

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MIKE PRADA/The Justice

## Sarah Jasak '08

■ The senior forward went out in style, scoring two goals to lead the Judges to a win in her final regular-season contest.

When she was in high school, Sarah Jasak '08 was visiting several Boston-area colleges when she passed a sign pointing to Brandeis. On a whim, she decided to follow it, even though Brandeis was not on her radar of choices at the time.

Five years, 14 goals and two positions later, Jasak will enter the final stretch of her Brandeis career when the women's soccer team plays as the top seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament this week, and she has no regrets about the spontaneous decision to visit Brandeis five years ago.

"I just knew the school would be a really good school for me, and I liked the campus," she said. "I guess I just had a feeling."

Jasak first became a starting midfielder in her sophomore year, but moved up to forward as a junior and finished second on the team with 14 points.

But instead of staying up front, Jasak moved back to midfield this season, switching posi-

tions with Melissa Gorenkoff '10. The change has benefited the Judges, as they are scoring more, averaging 1.9 goals per game this season as compared to 1.36 last year.

"[Gorenkoff] constantly shoots the ball, so it makes sense for her to be a forward, and it makes sense for me to be playing midfield, because I'm usually more of a distributor," Jasak said.

Even though her position demands proficient passing, Jasak has three multi-goal games, the last of which happened Saturday. Jasak scored in the 27th minute and again in the 83rd minute as the Judges defeated New York University 2-0.

With just a few games remaining in her Brandeis career, Jasak speculated on her reaction following her final collegiate game.

"I'll probably just hug everyone," she said. "And I'll probably cry."

—Mike Prada

# FENCING

## Men's épée team places four in top eight at New England Fall Collegiate

Even with the graduation of Kai Keller '07, a three-time NCAA qualifier, the men's fencing team's épée squad had the Judges' strongest performers at the season-opening New England Fall Collegiate individual tournament last Saturday.

The Judges took four of the top eight spots in the 64-person draw for the épée weapon, as Will Bedor '10 won the event, Damien Lehfeldt '09 and Alex Clos '10 finished in a tie for third and Andrew Travis '10 finished in sixth place. On the women's side, the foil team led the way for Brandeis, as Jessica Newhall '09 and Stefanie Aucoin '08 each garnered third-place finishes in their event.

"We've taken away [from this weekend] that we're a good team, but we do have more to do to raise ourselves to the level of the better teams we fence," coach Bill Shipman said.

After going 4-2 in pool play, Bedor garnered the 19th seed in the 64-person bracket. He won each of his first four matches, defeating Brown University sophomore Adam Yarnell 15-8 in the quarterfinals. He then knocked off Clos, normally his teammate, 15-12 in the semifinals before blowing out Massachusetts Institute of Technology junior Matt Gethers 15-3 in the final.

"[Gethers] just couldn't reach [Bedor]," Shipman said. "Bedor was just too good, he had too many answers for [Gethers]."

Lehfeldt also won his first four matches in the tournament, but fell to Gethers 15-8 in the semifinals, while Clos, seeded fifth, won three matches before losing to Bedor. The Judges' other three épées—Travis, Goldfarb, and Alex Casper '10—all fell to their teammates. Travis lost to Clos 15-7 in the quarterfinals, Goldfarb fell to Bedor 15-10 in the third round, and Casper, seeded first, was upset by Goldfarb 15-9 in the second round.

Three Brandeis fencers also occupied the top eight of the men's foil standings, as Will Friedman '09 finished second, Eugene Vortsman '09 finished in a tie for third and J.D. Carroll '09 finished sixth out of 72 foilists. All three fell to Brown University sophomore Adam Pantel—Carroll in the quarterfinals, Vortsman in the semifinals and Friedman in the final.

Friedman, who earned a second-straight NCAA berth in foil last season, said Pantel's fencing style proved to be a difficult challenge for him last weekend.

"[Patnel] can move his body in ways that I've never seen anyone else move their bodies while fencing," he said. "I'm fine with fencing someone with a more traditional style, so it took a while getting used to him."

On the women's side, no fencers made the final match, but several placed among the top eight finishers of their weapons. Newhall and Aucoin both reached the semifinals of the 69-player women's foil division, but lost there—Aucoin to Brown rookie Francesca Bartholomew 15-8, and Newhall to MIT sophomore Cordeila Link 15-10.

"I think I let [Link's] style get to me," Newhall said. "It was too confusing for me, and hard to hit her, so while she definitely won, I also lost it for myself because I let her mentally get to me."

In épée, rookie Emma Larkin '11 performed best for the Judges, finishing in seventh place, losing a tight 15-14 match in the quarterfinals to Vassar College rookie Sophie Courser. Meanwhile, Caitlin Kozel '09, an NCAA qualifier in épée last season, lasted only until the third round Saturday, losing 15-8 to MIT sophomore Stephanie Shin. Still, Shipman said he isn't concerned about Kozel's slow start.

"[Kozel] always comes on stronger at the end of the season than at the beginning, so she'll be fine," he said.

Kirsten Heinz '09 was the top Brandeis performer in the women's saber division, finishing in eighth place. After upsetting top-seeded Tufts University rookie Alexandra Cheetham 15-9 in the third round, Heinz fell to University of Massachusetts senior Laura Brassard 15-5 in the quarterfinals.

The teams fence next at the Northeast Conference Meet at MIT Nov. 17 at noon.

—Mike Prada

## AP BRIEF

### Patriots rally from ten points down to defeat Colts and stay undefeated

INDIANAPOLIS—No running up the score this week. Against the Colts, Tom Brady was content to close out another victory for the New England Patriots by kneeling down three times.

