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William and Mary Leads Public Institutions APR Rankings
Tribe Fourth Overall Nationally

WILLIAMSBURG, VA (March 3, 2005) — The NCAA recently released its inaugural Academic Progress Rate scores for all Division I institutions, and William and Mary has once again excelled in its mission of fostering true student-athletes. The College leads both public institutions and all programs that offer performance-based grants and financial aid to scholar-athletes in the rankings, boasting the fourth-best APR score (992) among 328 active and provisional institutions, trailing only three Ivy League schools overall.

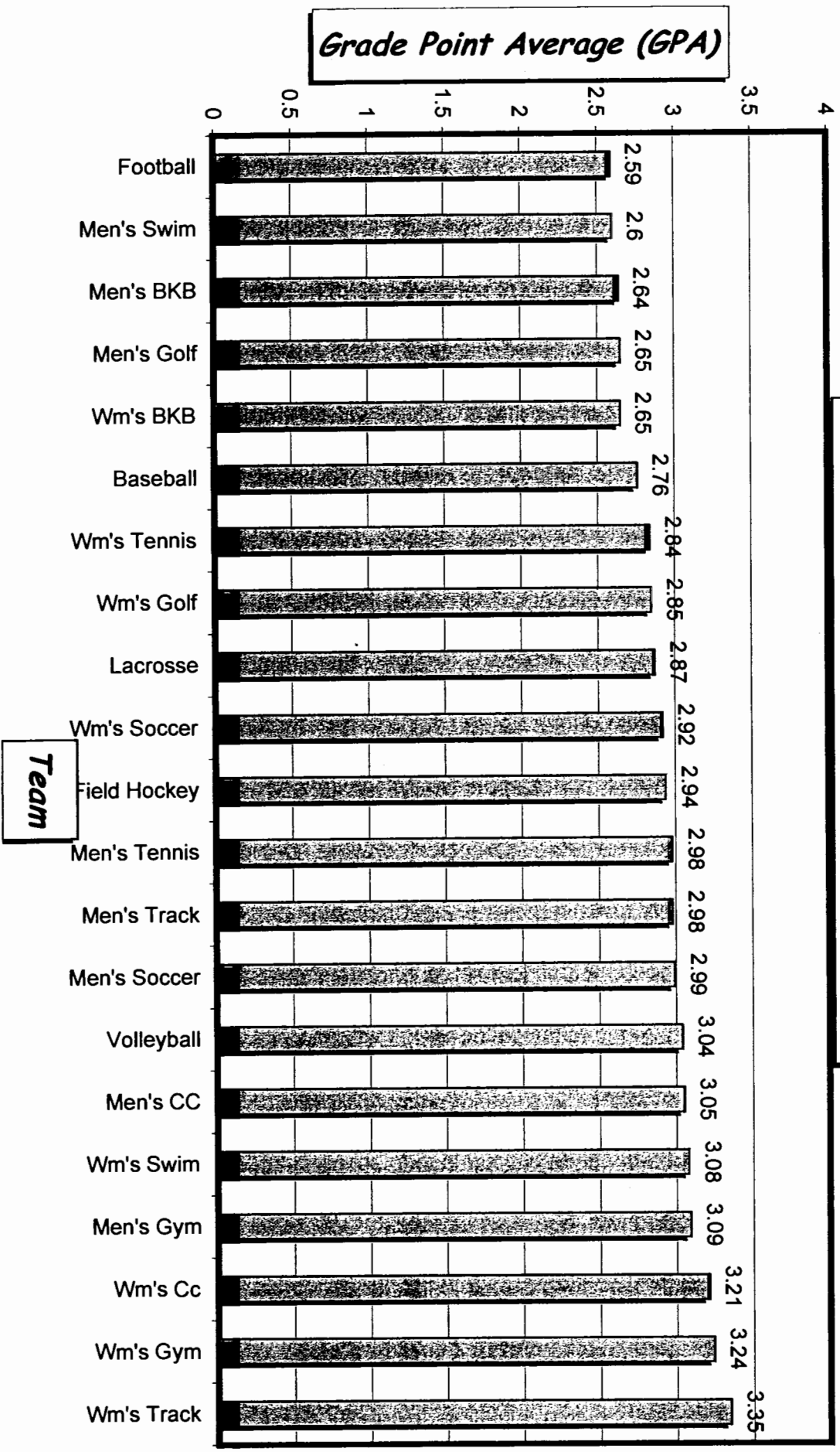
“We endeavor always to succeed at the highest levels in terms of academics and athletics,” said Tribe Director of Athletics Terry Driscoll. “The latest release by the NCAA is yet another confirmation of the extraordinary efforts and achievements of our coaches and student-athletes.”

