

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Rachel Rosman '11

■ The tennis player was 6-0 at the University Athletic Association Championships at home last weekend.

Rachel Rosman '11 did not take long to assert herself on the women's tennis team, earning the No. 1 singles slot by the end of her first season. And this season, Rosman has taken yet another step forward. With her dominating 6-0 performance at last weekend's University Athletic Association Championships at home, Rosman has proven herself to be one of the best all-around players in the University Athletic Association.

Her performance against Washington University in St. Louis sophomore Karina Kocemba was evidence of her continued growth. After Rosman won the first set 6-1, Rosman and Kocemba alternated points throughout the second set, with Rosman taking a 5-4 lead. Rosman was able to close out the set and take the match 6-1, 6-4, something she recognized she has struggled with at times this season.

"It was a difficult lead because she could have easily won the next game and forced me to play to 7-5," Rosman said. "I've been having trouble closing out, especially against someone as good as [Kocemba]. I was happy I played aggressively to close that match out."

Coach Ben Lamanna attributed her success to her on-court maturity.

"The only thing that bogged her down in the past were her emotions during her matches. Now, as a competitor, she keeps a very level head," Lamanna said.

On the court, Rosman has developed a stronger offensive game. Rosman and Lamanna both said Rosman tended to hit most of her shots at the baseline in the past, but Rosman has started to attack her opponents' short shots more aggressively.



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"Over the course of the season, I've been working on working my way into the court and stepping in on short balls. I used to be a more defensive player, and I've been working on playing more aggressively," Rosman said.

"When she first got here, she hit a lot of great forehands, but she did not take advantage of the next ball that came back," Lamanna said. "Now she has real-

ized that she is getting a lot of short balls because of her forehand, and she's stepping up and attacking the ball. She's developed an all-court game, more of an offensive game where she can finish off points at the net."

—Andrew Ng

## Judging numbers

**4**th-place finish for the women's outdoor track team at the UAA Championships hosted by Carnegie Mellon University last weekend. The Judges earned 101 points.

**66** combined wins for Rhode Island College and Tufts University this season. The softball team will have to face the two schools in consecutive games after the Judges were swept by RIC last Thursday. The team plays Tufts today at home.

**2**nd-place finish for the men's outdoor track 4-by-800-meter relay team of March Boutin '12, Matt Jennings '09, Mike Stone '09 and Chris Brown '12 at the UAA Championships last weekend. The men's team was seventh overall with 35 points.

**1** combined loss for tennis players Rachel Rosman '11 and Mackenzie Gallegos '11 at the University Athletic Association Championships last weekend at home. Rosman was 6-0 while Gallegos was 5-1.

**8** runs scored by Rhode Island College with two outs in an inning in the softball team's loss to the Anchormen in the first game of a doubleheader last Thursday. The Judges were swept, falling 9-4 and 4-1 in the two games.

**10** strikeouts for pitcher Drew Brzozowski '10 in the Judges' 4-0 home victory over Endicott College last Friday. Brzozowski lasted 8 1/3 innings, allowing just five base runners off three hits, one walk and hit-batsman.

## UAA STANDINGS

### Baseball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rochester	4	2	27	11
Washington Univ.	3	3	20	10
Emory	3	3	23	18
Case Western	3	3	13	32
<b>JUDGES</b>	2	4	15	21
Chicago	0	0	12	10

### Softball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington Univ.	7	1	24	9
Rochester	5	3	31	10
Emory	5	3	30	10
<b>JUDGES</b>	3	5	22	14
Chicago	0	0	13	11
Case Western	0	8	15	24

## TEAM LEADERS

### Baseball (on-base percentage)

Second baseman John O'Brion '10 leads Brandeis with a .472 on-base percentage.

Player	OBP
John O'Brion	.472
Nick Gallagher	.432
Jon Chu	.419
Julian Cavin	.405
Drake Livada	.397

### Baseball (runs batted in)

Designated hitter Drake Livada '10 leads the Judges with 25 RBIs.

Player	RBI
Drake Livada	25
Sean O'Hare	24
Tony Deshler	17
Jon Chu	15
John O'Brion	15

### Softball (on-base percentage)

Pitcher Caroline Miller '12 leads Brandeis with a .500 on-base percentage.

Player	OBP
Caroline Miller	.500
Melisa Cagar	.459
Marianne Specker	.421
Danielle Lavallee	.393
Samantha Worth	.372

### Softball (runs batted in)

Catcher Erin Ross '10 leads the Judges with 21 RBIs.

Player	RBI
Erin Ross	21
Melisa Cagar	15
Chelsea Korp	15
Courtney Kelley	14
Marianne Specker	13

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### Softball vs. Tufts University at HOME

The Judges host undefeated Tufts University at home today starting at 3:30 p.m.

The softball team will take on undefeated No. 5 Tufts University in its final home games of the season in a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m. Tufts is ranked No. 1 in New England with a 22-0 regional record.

The Judges are coming off two straight losses in a doubleheader sweep against Rhode Island College at home last Thursday. The Judges lost 9-4 and 4-1 to the Anchormen but had won 14 of their last 18 games prior to that.

The team is 22-14 overall this season.

At home, the Judges have only lost three games, holding an impressive 7-3 mark.

Tufts is a perfect 34-0 this season and 12-0 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference East Division. The Jumbos most recently swept Endicott College in a doubleheader last Saturday, winning at home 4-1 and 8-5.

