

# Mount St. Mary's Men's Lacrosse

## 2024 Game Notes

### THE MATCHUP



**MOUNT ST. MARY'S Mountaineers** | 0-4 Overall, 0-0 MAAC  
Head Coach: Chris Ryan - First Season



**MONMOUTH Hawks** | 2-2 Overall, 0-0 CAA  
Head Coach: Brian Fisher - 11th Season

### GAME INFORMATION

#### MOUNT ST. MARY'S VS. MONMOUTH

Date ..... Saturday, March 2  
Time ..... 11:30 AM  
Location ..... West Long Branch, N.J.  
Venue ..... Kessler Stadium  
Mount's Series Record ..... 0-1  
Last Meeting ..... 3-4-23 | Monmouth 8, Mount 7 (OT)  
TV ..... SNY  
Stream ..... FloSports

### QUICK HITTERS

- Mount St. Mary's travels to New Jersey in hopes of picking up their first win of the 2024 season against Monmouth. The last time the team started 0-5 was in 2014, with a team that went 1-15.
- Cormac Giblin and Brody Atkinson reached double digits in points after the team's most recent game against UMBC. Giblin leads with 11 points (8 goals, 3 assists) and Atkinson has 10 (5 goals, 5 assists). Mitchell Dunham has the most caused turnovers with 11 and is second in ground balls behind goalie Owen Peters with 16.
- An 8-0 run last Saturday by the UMBC Retrievers doomed the Mountaineers in an 18-6 defeat. Giblin (twice), Ben Schuster, Atkinson, Kyle Cullen and Noah Persing posted goals in the game.
- Owen Peters has been the starting goalkeeper and has earned 51 saves, averaging almost 13 per game. Like the team, he seeks his first win as a starter.

### STAT COMPARISON



24	GOALS	44
17	ASSISTS	24
.337	FACEOFF %	.538
125	SHOTS	155
.192	SHOT %	.284
.472	SHOT ON GOAL %	.613
.400	MAN-UP SCORING %	.267
121	GROUND BALLS	128
28	CAUSED TURNOVERS	37
67	TURNOVERS	64
53	SAVES	52
.457	SAVE %	.536

### 2024 SCHEDULE

Overall: 0-4 | Metro Atlantic Athletic Conf.: 0-0  
Home: 0-2 | Away: 0-2 | Neutral: 0-0

2/3	at Navy	L, 19-6
2/10	at Towson	L, 15-5
2/18	NJIT	L, 11-7
2/24	UMBC	L, 18-6
3/2	at Monmouth	12 PM
3/5	BINGHAMTON	4 PM
3/10	at Manhattan*	12 PM
3/16	at LIU*	2 PM
3/23	WAGNER*	12 PM
3/27	VMI*	12 PM
3/30	at Quinnipiac*	3 PM
4/6	MARIST*	4 PM
4/10	at Canisius*	3 PM
4/13	SACRED HEART*	12 PM
4/20	SIENA*	4 PM

### MOUNT ST. MARY'S QUICK FACTS

#### MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Location ..... Emmitsburg, Md.  
Founded ..... 1808  
Enrollment ..... 2,166  
Nickname ..... Mountaineers, the Mount  
Colors ..... Blue and White  
National Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I  
Conference ..... Metro Atlantic (MAAC)  
Athletic Website ..... mountathletics.com  
University Website ..... msmary.edu  
President ..... Dr. Timothy Trainor  
Athletics Director ..... Brad Davis

#### MEN'S LACROSSE STAFF

Head Coach: Chris Ryan (Randolph-Macon '98), First season  
Assistant Coach: Ryan O'Hagan (Canisius '12), First season  
Assistant Coach: Matthew Dugan (Marist '13), First season  
Volunteer Assistant: Kevin Murphy, First season

#### 2023 RECORD

Record ..... 8-8  
Home Games ..... 3-4  
Road Games ..... 5-3  
Neutral Games ..... 0-1  
Postseason ..... MAAC Semifinals

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#### HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

\* MAAC Game

## MOUNT ST. MARY'S NEWS AND NOTES

### INSIDE THE SERIES

>>> This is the second meeting between Mount St. Mary's and Monmouth. Last season, the teams met in Emmitsburg for the inaugural contest. Kyle Cullen tied the game with 6:28 to go to force overtime, but Matt Karsian sealed a Monmouth victory with 3:12 left in the overtime period.

### BRO-DACIOUS DEBUT

>>> Freshman Brody Atkinson has twice received recognition from the MAAC as Rookie of the Week. He scored two points in the game at Navy to open the season, and recorded his first career hat trick in the home opener versus NJIT.

