If the Mountain Hawks win on Friday, they would be the No. 6 seed in the upcoming tournament and would travel to the third seed, Holy Cross, Boston University or Loyola, on Tuesday for the Patriot League Quarterfinals. Lehigh enters with a 6-6 record, 3-4 in Patriot League play and has alternated wins and losses for the past eight games. The Mountain Hawks are 3-1 at home in that span and 1-3 on the road. Lehigh has defeated two straight nationally-ranked teams at home, beating No. 16/18 Boston University 10-6 and No. 13/14 Princeton, 15-10. Because of those wins, the Mountain Hawks received votes in Monday’s USILA National Coaches Poll, coming in third among “others receiving votes.”

Most recently, Lehigh suffered a 16-11 loss at Cornell on Saturday in an up-tempo game which featured 95 combined shots. The Mountain Hawks held a 50-45 edge in that category, but Cornell goalie Christian Knight made 17 saves to help his team to victory. Lehigh held an early 3-1 lead and eventually 6-4 in the second quarter, but the Big Red used a 4-0 run to take an 8-6 halftime advantage, and used a 7-0 second-half run to create separation.

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**LEHIGH LACROSSE AT A GLANCE...**

- Lehigh’s 39 victories from 2012-14 was tied for third in the nation during that span. The win total only trailed Duke and Loyola and was tied with Denver.
- The Mountain Hawks are 26-10 against Patriot League opponents since the beginning of the 2012 (regular season and postseason).

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(6-6, 3-4 PATRIOT LEAGUE)

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25 Patriot League Quarterfinals
28 Patriot League Semifinals
30 Patriot League Championship Game

*Patriot League Game, Home games in Bold CAPS

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**LAST TIME OUT**

ITHACA, N.Y. (4/15/17) - Sophomore Lazaro Spence scored consecutive third-quarter goals to pull the Lehigh men’s lacrosse team even with Cornell, but the Big Red responded with a 7-0 run on their way to a 16-11 win over the Mountain Hawks on Saturday afternoon. Spence finished with a career-high four goals to pace the Lehigh offense while sophomore Andrew Pettit tallied his sixth hat trick of the season with three goals and two assists. Freshman faceoff specialist Connor Gaffney returned to the lineup and won 19-of-23 faceoffs with 11 groundballs.

Score By Quarter

Lehigh 4 2 2 7
Cornell 5 4 3 11

Lehigh Scoring

Carson Spencer (4), Andrew Pettit (3), Tristan Rai (1), Ian Strain (1), Eddie Bouhall (1), Matt Raposo (1), Craig Chick (1), Tristan Rai (1)

Final Statistics

Lehigh Cornell

Shots 50 45
Groundballs 27 26
Saves 15 17
Clears 14-19 20-23
Faceoffs 24-30 26-30
Goals 6 5
Groundballs 37 35
Assists 3 2
Clears 14-19 20-23
Faceoffs 26-28 24-28

SCOUTING BUCKNELL

Bucknell is in the midst of an up-and-down season, standing 5-7 overall, most recently earning an 11-7 win at Lafayette. Will Sands leads the team in scoring with 60 points behind 19 goals and 41 assists. Connor O’Hara owns 35 points (30 goals, three assists) while Sean O’Brien has 30 (26 goals, four assists). Jarrett Witzel has won 55.3 percent of his faceoffs (126-of-228) with a team-leading 67 groundballs while Matt Gilray and Benny Borgognone have each tallied a team-leading 14 caused turnovers. Christian Kupilstein has started all 12 games in goal, recording a 10.55 goals against average and .517 save percentage.

**ALL-TIME SERIES WITH BUCKNELL**

Bucknell has won three straight games in the all-time series to take a 36-14 lead. Prior to the 2015 season which saw Bucknell win 9-8 (overtime) in the regular season and 13-6 in the Patriot League Quarterfinals, the Mountain Hawks had won four consecutive against the Bison. This came after Bucknell had won six straight. Lehigh’s four-game streak began with a hard-fought 9-8 win during Lehigh’s 2012 Patriot League Championship season and included an 11-7 road win to clinch the No. 1 overall seed in 2013. The Mountain Hawks defeated Bucknell 11-4 in the 2013 championship game then followed with a 9-3 road victory in 2014, marking Lehigh’s last win against the Bison.

**QUICK START IN IMPRESSIVE WIN OVER PRINCETON (APR. 11)**

- Lehigh jumped out to a 9-1 halftime lead over Princeton, which eventually extended to 10-1 early in the third quarter as the Mountain Hawks held the Tigers scoreless for a stretch of 18:58. Princeton responded with an 8-2 run, bridging the third and fourth quarters, to pull within 12-9 with 8:30 still remaining. However, the Mountain Hawks had an answer, scoring the next two and three of the game’s last four goals to win, 15-10.
- Lehigh defeated Princeton for the second time in the last three years, both coming at home. The Mountain Hawks also earned their second straight home win over a nationally-ranked opponent for the first time in at least the last 10 seasons.
- Each of the Mountain Hawks’ starting attackmen and midfielders tallied multiple points, led by five points from senior Ian Strain to shatter his previous career high. Strain finished with two goals and a career-high three assists.
- Sophomore Tristan Rai scored three goals for his 12th-career hat trick, reaching 50 career goals by scoring the game’s first goal at 13:07 of the first quarter.
- Senior Cody Triolo and sophomores Andrew Pettit and Lucas Spence each had three points behind two goals and one assist. Senior Anthony Ramaizel had a strong game with a career-high two points via a goal and assist.
- Defensively, sophomore Craig Chick led the way with nine groundballs (just one from tying a career high, which was set at Princeton last year), three caused turnovers, four faceoff wins (in eight attempts) and one assist. Chick also eclipsed 100 career groundballs and increased his season caused turnover total to 34 and career total to 71.
- Sophomore Eddie Bouhall and junior Danny Norris each recorded three groundballs and two saves.

**SUSTAINED SUCCESS**

The Lehigh men’s lacrosse team was tied for third in the nation in wins from 2002-14, winning 39 games over those three seasons. Duke led the way with 48 wins in that span while Loyola had 44 and Lehigh and Denver tallied 39.

**AWARDS & Honors**

Patriot League Weekly Honors

Offensive Player of the Week: Donny Stires (4/3)

Goalkeeper of the Week: Danny Stires (4/3)

Faceoff Specialist of the Week: Connor Gaffney (2/6, 3/6)

Rookie of the Week: Connor Gaffney (2/6, 2/13, 3/3, 3/20)

Honorable Mention: Danny Norris (3/6), Craig Chick (3/13), Eddie Bouhall (1/20), Tristan Rai (4/7), Craig Chick (4/17), Connor Gaffney (4/17)

**MOST CAUSED TURNOVERS**

Among Teammates: 

Players Combined CTs

1. Brendan Hynes (35) & Ryan Dennis (25) 60
2. Craig Chick (35) & Eddie Bouhall (19) 54
3. Ryan O’Donoghue (33) & Chase Godfrey (19) 52
4. Erik Cannon (29) & Shayan Sharpe (19) 48

*As of Monday, Apr. 17*

**BUCKNELL SERIES HISTORY**

Overall: Bucknell leads, 36-14

Last Meeting: Apr. 22, 2016

Last Result: Bucknell, 15-7

Current Streak: Bucknell - 3 wins

Last 10 meetings:

* Apr. 22, 2016 at Bucknell Bucknell, 15-7
* Apr. 21, 2015 at Bucknell Bucknell, 9-8 (OT)
* Mar. 17, 2015 at Lehigh Bucknell, 9-8 (CT)
* Mar. 15, 2014 at Lehigh Lehigh, 9-3
* Apr. 28, 2013 at Lehigh Lehigh, 11-5
* Apr. 12, 2013 at Lehigh Lehigh, 11-7
* Apr. 4, 2012 at Lehigh Lehigh, 9-8
* Apr. 29, 2011 at Bucknell Bucknell, 13-5
* Apr. 15, 2011 at Lehigh Bucknell, 12-11
* Apr. 16, 2010 at Bucknell Bucknell, 14-5

**LAST GAME VS. BUCKNELL (NOTES)**

- The Bison jumped out to a 6-1 lead on Friday early in the second quarter, but the Mountain Hawks bounced back to score four of the next six goals, allowing just two goals over a 26-minute stretch. A man-up goal from Tristan Rai pulled Lehigh within 5-3, and O’Hara still remaining in the third quarter. Just 53 seconds later, Ian Strain had a great look at the cage, but Bucknell goalie tender Christian Kupilstein made an impressive save to keep Lehigh’s deficit at three. Bucknell ended the third quarter with two goals in the final minute to take a 10-5 lead after 45 minutes of play, and the Mountain Hawks could never recover.

- Rai led the Lehigh offense with three points behind a goal and two assists. Alex Eaton added two goals while Strain, Ray Mastroianni and Andrew Pettit and Zach Drake scored the Mountain Hawks’ other goals. Drake’s goal came in his first collegiate game.

- Lehigh struggled at the faceoff dot, winning just 2-of-26 faceoffs.

- Eddie Bouhall had a strong game, posting a groundball and two caused turnovers in just his third-career start. Pettit recorded a career-high four groundballs along with a nifty caused turnover. Strain scored the game’s first goal and added two groundballs and a caused turnover.

**INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES**

Player Milestone Currently

Eddie Bouhall 50 groundballs 71
Craig Chick 50 caused turnovers 72
Chris Kiernan 100 saves 165
Andrew Pettit 50 goals 50
Tristan Rai 50 assists 50
Matt Raposo 50 points 70

**WINS FROM 2012-14**

Team Wins Win Percentage

1. Duke 48 .787
2. Loyola 44 .846
3. Lehigh 39 .679
4. Denver 39 .722
5. Bryant 38 .655
6. Syracuse 36 .589
7. Notre Dame 36 .520
8. Maryland 35 .714
9. Cornell 34 .723
10. North Carolina 34 .627
11. Davidson 32 .653
12. Fairfield 32 .681
13. Johns Hopkins 32 .698
14. Yale 32 .683

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caused turnovers. Senior Casey McAdam was strong facing off, winning seven draws on the evening with five caused turnovers.

- Senior Donny Stires tallied 13 saves. In the end, Lehigh held the nation’s third highest-scoring offense coming in exactly five goals below its average of 15. The 10 goals were tied for the Tigers’ second lowest goal total of the season.

