural Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium. The Blue Jays have now won seven straight overtime games and the attendance of 20,180 is a regular-season record for a lacrosse game.

In a game that saw the Tigers jump out to a pair of early two-goal leads, it was Hopkins that scored six of the final nine goals to earn the win. Princeton led 3-1 after Josh Lesko's goal with 10:53 remaining in the second quarter before the Blue Jays got untracked with back-to-back goals by Rabil and freshman Steven Boyle in a three-minute span midway through the period. Rabil picked the top near post on a dodge from the top, while Boyle's goal was his second of the game after he dodged from behind to make it 3-3 at the half.

The Tigers sandwiched an extra-man goal by Peter Trombino and an even-strength goal by Michael Biles around an extra-man tally by Kevin Huntley in the first seven minutes of the third quarter to make it 5-4 Princeton. Freshman Michael Kimmel fed Huntley for the first of his three assists on the day.

Boyle drew the Blue Jays even with 1:31 remaining in the third quarter as he polished off a nifty tic-tac-toe passing sequence for his third of the game. A seven-minute scoreless drought carried the game into the middle of the fourth quarter before junior Michael Doneger converted Hopkins' second extra-man goal of the game off another assist from Kimmel to give the Blue Jays their first lead of the game, 6-5.

Princeton needed less than two minutes to knot the game as Mark Kovler swept in from the top of the box after scooping up a loose ball and beat Johns Hopkins goalie Jesse Schwartzman low to the far post. Both teams had chances down the stretch with Hopkins' Jake Byrne getting stopped in-close in the final seconds to send the game to overtime.

Princeton won the opening faceoff in the first overtime and maintained possession for three minutes, but misfired on three shots before the Blue Jays controlled the ball and cleared. Princeton defended the Blue Jays well and kept Hopkins away from the goal before Jake Byrne fired one past Princeton goalie Alex Hewitt, but the clock expired after Bryne shot and before it crossed the goal line.

The Blue Jays won the faceoff to open the second overtime and needed less than a minute to secure the win. A Jake Byrne shot hit the post and caromed high in the air to Stephen Peyser, who flipped a pass to Rabil. Rabil took the pass on the fly and ripped a shot past Hewitt inside the far post for the game-winner.

A sloppy first quarter saw the teams combine for five turnovers and two failed clears, but it was the Tigers who broke through with a pair of goals to take a 2-0 lead. Scott Sowanick opened the scoring with an unassisted goal with 6:22 remaining in the first quarter and a failed Hopkins clear in the final 30 seconds of the quarter led to a Tommy Davis goal with seven seconds remaining in the period.

Boyle got the Blue Jays on the board less than a minute into the fourth quarter when JHU turned a broken clear into an odd-man break that Boyle finished when he slipped a shot past Hewitt low to the far post. Lesko's goal came just over three minutes later and that set the stage for Rabil and Boyle's goals before halftime.

Boyle (3) and Rabil (2) were JHU's only multi-goal scorers, while Kimmel's three assists were a game-high. Schwartzman posted 17 saves, including several of the highlight reel variety. The 17 saves are tied for the third-highest total of his career.

Sowanick and Davis each had one goal and one assist and Hewitt posted 10 saves for the Tigers, who held advantages in shots (43-35), ground balls (27-26) and faceoffs (10-7).

#9 Johns Hopkins (1-1) 0-3-2-1-0-1/7 **#3 Princeton (1-1)** 2-1-2-1-0-0/6

Goals: J: Boyel-3, Rabil-2, Doneger, Huntley. P: Sowanick, Davis, Kovler, Trombino, Lesko, Biles. Assists: J: Kimmel-3, Miller, Peyser. P: Davis, Schneider, Sowanick. J: Schwartzman-17. P: Hewitt-10. Shots: J-35. P-43. EMO: J: 2-for-4. P: 1-for-6. Attendance: 20.180.

Game 3 • March 6, 2007 • UMBC Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-15, UMBC-6

CATONSVILLE, MD – The fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never led host UMBC get closer than six the rest of the way as the Blue Jays eased past the Retrievers 15-6 at chilly UMBC Stadium Tuesday night. The win is the fifth straight for Hopkins against UMBC and improves the Blue Jays' record to 2-1, while the Retrievers slip to 2-2 with their second straight loss.

The Blue Jays wasted little time jumping on the Retrievers as they sprinted out to a 5-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. Hopkins' first midfield of Paul Rabil, Stephen Peyser and Michael Kimmel all scored unassisted goals before the game was seven minutes old to stake the Blue Jays to a quick 3-0 lead. Junior Stephen Peyser netted the Blue Jays' first first-quarter goal of the season just 52 seconds into the game when he dodged from the top of the box and beat UMBC goalie Jeremy Blevins with a low shot just inside the far post. Kimmel dodged from the top three minutes later to make it 2-0 and Rabil scored off a clear attempt in transition to give the Blue Jays their first three-goal lead of the season.

Hopkins pushed the lead to 5-0 by the end of the first quarter with back-to-back transition goals in the final four minutes. Senior Jake Byrne polished off a fast-break as he took a skip pass from junior Kevin Huntley and one-timed a shot past Blevins at the 3:55 mark, while junior George Castle punched home the first goal of his career with 1:41 remaining when he took a pass from freshman Steven Boyle 10 yards in front of the goal and beat Blevins up high.

Byrne added his second goal of the game just under two minutes into the second quarter and Kimmel and sophomore Mark Bryan scored less than two minutes apart midway through the period to push the lead to 8-0 before the Retrievers scored twice late in the quarter to trim the deficit to 8-2. Drew Westervelt broke the ice for UMBC with an extra man goal with 2:33 remaining in the period and Cayle Ratcliffe dodged from behind the goal and scored unassisted to make it a six-goal game with 51 seconds remaining before the half.

Any momentum the Retrievers gained with the two-goal spurt was short-lived as Peyser needed just nine seconds after Ratcliff's goal to push the lead to 9-2 as he scored off the faceoff to account for the seven-goal margin at the half. The nine first-half goals were two more than the Blue Jays had scored in either of their first two full games.

Westervelt added another extra man goal 3:32 into the second half, but any hopes for a comeback were dashed quickly as Hopkins scored five of the next six goals with five different players scoring during the spree to put the game away. Huntley opened the run at the 10:49 mark and the rally also included a behind-the-back goal by senior Drew Dabrowski, an extra man goal by Kimmel and even-strength goals by Boyle and sophomore Brian Christopher. Westervelt and Ratcliffe sandwiched goals around a Tom Duerr goal for the Blue Jays in the final nine minutes to close out the scoring.

In addition to the balanced scoring, the Blue Jays got 13 saves in just under 57 minutes from senior Jesse Schwartzman, who now has 30 saves while allowing just 12 goals in the last two games. Boyle (1g, 3a) and Byrne (2g, 2a) paced the Blue Jays with four points apiece, while Kimmel (3g) and Peyser (2g, 1a) added three points each. In all, 11 different players scored goals for Hopkins, which improved to 26-8 in the month of March under head coach Dave Pietramala

Westervelt matched Kimmel with three goals, while Ratcliffe added two goals. Andy Gallagher added one goal and assisted on two of Westervelt's goals, while Blevins made 12 saves in just over 51 minutes of action.

#5 Johns Hopkins (2-1) 5-4-3-3/15 **UMBC (2-2)** 0-2-2-2/6

Goals: J: Kimmel-3, Byrne-2, Peyser-2, Boyle, Rabil, Huntley, Dabrowski, Christopher, Bryan, Duerr, Castle. U: Westervelt-3, Ratcliffe-2, Gallagher. Assists: J: Boyle-3, Byrne-2, Dabrowski, Huntley, Peyser, Rabil. U: Gallagher-2, Kimener. J: Schwartzman-13, Matthews-2. U: Blevins-12, Coker-0. Shots: J-37. U-37. EMO: J: 2-for-6. U: 3-for-3. Attendance: 1,427.

Game 4 • March 10, 2007 • Homewood Field #5 Johns Hopkins-9, Hofstra-8

BALTIMORE, MD - The fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team sprinted out to a 5-1 halftime lead and held off a furious second-half rally by visiting Hofstra to win its third straight game and improve to 3-1 overall with a 9-8 victory against the Pride in front of 1,503 at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The Blue Jays improve to 16-3 all-time against Hofstra.

The Blue Jays led 5-1 at the half on the strength of two goals in the final minute of the second quarter, but the Pride out-scored Hopkins 4-1 in the third quarter to make it a 6-5 game entering the fourth quarter. Freshman attackman Dan Stein scored all three of his goals in the period and Tom Dooley scored the first of his two to account for the four goals for Hofstra in the third quarter. A Kevin Huntley goal with 3:47 remaining snapped a quarter-opening three-goal surge for Hofstra that had sliced the 5-1 lead to 5-4, but Stein's third goal of the period with just 22 seconds left made it 6-5 entering the final quarter.

The Blue Jays grabbed some breathing room with two goals in the first 75 seconds of the fourth quarter as junior Paul Rabil scored an unassisted goal just 40 seconds into the period and classmate Michael Doneger added an extra-man goal 34 seconds later to make it 8-5. Rabil worked his way from behind the goal and scored in heavy traffic, while Doneger one-time a pass from the side of the goal from freshman Michael Kimmel.

Dooley's second goal of the game was answered by an unassisted goal by Kimmel to make it 9-6 with just under 13 minutes remaining, but Hofstra had one more push remaining.