The Academic Progress Rate is a new measurement of academic progress based on academic eligibility, retention, and graduation of student-athletes. A rate of 925, out of a highest possible score of 1000, equates to an approximate graduation rate of 50 percent and will be used as the threshold for future program evaluations. The average APR of all Division I institutions was 948.

Only three schools ranked ahead of William and Mary and all were members of the non-scholarship Ivy League: Yale University (999), Princeton University (994), and the University of Pennsylvania (993). As well as being the highest-ranking school among all institutions giving student-athlete scholarships, the College was the highest-ranking public school in the nation. W&M also tops both the state of Virginia and the 10-member Colonial Athletic Association in the APR rankings.

Thirteen Tribe sports programs achieved the best possible rate of 1000, including women’s volleyball, gymnastics, basketball, outdoor track and field, golf, tennis and field hockey, and men’s soccer, basketball, outdoor track and field, golf, tennis, and baseball.

**Intercollegiate Athletics
Fall 2004 Academic Stats
Semester Grade Point Averages - by Team**



Average of all teams: 2.92 (Men's Women's CC GPA included in Track Averages)

FRESHMAN PROFILES-- W WILLIAM AND MARY STUDENT ATHLETES

	<u>Enter Fall 2004</u>	<u>Enter Fall 2003</u>	<u>Enter Fall 2002</u>
Total Student Athletes (S/A)	135	163	156
Men	78	90	85
Women	57	73	71
Recruited S/A	120	142	126
Men	67	82	67
Women	53	60	59
Non-Recruited S/A	15	21	30
Men	11	8	18
Women	4	13	12
Valedictorians	2	7	7
Monroe Scholars	0	7	6
Top 10%	50%	60%	62%
Mean SAT Scores	1245	1253	1218
In State	42%	48%	49%
Out of State	58%	52%	51%
Minorities	7%	13%	13%

MAJORS-DISTRIBUTION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES AY 04-05

Area	Number	Percentage
Social Science	163	53%
Business	65	21%
Natural & Physical Science	41	13%
Humanities	31	10%
Elementary Education	7	2%

Specific Majors:		
Major	Number	Percentage
Kinesiology	45	16.5%
Marketing	28	10.3%
Economics	27	9.9%
Psychology	26	9.6%
Accounting	17	6.3%
History	16	5.9%
English	15	5.5%
Finance	15	5.5%
Biology	15	5.5%
Interdisciplinary Studies	14	5.1%
Sociology	12	4.4%

*29 Student-Athletes have dual majors 11%

Athletic Policy Advisory Committee

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The Athletic Policy Advisory Committee is a college-wide committee that reports to the Faculty Assembly. Seven of the committee's twelve members are from the faculties of the College, and the Faculty Assembly, upon the recommendation of the College of Arts and Sciences and the professional schools. The four Art & Sciences members serve for three-year terms; the three members from the schools do not have specified terms. The other members of the committee are two undergraduate students and one graduate student. The NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative is appointed by the President and if not appointed to the committee by the Faculty Assembly serves as an ex officio member. Both the Athletic Director and Associate Athletic Director/SWA serve as ex officio members of the committee.