PETIT - GOAL SCORER
Sophomore Andrew Pettit began the season with multiple goals in his first nine games of the season before he was held goal-less at Loyola on Apr. 8. Pettit was the only player in the nation to score multiple goals in every game up until that time as his streak reached 10 dating back to 2016. Heading into Friday’s game vs. Bucknell, Pettit has recorded multiple goals in 12 of his last 13 games dating back to last season.

For the season, Pettit leads the Mountain Hawks in goals with 31; he stands 18th nationally in goals per game at 2.58 (as of Monday, Apr. 18).

DYNAMIC ATTACK UNIT
Lehigh’s three starting attackers have combined for 118 points this season (67 goals, 51 assists), among the top totals in the nation this season. Sophomore Andrew Pettit currently owns 42 points (31 goals, 11 assists), sophomore Tristan Rai has 43 (22 goals, 21 assists) and senior Matt Raposo owns 33 points (14 goals, 19 assists).

SUPER SOPHOMORES
Lehigh’s sophomore class has impressed all season as the class currently owns 74 goals, 41 assists, 126 groundballs and 69 caused turnovers this year. As a team, Lehigh has 124 goals, 84 assists, 384 groundballs and 110 caused turnovers. Seven sophomores have started most of the season (Eddie Bouhall, Craig Chick and Matt Rimol on defense, Lucas Spence in the midfield and Andrew Pettit and Tristan Rai at attack, and Chris Kiernan in goal). Mickey Fitzpatrick has also started three games in the midfield.

BIG BOSTON WIN (APR. 1)
- The Mountain Hawks put forth one of their best efforts of the season in defeating No. 16/18 Boston University 10-6. It marked Lehigh’s first win over a nationally-ranked opponent since winning at No. 20 Boston U last season.

- The Terriers took a quick 2-0 lead just 3:51 into the game, but from that point forward, Lehigh ended the game with 10 of the final 14 goals. A Jack Wilson goal gave Boston U a 3-2 lead with 18 seconds remaining in the first quarter, but Lehigh would answer with a 6-0 run. Incredibly, the Mountain Hawks didn’t win one faceoff during the run (0-for-7), but found a way to cause turnovers while senior goalie Donny Stires made six saves.

- In the end, Lehigh’s defense held the Terriers scoreless for a stretch of 29:26. Stires finished with 13 saves in his first career start and was later recognized with Patriot League Goalie of the Week honors.

- The offense caught fire as sophomore Tristan Rai scored two of Lehigh’s six goals in the run, finishing with a game-high five points behind three goals and two assists. Junior Nolan Apers began the run with his first goal of the season while freshman Erik DiGirolamo scored his first career-goal, scooping a groundball and finishing to give Lehigh a 5-3 lead at halftime.

- Sophomore Andrew Pettit also scored twice to extend his streak of multiple goals to 10 games dating back to last season. Junior Matt Raposo had two goals and one assist as well.

- Defensively, sophomore Eddie Bouhall had a career-high six groundballs and tied a career-high four caused turnovers to earn his first-career Patriot League weekly award (Defensive Player of the Week).

- Classmate Craig Chick had three groundballs and four caused turnovers, increasing his season total to 29. Freshman Christian McHugh also had a groundball and two caused turnovers.

NEAR THE TOP IN THE NATION (As of Monday, Apr. 17)
Lehigh ranks among the nation’s best in a number of statistical categories, both individually and as a team. The Mountain Hawks are in the top 25 in six team categories while five rank in the top 25 for individual stats. Please see below for a complete list of statistics.

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DOMINANT WIN OVER RIVALS (MAR. 18)
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- Senior Matt Raposo had a hand in four of the team’s five goals. He finished the game with two goals and two assists for a team-high four points, eclipsing 50 career points in the process.
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- Sophomores Andrew Pettit and Lucas Spence each had hat tricks; it marked Spence’s first-career multi-goal game. Senior Cody Triolo recorded career highs in assists (2) and points (3).
- The big story was Lehigh’s defense led by junior Danny Norris, who recorded a career-high five groundballs and career-high three caused turnovers in his first start of the season at close defense.
- Freshman Conor Gaffney continued the stellar start to his career, winning 16-of-20 faceoffs with 12 groundballs. Gaffney was then named both Patriot League Faceoff Specialist and Rookie of the Week, the second time this season he’s won both awards.
- The Mountain Hawks finished their long four-game road swing with a 2-2 record, defeating Jacksonville (13-12) and Colgate (11-5).
- The win was Lehigh’s sixth in its last seven tries against Colgate, improving the Mountain Hawks’ Patriot League record to 1-1 on the season.

LEHIGH PICKED SIXTH IN PRESEASON POLL
Lehigh was picked to finish sixth in the Patriot League preseason poll, as announced by the league on Monday, Feb. 6. Freshman Conor Gaffney took home two awards, Patriot League Faceoff Specialist of the Week and Rookie of the Week, while sophomore Craig Chick was named Defensive Player of the Week. Gaffney won 18-of-22 faceoffs (86.4 percent) in his stellar performance against the Highlanders Saturday. The 86.4 percentage was the best in the nation during the opening weekend of regular-season action. He scooped 16 groundballs as well. Chick’s weekly award was the second of his career, also winning Rookie of the Week the week last season. On Saturday, he had a career-high two goals, which tied for the team high in the game. He also added two groundballs and one caused turnover.

IMPRESSIONABLE ROAD WIN AT COLGATE (MAR. 5)
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- Sophomore Eddie Bouhall along with three from classmate Craig Chick and junior Danny Norris. In the process, Chick moved past Dan Honeywell and former All-American Ty Souders for fifth place in school history with 58 career caused turnovers. He’s just one behind Richard Bradley for fourth place.
- Cody Triolo also set a career high in the game. He also added two groundballs and one caused turnover.

LEHIGH’S SENIOR CLASS Award Candidates
- 2017: Cody Triolo
- 2016: Casey Eideneshink
- 2015: Dan Taylor
- 2014: Ty Souders (Finalist)

GAFFNEY, CHICK WIN WEEKLY AWARDS
Lehigh grabbed three of the five Patriot League weekly awards following its 15-5 season-opening victory over NJIT, as announced by the league on Monday, Feb. 6. Freshman Conor Gaffney took home two awards, Patriot League Faceoff Specialist of the Week and Rookie of the Week, while sophomore Craig Chick was named Defensive Player of the Week. Gaffney won 18-of-22 faceoffs (86.4 percent) in his stellar performance against the Highlanders Saturday. The 86.4 percentage was the best in the nation during the opening weekend of regular-season action. He scooped 16 groundballs as well. Chick’s weekly award was the second of his career, also winning Rookie of the Week the week last season. On Saturday, he had a career-high two goals, which tied for the team high in the game. He also added two groundballs and one caused turnover.

TRIOLO - SENIOR CLASS CANDIDATE
Enjoying tremendous success as an all-around student-athlete, senior Cody Triolo was named a candidate for the prestigious Senior CLASS Award on Thursday, Mar. 9. Triolo was one of just 20 men’s lacrosse players nation-wide named a candidate and one of just two from the Patriot League. Lehigh and Syracuse are the only two schools to feature a Senior CLASS Award candidate in each of the last five seasons.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates follows this release. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. Triolo has enjoyed incredible success in the classroom, currently owning a cumulative GPA of 3.97 in the IBE (Integrated Business and Engineering) Program (specifically, Civil Engineering and Finance).

FOUR ALUMS SELECTED IN MLL SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT
Four former Lehigh men’s lacrosse standouts were selected in the Major League Lacrosse Supplemental Draft, held on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The Mountain Hawks’ three senior captains from 2016, Tripp Telesco, Casey Eideneshink and Reed Weber were selected in the first, second and seventh rounds, respectively, while 2013 graduate David DiMaria was drafted in the ninth round.

CHICK’S EMERGENCE
Sophomore Craig Chick has emerged as a premier defensive player in the country, finishing his freshman season as the national leader in caused turnovers with 37. His big breakout came on Apr. 12 at Princeton when he posted 10 groundballs and eight caused turnovers. The eight caused turnovers were the most by a Lehigh player since Evan Guerrero had nine against Saint Joseph’s on Feb. 14, 2009. Chick tied for the most caused turnovers in the nation in 2016 (Division I) and tied Princeton’s Sherrerd Field record, originally set by Villanova’s Brian Karalunas. Chick followed with seven groundballs and seven caused turnovers just four days later against Cornell. Chick finished the season with 41 groundballs and 25 caused turnovers over his last eight games.

SO FAR IN 2017, CHICK owns 50 Groundballs (currently second on the team) and a
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LEHIGH ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH WARRIOR SPORTS

The Lehigh University men’s lacrosse program and Warrior Sports announced a multi-year partnership this week, naming Warrior as the Mountain Hawks’ official equipment supplier. Warrior, who outfits more than a dozen other Division I programs across the country, will supply all of Lehigh’s equipment needs in the seasons ahead.

ALUM TAYLOR NAMED TO TEAM CANADA

Lehigh men’s lacrosse alum Dan Taylor ’15 was selected to play for Team Canada during upcoming exhibition games in Denver. Taylor and Canada faced the University of Denver on Oct. 22 and the United States Air Force Academy on the 23rd as an opportunity to prepare for the 2018 FIL Men’s World Lacrosse Championship in Manchester, England. It marked the national team debut for Taylor, who finished his Lehigh career with 220 points, fourth in Patriot League history.

MOLNAR WINS MLL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH OUTLAWS

Former Lehigh men’s lacrosse standout Noah Molnar wrapped up an impressive season in Major League Lacrosse this past summer by winning an MLL Championship with the Denver Outlaws. Molnar was a top short-stick defensive midfielder at Lehigh, finishing his career with 71 groundballs and 49 caused turnovers, helping lead the Mountain Hawks to a pair of Patriot League Championships.

CHALLENGING 2017 SCHEDULE

The Mountain Hawks’ 2017 schedule is highlighted by two teams who advanced to the NCAA Semifinals last season and three who reached the NCAA Quarterfinals. Included on the schedule is defending National Champion North Carolina, who Lehigh will face for the first time since the 2013 NCAA Tournament. The Mountain Hawks will play 14 regular season games, six home and eight on the road, as they vie for their seventh straight Patriot League Tournament appearance.