An unassisted goal by Mike Unterstein with 7:57 remaining made it 9-7 and freshman Tom Interlicchio made it 9-8 with an unassisted goal of his own four minutes later. Both teams had chances in the final two minutes, but neither could connect. Hopkins eventually worked the clock down to the final 15 seconds before Hofstra came up with a loose ball and called timeout in the offensive zone with four seconds remaining. The Pride set an offensive play for Dooley, who fired high while fading away from the goal from 12 yards out as time expired.

Holding on in the second half didn't look like it would be necessary for the Blue Jays, who seemed in complete control in the first half, but couldn't put any distance between themselves and the Pride until late in the second quarter. After nearly 15 scoreless minutes freshman Steven Boyle finally put one home when he dodged from behind and beat Hofstra goalie Danny Orlando while coming from the side.

Senior Jake Byrne scored back-to-back goals in a span of just over three minutes midway through the second quarter to push the lead to 3-0 before Zachary Heyl notched an extra-man goal with 2:57 remaining in the period to make it 3-1. That score stood until Boyle scored twice in the final 59 seconds of the half to account for the 5-1 halftime score. Byrne hit Boyle cutting from behind the goal and Boyle punched it home with 59 seconds remaining and he added his second unassisted goal of the half with just 10 seconds remaining before intermission. The fourgoal lead lasted less than a minute into the third quarter before Stein started Hofstra's comeback with the first of his three goals.

Boyle led the Blue Jays with his three goals and improved his team-leading total to eight goals through four games. He also leads the team with 12 points. Byrne added the two goals and two assists and Kimmel ran his consecutive game multi-point streak to four with the one goal and one assist. Huntley also added a goal and an assist for Hopkins, which held a 30-22 advantage in shots and won 11-of-20 faceoffs, including 5-of-7 in the pivotal fourth quarter.

Stein's three-goal effort paced the Pride, who also got the two goals and one assist from Dooley and 13 saves from Orlando. The Pride matched the Blue Jays in ground balls (30-30), but turned the ball over 12 times and failed on six clears.

Hopkins, which improved to 26-6 in one-goal games under head coach Dave Pietramala, will next be in action next Saturday when the Blue Jays play at Syracuse. Hofstra will host Princeton next Saturday.

Hofstra (1-2) 0-1-4-3/8 **Johns Hopkins (3-1)** 1-4-1-3/9

Goals: H: Stein-3, Dooley-2, Unterstein, Interlicchio, Heyl. J: Boyle-3, Byrne-2, Kimmel, Huntley, Rabil, Doneger. Assists: H: Colleluori, Dooley, Miller. J: Byrne-2, Castle, Hutnley, Kimmel. Saves: H: Orlando-13. J: Schwartzman-6. Shots: H-22. J-30. EMO: H: 2-for-3. J: 1-for-1. Attendance: 1.503.

Game 5 • March 17, 2007 • Homewood Field #3 Johns Hopkins-17, #8 Syracuse-9

SYRACUSE, NY – Maybe it was what the doctor ordered. Literally. After spending the week with his team battling a stomach flu, Johns Hopkins head coach Dave Pietramala didn't know what to expect from his squad in Saturday's game against eighth-ranked Syracuse. Whatever it was that the Blue Jays took sure worked as they jumped out to an 11-5 halftime lead and cruised to a 17-9 win that ran their winning to four games. The win is also Hopkins third in its last four games at the Carrier Dome. Syracuse slips to 2-3 with the loss.

The Blue Jays spotted the Orange two of the first three goals of the game before erupting for eight straight to take a 9-2 lead early in the second quarter. Amazingly the eight goals came from eight different players.

Freshman Steven Boyle ignited the spree with his ninth goal of the year off an assist from senior Jake Byrne, who punched home his second goal of the game just 57 seconds later to give the Blue Jays their first lead of the game (3-2). From there it was good ball movement and dodging that helped the Blue Jays build the 11-5 halftime lead.

Junior Kevin Huntley pushed the lead to 4-2 when he scooped up a loose ball and beat Syracuse goalie Peter Coluccini, who had lost control of the ball in the crease after a Blue Jay turnover. Boyle found a wide-open Mark Bryan 53 seconds later and Bryan blew one past Coluccini from eight yards out before Rabil made it 6-2 at the end of the first quarter with a 10-yard bouncer with 1:09 remaining in the period.

It took less than two minutes of the second quarter for the Blue Jays to push the lead to 9-2 as Stephen Peyser, Brian Christopher and Michael Kimmel all scored on great individual efforts. Peyser needed just 21 seconds of the period to score off the faceoff after the Blue Jays gained possession and cleared their zone, while Christopher came from behind the goal and beat Colucini from the side. Kimmel closed out the lightning-quick spree as he worked to the middle of the field from the top of the box and picked the low corner from 10 yards out. Syracuse never had possession of the ball during the three-goal run.

The Orange rallied as expected by scoring three of the next four goal as Steven Brooks notched an extra-man goal just over a minute after Kimmel's tally to make it 9-3 and Kenny Nims made the Blue Jays pay for a failed clear just over three minutes later to slice the lead to 9-4. Another goal by Boyle with 4:30 remaining was answered by Nims' goal with just 13 seconds remaining before the half.

Syracuse took the ensuing faceoff and had a chance to score, but a loose ball situation turned into a goal at the buzzer for the Blue Jays as Rabil came up with a ground ball, raced to midfield and fired a pass to Byrne, who blistered one over Coluccini's left shoulder from 18 yards out. Originally counted, the goal was subsequently taken away and then added back to account for the 11-5 halftime score.

Any hopes for a Syracuse comeback were dashed in the first six minutes of the third quarter as the Blue Jays scored the first five goals of the second half to push their lead to 16-5. Rabil scored his third and fourth goals of the game during the spree, which also featured goals by Boyle, Kimmel and Christopher. Syracuse actually won the opening faceoff of the second half, but didn't have a sustained offensive possession until they won the faceoff after Christopher's goal with just under nine minutes remaining in the period.

The Orange scored four of the final five goals of the game as Brooks scored twice, Rommel tallied an extra-man goal and Brendan Loftus punched one home in the final minute. Boyle scored his fourth goal of the game with 2:37 remaining to account for JHU's only goal in the final 23 minutes

Senior goalie Jesse Schwartzman led a solid effort by the Blue Jay defense as he posted 17 saves, including several of the point-blank variety. The 17 saves tie Schwartzman's season high and are tied for the third-highest single-game total of his career. He also became the eighth goalie in school history to amass 400 career saves as he now has 401 to his credit.

Boyle's four goals are a career-high and he added the one assist for a personal-best five points. Rabil continued his solid play against the Orange as his three-goal, three-assist effort improved his career totals to 15 goals and four assists in four career games against Syracuse. The six points also tied his career high. Byrne (3g, 1a), Huntley (1g, 1a), Kimmel (2g) and Christopher (2g) also registered multi-point games for the Blue Jays, whose 17-goal outburst is tied for their second-best ever at the Dome.

Brooks paced the Orange with three goals and one assist, while Leveille (1g, 3a), Nims (2g) Rommel (1g, 2a) and Dan Hardy (1g, 1a) also had two or more points for Syracuse. Coluccini made six saves in the first half before giving way to Chris Rotella, who had six saves and allowed six goals in the second half.

#3 Johns Hopkins (4-1) 6-5-5-1/17 **#8 Syracuse (2-3)** 2-3-1-3/9

Goals: JH: Boyle-4, Rabil-3, Byrne-3, Christopher-2, Kimmel-2, Huntley, Bryan, Peyser. SU: Brooks-3, Nims-2, Leveille, Rommel, Hardy, Loftus. Assists: JH: Rabil-3, Boyle, Bryan, Byrne, Huntley. SU: Leveille-3, Rommel, Brooks, Hardy. Saves: JH: Schwartzman-17. SU: Coluccini-6, Rotella-6. Shots: JH-43. SU-45. EMO: JH: 1-for-3. SU: 1-for-4. Attendance: 7,408.

Game 6 • March 24, 2007 • Homewood Field #5 Virginia-7, #3 Johns Hopkins-5

BALTIMORE, MD — The fifth-ranked Virginia men's lacrosse team jumped out to a 4-1 first quarter lead and then held off a late rally by third-ranked Johns Hopkins as the Cavaliers slipped past the Blue Jays 7-5 in front of 4,784 at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The win, Virginia's first at Homewood Field since 2001, is the Cavaliers' seventh straight, while Hopkins had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Virginia (7-1) spotted the Blue Jays the first goal of the game before scoring four straight to take the 4-1 lead. It took Danny Glading just 24 seconds to answer Jake Byrne's opening salvo and knot the game at 1-1 and just over three minutes later the Cavaliers took the lead for good when Glading punched home an extra-man goal off an assist from Garrett Billings.

The Cavaliers struck for two more goals in the next four minutes, both by junior Ben Rubeor. From the "he'll take it" file, Rubeor notched the first of his three goals just over a minute after Glading's second goal as he tried to thread a pass inside that missed its intended mark, but skipped past a surprised Jesse Schwartzman into the Blue Jay goal. Rubeor netted a more conventional goal with 4:33 remaining in the first period when he dodged from behind the goal and bounced a shot into the far corner to make it 4-1.

A 15-minute scoreless drought was finally broken when Paul Rabil took a pass from classmate Stephen Peyser and one-timed a shot past Virginia goalie Kip Turner with 5:30 remaining in the second quarter. Four minutes later what turned out to be the play of the game gave the Cavaliers a three-goal lead heading into the half. A scramble situation found Byrne with the ball 10 yards in front of the goal. He found Peyser alone six yards in front of goal, but Turner came up with a great save and started a fast-break for the Cavaliers, who quickly worked the ball to Rubeor. Rubeor found Will Barrow cutting to the goal and Barrow beat Schwartzman from eight yards out to make it 5-2 at the half.

