

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# VARSITY BRIEF



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## Tiffany Pacheco '11

■ The women's soccer forward scored two goals in two games this week, including the game winner last Wednesday.

After a rookie season in which forward Tiffany Pacheco '11 finished third on the team in scoring with four goals and a team-leading nine assists, she came into this season feeling even more comfortable with the team. "This season I definitely feel more relaxed and more composed," Pacheco said. "I mean, I know the girls I'm playing with this year now, and I've had a year of experience, so I know what the competition is going to be like, so I prepare myself that way a lot better."

Such newfound comfort showed last week, as Pacheco scored two goals, including the game winner in a 1-0 win against Gordon College last Wednesday. She also scored in the Judges' 2-0 win over the University of Massachusetts at Boston last Saturday.

"It was surprising," Pacheco said of her performance this week. "I didn't expect to have a goal in each game, but if it happens, it happens, and I'm glad that it did happen."

For the season, Pacheco leads

the team with three goals and six points. She has nine shots, giving her an impressive .333 shot percentage.

This knack for scoring, particularly this season, has been noticed by her teammates as well.

"I think she's stepped up a lot from last year," captain and defender Meredith Milstein '09 said of Pacheco. "She's been a lot more aggressive, she's hungrier for goals, she's been shooting a lot better, and I feel like she's taking a leadership role on the team."

While Pacheco was satisfied with her rookie season, she still was looking to improve this year.

"Last year I think I did really well with assisting my teammates rather than scoring goals," Pacheco said. "But there's always room for improvement, and I hope this year that it will be better than last year and I can help my team even more than I did."

—Melissa Siegel

## Tennis teams expect great contributions from youths in 2008

With only one senior in each of their starting lineups, the men's and women's tennis teams hope their young starters make strides this season.

After finishing with a 7-12 record last year and ending in sixth place in the University Athletic Association, the men's tennis team will rely on additional experience to help bolster its record this year.

"Last year was one of the worst years we've had probably since I've been here ... in my three years," Lamanna said. "We had a lot of young guys that were inexperienced. ... The best part is they come in as sophomores, and a quarter of the team is sophomores now."

Last year's No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, Simon Miller '11 and Steven Nieman '11, both return with a year of college experience under their belts.

Captain Scott Schulman '09 also returns as the lone senior on the squad and looks to play with more confidence this year, after experiencing what it's like to play at the top of the lineup for the first time last season. Seth Rogers '10, who took his first year off to pursue the premed track, comes back for his second year with the team.

"Seth Rogers has probably improved more than anybody on the team," Lamanna said. "[He's] real hungry."

Four rookies join the returning players this season. The list includes Michael Tatarsky '12, who Lamanna expects to be one of the team's top prospects.

The women's team, which finished last year with a 12-7 record, good for fifth place in the UAA, also adds four rookies to a fall roster composed of strong sophomores and just one senior.

Lamanna praised the contributions of two of last year's rookies—Rachel Rosman '11, who played No. 1 singles and captured 20 singles victories, and Mackenzie Gallegos '11, who spent most of her time in the No. 5 singles spot and posted 16 singles wins. Rosman began the year in the No. 2 slot behind graduated senior Colleen Donnelly '08, but moved up to No. 1 midway through the fall season.

"The one thing about [Rosman], ... she really is a true competitor, like more so than most kids," Lamanna said. "And for that reason, she hung in a lot of matches. She played well against top players. Now, we're trying to develop her game to the point where she's got the game to beat everybody, and not just the [competitiveness]."

Captain Gabrielle Helfgott '09, the lone senior on the team, will provide leadership and experience. Last year, she played No. 3 singles, winning 10 singles matches.

Unlike the men's squad, the women's team lost several key members from last year's team. Donnelly, No. 6 singles player Ana Katz '08 and reserves Jennifer Levine '09 and Elizabeth Adamov '08 departed, and starters Ariana Sanai '10 and Emily Weisberger '10 are abroad and will miss the fall season.

Four rookies will step in and fill the voids. Sarah Richman '12, who Lamanna expects to have a strong season, headlines the group.

"She's a good junior," Lamanna said. "She's got really good skills. Real solid all-around. ... [She has] no real weakness. I feel like she's going to be able to step up and have a good first year."

Both teams kick off their fall seasons this weekend, with the men playing in the Polar Bear Invitational in Brunswick, Maine at 10 a.m. and the women participating in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships at Trinity College at noon.

—Julie Ganz

## Judging numbers

**49** fouls tallied during the men's soccer team's 2-1 loss to Clark University last Saturday. The Judges recorded 19 fouls in the second half en route to their first loss of the season.

**89** minutes during which the women's soccer team prevented the UMass-Boston team from taking a shot in the Judges' 2-0 win over the Beacons last Saturday. The Beacons finished with just one shot, which went wide.

**4** straight points won by the women's volleyball team in the fifth and final set against MIT last Saturday. Down 12-10, the Judges won four consecutive points before closing out the set 15-13. The five-set victory came after Brandeis defeated Johnson and Wales in four sets earlier in the day.

**626** strokes tallied by the golf team last weekend at the Trinity Invitational. The Judges finished with 312 strokes last Saturday before tallying 314 last Sunday in their first tournament of the season.

**2** seniors on the men's and women's tennis teams combined this year. Captains Scott Schulman '09 and Gabrielle Helfgott '09 lead their respective teams, which include four first-years apiece. Both squads kick off their fall schedules this weekend.

