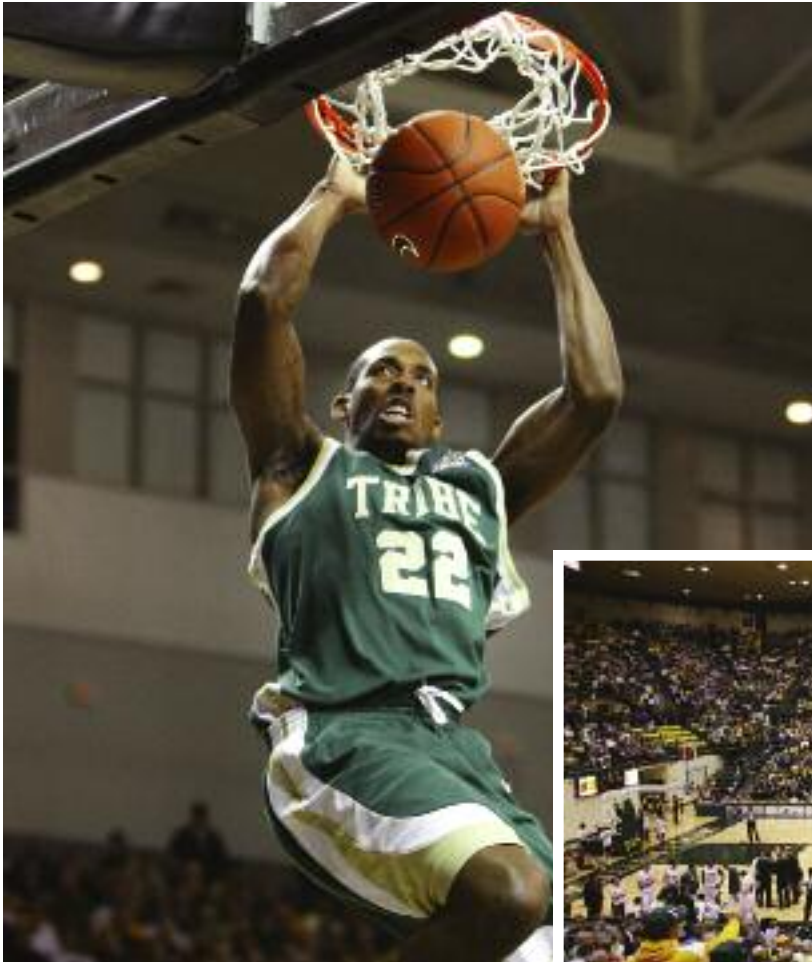


W&M TRIBE SPORTS



Above: Danny Sumner '10 dunks on Virginia Commonwealth during the Jan. 20 game in Richmond, Va. **Top:** David Schneider '10 drives against a University of Richmond player at Kaplan Arena on Nov. 19. **Bottom:** The capacity crowd of 7,686 in Kaplan Arena watches the Jan. 23 game against Old Dominion.

W&M Hoops Arrives In New Territory

Tribe Basketball Tallies Many Firsts, Returns to CAA Title Game ~ BEN KENNEDY '05

The William and Mary Tribe came to the end of an unforgettable CAA season on March 8, losing the Colonial Athletic Association championship against Old Dominion, 60-53. Propelled by unprecedented success on the road and a tendency to squeak out wins in the final seconds, William and Mary basketball treated fans to a real season to remember. In many ways, the 2009-10 season was one of the very best in memory. ~ The 2009-10 Tribe men's basketball team won 22 games, the most since the 1949-50 season. Ten of them came on the road: a school record. The Ratings Percentage Index — the measurement that rates each team based on how well their opponents perform — never ranked the Tribe lower than 61. To illustrate how far they came: last year's squad ended the season ranked No. 245. ~ It helps when you beat two opponents from the hoops powerhouse Atlantic Coast Conference, another first for the Green and Gold. Road wins over Wake Forest and Maryland put the Tribe in the national conversation for weeks, earning the team votes for the national top 25 in the early going.

LEFT AND TOP RIGHT PHOTOS: BOB KEROACK '79; BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO: JULIA MARTIN



Above: Head coach Tony Shaver draws up a play during a timeout against the University of Richmond at Kaplan Arena on Nov. 19. **Right:** Tribe players run through the crowd following a big win at home.