RAI’S SCORING

- Sophomore Tristan Rai enjoyed a sensational start to his collegiate career, finishing 2016 second on the Mountain Hawks in goals (31) and points (41). He led the nation in shooting percentage (.534), turning 58 shots into 31 goals.
- Rai posted a career-high six points against Lafayette (Mar. 18) behind three goals and three assists.
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- Rai tallied a goal and assist at Loyola (Apr. 8).
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- As a freshman, Rai finished several sensational goals that went viral. In his collegiate debut vs. NJIT (Feb. 6), he scored five goals, including a behind-the-back goal that was posted online by ESPN, CBS Sports and Yahoo, among others.
- For his career, Rai has double-figure goals in 14 games, multiple points in 20 and 12 hat tricks.

RAI’S SCORING CONTINUES TO IMPRESS

- Rai opened the 2017 season by dishing a career-high four assists in a 15-5 win over NJIT (Feb. 4).
- A week later, Rai scored three goals and dished an assist in a 13-12 win at Jacksonville (Feb. 11).
- Rai posted four points for a third straight week to begin the year, recording a goal and three assists at defending national champion North Carolina (Feb. 18).
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CARROLL ENDS 14 GAME SCORING STREAK

- Right now, the Mountain Hawks offense is in a rut. After registering 14 goals against Army West Point and Navy earlier this season, the Mountain Hawks have scored 13 goals in their last three games.
- Craig Chick, who finished the season with 26 groundballs, seven caused turnovers and 11 assists, was one of the few players to score against the Black Knights.
- Chick had eight groundballs and four caused turnovers vs. Army West Point (Mar. 11), helping hold the Black Knights to a season-low six goals.
- Against Lafayette (Mar. 18), Chick finished with three groundballs and three caused turnovers.
- In a homecoming game at Navy (Mar. 25), Chick was stellar, recording five groundballs, four caused turnovers, two assists (to tie a career high) and two faceoff wins.
- Chick continued his success against No. 16/18 Boston University (Apr. 1), recording three groundballs and four caused turnovers in a big 10-6 win.
- Chick finished with a groundball and two caused turnovers at Loyola (Apr. 8).
- Chick filled up the stat sheet in a huge win over Princeton (Apr. 11), recording a season-high nine groundballs, three caused turnovers, four faceoff wins (in eight attempts) and an assist.
- Chick had two groundballs, a caused turnover and a faceoff win (in two attempts) at Cornell (Apr. 15).

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DOMINANT DEFENSIVE EFFORTS
- The Mountain Hawks have allowed five or fewer goals 19 times in 93 games since 2012. Lehigh has allowed single-digit goals 51 times in those 93 contests, including five times in 12 games in 2017. Please see below for the complete rundown of games allowing five goals or fewer.

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DEFENSE IS KEY
- Lehigh owned the nation’s second-ranked defense in 2012 (6.61 goals per game) and followed by finishing sixth in 2013 (7.94) and second in 2014 (7.22). In 2015, the Mountain Hawks allowed 10.06 goals per game while they allowed 10.87 per contest in 2016.
- **So far in 2017, Lehigh has allowed 10.33 goals per game.**

Lehigh’s defense allowed just one goal to No. 13/14 Princeton (Apr. 11) over the game’s first 33:01, this against the No. 3 scoring offense in the nation coming in (averaging exactly 15 goals per contest). The Tigers had an 8-2 run, but still ended up with just 10 goals, five fewer than their average.

- The Mountain Hawks were stellar against No. 16/18 Boston University (Apr. 1), holding the Terriers to six goals (tied for the Terriers’ season low). Lehigh held Boston U to just three even strength goals all game. After the Terriers scored twice in the first 3:51, the Mountain Hawks held them to just four (only two of which were even strength) over the remaining 56:09.

- Lehigh allowed only seven goals to archrival Lafayette (Mar. 18), including just four over the first 51:52. The Leopards fired 38 shots for the game, but the Mountain Hawks held them to just 16 shots on goal.
- **The Mountain Hawks allowed just six goals (four even strength) against Army West Point (Mar. 11). The Black Knights entered the game averaging 13.40 goals and had scored 48 goals over their previous three games. Three of the goals came in the span of 37 seconds. Two came immediately following Lehigh faceoff violation penalties. The Mountain Hawks held Army to just three goals over the game’s other 59:23.**

- Lehigh’s defense shined at Colgate (Mar. 5), holding a Raiders’ team that scored 15 goals at Bucknell just one week earlier. The Mountain Hawks shutout Colgate in the first quarter to help them take a 2-0 lead.
- **The Mountain Hawks allowed 11 first-half goals at No. 2/3 North Carolina (Feb. 18). Instead, they responded in the second half, allowing just four goals, including just one in the fourth quarter.**

- Lehigh allowed five first-quarter goals at Jacksonville (Feb. 11), but responded by allowing only two goals over the next two quarters, allowing the offense to pull ahead, on the way to a 13-12 win.
- In the end, the Mountain Hawks went on a 9-3 run over the span of 37:27.
- **The Mountain Hawks’ D impressed in the season opener vs. NJIT (Feb. 4), allowing just 20 shots and only five goals, fewest goals allowed since giving up four in a 21-4 win over NJIT during the 2016 opener.**

HAT TRICKING

 **15+ minute shutout streaks (2017)**
- 4/11 vs. Princeton: 18:58
- 4/1 vs. Boston U: 29:26
- 3/18 vs. Lafayette: 16:06
- 3/11 vs. Army: 17:57, 24:21

**HAT TRICKING**
- The Mountain Hawks have recorded 19 hat tricks last season, including three in the season opener vs. NJIT and at Lafayette.
- So far in 2017, Lehigh has 15 hat tricks.
- Here is the rundown by game:
  - at Cornell: 2 goals, Lucas Spence, Andrew Pettit
  - vs. Princeton: 1 goal, Tristan Rai
  - vs. Boston University: 1 goal, Tristan Rai
  - vs. Navy: 1 goal, Tristan Rai
  - vs. Lafayette: 3 goals, Andrew Pettit, Lucas Spence
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  - vs. Navy: 1 goal, Tristan Rai
  - vs. Army: 2 goals, Andrew Pettit, Tristan Rai

**UP NEXT...**
If the Mountain Hawks win on Friday, they would advance to their seventh straight Patriot League Tournament. Lehigh would travel to Boston University, Holy Cross or Loyola next Tuesday (Apr. 25) for the quarterfinals.

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Assistant Coaches: Will Scudder (Lehigh ’11) and Kevin Massa (Bryant ’15)
Director of Lacrosse Operations: Mark Wirth (Lock Haven ’16)
Director of Quality Control: Tom Wirth (C.W. Post ’67)

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13. Nolan AP-ers
14. Kevin SOW
Kevin Cassese enters his 10th season as Lehigh’s head men’s lacrosse coach in 2017. Cassese’s impact has been immediate, leading the Mountain Hawks to back-to-back Patriot League Championships in 2012 and 2013 followed by a third straight appearance in the league title game in 2014. Cassese has led to Lehigh to six straight Patriot League Tournaments.

The program’s turning point came in 2012 when Lehigh finished 14-2 and won its first-ever Patriot League Tournament championship to advance to the program’s first NCAA Tournament. The Mountain Hawks followed that with a 12-5 campaign in 2013, winning both the Regular Season and Tournament Championships. Despite losing a large and talented senior class, Lehigh still went 13-5 in 2014 and advanced to the Patriot League Championship Game once again.

In 2012, Cassese led the Mountain Hawks to a school-record 14 wins, a program record nine-game winning streak and their highest-ever national ranking; Lehigh came in at No. 4 nationally in the final Coaches Poll following the regular season.

Following a home-opening loss to Villanova in 2012, Lehigh promptly won nine straight games and 13-of-14 to advance to the NCAA Tournament as the No. 7 overall seed. The Mountain Hawks hosted eventual National Finalist Maryland and gave the Terps their toughest fight on their road to the title game. Despite falling down 6-1 in the first half, Lehigh responded with seven straight goals in front of a standing room only crowd of 2,278 at the Ulrich Sports Complex (and in front of a national audience on ESPNU).

Lehigh posted an impressive 8-3 record against nationally-ranked foes that, including a big 9-8 win at No. 4 North Carolina in March, propelling the Mountain Hawks into the national polls for the first time since 2000. Lehigh ended a number of long droughts, defeating UNC off to a quick 3-1 start, which included a 14-10 triumph over Navy, the first Patriot League Tournament since 2006. The Mountain Hawks got behind Notre Dame), holding opponents to only 6.81 goals per game. Lehigh jumped squarely into the national lacrosse picture in 2011 by winning seven straight games to finish undefeated in Patriot League play and earn the right to host the league tournament. Lehigh went on to dominate Bucknell on its home turf (11-5) for its second straight league championship. The awards continued to roll in for the Mountain Hawks as Poillon was named Patriot League Goalie of the Year for a second straight season and a school-record four players were named USILA All-Americans, breaking the record of three set a season prior. In addition, the Mountain Hawks placed a league best three players on the Academic All-Patriot League Team.

The success continued into 2014 as the Mountain Hawks won 13 games, just one shy of tying the school record set just two years prior. Lehigh earned a thrilling 7-6 triple overtime victory over No. 20 Villanova in February and earned convincing league wins over Bucknell (9-3), Navy (13-2), Holy Cross (20-4) and Lafayette (17-6). The Mountain Hawks defeated Navy in the Patriot League Quarterfinals at home before earning a 12-11 semifinal victory over Army behind a Reid Weber goal with just three seconds remaining.

Several Mountain Hawks enjoyed breakout seasons, led by attackman Dan Taylor who recorded 45 points over his last seven games to finish with 76 points, which far and away led the Patriot League and was most among Canadian players in all of Division I Lacrosse. Taylor was named a first team All-Patriot League honoree, as was defenseman Tripp Telesco who finished with 44 groundballs and 36 caused turnovers. Three others were named All-League while Poillon, Taylor and Telesco were named honorable mention All-Americans as well.

After struggling to begin 2015, the Mountain Hawks ended the season on a high note, winning five of their last six regular season games, defeating a pair of nationally-ranked opponents in a five-day span (No. 14 Princeton and No. 18 Stony Brook) and advancing to their fifth straight Patriot League Tournament. Taylor enjoyed another sensational season, posting 77 points to earn Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year honors and honorable mention All-America recognition. A young team in 2016 went on to advance to the program’s sixth straight Patriot League Tournament, finishing 4-4 in league play highlighted by a thrilling 8-7 win at No. 20 Boston University. Three Mountain Hawks were named All-League, including two first-teamers.

