

talented seniors
PUSH TEAM
 to tournament records

Watching his golf ball fly towards the flag, junior Conor O'Brien finishes a round at the First Market Bank Intercollegiate Tournament. O'Brien tied for 46th place at the tournament.

Senior Team Captain Brent Paladino watches his putt roll towards the hold. Paladino totaled only five strokes over par for the entire season and finished second in the CAA Championship.



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Sophomore Brandon Parker shows good form with his golf swing on the green. Parker's season average of 76.33 ranked him as seventh in all-time school history among sophomore seasons.



The Tribe Men's Golf team had a successful season with a number of players placing in various tournaments. The team started the season at the Maryland Intercollegiate, where senior Brent Paladino shot a 69 (-2) and William and Mary came in 14th overall. For sophomore Brandon Parker, the graduation of the two senior on the team meant greater responsibility for the rest of the team. "The team... underwent a bit of a makeover with the graduation of four seniors, so it was important for the returning players to take new leadership roles," Parker said.

The Raines Development Group Intercollegiate was also an exciting tournament for the whole team. Paladino had back-to-back rounds of 66 (-6), which won him the tournament for the first time since 2005 in Tribe history. Paladino's 54-hole total of 202 (-14) was not only a CC of South Carolina course-record, but also broke the previous school-record by eight strokes. The senior also tied the school-record for the 18-hole total (66, -6) and the record for 36-hole total (136, -8). Senior Doug Hurson also tied his personal best.

Parker, who tied for 45th, found this event especially memorable. "It was one of the first events of the year and it was unique in that our entire team played together during the first two rounds," Parker said. "Not only was it fun to get to play with my teammates in a tournament for a change, it was also fun to watch our two seniors

enjoy such a great couple of rounds." William and Mary placed third overall at this tournament.

The Tribe Golf Team closed the fall season at the Landfall Tradition, where the Tribe tied for seventh. They opened their spring season at the Rice Intercollegiate, where Hurson tied for sixth and William and Mary placed tenth.

The CAA Championships brought some notice for freshman Jason Chun, who was able to tie for second after the first round. Paladino went on to be named to the All-CAA First Team on Friday at the CAA Championship. William and Mary placed third overall.

Beyond the wins, the Men's Golf team dealt with the challenge of a smaller team and high expectations. "With only 8 players on the team each and every one of us had to take on a bigger role in contributing to the team," Parker said, "whether that be in practice, qualifying, or tournaments." Parker enjoyed representing the team despite the challenges, however. "The Tribe athletic program in particular has a great history, and the athletes form such a supportive, cohesive community," Parker said. "To be a college athlete in general is such an honor, but to represent such an outstanding institution as William & Mary is truly a privilege."

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Front Row: Scott Saal, Jason Chun, Doug Hurson, Conor O'Brien, David Zhang. Back Row: Assistant Golf Coach Peter Gyscek, Brent Paladino, Andy Roach, Brandon Parker, Director of Golf Jay Albaugh.



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W&M 14TH OF 18 > MARYLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE W&M 3RD OF 18 > RAINES DEVELOPMENT INTERCOLLEGIATE
 W&M 2ND OF 12 > GEORGETOWN INVITATIONAL W&M 7TH OF 12 > THE LANDFALL TRADITIONAL
 W&M 2ND OF 17 > TOWSON INVITATIONAL W&M 4TH OF 16 > MARSHALL INVITATIONAL W&M 3RD OF 11 > CAA CHAMPIONSHIP

W&M 9TH OF 23 > HARTFORD INVITATIONAL W&M 3RD OF 15 > BIG FIVE INVITATIONAL
 W&M 9TH OF 15 > RICE INTERCOLLEGIATE W&M 7TH OF 22 > FIRST MARKET BANK INTERCOLLEGIATE