The Judges will be up against a tough pitching staff, as Jumbo starting pitchers have recorded nine shutouts with a team ERA of 1.73 while holding opponents to a mere .231 batting average.

## AP BRIEFS

### New Lions quarterback Stafford wants to win over fans in Detroit

ALLEN PARK, Mich.—Matthew Stafford and Brandon Pettigrew were booed by Detroit Lions fans before they even arrived in town on Sunday.

But the quarterback and tight end both expect that they will be able to win over a frustrated fanbase that wanted draft picks to help a defense that was the main cause of the first 0-16 season in NFL history.

"I'm a competitive guy, and I'm excited about going to Detroit," said Stafford, the first overall pick, at a press conference at the team's practice facility in the Detroit suburb of Allen Park. "I know there were a lot of people that might have been scared away by an 0-16 team, but I can't wait to take on that challenge."

Traditionally, even highly drafted quarterbacks have had to wait for their first chance at a starting job, but that changed last year when Atlanta's Matt Ryan and Baltimore's Joe Flacco led their teams to the playoffs as rookies. Ryan and Flacco both played in college as fifth-year seniors while Stafford didn't redshirt and left Georgia after his junior year, but he does not think that will be a problem.

"I got a lot of experience at Georgia—I started a lot of games," he said. "Those other guys played as seniors, but I started as a freshman, so I've had a lot of game time."

That doesn't mean that Stafford expects to sweep Daunte Culpepper aside before Detroit's Sept. 13 opener in New Orleans, but he hasn't resigned himself to clipboard duty, either.

"I want to play as soon as I can—whether that's Game 1, Game 4 or Game 8," he said. "I'm going to fight like heck for the job, but if they don't feel like I'm ready, I'll accept that and keep working."

Lions coach Jim Schwartz isn't going to rush Stafford, but reiterated his happiness with the pick.

"I said when I got here that we needed to find a replacement for Bobby Layne, but that didn't mean we went into the draft committed to take a quarterback at No. 1," he said. "This was a long process, with a lot of steps. We've broken down every snap he took in college, and we've even looked at his high-school tapes. We've looked into his background and we've seen him in social situations. Matthew jumped through every hoop we put in front of him."

When Stafford does get on the field, he'll be happy to have a pair of athletic 6-foot, 5 inch receivers in Pettigrew and Calvin Johnson—two players he has seen firsthand.

"I played against Calvin Johnson—it was my freshman year and his last year at Georgia Tech—and he can do everything," Stafford said. "Then I played against Brandon a year ago, and he's a great player, too."

Stafford was immediately unpopular at the Lions draft party because fans wanted Wake Forest linebacker Aaron Curry. When Pettigrew was announced at No. 20, the boos were just as loud—something he said he understands.

"The fans here want to win, and I think I'm going to be able to help them do that," he said. "They might not have been thrilled at first, but that just means I'll have to show them what kind of player I really am."

Schwartz doesn't think that will be a problem.

"Brandon is a big, physical point-of-attack blocker in the run game, and he's a big target in the passing game," he said. "This is a player with a skill set that is NFL-ready right now. He immediately helps our front seven."

Detroit's third first-day pick had the shortest physical trip to Detroit, but the longest life journey. Western Michigan safety Louis Delmas, taken with the first pick of the second round, grew up in a poor part of Miami and credits sports with keeping him out of trouble.

"I don't play football just because I like it—I play it because it's the only reason I'm here today," he said. "If not for my high-school coach getting me out of danger and away from the bad influences on the street, I could have gone the wrong path in life."

"I've had a lot of bad cards dealt to me in life, and football was the first time I ever got any good ones."

### Playoffs bring out best of O'Neal

MIAMI—During the past two Miami Heat games, Heat forward Jermaine O'Neal has gotten poked in the face, kicked in the leg and knocked on his back.

He's enjoyed every bit.

It's no coincidence that the two Heat wins in this Eastern Conference first-round series against the Atlanta Hawks came in O'Neal's best games with Miami. Looking every bit the All-Star of old, O'Neal combined for 41 points and 16 rebounds in those contests, and it's him—not Dwyane Wade—who has the Hawks befuddled this series.

And for the first time since 2006, when Wade and that other O'Neal—Shaquille O'Neal—were teamed up, Miami has the second round in sight.

"He's definitely the X-factor for the Miami Heat," Hawks forward Josh Smith said Sunday. "If he keeps playing the way he's playing, it's going to be tough to beat them."

That's music to O'Neal's ears. And it's what Clifford O'Neal envisioned when he called his baby brother after Game 1, where the Heat got walloped and their center was a nonfactor with five points and two rebounds.

Clifford O'Neal had one question: Are you going to have fun or not?

With that, something clicked for Jermaine O'Neal. He's been different since, and after finding Wade for a spectacular dunk in Saturday's Game 3 Miami romp, he strutted near half court, pointed skyward and waved his arms in exhilaration.

That's the O'Neal the Heat wanted when they traded Shawn Marion to Toronto for him in February.

"I'm a very emotional player," O'Neal said. "That's always kind of been my calling card since I was in Indiana. I was a guy really able to get in a rhythm and really build off the emotions of the crowd and the emotions of myself."

In Miami's eyes, he's picked the perfect time to let that show.

"He's seizing the opportunity right now, ... really stepping up to the challenge," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.