The opportunistic Cavaliers came up with a pair of empty-net goals in the third quarter as Brian Carroll punched home his fourth of the year after a failed Blue Jay clearing attempt with 4:44 remaining and Rubeor scored with six seconds left in the period after Virginia came up with another loose ball in the Blue Jay zone. Both failed clears for the Blue Jays came after good defensive plays had forced Virginia turnovers.

Hopkins made one final push in the fourth quarter, but came up short in its bid for a third straight win at Homewood Field over the Cavaliers. Freshman Michael Kimmel (Towson, MD/Loyola) needed just 58 seconds of the fourth quarter to punch home his eighth goal of the year and Rabil made it a 7-4 game with an unassisted goal just under six minutes later. The Blue Jays let a golden opportunity slip by when they failed to score on a two-man advantage with just under five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter and Peyser closed out the scoring with his fourth goal of the year with 1:19 remaining to account for the final margin.

Rubeor paced the Cavaliers with three goals and one assist, while Glading scored the two goals and Billings added three assists. Turner registered seven saves in goal for the Cavaliers, who won 10-of-16 faceoffs, won the ground ball war, 34-29, and held a 33-30 advantage in shots

Rabil scored the two goals for the Blue Jays, who also got the one goal and one assist from Peyser. Schwartzman posted 14 saves in goal for Hopkins, which returns to action next Saturday at North Carolina. The Tar Heels dropped a 14-8 decision at Maryland on Saturday. Virginia hosts Maryland next Saturday.

#5 Virginia (7-1) 4-1-2-0/7 **#3 Johns Hopkins (4-2)** 1-1-0-3/5

Goals: V: Rubeor-3, Glading-2, Carroll, Barrow. J: Rabil-2, Peyser, Kimmel, Byrne. Assists: V: Billings-3, Rubeor. J: Boyle, Peyser. Saves: V: Turner-7. J: Schwartzman-14. Shots: V-33. J-30. EMO: V: 1-for-2. J: 0-for-2. Attendance: 4,784.

Game 7 • March 31, 2007 • Kenan Stadium #15 North Carolina-13, #6 Johns Hopkins-10

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Six different players scored during a game-ending 6-1 run that covered the final 17 minutes of the game to lead 15th-ranked North Carolina to a 13-10 victory over sixth-ranked Johns Hopkins at Kenan Stadium Saturday afternoon. The win snaps a 13-game losing streak for the Tar Heels against the Blue Jays and improves North Carolina's record to 7-3. The Blue Jays drop their second straight and fall to 4-3.

The Blue Jays led 9-7 with just under three minutes remaining in the third quarter after Jake Byrne polished off a 3-0 Hopkins run with his third goal of the game off an assist from junior Stephen Peyser. The two-goal lead lasted less than two minutes as Rob Driscoll surprised Hopkins goalie Jesse Schwartzman with an overhead shot from a tough angle less than a minute after Byrne scored and Sean Delaney bounced one past Schwartzman 35 seconds later to make it 9-9 at the end of the third quarter.

It took the Tar Heels less than one minute of the fourth quarter to take the lead as Brian Connors took a pass in full stride from Bart Wagner and scored on a behind-the-back shot from in close to make it 10-9. Byrne drew the Blue Jays even two minutes later as he made the Tar Heels pay for a failed clear and beat North Carolina goalie Grant Zimmerman from 10 yards out with a low-to-high blast off a feed from Paul Rabil.

The Blue Jays had a chance to take an 11-10 lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the game as freshman Michael Kimmel was on the back end of some quick passing, but his EMO shot hit the post and North Carolina got the equalizer just over a minute later when Michael Burns bounced another one past Schwartzman just inside the far post to give the 'Heels a one-goal lead. Sean Burke polished off his three-point day 71 seconds later when he dodged through three Blue Jay defenders from the side and scored to make it 12-10. A Ben Hunt goal with 28 seconds remaining closed the scoring for the Tar Heels.

In a game of runs, it was the Blue Jays who broke through with the first one as Byrne opened the scoring with an eight-yard laser from Zimmerman's right with 1:31 remaining in the first quarter before Kimmel added an extra-man goal with 12 seconds remaining in the period to make it 2-0. Another Byrne goal less than two minutes into the second quarter gave the Blue Jays a 3-0 lead that was quickly answered by the Tar Heels.

Nick Tintle scored the first of Carolina's two extra-man goals less than a minute after Byrne's second tally and Burke scored the first of his two goals with just under nine minutes left in the half when he scored in transition. Connors added an unassisted goal just over a minute later to knot the game at 3-3.

After going more than 13 minutes to open the game without a goal being scored the teams erupted as Burke and Connors' goals ignited a spree that saw the teams combine for eight goals in the final nine minutes of the second quarter.

Tom Duerr, Paul Rabil and Brian Christopher all scored in the final 7:08 of the second quarter for the Blue Jays, goals that were matched by Tim Kaiser, Driscoll and Hunt to account for a 6-6 score at the half. The rapid pace of the second quarter didn't initially carry over as neither team scored in the first six minutes of the third quarter before Tintle scored his second extra-man goal of the game with 8:12 remaining in the third quarter after cutting from behind the goal and taking a nifty pass from Gavin Petracca at the side of the goal before beating Schwartzman in tight.

Kimmel ignited the three-goal run that was finished by Byrne's goal with 2:41 remaining in the third and also included Austin Walker's first career goal 34 seconds before Byrne's. That set the stage for the game-ending run for the Tar Heels, who had last beaten the Blue Jays in 1994.

Tintle, Connors, Burke, Hunt and Driscoll all scored two goals for the Tar Heels, who earned assists on nine of their 13 goals. Zimmerman posted 15 saves in goal for Carolina, which also got an outstanding effort on faceoffs from Shane Walterhoefer, who won 15-of-23 and grabbed six ground balls. The Tar Heels held advantages in shots (39-37) and ground balls (42-31).

Byrne's four goals led the Blue Jays, who also got two goals from Kimmel, a goal and two assists from Rabil and one goal and one assist from Walker. Schwartzman posted eight saves in goal for the Blue Jays, who dropped their second straight game in the same season for the first time since 2000.

#6 Johns Hopkins (4-3) 2-4-3-1/10 **#15 North Carolina (7-3)** 0-6-3-4/13

Goals: J: Byrne-4, Kimmel-2, Walker, Rabil, Christopher, Duerr. NC: Tintle-2, Connors-2, Burke-2, Hunt-2, Driscoll-2, Delaney, Burns, Kaiser. Assists: J: Boyle-2, Rabil-2, Peyser, Walker. NC: Petracca-3, B. Burke, S. Burke, Connors, Delaney, Tintle, Wagner. Saves: J: Schwartzman-8. NC: Zimmerman-15. Shots: J-37. N-39. EMO: J: 1-for-3. N: 2-for-5. Attendance: 3,583.

Game 8 • April 7, 2007 • Homewood Field #4 Duke-11, #9 Johns Hopkins-9

BALTIMORE, MD – Junior attackman Zack Greer scored three of his game-high six goals during a 5-1 Duke run midway through the game and the Blue Devil lacrosse team held off a late-game rally by Johns Hopkins to earn an 11-9 win at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The win is the fourth straight for Duke, which improves to 9-2. Hopkins drops its third straight and falls to 4-4.

The Blue Jays had tied the game at 4-4 on the first of Steven Boyle's two goals with 5:43 remaining in the second quarter and were in position to take the lead with an extra-man opportunity before Greer ignited the game-changing run. Duke forced a turnover with Hopkins playing a man-up and Greer finished off the transition opportunity with the Devils' first man-down goal of the year with 2:57 remaining in the first half. The beneficiary of some great passing for most of the game, Greer was on the back-end of an opportunistic bounce just over two minutes later when he scooped up a loose ball off a bad pass six yards in front of the goal and beat Blue Jay goalie Jesse Schwartzman to the far post to make it 6-4. The Blue Jays sliced the deficit to 6-5 on a Kevin Huntley goal one second before halftime as he took a feed from Stephen Peyser and whipped a behind-the-back shot past Dan Loftus.

The momentum of the Huntley goal didn't last long as Duke scored three goals in the first 2:27 of the second half to push the lead out to 9-5. Defenseman Casey Carroll cleared the opening faceoff of the third quarter into the Blue Jay zone and misfired on shot that was backed up by the Blue Devils. Confusion on defense left Carroll alone in front of the goal, where Greer slipped a pass from the side and Carroll beat a defenseless Schwartzman to make it 7-5. Gibbs Fogarty pushed the lead to 8-5 less than a minute later when he grabbed a loose ball in front and fired one home, while Greer polished off the 5-1 spree 49 seconds later when he took a beautiful cross-field pass from Matt Danowski and fired a low shot past Schwartzman.

Boyle's second goal of the game sliced the deficit to 9-6 before Danowski and Greer teamed up for the fourth time five minutes later. Working behind the goal, Danowski dodged to the side, went back behind and beat a pair of defenders before finding Greer on the crease to make it 10-6. The four-goal lead lasted less than 10 seconds as Jamison Koesterer won the ensuing faceoff cleanly for Hopkins and raced into the offensive zone before slipping a shot inside the far post.

