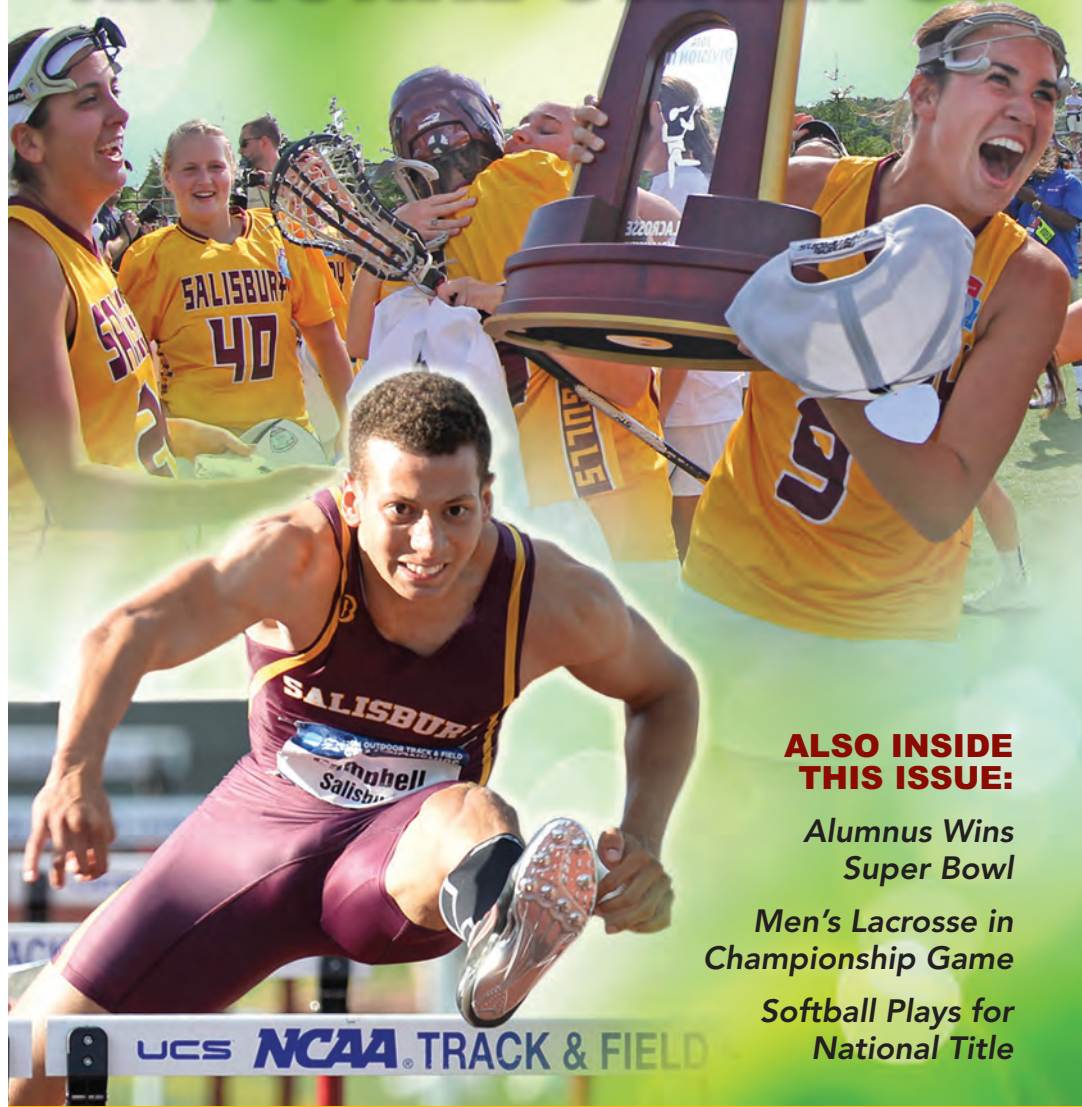




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Athletics News

Women's Lacrosse Cements Legacy with Third Championship

When the 2014 season began, the women's lacrosse team had a target on its back. The squad had gone undefeated through the 2013 campaign, avenging its national championship loss a year earlier. As the defending champion, this year's team got everyone's best game, hoping to end the Sea Gulls' winning streak.

Salisbury dropped just one game – during the regular season – and earned the program's second straight, and third overall, national title on Memorial Day Weekend.

The Sea Gulls looked like the determined defending champion early in the year, never wavering in their success, winning their first 16 games by an average of nearly seven goals. Only six of those victories were decided by fewer than five goals.

The strength of this year's team was one of the top defenses in the nation, anchored by Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Goalkeeper of the Year Ashton Wheatley, which surrendered just 5.92 goals per game. With depth on the offensive end of the field as well, Salisbury had seven players finish with at least 20 points this season.



The Sea Gulls' 49-game winning streak, dating back to the start of the 2013 season, came to an end on Easter Sunday, with a 12-9 defeat at the State University of New York at Cortland. The Red Dragons jumped out to an early lead, and Salisbury battled back in the second half, but took their first defeat since May 20, 2012.