Suddenly, William and Mary fans were discussing serious at-large hopes for the NCAA's March Madness, for the first time in years.

"It's been a special year in almost every way, quite honestly. Particularly with the schedule we've played," says head coach Tony Shaver. "It's the toughest since I've been at William and Mary. To get to 20 wins and 10 road wins is one of the most amazing things to me. It's a great accomplishment."

For the conference tournament, the Tribe earned its first opening-round bye since the CAA expanded to 12 teams in 2005. After upsetting Drexel in the first round, James Madison became the latest victim of the College's gutsy play: the Tribe scored 46 second-half points to come back and advance to the semifinal against Northeastern. The Green and Gold then overcame a cold-shooting second half with its trademark defense and survived to return to the title game against ODU. It was their second conference championship game appearance in three years.

Such achievements do not come without leadership. Along with Shaver, who became the third-winningest coach in Tribe hoops history, a group of seniors took it upon themselves to succeed. This year's senior class — guards David Schneider '10 and Sean McCurdy '10, along with forwards Danny Sumner '10 and Steven Hess '10 — won 63 games in four years, the ninth-most by any class in Tribe history.

"Their leadership since last spring until this day has been special," adds Shaver. "As a group they've been very determined to

find success and have really led this team in the right way."

"I couldn't imagine a better way to go out," says Schneider. "Especially as a senior, I think we've put ourselves in the best situation to win." His first shot against ODU established a new conference team record for three-pointers made in a season.

Rounding out the senior four was usually sophomore forward Quinn McDowell '12, who continued to distinguish himself as a fearless defender and all-purpose offensive weapon. Forward Marcus Kitts '11 displayed maturation on offense to complement his defensive skills while guard Kendrix Brown '12 demonstrated his ability to make big shots on the inside and outside of the court. Brown in particular will be remembered for hitting the game-winner against Northeastern — at the time the CAA leader — with mere seconds remaining.

In addition, sharpshooting forward John-Mark Ludwick '12 employed a nearly flat-footed three-point shot and strong post defense to keep the Tribe in games. Freshmen Kyle Gaillard '13 and Matt Rum '13 played valuable minutes backing up the starters for long stretches: 30 percent of the Tribe's minutes came from the bench. The secret, they say, is chemistry.

"I think this is by far the best team I've ever been on talent-wise, and it's also the best team I've ever been on chemistry-wise," says Schneider. "I love these guys to death. All the guys would do practically anything for each other."

Thanks to increased fan support, the atmosphere on game day has continued to improve during the 2009-10 season. The peak was on Jan. 23, when a crowd of 7,686 — allegedly underreported — came to campus for the game against Old Dominion. It was the largest-ever attendance for a CAA game in Kaplan Arena.

"It wasn't just the number of people in the stands, but their involvement in the game," says Shaver. "I think that was a huge change for us this year — not just were people there, but they felt connected to this basketball team."

Last second shots like Brown's became a hallmark for the team. After dropping a triple-overtime game at Harvard in November, the Tribe reeled off 10 victories in a row, including one-point wins over Hampton, Virginia Commonwealth and Hofstra. On the season, the College was 5-1 in games decided by one point and 11-4 in games decided by three or less.

"I think we do a great job in our execution," says Schneider. "That's one of the things Coach Shaver has stressed the entire year, especially when it comes down to the last few possessions."

In its second-ever National Invitation Tournament game on March 16, William and Mary ended its historic season against North Carolina with an 80-72 loss. But thanks to tremendous efforts from the Tribe all season long, 2010 will always be a basketball season to remember.

Tribe Baseball Reads to Students at New Kent Elementary

While they may have started the 2010 season 3-0, with a respectable showing at defending national champions Louisiana State, the Tribe baseball team is just as successful when it comes to serving the community.

The William and Mary Tribe baseball team traveled north to New Kent, Va., on Jan. 19, to participate in New Kent Elementary's Reading Month. Fifth-grade students took the Tribe's coaching staff and 18 members of the team to different classrooms. Each Tribe player read to a class and answered students' questions for more than two hours.