Under Cassese’s watch, Lehigh has sent several players to professional lacrosse. Seven have been selected in the Major League Lacrosse Collegiate Draft since 2013 while four others have been picked in the player pool. Roman Lao-Gosney (Florida) has played in more than 50 career games since joining the league in 2012 while twin brother Cameron (Florida), Mike Noone (Ohio) and Noah Molnar (Denver) are all veterans of the league. In addition, Taylor was the first selection of defending National Lacrosse League Champion Saskatchewan Rush in the 2015 NLL Collegiate Draft. He was picked 12th overall and went on to win a championship with the Rush in 2016.

On a personal level, Cassese continues to make his mark on the U.S. Lacrosse scene, serving as an assistant coach under Team USA head coach Rich Meade’s staff for the 2014 World Lacrosse Championships in Denver, joining a staff of Dave Pietramala (Johns Hopkins) and Jeff Tambroni (Penn State). Cassese’s responsibilities included faceoff coordinator and goalie coordinator while handling rides, clears and the sub game. Cassese teamed with Tambroni to coach the Red, White and Blue in the Seatown Classic against Notre Dame last October while he’s also coached the United States in Stars & Stripes Weekend and Champion Challenge.

Setting the stage for the program’s breakthrough of 2012, the Mountain Hawks jumped squarely into the national lacrosse picture in 2011 by not only qualifying for the Patriot League postseason, but also proving they could compete with anyone in the country. Lehigh advanced to its first Patriot League Tournament since 2006. The Mountain Hawks got off to a quick 3-1 start, which included a 14-10 triumph over Navy, the program’s first victory over the Midshipmen in nearly 100 years. Lehigh posted the nation’s eighth biggest improvement in 2011, according to LaxPower.com’s computer rankings, which takes into account many of the factors used by the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

In his first four years at Lehigh, Cassese mentored a total of nine All-Patriot League honorees, including four in 2011. Faceoff specialist Ryan Snyder cracked the first team after winning 61.6 percent of his draws and scooping a then-Patriot League record 118 groundballs. Jonathan Stumpf was not only named to the second team, but also became Lehigh’s first-ever CoSIDA Academic All-American while being named a Senior first team All-American, USILA Scholar All-American and Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Stumpf (along with teammate and current Lehigh assistant coach Will Scudder) also played in the USILA North-South All-Star Game where he netted the eventual game-winning goal for the South.

During the fall of 2009, Cassese was named to the 2010 United States Men’s National Lacrosse Team, traveling to Manchester, England in
July. That marked the third time Cassese earned a spot on the National Team. Cassese helped the United States to the gold medal at the 2002 International Lacrosse Federation World Championships. He was also a member of the United States team that placed second at the 2006 ILF World Championships in London, Ontario.

Cassese’s players have been involved in US Lacrosse as well as defenseman Ty Souders tried out for the U.S. Under-19 Team as part of a three-day training camp at UMBC. Cameron and Roman Lao-Gosney also participated in numerous scrimmages for Team USA, beginning with the Capital Lacrosse Classic on Oct. 7, 2012.

In his first season as the Mountain Hawks’ leader in 2008, Cassese led a young Lehigh squad to more home wins and more overall victories than the season prior. Success continued into 2009 campaign, highlighted by back-to-back wins over ranked foes; the Mountain Hawks defeated No. 16 Army and No. 20 St. John’s in succession.

In 2010, the Mountain Hawks posted their first winning overall record since 2006 by going 8-7. A resilient group, Lehigh went a perfect 3-0 in overtime games, including wins over No. 9 Villanova and No. 19 Lafayette in consecutive weeks to close out the season. Villanova marked the Mountain Hawks’ first top-10 win since downing No. 7 Georgetown in 1997.

One of the most decorated student-athletes in Duke history, Cassese served as an assistant coach at his alma mater from 2005-07, helping lead the Blue Devils to the 2007 National Championship Game. He also served as Duke’s interim head coach for part of the summer of 2006. Prior to Duke, Cassese spent one season at Stony Brook as an assistant where he directed the nation’s top extra man offense and helped the Seawolves to a 10-6 record in 2004.

A two-time captain and three-time All-ACC selection while at Duke, Cassese helped lead the Blue Devils to three NCAA Tournament appearances and a pair of ACC Championships during his collegiate career. Cassese earned All-America honors on three separate occasions, including First Team accolades in 2002 and 2003. Cassese, who scored 80 goals and handed out 38 assists in his career, was a two-time Tewaaraton Trophy finalist and garnered ACC Player of the Year honors in 2001. In 2002, Cassese was the recipient of the Lt. Donald MacLaughlin, Jr. Award as the nation’s top midfielder.

Cassese was the second overall selection in the 2003 Major League Lacrosse Draft by the Rochester Rattlers. Among his professional accomplishments are a pair of MLL Rookie of the Week honors and a spot on the 2005 All-Star Team. Cassese, who was traded to the Philadelphia Barrage during the summer of 2007, helped lead his new team to the 2007 Major League Lacrosse Championship, as well as a spot in Championship Weekend in 2008.

A native of Port Jefferson Station, New York and graduate of Comsewogue High School, Cassese earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from Duke in 2003. He garnered USILA Scholar All-America and ACC Academic Honor Roll honors as well as the ACC’s Weaver-James-Corrigan Honorary Award for outstanding athletic and academic achievement.

Cassese and his wife, Katie Granson Cassese who attended nearby Freedom High School, were married in Bethlehem in December of 2006. Katie is currently a Realtor for RE/MAX Central in the Lehigh Valley. They had their first child, Drew, in July of 2011, their second child, Anna, in August of 2013 and third child, Claire, in July of 2016.
ERROL WILSON
Associate Head Coach
Sixth Season at Lehigh

Errol Wilson is in his sixth season as a Lehigh assistant coach, and third as associate head coach in 2017.

The former Stony Brook goalie has held several roles with the Mountain Hawks. After his first season as defensive coordinator in 2015, Wilson has served as offensive coordinator since 2016, a role he held at Brown University. Over his tenure at Lehigh, has also served as associate offensive coordinator, goalie coordinator and camps/clinics/tournaments coordinator.

In his first season on staff, Wilson helped lead the Mountain Hawks to new heights, including a school-record 14 wins, a program record in-game winning streak and its highest-ever national ranking (No. 6) along with its first Patriot League Tournament Title and NCAA Tournament appearance. It marked Wilson’s second NCAA Tournament appearance as assistant coach after leading Brown to the 2009 tournament where it dropped an overtime heartbreaker at Johns Hopkins.

Wilson, who worked with All-American goalie Matt Poillon, who finished second nationally with a 6.75 GAA and fourth with a 59.7 save percentage, is leading Lehigh’s first-ever Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year. Poillon earned four Patriot League Goalie of the Week honors while garnering Rookie of the Week twice. In addition, each one of Lehigh’s close defenders was named All-Patriot League: Ty Souders (First), Mike Noone (second) and Lukas Mikelinich (second).

The Mountain Hawks owned the nation’s No. 2 scoring defense (only behind Notre Dame), holding opponents to only 6.81 goals per game. Lehigh picked up its first shutout in 40 years with a 13-0 triumph over Manhattan, allowed only two goals to VMI and five or fewer to Penn State, Navy, Holy Cross, Penn and Saint Joseph’s. The squad extended its shutout streak to an incredible 90-14 before the Quakers scored with 5:04 remaining in the second quarter. The streak spanned from the fourth quarter against Villanova, through the entire Manhattan contest and the first 24:56 at Penn.

The Mountain Hawks finished in 2015 by finishing sixth nationally in scoring defense (7.94 goals per game) with Poillon earning Goalie of the Year honors for a second straight season. Noone and Souders also garnered All-League honors for the second year in a row while both garnering honorable mention All-America recognition.

Lehigh held Saint Joseph’s to only one goal, VMI to only two, Holy Cross, Lafayette and Bucknell to five and Army, UMass and Penn to just six goals apiece. One of the most dominant performances came in the Patriot League Championship game as the Mountain Hawks won 11-5 for their second straight league title and NCAA Tournament berth.

Lehigh advanced to its third straight Patriot League Championship Game in 2014, finishing the season 13-5 and within just one win of tying the school record set two years prior. The defense allowed just 7.22 goals per game, good for second in the nation and just 0.01 behind the nation’s leader. Over the three-year timeframe from 2012-14, Lehigh owned the nation’s lowest goals against average. Wilson also worked with an offense that came into its own as the season progressed. Dan Taylor finished the season with 76 points, leading the team and Patriot League in scoring which also stood seventh in the nation. He was named an All-American after the season, as was Poillon in his fourth season on the coaching staff in 2017 and second as defensive coordinator. Scudder replaced Tom Compitello who accepted his fourth season on the coaching staff in 2017 and second as defensive coordinator. Scudder replaced Tom Compitello who accepted

As a player, Scudder played in 51 games over his career in the Brown and White, highlighted by his junior campaign when he won 56 percent of his faceoffs (140-of-251) to earn Second Team All-Patriot League honors. This came after a sophomore season which saw him win 56 percent (152-of-273) with 69 groundballs. Scudder played a key role in the rise of the Mountain Hawks’ program, advancing to the league tournament as a senior in 2011 and helping set the stage for the two straight Patriot League Championships that followed in 2012 and 2013.

Scudder ended his collegiate career by winning 331-of-612 faceoffs (54.1 percent) with 156 groundballs. He also added three goals and four assists. Scudder played in the prestigious North-South Senior All-Star Game following his senior campaign.

Kevin Massa is entering his second season as the head coach in 2017 on the Lehigh men’s lacrosse staff as an assistant coach. The former Bryant standout finished his playing career in the spring of 2015 as the NCAA record holder in several different categories, including career faceoffs won (1,118) and taken (1,630). Massa will coach the faceoff and sub game for the Mountain Hawks.

