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## Notable Dates In NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship History

### 1971

- The National Collegiate Lacrosse Championship was initiated with an eight-team field.

### 1973

- First overtime championship game: Maryland 10, Johns Hopkins 9, in double overtime.
- First triple overtime game: Washington & Lee 13, Navy 12 (first round).

### 1974

- Towson beats Hobart, 18-17, in double overtime to claim the inaugural Division II championship game.

### 1977

- Cornell becomes the first team to win back-to-back championships.

### 1978

- Johns Hopkins defeats Cornell, 13-8, in the Division I championship game, snapping the Big Red's 42-game winning streak.

### 1980

- Johns Hopkins becomes the first team to win three consecutive Division I championships.
- The first Division III championship is held. Hobart defeats SUNY Cortland, 11-8.

### 1981

- Adelphi beats Loyola Maryland, 17-14, in what proves to be the last Division II Championship until 1993.

### 1986

- The Division I championship is expanded from eight to 10 teams.
- For the first time, the semifinals and final are played on the same weekend at the same site (Delaware) in a "championships weekend" format.

### 1987

- The Division I championship is expanded from 10 to 12 teams with the requirement that one team be selected from the West Region.

### 1988

- Attendance at the Division I championship game exceeds 20,000 for the first time (20,148 at Syracuse).

### 1989

- Attendance at the Division I semifinals exceeds 20,000 for the first time (20,263 at Maryland).

### 1990

- Hobart wins its first Division III championship under B.J. O'Hara. It is the first time the Statesmen win under a coach other than Dave Urick.

### 1991

- CBS Sports airs a one-hour version of the Division I championship game on a delayed basis.

### 1992

- The Division III championship is held at the Division I site for the first time at Penn. The game draws a then-record crowd of 6,741.

- Nazareth beats Roanoke to become the first team other than Hobart, which won the 12 previous championships, to claim the Division III crown.

### 1993

- The Division II championship is reinstated and is played for the first time since 1981.
- Hobart wins its 13th and final Division III championship.

### 1994

- Hobart loses a Division III championship game for the first time, falling to Salisbury, 15-9. Hobart moved into Division I the next year. Salisbury, which finished 16-0, becomes the first undefeated Division III champion.

### 1995

- For the first time, the crowd exceeds 30,000 for a session (Division I semifinals—30,392 at Maryland).
- ESPN airs the Division I semifinals (ESPN2) and final (ESPN) live for the first time.
- Salisbury defeats Nazareth in Division III to complete its second consecutive undefeated season.

### 1996

- A Division III championship-game paid attendance record of 18,586 is set at Maryland, as Nazareth defeats Washington College, 11-10, in overtime. Nazareth becomes third straight Division III champion to go undefeated.

### 1997

- Rutgers originally was scheduled to host. Maryland hosts due to field problems at Rutgers.

### 1998

- Rutgers hosts, snapping a string of five consecutive hosting years for Maryland.
- The Division II championship game is held at the Divisions I and III host school as part of championships weekend, but at a different facility. Rutgers hosts the game at Yurcak Field.

### 2000

- Middlebury becomes the first team not from New York or Maryland to win the Division III championship.
- Limestone, the first representative from the South in Division II championship game history, wins the title.
- The Divisions I and III tournament fields include automatic qualification for champions of selected conferences for the first time.

### 2001

- In Division I, four teams received automatic qualification for winning their conferences. Automatic qualifying conferences were America East, ECAC, Ivy and Patriot.
- In Division II, the championship expanded from two to four teams with two selected from each of the geographic regions, Northeast and Southwest.
- In Division III, the champions of 10 conferences received automatic bids. These conferences included the Capital Atlantic Conference, Centennial Conference, Commonwealth Coast Conference, Knicker-

bocker Lacrosse Conference, Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference, New England Small College Athletic Conference, Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Pilgrim Lacrosse League, State University of New York Athletic Conference and Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association. No berths were provided for members of automatic-qualifying conferences that were not conference champions.

## 2002

- In Division I, six teams received automatic qualification for winning their conferences. Those conferences were America East, ECAC, Great Western, Ivy, Metro Atlantic and Patriot.
- In Division III, the champions of 12 conferences received automatic bids. The Empire Eight and Pennsylvania Athletic Conference were added to those listed for 2001. Two berths were reserved for true independents and teams from non-automatic qualifying conferences. Two other berths were reserved for teams from automatic-qualifying conferences that did not win their conference.

