

Nazareth 15, Washington 14 (ot)
NCAA Division III Championship Game
at Byrd Stadium, College Park, Md.

Nazareth (13-3) 2 5 6 1 1 – 15

Washington (14-4) 3 5 4 2 0 – 14

Scoring (goals-assists):

Nazareth -- Trent Brown 5-2, Brent Rothfuss 4-2, Joe Spada 2-1, Dennis Foley 2-0, Chris Nadelen 1-2, Ryan McDermott 1-0.

Washington -- Adam Bond 3-2, George Atterbury 3-0, John Fuller 3-0, Justin McCarthy 2-0, Andy Lopatin 1-0, Andrew VanOgtrop 1-0, Michael Wilson 1-0, Chris Bieberbach 0-2, Greg Tomasso 0-2, Ben Marchant 0-1.

Saves: Nazareth -- Jake Coon 13 saves (14 goals allowed); **Washington** -- Andy Taibl 15 saves (15 goals allowed)

Shots: Nazareth 48, Washington 45

Faceoffs: Nazareth 18, Washington 14

Ground Balls: Nazareth 54, Washington 60

Clears: Nazareth 25 for 36, Washington 27 for 31

Penalties: Nazareth 7 for 5:00, Washington 6 for 5:00

Extra-man: Nazareth 3 for 5, Washington 2 for 5

Attendance: 18,086

Running Score

W – Justin McCarthy	1/ :52	0-1
*N – Dennis Foley (Brent Rothfuss)	1/ 2:34	1-1
N – Trent Brown	1/ 5:21	2-1
W – Michael Wilson (Ben Marchant)	1/ 6:23	2-2
W – George Atterbury (Greg Tomasso)	1/ 13:26	2-3
N – Joe Spada	2/ :29	3-3
N – Brent Rothfuss (Chris Nadelen)	2/ :37	4-3
*N – Trent Brown	2/ 6:47	5-3
N – Joe Spada (Trent Brown)	2/ 6:58	6-3
W – John Fuller (Adam Bond)	2/ 7:09	6-4
*N – Dennis Foley (Joe Spada)	2/ 9:41	7-4
W – George Atterbury	2/ 10:42	7-5
W – Adam Bond (Chris Bieberbach)	2/ 11:40	7-6
W – George Atterbury (Greg Tomasso)	2/ 12:13	7-7
*W – John Fuller (Chris Bieberbach)	2/ 13:45	7-8
W – Andrew VanOgtrop	3/ 2:05	7-9
N – Brent Rothfuss (Trent Brown)	3/ 4:37	8-9
N – Trent Brown (Chris Nadelen)	3/ 4:45	9-9
N – Chris Nadelen	3/ 4:54	10-9
W – Adam Bond	3/ 6:09	10-10
N – Trent Brown	3/ 6:27	11-10
N – Brent Rothfuss	3/ 7:16	12-10
N – Brent Rothfuss	3/ 11:39	13-10
W – John Fuller (Adam Bond)	3/ 13:36	13-11
*W – Andy Loptain	3/ 14:35	13-12
W – Justin McCarthy	4/ 2:13	13-13
N – Trent Brown	4/ 8:31	14-13
W – Adam Bond	4/ 14:00	14-14
N – Ryan McDermott	5/ :30	15-14

NAZARETH REPEATS AS NATIONAL CHAMPION IN MEN'S LACROSSE
Golden Flyers edge Washington 15-14 on Ryan McDermott's overtime goal

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Same time. Same place. Same teams. Same ending.

Baseball Hall of Famer and quip artist Yogi Berra might have called it "deja vu all over again." Even the weather – cloudy and rainy most of the day – was the same.

The Golden Flyers from Nazareth College earned their second straight NCAA Division III title in men's lacrosse Sunday with a heart-stopping 15-14 overtime win over Washington College in front of 18,086 fans at Byrd Stadium in College Park, Md. Nazareth won the championship over Washington in overtime last year as well. The score then was 11-10.

Junior midfielder Ryan McDermott (Garden City, NY) provided the difference Sunday as he fired a shot past Washington goalie Andy Taibl just 30 seconds into sudden-death overtime. Last year, it was midfielder Terry Goetz who provided the overtime fireworks.

The victory lifted Nazareth (13-3) to its second straight national title and its third in the last six years.

Washington College of Chestertown, Md. was making its seventh title game appearance and the Shoremen have gone home empty-handed each time.