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KEVIN MASSA
Assistant Coach
Second Season at Lehigh

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## 2017 Lehigh Men's Lacrosse

**Lehigh Overall Team Statistics**

All games (as of Apr 17, 2017)

- Overall: 6-6
- Conf: 3-4
- Home: 4-1
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### Game 13: Bucknell at Lehigh

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## 2017 Team Tendencies

### Overall Record
- Lehigh: 6-6
- Home: 6-6
- Road: 2-3
- Neutral: 0-0

### Patriot League Record
- 3-4
- Non-League Record: 3-2

### Leading after one quarter
- 4-1

### Tied after one quarter
- 1-1

### Leading at the half
- 6-0

### Tied at the half
- 0-6

### Leading after three quarters
- 6-0

### Tied after three quarters
- 0-6

### In overtime
- 0-0

### Lehigh in overtime
- More shots: 3-2
- Opponent has more shots: 3-2
- Shots are even: 0-2

### Lehigh in February
- More shots: 3-2
- Opponent has more shots: 3-2
- Shots are even: 0-2

### Ivy League
- More shots: 1-0
- Opponent has more shots: 1-0
- Shots are even: 0-0

### vs. the conferences
- ACC: 0-1
- Independent: 1-0
- Ivy League: 1-1
- Patriot League: 3-4
- Southern Conference: 1-0

### 2017 Top Performances

#### POINTS
1. Pettit, Andrew at Holy Cross (Feb 25) (7)
2. Pettit, Andrew vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (6)
3. Rai, Tristan vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (6)
4. Raposo, Matt at Jacksonvile (Feb 11) (6)

#### GOALS
1. Pettit, Andrew at Holy Cross (Mar 18) (9)
2. Spence, Lucas at Cornell (Apr 15) (4)
3. Raposo, Matt vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (4)
4. Pettit, Andrew at Holy Cross (Feb 25) (4)

#### ASSISTS
1. Raposo, Matt at Jacksonvile (Feb 11) (5)
2. Rai, Tristan vs NJIT (Feb 04) (5)

#### SHOTS
1. Pettit, Andrew at Cornell (Apr 15) (11)
2. Pettit, Andrew vs Princeton (Mar 11) (9)
3. Pettit, Andrew vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (6)
4. Pettit, Andrew vs North Carolina (Feb 18) (6)

#### SAVES
1. Stires, Donny at Cornell (Feb 04) (15)
2. Strain, Ian at Colgate (Mar 5) (13)
3. Raposo, Matt vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (13)
4. Rai, Tristan at North Carolina (Feb 18) (6)

#### GROUND BALLS
1. Gaffney, Conor vs NJIT (Feb 04) (16)
2. Gaffney, Conor at Holy Cross (Feb 25) (13)

#### CAUSED TURNOVER
1. Chick, Craig at Holy Cross (Feb 25) (5)
2. Chick, Craig vs Boston University (Apr 01) (4)
3. Bouhall, Eddie vs Boston University (Apr 01) (4)
4. Chick, Craig at Navy (Mar 25) (4)
5. Bouhall, Eddie vs Lafayette (Mar 18) (4)

#### FACEOFFS WON
1. Gaffney, Conor vs Cornell (Apr 15) (19)
2. Gaffney, Conor vs NJIT (Feb 04) (19)
**2 CASEY MCDAM**
Sr. • FO/M • 5-11 • 180 • Neshanic Station, N.J.

- Won 3 of 4 faceoffs and collected five groundballs at Cornell (4/15).
- Won 7 of 17 faceoffs with five groundballs in win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Had two groundballs at No. 19 Loyola (4/9).
- Dished an assist and added a groundball in home win over Lafayette (3/18).
- Scooped a groundball at Holy Cross (2/25).
- Recorded a groundball and caused turnover at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Posted a career-high two points behind goal and assist at Jacksonville (2/11). Also won 1 of 2 faceoffs.

**CAREER HIGHS**
Goals: 1, three times, last at Jacksonville (2/11/17)
Assists: 1, two times, last vs. Lafayette (3/18/17)
Points: 1, two times, last vs. Jacksonville (2/11/17)
Groundballs: 2 vs. Jacksonville (2/11/17)

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**3 MICKY FITZPATRICK**
So. • A/M • 6 • 1 • 187 • Duxbury, Mass.

- Tallied a groundball at Cornell (4/15).
- Scored a goal in second straight game, in win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Scored a second-half goal at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Had a groundball at Navy (3/25).
- Collected a career-high three groundballs at Jacksonville (2/11).
- Scored a goal in the season opener vs. NJ I T (2/4).

**CAREER HIGHS**
Goals: 1, four times, last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Assists: —
Points: 1, four times, last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Groundballs: 3 at Jacksonville (2/11/17)

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**7 ANDREW PETTIT**
So. • A/M • 5-11 • 185 • Wilmington, Del.

- Recorded five points behind three goals and two assists while adding two groundballs at Cornell (4/15).
- Finished with two goals, an assist and two groundballs vs. No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Scored two goals and an assist and added groundball in big win over No. 16/18 Boston U (4/3).
- Had yet another multi-goal game, scoring twice while adding two groundballs at Navy (3/25).
- Scored a career-high five goals while adding an assist, groundball and caused turnover vs. Lafayette (3/18).
- Sixth straight multi-goal game to begin the season, scoring two goals while adding a career-high four groundballs at No. 13/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Tallied fourth straight hat trick in Patriot League win at Colgate (3/9), scoring three goals while adding two groundballs and a caused turnover.
- Career game at Holy Cross (2/25), posting career highs in goals (4), assists (3) and points (7). Had a hand in seven of the Mountain Hawks' eight goals for the game.
- Second straight hat trick, posting three goals and one assist at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Posted first-career hat trick at Jacksonville (3/1), scooping a team-high three groundballs and rushing an assist for a career-high four points. Also had three groundballs.
- Recorded a career-high three points behind two goals and one assist in the season opener vs. NJ I T (2/4). Also added two groundballs and a caused turnover.

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**9 CODY TRIOLO**
Sr. • M • 5-9 • 177 • Burlington, N.J.

- Had two groundballs at Cornell (4/15).
- Tied a career-high two goals, and added an assist, vs. No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Scored a goal and added two groundballs in big win over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Had an assist and groundball at Navy (3/25).
- Set a career-high four points while tying highs in goals (2) and assists (2) vs. Lafayette (3/18).
- Had three groundballs and a caused turnover against No. 13/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Recorded career highs in assists (2) and points (3) in Patriot League win at Colgate (3/5). Added two groundballs.
- Dished an assist and added a groundball at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Scored a goal while tying a career-high three groundballs and adding a caused turnover in the season opener against NJ I T (2/4).

**CAREER HIGHS**
Goals: 3, three times, last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Assists: 2, two times, last vs. Lafayette (3/18/17)
Points: 4 vs. Lafayette (3/18/17)
Groundballs: 3, three times, last vs. Army West Point (3/11/17)
Caused Turnovers: 1, three times, last vs. Army West Point (3/11/17)
Multi-Goal Games: 3, Multi-Point Games: 5, Hat Tricks: 1

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**9 MATT RAPOSO**
Sr. • A • 6 • 2 • 185 • Neshanic Station, N.J.

- Dished two assists and added a groundball at Cornell (4/15).
- Had a goal, assist, groundball and caused turnover in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Taped an assist and groundball at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Had two goals and an assist in big victory over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1). Dished two assists and collected a groundball against Navy (3/25).
- Set a career-high four goals in home win vs. Lafayette (3/18) while adding an assist and two groundballs.
- Recorded a goal, assist and two groundballs vs. Army West Point (3/11).
- Two goals and two assists in road win at Colgate (3/5). All four points came during Lehigh's 5-0 run to end the first half.
- Had a goal and assist in the Patriot League opener at Holy Cross (2/25).
- Dished an assist at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Tied a career-high six points at Jacksonville (2/11), scoring a goal and dishes a career-high five assists. Also had two groundballs and a caused turnover.

**Multi-Goal Games: 2, Multi-Point Games: 2, Hat Tricks: 1

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**10 PARKER KENT**
Fr. • M • 6-1 • 185 • Norwell, Mass.

- Had a groundball at Cornell (4/15).
- Posted a groundball and caused turnover in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Recorded first-career assist, and two groundballs against No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Scored third-career goal at Navy (3/25).
- Had a groundball vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Caused a turnover in Patriot League win at Colgate (3/5).
- Scored a goal and collected a groundball at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Scored first-career goal at Jacksonville (2/11) while adding first-career caused turnover.
- Scopped a pair of groundballs in season opener and collegiate debut vs. NJ I T (2/4).

**CAREER HIGHS**
Goals: 1, three times, last at Navy (3/25/17)
Assists: 1 vs. Boston University (4/1/17)
Points: 1, three times, last vs. Boston University (4/1/17)
Groundballs: 2, two times, last vs. Boston University (4/1/17)
Caused Turnovers: 1, three times, last vs. Boston University (4/1/17)
Multi-Goal Games: 1, Multi-Point Games: 1, Hat Tricks: 0
#12 RYAN KLOSE
Fr. • A • 6-2 • 190 • West Linn, Ore.

- Collected a groundball at Cornell (4/15).
- Scored an extra-man goal against No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Posted a career-high two groundballs against Lafayette (3/18).
- Scored a goal and added a groundball in season opener and collegiate debut against NJIT (2/4).

### CAREER HIGHS
Goals: 2, last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Points: 2, last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Groundballs: 2, last vs. Lafayette (2/18/17)

### Multi-Goal Games
0; Multi-Point Games 0; Hat Tricks 0

#13 CRAIG CHICK
So. • LSM • 6-0 • 195 • Edgewood, Md.

- Talled two groundballs, a caused turnover and faceoff win (in two attempts) at Cornell (4/15).
- Monster game in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11), recording nine groundballs, three caused turnovers, four faceoff wins (in eight attempts) and an assist.
- Recorded a groundball and two caused turnovers at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Had an assist, three groundballs and four caused turnovers in big win over No. 16/18 Boston U (4/2).
- Monster game in cohomecoming at Annapolis, posting two assists, five groundballs, four caused turnovers and two faceoff wins at Navy (3/25). Two assists tied a career high.
- Dished an assist while posting three groundballs and three caused turnovers against Lafayette (3/18).
- Another big game, tallying eight groundballs and four caused turnovers vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Had four groundballs and two caused turnovers at Colgate (3/5).
- All over the field at Holy Cross (2/25), recording four groundballs and five caused turnovers.
- Finished with three groundball and three caused turnovers at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/23).
- Big game at Jacksonville (2/11), recording six groundballs and three caused turnovers.
- Strong start to the season, posting a career-high two goals, two groundballs and a caused turnover against NJIT (2/4). Helped hold the Highlanders to five goals. Named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

### CAREER HIGHS
Goals: 2 vs. NJIT (2/25/17)
Points: 3 vs. Navy (3/26/16)
Groundballs: 10 at Princeton (4/11/16)
Caused Turnovers: 3 vs. Princeton (4/11/16)
Multi-Goal Games: 1; Multi-Point Games: 1; Hat Tricks: 0

#22 IAN STRAIN
Sr. • M • 6-0 • 190 • Springfield, Pa.

