



No. 9 Georgetown Downs Delaware Under the Lights

WASHINGTON - Playing under the lights of the Multi-Sport Facility for the first time, the No. 9 Georgetown University men's lacrosse team (3-2) got two goals each from four players to defeat Delaware (4-3), 13-11, on Wednesday evening.

The Hoyas offense got a good mix of experience and youth, as seniors Andrew Brancaccio (Bethesda, Md./Georgetown Prep) and Craig Dowd (East Northport, N.Y./Northport) and freshmen Travis Comeau (Alberta, Canada/The Hill Academy) and Brian Casey (Bethesda, Md./Georgetown Prep) all scored two goals to help lift Georgetown past the Blue Hens.

GU was able to take advantage of their extra-man opportunities, going 3 for 4 with a Blue Hen in the penalty box, as Brancaccio, Comeau and David Shriver (Timonium, Md./Boys' Latin) each scored extra-man goals. Brian Tabb (Potomac, Md./Georgetown Prep) went 11 for 25 in the face-off circle and picked up a game-high seven ground balls in the victory.

Scott Kocis (Huntington, N.Y./Huntington), who also finished with two assists, opened the scoring just over one minute into the first quarter, before Delaware scored the next three goals to take a 3-1 lead, foreshadowing what proved to be a game of offensive spurts.

Comeau shifted the momentum in Georgetown's favor at the 4:48 mark in the first quarter scoring on Dowd's assist. Dowd would score his own goal just over two minutes later to tie the score, before Brancaccio gave the Hoyas a 4-3 lead, scoring unassisted with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter.

Delaware's Kevin Kaminski tied the score less than 40 seconds into the second quarter, but Georgetown continued to roll behind goals from Casey, Rickey Mirabito (Binghamton, N.Y./Chenango Forks) and Brancaccio to take a 7-4 lead, their largest lead of the game. The Blue Hens would go on a run of their own, scoring twice before halftime to go into the break behind, 7-6. UDeI scored twice more early in the third quarter, as Curtis Dickson, the nation's leading goal scorer with 33 goals, scored two of his game-high three during the four goal run that put Delaware in front 8-7.

Georgetown answered as Ryan Shuler (Chevy Chase, Md./Georgetown Prep) quick stuck Zach Guy's (Tully, N.Y./Tully) pass from the behind the net past Noah Fossner to tie the score at eight. Three minutes later, Comeau took advantage of a man up situation converting Kocis' pass into a goal and a 9-8 lead. Just under the seven minute mark Chris Schuville created a turnover that led to Max Seligmann (Essex Falls, N.J./Delbarton) breakaway goal, giving the Blue and Gray a 10-8 lead.

Delaware's Carter Bloor scored with 12 seconds remaining in the third quarter to cut the Hoyas lead to 10-9. But after five minutes of scoreless play in the fourth quarter, Casey and Dowd would each score once more to give GU a 12-9 lead. David Shriver (Timonium, Md./Boys' Latin) scored the Hoyas final goal with 2:03 remaining in the game to help seal a 13-11 victory for Georgetown.

C.T. Fisher (Chevy Chase, Md./Landon) made 16 saves and allowed 11 goals to earn the victory in his second start of the season. Fossner made 15 saves and allowed 13 goals in the loss for Delaware.

Georgetown returns to action on Sunday, March 21 when they take on BIG EAST foe Providence at noon in Providence R.I. The Hoyas return home to Multi-Sport Facility to take on Duke on Saturday, March 27 at Noon.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- No. 9 Georgetown University scored three man-up goals and that proved to be the difference as the University of Delaware men's lacrosse squad dropped a 13-11 decision Wednesday night at the Multi-Sport Facility.

Delaware (4-3), which dropped its second straight game, took the lead early in the third quarter and had pulled to within a goal in the final seconds of that stanza, but the host Hoyas (3-2) scored two straight goals midway through the final quarter. The Hens could never get closer than two goals the rest of the way.

Curtis Dickson, the national leader in goals scored and points per game, led the Blue Hen attack once again as he netted three goals and dished out an assist and tied the school record for consecutive games scoring a point at 47. The All-American senior attackman from Port Coquitlam, British Columbia upped his season goal total to 33 with his sixth hat trick of the season and 21st of his career. He scored a goal for the 16th straight game and extended a four-year consecutive point streak to 47, tying the UD mark set by Anthony DiMarzo in 1992-95.

Mark Steverson added two goals and an assist, Kevin Kaminski chipped in with two goals, and Martin Cahill contributed two scores to pace the Delaware attack. Noah Fossner was solid in goal with 15 saves.

Georgetown, which was coming off a 15-12 loss at No. 2 Syracuse Saturday, got two goals each from Craig Dowd, Andrew Brancacaccio, Travis Comeau, and Brian Casey. Dowd also added an assist and Scott Kocis contributed two assists. Goalkeeper C.T. Fisher posted 16 saves.

The Hoyas, who have now won three of their last four games, have defeated Delaware in all nine meetings all-time, including a 5-0 mark in Washington. Five of the games have been decided by five goals or less, including two by a single goal.

"I thought both teams played hard tonight and gave the fans a great game to watch," said Delaware head coach Bob Shillinglaw, whose team returns to action Saturday when they host former Colonial Athletic Association foe Villanova at Delaware Stadium. "Georgetown is a tough, athletic team and they finished when we didn't. We had a couple of opportunities that we couldn't cash in on and that was the difference."

Georgetown held a slim 44-42 lead in shots but took advantage of five Delaware penalties by converting three man-up goals, including one by Comeau with 6:24 left in the third quarter that put the Hoyas up for good.

Delaware jumped out to a 3-1 lead on consecutive goals by Cahill, Dickson, and John Austin, but Georgetown countered with three of their own to take a 4-3 advantage after one quarter. The Hens regained the lead on a goal by Kaminski just 38 seconds into the second quarter, but Georgetown responded with three straight goals, the last on a man-up opportunity by Brancacaccio, to take a 7-4 lead.

The Hens got goals from Stevenson and Dickson in the final 6:11 of the half to cut the deficit to 7-6 at intermission.

Delaware extended its streak to four straight goals when Dickson and Steverson scored over the first four minutes of the second half and took what proved to be its last lead of the night at 8-7. Georgetown then ran off three straight goals, including a man-up score by Comeau with 6:24 left, to up its lead to 10-8. Delaware's Carter Bloor scored his first goal of the season with 12 seconds left in the stanza to pull the Hens to within 10-9.

But Delaware would go scoreless for nearly 12 minutes as Georgetown took control, going up by a 12-9 margin with 6:50 left on a score by Max Seligmann. Cahill scored with 3:18 left to narrow the gap to 12-10, but David Shriver scored Georgetown's third man-up goal of the night with 2:03 remaining for the clincher as the Hoyas went up 13-10.