The 10-7 lead held for the Blue Devils until midway through the fourth quarter when freshman Michael Kimmel hit the top of the net with a 12-yard laser off a feed from Paul Rabil, but Duke won the following faceoff and milked more than two minutes off the clock before freshman Max Quinzani dodged from behind the goal and bounced one past Schwartzman. Rabil scored just over three minutes later to make it 11-9, but the Blue Devils never allowed Hopkins to draw within one and snap a four-game losing streak against the Blue Jays with the win.

A back-and-forth first 25 minutes saw the teams battle to a 4-4 deadlock before Duke's midgame spree. Greer scored two of his six goals in a 70-second span midway through the first quarter to answer a game-opening goal by Peyser, who added his second of the game 45 seconds after Greer's second to make it 2-2 less than nine minutes into the game. Brad Ross and Danowski then sandwiched goals around a Matt Bocklet tally for the Blue Jays to give Duke a 4-3 lead midway through the second quarter. That lead held until the first of Boyle's two goals, which Greer answered with his man-down goal that jump-started the decisive run for Duke.

Greer's six goals were one shy of his career high and push his season total to 34, while Danowski moved into a tie for fourth place on Duke's career scoring list (209) with his one-goal, four-assist effort. Loftus finished with 13 saves, including nine in the second half, for Duke, which held a 39-28 advantage in ground balls.

Peyser led the Blue Jays with a career-high four points on the two goals and two assists, while Rabil (1g, 2a), Boyle (2g) and Koesterer (1g, 1a) also registered multi-point games. Schwartzman posted 12 saves and moved into seventh place on JHU's career saves list (435).

#4 Duke (9-2) 3-3-4-1/11 **#9 Johns Hopkins (4-4)** 2-3-2-2/9

Goals: D: Greer-6, Danowski, Fogarty, Ross, Quinzani, Carroll. J: Boyle-2, Peyser-2, Huntley, Rabil, Kimmel, Bocklet, Koesterer. Assists: D: Danowski-4, Greer, Crotty, McKee. J: Rabil-2, Peyser-2, Koesterer. Saves: D: Loftus-13. J: Schwartzman-12. Shots: D-35. J-39. EMO: D: 1-for-3. J: 0-for-3. Attendance: 4,802.

Game 9 • April 14, 2007 • Byrd Stadium #9 Johns Hopkins-8, #7 Maryland-7 (OT)

COLLEGE PARK, MD – Twice this season the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team has needed a gamewinner in overtime. For the second time this season it was junior midfielder Paul Rabil who provided the heroics in extra time as he fired home a 10-yard left-handed runner 43 seconds into the first overtime to lift the ninth-ranked Blue Jays to an 8-7 victory at seventh-ranked Maryland at rain-soaked Byrd Stadium. The win snaps a three-game losing streak for the Blue Jays, who improve to 5-4. Maryland slips to 8-4 with the loss.

The win is also the 100th career victory for Johns Hopkins head coach Dave Pietramala, who improved to 100-36 overall and 77-19 at Johns Hopkins. He also tied Tony Seaman for third place on JHU's career coaching victories list with the win and the Blue Jays moved their mark to 12-2 in overtime on his watch. JHU has won eight straight overtime games.

Hopkins won the faceoff to start overtime, but was nearly finished in less than 20 seconds as an errant clearing pass by senior goalie Jesse Schwartzman nearly resulted in a second straight overtime win for the Terps. Senior Ryan Clarke intercepted Schwartzman's outlet pass to Matt Bocklet and fed Thomas Alford in transition 10 yards in front of the goal. Alford mishandled the pass, but Clarke came up with the loose ball on a scramble and fired a behind-the-back shot just wide. The Blue Jays backed up the shot, successfully cleared and called timeout with 3:28 remaining.

Off the restart the Blue Jays worked the ball to Rabil at the top of the box and he drove immediately to his left past a defender and picked the far post cleanly – just as he had in a 7-6 double-overtime win against Princeton earlier this season. The goal was Rabil's first of the game and 12th of the season.

The Blue Jays held a 4-2 lead at the half, but Maryland needed less than nine minutes of the third quarter to take a 5-4 lead. The first of Chris Feifs' three second-half goals just under two minutes into the second half made it 4-3 and a Michael Phipps goal after a failed Blue Jay clear just over two minutes later tied the game. The Terps grabbed what seemed to be all the momentum with a Feifs extra-man goal with 6:23 remaining in the third, but the momentum was short-lived as Alford drew an unsportsmanlike penalty celebrating the goal and the Blue Jays needed just 20 seconds to draw even as Kevin Huntley took a pass to the right of the goal from freshman Steven Boyle and flipped a backhander past Brian Phipps to make it 5-5.

Sophomore Brian Christopher gave the Blue Jays a 6-5 lead late in the third quarter as he beat a defender with a sweeping dodge from the top and rifled a shot inside the far post to just beat a late slide. Both teams had chances late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, but it was Huntley who would push the lead to 7-5 when he cut backdoor as Rabil drove from the opposite side and beat Phipps with a couple fakes in close for Hopkins' second extra-man goal of the game after taking a quick pass from Rabil on the run.

The Blue Jays won the ensuing faceoff and had several good chances on what turned out to be a three-minute possession, but Maryland forced a turnover and Jeremy Sieverts beat Schwartzman with a left-handed shot from a tough angle and Feifs added his third goal just 2:26 later to knot the game at 7-7.

Alternating possessions found Maryland with the ball with 2:08 remaining and the Terps tried to milk the clock for one final shot, but Hopkins' Andrew Miller forced a turnover and the Blue Jays quickly worked the ball to Stephen Peyser, who raced into the offensive end and fired a shot off Phipps' shoulder with two seconds remaining to send the game to overtime. That set the stage for Rabil's overtime heroics that sealed the Blue Jays' third overtime win against Maryland in the last six meetings.

Maryland needed just 1:45 of the first quarter to get on the board as the Terps came up with a loose ball after a Michael Kimmel shot and quickly worked the ball down the field in transition. Freshman midfielder Bryn Holmes carried the ball into the Blue Jay zone and worked his way to a spot 10-yard from goal before beating Blue Jay goalie Jesse Schwartzman with his second goal of the year.

It took just over 13 minutes for the Blue Jays to get the equalizer as Rabil dodged across the field at the top of the box and drew a double team before flipping a nifty pass to Huntley, who quickly picked the far post for his seventh goal of the season.

The Hopkins defense held Maryland to just four shots in the first quarter, but the Terps managed to take a 2-1 lead 1:24 into the second quarter when Adam Sear scooped up a loose ball in front of the goal and slipped a shot past Schwartzman from four yards out.

Sophomore midfielder Austin Walker, who scored his first career goal two weeks ago at North Carolina, netted the next two goals for the Blue Jays to give Hopkins a 3-2 lead midway through the second quarter. Given an opportunity to dodge from the top, he blew past a defender and rifled a left-handed shot past Brian Phipps from 11-yards to tie the game and needed just two quick steps from eight yards out to beat him in the same spot just over five minutes later to give Hopkins its first lead of the game.

Hopkins matched Maryland's goal in transition just over a minute later when Schwartzman came up with a save on a 10-yarder from Dan Groot and quickly outlet the ball to Kimmel, who carried into the Maryland zone, where he found Peyser cutting alone at the top of the box. Peyser quickly found senior attack Jake Byrne five yards from the goal to Phipps' right and Byrne picked the far post with a quick release to give the Blue Jays a 4-2 lead that would hold through the half. Typical of recent Hopkins-Maryland games, that first half was just the feeling-out stage in a game the Blue Jays took 43 seconds into overtime on Rabil's game-winner.

#9 Johns Hopkins (5-4) 1-3-2-1-1/8 **#7 Maryland (8-4)** 1-1-3-2-0/7

Goals: JH: Huntley-3, Walker-2, Rabil, Christopher, Byrne. M: Feifs-3, M. Phipps, Sear, Sieverts, Holmes. Assists: JH: Rabil-2, Boyle, Peyser. M: M. Phipps, Ritz. Saves: JH: Schwartzman-6. M: B. Phipps-8, Team-1 Shots: JH-31. M-25. EMO: JH: 2-for-4. M: 2-for-3. Attendance: 5,121.

Game 10 • April 21, 2007 • Homewood Field #7 Johns Hopkins-10, #9 Navy-9

BALTIMORE, MD – The seventh-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team got a combined six goals from junior midfielder Paul Rabil and freshman midfielder Michael Kimmel and junior Stephen Peyser polished off the effort of the Blue Jays' first midfield by winning a career-high 14-of-17 faceoffs in a 10-9 victory over ninth-ranked Navy Saturday afternoon at Homewood Field. The win is the 33rd straight for Johns Hopkins against the Midshipmen and the fourth straight by one goal.

Navy built a 5-4 halftime lead and had a golden opportunity to push the lead to 6-4, but Hopkins' Jesse Schwartzman stuffed Navy's Ian Dingman on the doorstep and the Blue Jays scored four of the next five goals to take an 8-6 lead early in the fourth quarter. Kimmel pulled the Blue Jays even when he scored off an assist from freshman Steven Boyle with 9:42 remaining in the third period. The Blue Jays had possession for over three minutes and fired five shots at Navy's Colin Finnegan before Kimmel finally beat him with his second goal of the game.

