

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Rashford '10

■ The guard tallied a career-high 18 points in the Judges' win over No. 20 University of Chicago last Sunday.

At the start of the second half of the women's basketball team's 63-53 win over University of Chicago last Sunday, guard Lauren Rashford '10 committed turnovers on two consecutive possessions, leading to five Maroons points as they chipped away at what seemed like a comfortable 36-19 halftime lead for the Judges.

But when the game got close Rashford responded, hitting a key three-pointer from the right corner in front of the bleachers to extend the Judges' lead to eight points with just over three minutes left in the game. Chicago would not come any closer for the rest of the game.

"It was a full-out great team effort," Rashford said. "Our intensity was good through the whole 40 minutes, and we really took it to them. We knew what we needed to do, so it was good."

The shot was part of a key all-around effort by Rashford, who led the team with a season-high 18 points. She was three-for-five from three-point range despite the entire team shooting just five-for-17 for the game. Rashford's two three-pointers in the second half were the team's only baskets from that range in the entire half.

"My shots were just falling," Rashford said. "I didn't know how many points I had until other people told me after the game."

Rashford has a reputation for her dedication to defense as she is second on the team in both steals and defensive rebounds. She also said she has committed to taking on more of a leadership role this season.



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ON THE RUN: Guard Lauren Rashford dribbles up the court in the Judges' 63-53 victory over the University of Chicago last Sunday at home. She led the team with 18 points in the win.

"I'm just trying to be a leader out there whether or not I'm scoring," she said. "I try to do everything else I can, like distributing the ball, rebounding and working on my defense, just trying to pressure the other point guards in the league."

—Jan Cutler and Melissa Siegel

Judging numbers

250 career wins for men's head basketball coach Brian Meehan after the Judges defeated the University of Chicago at home last Sunday.

1 event won by the women's indoor track team at the Wheaton College Invitational last Sunday. Molly Shanley '12 was the only Brandeis winner, taking the one-mile run in 5 minutes, 28.00 seconds.

3 games won by the men's basketball team this season by at least 30 points after defeating the University of Chicago at home last Sunday 67-36. The Judges beat New York University 65-35 Jan. 17 and Curry College 84-50 Dec. 9.

18 points for guard Lauren Rashford '10, a career high, in the women's basketball team's 63-53 victory over No. 20 University of Chicago at home last Sunday. Rashford led the team in scoring and hit three three-pointers out of five attempts to lead Brandeis in that category as well.

17 points for guard Kenny Small '10, a career high, in the men's basketball team's 80-75 home loss to No. 2 Washington University in St. Louis. Small shot 50 percent from the field and also added three rebounds and three steals.

9 days until both swimming and diving teams compete in the University Athletic Association Championships at the University of Chicago.

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington	7	0	17	1
JUDGES	5	2	12	6
Carnegie	4	3	14	4
Rochester	4	3	13	5
Case	3	4	6	12
New York	2	5	13	5
Chicago	2	5	2	16
Emory	1	7	6	12

Women's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rochester	6	1	17	1
Washington	6	1	14	4
New York	5	2	16	2
Chicago	4	3	13	5
JUDGES	3	4	13	4
Emory	2	5	11	7
Case	2	5	9	9
Carnegie	0	7	5	13

TEAM LEADERS

MBball (points per game)

Forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) leads the Judges with an average of 15.9 points per game.

Player	PPG
Steve DeLuca	15.9
Kevin Olson	10.9
Andre Roberson	10.7
Kenny Small	10.1
Terrell Hollins	9.6

MBball (rebounds per game)

Forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) leads the Judges with an average of 7.0 rebounds per game.

Player	RPG
Steve DeLuca	7.0
Terrell Hollins	6.8
Christian Yemga	3.4
Kevin Olson	2.9
Andre Roberson	2.8

WBball (points per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the team with an average of 14.1 points per game.

Player	PPG
Jessica Chapin	14.1
Lauren Orlando	10.2
Lauren Rashford	8.1
Cassidy Dadaos	7.1
Amber Strodthoff	6.5

WBball (rebounds per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the Judges with an average of 5.8 rebounds per game.

Player	RPG
Jessica Chapin	5.8
Cassidy Dadaos	5.3
Lauren Orlando	4.5
Lauren Rashford	4.2
Amber Strodthoff	3.3

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Tennis vs. Colgate University

Brandeis will open its spring season 2-0 after winning both of its fall matches.

The Women's tennis team will resume action for the spring season this Saturday at 10 a.m. against Colgate University at home.

The team went 2-0 in the fall with two home victories over Bentley College Sept. 17 and Simmons College Oct. 14.

Against Bentley, the Judges edged out a 5-4 decision. Captain Gabrielle Helfgott

'09 and Mackenzie Gallegos '11 each won their matches at second and third singles, respectively, and later teamed up at second doubles to defeat a Bentley team 8-4.

Brandeis beat Simmons College 6-3 and was led by Rachel Rosman '11, who dropped just one game at first singles winning in straight sets 6-1, 6-0.