### MAAC PRESEASON POLL

>>> Mount St. Mary's was picked fourth in the 2024 poll, as voted on by the league's coaches. Mitchell Dunham won a spot on the Defensive Preseason Team in addition to being named Co-Preseason Player of the Year. Dunham shares the defensive team honor with two Siena Saints and the PPOY honor with Kyle Gucwa of Manhattan.

### ALL-MAAC HONOREES

>>> In 2023, the co-championship came with six All-MAAC team members, a Rookie Team honoree and four of the five major awards handed out.  
 >>> Mitchell Dunham was named Defensive Player of the Year, Connor Beals earned Face-off Specialist of the Year, Steven Schmitt was Long Stick Midfielder of the Year and TJ Gravante was Rookie of the Year.  
 >>> Three of the four were First Team All-MAAC while Gravante took the top spot on the Rookie Team. Jared McMahon and Jake Krieger were also First Team players, and defender Jackson Phillips was named to the Second Team.  
 >>> Together, the selections are the most since 2019, with the highest number of First Team honorees since 2003.

### SEEKING NEW OFFENSES

>>> The Mount's top three point scorers from the 2023 season exited the program at the conclusion of the year. Cormac Giblin - who finished third in goals scored - returns for his graduate season. After that is Kyle Cullen with 13 points and Kevin Whitty, who had 12 in his rookie year.  
 >>> Of the 172 goals scored last season, 53 were recorded by members of the team who return this year.

### FACE-TO-FACE

>>> Another challenge facing the 2024 Mountaineers will be replacing a face-off core who finished third nationwide for face-off percentage, winning 61.4 percent of engagements.  
 >>> Connor Beals was the primary face-off specialist, taking 65.1 of chances (205-for-315) en route to winning top MAAC honors.  
 >>> Of the group who participated in face-offs last year, only Ethan Holobinko is still on the team. Three newcomers (Jaden Saysanam, Winston Chodnicki, Klaus Anger) will all fight for the job.

### HOME VS. ROAD

>>> Mount St. Mary's played at Waldron seven times in 2023 and hit the road on eight occasions. So far they are 3-4 in Emmitsburg and 5-4 elsewhere, including the neutral site semifinal game.  
 >>> This season the team has eight contests at home and seven on the road.

## 2024 MAAC STANDINGS

Quinnipiac	0-0	3-0	<u>3/1</u> Cleveland State at Canisius, 3
Marist	0-0	3-1	<u>3/2</u> Dartmouth at Siena, 11
VMI	0-0	3-2	Mount at Monmouth, 11:30
LIU	0-0	2-1	Marist at Bellarmine, 12
Canisius	0-0	2-2	NJIT at Wagner, 12
Siena	0-0	2-2	VMI at Detroit Mercy, 12
Sacred Heart	0-0	2-3	Bryant at Manhattan, 12
Manhattan	0-0	0-4	Sacred Heart at Drexel, 12
Mount St. Mary's	0-0	0-4	Quinnipiac at Merrimack, 1
Wagner	0-0	0-4	UMass Lowell at LIU, 2

## HEAD COACH CHRIS RYAN

**TOTAL: 268-73 | at THE MOUNT: 0-4**

**CONFERENCE: 90-13**

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

- NCAA Division II Champions (2011)
- NCAA Division II Runner-Up (2007, 2013, 2023)
- NCAA Semifinalist (2003, 2004, 2006, 2012, 2021)
- ECAC Semifinalist (2015)
- NCAA Quarterfinalist (2014)
- NCAA Tournament (2016, 2019, 2022)
- GMAC Champions (2019, 2021)

Chris Ryan was named the sixth coach in men's lacrosse history in July 2023.

Ryan comes to Emmitsburg after a storied career with Mercyhurst University. At the helm of the Lakers' program since 2000, Ryan has led Mercyhurst to an impressive run over the past two decades. His teams went 268-69 and took home the Division II national championship in 2011, defeating Adelphi to take home the hardware. This past season, he helped lead the Lakers to the D-II national title game, using an upset of #1 Le Moyne in the semifinals to achieve the feat. Mercyhurst finished the year with a mark of 16-3, won its third Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championship (GMAC) in four seasons, and advanced to its fourth straight NCAA Tournament.

Mercyhurst won nine conference championships in his tenure, winning titles in the NYAC, East Coast Conference, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and GMAC during Ryan's tenure. This helped the team punch their ticket to the NCAA Tournament 12 times, making at least the semifinals on nine occasions.

In addition to his time on Mercyhurst's campus, he works on the staff of the Waterdogs, a Premier Lacrosse League squad.

A member of various committees during his coaching career, he serves at present on the USILA Division II All-American committee, holding the post since 2019. Further administrative accomplishments include representation for Division II to the USILA from 2006-11, and the NCAA Division II Regional Advisory Committee from 2006-08.

Originally from Rochester, New York, Ryan earned recruitment out of Irondequoit High School to Monroe Community College in the same city. After two seasons there, he competed for the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets out of Ashland, Virginia, graduating from the school in 1998.