Navy answered 90 seconds later with an opportunistic goal. The Blue Jays had possession, but misfired on a pass in the Navy defensive end of the field. The ball shot through to midfield, where JHU's Eric Zerrlaut briefly had control while retreating towards his own goal. However, he quickly lost possession and Navy's Tim Paul deflected the bouncing loose ball past Schwartzman to make it 6-5. That lead was gone by the end of the third quarter as sophomore Brian Christopher scored off a dodge from behind the goal and senior Jake Byrne beat Finnegan with a seven-yard bouncer through the five-hole with 2:11 remaining in the third period.

The Blue Jays had all the momentum when Kimmel fired home his third goal of the game 92 seconds into the fourth quarter to give the Blue Jays an 8-6 lead, but Billy Looney's second goal of the game 75 seconds later and Tommy Wallin's tally just over four minutes after that drew the Midshipmen even at 8-8.

Rabil took over down the stretch with his 14th and 15th goals of the season in a span of just under three minutes. It took him just 50 seconds to answer Wallin's goal as he surprised the Navy defense with a quick dodge and shot just inside the near post in an unsettled situation. A quick split dodge from the top with 4:20 remaining found him alone eight yards in front of the goal and he picked the right corner to give the Blue Jays what appeared was a safe 10-8 lead.

The Blue Jays milked a good part of the final four minutes off the clock, but Navy made things interesting when Paul scored off a failed Blue Jay clearing attempt with 24 seconds remaining. However, Peyser won the ensuing faceoff the Midshipmen didn't gain control again until less than five seconds remained as Hopkins secured its second straight one-goal win of the season.

Kimmel opened the scoring 81 seconds into the game when he spun inside a defender and beat Finnegan with a sidearm shot from 10-yards out. Navy scored three times in a span of just under six minutes midway through the first period to take its only two-goal lead of the game (3-1). William Wallace, Basil Daratsos and Looney all scored during the spree for Navy, which quickly saw the lead evaporate when Kevin Huntley scored late in the period and Byrne punched one home early in the second.

Rabil gave the Blue Jays a 4-3 lead midway through the second quarter with the first of his three goals, but Navy carried the 5-4 lead into halftime as an extra-man goal by Dingman with 4:46 remaining in the period and the first of Paul's three goals provided the Midshipmen with the one-goal edge. Dingman's chance to increase the lead came early in the third quarter, but Schwartzman's big save ignited the 4-1 spree that fueled the win.

The three goals match Kimmel's career high, while Rabil's three goals push his career point total to an even 100. Byrne scored the two goals and is just behind Rabil with 99 career points, while Peyser bettered his previous career highs of 13 faceoffs won, 16 faceoffs attempted and eight ground balls (he had 11 today). The Blue Jays held advantages in shots (34-21) and ground balls (34-29) and won 15-of-23 faceoffs against a Navy team which entered the game ranked ranked fourth in the nation in faceoff winning percentage.

Paul entered the game with five goals to his credit, but punched up a career-high three to lead Navy. Looney added the two goals on three shots and Nick Mirabito added three assists. Finnegan made seven saves in goal for Navy, which forced 15 Blue Jay turnovers, but failed on 9-of-19 clearing attempts to offset that advantage.

#9 Navy (9-3) 3-2-1-3/9 **#7 Johns Hopkins (6-4)** 2-2-3-3/10

Goals: N: Paul-3, Looney-2, Wallin, Daratsos, Dingman, Wallace. J: Kimmel-3, Rabil-3, Byrne-2, Huntley, Christopher. Assists: N: Mirabito-3, Wallin. J: Boyle, Bryan. Saves: N: Finnegan-7. J: Schwartzman-15. Shots: N-21. J-34. EMO: N: 1-for-2. J: 0-for-1. Attendance: 6,856.

Game 11 • April 28, 2007 • Unitas Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-9, #15 Towson-7

TOWSON, MD – The fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team used a 5-0 run midway through the game and got two goals from four different players as the Blue Jays slipped past 15th-ranked Towson, 9-7, in front of 4,427 at Unitas Stadium Saturday afternoon. The win is the third straight overall for the Blue Jays (7-4) and the 12th straight for Johns Hopkins against Towson, which slips to 8-5 with the loss.

The Blue Jays trailed 5-3 late in the second quarter when a Steven Boyle goal sparked a game-changing 5-0 run for the Blue Jays. Freshman Michael Kimmel forced a turnover at midfield with the clock winding down in the first half and senior Eric Zerrlaut came up with the ground ball. Zerrlaut found Boyle alone behind all but one defender and Boyle slipped past him and fired home an eight-yard shot to make it 5-4 at the half.

Boyle's goal sparked the 5-0 run for the Blue Jays and Boyle had a hand in each of the first three goals in the spree. He caught the Towson defense ball-watching early in the second half and found Stephen Peyser alone at the top of the box. With time and room, Peyser blistered a shot past Towson goalie Matt Antol to tie the game and Boyle netted his second goal of the game four minutes later when senior Jake Byrne hit him in stride coming from behind the goal and Boyle scored from in tight to give the Blue Jays a 6-5 lead.

Peyser added his second goal of the game and Byrne scored late in the third quarter off a nifty pass inside from Boyle to extend the Blue Jays' lead to 8-5 entering the fourth quarter. The Tigers needed just over three minutes to cut the deficit to two goals as Jonathan Engelke beat Blue Jay goalie Jesse Schwartzman from a tough angle with 11:50 remaining to make it 8-6. The Blue Jays had held Towson scoreless for 22:01 before Engelke's goal.

Despite controlling possession for a majority of the second half, the Blue Jays couldn't push the lead back to three goals and Towson's Bobby Griebe made them pay. After misfiring on a low shot from a bad angle, he came up with a loose ball in front on the rebound and beat Schwartzman one-on-one from six-feet away to make it a one-goal game with 6:46 remaining.

Both teams had possession down the stretch with the Blue Jays trying to run out the clock, but Towson forced a turnover with just over two minutes remaining and called timeout with 1:48 remaining to set up a final chance. However, Brendan Skakandi and Matt Bocklet double-teamed Brian Vetter at the top of the box and Skakandi came up with the loose ball. The Blue Jays cleared, called timeout and Rabil split a double-team behind the goal and punched the game-sealing goal into an open net with 1:03 remaining.

Towson had most of the momentum in the first half as Adam Hagelin opened the scoring just under three minutes into the game before the Blue Jays temporarily took control with back-to-back goals by junior Kevin Huntley in a span of 74 seconds. The 2-1 lead held for the Blue Jays until late in the first period, when Vetter and Engelke sandwiched goals around a Keith Obloj tally to five Towson a 4-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Rabil finally ended a scoreless streak of just over 15 minutes for the Blue Jays when he beat his defender cleanly from behind the goal and beat Antol from in close to make it 4-3, but Vetter got free again and bounced a 10-yarder past Schwartzman to restore the two-goal lead for the Tigers. It appeared that would be the score at the half when the Blue Jays misfired on a shot with less than 30 seconds to play and Towson started to clear, but Kimmel forced the turnover that led to Boyle's goal and that set the stage for the game-changing run that helped improve JHU's all-time record against Towson to 32-3.

Boyle led the Blue Jays with the two goals and two assists, while Rabil also scored twice and added an assist. Huntley and Peyser both scored twice for the Blue Jays and Peyser had his second straight dominating effort on faceoffs as he won 12-of-15 on the day and grabbed a game-high six ground balls. Byrne's one goal and one assist pushed him pass the 100 career point mark as he now has 101 to his credit.

Towson got two goals and an assist from Vetter and two goals from Engelke, but the Blue Jays took 14-of-20 faceoffs and won the ground ball war 29-20. Antol posted 10 saves in goal for the Tigers, who will host Hofstra in the CAA Semifinals on Wednesday night.

#5 Johns Hopkins (7-4) 2-2-4-1/9 **#15 Towson (8-5)** 4-1-0-2/7

Goals: J: Huntley-2, Boyle-2, Rabil-2, Peyser-2, Byrne. TU: Vetter-2, Engelke-2, Griebe, Obloj, Hagelin. Assists: J: Boyle-2, Bryan, Byrne, Kimmel, Rabil. TU: Griebe, Hagelin, Obloj, Vetter. Saves: J: Schwartzman-9. TU: Antol-10. Shots: J-34. T-32. EMO: J: 0-for-0. T: 0-for-1. Attendance: 4,427.

Game 12 • April 30, 2007 • Waldron Family Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-15, Mount St. Mary's-3

EMMITSBURG, MD - Junior midfielder Paul Rabil scored three goals and added three assists and the fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team outscored host Mount St. Mary's 10-0 in the second half as the Blue Jays cruised to a 15-3 win over the Mountaineers. The win is the fourth straight for the Blue Jays, who improve to 8-4 on the year, while the Mount finishes its season at 3-10.

The Blue Jays led just 5-3 at the half before extending the lead to 6-3 on Rabil's second goal of the game just 28 seconds into the third quarter. Mount St. Mary's appeared to have trimmed the deficit to 6-4 on a Shaun Moran goal just over four minutes later, but Moran's stick was ruled to be illegal and the goal came off the board. It took the Blue Jays just 18 seconds to capitalize on the three-minute extra-man opportunity as freshman Michael Kimmel's goal ignited the Blue Jay offense.

Freshman Steven Boyle added another EMO goal two minutes later and Rabil and Kimmel scored their third goals of the game just 16 seconds apart four minutes later to push the lead to 10-3. Back-to-back goals by Boyle and junior Kevin Huntley in the last 16 seconds of the period made it 12-3 and Max Chautin and Andrew Jaffe sandwiched the first goals of the career around a Michael Doneger tally in the fourth quarter to account for the final scoring.

