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## 2006-07 SEASON IN REVIEW

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### REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

The 2006-07 edition of William and Mary basketball joined some elite company in the school's annals. With its 60-47 win over Drexel on Feb. 14, the Tribe became only the fifth team in the 102-year history of W&M men's basketball to win 15 games against Division I opponents. The 2006-07 squad joined the 1950-51, 1982-83, 1984-85 and 1997-98 teams in winning 15 Division I games. Only the 1997-98 team (20) and the 1982-83 team (16) have posted more than 15 wins over Division I opponents in a season.

The 15 wins also marked only the second time in the last 20 years that the College collected 15 victories in a season. The 2006-07 squad is one of only 21 teams in school history to win 15 games in a season (both Division I and other opponents).

The victory over Drexel was monumental in another way as well. The Dragons entered the game ranked No. 53 in the RPI according to CollegeRPI. com. It marked the highest rated opponent the Tribe had defeated since downing Richmond in 2001 when the Spiders were No. 43 in the RPI.

### MAKING SOME HISTORY

The 2006-07 season provided some historical and memorable moments, and in the process, etched its name in the W&M annals. Here is a look at some of the winning accomplishments for the Tribe last season:

- The College tallied its most victories in a season since the 1997-98 campaign when it won its 15th game of the year vs. Drexel on Feb. 14.
- W&M's 60-47 victory over Drexel on Feb. 14 marked the first time that the Tribe defeated the Dragons since Drexel joined the CAA in 2001-02.
- On Feb. 10, W&M recorded its first win in Trask Coliseum since the 1993-94 season, defeating UNCW, 61-55.
- The Tribe became one of only 21 teams in school history to win 15 or more games (Division I or other) in a season and one of only five teams to win 15 or more Division I games.
- W&M jumped out to a 10-4 start to the season, the best start for the College since going 11-3 during the 1997-98 season.
- It marks the 12th occasion in the 102-year history of W&M basketball that the Tribe has started the season 10-4 or better. The 2006-07 team is only the fifth team since 1950 to start the season 10-4 or better.
- The College won seven straight contests from Dec. 8-Jan. 8. It marked only the 17th winning streak of seven or more games in W&M history. The streak also was only the sixth of seven or more games since the 1950-51 campaign.
- The 2006-07 team became only the fourth team since 1950-51 to win seven or more in a row as the 1982-83 and 1997-98 team both did it twice.
- On Jan. 3, the Tribe tallied its first win in Fairfax, Va., over George Mason since the 1997-98 season.
   The Tribe also snapped George Mason's 14-game home conference winning streak that spanned nearly two years.
- W&M jumped out to only its fourth 3-1 start in the



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school's 22 years in the CAA. Only the 1994-95 (4-1) and 1997-98 (4-1) teams began with better records in CAA play.

- The College finished with eight CAA victories making it one of only three teams in W&M's 22 years as part of the CAA to win eight or more games.

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Head coach Tony Shaver led the Tribe to a historic season in 2006-07 and was named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider. com. CollegeInsider.com, established in 1996, recognized the Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player and Coach of the Year from each of the 31 Division I conferences along with the Division I Independents.

In 2006-07, Shaver led a resurgent Tribe attack to 15 overall victories and eight wins in CAA play. It marked only the fifth time in the 102-year history of W&M men's basketball that the College had won 15 games against Division I foes. The 15 wins were also the most for W&M since 1997-98 and the second-most over the last 20 years. The eight wins in conference play were the third-most by the Tribe in the 22-year history of the CAA. The Tribe's six-game improvement (by NCAA standards) is the sixth-best in school history and ranks 48th nationally (Division I games only).

### CAA Awards

Senior guard Adam Payton led the way as five Tribe players were recognized by the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) for their performances both on the court and in the classroom. Payton earned All-CAA honors, becoming the third player on the fourth occasion under head coach Tony Shaver to earn the accolade. Freshman guard David Schneider earned CAA All-Rookie Team honors, while senior Adam Trumbower and juniors Laimis Kisielius and Kyle Carrabine earned Academic All-CAA distinction.

Payton earned Third-Team All-CAA honors after leading the Tribe to its best season in a decade. The Burlington, N.J., native led W&M in scoring and ranked 12th in the CAA at 13.8 points per game. He also ranked among the conference leaders in field goal percentage, free throw percentage and steals per game. It marked the 18th occasion that a W&M player had earned All-CAA honors.

Schneider earned CAA All-Rookie honors, aver-

aging 8.1 points and 2.7 assists per game during his freshman campaign with the Tribe. He became the 16th W&M player to earn All-Rookie honors. The Tribe has had an All-Rookie representative each of the last six years.