Following the loss to Cortland, Salisbury began another streak, this time winning seven straight, all of which came in the post season, beginning with a two-win run for the Capital Athletic Conference tournament championship – 14th overall and 12th straight. Following the CAC title, the Sea Gulls rolled past Farmingdale State College, Augustana (IL) College, and Franklin & Marshall College to advance to the program's 10th championship weekend.

In Gettysburg, PA, Salisbury took a 3-2 lead at halftime on Amherst College in the semifinals and pulled away in the second half to advance to meet Trinity (CT) College in the title game for the third year in a row.

The Sea Gulls outscored the Bantams 5-0 in the first half of the title game, closing out the championship with a 9-6 final score.

Bethany Baer

Campbell Picks Up NCAA's First Male Hurdle Sweep

Winning an individual national championship takes time, a great work ethic and patience to build to the point of being considered the best in the nation. Luke Campbell has made it look easy.

In his two years in maroon and gold, the sophomore has rewritten the school record books, now holding three indoor and outdoor records, and has claimed four national championships, including an NCAA first by a male to win all three hurdles national titles in the same year.

At the indoor championships this year, Campbell blazed his way through the preliminary round of the 60-meter hurdles and improved upon that a day later, winning his first indoor championship in 7.75 seconds, a time no other Division III runner has ever accomplished.

That one title would have made for a good year, but Campbell was not done, qualifying for the outdoor championships in the 400-meter and 110-meter hurdles. He successfully defended his national championship in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing in a school-record time of 13.82 seconds. But there was one race left, and just 90 minutes later, Campbell made history, claiming his third hurdle national championship of the year, winning with the fourth-fastest time in Division III history in the 400-meter hurdles – in 50.36 seconds.

Salisbury proved itself as the top team in the country, not just in the final game, but throughout the season, registering 11 wins against teams ranked in the top 20 throughout the year.

The third national championship was highlighted by dozens of individual accolades, led by Wheatley's honor and junior Bethany Baer being named the IWLCA National Midfielder of the Year and the national championship tournament's Most Outstanding Player.



Shelby Nemecek



Luke Campbell



Brett Colacchi

Baseball Gets Back to Appleton

The baseball team put together a regular season-ending 16-game winning streak, including the Sea Gulls' third-straight CAC title. Making the program's 20th trip to the NCAA tournament, the Sea Gulls swept through NCAA regional play to make the College World Series.

The end of the season marks the end of Head Coach Doug Fleetwood's leadership of the baseball program. He finished his career with 476 wins, with the Sea Gulls winning 76.2 percent of games with him at the head of the program. The Sea Gulls made four trips to the College World Series under his guidance, making the NCAA tournament in each of his 14 seasons and capturing 10 CAC titles.



Gordon Jeter

Jeter Named CAC's Top Rookie

As the 2013-14 men's basketball season unfolded, it was apparent that Head Coach Josh Merkel had discovered a freshman who would play a vital part in the team's success. For his efforts during the year, Gordon Jeter was named the Capital Athletic Conference's Rookie of the Year. It is the second time a Sea Gull has been named the top freshman in the conference.

Jeter averaged 7.8 points per game and a team-leading 6.3 rebounds per game. The Easton, Md., native registered three double-doubles during the season.



Anna Hackett

Hackett Joins 1,000-Point Club

Junior Anna Hackett became the 19th member of the 1,000-point club in women's basketball history this season, and finished the year as the 10th-most prolific scorer in program history with 1,241 points in just three years in maroon and gold.

This season, Hackett led the Sea Gulls with 16.9 points and 5.5 assists per game. For her efforts, the point guard was named to the All-CAC First Team and was a D3hoops.com All-Region Third Team selection.

Salisbury's Super Sea Gull

The motto for Division III athletics is "Discover... Develop... Dedicate," encouraging student-athletes to discover their potential in the pursuit of academic excellence. Former Sea Gull football player, and current defensive coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks, Dan Quinn built upon the foundation started at Salisbury to become a Super Bowl champion.



Dan Quinn

Quinn, a member of the class of 1994, led the National Football League's top scoring defense that helped Seattle to an NFC-best 13-3 record and a top seed in the playoffs. After capturing the NFC title and a berth in the Super Bowl, the Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 43-8, for the third-largest margin of victory in a Super Bowl.

In his first year as coordinator, Quinn improved an already dominate defense. In 2012, while Quinn served as the defensive coordinator for the Florida Gators, the Seahawks allowed a league-low 15.3 points. Under the former Sea Gull, who was a defensive assistant for the Seahawks during the 2009 and 2010 seasons, the team gave up just 14.4 points per contest.

Quinn, a member of the Salisbury University Athletics Hall of Fame, learned the Xs and Os of football under the guidance of Head Coach Joe Rotelinni and the Salisbury coaching staff. It was at Salisbury that he turned his career path from being an educator in a school setting to an educator of football players. Building upon the knowledge he gained at Salisbury, Quinn has turned himself to a respected coach who is climbing to the top of his profession.

