



# University of Delaware Athletics Media Relations Baseball News

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## Delaware vs. CAA in 2004

### No. 1 George Mason: 0-3

April 14 at George Mason .....L 2-0  
April 15 at George Mason ..L 5-4 (11 innings)  
April 16 at George Mason .....L 9-2

All-time Series: Tied at 26  
Win Streak: GMU - three games  
Top UD hitter vs. Patriots: Brian Valichka (.500)

### No. 2 UNC Wilmington: 0-2

April 3 UNC Wilmington(1) .....L 10-4  
April 3 UNC Wilmington(2) .....L 2-0  
April 4 UNC Wilmington .....Cancelled

All-time Series: UNCW8, UD 3  
Win Streak: UNCW - six games  
Top UD hitter vs. UNCW - Ryan Graham (.600)

### No. 3 Va. Commonwealth: 2-1

May 21 Va. Commonwealth.....L 2-4  
May 22 Va. Commonwealth.....W 16-2  
May 23 Va. Commonwealth.....W 15-5

All-time Series: UD 11, VCU 7  
Win Streak: UD - one game  
Top UD hitter vs. Rams: Ed McDonnell (.556)

### No. 4 William & Mary: 0-3

March 26 at William & Mary.....L 11-2  
March 27 at William & Mary.....L 6-5 (12 innings)  
March 28 at William & Mary.....L 6-5

All-time Series: W&M 11, UD 9  
Win Streak: W&M - three games  
Top UD hitter vs. Tribe: Dan Kozek (.750)

### No. 5 Old Dominion: 2-1

April 16 Old Dominion.....W 5-3  
April 17 Old Dominion.....L 2-14  
April 18 Old Dominion.....W 5-4

All-time Series: UD 2, ODU 1  
Win Streak: UD - one game  
Top UD hitter vs. ODU - Steve Van Note (.445)



## 2004 Colonial Athletic Association Tournament Notes

**Delaware and Conference Tournaments:** Following a disappointing 2003 campaign which saw the Blue Hens miss the conference tournament for the first time in 22 years, Delaware returns to post-season play for the 32nd time in the last 35 years. During that stretch, the Hens have won 15 conference titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament 14 times, most recently in 2001.



Steve Van Note

**Now THIS is Delaware Baseball:** The Blue Hens finished the 2004 season with a team batting average of .312, a far cry from last year's miserable .247. Six Blue Hen regulars in 2003 - Steve Van Note, Todd Davison, Brock Donovan, Brian Valichka, Brent Rogers and Dave Harden - each raised their average significantly this season.

	2003	2004	Difference
Valichka	.168	.345	+ 177 points
Van Note	.232	.341	+ 109 points
Harden	.250	.307	+ 57 points
Davison	.254	.309	+ 55 points
Donovan	.272	.301	+ 29 points
Rogers	.237	.265	+ 28 points



Dave Harden

Additionally, the Hens averaged 7.71 runs/game in 2004 after scoring just 5.01 runs/game in 2003. As a result, the Hens notched their 22nd 30-win season in the last 29 years.



Kelly Buber

**Transfers Power Delaware:** Taking a page from University of Delaware head football coach K.C. Keeler, who guided the Blue Hen football team to a national championship behind the strength of transfer quarterback Andy Hall and defensive end Shawn Johnson, head baseball coach Jim Sherman rebuilt his depleted offense around three transfers - Ryan Graham (Danville, IL/Triton JC), Kelly Buber (Yuba City, CA/Yuba City CC) and Ed McDonnell (Marlton, NJ/Seton Hall University). The results? McDonnell (.375) and Buber (.346) finished No. 1 and No. 2 in batting on the team while Graham finished second on the team in hits with 71. Below is a breakdown of their percentage of the total Blue Hen offense this season:

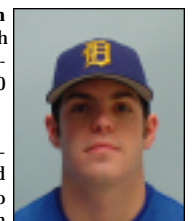
	Transfers	Rest of Team	Percentage
Hits	173	420	29.2 %
Runs	100	301	24.9 %
RBI	101	268	27.4 %
Doubles	39	78	33.3 %



Bryan Hagerich

**Diaper Dandies:** University of Delaware freshman outfielders Bryan Hagerich and Dan Kozek lost their huggies this year, platooning with McDonnell in left field for the duration of the season. The duo combined to hit .250 with 51 hits, 46 runs, nine doubles, three triples, 10 home runs and 38 RBI.

**Forget 2003:** Sophomore Brian Valichka suffered through a season-long slump in 2003, hitting .168 with four doubles, no home runs and just 12 RBI. Currently, Valichka is riding an 11-game hitting streak into the CAA Tournament, hitting .439 (18-for-41) during that stretch with six doubles, three home runs and seven RBI with 12 runs.



Brian Valichka



Mike Mihalik

**Mihalik Finds His Stride:** After struggling with his consistency in the early part of the season, senior co-captain Mike Mihalik has found his rhythm at the right time for the Blue Hens. In his last four outings, Mihalik is 2-0 with a 1.74 ERA and 29 strikeouts while allowing just six runs. During that span, Mihalik became the University of Delaware's all-time strikeout leader, passing Rich McGuire on May 15 with the 254th strikeout of his career. He enters the CAA Tournament with 269 career K's and is also fourth all-time in appearances with 59 and sixth in innings pitched with 291.1 at UD. His next win will make him just the 14th pitcher in UD history to reach 20 wins.

**Easy Ed Continues Torrid Hitting:** Junior outfielder Ed McDonnell is hitting .400 (14-for-35) with two doubles, two home runs, 10 RBI and six runs scored in his last 11 games. Against CAA opponents, McDonnell leads the team with a .431 batting average (22-for-51) with three home runs and 16 RBI.