**18** shots taken by the women's soccer team during its 1-0 win over Gordon College last Wednesday. The Judges outshot Gordon 18-6, including 10-2 in the second half.

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### Volleyball vs. Smith College

The team will host Smith in the first of its four games this weekend.

The volleyball team will look to continue its home-court success when it hosts the Brandeis Invitational this Friday and Saturday.

Six teams will travel to the Invitational, including Smith College, Tufts University, Trinity College, Rhode Island College, Williams College and Babson College. Brandeis went 4-0 at last

year's Invitational and will face Smith and Williams at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively, on Friday before taking on Trinity and Rhode Island Saturday at noon and 4 p.m., respectively.

The Judges will also host Wellesley College tonight at 7 p.m. Brandeis suffered a 3-1 loss at Wellesley in last season's opening game.

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 leads the Judges with seven points, including an assist in last Thursday's game.

| Player          | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| Ben Premo       | 7      |
| Patrick Metelus | 6      |
| Alexander Farr  | 2      |
| Kyle Gross      | 2      |
| Luke Teece      | 2      |

### WSoccer (points)

Forward Tiffany Pacheco '11 leads the squad with six points in three games this season.

| Player             | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| Tiffany Pacheco    | 6      |
| Sofia Vallone      | 4      |
| Izabella Miranda   | 3      |
| Three tied with... | 2      |

### Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitters Lorraine Wingenbach '09 and Paige Blasco '11 lead the team with 30 kills.

| Player              | Kills |
|---------------------|-------|
| Lorraine Wingenbach | 30    |
| Paige Blasco        | 30    |
| Piera Carfagno      | 23    |
| Nicole Smith        | 22    |
| Bridget McAllister  | 14    |

### Volleyball (digs)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 has 37 digs in the first three games of the season.

| Player              | Digs |
|---------------------|------|
| Lorraine Wingenbach | 37   |
| Abby Blasco         | 34   |
| Paige Blasco        | 29   |
| Lauren Polinsky     | 29   |
| Bridget McAllister  | 28   |

## UAA STANDINGS

### Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

|            | UAA Conference |   | Overall |   |   | Pct.  |
|------------|----------------|---|---------|---|---|-------|
|            | W              | L | W       | L | T |       |
| Emory      | 0              | 0 | 4       | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Carnegie   | 0              | 0 | 3       | 0 | 1 | 1.000 |
| JUDGES     | 0              | 0 | 2       | 1 | 0 | .667  |
| Case       | 0              | 0 | 2       | 1 | 0 | .667  |
| Chicago    | 0              | 0 | 2       | 1 | 1 | .667  |
| Rochester  | 0              | 0 | 2       | 1 | 2 | .667  |
| Washington | 0              | 0 | 1       | 2 | 0 | .333  |
| New York   | 0              | 0 | 0       | 2 | 0 | .000  |

### Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

|            | UAA Conference |   | Overall |   |   | Pct.  |
|------------|----------------|---|---------|---|---|-------|
|            | W              | L | W       | L | T |       |
| JUDGES     | 0              | 0 | 3       | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Chicago    | 0              | 0 | 3       | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Emory      | 0              | 0 | 4       | 0 | 1 | 1.000 |
| Carnegie   | 0              | 0 | 3       | 0 | 1 | 1.000 |
| Case       | 0              | 0 | 3       | 1 | 0 | .750  |
| Washington | 0              | 0 | 3       | 1 | 1 | .750  |
| Rochester  | 0              | 0 | 2       | 1 | 1 | .667  |
| New York   | 0              | 0 | 2       | 2 | 0 | .500  |

## AP BRIEF

### Patriots beat Chiefs 17-10 after losing Brady

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady screamed. The fans went quiet.

The seemingly indestructible star of the New England Patriots lay on the ground, clutching his left knee. The NFL's reigning MVP and three-time Super Bowl champion is done for the season with a left knee injury.

"He was in a lot of pain. When you hear a scream, you know that," Kansas City safety Bernard Pollard said after hitting Brady on the left leg midway through the first quarter.

Untested Matt Cassel took over and played well as the Patriots beat the Chiefs 17-10 in Sunday's opener.

The team announced yesterday that Brady's knee injury will require surgery. The quarterback's 128-game starting streak was the third-longest in NFL history for his position.

Cassel was ready to step in Sunday. His performance came as somewhat of a surprise after he failed to produce a touchdown in 17 exhibition series, leading many to wonder if he would even make the team on which he backed up Brady the past three seasons.

"He did a good job coming in and, obviously, made some big plays for us," tackle Matt Light said. "That guy's had a lot of criticism cast down on him and I felt like he stepped up and played like a professional."

Still, the Patriots plummeted from an exclamation point of an unbeaten 2007 regular season to a huge question mark in 2008. They lost the Super Bowl to the New York Giants 17-14 then went 0-4 in the exhibition season while Brady had a right foot injury and missed all four games.

Before his injury, Brady completed seven of 11 passes for 76 yards.

Cassel, who had thrown just 39 passes in his first three seasons, went 13-for-18 for 152 yards and one touchdown.

"This is something I've been preparing for [for] a long time. It's not something that we expected to come up on opening day," he said. "Since I've been here and been around Tom, he's always popped back up."

The injury marred the Patriots season opener for the second straight year.

They won 38-14 at the Jets in last year's first game, then were punished by the NFL after an employee was caught filming the Jets' defensive signals. Belichick was fined \$500,000, the team was fined \$250,000, and the Patriots also lost a first-round draft choice.