AP BRIEFS

Steelers fans enjoy their city's sixth Super Bowl championship

PITTSBURGH—Thousands of Steelers fans decked out in black and gold and waving Terrible Towels clogged South Side streets Sunday night, celebrating Pittsburgh's unprecedented sixth Super Bowl title.

Revelers streamed out of area bars moments after the Steelers sealed their 27-23 victory over the Arizona Cardinals in Tampa, Fla. Some broke out in song, belting Queen's "We are the Champions"

Yellow confetti swirled in the air and people released gold and black balloons. Almost immediately after the game, Super Bowl championship paraphernalia was being sold in the middle of the street.

Brittany Barcoay, 21, drove seven hours from Liberty University in Virginia just to be in her hometown for the Super Bowl and celebrated outside the Town Tavern, which sported a "Steeler Tavern" banner.

"I have never had so much pride in my city, ever," said Barcoay, decked out in a Jerome Bettis jersey.

Bars were packed in the area popular with college students and the 20-something crowd, with music blaring.

Police in riot gear patrolled the area on bikes and in cars, letting the loud and rowdy—but orderly—celebration continue. More than an hour after the game, Pittsburgh police reported no major problems.

In the city's Oakland section, there was a report of one couch set on fire outdoors and one car was overturned in the revelry.

One man carried a life-size cutout of President Barack Obama, with a Terrible Towel draped around the neck, while a one-man band played in the middle of a blocked-off street and photos of players were projected onto the side of buildings.

Dan Decriscio, 51, returned to Pittsburgh from Philadelphia and had the chance to celebrate yet another Super Bowl title.

"This is awesome," Decriscio said. "I've been here for every Super Bowl. Every one is great. From the first one with Chuck Knoll to Mike Tomlin; this is Christmas in February."

Big crowds also gathered in the city's Oakland neighborhood, near the University of Pittsburgh.

Police had blocked off streets so that people could celebrate and not worry about cars. Some people tried to carry a couch onto Forbes Ave. in Oakland, but police took it away.

In one neighborhood south of Pittsburgh, people lit fireworks and ran outside and cheered after the game.

Crowds spilled out the doors of Primanti's Bros., Pittsburgh's famous gut-busting sandwich shop.

Rocky Plassio, a 32-year-old high school teacher from the suburb of Washington, had his three-year-old son, Noah, perched on his shoulders. The elder Plassio made sure his son didn't miss the celebration.

"The last time the Steelers won, he was an infant," Rocky said. "If you're from Pittsburgh, the Steelers are really part of your culture. It's in your blood."

When the Steelers last won the Super Bowl in 2006, thousands of drunken fans celebrated in the streets and several small fires were set.

Pittsburgh police hoped to deter potential mayhem by putting more than 400 officers on patrol, limiting parking and closing some streets to traffic at the start of the fourth quarter in areas with numerous bars and restaurants.

In the Strip District, another popular area with bars and restaurants, several streets were barricaded before the game began.

Pittsburgh schools delayed openings two hours Monday to allow for the celebration, but other schools were following suit after the victory. TV news stations were scrolling school delays for Monday as if it were a snow day.

Cleveland wins at Detroit to extend division lead over Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.—LeBron James was a cheerleader when the Cleveland Cavaliers took over against the Detroit Pistons. Then, the superstar finished them off.

James scored 33 points and got some timely help from Mo Williams and Daniel Gibson in Cleveland's 90-80 win over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday.

"It's been different this season because we have guys who can control the offense and control the defense," James said. "There's not been a time this season when I felt pressure to not come off the floor."

With James resting, Williams and Gibson outscored Detroit by themselves in a 15-2 run to take a 73-68 lead early in the fourth quarter.

James shouted, "C'mon, Mo! C'mon, Mo!" from the scorer's table during the final possession of the winning surge, then celebrated with Williams after his jumper led to Detroit calling a timeout.

The 24-year-old phenom sealed the victory on a driving layup, an assist, three-pointer and free throw to put the Cavs ahead by nine with 21-and-a-half minutes left.

The Central Division-leading Cavs have won six of their last seven and are 12 games ahead of Detroit.

The Pistons haven't felt good in a while, losing four straight home games for the first time in eight years. Allen Iverson scored 22 points for Detroit, which has lost nine of 12 and are 21-21 with him.

"I'm surprised, but I've seen the flashes of how good we can be," Iverson said. "And, I see the reasons that we lose games."

Detroit has wins against five of the NBA's six division leaders, beating the Western Conference's top teams on the road, but has lost to bad teams such as the Oklahoma City Thunder.

"Our whole thing is, it better be figured out by the time we get to the playoffs," Iverson said. "Regardless of where we're seeded, we need to be playing at a high level and that's the only thing I'm concerned about."

Rookie coach Michael Curry, though, has plenty to be worried about.

The Pistons are coming off their first losing month since February 2004, the month in which they acquired Rasheed Wallace and went on to win the NBA title.