Trumbower led the way on the academic side as one of five players named to the CAA All-Academic First Team. The senior co-captain graduated from the College with a degree in finance and is working with Goldman Sachs, a leading global investment banking, securities and investment management firm, in New York. During his senior season, Trumbower averaged 2.1 points, 1.7 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game and tallied a career-high 12 points against Navy on Nov. 25.

Kisielius and Carrabine were both CAA All-Academic Second Team choices, giving the College three of the 15 honorees. W&M was one of only two teams, along with Old Dominion, to have three representatives on the two teams. Since 2000, W&M leads the CAA in All-Academic selections with 11. On seven occasions a Tribe player has been named to the CAA All-Academic team under head coach Tony Shaver.

#### **Bombs Away**

While the Tribe enjoyed success in the win column in 2006-07, it did so thanks in large part to its shooting from 3-point range. The Tribe shattered the W&M records for 3-point field goals made and attempted. The College connected on 200 treys from 624 attempts. The Tribe's 6.67 3-point field goals per game ranks fourth in school history.

Ten different W&M players hit a 3-pointer and seven hit five or more during the 2006-07 season. In 12 games, the Tribe hit eight or more 3-point field goals, including a pair of double-digit performances. W&M hit a season-high 12 against Georgia State on Jan. 27, before finishing with 11 against Old Dominion on Feb. 24.

### FANS IN THE STANDS

For the regular-season finale on Feb. 24, 4,162 fans witnessed a battle between rivals W&M and Old Dominion. The announced attendance figure was not only a season-high for the Tribe, but the largest at Kaplan Arena in nearly a decade. The last time more fans witnessed a W&M men's basketball contest was Feb. 14, 1998 when 4,348 attended a 64-51 win over UNC Wilmington.



### 2006-07

### RECORD: 15-15 CAA: 8-10, 7th place (tie)

N11	at Kansas State	L, 60-70
N20	Wagner	W, 77-53
N25	at Holy Cross	L, 57-66
N28	at Navy	L, 63-79
D1	Jacksonville State 1	W, 59-56
D2	Cornell 1(ot)	W, 73-68
D5	Towson *	L, 60-73
D8	North Florida	W, 61-44
D22	UMBC	W, 70-58
D28	Hampton	W, 72-67
D31	Richmond	W, 61-53
J3	at George Mason *	W, 67-63
J6	Northeastern *	W, 60-57
J8	at Georgia State *	W, 57-43
J10	VCU *	L, 77-88
J13	at Delaware *	L, 62-77
J16	George Mason *	L, 63-76
J20	at Hofstra *	L, 69-77
J24	at Old Dominion *	L, 44-59
J27	Georgia State *	W, 81-65
J29	at VCU *	L, 68-90
J31	James Madison *	W, 65-62
F3	UNC Wilmington *	L, 61-67
F7	at James Madison *	W, 71-56
F10	at UNC Wilmington *	W, 61-55
F14	Drexel *	W, 60-47
F17	at Fairfield²	L, 45-61
F21	at Drexel *	L, 57-64
F24	Old Dominion *	L, 57-62
M2	vs. Georgia State <sup>3</sup>	L, 68-70

1-W&M Tip-Off Classic, Williamsburg, VA (W&M Hall); 2 - O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters; 3-CAA Tournament, Richmond, VA (Richmond Coliseum)

The single-game number also marked a growing trend for the Tribe. In 2006-07, W&M averaged 2,453 fans per game and had an overall attendance total of 39,245. The average attendance figure was the best since the 1998-99 campaign when the Tribe averaged 2,539, while the overall attendance total was the best since the 1997-98 season.

### Mr. Everything

Senior guard Adam Payton made his presence felt both on the court and in the locker room during his final season of college basketball. Payton led the Tribe in points (13.8), rebounds (4.0), steals (1.6), free throw percentage (84.2 percent) and field goal percentage (47.6 percent). He ranked third in the CAA in free throw shooting, 12th in scoring, 10th in field goal percent and fifth in steals.

Payton stepping to the forefront when the College needed him most was a common theme throughout the season. When the Tribe needed a play down the stretch, it needed to look no further than its 6-3 cocaptain. Here is a look at what Payton did with the game on the line:

- In a 13-point come-from-behind win over Cornell at the W&M Tip-Off Classic, Payton scored 10 points in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime. He also made a steal with 15 seconds left that led to the game-tying free throw, which he sank to send the game to extra time. On three consecutive possessions late in the game, Payton made two steals and pulled down an offensive rebound to spearhead the Tribe comeback. For his efforts, he won the Tip-Off Classic MVP honor.