The committee is advisory to the Faculty Assembly, President and the athletics administration. The chair of the committee will be elected from the membership. Elections should be completed in the spring semester to assure continuity and leadership from year to year.

Committee Functions

1. Monitoring of academic matters pertaining to student athletes. The committee's concerns include the admissions process for athletes, the graduation rates of athletes, the annual monitoring of the academic success of teams, and such matters as the fields of study chosen by student athletes.
2. Financial Oversight. The responsibility of preparing and submitting the athletic budget resides with the Director of Athletics. However, the committee must continue to review matters relating to the financing of athletics at the College. The committee will annually review the budget proposed by the Athletic Director prior to its being submitted to the Board of Visitors.
3. NCAA Issues. With restructuring, the NCAA legislative process is on-going throughout the academic year. The Faculty Athletic Representative advises the committee on pending legislation and seeks input on issues affecting broad issues in the operation of intercollegiate athletics.
4. Reporting. The committee, through its chairperson, will report on an annual basis to the Faculty Assembly. Specific concerns or questions from the Faculty Assembly should be forwarded to the chairperson of the Athletic Policy Advisory Committee.

APAC Calendar

Meetings of the Athletic Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) will be scheduled monthly beginning in September and ending in May. There will be no meeting scheduled for the month of January. Meeting dates and times will be established at the beginning of each semester by the Chair based on the availability of committee members.

If there are no prescheduled agenda items and no other agenda items have been submitted to the chair one week prior to the scheduled meeting, the meeting will be cancelled.

Prior to First Meeting:

- Provide new members with background materials on the committee and the intercollegiate athletic program.

September Meeting:

- Review results of interest survey of incoming freshman (biannually). Make recommendations to the President of the College if necessary.
- Review game and practice schedules for Fall semester. Identify any significant increases in time commitments for student athletes. With respect to Title IX requirements, identify any consistent inequities with respect to gender. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.
- Review grade results for previous Spring semester by team. Identify any consistent deficiencies. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.
- Review summaries of exit interviews from previous Spring semester. Identify issues of concern and ask for additional information from the Athletics Department where necessary. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.

October Meeting:

- TBD.

November Meeting:

- Review Equities in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report. Identify any consistent inequities with respect to gender. Make recommendations to the President of the College if necessary.

December Meeting:

- Review profile report of admitted student-athletes relative to undergraduate student body (and graduate student profile where applicable). Identify any consistent discrepancies in academic qualifications. Identify any consistent discrepancies with respect to diversity characteristics. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.
- Review graduation rates of student-athletes, particularly “committee admits”. Identify any consistent deficiencies. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.

February Meeting:

- Review game and practice schedules for spring semester. Identify any consistent inequities with respect to gender. Identify any significant increases in time commitments for student athletes. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.
- Review grade results for Fall semester by team. Identify any consistent deficiencies. Make recommendations to the President of the College and Faculty Assembly if necessary.

March Meeting:

- Review exit interview process and distribute interview assignments to committee members.

April Meeting:

- Review proposed budget for the Athletic Department.
- Elect Chair for following academic year.

May Meeting:

- TBD.

Additional Items to be Scheduled Annually:

- Meeting with the President of the College.
- Meeting with and report to the Faculty Assembly.
- Meeting with and report to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.
- Meeting with the Student Athletic Advisory Council

Additional Items to be Scheduled As Needed:

- Meeting with faculty of and report to Business, Law, and Education Schools.
- Concerns or complaints brought to the committee by students.
- Concerns or complaints brought to the committee by the Faculty Assembly or any members of the faculty.
- Issues brought to the committee by the Athletic Department.
- Review proposed changes to the tutor policy.
- Review proposed changes to housing or dining arrangements.
- Provide input on proposed NCAA rules changes.

Additional Responsibilities

- Chair must attend BOV Committee on Athletics meetings.