## 2024 MOUNT ST. MARY'S ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
1	Cormac Giblin	A	Gr.	6-2	180	Rockville, Md. / Bishop O'Connell
2	Wil Vandegrift	M	Sr.	6-0	180	Jenkintown, Pa. / La Salle College HS (Saint Joseph's)
3	Connor Barrett	M	Jr.	6-2	185	Victoria, B.C., Canada / Royal Bay Secondary
4	Noah Fox	M	Fr.	5-11	185	Atlanta, Ga. / Williston Northampton [Mass.]
5	John Miller IV	A	Jr.	6-1	195	Eldersburg, Md. / Marriotts Ridge
6	Ben Schuster	M	Fr.	5-9	180	Victoria, Minn. / Minnetonka
7	Will Kleine	A	Fr.	6-0	175	Madison, Conn. / Daniel Hand
8	Gavin Schaffer	M	So.	6-1	185	Denver, Colo. / Denver South
9	Caden Cote	M	Gr.	6-0	190	Crownsville, Md. / Old Mill
10	Chase Cavalier	M	So.	6-0	185	Port Tobacco, Md. / St. John's College High School
11	Brian Bradley	M	Jr.	6-0	185	Garnet Valley, Pa. / Garnet Valley
12	Will McKay	A	So.	6-2	185	Calgary, Alb., Canada / Central Memorial
13	Jack Pilla	A	So.	6-2	180	Ashburn, Va. / St. John's College High School
14	Brody Atkinson	A	Fr.	6-1	175	Manchester, Md. / St. Paul's
16	Jaden Mullins	A	So.	6-0	185	Aldie, Va. / Paul VI
17	Mitchell Dunham	D	Jr.	6-5	220	Hamilton, Ont., Canada / Everest Academy
18	Nicholas Belardo	D	Fr.	6-1	190	Ashburn, Va. / St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
19	Jackson Phillips	D	Sr.	6-3	210	Dover, Del. / Caesar Rodney
20	Hank Leonard	G	Fr.	5-11	205	Denver, Colo. / Denver South
22	Kyle Cullen	M	Sr.	6-0	190	Souderton, Pa. / La Salle College High School
23	Griffin McGinley	G	Sr.	5-11	200	Philadelphia, Pa. / Academy of the New Church
24	Jaden Saysanam	FO	Fr.	5-8	175	Fort Worth, Texas / Boswell
25	Tommy Niehaus	M	Jr.	6-5	205	Bel Air, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
26	Sean Connelly	D	So.	6-0	190	Stevensville, Md. / St. Mary's
27	Kevin Doyle, Sr.	D	Jr.	6-0	205	Lutherville, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
28	Jacob Coldwell	LSM	So.	6-2	195	Wilmette, Ill. / Loyola Academy
29	Armond Beausoleil	M	Sr.	5-9	175	Garden City, N.J. / Garden City
30	Ben Ward	D	Gr.	6-0	205	Marriottsville, Md. / Marriotts Ridge
31	Dan Bradley	M	Gr.	5-9	180	Garnet Valley, Pa. / Garnet Valley
32	Jesse Resnick	A	So.	6-1	205	Islip, N.Y. / Islip (Limestone)
33	Brandon Riggione	D	Fr.	6-0	190	Doylestown, Pa. / Academy of the New Church
34	William Pippen	D	Sr.	6-1	185	Carmel, Ind. / Carmel
36	Nathan Merchant	M	Jr.	5-11	180	Roselle, Ill. / Lake Park
37	Winston Chodnicki	FO	Gr.	5-9	185	Monkton, Md. / Boys Latin (Colorado College)
39	Casey Domanski	M	Sr.	6-1	180	Annapolis, Md. / Broadneck
40	Kevin Whitty	A	So.	6-0	190	Kensington, Md. / St. John's College High School
41	Mekai Nelson	LSM	Jr.	6-3	205	Meridian, Idaho / Blue Ridge
42	Klaus Anger	FO	So.	6-2	195	Lake Forest, Ill. / Loyola Academy
43	Grant Catello	D	So.	6-0	180	South Riding, Va. / Paul VI
44	Bennett Wright	G	Fr.	5-11	215	Lutherville, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
45	Isaac Prantera	D	Fr.	6-0	190	St. Catherines, Ont., Canada / The Hill Academy
47	Ian Plott	A	So.	5-10	155	Morris Plains, N.J. / Morristown
49	Noah Persing	A	Gr.	6-2	210	Forest Hill, Md. / Bel Air
50	Moses Moran	D	Gr.	6-5	205	Butler, Pa. / Blue Ridge
51	Ethan Holobinko	M	Sr.	5-9	190	Hagerstown, Md. / Boonsboro
52	JB Lewandowski	LSM	Fr.	6-1	165	Towson, Md. / Loyola Blakefield
53	Kyle Baxter	D	So.	6-4	195	Cape Coral, Fla. / Canterbury School
55	Owen Peters	G	So.	6-2	190	Bethel Park, Pa. / Bethel Park