Kimmel opened the scoring just 21 seconds into the game when he dodged from the top and fired a shot low to the far post. Junior Stephen Peyser then handcuffed Mountaineer goalie Joe Zolezzi from eight yards out to give the Blue Jays a 2-0 lead less than six minutes into the game.

The Mountaineers fought back to tie the game late in the first quarter as Joe Bello worked to his right hand at the top of the box and beat Blue Jay goalie Jesse Schwartzman from 12 yards out before Eric Seifert knotted the game with 1:48 remaining in the opening period when he dodged to the right of Schwartzman and tucked one inside the far post.

Freshman Michael Gvozden replaced Schwartzman in goal after Seifert's goal and was immediately tested with a 12-yard laser, but he kicked it aside to jump-start a solid effort in the first extended playing time of his career.

Senior Jake Byrne then beat the first-quarter buzzer off a nifty cross-field pass from Rabil to make it 3-2 at the end of the first quarter and the Blue Jays never relinquished the lead again.

Rabil pushed the lead back to two goals just over two minutes into the second quarter, but Dave Orban answered for the Mount midway through the period to make it 4-3. Huntley was on the back end of a transition goal with 4:52 remaining in the first half as a Gvozden made a nice save, hit Andrew Miller with an outlet pass and Miller found Rabil, who quickly spotted Huntley to the right of the goal and Huntley wasted little time punching home the first of his two goals.

Rabil's six points were a game high and matched his career high, while Kimmel tied his career high with the three goals. Huntley added the two goals and one assist and Boyle scored twice for the Blue Jays, who got nine saves in goal from Gvozden, held a 46-26 advantage in shots and won the ground ball war 34-27.

Bello, Seifert and Orban's goals accounted for the only points for the Mount, which got three saves from Zolezzi and seven from Chris Channing.

The Blue Jays will close the regular season on Saturday at home against Loyola. Faceoff at Homewood Field is set for 1 pm.

#5 Johns Hopkins (8-4) 3-2-7-3/15 **Mount St. Mary's (4-10)** 2-1-0-0/3

Goals: J: Rabil-3, Kimmel-3, Huntley-2, Boyle-2, Byrne, Peyser, Chautin, Doneger, Jaffe. MSM: Seifert, Bello, Orban. Assists: J: Rabil-3, Bocklet, Bryan, Duerr, Huntley. MSM: None. Saves: J: Schwartzman-0, Gvozden-9, Matthews-1. MSM: Zolezzi-3, Channing-7. Shots: J-46. M-26. EMO: J: 2-for-5. M: 0-for-3. Attendance: 778.

Game 13 • May 5, 2007 • Homewood Field #5 Johns Hopkins-12, #12 Loyola-9

BALTIMORE, MD – The fifth-ranked Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team used a 6-1 second-half run to erase a 6-5 third-quarter deficit and held off a late rally by 12th-ranked Loyola as the Blue Jays picked up a hard-fought 12-9 win over the Greyhounds at Homewood Field Saturday afternoon. The win is the fifth straight for the Blue Jays, who improve to 9-4 on the year, while Loyola had a two-game winning streak snapped and falls to 7-5. Both teams will learn their fate in the upcoming NCAA Tournament when the bracket for the 2007 tournament is announced tomorrow night.

The Blue Jays trailed 6-5 midway through the third quarter after the Greyhounds scored the first three goals of the period to turn a 5-3 halftime deficit into a one-goal advantage. The Blue Jays answered with two goals in a two-minute span late in the period to carry a 7-6 lead into the fourth quarter. Junior Paul Rabil scored the first of his three goals with 5:54 remaining to tied the game and JHU then used a good ride and a ground ball to take the lead for good as junior Stephen Peyser came up with a loose ball near midfield and raced into the attack zone, where he found freshman Steven Boyle alone on the doorstep and Boyle slipped one past Loyola's Alex Peaty to complete his hat trick.

Senior Jake Byrne opened the fourth quarter with his third goal of the game when Rabil worked a mismatch behind the goal to draw a slide and found Byrne alone to Peaty's right. Byrne blew a low shot past Peaty to make it 8-6, but Loyola's Greg Leonard answered less than a minute later with Loyola's third extra-man goal of the game slice the lead to one.

The one-goal lead held for just over four minutes before the Blue Jays' Michael Doneger ignited a three-goal spree that took less than two minutes with an extra-man goal of his own to restore the two-goal lead. Sophomore Mark Bryan caught Peaty off-guard with a sneaky shot from the side 25 seconds later and Rabil polished off the three-goal run with a 10-yard blast from straight on to give the Blue Jays their first four-goal lead of the game (11-7). Dan Bauers and Leonard sandwiched goals around Rabil's third of the game in the final six minutes to account for the final scoring.

The Blue Jays got off to a quick start as Boyle and Byrne both scored in the first six minutes and sophomore Brian Christopher completed the game-opening three-goal run just over two minutes later when he used a freeze-dodge at the top of the box and went right down the middle before slipping a shot past Peaty from seven yards to make it 3-0.

Loyola responded with three of the next four goals to trim the deficit to 4-3. An unassisted goal by Andrew Spack was answered by Boyle's second goal of the game to make it 4-1 at the end of the first period before Spack and Shane Koppens scored back-to-back extra-man goals midway through the second quarter to trim the Blue Jays' lead to 4-3. An extra-man goal by Byrne accounted for the 5-3 halftime score.

Any momentum the Blue Jays built in the first half was gone before the third quarter was eight minutes old as Spack made it 5-4 1:11 into the third period and Bauers and Koppens scored within a three-minute span a short time later to give the 'Hounds their first lead of the game. The lead lasted all of 80 seconds before Rabil jump-started the game-turning 6-1 run that lifted the Blue Jays to their eighth straight win over Loyola.

Rabil's five points (3g, 2a) were a team-high and improve his season total to a career-high 39 points on the year. Boyle added three goals and one assist and Byrne fired home three goals to pace the Blue Jays, who held advantages in shots (38-32) and ground balls (37-36). Senior Jesse Schwartzman registered 10 saves in goal for Hopkins and moved past Larry Quinn on Hopkins' career saves list as he now has 465 to his credit.

Koppens scored two goals and added a game-high three assists to pace the Greyhounds, who got three goals from Spack and two goals from Bauers and Leonard. Dan Kallaugher won 14-of-24 faceoffs and Peaty made 11 saves for Loyola.

#12 Loyola (7-5) 1-2-3-3/9 #5 Johns Hopkins (9-4) 4-1-2-5/12

Goals: L: Spack-3, Koppens-2, Leonard-2, Bauers-2. J: Rabil-3, Byrne-3, Boyle-3, Christopher, Doneger, Bryan. Assists: L: Koppens-3, Kennedy. J: Peyser-2, Rabil-2, Boyle, Huntley, Kimmel. Saves: L: Peaty-11, Locke-1. J: Schwartzman-10. Shots: L-32. J-38. EMO: L: 3-for-6. J: 2-for-4. Attendance: 3,742.

Game 14 • May 12, 2007 • Homewood Field #5 Johns Hopkins-11, #11 Notre Dame-10 (OT)

• NCAA First Round •

BALTIMORE, MD – Johns Hopkins freshman midfielder Michael Kimmel scored just one goal in Saturday night's NCAA Men's Lacrosse First Round game against Notre Dame, but it's the one everyone will remember as his unassisted tally one-minute into overtime lifted the third-seeded Blue Jays to a thrilling 11-10 win over the Fighting Irish. Kimmel is the first freshman in school history to score a game-winning goal in overtime in an NCAA Tournament game. The Blue Jays (10-4) won for the sixth straight time and advance to next Saturday's quarterfinals, where they will face the winner of Sunday's Princeton-Georgetown game. Notre Dame (11-4) had an eight-game winning streak snapped with the loss.

The Blue Jays led by two on four different occasions in the second half, but could never push the lead to three and the Irish capitalized late. After Brian Christopher scored his second goal of the game on a sneaky shot from the side, the Irish mounted their final comeback. Ryan Hoff scored the first of his two fourth-quarter goals with 7:19 remaining as he took a feed from Will Yateman and picked the top corner of the far post just after the Blue Jays had killed a man-down situation.

Hoff then forced overtime with his second goal of the period as the Irish forced a turnover with 32 seconds remaining and quickly transitioned up field, where senior Brian Hubschmann threaded a low pass to Hoff on the crease and Hoff slipped a quick shot past Hopkins goalie Jesse Schwartzman to forced overtime. There, junior Stephen Peyser won the faceoff and the Blue Jays worked the ball to Kimmel, who dodged from behind the goal, lost his footing to the right of the goal and fired a five-yard shot past Notre Dame's Joey Kemp from his knees to lift Hopkins to its ninth straight overtime victory.

Notre Dame came out firing early as Michael Podgajny scored twice during a 4-1 game-opening run as he opened the scoring just 61 seconds into the game and Hubschmann scored twice during the spree as the Irish held the Blue Jays to a just a Peyser goal in the first 21:24. Peyser's goal came just under four minutes after Podgajny had opened the scoring and was followed shortly after by a 45-minute lightening delay.

Hubschmann's first goal came less than a minute after play resumed and Podgajny scored with just eight seconds left in the first quarter. Hubschmann's second goal five minutes into the second quarter was answered by the first of Jake Byrne's three goals in the game as junior Paul Rabil dodged from the top and drew a slide before finding Byrne behind the play. Byrne quickly fired one past Kemp, who was caught coming back to cover the weak side.