"We always look forward to the New Kent Reading Day," says head coach Frank Leoni. "I cannot thank the school's administration enough, in particular principal John Moncrief and school librarian Michelle Prough, for allowing us to share in such a wonderful event."

The Tribe's participation in the New Kent

Elementary's Reading Month marks the second consecutive year that the W&M baseball team has participated in the event. The baseball team already has plans to return to the school next year and read to the students again.

It's not the first time the baseball squad has spent time helping people around the Williamsburg area. Last fall, players volunteered at the Arc of Greater Williamsburg,

a center for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities. While at the Arc, they played an indoor baseball game and discussed healthy diet and exercise habits. In November 2009, the team hosted a free youth camp for first-through eighth-graders at all field positions.

And while the beginning of the season means the Tribe gets busier, the lessons the



Tribe baseball players with New Kent Elementary School students.

team learns at events like New Kent Reading Day can last them throughout the year.

"It's an opportunity for our team to connect with the children on a different level and on their turf," says Leoni. "It's simply great to see so many smiles. We truly get as much out of the event as the schoolchildren."

—W&M Sports Information

[2010SPORTSCAMPS]

JOHN DALY WOMEN'S SOCCER CAMP

Two sessions: June 11-15 and July 18-22

For more information or to register, e-mail jbaldy@wm.edu or check out our Web site: www.JohnDalySoccerCamp.com.

COLONIAL FIELD HOCKEY CAMP AT W&M

June 17-20

Ages 12-18. Beginner, intermediate, elite levels plus specialized goalkeeping. Overnight camp/commuters. Teams and individuals. Applications and information available at www.TribeAthletics.com. E-mail pshawt@wm.edu or call 757.221.1594.

PEAK PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENTAL TENNIS CAMP AT W&M

Two sessions: June 17-21; June 22-26

Resident junior tennis camp for boys and girls ages 9-18. Resident camper – \$717; extended day camper – \$552; day camper – \$436; half-day camper – \$278. For more information or to register: www.ppanddtenniscamp.com or contact Assistant Coach Jesse Tarr at 757.221.7375 or e-mail jmtarr@wm.edu.

17TH ANNUAL COLONIAL ALL-PRO FOOTBALL CAMP

June 20-23

Ages 8 thru rising seniors. Specialized instruction from the W&M coaching staff and NFL superstars. Overnight and day campers. Contact: Coach Bob Solderitch; W&M Football; P.O. Box 399; Williamsburg, VA 23187; Telephone: 757.221.3337. Camp information available online at: www.TribeAthletics.com.

2010 GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMP AT W&M

June 21-24

Day camp for girls ages 6-13. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$215. Please contact Coach Meg Barber at 757.221.3392. E-mail mebarb@wm.edu or check out our Web site: www.TribeAthletics.com.

2010 FRANK LEONI SUMMER BASEBALL CAMP AT W&M

June 21-24; June 28-July 1

Day camp for ages 6-15. Cost: \$245. Information available at www.TribeAthletics.com or contact Head Coach Frank Leoni at 757.221.3399 or fdleon@wm.edu.

2010 W&M BOYS' BASKETBALL DAY CAMP

June 22-25

Day camp for boys ages 7-17. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$250. For information contact the Tribe Men's Basketball office at 757.221.3338 or e-mail ctcana@wm.edu.

ATTACK THE PIPES GIRLS' LACROSSE CAMP

June 27-29

Overnight camp for girls in 7th-8th grades. For more information, call 757.221.3389.

NIKE TENNIS CAMP AT W&M

June 27-July 1; July 11-15

Ages 8-18. For more information, contact Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton at 757.221.3384 or e-mail mawalton@wm.edu.

COLONIAL KICKS SOCCER CAMP AT W&M

July 4-8

Overnight camp for boys ages 10-18. Cost: \$535 – resident camper; \$405 – commuter. For information, contact Coach Chris Norris, Head Men's Soccer Coach at 757.221.3385 or e-mail cmnorr@wm.edu. Check out our Web site: <http://colonialkicks.webnode.com>.

Sharper '97 Earns Super Bowl Ring, Selected to NFL All-Decade Team

Darren Sharper '97 added another achievement to his lengthy resume as an NFL safety on Feb. 7: Super Bowl Champion. The New Orleans Saints — and Sharper — claimed their first Lombardi Trophy by defeating the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17.