Softball Runs Through Postseason

The softball team, which was ranked in the top 10 throughout the season, was awarded one of 16 NCAA tournament regionals at the SU Softball Field. The Sea Gulls claimed three wins to advance, knocking off each visiting team with stellar pitching and timely hitting. Sophomore Molly Simpson, who played a limited role during her freshman year, was Salisbury's starting second baseman through the 2014 campaign, and delivered throughout the year but stepped up over the three-day regional. Simpson was 5-for-9 (.556 batting average) in the wins, with a home run and six runs driven in to be named the event's Most Outstanding Player.

In the next round, the Super Regionals, Salisbury hosted Christopher Newport University in a best-of-three series, and the Sea Gulls were able to take early leads in the first two games, and hold on for the wins thanks to strong pitching from junior Rachel Johnson and senior Kathryn Larson, as well as outstanding defense from senior first baseman Harley Hill to advance to the NCAA championship.



In Salisbury's eighth trip to the NCAA championship, the Sea Gulls went undefeated through their first three games to set up a best-of-three series with No. 1 Tufts University. Salisbury grabbed the first game, but could not get the second win, finishing as the NCAA runner-up for the third time in program history.

Depth Key in Title Game Run for Men's Lacrosse

Coming into the 2014 season, the men's lacrosse team knew its defense was going to be one of the best in the nation. With nearly every starter returning from the previous season and one of the top goalkeepers back for his senior year, it lived up to expectations, surrendering just 6.57 goals per game, which ranked 14th in the nation.

While the offense did not have one top scorer to key on, opposing teams were forced to focus on a unit that saw veterans, first-year transfers and young players come together to form the 20th-ranked scoring unit in the nation. Nine players put home at least 10 goals for Salisbury this year as the team defeated 12 ranked opponents on its way to the program's 14th NCAA championship game appearance.

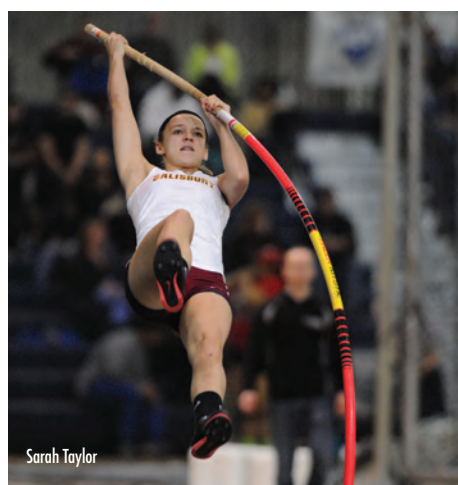


Zeke Smith

Vaulting into the Record Books

Freshmen usually come into an athletic program and take some time to get acclimated before making their impact. Sarah Taylor blew that stereotype out of the water in her first collegiate meet, breaking the school record in the pole vault by clearing a height of 9' 5.75". She would break her own indoor record two more times during the season, taking the school mark to 10' 6" before setting her sights on the outdoor season.

In the outdoor season she broke the school record, which had stood since 2007, in her fourth meet eventually taking the top mark to 11' 0.25". She also earned a CAC individual championship, winning the title at the indoor championships.



Sarah Taylor



1994 Championship Team Honored at Title Game

The faces have aged a bit, but the names and the bonds have not changed. It was 20 years ago that the Salisbury University men's lacrosse program won its first national title, when the Sea Gulls took down Division III giant Hobart College in its last game before moving to Division I.

Salisbury earned a 15-9 win against the Statesmen at the University of Maryland's Byrd Stadium, on the strength of 16 saves from junior goalkeeper Erik Miller, who was named the game's Most Outstanding Player.

Nearly the entire 1994 team was in Baltimore on Memorial Day Weekend and was honored by the NCAA for the 20-year anniversary of the title, during halftime of the Division III men's lacrosse national championship game.

Making an Immediate Impact

Okan Eyigor and Victoria Radcliffe dove into lead roles with the men's and women's swimming teams, respectively, in their freshmen campaigns.

Eyigor was able to win 16 of the 26 individual events he entered this season, setting three individual school records and two relay marks along the way. When he touched the wall in 1:52.87 in the 200-yard backstroke at the CAC championships, he became the first Sea Gull to win a conference event since 2009.

Radcliffe did her damage primarily in the breaststroke and individual medleys as she took wins in 12 individual events this year. At the end of her inaugural season, Radcliffe had claimed the school record in two events.



Okan Eyigor

WINTER/SPRING TEAMS AT A GLANCE

WINTER SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Men's Basketball	14-12	CAC semifinals
Women's Basketball	18-9	CAC semifinals
Men's Swimming	2-8	CAC 4th place
Women's Swimming	1-8	CAC 5th place
SPRING SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Baseball	37-9	NCAA World Series CAC champion
Men's Lacrosse	21-2	NCAA finalist CAC champion
Women's Lacrosse	23-1	NCAA champion CAC champion
Softball	44-5	NCAA finalist
Men's Tennis	13-5	CAC finalist
Women's Tennis	12-8	CAC finalist
Men's Track & Field	--	CAC champion *Campbell three-event national champion
Women's Track & Field	--	CAC third place