## 2003

- The Division I field was increased to 16 teams. With the addition of the Colonial Athletic Association, seven conferences received automatic bids.
- The Division III field was increased to 17 teams, with 13 teams qualifying automatically as conference champions. The Little East Conference was added to the list of automatic qualifiers.
- All three championships were held in the same venue for the first time. Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium, home of the NFL Ravens, became the first professional facility to host the event.

## 2004

- Navy makes its first appearance in the Division I championship game since 1975.
- Division II Le Moyne College captures its first national championship in its first title game appearance.
- Division III Salisbury wins its fifth national championship.

## 2005

- Johns Hopkins claims its first NCAA Division I title in 18 years and its eighth overall.
- Division II New York Institute of Technology wins its second title in three years.
- Salisbury captures its third straight Division III national title.
- Attendance records were shattered in all three championship games, as 44,920 fans attended the Division I Johns Hopkins vs. Duke final, while 21,803 people came to watch the Division II (New York Institute of Technology vs. Limestone) and Division III (Salisbury vs. Middlebury) championship games.

## 2006

- SUNY Cortland snaps Salisbury's 69-game winning streak to claim its first Division III title in an overtime thriller, 13-12.
- Le Moyne wins its second Division II title in three years by besting Dowl- ing, 12-5.
- Virginia claims its fourth NCAA title in program history after defeating Massachusetts, 15-7.
- Attendance numbers continue to grow as the lacrosse championship had the highest attendance of any NCAA championship contested in 2005-06 (144,604). The final lacrosse championship site include the Divisions I, II and III championship games and Division I semifinals.

## 2007

- Salisbury gets back on top and earns its seventh Division III crown. SUNY Cortland finishes second, losing, 15-9, in the title game.
- By defeating Mercyhurst, 6-5, Le Moyne picks up its second straight Division III title and third in four years.
- Johns Hopkins wins its ninth Division I title by defeating Duke, 12-11.
- Once again, attendance records were broken. The Divisions II and III finals each reached 22,778 fans, while 48,443 attended the Division I championship game and 52,004 came out to the semifinals.

## 2008

- New York Institute of Technology and Le Moyne met in the Division II Championship game, with NYIT coming out on top, 16-11, earning its fourth NCAA crown.
- For the third straight year, Salisbury and SUNY Cortland played each other for the Division III title. Salisbury won its eighth title, defeating SUNY Cortland, 19-13.
- Syracuse was back to its winning ways, picking up its ninth NCAA title, and first since 2004. It beat defending national champion Johns Hopkins.
- The championships were held in New England for the first time since 1985. Record crowds traveled to Foxborough, Mass., to watch all three divisions. The Division I championship game drew 48,970 while the Division II and Division III championship games each had 24,317 fans in attendance.

## 2009

- LIU Post was crowned the Division II champion after defeating Le Moyne, 8-7.
- SUNY Cortland picked up its second Division III title after getting by Gettysburg, 9-7.
- Syracuse made it two straight and 10 overall after defeating Cornell in the Division I final, 10-9 in overtime.
- The championships were held in New England for the second straight year.

## 2010

- Duke and Tufts won the first men's lacrosse championships in school history in the Division I and Division III championship games.
- Duke defeated Notre Dame, 6-5 in overtime, in Notre Dame's first finals appearance.
- LIU Post won its second consecutive Division II championship and its third overall, beating Le Moyne, 14-9, in the championship game.
- Tufts downed Salisbury, 9-6, in the Division III title game.

## 2011

- Virginia won its fifth Division I championship, defeating Maryland, 9-7, in the title game.
- Virginia's four tournament wins gave head coach Dom Starsia 35 career NCAA tournament victories, more than any other coach in Division I history.
- Mercyhurst earned the first NCAA championship in a men's sport in school history, beating Adelphi, 9-8, in the Division II tournament final.
- Salisbury avenged a loss to Tufts in the 2010 Division III title game, downing the Jumbos, 19-7.

**2012**

- Loyola Maryland won the first national championship in any sport in school history when it defeated in-state rival Maryland, 9-3, in the Division I championship contest.
- For the second consecutive year, a school won its first men's lacrosse title when Dowling edged Limestone, 11-10, in the Division II title game.
- Salisbury won its second straight Division III title and 10th overall, defeating SUNY Cortland, 14-10, in the title game.
- The 10th championship tied Salisbury head coach Jim Berkman with former Hobart coach Dave Urick for the most Division III men's lacrosse titles ever.

