

talented seniors

LEAD TEAM

to tournament records

At the CAA Semifinals against VCU, junior Keziel Juneau returns the ball across the court. Juneau and sophomore Sebastien Vidal had a memorable match by beating the No. 60-ranked doubles team from VCU. >

Focusing on producing a good return, senior Marwan Ramadan plays his best in his singles match versus VCU at the CAA Semifinals. Ramadan also played a doubles match with teammate junior Richard Wardell. <



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The Men's Tennis team characterized their season with decisive wins, difficult challenges, and major accomplishments. But before the season even started, team coaches and leaders began regular practices and fostered team communication. Team camaraderie became important to members of the team. Freshman Ilja Orre recalls how this helped in practices and on the court. "We were always challenging each other to get better in every single match and practice," Orre said.

A pair of 6-1 victories over Winthrop and the College of Charleston in matches at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center started off their season. They followed these wins with yet another double-header sweep, against Temple and George Washington. But for most team members, their win against Old Dominion University stood out. "The most memorable event was our victory over ODU in front of all the alumni that came back for that one day. I thought it was awesome to win in front of them," junior Keziel Juneau said. The team also honored seniors Dominic Pagon and Marwan Ramadan, who played their final regular season home matches that day.

The ODU win was important for head coach Peter Baud as well. "We have struggled as a team over the last few weeks, and I feel that a lesser team would have folded," Coach Daub said. "It is a credit to these guys,

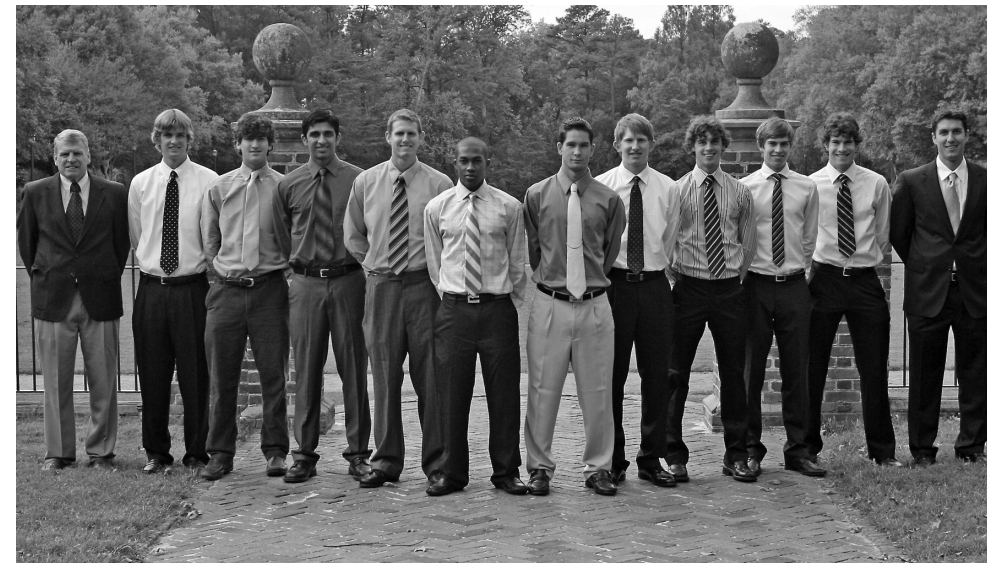
the seniors and the leadership on this team, that we were able to rebound. They believed in themselves and played as hard as they could." But the number of injuries was a large obstacle. "Having to deal with injuries was probably the biggest challenge [this season]. It was really the first time in my time here that we had to deal with so many players not one hundred percent," Juneau said.

Although the team fell to VCU in the CAA Semifinals, many team members still felt confident in their accomplishments and had high hopes for next year as they dealt with challenges and changes. Coach Daub was proud of his team. "I am saddened by the defeat, but so proud of the inspirational play that these guys put forth today and throughout the season," Coach Daub said in response to their 3-4 loss to Virginia Commonwealth.

Overall, the team did enjoy a number of wins. The team jumped nearly 20 places in Campbell's Intercollegiate Tennis Association Men's Tennis Rankings, rising to No. 49 in the national standings. Beyond the numbers, however, the team enjoyed the Tribe spirit. "It always feels good to hear my classmates wishing me good luck before a match," Juneau said. "It makes you feel special and reminds you to work hard and be humble because you are wearing the color of your school."

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Looking for the perfect place on the court to place the ball, senior Dominic Pagon follows through in the CAA Semifinals match against the VCU Rams. Pagon and his teammate sophomore Varun Pandit won their fourth-straight doubles win. But in single play, Pagon was defeated in a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 match. >



team

From Left to Right: Head Coach Peter Daub, Jacob Braig, William Lang, Varun Pandit, Ben Wirth, Dominic Pagon, Richard Wardell, Daniel Mihalov, Sebastien Vidal, Ilja Orre, Keziel Juneau, Associate Head Coach Marcos Asse.

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 W&M 4 > 3 CLEMSON W&M 1 < 6 WAKE FOREST W&M 1 < 6 GEORGIA W&M 3 < 4 MARYLAND W&M 4 > 3 PURDUE W&M 2 < 5 BOISE
 W&M 7 > 0 HOWARD W&M 1 < 4 AUBURN W&M 1 < 4 FRESNO STATE W&M 1 < 4 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE W&M 2 < 5 VCU

W&M 0 < 7 NOTRE DAME W&M 7 > 0 GEORGE MASON W&M 7 > 0 RICHMOND W&M 6 > 1 LONGWOOD W&M 5 > 2 BYU
 W&M 6 > 1 JMU W&M 4 > 3 NORTHWESTERN W&M 2 < 5 PEPPERDINE W&M 3 < 4 PENN STATE W&M 3 < 4 HARVARD
 W&M 4 > 3 ODU W&M 7 > 0 NORFOLK STATE W&M 4 > 1 JMU (CAA QUARTERFINALS) W&M 3 < 4 VCU (CAA SEMIFINALS)