In what was hyped as the biggest NFL regular season game ever, the Patriots stayed on course for an unbeaten season as Brady threw two of his three touchdown passes in a four-minute span of the fourth quarter Sunday to overcome a 10-point deficit and beat Super Bowl champion Indianapolis 24-20.

The win keeps the Patriots (9-0) on course for the NFL's first unbeaten season since Miami did it 1972 and gives them the first tiebreaker over Indianapolis (7-1) in the AFC playoffs.

"This is the first time we were in a ballgame late," said Brady, whose team had never before trailed in the fourth quarter. "There wasn't any loss of confidence or determination."

New England, which had been scoring more than 41 points a game, had piled points on late in several games in which they were far ahead, including last week's 52-7 win over Washington, when they kept playing hard well into the fourth quarter.

In this contest, anticipated since the schedule came out last April, they had to work their hardest just to win against perhaps the only team in the NFL close to them.

"We had an opportunity to do a lot of things," Colts running back Joseph Addai said. "We left some points squandered and got field goals when we should have gotten touchdowns, but that's the nature of the game. Those guys are good. We'll see them again."

New England trailed 20-10 after Manning, who threw for 225 yards and a touchdown, scored on a one-yard sneak with nine minutes and 42 seconds left in the game, and the crowd roaring.

But on a second-and-10 from the Patriots 42, Brady hit Randy Moss over the top for 55 yards to the Colts' three on a play in which Indy lost Bob Sanders, its best defensive back to injury. That set up a three-yard TD pass to Wes Welker.

Rosevelt Colvin knocked the ball loose from Manning to force a punt on the next series. Then Brady hit Donte Stallworth for 33 yards to the Colts 13 and on the next play found Kevin Faulk over the middle for 13 yards and the winning score with 3:15 left.

The defense finished it out. Jarvis Green knocked the ball loose from Manning and Colvin recovered to clinch the game on the Colts' next series.

"Some victories do mean more than others," said linebacker Tedy Bruschi, one of a handful of Patriots who played on all three of their Super Bowl winners. "This is one we're going to remember."

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### WSOCCER vs Emerson College

The Judges host Emerson in the ECAC Quarterfinals Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

After a 10-6-3 regular season, which included a 3-3-1 mark in the University Athletic Association, the Judges earned the top seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament and will play Emerson College in the first round Wednesday.

Emerson is 13-3-4 this season, including an 11-1-1 record in the Great

Northeast Athletic Conference. They lost to Emmanuel College 4-1 in the conference tournament final Sunday.

This is the fifth consecutive ECAC Tournament appearance for the Judges. Last year, they fell to Smith College 2-0 in the semifinals after beating Rhode Island College 3-2 in the first round.

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Captain Evan Duval '08 has three goals and six assists to lead the Judges in scoring with 14 points.

Player	Pts.
Evan Duval	14
Alex Mithoefer	11
Corey Bradley	10
Ben Premo	9
Alex Zenerovitz	7

### WSoccer (points)

Midfielder Sarah Jasak '08 scored two goals last Saturday and now leads the team with 23 points.

Player	Pts.
Sarah Jasak	23
Melissa Gorenkoff	18
Tzili Castel	16
Tiffany Pacheco	12
Sofia Vallone	6

### Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 continues to lead the Judges' offensive attack.

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	511
Piera Carfagno	311
Bridget McAllister	255
Elizabeth Villalino	246
Abby Blasco	123

### Volleyball (digs)

Libero Violette Ruggiero '09, with 467 digs, is one of five Judges with 185 or more digs this season.

Player	Digs
Violette Ruggiero	467
Abby Blasco	405
Lorraine Wingenbach	310
Ashley Powers	225
Shannon Trees	189

## UAA STANDINGS

### Women's Soccer

	UAA Conference			Overall			Pct.
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
Washington	5	2	0	15	3	0	.833
Emory	4	1	2	15	1	2	.889
Chicago	4	1	2	11	4	3	.694
Rochester	3	2	2	10	5	3	.647
<b>JUDGES</b>	3	3	1	10	6	2	.611
Carnegie Mellon	3	3	1	8	6	2	.563
New York	1	5	1	10	6	2	.611
Case	0	6	1	6	11	1	.361

### Men's Soccer

	UAA Conference			Overall			Pct.
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
Rochester	6	0	1	13	2	2	.824
Emory	6	1	0	16	2	0	.889
Washington	4	1	2	13	4	2	.737
New York	4	3	0	13	4	1	.750
Case	3	4	0	12	5	1	.694
Chicago	1	4	2	6	9	2	.412
Carnegie Mellon	0	5	2	9	5	2	.625
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	6	1	8	9	3	.475

## Judging numbers

**3** multi-goal games for Sarah Jasak '08 this season. The senior midfielder scored two goals in the women's soccer team's victory over New York University last Saturday and also scored two goals in wins against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sept. 1 and Roger Williams University Oct. 23.

**11** shots for the women's soccer team's seniors in Saturday's 2-0 win over New York University. That number was more than the number of shots attempted by the entire NYU team, as the Judges' seven seniors went out firing in their final home collegiate game.

**17** years since the volleyball team finished as high as fourth in the University Athletic Association tournament, as they did this season. The last time the Judges accomplished that feat was in 1990, when they also finished in fourth place.

**81** seconds remaining in regulation when New York University rookie forward Michael Burke scored the game-winning goal against the men's soccer team Saturday. The 2-1 loss means the Judges won't defend their Eastern College Athletic Conference crown.

**4** men's épées who finished in the top eight of the men's épée event at the New England Fall Collegiate Saturday. Will Bedor '10 won the event, Damien Lehfeldt '09 and Alex Clos '10 finished in a tie for third, and Andrew Travis '10 finished in sixth place, as the squad started the season strong despite the graduation of Kai Keller '07, a three-time NCAA participant.