- In the Tribe's 67-63 upset win at George Mason, Payton once again shined when it mattered most. In the second half, he scored 10 of his 12 points, including a clutch steal and fast-break lay up to give W&M its largest lead at 51-44. He also calmly stepped to the free throw line and sank the game-clinching free throws with 20 seconds remaining.
- With W&M trailing 57-51 with 2:42 remaining against Northeastern, Payton helped lead the Tribe to a comeback victory. The Tribe scored the game's final nine points with Payton adding the final four on free throws, including the game-winner with 22 seconds remaining.
- In the Tribe's 88-77 loss to VCU, it would be hard to argue that Payton was not the best player on the court. The Burlington, N.J., native kept the Tribe in the game, scoring a career-high 26 points. He was 7-of-13 from the floor and 10-of-11 from the free throw line.
- Payton scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half at Hofstra on Jan. 20, helping the Tribe overcome a 15-point first-half deficit to draw even with two minutes remaining.
- Despite being held below his season average, he came up with a huge play in the waning moments of the Tribe's victory over UNC Wilmington. With 18 seconds remaining and the Tribe up two, 56-54, Payton made a steal on the defensive end, was fouled and drilled both free throws to ice the College's first win in Trask Coliseum in 14 years.
- Payton capped a run in the CAA Tournament against Georgia State with a conventional 3-point play to give W&M a one-point lead, erasing a nine-point deficit in the final 1:30 of the game, with five seconds remaining. It took a 40-foot heave at the buzzer for GSU to claim a 70-68 victory. Payton led the Tribe with 19 points and six rebounds in the heartbreaking loss.

### KNOCKING OFF FINAL FOUR FOES

The Tribe defeated 2006 NCAA Final Four participant George Mason, 67-63, on Jan. 3, marking the fifth time in school history that the College defeated a Final Four participant from the previous season. The Tribe also accomplished the feat with wins over N.C. State (1950-51), West Virginia (1959-60), North Carolina (1977-78) and Virginia (1984-85). In total, W&M has played 17 contests against teams that advanced to the Final Four the previous season.

The 2006-07 version of the Tribe was the first to pull the trick on the road. The previous four wins all came in contests considered home games, while W&M downed the Patriots in Fairfax, Va. The win over George Mason was also the first over a Final Four participant since the NCAA Tournament field expanded to 64. The 1984 NCAA Tournament had a 48-team field. The Tribe's victories over N.C. State in 1951 and West Virginia in 1960 were both played in Norfolk, Va., but both were considered home games.

### **DEFENSIVE INTENSITY**

One of the biggest reasons for the Tribe's success was its play on the defensive end. The Tribe limited 11 opponents to less than 60 points, going 10-1 in those contests. In fact, when W&M held its opponents to fewer than 70 points, it was 15-5. The College led the conference in 3-point field goal percentage defense (32.3 percent), which also ranked 48th nationally according to kenpom.com.

Here are some examples of the Tribe's defensive success in 2006-07:

- The Tribe held Drexel to 47 points in a victory on Feb. 14. It was the Dragon's lowest point total since the 2002-03 season when they had 37 against St. Joseph's.
- In the opening 20 minutes, W&M held James Madison to 25 percent (6-of-24) shooting from the floor on Feb. 7. The Dukes did not connect on a field goal over the final 10:16 of the first half.
- W&M limited ODU to 19.4 percent (6-of-31) from the field, including a 0-of-14 effort from 3-point range in the first half on Jan. 24. The Monarchs could only muster 14 first-half points against the Tribe and sat at seven points until the 3:29 mark of the first half.
- The Tribe held the CAA's top 3-point shooting team, Hofstra, well below its season averages. W&M limited the Pride to 4-of-18 (.222) shooting from 3-point range on Jan. 20.
- The College held Richmond without a field goal for the final 15 minutes of the first half in a New Year's Eve victory. The Spiders jumped out to a 12-8 lead on the Tribe heading into the first media timeout. UR had connected on 6-of-7 shots from the field over the stretch. The College came out of the timeout with a renewed vigor and held Richmond without a field goal over the final 15 minutes of the first half. The Spiders could only muster a single free throw during the decisive stretch, while misfiring on all 12 of its attempts from the field and turning the ball over eight times.
- W&M held Richmond to only 13 first-half points, in opening up a 14-point advantage. The 13 first-half points were the fewest allowed by the Tribe since Jan. 24, 2001, when James Madison only put up 11 points in the opening stanza.
- On two occasions in 2006-07, W&M kept its opponent below 45 points. The College held Georgia State to 43 points on Jan. 8 and North Florida to 44 total points on Dec. 8. The last time W&M limited two foes below 45 points in a single season was during the 1983-84 season when W&M held James Madison to 44 points and East Carolina to 32 points.
- The 43 points scored by Georgia State against W&M was the lowest point total for a Tribe opponent during the Tony Shaver Era. The last time the College limited an opponent to fewer than 43 points in a game was Jan. 31, 2001 when W&M held American to 42 points in a 51-42 victory.
- The Tribe held each of its first three opponents below 37 percent shooting from the floor. The College held Kansas State to 30 percent (24-of-80) shooting, Wagner to 32.7 percent (17-of-52) and Holy Cross to 36.7 percent (22-of-60). It marked the best three-game defensive stretch for the Tribe since the 1999-2000 season. The Tribe held The Citadel (32 percent (16-of-50) on Dec. 2), UNC Wilmington (35.5 percent (18-of-53) on Dec. 6) and American (31.8 percent (14-of-44) on Dec. 9) below this mark during the campaign.

