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Mount St. Mary's Defeats Quinnipiac To Claim Northeast Conference Inaugural Men's Lacrosse Championship

Emmitsburg, MD -- Mount St. Mary's was crowned the first-ever Northeast Conference Men's Lacrosse Champion under sunny skies at the Mountaineers' home turf at Waldron Family Stadium. The Mount defeated Quinnipiac 14-9, using a four-goal spurt to widen its lead as the clock dwindled down through the final eight minutes of regulation.

Mount St. Mary's attacker **Andrew Scalley (Arnold, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** and brothers **Bryant (Great Mills, MD/St. Mary's Ryken)** and **Brett Schmidt (Great Mills, MD/St. Mary's Ryken)** combined for nine of the Mount's 14 total points. With eight minutes and a half minutes left on the clock, the Bobcats fought back to close the deficit to one-point, 10-9, on the heels of a goal by **Christian Haggerty (West Nyack, NY/Clarkstown South)**. The point sent Mount St. Mary's into a four-goal offensive frenzy as Scalley blasted his fifth of the game followed up by **Daniel Stranix's (Ridley Park, PA/Ridley)** decisive point. Bryant Schmidt made the uphill climb even steeper for the Bobcats by finishing off back-to-back tallies to tip the scales in favor of the Mountaineers 14-9 with only a minute to play.

While the Mount's offense got the job done, tournament MVP **T.C. DiBartolo (Bowie, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** did more than his fair share of work between the pipes. DiBartolo registered 14 total saves to Quinnipiac keeper **Kevin Benzing's (Severna Park, MD/Mt. St. Joseph)** 11. The lion's share of DiBartolo's saves came in the all-important fourth quarter when he stopped six balls and endured a battery of Bobcat shots as Quinnipiac outshot Mount St. Mary's 17-9 in the final frame.

The first and second quarters were marked by back-and-forth play as they consisted of runs by both teams. After the Mount went up 2-0 on opening goals by Bryant Schmidt and **Anthony Golden (Timonium, MD/Loyola Bakerfield)**, Quinnipiac responded with a five-goal streak over the remaining five minutes, interrupted only by Mountaineer **Brett Schmidt (Great Mills, MD/St. Mary's Ryken)**, who blasted his first of the game. Bobcat Haggerty had back-to-back tallies, and teammate **Kevin Kelly (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow)** closed the off first frame with a goal on a Haggerty pass to push Quinnipiac ahead 4-3.

In the second quarter, Mount St Mary's came to life. Determined not to let Quinnipiac race too far ahead, **Andrew Scalley (Arnold, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** scored three of his eventual game-high five goals throughout a four-goal Mountaineer spurt that spanned three minutes. Scalley's goals were sandwiched in between successful shots by Schmidt. The duo gave the Mount an 8-6 advantage and a lead they would never relinquish over the next two 15-minute quarters.

2011 NEC Men's Lacrosse Championship Hosted by Mount St. Mary's University

Semifinals

Friday, May 6

Game 1: #2 Quinnipiac, #3 Robert Morris (2OT)

Game 2: #1 Mount St. Mary's 14, #4 Bryant 9

Championship

Sunday, May 8

Game 3: #1 Mount St. Mary's vs. #2 Quinnipiac

Both Schmidt brothers ended the day with three goals apiece, while Brett connected for three assists. Quinnipiac's Haggerty and Kelly also notched a trio of goals, while **Basil Kostaras (Southlake, TX/Episcopal School of Dallas)** pulled in two.

NEC All-Tournament Team

T.C. DiBartolo - MVP (Mount. St. Mary's)

Cody Lehrer (Mount St. Mary's)

Brett Schmidt (Mount St. Mary's)

Andrew Scalley (Mount St. Mary's)

Kevin Benzing (Quinnipiac)

Christian Haggerty (Quinnipiac)

Jack Oppenheimer (Quinnipiac)

Mason Poli (Bryant)

Trever Sipperly (Bryant)

Patrick Smith (Robert Morris)

Corbyn Tao-Brambleby (Robert Morris)