A five-time All-Pro, Sharper has established himself as one of the game's all-time great safeties. Sharper is the NFL's active career leader with 63 interceptions, tied for sixth all-time with Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott. Additionally, he ranks second all-time with 11 interceptions returned for touchdowns and 1,412 interception return yards.

En route to helping the Saints claim the organization's first Super Bowl title, Sharper

posted one of his best seasons in 2009 by recording a NFL-best nine interceptions that he returned for a NFL-record 376 yards. His nine interceptions equaled a career high that he established twice previously (in



Sharper '97

2005 with the Minnesota Vikings and in 2000 with the Green Bay Packers). He also set a career high and team record with three interceptions returned for touchdowns this year.

His achievements this year and in past seasons with Green Bay and Minnesota also earned him selection to the 2000s NFL All-Decade Team. The team is chosen every 10 years by the Pro Football Hall of Fame selection committee members and includes past and current NFL stars such as Peyton Manning, Ray Lewis and Shaun Alexander. At press time, Sharper was hoping to stay with New Orleans, but was exploring free agency after the Saints declined to use the franchise tag on him.

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[SPORTS BRIEFS]

Hoxie '09 Chosen in MLS Draft

Men's soccer All-American **Andrew Hoxie '09** was selected in the third round (37th overall) by the San Jose Earthquakes in the MLS SuperDraft on Jan. 14. With his selection, Hoxie becomes the seventh former



Hoxie '09

Tribe player to be drafted into the MLS and the first since **Phil Hucles '04** was taken in the fourth round of the 2004 MLS SuperDraft by the Chicago Fire. Overall, Hoxie becomes the 19th player in William and Mary history to be drafted into a professional men's soccer league. Hoxie led the CAA in goals (10), assists (12) and points (32), and was named the CAA Player of the Year in 2009.

Schnell '04 and Stepanek '10 Named to CAA 25th Anniversary Women's Golf Team

Two Tribe golfers were named to the Colonial Athletic Association's 25th Silver Anniversary team in January. **Ann Schnell '04**, a Richmond, Va., native, was a two-time first-team All-CAA selection and was named the CAA's women's golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2003. Currently, Schnell ranks third at William and Mary in career scoring average at 79.34. Current golfer **Morgan Stepanek '10** is a two-time All-CAA Second-Team selection and set the school record for lowest single-season average at 77.0 during the previous season.

Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59 Named to VSHF Class of 2010

Former Tribe football standout **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59** will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth, Va., on April 24. Peccatiello came to the College out of Newark, N.J., and went on to a standout playing career that spanned from the 1954 through 1957 seasons. He ended his junior season for the Tribe as the team's leading receiver, with 19 receptions for 216 yards and two scores (a figure that also tied

him for the league lead). He was elected as a co-captain for his senior season, which also saw him named to All-Southern Conference honors. Another 2010 inductee with campus connections is Jim Ducibella, a writer with William and Mary's Office of University Relations.

Linebacker Tracy '10 Invited to NFL Combine, QB Paulus '12 Signed

All-American defensive end **Adrian Tracy '10** showcased his talents in front of coaches, scouts and front office personnel from all 32 NFL teams at the 2010 Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. Tracy was the



Tracy '10

second Tribe player invited to the combine, as offensive lineman **Archie Harris '86, J.D. '89** participated in 1987. Tracy established himself as one of the nation's top defensive players with 1.57 tackles for a loss per game and 0.79 sacks per game last season. With 12 sacks, he equaled the single-season school record established by **Luke Cullinane '99** in 1996.

The football program also announced Jan. 11 the transfer of University of North Carolina quarterback **Mike Paulus '12** to the College. Paulus was ranked the No. 1 player in his native New York in high school and saw limited playing time at UNC as a backup for the last two seasons.

Benson '10 Breaks All-Time CAA Women's Basketball Blocks Record

Tiffany Benson '10 became the CAA's all-time leading shot-blocker on Jan. 31 in a loss against UNC-Wilmington. The block, the 237th of her career, moved her past George Mason's Trish Halpin, who had 236 while playing from 1997-2000. Benson added another block in the second half, and had a double-double with 12 points and 15 rebounds, more than double the number of boards that any other player had.