

## Lacrosse Co-Champions of WNEPSLA



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The 2012 Salisbury School lacrosse season started back in March down in Kissimmee, FL, with 60 players and their coaches working hard in the sun. After a week of three sessions a day, the team was formed and ready to take on the tough New England West opponents. Salisbury opened the season with two days of scrimmages, one against perennial Connecticut power Darien, and the other up at Rivers School taking on Duxbury, Fairfield Prep and Rivers. These scrimmages were a great way for us to identify strengths and weaknesses and prepare for league rivals.

Salisbury opened the season at neighborhood rival Berkshire School. The game started slowly for the Knights, but were able to pull out a 10-7 victory to start the season on the right foot. The Knights returned home for the next four games, defeating Trinity Pawling, Brunswick, Westminster and Loomis Chaffee during a two week stretch. The Knights took to the road again to play local rivals Millbrook and Hotchkiss, with the Hotchkiss contest coming down to the final seconds of the game. Senior goaltender Nico Falla turned in an outstanding effort during the Hotchkiss game as fellow senior Tom Labadini put home the winning goal with less than 5 seconds left to play to secure the 11-10 victory.

After the emotional Hotchkiss victory, the Knights returned home to take on Northfield Mount Hermon, then went on the road to play Kent and Taft. The Knights were able to secure victory in each of these contests, bringing our record to 10-0 entering the game with Deerfield. The Deerfield game was another incredible game for both teams, with each school going on numerous runs throughout the game. As expected with two great teams, this game could not be decided in regulation, and Deerfield was able to put home the game winner in overtime. Salisbury returned home for the final two games against Avon Old Farms and Choate Rosemary Hall, and were able to defeat both of these fine teams to wrap up the 2012 WNEPSLA Co-Championship.

The Knights were fortunate to have a few different players recognized by fellow NE West coaches for their outstanding play. Tom Labadini '12 was voted Midfielder of the Year in NE West 1, and All-American. A.J. Carfora '12 and Mike Morris '12 were voted All-American. Tyler Aunon '12, Myles Jones '12, John O'Connor '12 and Shane Simpson '13 were voted to the All-League team. Brad Burnam '12 and Ryan Hamilton '12 were voted to the Senior All-Star team.

Congratulations Crimson Knights!

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in action this fall!**

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