**2013**

- Duke claimed its second national title after defeating Syracuse, 16-10 at Lincoln Financial Field.
- Le Moyne won the Division II title, its fourth in school history with a 11-10 victory over Mercyhurst. It marked the Dolphins first title since 2007 and put them tied for second (with NYIT) for most titles, behind Adelphi's seven.
- Stevenson and Rochester Inst. both were both eager to claim their first national championship, but in the end, Stevenson came out on top and won, 16-14.

**2014**

- Duke claimed its second consecutive national title after defeating Notre Dame, 11-9 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.
- Limestone defeated LIU Post 12-6 to capture their third national championship and first since 2002. The Saints 19 wins on the season were a record for a national champion.
- Tufts outscored Salisbury 7-1 in the third period en route to a 12-9 victory in the Division III championship. The title was the Sea Gulls second in a season that saw them set D III records for goals (423) in a season, and assists (45) in the NCAA tournament.

**2015**

- Denver became the first team from outside the Eastern United States to win the Division I title with a 10-5 win against Maryland at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.
- Limestone won its second straight Division II national championship via a 9-6 victory against LeMoyne.
- In Division III, Tufts won its second consecutive NCAA title with a 19-11 victory over Lynchburg. It marked the second largest victory in a championship game in the last 20 years.

**2016**

- Chris Cloutier sets the record for most goals in an NCAA tournament as he finished with 19 for the four games as the Tar Heels won the national title, 14-13 against Maryland in OT.
- Le Moyne used a dominant defense to win the NCAA crown. In its three tournament games they allowed only five goals per game. They beat Limestone 8-4 in the title game.
- Salisbury won its 11th NCAA Division III title with a 14-13 victory against Tufts..

**2017**

- Maryland won its first NCAA Division I men's lacrosse title since 1975 with a 9-6 victory over Ohio State at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

- Limestone scored three goals within a 17-second span to clinch the program's third NCAA Division II national championship over the last-four years with an 11-9 decision over Merrimack.
- Salisbury topped the Tigers 15-7 for their second straight national title and the 12th in program history. Salisbury held just a 6-4 lead at halftime but its offense awoke in the second half, using a 6-2 run in the third quarter to break the game open.

**2018**

- Yale, the third seed, won its first NCAA title in school history in wire-to-wire fashion with a 13-11 victory over fourth-seeded Duke at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass.
- Merrimack won its first NCAA title in dominating fashion as they jumped out to a 13-1 halftime lead en route to a 23-6 victory over Saint Leo.
- Wesleyan (CT) won its first NCAA title with an 8-6 victory versus perennial power Salisbury. The Cardinals jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first seven minutes of the game and never trailed as they held on for the victory.

**2019**

- No. 3 seed Virginia won its sixth national title, but first since 2011, with a 13-9 victory over Yale at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. It was a hard-earned title for the Cavaliers as they needed to survive overtime in both their quarterfinal and semifinal match-ups.
- Merrimack won its second straight NCAA title with a 16-8 victory over Limestone in its final year of eligibility in Division II as they reclassify to Division I. The Warriors entered the tournament as the lowest seeded team at No. 6 and they had to win four games to claim the title with the bracket expanded to 12 teams.
- Wesleyan won its first NCAA title, 16-12 over Amherst, in front of a home crowd at Lincoln Financial Field, which is less than 20 miles from campus..

**2021**

- The 2022 Maryland Terrapins have solidified themselves as one of the best men's lacrosse teams in collegiate history. They are the first undefeated DI men's lacrosse champion since Virginia in 2006. The Terps' 9-7 win over Cornell puts them in elite company as only 13 teams in DI history have finished the season undefeated as the national champions.
- Tampa defeated Mercy, 11-7 to win the 2022 DII men's lacrosse championship. This is the first national championship in program history. The Spartans led the entire way, leading by as much as 6 in the second quarter. Mercy was later able to trim the deficit to just four heading into the half, but the offensive attack from Tampa proved to be too much, registering 22 total shots on goal, while Mercy only recorded 16.
- RIT defeated Union (NY) 12-10, to win the 2022 DIII men's lacrosse championship. Union went into the locker room at halftime, leading 7-4 and led by as much as five before RIT stormed back with six unanswered goals to begin the second half, taking a 10-7 lead with 11:48 left to go in the fourth quarter. The championship marks RIT's second championship in a row and just the program's second-ever national title.