Byrne's goal ignited a 6-1 run for the Blue Jays, who got an unassisted goal from freshman Steven Boyle to cut the deficit to 4-3 at the half and tallies by Rabil and Byrne before the third quarter was seven minutes old to take their first lead of the game at 5-4. An extra-man goal by Brett Vecchio drew the Irish even, but the Blue Jays' second midfield punched home two goals in a span of 1:31 late in the period to give Hopkins the first of its four two-goal leads. Senior Drew Dabrowski was on the back end of a nice give-and-go with junior Kevin Huntley and sophomore Brian Christopher blew a shot past Kemp from 10-yards out after taking a nice pass from linemate Mark Bryan with 3:03 remaining.

A 37-minute lightening delay followed shortly after Christopher's goal and the teams traded the next six goals after play resumed. Byrne, Rabil and Christopher all scored during the six-goal standoff ,with Podgajny scoring twice and Hubschmann once for Notre Dame. Christopher's second goal with 8:42 remaining in the fourth quarter gave the Blue Jays a 10-8 lead, but Hoff's two late goals forced the extra session, where Kimmel etched his name in the record book.

Rabil led the Blue Jays with two goals and two assists, while Byrne (3g), Huntley (3a) and Christopher (2g) all had at least two points. Schwartzman was solid in goal with 14 saves, while Peyser won 12-of-17 faceoffs, grabbed a career-high-tying 12 ground balls and scored the one goal.

Podgajny scored a game-high four goals and Hubschmann scored three goals and added two assists. Hoff added the two late goals and Yateman chipped in with two assists for the Irish, who got eight saves from Kemp.

#11 Notre Dame (11-4) 3-1-3-3-0/10 **#5 Johns Hopkins (10-4)** 1-2-5-2-1/11

Goals: N: Podgajny-4, Hubschmann-3, Hoff-2, Vecchio. J: Byrne-3, Rabil-2, Christopher-2, Peyser, Kimmel, Boyle, Dabrowski. Assists: N: Hubschman-2, Yateman-2, Leach. J: Huntley-3, Rabil-2, Bryan. Saves: N: Kemp-8. J: Schwartzman-14. Shots: N-43. J-36. EMO: N: 1-for-3. J: 0-for-0. Attendance: 2,548.

Game 15 • May 19, 2007 • Princeton Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-14, #4 Georgetown-6

• NCAA Quarterfinals •

PRINCETON, NJ – Junior attackman Kevin Huntley matched his career-high with five goals and six points and the third-seeded Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team used a 6-0 first-half run to take control of Saturday's NCAA Quarterfinal game against sixth-seeded Georgetown as the Blue Jays rolled to a 14-6 win at Princeton Stadium Saturday afternoon. The win is the seventh straight for the Blue Jays, who improve to 11-4 and move into next week's national semifinals, where they will play the winner of Sunday's UMBC-Delaware game. Georgetown had an eight-game winning streak snapped and ends the season at 12-3.

Johns Hopkins will be making its fifth trip to the Final Four in the last six years and national-best 27th appearance in the national semifinals.

"We focused on preparing well for this game all week," Johns Hopkins head coach Dave Pietramala noted in the post-game press conference. "We didn't talk about getting back to the Final Four or anything associated with that ... we focused on preparation and doing the things necessary to beat a very talented Georgetown team. I'm just thrilled for our players who worked so hard for this."

After spotting the Hoyas the opening goal of the game the Blue Jays held Georgetown scoreless for the final 27 minutes of the opening half and methodically built a 6-1 margin at intermission. Sophomore Mark Bryan ignited the 6-0 run that covered the remainder of the first half as he worked from behind the goal to Georgetown goalie Miles Kass's right and beat him with a quick, sneaky shot under heavy pressure. The goal extended Bryan's point-scoring streak to a career-best six games.

Back-to-back goals by senior Jake Byrne in the final five minutes of the first quarter pushed the lead to 3-1. Byrne polished off a long possession by the second midfield when he took a pass from sophomore Brian Christopher and beat Kass with a high-to-low laser from the side. He then helped the Blue Jays beat the clock at the end of the period as he took a pass from junior Kevin Huntley and one-timed a nine-yard shot to the far post with just six seconds remaining in the period.

The 3-1 lead held through the first six minutes of the second quarter, a period that saw the Blue Jays kill a three-minute non-releasable penalty on Huntley for an illegal stick. The momentum gained from killing the penalty, during which Georgetown managed just two shots, was enhanced when sophomore Tom Duerr dodged from behind the goal and fired home his third goal of the season when he spun past a defender and beat Kass down low. As it turned out the Hoyas never rebounded and the Blue Jays were energized by the turn of events.

"When the penalty was called we turned our focus to our man-down unit and that's been a group that's been much maligned this season," Pietramala noted of the pivotal second-quarter sequence. "We were able to weather the storm defensively and I am proud of how Kevin responded after returning."

Huntley returned to the field shortly after Duerr scored and fired home the first of his five goals three minutes later when he blistered a low-to-high shot from the goal-line-extended past Kass and he dodged hard to the goal from the side five minutes later to make it 6-1 just 20 seconds before intermission.

The Hoyas struck for two of the first three goals of the second half as Ryan Still and Cullen Molinari sandwiched goals around a Michael Kimmel tally in the first 11 minutes of the third quarter, but a three-goal run by the Blue Jays in the final 3:38 of the period pushed the lead to 10-3 at the end of three quarters and Georgetown was never closer than six in the final 18 minutes. Huntley sandwiched a pair of goals around Andrew Miller's first career goal to fuel the late third-quarter spree.

Christopher, Kimmel and Huntley scored in a span of less than three minutes to answer a fourth-quarteropening goal by Garrett Wilson before Steve Bauer and Trevor Casey sandwiched goals around a Stephen Peyser tally in the final 6:31 to account for the final scoring.

While the offense grabbed most of the attention with its 14-goal outburst, the Blue Jay defense was sensational as they held the Hoyas to their second-lowest output of the season. Senior goalie Jesse Schwartzman spearheaded the unit with 15 saves before giving way to freshman Michael Gvozden in the final minutes. The Blue Jays held Georgetown scoreless for more than 29 minutes as one point, the 20th time this season the Hopkins defense has held the opposition scoreless for a span of 10:45 or longer.

Huntley, who had previously scored five goals and notched six points in a game twice in his career, led the Blue Jays with his five-goal, one-assist effort. Kimmel and Byrne both scored two goals and junior Paul Rabil dished out a game-high three assists to fuel an offensive outburst that saw eight different players score goals and 11 different players register at least one point.

"Everyone on the offensive end was doing their job and moving the ball to the open guy," Rabil stated. "We talked about being organized and being disciplined. Today, Kevin was on the back-end of a lot of the ball-movement. It's been a different guy each week. It doesn't matter who gets the credit or scores the goals."

Only Casey, who scored one goal and added one assist, managed more than one point for the Hoyas, who got six saves from Kass, but failed on five extra-man opportunities, including the crucial three-minute advantage in the second quarter.

#4 Georgetown (12-3) 1-0-2-3/6 **#5 Johns Hopkins (11-4)** 3-3-4-4/14

Goals: G: Casey, Wilson, Brancaccio, Still, Bauer, Milinari. J: Huntley-5, Byrne-2, Kimmel-2, Christopher, Peyser, Bryan, Duerr, Miller. Assists: G: Casey. J: Rabil-3, Castle, Christopher, Huntley, Zerrlaut. Saves: G: Kaas-6, Davis-0. J: Schwartzman-15, Gvozden-1 Shots: G-36. J-34. EMO: G: 0-for-5. J: 1-for-2. Attendance: 8,123.

Game 16 • May 26, 2007 • M&T Bank Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-14, #15 Delaware-3

• NCAA Semifinals •

BALTIMORE, MD – Junior midfielder Stephen Peyser and freshman midfielder Michael Kimmel both scored three goals and senior goalie Jesse Schwartzman posted 10 saves as the third-seeded Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team eased past unseeded Delaware, 8-3, in the NCAA Semifinals at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium Saturday afternoon. The win runs Hopkins' winning streak to eight games and the Blue Jays improve to 12-4 on the year. Delaware had its seven-game winning streak snapped and ends the season at 13-6.

"I thought we were spectacular on defense, very good in goal and good on faceoffs," Johns Hopkins head coach Dave Pietramala noted in the post-game press conference. "I thought we played poorly on offense, but Delaware's defense did a good job and they did a lot of things to throw us off." Despite the "off" game, the Blue Jays controlled the tempo from the start, but didn't pull away until the late in the third quarter.

The Blue Jays led just 2-1 at the half and the Hens were within 3-2 after a J.J. Moran goal with 9:28 remaining in the third quarter, but Hopkins used a five-goal run to put the game away and move into the national championship game for the third time in five years.

Sophomore Tom Duerr ignited the spree with his fourth goal of the season with just 50 seconds remaining in the third quarter when he worked from behind the goal to the left of Delaware goalie Tom Scherr and beat Scherr low to the far post with a five-yard shot. Delaware's Alex Smith won the ensuing faceoff and went in alone on Schwartzman, but Schwartzman came up with the save and the momentum-swinging stop was capitalized on by Kimmel with eight seconds left in the quarter when he dodged from behind the goal and beat Scherr on the doorstep to make it 5-2 entering the fourth quarter.

Peyser, who had opened the scoring in the game with an unassisted goal midway through the first quarter, pushed the lead to 6-2 when he fired a low shot past Scherr just 55 seconds into the fourth quarter. That lead held for just over seven minutes when Peyser completed his second career hat trick with his third unassisted goal of the game. Kimmel completed the fourth hat trick of his freshman year with 3:31 remaining as he dodged from behind again and beat Scherr in tight to make it 8-2. Delaware's Dan Deckelbaum, who entered the game with 26 goals, closed out the scoring when he punched one home with 2:28 remaining.

