

After scoring against Boston University, the team celebrate their important goal. Despite this goal, the Tribe came up just short with Boston defeating them 14:13.

In the game versus James Madison, sophomore Ashley Holofcener searches the field for a teammate to pass to. JMU went home with a heart-break loss to the Tribe, 14:13.



Photos courtesy of Sports Information.

Junior Kate Lawlor moves to block the progression of her Towson University opponent. The Tribe women beat Towson twice during the season winning 12:9 and 10:15 respectively.



friendship and hard work help team to secure OVERTIME

victories

With an overall victory as the Colonial Athletic Association Regular Season Champions, the Tribe Lacrosse team seemed to have a similar season to last year's. But the returning champions were able to make the 2009 season special by focusing on teamwork and working hard for comeback victories.

At the beginning of their season, the Tribe traveled to California to face top-teams Stanford and California Berkeley. The women lost to Stanford with a devastating score of 18-9, but managed to come back a few days later and beat Berkeley 17-11.

The girls kept a blog of their experiences of the trip, demonstrating yet another way that the technology age has influenced college sports. Enthusiasts back home in Virginia could still follow the team by reading the entries of the excited players on the other side of the country. Recounting not just funny stories, but also lessons learned from their two major games, the blogs made it clear that the team was in it to win it.

One particularly memorable win later in the season which built upon their apparent teamwork and long practices was their 14-13 win over James Madison University at home in overtime. Junior Mary Zulty recalls the game as her favorite match of the season. Zulty characterized the season as a whole as a year of teamwork.

"I thought that this year we played more as a team and really showed our unlimited potential," Zulty said. She added, "I think that a major change we experienced was the amount of confidence we gained throughout the course of the season."

This confidence became apparent as the victory began a five-game winning streak. The team went on to defeat George Mason in overtime 17-16, Drexel and Hofstra at home, and Old Dominion by a ten point margin. Unfortunately, the women fell to Towson in the CAA Semifinals, but not without securing a 10-7 regular season record and a 6-1 record in CAA play.

Known for being a team characterized by strong teammate bonds, the women believed their friendship on the field helped them to succeed in many of their close victories. As they looked forward to the 2010 season, the lacrosse team knew they had tough records to beat and an unparalleled level of athleticism to achieve.

But by working together they would succeed for their school and each other. "I find it very rewarding to represent the College of William and Mary on the athletic field," Zulty said. "I am very proud to be on a team surrounded by great athletes and friends."

>Meredith Howard

team



Front Row: Sam Bos, Katie Rees, Kristin Anderson, Kaitlyn Gambrell, Lauren Canning, Ashley Holofcener, Kate Lawlor, Julia Martin. Second Row: Dolly Williams, Katherine Delaney, Sarah Mulvey, Kari Fasick, Lauren Binzer, Emily Geary, Grace Golden, Clare Dennis, Stephanie Steinweg, Denise Lenihan. Back Row: Asst. Coach Megan Huether, Asst. Coach Ashley Coll, Mary Zulty, Sarah Johnson, Sally Roberts, Annie Macomber, Maggie Anderson, Lauren Coll, Molly Wannan, Emma Starnes, Jenny Michael, Asst. Coach Allison Evans, Head Coach Christine Halfpenny.

<SCOREBOARD>

W&M 21 > 4 WALES NATIONAL TEAM W&M 19 > 6 LONGWOOD W&M 11 < 18 DUKE W&M 14 > 8 VIRGINIA TECH
W&M 19 > 11 RICHMOND W&M 12 < 14 PENN STATE W&M 12 > 9 TOWSON W&M 11 < 15 DELAWARE W&M 14 > 13 JMU

W&M 13 < 14 BOSTON UNIVERSITY W&M 9 < 18 STANFORD W&M 17 > 11 CALIFORNIA W&M 9 < 10 UVA
W&M 17 > 16 GMU W&M 18 > 12 DREXEL W&M 19 > 13 HOFSTRA W&M 20 > 10 ODU W&M 10 < 15 TOWSON