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### 2006-07 OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS

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##	Player	GP/GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Tot-Avg	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts-Avg
24	Payton, Adam	30/28	951-31.7	141-296	.476	21-67	.313	112-133	.842	44-75	119-4.0	50-1	51	72	2	48	415-13.8
13	Kisielius, Laimis	29/28	846-29.2	112-241	.465	36-89	.404	68-93	.731	36-75	111-3.8	66-1	67	69	13	18	328-11.3
11	Mann, Nathan	30/27	833-27.8	97-251	.386	54-167	.323	26-33	.788	12-89	101-3.4	49-2	63	45	2	20	274-9.1
02	Schneider, David	26/24	786-30.2	60-186	.323	42-141	.298	49-73	.671	22-69	91-3.5	64-0	69	48	0	24	211-8.1
15	Stein, Peter	30/26	634-21.1	68-119	.571	9-26	.346	26-45	.578	29-68	97-3.2	83-2	35	49	15	11	171-5.7
04	Smith, Alex	30/4	442-14.7	61-116	.526	2-9	.222	41-59	.695	48-59	107-3.6	65-1	12	36	8	7	165-5.5
20	Kyle Carrabine	30/2	396-13.2	36-94	.383	22-67	.328	12-23	.522	9-42	51-1.7	14-0	13	11	1	6	106-3.5
45	Cofield, Corey	12/2	122-10.2	16-39	.410	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	8-19	27-2.3	13-0	5	17	1	4	41-3.4
22	Sumner, Danny	21/1	154-7.3	20-54	.370	3-17	.176	4-17	.235	12-7	19-0.9	4-0	6	14	3	6	47-2.2
03	Trumbower, Adam	30/6	376-12.5	17-45	.378	7-27	.259	21-25	.840	13-38	51-1.7	37-0	36	22	0	9	62-2.1
23	Darnell, Chris	28/2	292-10.4	20-52	.385	4-14	.286	8-18	.444	12-37	49-1.8	31-0	18	20	5	4	52-1.9
00	Hess, Steven	23/0	141-6.1	9-17	.529	0-0	.000	7-16	.438	4-18	22-1.0	28-1	5	11	6	2	25-1.1
25	Stratton, Chris	9/0	48-5.3	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	1-3	4-0.4	7-0	1	3	1	1	9-1.0
12	Barnett, Marcus	5/0	5-1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0-1	1-0.2	1-0	0	2	1	0	0-0.0
TM	Team									42-71	113-3.8	0		4			
	Total	30		661-1516	.436	200-624	.321	384-554	.693	292-671	963-32.1	512-8	381	423	58	160	1906-63.5
	Opponents	30		682-1579	.432	197-609	.323	365-538	.678	313-651	964-32.1	535-10	385	382	76	216	1926-64.2