### Pronunciation Guide

#7 Will Kleine	CLINE
#9 Caden Cote	CO-tay
#18 Nicholas Belardo	buh-LAR-doh
#24 Jaden Saysanam	SAY-suh-numb
#25 Tommy Niehaus	KNEE-haus
#33 Brandon Riggione	RIG-ee-OWN-e
#39 Casey Domanski	doe-MAN-ski
#41 Mekai Nelson	muh-KY
#43 Grant Catello	cuh-TELL-oh
#46 Jack Pilla	PILL-uh
#51 Ethan Holobinko	HALL-oh-BINK-oh



# 2024 SEASON STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Att.
2/03/24	at Navy	L	6-19	762
2/10/24	at Towson	L	5-15	875
2/18/24	NJIT	L	7-11	327
2/24/24	UMBC	L	6-18	398

## Team Statistics

	MOUNT-M	OPP
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot Att.	24-125	63-210
Goals Per Game	6.00	15.75
Shot Pct.	.192	.300
Shots on Goal-Att.	59-125	116-210
SOG Pct.	.472	.552
Shots/Game	31.3	52.5
Assists	17	34
<b>MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES</b>		
Goals-Opportunities	6-15	8-12
Conversion Pct.	.400	.667
<b>GOAL BREAKDOWN</b>		
Total Goals	24	63
Man-up	6	8
Man-down	1	0
Unassisted	7	29
Overtime	0	0
Goals Scored Avg	6.00	15.75
GROUND BALLS	121	162
TURNOVERS	67	60
CAUSED TURNOVERS	28	37
FACEOFFS (W-L)	34-67	67-34
Faceoff W-L Pct.	.337	.663
CLEARs	82-96	85-93
Clear Pct.	.854	.914
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Number	11	15
Minutes	10:00	11:30
SHOT CLOCK VIOLATIONS	6	7
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	725	1,637
Dates-Avg Per Date	2/363	2/819
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	GW	GB	UP	DN	CT	FACEOFF
1	Giblin, Cormac	4	8	3	11	33	0	5	3	0	0	0-0
14	Atkinson, Brody	4	5	5	10	15	0	6	0	1	0	0-0
40	Whitty, Kevin	4	2	3	5	11	0	3	1	0	0	0-0
22	Cullen, Kyle	4	2	2	4	12	0	3	0	0	1	0-0
6	Schuster, Ben	4	3	0	3	13	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
49	Persing, Noah	3	2	1	3	8	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
25	Niehaus, Tommy	4	1	1	2	8	0	3	1	0	0	0-0
12	McKay, Will	4	1	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	2	0-0
3	Barrett, Connor	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
4	Fox, Noah	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
53	Baxter, Kyle	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
29	Beausoleil, Armond	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
11	Bradley, Brian	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0-0
31	Bradley, Dan	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
43	Catello, Grant	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0-0
37	Chodnicki, Winston	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6-23
28	Coldwell, Jacob	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
26	Connelly, Sean	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	0-0
9	Cote, Caden	4	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0-0
17	Dunham, Mitchell	4	0	0	0	3	0	16	0	0	11	0-0
51	Holobinko, Ethan	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	28-78
23	McGinley, Griffin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
36	Merchant, Nathanael	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0-0
5	Miller IV, John	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
50	Moran, Moses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
16	Mullins, Jaden	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
41	Nelson, Mekai	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	0-0
55	Peters, Owen	4	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0-0
19	Phillips, Jackson	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	6	0-0
34	Pippen, William	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0-0
47	Plott, Ian	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
45	Prantera, Isaac	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
8	Schaffer, Gavin	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0-0
30	Ward, Ben	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	2	0-0
TM	Team	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34-101</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>67-101</b>

#	Goalie	GP	MIN	GA	GAA	SAVE	PCT	W-L-T
23	McGinley, Griffin	1	03:54	1	15.38	2	.667	0-0-0
55	Peters, Owen	4	236:06	62	15.76	51	.451	0-4-0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>240:00</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>15.75</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>.457</b>	<b>0-4-0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>240:00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>.593</b>	<b>4-0-0</b>

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mount St. Mary's	6	6	5	7	24
Opponents	12	13	16	22	63

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mount St. Mary's	13	14	13	13	53
Opponents	5	11	11	8	35

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mount St. Mary's	22	33	36	34	125
Opponents	57	49	45	59	210

Shot on Goal	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mount St. Mary's	11	17	16	15	59
Opponents	25	27	29	35	116