- Scored a goal at Cornell (4/15).
- Shattered career high with five points in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11). Tied a career-high two goals and set a career-high three assists.
- Tied a career-high two goals at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Finished with an assist and three groundballs in big win over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Scored Lehigh's first goal of the game, and added three groundballs at Navy (3/25).
- Assist and two groundballs in home win over Lafayette (3/18).
- Collected a groundball vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Had a goal and two groundballs in big Patriot League road win at Colgate (3/9/17).
- Dished an assist and collected two groundballs at Holy Cross (2/25).
- Collected a groundball vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Had a goal and two groundballs in big Patriot League road win at Colgate (3/9/17).
- Scored fourth goal of the season and added a pair of groundballs at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Scored a goal while collecting two groundballs at Jacksonville (2/11).
- Tied a career-high two goals while adding two groundballs and caused turnover in season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).

### CAREER HIGHS
Goals: 4, four times; last vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Points: 3 vs. Princeton (4/11/17)
Groundballs: 7 vs. Army (3/22/15)
Caused Turnovers: 2 vs. Army (4/13/15)
Multi-Goal Games: 4; Multi-Point Games: 4; Hat Tricks: 0

#28 MATT RIMOL
So. • D • 6-3 • 205 • Londonberry, N.H.

- Two groundballs at Cornell (4/15).
- Caused a turnover in big home victory over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Posted a groundball at Navy (3/25).
- Caused a turnover vs. Lafayette (3/18).
- Recorded a groundball and career-high tying two caused turnovers against No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Groundball and caused turnover at Jacksonville (2/11).
- Had two groundballs in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).

### CAREER HIGHS
Goals: 3, three times; last at Cornell (4/15/17)
Caused Turnovers: 2, three times; last vs. Army West Point (3/11/17)

#33 DANNY NORRIS
Jr. • D • 6-1 • 191 • Lincoln University, Pa.

- Caused a turnover at Cornell (4/15).
- Had three groundballs and two caused turnovers in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Talled a groundball and caused turnover at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Recorded a groundball in big win over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Had two groundballs and a caused turnover at Navy (3/25).
- Three groundballs and career-high tying three caused turnovers against Lafayette (3/18).
- Recorded four groundballs and a caused turnover vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Big game at Colgate (3/5), recording four groundballs in (5) and caused (3) in road victory.
- Groundball and caused turnover at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Scooped a career-high three groundballs at Jacksonville (2/11).
- Recorded first-career point, a goal, in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4). Came on first-career shot. Also had a groundball and caused turnover.

#36 JJ FOLEY
Jr. • D • 6-4 • 222 • Kings Park, N.Y.

- Collected a groundball at Cornell (4/15).
- Talled a groundball in home win over Lafayette (3/18).
- Scooped two groundballs at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Recorded a caused turnover at Jacksonville (2/11).
- Caused a turnover in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).

#38 CONOR GAFFNEY
Fr. • FO/M • 5-10 • 190 • Mount Laurel, N.J.

- Stellar in return from injury at Cornell (4/15), winning 19-of-25 faceoffs with 11 groundballs. 19 faceoffs wins tied a career high.
- Strong once again vs. Lafayette (3/18), winning 14-of-22 faceoffs with 12 groundballs. Was rewarded with Patriot League Rookie of the Week for a fourth time this season.
- Impressed at Colgate (3/5), winning 16-of-20 faceoffs with 12 groundballs. Because of his efforts, was named Patriot League Faceoff Specialist, and Rookie, of the Week for the second time this season.
- Stellar in Patriot League opener at Holy Cross (2/19), winning 17-of-22 faceoffs with 13 groundballs.

- Won 12-of-24 faceoffs at Jacksonville (2/11) along with seven groundballs to earn Patriot League Rookie of the Week for the second straight week.

- Stellar collegiate debut, winning 19-of-22 faceoffs with 16 groundballs against NJIT (2/4). The 19 faceoffs wins were most for a Lehigh player since Will Scudder at Bucknell in 2009. The 16 groundballs were also most by any Lehigh player in Kevin Cassese’s 10-year tenure as head coach. Was awarded the Patriot League Rookie and Faceoff Specialist of the Week.

### CAREER HIGHS
Goals: 4, four times; last at North Carolina (2/18/17)
Caused Turnovers: 3, six times; last Jacksonville (2/11/17)

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- Strong effort vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11), stopping 10-of-16 shots sent his way.
- Entered in the fourth quarter at No. 19 Loyola (4/8) and made seven saves.
- Tied a career-high 13 saves, while setting a career-high three groundballs, in big win over No. 13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Had a goal while adding two groundballs in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).
- Finished with three groundballs and a caused turnover at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Posted a career-high six groundballs while tying a career-high four caused turnovers in big win vs. No. 16/18 Boston University (4/11). Was honored with Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week.
- Caused a turnover at Navy (3/25).
- Had four groundballs and a caused turnover three times; last vs. Lafayette (3/18).
- Posted four groundballs against No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- Caused a turnover in Patriot League win over Colgate (3/5).
- Collected a career-high five groundballs and caused a turnover at Holy Cross (2/25).
- Big game, tying career high with five groundballs while adding two groundballs at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Had a groundball at Jacksonsville (2/11).
- Scopped a groundball in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).
- Posted a goal, assist, groundball and caused turnover at Cornell (4/15).
- Talled three goals, two assists and a groundball in big win over No.13/14 Princeton (4/11).
- Had a goal, assist, groundball and caused turnover at No. 19 Loyola (4/8).
- Straight third high goals, taking recording three goals and two assists in big win vs. No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Scored three goals, dished two assists and added two groundballs and a caused turnover at Navy (3/28). Marked 10th career hat trick.
- Posted a career-high six points behind three goals and assists against Lafayette (3/18).
- Dished an assist and added two groundballs vs. No. 11/13 Army West Point (3/11).
- One goal and one assist in win at Colgate (3/15).
- Scored three goals in Patriot League opener at Holy Cross (2/25).
- Strong game with four points (one goal, three assists) at No. 2/3 North Carolina (2/18).
- Recorded seventh-career hat trick, scoring three goals and dishing an assist at Jacksonsville (2/11). Also set a career high with three groundballs.
- Dished a career-high four assists in the season opener vs. NJIT (2/4).
- Scored his first goal of the season in big win over No. 16/18 Boston University (4/1).
- Had a shot on goal and groundball in win over Lafayette (3/18).
- Scored his first multi-point game vs. Holy Cross (3/17/17).
- Assist: 1, three times; last at NJIT (2/4/17).
- Cause Turnovers: 1, two times; last at Army West Point (3/21/15).
- Multi-Point Games: 1, Multi-Point Games: 2, Hat Tricks: 12.
- Scored his first multi-point game vs. Holy Cross (3/17/17).
- Assist: 1, three times; last at NJIT (2/4/17).
- Cause Turnovers: 1, two times; last at Army West Point (3/21/15).
- Multi-Point Games: 1, Multi-Point Games: 2, Hat Tricks: 12.
BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Lehigh men’s lacrosse team opened the 2017 season on Saturday in winning fashion with a decisive 15-5 victory over NJIT. The Mountain Hawks have now won back-to-back season openers over the Highlanders by a combined score of 36-9.

Lehigh (1-0) found a sound rhythm offensively to start the season as the Mountain Hawks had 11 different goal scorers and 12 different players record a point on the day. LU dominated the shot column by out-shooting NJIT (0-1) 43-20.

The Mountain Hawks opened the first quarter with five unanswered goals by five different goal scorers to set the tone early. The Highlanders tallied the first two goals of a high-scoring second quarter, but Lehigh answered back with four straight before NJIT tallied a third in the final minute of the first half.

Just like the start of the first half, senior midfielder Ian Strain also opened the second-half scoring and gave Lehigh a 10-3 lead on his second goal of the game to tie his career high. Lehigh would go on to outscore NJIT 3-2 in the third quarter and then tack on three unanswered in the fourth.

Freshman faceoff specialist Connor Gaffney was a big bright spot, winning 19-of-22 faceoffs in his collegiate debut. Gaffney helped lead Lehigh to a team percentage of .875 on the day.

The dominate performance at the faceoff dot, combined with the offensive prowess, helped alleviate some of the pressure on the defense. Anchored by netminder, sophomore Chris Kiernan, who finished the day with eight saves, the Lehigh defense limited the Highlanders to just 13 shots on goal.

Lehigh also caused six of NJIT’s 11 turnovers and swarmed to loose balls with a total of 41 groundballs on the day. Strain was one of nine players to scoop up multiple ground balls on the day as he recorded his 50th and 51st groundballs for his career.

Today’s stellar defensive effort also adds to the history of outstanding defensive performances within the last seven seasons. The Mountain Hawks have now held opponents to less than 10 goals in a game 49 times in the last 84 games, including 19 games with five or less goals allowed. In two meetings with NJIT, Lehigh has held the Highlanders to a total of nine goals, including a 21-4 victory in last season’s opening game.

Opening day marked a day of firsts for some members of the team. As four players recorded their first career points with the Brown and White. Sophomore midfielder Craig Chick recorded his first multi-goal game of his career with two tallies. Sophomore attackman Tristan Rai was the team’s lead distributor as he set a career high with four assists on the day.

Lehigh has now recorded wins in seven of its last eight season-opening games. The Mountain Hawks now improve to 7-3 under Cassese in season openers.

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**GAME 2 • FEB. 11, 2017**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**

**LEHIGH 13, JACKSONVILLE 12**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Lehigh men’s lacrosse team outscored Jacksonville 9-3 in the span of 37:27 bridging the first through fourth quarters, helping propel the Mountain Hawks to a 13-12 win over the Dolphins on Saturday afternoon. With the win, Lehigh improves to 2-0 for the first time since 2014. Sophomores Andrew Pettit and Tristan Rai each scored three goals while classmate Chris Kiernan was stellar between the pipes, making 12 saves, including stopping 7-of-10 during the Mountain Hawks’ 9-3 run.