### 2006-07 CAA STATISTICS

				TOT	ΆL	3-P	TS			REBO	UNDS						
##	Player	GP/GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Tot-Avg	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts-Avg
24	Payton, Adam	18/17	580-32.2	91-187	.487	12-40	.300	75-87	.862	28-42	70-3.9	32-1	33	43	1	30	269-14.9
11	Mann, Nathan	18/16	511-28.4	63-155	.406	40-110	.364	15-19	.789	5-49	54-3.0	27-1	37	28	1	13	181-10.1
13	Kisielius, Laimis	17/17	476-28.0	60-152	.395	20-56	.357	27-37	.730	19-46	65-3.8	45-1	44	35	4	5	167-9.8
02	Schneider, David	17/15	521-30.6	41-126	.325	27-96	.281	30-45	.667	17-46	63-3.7	41-0	42	27	0	12	139-8.2
15	Stein, Peter	18/17	404-22.4	47-86	.547	8-21	.381	12-19	.632	14-42	56-3.1	53-2	23	27	10	8	114-6.3
04	Smith, Alex	18/2	260-14.4	33-63	.524	2-7	.286	29-37	.784	35-34	69-3.8	35-0	9	22	3	3	97-5.4
20	Carrabine, Kyle	18/1	261-14.5	21-59	.356	12-40	.300	9-18	.500	6-29	35-1.9	10-0	11	7	1	5	63-3.5
45	Cofield, Corey	5/0	32-6.4	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	3-4	7-1.4	4-0	1	2	0	0	13-2.6
23	Darnell, Chris	16/0	167-10.4	11-30	.367	2-10	.200	7-13	.538	7-21	28-1.8	19-0	8	6	2	2	31-1.9
22	Sumner, Danny	12/0	67-5.6	9-19	.474	1-5	.200	4-10	.400	4-5	9-0.8	3-0	4	9	1	3	23-1.9
03	Trumbower, Adam	18/5	205-11.4	8-24	.333	6-16	.375	6-8	.750	7-19	26-1.4	17-0	17	9	0	5	28-1.6
25	Stratton, Chris	6/0	41-6.8	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	0-3	3-0.5	7-0	1	2	1	1	7-1.2
00	Hess, Steven	13/0	74-5.7	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1-10	11-0.8	16-1	4	6	4	2	8-0.6
12	Barnett, Marcus	3/0	2-0.7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0-0.0
T	M Team									17-41	58-3.2	0		3			
	Total	18		394-914	.431	130-401	.324	222-306	.725	163-391	554-30.8	309-6	234	228	28	89	1140-63.3
	Opponents	18		413-925	.446	121-348	.348	234-331	.707	172-397	569-31.6	301-3	241	212	41	123	1181-65.6

### 2006-07 TEAM AND PLAYER GAME HIGHS

vs. Drexel (2/14/07)

vs. Wagner (11/20/06)

vs. Jacksonville State (12/1/06)

Points	81	vs. Georgia State (1/2//0/
Field Goals Made	32	vs. Wagner (11/20/06
Field Goal Attempts	64	vs. Wagner (11/20/06
Field Goal Percentage	.609 (28-46)	vs. Georgia State (1/27/07
3 PT Field Goals Made	12	vs. Georgia State (1/27/07
3 PT FG Attempts	29	vs. Towson (12/5/06
3 PT FG Percentage	.480 (12-25)	vs. Georgia State (1/27/07
Free Throws Made	27	vs VCU (1/10/07
Free Throw Attempts	34	vs. VCU (1/10/07
Free Throw Percentage	.955 (21-22)	vs. UMBC (12/22/06
Rebounds	47 vs	s. Jacksonville State (12/1/06
Assists	18	vs. Georgia State (1/27/07
Steals	12	vs. North Florida (12/8/06

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Points	26	Adam Payton vs VCU (1/10/07)
Field Goals Made	9	Adam Payton at Drexel (2/21/07)
	9 1	Nathan Mann at UNC Wilmington (2/10/07)
Field Goals Attempted	17	Laimis Kisielius at VCU (1/29/07)
FG PCT (min 5 made)	.833 (5-6)	
,	.833 (5-6)	, , ,
3 PT FG Made	5 ` ´	Nathan Mann vs James Madison (1/31/07)
3 PT FG Attempted	11	Nathan Mann vs UNC Wilmington (2/3/07)
Free Throws Made	10	Adam Payton vs VCU (1/10/07)
Free Throws Attempted	12	L. Kisielius vs Hampton (12/28/06)
1	12	L. Kisielius vs Jacksonville State (12/01/06)
Rebounds	9	Alex Smith at Delaware (1/13/07)
	9	Adam Payton at George Mason (1/3/07)
	9	Nathan Mann vs North Florida (12/08/06)
	9	David Schneider at Kansas State (11/11/06)
Assists	7	David Schneider at Kansas State (11/11/06)
Steals	4	Adam Payton at Drexel (2/21/07)
	4	Adam Payton at Hofstra (1/20/07)
	4	Adam Payton vs. VCU (1/10/07)
	4	David Schneider at Kansas State (11/11/06)
Blocked Shots	3	Alex Smith vs. Drexel (2/14/07)

Player

Block Shots

Turnovers Fouls