"I think we were getting good looks all day, we just weren't capitalizing on our opportunities," Peyser noted of the low-scoring first half. "We were dodging hard all day and finally in the second half we started to shoot a little better. We just grinded it out on offense."

The game-within-the-game that had been talked about all week was the matchup between Smith and Blue Jay faceoff specialists Jamison Koesterer. Smith entered the game as the nation's top faceoff specialist (73.3%), but the tandem of Koesterer and Peyser was up to the challenge as they combined to win 8-of-15. Peyser won 3-of-6 and grabbed four ground balls to go along with his three goals, while Koesterer won 5-of-9 and had two ground balls. Smith had won at least 50% of the his faceoffs in 19 straight games and 61 of 68 games entering the semifinals.

"It's kind of hard to ignore a player like that," Koesterer noted of Smith. "We know that he liked to push the ball forward and create fast break opportunities. We thought throughout the week that if we practiced getting in front of him and prevented him from pushing the ball forward we had a chance to make it a ground ball war."

Schwartzman spearheaded a standout effort by the Blue Jay defense with his 10-save performance. The three goals allowed are the fewest ever allowed in an NCAA Semifinal game and are tied for the second-fewest Johns Hopkins has ever allowed in an NCAA Tournament game. Delaware didn't score until freshman Curtis Dickson finally broke through with an unassisted goal with 4:28 remaining in the second quarter. The Hens were then held scoreless for 20 minutes later in the game to give the Blue Jays eight runs of holding the opposition scoreless for 20 minutes or longer this season.

Delaware (13-6) 0-1-1-1/3 **#5 Johns Hopkins (12-4)** 1-1-3-3/8

Goals: D: Deckelbaum, Moran, Dickson. J: Peyser-3, Kimmel-3, Rabil, Duerr. Assists: D: Hall. J: None. Saves: D: Scherr-11. J: Schwartzman-10. Shots: D-37. J-40. EMO: D: 0-for-2. J: 1-for-2. Attendance: 52,004.

Game 17 • May 28, 2007 • M&T Bank Stadium #5 Johns Hopkins-12, #2 Duke-11

• NCAA Championship •

BALTIMORE, MD – Two years ago, the Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse team completed a storybook season with a one-goal win over Duke in the NCAA Championship game. Today, the Blue Jays capped another storybook campaign, one that played out entirely differently than the one in 2005, with a thrilling 12-11 win over top-seeded Duke before 48,443 at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium Monday afternoon. Unlike 2005, when the Blue Jays killed the final 90 seconds with possession, this one wasn't decided until the final horn sounded.

The NCAA title is the ninth for the Blue Jays (13-4), who rallied from a 4-4 start to win their final nine games of the season. Hopkins built a big early lead, withstood a furious rally by the Blue Devils (17-3), converted the game-winning goal with just over three minutes remaining and held off a spirited attempt at the game-tying goal in the final seconds.

"There was a point this year where there was talk about us not making the playoffs," head coach Dave Pietramala stated in the post-game press conference. "These guys banded together and worked awful hard. They did some things that were absolutely spectacular and to win this game, this weekend, in that fashion was very special."

The Blue Jays built a stunning 10-4 lead at he half by playing the Devils' game: quick ball movement and transition. It took just 12 seconds for the Blue Jays to open the scoring as Jake Byrne fired home the first of his four goals off a feed from Paul Rabil. Seven minutes later it was junior Kevin Hutley who scored in traffic when Rabil threaded a pass to the crease that Huntley converted for the first of his three goals.

Duke rallied for two straight goals in a span of exactly two minutes late in the quarter as Brad Ross blistered a shot pass Jesse Schwartzman from 10 yards and Ned Crotty tied the game a short time later with an extra-man goal.

Any momentum the Devils gained with their two straight goals was gone in the final 40 seconds of the first quarter as Stephen Peyser converted with a left-handed laser on a drive from the top of the box with 39 seconds remaining and Huntley added an extra-man goal 19 seconds later to give the Blue Jays a 4-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Pesyer needed just 33 seconds of the second quarter to make it 5-2 and Byrne picked the corner on a 12-yard shot just under three minutes later to give the Blue Jays a stunning 6-2 lead.

After Duke's Peter Lamade sliced the lead to 6-3 with 8:58 remaining in the first half, the Blue Jays scored four of the last five goals of the quarter to push the lead to 10-4 at the half.

Rabil forced a turnover while playing defense and raced the length of the field with the ball before slipping a pass to Byrne, who blew a shot past Duke goalie Dan Loftus with 7:15 remaining and sophomore Tom Duerr, who provided a spark in the playoffs with goals in JHU's final three games, slipped inside his defender and beat beat Loftus in tight with 6:20 remaining. Crotty temporarily halted the run with an unassisted goal a minute after Duerr's goal, but Byrne's fourth of the day and a goal by freshman Steven Boyle in the final 2:21 accounted for the 10-4 halftime score.

"I'm very proud of our defense," Schwartzman noted. "I never thought we'd hold Duke to four goals in the first half, but we kept working and they (our defense) never gave up."

While the scoring stole the show in the first half, it was Hopkins' work on faceoffs that provided the ability to take control. Peyser and senior Jamison Koesterer combined to win 12-of-16 faceoffs in the first half as the Blue Jays dominated time of possession. Still, the Devils made their inevitable run.

The Blue Jays nearly beat their record for quickest goal to start a half this season (the 12-second effort in the first half bettered their previous mark of 21 seconds), but Byrne misfired on a cross-crease pass to Huntley right off the faceoff. The Blue Devils took over from there and out-scored the Blue Jays 5-0 in the third quarter.

Max Quinzani fired home a rebound with 10:50 remaining and Crotty side-armed an extra-man goal past Schwartzman 24 seconds later to make it 10-6. Ross then beat his defender into the box on a late substitution and scored on the run, while Mike Catalino worked from behind the goal and scored in tight with 7:44 remaining to trim the deficit to 10-8. An unassisted goal by Lamade with 5:21 remaining in the period made it 10-9 and neither team scored again before the pivotal fourth quarter.

After scoring 10 first half goals, the Blue Jays desperately needed something after being held scoreless in the third period. Rabil, Hopkins' only First Team All-American, provided the spark the Blue Jays needed as he dodged from the top and fired home a shot to the far post on the run.

Player of the Year Matt Danowski inched the Devils back to within one with his only goal of the game 90 seconds after Rabil's goal and Quinzani deflected a pass from Nick O'Hara into an extra-man goal with 4:37 remaining to tie the game at 11.

The Blue Jays converted the game-winner just over a minute later when Loftus came up with a save on freshman Steven Boyle, but Michael Ward turned the ball over on the clearing attempt and Rabil came up with the ground ball. He quickly found Huntley behind the defense and Huntley faked Loftus low before putting one up high to restore a one-goal lead. The 12-11 lead would hold, but not without some heroics on the defensive end.

Ross hit the post with 2:41 remaining and Schwartzman stuffed Zack Greer with 1:44 on the clock. Eric Zerrlaut was called for a slash at the same time as Schwartzman's save, giving the Devils their seventh extra-man opportunity of the game. Duke didn't manage a shot before the penalty expired and the Blue Jays twice came up with possession only to turn the ball over and give the Devils one final chance with 40 seconds remaining.

After a Blue Devil timeout the Blue Jays forced everything to the outside and wouldn't budge from Greer inside. Ross's seven-yard shot from the side was kicked-away by Schwartzman with eight seconds left and a Quinzani shot from 15 yards as the clock expired skipped wide to set off a wild celebration.

"Eric did a great job of not sliding off of Greer," Schwartzman stated of the final Duke attempt. "He (Ross) got a shot off and I really didn't read it too well. I couldn't get my stick there so I just kicked my leg out and just prayed that the ball would hit my leg and it did."

Schwartzman posted 15 saves and earned his second tournament Most Outstanding Player award. Rabil scored the one goal, dished out a career high five assists and matched his personal best with six points. Byrne capped his career with a four-goal, one-assist effort and Huntley fired home three goals, including the game-winner.

Peyser scored two goals, added one assist, won 9-of-14 faceoffs and grabbed a game-high nine ground balls. Koesterer won 8-of-12 faceoffs and grabbed three ground balls. Joining Schwartzman on the All-Tournament Team were Byrne, Rabil, Peyser and Zerrlaut, who limited Greer to just one assist. Not on the All-Tournament team, but worthy of a selection, was sophomore Michael Evans, who limited Danowski to one goal and one assist. Greer and Danowski entered the game with 187 points combined on the year.

Crotty (3g, 1a) and Lamade (2g, 2a) led the Devils with four points apiece and Ross and Quinzani both scored twice. Loftus posted 10 saves, including five in the second half as Duke made its comeback.

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Goals: JH: Byrne-4, Huntley-3, Peyser-2, Rabil, Boyle, Duerr. D: Crotty-3, Lamade-2, Ross-2, Quinzani-2, Danowski, Catalino. Assists: JH: Rabil-5, Boyle, Byrne, Peyser. D: Lamade-2, Crotty, Danowski, Greer, O'Hara. Saves: JH: Schwartzman-15. D: Loftus-10 Shots: JH-43. D-39. EMO: JH: 3-for-5. D: 3-for-7. Attendance: 48,443.