Pettit recorded his first-career hat trick while Rai tallied his seventh.

Rai added an assist for four points. Senior Matt Raposo also had a goal and career-high five assists, tying a career high with six points for the game.

Sophomore Craig Chick helped pace the defensive effort with six groundballs and three caused turnovers. Freshman Conor Gaffney won 12-of-24 faceoffs, collecting seven groundballs.

A high-scoring first quarter saw 10 combined goals and 23 combined shots. Lehigh held leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before Jacksonville scored two straight to take a 3-2 advantage, its first lead of the game. Senior Ian Jan and freshman Andrew Eichelberger scored within a 23-second span to give Lehigh a 4-3 lead with 2:12 on the clock. The two-goal runs continued as Jacksonville eventually took a 5-4 lead with 21 seconds remaining in the first. However, Pettit scored his first goal of the game with four seconds on the clock, evening the score at five after 15 minutes of play.

The defenses began to stand tall in the second quarter as Lehigh extended its run to 3-0 behind the second goals of the game from Both Rai and Pettit, giving the Mountain Hawks a 7-5 advantage with 5:16 left in the second quarter. Kiernan stood tall in the second, stopping four-of-five in the stanza. He was finally beaten with 48 seconds on the clock as Jacksonville pulled within 7-6 at the half.

Lehigh began the second half on a 3-0 run, extending its run to 6-1 since the end of the first quarter. The Mountain Hawks got goals from junior John Mehok, freshman Parker Kent and sophomore Lucas Spence to take a 10-6 lead with 3:51 remaining in the third quarter.

The Dolphins scored the next two to pull within 10-8 with 13:32 left in the fourth, but Lehigh’s starting attackmen, Pettit, Raposo and Rai, responded with the next three goals, as the Mountain Hawks took a 13-8 advantage with 7:55 on the clock.

Jacksonville quickly cut into the deficit, scoring two goals over the final 36 seconds. The Dolphins added two more goals and had a chance to tie in the final seconds, but the Mountain Hawks’ defense made a stop when it needed it most to hold onto the 13-12 victory.

Lehigh finished with a 47-37 edge in shots while groundballs were tied at 35. Kiernan’s 12 saves came across Jacksonville’s Ben Gleichenhaus, who made 14 stops.
GAME 3 • FEB. 18, 2017
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.
NO. 2/3 NORTH CAROLINA 15, LEHIGH 8

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The Lehigh men’s lacrosse team hung within striking distance for most of the game, but defending national champion and No. 2/3 North Carolina outscored the Mountain Hawks (2-1) 3-0 in the third quarter to create separation as Lehigh dropped a 15-8 final on Saturday afternoon. Sophomore Andrew Pettit led the Lehigh offense with three goals and an assist for his second straight hat trick. The Mountain Hawks scored the first two goals of the game, but the Tar Heels (3-0) answered.

Freshman Conor Gaffney impressed at the faceoff X. After winning just 2 of 5 in the first quarter, he won nine of his last 15 against North Carolina all-American Stephen Kelly. Along with Pettit’s four points, classmate Tristan Rai also had four behind a goal and three assists. Freshman Andrew Eichelberger was stellar, scoring a career-high two goals as well. Sophomore Craig Chick had three groundballs and three caused turnovers while classmate Eddie Bouhall tallied five groundballs and two caused turnovers.

The Mountain Hawks jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead before the game was six minutes old, behind goals from Rai and Eichelberger.

North Carolina responded with the next five goals, opening a 5-2 advantage at 1:56 of the first quarter. The teams exchanged the next six goals, two from Pettit, as Lehigh pulled within 7-4 following a Parker Kent goal with 9:38 remaining in the second quarter.

The Tar Heels answered with a 4-0 run, but Lehigh scored the final two goals of the half, the second from Eichelberger and an Ian Strain goal as the first half expired to pull within 11-7 following 30 minutes of play.

The game became more defensive in the second half, with a total of just five goals. Lehigh was able to score only once, Pettit’s fourth goal of the game, as UNC pulled away.

North Carolina finished with a 40-29 edge in shots while the Mountain Hawks held a 30-29 advantage in groundballs. Lehigh sophomore goalkeeper Chris Kiernan made seven saves, before being replaced by senior Donny Stires who made two without allowing a goal.

GAME 4 • FEB. 25, 2017
WORCESTER, MASS.
HOLY CROSS 14, LEHIGH 8

WORCESTER, Mass. - Holy Cross jumped out to a 9-1 lead, Lehigh scored five of the next six goals, but the Crusaders answered, defeating the Mountain Hawks 14-8 in the Patriot League opener on Saturday. Sophomore Andrew Pettit scored Lehigh’s first four goals and finished with career highs in goals (4), assists (3) and points (7).

Sophomore Tristan Rai also scored three goals for his eighth-career hat trick. Freshman faceoff specialist Conor Gaffney continued the stellar start to his collegiate career, winning 17-of-22 faceoffs with 13 groundballs. Sophomore Craig Chick was all over the field, recording four groundballs and five caused turnovers while Eddie Bouhall recorded four groundballs and a caused turnover.

Holy Cross scored the first four goals until Pettit got Lehigh on the scoreboard with an extra-man goal in the final minute of the first quarter.

The Crusaders came back with the next five goals until the Mountain Hawks went on a late second-quarter surge. Pettit scored with 3:45, 1:12 and 0:31 on the clock to help pull his team within 9-4 following 30 minutes of play.

Holy Cross opened the second-half scoring, but two straight Lehigh goals, from senior Matt Rapiso and Rai, pulled the Mountain Hawks within 10-4 with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

However, from there, Holy Cross scored four straight and didn’t let Lehigh get any closer. Rai scored two late goals, but it wasn’t nearly enough as the Crusaders wrapped up the 14-8 final.

Final shots were 41-36 in favor of Lehigh while Holy Cross held a 30-29 edge in groundballs. Three Mountain Hawk goalkeepers combined to make 10 saves on the afternoon. Holy Cross’ Jonathan Tesoro finished with 13.
HAMILTON, N.Y. - The Lehigh men’s lacrosse team scored the game’s first two goals and ended the first half on a 5-0 run, on its way to an impressive 11-5 Patriot League win at Colgate on Saturday afternoon. Sophomore Lucas Spence posted his first-career hat trick while classmate Andrew Pettit tallied his fourth consecutive hat trick as Lehigh improved to 3-2 overall, 1-1 in league play.

Freshman faceoff specialist Conor Gaffney continued his stellar play, winning 16-of-20 faceoffs with 12 groundballs. Sophomore Craig Chick had four groundballs and two caused turnovers, eclipsing 30 career caused turnovers in the process. Junior Danny Norris had a big day with a career-high five groundballs and three caused turnovers.

Along with the hat tricks from Spence and Pettit, senior Matt Raposo tallied two goals and two assists while senior Cody Triolo had a career-high three points (one goal, two assists). Sophomore Tristan Rai had two points behind a goal and assist.

Spence and Pettit accounted for the game’s only first-quarter goals, coming at the 8:52 and 7:01 marks, respectively. Lehigh’s defense finally gave up a goal 15:33 into the game, then Colgate pulled even 2:32 later, but the Mountain Hawks answered with five straight goals to end the half, two scored by Raposo. His second came with eight seconds remaining in the stanza to give Lehigh a 7-2 lead at the half.

The Raiders pulled within 7-3 early in the third quarter, but Spence scored the next two, late in the third and midway through the fourth. Each team scored twice the rest of the way to account for the 11-5 final.

Lehigh finished with a 37-26 edge in shots and 30-19 advantage in groundballs. Sophomore Chris Kiernan made nine saves, allowing just five goals, across Colgate’s Brandon Burke who made 11.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Lehigh men’s lacrosse defense impressed for a second straight week, allowing just four even strength goals against an Army West Point team averaging 13.4 over its first five games, but it wasn’t enough as the Mountain Hawks (3-3, 1-2 Patriot League) dropped a 6-4 finale Saturday afternoon. Army scored three goals (two on the extra man) in the span of 37 seconds in the second quarter, but the Lehigh men’s lacrosse team held the Black Knights to just three goals over the game’s other 59:23.

Sophomore Craig Chick led the defense with game highs in groundballs (8) and caused turnovers (4) to improve his season totals to 27 and 18, respectively. Classmate Eddie Boughall also had four groundballs while Matt Rimol tallied a groundball and two caused turnovers. Junior Danny Norris finished with four groundballs and a caused turnover. Over the last two games, Lehigh’s defense has now allowed just 11 goals (nine even strength). Colgate entered last weekend’s game coming off 15 goals at Bucknell, while Army scored 48 goals over its previous three games entering Saturday.

Junior Andrew Pettit led the offense with two goals, his sixth straight multi-goal game to begin the season. He also set a career high with four groundballs. Senior Matt Raposo tallied a goal and assist while junior John Melok scored Lehigh’s other goal.

Army’s Ted Glesener opened the scoring just over three minutes into the game, but Pettit answered with 10 seconds on the first-quarter clock, collecting a groundball following a save and finishing his 16th goal of the season.

Melok scored a nifty unassisted tally early in the second quarter while Pettit added his second of the game at the 8:54 mark to give Lehigh a 3-1 advantage. However, not long after, the Black Knights scored three goals in the span of 37 seconds, the final two on the extra man. Army added a fourth straight goal just over a minute later at 6:09 to take a 5-3 halftime advantage.

The second half saw just two goals. Early in the third, Raposo scored following a behind-the-back feed from sophomore Tristan Rai, but Lehigh couldn’t muster another goal and Army’s David Symmes added insurance early in the fourth quarter to account for the 6-4 final.

Final shots were even at 27 while groundballs were even at 37. Sophomore Chris Kiernan finished with 10 saves for Lehigh while Army’s A.J. Barretto stopped 12-of-16 shots sent his way.
GAME 7 • MAR. 18, 2017
BETHLEHEM, PA.
LEHIGH 15, LAFAYETTE 7

BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Lehigh men's lacrosse team jumped out to a 5-1 lead after one quarter and wouldn't look back, defeating archival Lafayette 15-7 on Saturday afternoon. Saturday's game was presented by Yianni's Taverna. All three starting attackmen posted five or more points for the Mountain Hawks (4-3, 2-2 Patriot League), with each setting a career high in either goals or points. Meanwhile, the defense held an opponent to seven goals or fewer for a third straight week.