"It was just a great college lacrosse game," said Nazareth Coach Scott Nelson, his career record now at 139-33. "It was kind of like a boxing match where two fighters go toe to toe, but neither can deliver the knockout blow."

McDermott finally did. After finishing 60 minutes without a point for the first time all season, McDermott came up with the key play when it mattered most. After Washington controlled the overtime faceoff, senior attackman Trent Brown (Syracuse, NY) made a timely defensive play as he checked the ball out of the stick of Washington's George Atterbury.

Nazareth was awarded possession and after junior midfielder Tim Borchert (Skaneateles, NY) cleared the ball he passed it to McDermott. He tried to deliver the ball to Brent Rothfuss (Penfield, NY), but he was covered. McDermott sprinted past his defender and fired the game-winner into the upper right corner of the goal.

"Up until that point, it was probably my worst game of the year," said McDermott. "I wasn't hitting the cage with my shots and I wasn't playing good defense. I just kept saying to myself, 'What can I do to help the team win?'"

McDermott's goal ended an epic battle. The score had been tied seven times and Nazareth had three-goal leads on three occasions, only to have Washington show its resilience by rallying.

Brown saved his best game for last as he earned MVP honors by scoring a career-high five goals and adding two assists. None of that, however, took into account the defensive play he made in setting up McDermott's goal.

"That play epitomized the day he had," Nelson said. "He scored in just about every possible way. He scored on extra-man, he scored on a fastbreak and he scored off a dodge. But the defensive play he made at the end was a result of pure hustle."

Washington scored the game's first goal, but Nazareth took a 2-1 lead on goals by Brown and Dennis Foley (Albany, NY). The Shoremen rallied to regain the lead 3-2 by the end of the quarter. The Golden Flyers opened the second quarter with a flurry. Senior attackman Joe Spada (Cortland, NY) and Rothfuss scored eight seconds apart in the opening minute to make it 4-3 Nazareth. Brown scored an extra-man goal at 6:47, then Spada scored 11 seconds

later to make it 6-3. Washington rallied by scoring five of the next six goals – Foley scored an extra-man goal for Nazareth – to take an 8-7 halftime lead.

The Shoremen scored the first goal of the third quarter to take their first and only two-goal advantage of the game. Nazareth came back to score three times in a 17-second span to regain the lead. First Rothfuss scored off an assist from Brown at 4:37. Then junior Chris Nadelen (West Henrietta, NY) won the ensuing faceoff and fed Brown for the tying goal at 4:45. Nadelen then won the next faceoff and scored unassisted at 4:54 for a 10-9 Nazareth lead.

Washington scored again to tie the score at 10, but Nazareth got two goals from Rothfuss and another from Brown to take a 13-10 advantage. Washington, however, scored the next three goals, including one at 2:13 of the fourth quarter, to tie the score again.

Brown scored unassisted at 6:29 to push Nazareth back in front 14-13, but Washington's Adam Bond tied the score with an unassisted goal with exactly 1:00 to play in regulation.

Both goalies made key saves in the last minute, including the last of 13 saves for Nazareth freshman Jake Coon (Homer, NY).

"It's something I can never get tired of," Nelson said of winning another title. "Coming down here and playing in front of all these people is quite a thrill for everyone. Once again, I'm proud to say that it's a victory for the entire Nazareth community."

NOTES: Nazareth outshot Washington 48-45, but Washington held a 60-54 edge in ground balls. Nadelen, who won 18 of 30 faceoffs in addition to his one goal and two assists, led with 11 ground balls. Coon, McDermott, and Tom Fritz (Mountain Lakes, NJ) each had six. . . Nazareth has never lost an overtime game (7-0). . . Rothfuss, who set a single-season record for goals by a midfielder, finished with 84 points on 49 goals and 35 assists. He completed his career with an even 200 points, good for third all-time. His 126 goals rank fourth. Brown's 139 career points, amassed in just three seasons, place him seventh all-time. . . Foley (two goals Sunday) was the only Naz player to score at least one goal in every game this season. . . Nazareth loses eight seniors, including captains Brown, Fritz, Dan Garrett (Cortland, NY), and Rothfuss. The others are defensemen Alex Ewing (Endicott, NY), Marcos Santana (Rochester, NY), and Mike Wilde (Manhasset, NY) and Spada. . . Nazareth's defense, featuring Ewing, Fritz, Garrett, Brandon Piccarreto (Irondequoit/Rochester, NY), and Santana received much well-deserved acclaim, but Nazareth also set a team record for most goals scored in season with 250.