

## SEA GULL ATHLETICS

### Athletics At A Glance

FALL SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Men's Cross Country	--	CAC Third Place
Women's Cross Country	--	CAC Third Place
Field Hockey	15-3	NCAA Second Round
Football	9-3	NCAA Second Round, Empire 8 Champions
Men's Soccer	9-7-2	CAC Semifinalist
Women's Soccer	11-5-2	CAC Finalist
Volleyball	37-4	NCAA Quarterfinals, CAC Champions

WINTER SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Men's Basketball	19-8	CAC Semifinals
Women's Basketball	15-12	CAC Semifinals
Men's Swimming	3-7	CAC 4th Place
Women's Swimming	2-8	CAC 5th Place

SPRING SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Baseball	33-9	NCAA Regional Finalist CAC Champion
Men's Lacrosse	17-6	NCAA Semifinals
Women's Lacrosse	23-0	NCAA Champion CAC Champion
Softball	42-4	NCAA DIII World Series, CAC Champion
Men's Tennis	14-10	CAC Finalist
Women's Tennis	20-3	CAC Finalist
Men's Track & Field	--	CAC Champion Campbell claims NCAA title in 110-meter hurdles
Women's Track & Field	--	CAC Champion Tavik claims 2nd NCAA title in shot put

### Salisbury Concludes Another Strong Year with Postseason Play

The 2012-13 year ended with Salisbury again being recognized as one of the top athletic departments in the nation. The National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) ranked the Sea Gulls No. 12 in the final Learfield Sports Directors Cup. Teams are ranked based on their finishes in NCAA tournaments.

Salisbury sent seven teams to the NCAA tournament this past season. Along with the women's lacrosse team claiming the national championship, the softball team qualified for the NCAA Division III World Series, the men's lacrosse team advanced to the NCAA semifinals and the baseball team was an NCAA regional finalist. The volleyball team made its deepest run in the NCAA tournament, winning the regional hosted at Maggs Physical Activities Center and advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals, while the football team made the NCAA tournament for the third year in a row – a program first.

Along with the NCAA tournament runs, Salisbury claimed seven conference championships and saw seven athletes named conference Players of the Year.

Looking ahead, the future is bright for Salisbury athletics with three conference Rookie of the Year awards.

The year was not simply about 12 months of action, as the Sea Gulls welcomed three new members into the Athletics Hall of Fame for

their contributions to the program more than a decade ago. Erik Miller '95 (men's lacrosse), Lisa Neylan Vuolo '01 (women's basketball) and Michael Svehla '02 (men's soccer) made up the Class of 2012.

Salisbury men's lacrosse Head Coach Jim Berkman received an honor that was a long time coming, as it was announced that he would be inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in October 2013.

Women's lacrosse and track & field were not the only programs to bring a national championship back to the Eastern Shore, as the club men's rugby team won the Division II national championship. The SU Sharks lost in the 2012 national championship game and made the long road back to the title tilt, taking on the team from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, which had steamrolled all of its other competition in the tournament. In stunning fashion, Salisbury came up with a 32-17 victory for the national championship.





## Perdue Estate Dedicates Gift to Women's Basketball Program

In early March, the Madeline G. Perdue Charitable Foundation, Inc. announced two gifts to the SU Foundation, Inc. with a combined worth of \$540,000 to benefit women's basketball at the University.

Some \$200,000, to permanently endow the women's basketball program, may be used for team operating expenses. The remaining \$340,000 will be placed in a special account for the eventual construction of a new athletics facility, dedicated to a locker room and team gathering place for women's basketball. A Memorandum of Understanding states that the space "shall be comparable to the best NCAA Division III facilities."

In gratitude for her support, the women's basketball locker/team room will be named the "Madeline G. Perdue Women's Basketball Team Room" when a new athletics facility is built.

## SU Sports Information Office Gains National Recognition

A year-in-review article in *Lacrosse Magazine*, published by US Lacrosse, the sport's national governing body, named Tim Brennan, SU sports information director, the "SID of the Year."

"The Sea Gulls website is one of the most comprehensive around and when I checked [our e-mail] account, Salisbury's releases were always one of the first I found on game day," said writer Jac Coyne. "If I needed art or quick access to a player, Brennan turned around my request seemingly within minutes."

Brennan joined the University's staff in 2009. He credits his staff, especially SU graduate assistant Joshua LaVeck, who worked primarily with men's lacrosse during the 2012 season.



## Sea Gulls Bring Home Three National Championships

The end of the academic year is about celebration, having completed another successful year in the classroom, and for the luckiest of athletic programs, celebrating national championships. SU was able to celebrate two NCAA individual titles and the department's 17th team NCAA championship in May.

The women's lacrosse team entered 2013 with "redemption" as the theme for its year. Having lost to Trinity (CT) College in the 2012 national championship game, for the Sea Gulls' only loss of the season, the players felt they had let an opportunity slip away, and in 2013 they would not be denied. Salisbury did not lose a single game in the regular season, spending the entire year ranked No. 2 in the country, behind undefeated No. 1 Trinity. The Sea Gulls rolled through the Capital Athletic Conference tournament, for the program's 13th conference championship, and the first three rounds of the NCAA tournament to reach the semifinals. Salisbury survived its first halftime deficit, coming from behind to beat Middlebury College in the national semifinal, 8-7. The championship game was a rematch of 2012, and this time, the Sea Gulls would get the best of the Bantams. Salisbury scored four goals in the first 12 minutes of the game, and never looked back from the 4-0 lead, claiming the program's second national championship, 12-5.

The men's and women's track & field teams saw their first individual NCAA national champion in 2009 and have used that first title to only gain momentum. In 2013, the programs achieved another first, seeing both a men's and women's competitor winning a title at the same championships. Senior Chelsea Tavik (below right) earned her second national championship, and first during the outdoor portion of her career, claiming the women's shot put competition. She closed her career as the most decorated women's student-athlete in track & field history, claiming five All-American awards. She traveled to the championships with freshman Luke Campbell (below left), who earned an All-American honor during the indoor season and came from his 10th seeded position in the men's 110-meter hurdles at the outdoor championships to claim his first national championship.