Sophomore Andrew Pettit scored a career-high five goals while adding an assist for six points. Classmate Tristan Rai tallied a career-high six points behind three goals and three assists, and senior Matt Raposo scored a career-high four goals, while adding an assist for five points. Senior midfielder Cody Triolo posted a career-high four points as well behind two goals and two assists.

Defensively, Lehigh caused 13 turnovers on the afternoon, 10 coming from sophomore Eddie Bouhall (4), sophomore Craig Chick (3) and junior Danny Norris (3). The totals for Bouhall and Norris tied career highs. Bouhall added four groundballs while Chick and Norris each had three. The Mountain Hawks allowed just four goals over the game's first 51:52 until Lafayette scored with 9:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Pettit scored his career-high fifth goal with 5:02 on the clock to account for Lehigh's final goal as the Mountain Hawks won their eighth straight and 15th in their last 16 tries against Lafayette.

Final shots were 38-33 in favor of Lafayette while the Mountain Hawks held a 39-36 edge in groundballs. Sophomore goalkeeper Chris Kiernan finished with nine saves while Lafayette's Jonathan Anastos had seven. After winning just one of his first four faceoffs, Gaffney bounced back to win 12 of his last 18 and finish 14-of-22 with 12 groundballs. Lehigh was 4-for-4 on the extra man while Lafayette was 1-for-4.

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GAME 8 • MAR. 25, 2017
ANNAPOLIS, MD.
NAVY 14, LEHIGH 9

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Navy went on a 5-1 run in the second quarter to take a 9-3 lead, which proved too much for the Lehigh men's lacrosse team to overcome as the Mountain Hawks (4-4, 2-3 Patriot League) dropped a 14-9 final on Saturday at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The Midshipmen won 21-of-26 faceoffs, helping them jump out to an early lead and forcing Lehigh to play from behind all day. Sophomore Tristan Rai led the offense with five goals behind three assists and two assists.

Along with Rai's five points, sophomore Andrew Pettit scored twice to extend his multiple goal streak to nine games dating back to last season. Sophomore Lucas Spence also scored two goals. Classmate Craig Chick finished the day with two assists, two faceoff wins, five groundballs and four caused turnovers. Just a sophomore, Chick moved into fourth place in school history for career caused turnovers with 62.

Navy scored the only two goals of the first quarter, both from Dave Little who finished with nine goals on the afternoon. Senior Ian Strain got Lehigh on the scoreboard, pulling the Mountain Hawks within 3-1 in the second quarter, but Navy went on to open a 9-3 lead. A late second-quarter surge saw Spence score with 19 seconds remaining, but signed his first game with six seconds on the clock, pulling Lehigh within 9-5 at the half.

After trading goals to begin the third quarter, Rai and Pettit scored at 4:26 and 2:06, respectively, pulling Lehigh within 11-8 with more than a quarter remaining. However, the Midshipmen scored three of the game's final four goals to wrap up their third straight win against the Mountain Hawks.

Final shots were even at 31 while Navy held a 42-25 edge in groundballs. Sophomore Chris Kiernan made nine saves across the Mids' Ryan Kern, who tallied five.
BETHLEHEM, Pa. - Despite falling into an early 2-0 deficit, the Lehigh men’s lacrosse team scored eight of the next nine goals, on its way to a 10-6 win over No. 16/18 Boston University on Saturday afternoon at the Ulrich Sports Complex. The win marks the Mountain Hawks’ (5-4, 3-3 Patriot League) first over a nationally-ranked opponent since defeating the No. 20 Terriers in Boston last season. In the end, Lehigh’s defense held the Terriers to just six goals, tied for their season low, only three of them being even strength. The Mountain Hawks handed Boston University (9-2, 3-2) just its second loss of the season.

Sophomore Tristan Rai led the offense with five points behind three goals and two assists. He has now tallied a hat trick and at least five points in each of the last three games, recording nine goals and seven assists in that span. Classmate Andrew Pettit also scored twice to extend his streak to 10 straight games with multiple goals dating back to last season. He remains the only player in all of Division I with multiple goals in every game this season.

Senior Matt Raposo also recorded three points (two goals, one assist). Lehigh’s starting attack, which as a unit, stood 11th nationally in points entering today, finished with 11 points (seven goals, four assists) on the day.

Sophomores Eddie Bouhall and Craig Rich led the defense as Bouhall had a career-high six groundballs along with four caused turnovers (to tie a career high) while Rich had three groundballs and four caused turnovers.

After Boston University took a 2-0 lead with 11:09 left in the first quarter, goals from Rai and Pettit in the span of 32 seconds pulled Lehigh even with 5:22 remaining in the first. The Terriers scored with just 18 seconds remaining left in the stanza, but the Mountain Hawks went on to score six straight goals. Junior Nolan Apers began the run with his first goal of the season, freshman Erik DiGirolo later scored his first-career goal and Rai netted two goals in the run.

In the end, Lehigh’s defense held the Terriers scoreless for 29:26 before the Terriers would add two-man goals to pull within 8-5 early in the fourth. But three was as close as Boston U would come. Senior Cody Trilo rounded out the scoring at 3:26 of the fourth quarter, accounting for the 10-6 final.

Senior Donny Stires finished with a career-high 13 saves, 10 coming in the second half. Boston University finished with a 36-30 edge in shots and 42-28 advantage in groundballs. Freshman Conor Gaffney won 3-of-6 faceoffs before being forced to leave the game due to injury. Sophomore Brian Meyer did win 3-of-5 second-half faceoffs to help spark the Mountain Hawks, but University ended up winning 13-19 for the game.
BETHLEHEM, Pa. - The Lehigh men's lacrosse team jumped out to a 10-1 lead early in the third quarter and held off a Princeton charge as the Mountain Hawks (6-5) defeated the No. 13/14 Tigers (7-4) 15-10 on Tuesday evening at the Ulrich Sports Complex. The game was presented by the U.S. Marine Corps. The win marks Lehigh's second straight home victory against a nationally-ranked foe. Every starting midfielder or attackerman recorded multiple points while sophomore Craig Chick helped spearhead the defense with nine groundballs, three caused turnovers, four faceoffs wins and an assist. In the end, Lehigh's defense held the nation's third-highest-scoring offense to just 10 goals, tied for Princeton's second-lowest total this season and five goals less than its average entering the game.

The win marked Lehigh's second win in the last three years against Princeton, both coming at home against a nationally-ranked Tigers' squad.

Senior Ian Strain had a career game, tallying a career-high five points behind two goals and a career-high three assists. He also grabbed four groundballs. Sophomore Tristan Rai had three goals and two assists for his 12th career hat trick, eclipsing 50 career goals in the process. Classmate Andrew Pettit had two goals and an assist, scoring multiple goals for the 11th time in the last 12 games dating back to last season. Senior Matt Raposo tallied a goal and an assist, while senior Cody Triolo and sophomore Lucas Spence each had two goals and an assist.

With Chick's nine groundballs, he easily eclipsed 100 career GBs in the contest. Junior Danny Norris and sophomore Eddie Bouhall also had three groundballs and two caused turnovers apiece. Senior Casey McAdam won 7-6 of faceoffs with five groundballs.

Lehigh scored the game's first five goals as Rai's second of the game gave the Mountain Hawks a 5-0 advantage with 1:35 remaining in the first quarter. Princeton netted its first with 57 seconds left in the stanza, but the Mountain Hawks responded with the next five. Rai had a goal and an assist in that stretch, finishing with five first-half goals. Every goal in Lehigh's 5-0 run was assisted as Raposo from Spence gave the Mountain Hawks a 9-1 advantage at the half.

Freshman Ryan Klose opened the second-half scoring to increase Lehigh's run to 6-0. Princeton pulled within 10-2 at 11:59 of the third quarter, scoring while senior Cody Triolo and sophomore Lucas Spence each had two goals and an assist.

The Mountain Hawks finished with a 50-45 edge in shots and 37-36 advantage in groundballs. Lehigh struggled clearing the ball (14-of-19) while turning the ball over 19 times, but had just 10 over the final three quarters. Senior Donny Stires made a career-high 16 saves for Lehigh across Cornell's Christian Knight, who made 17 stops.

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ITHACA, N.Y. - Sophomore Lucas Spence scored consecutive third-quarter goals to pull the Lehigh men's lacrosse team even with Cornell, but the Big Red responded with a 7-0 run on their way to a 16-11 win over the Mountain Hawks on Saturday afternoon. Spence finished with a career-high four goals to pace the Lehigh offense while sophomore Andrew Pettit tallied his sixth hat trick of the season with three goals and two assists. Freshman faceoff specialist Conor Gaffney returned to the lineup and won 19-of-23 faceoffs with 11 groundballs.

Standing 6-6 overall and 3-4 in Patriot League play, Lehigh will now wrap up its regular season by hosting Bucknell next Friday (Apr. 21) at 7 p.m. on Senior Night. With a win, the Mountain Hawks would clinch a spot in their seventh straight Patriot League Tournament.

Gaffney's 19 faceoffs won ties a career high while senior Casey McAdam also won 3-of-4 faceoffs and collected five groundballs.

Sophomore Craig Chick had an assist, faceoff win, two groundballs and a caused turnover. In the process, he moved past Mike Noone and into sole possession of second place in school history for career caused turnovers with 72. Sophomore Eddie Bouhall scored his first goal of the season while adding three groundballs and three caused turnovers.

Lehigh jumped out to a quick 3-1 lead behind a goal from Rai and two from Spence. The teams went back-and-forth, with the score eventually tied at three and four.

Consecutive goals from Pettit in the span of 12 seconds gave Lehigh a 4-3 lead early in the second quarter, but the Big Red ended the half on a 3-0 run, extending the run to 4-0 and lead to 8-6 early in the second.

In the third quarter, Spence scored two straight goals, his third and fourth of the game, but Cornell answered with seven in a row to take a 15-8 advantage midway through the fourth. Lehigh scored three of the game's final four goals, from senior Ian Strain, Bouhall and freshman Erik DiGirolamo, but it wasn't enough.

The Mountain Hawks finished with a 50-45 edge in shots and 37-36 advantage in groundballs. Lehigh struggled clearing the ball (14-of-19) while turning the ball over 19 times, but had just 10 over the final three quarters. Senior Donny Stires made a career-high 16 saves for Lehigh across Cornell's Christian Knight, who made 17 stops.