

# Mission: Athletic Excellence

Celebrating one of the most successful athletic years in school history, Salisbury University placed 18th overall in the final 2003 Directors' Cup rankings for intercollegiate athletics. The Sea Gulls claimed seven Capital Athletic Conference championships as well as eight NCAA Championship Tournament appearances. Individual successes included 16 All-Americans, six CoSIDA/Verizon Academic All-Americans and five CAC Players of the Year.

## Fabulous Fall

An outstanding fall sports season yielded three conference championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances and one Final Four berth for the Sea Gulls. SU claimed Capital Athletic Conference championships in field hockey, men's soccer and men's cross country. In addition, the football team earned its first NCAA playoff invitation in 16 years and the field hockey team returned to the NCAA's Final Four for the sixth time overall and second time in three years.

## Sensational Spring

The Sea Gull athletic teams enjoyed one of their most successful spring seasons ever. The men's lacrosse team captured its fourth national championship with a 14-13 overtime victory over Middlebury in the NCAA final. The softball team concluded its most successful season ever by finishing as the national championship runner-up. The women's lacrosse team won its third conference championship in four years and advanced to the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. The baseball team made its fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance. The women's tennis team won its second straight conference championship and earned its third straight NCAA Tournament berth.



## ▲ It's Academic

Salisbury had the second highest number of student-athletes named to the 2003 Capital Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, with 129 qualifiers. Among the scholar-athletes is future teacher and senior basketball player Amy

Campion. She was selected as the conference's Women's Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was also the recipient of SU's Female Scholar-Athlete Award.



## National Champions

Sophomore attackman Chris Phillips scored the game-winning goal 29 seconds into sudden-death overtime to lift Salisbury to its fourth national championship and first since 1999 with a 14-13 win over Middlebury before 15,417 fans at Baltimore's Ravens Stadium. Salisbury set a new school record with its 19th win of the season and closed the year with a nine-game winning streak.



## Capital Athletic Conference Champions

- Men's Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Men's Lacrosse
- Women's Lacrosse
- Men's Soccer
- Softball
- Women's Tennis

## Final Overall Records

- Baseball .....31-13-1
- Men's Basketball .....6-20
- Women's Basketball .....23-5
- Cross Country .....men: 1st in CAC  
.....women: 4th in CAC
- Field Hockey .....17-3
- Football .....9-2
- Men's Lacrosse .....19-1
- Women's Lacrosse .....14-2
- Men's Soccer .....15-3-1
- Women's Soccer .....12-7
- Softball .....45-6-1
- Swimming .....men: 3-6  
.....women: 4-6
- Men's Tennis .....6-11
- Women's Tennis .....9-7
- Track & Field .....men: 2nd in CAC  
.....women: 2nd in CAC
- Volleyball .....18-20



## ▲ Football On The Rise

The Sea Gull football team enjoyed its most successful season in 16 years by posting a 9-2 final record in 2002 and earning a berth in the NCAA playoff tournament. The Gulls finished among

the national leaders in rushing offense and total defense. In recognition of its outstanding season, Salisbury had 15 players receive all-Atlantic Central Football Conference honors in 2002.