

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Adam Austin '11

■ The saber fencer went to the NCAA Championships for the first time in his career last week at Pennsylvania State University.

In the past, Adam Austin '11 had difficulty controlling his temper and keeping his emotions in check on the strip, but his growth over the past year as a fencer and competitor enabled him to secure a bid to last weekend's NCAA Championships.

"Last year, [Austin] tended to blame other people, particularly the referee, for his problems. Now he's mature enough to solve his own problems on the strip without looking to assign blame to things he can't control," coach Bill Shipman said.

While his maturity has contributed to his growth as a fencer, Austin said his work outside of practice has also helped.

"It has been helpful to get more practice on the outside. During the season, I would always try to fence at a fencing club at least two or three times a week," Austin said.

All of Austin's growth culminated in a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Regional Championships, which helped him secure the final bid at the NCAA National Championships, where he finished 22nd.

"At Regionals, he fenced almost as well as he could expect. ... He was reacting well and moving properly," Shipman said.

At the NCAA Championships, Austin experienced some initial nerves and won just six of his 23 bouts, but he said he enjoyed the opportunity to compete.

"Being at Nationals felt like being rewarded for the effort. ... I felt like I



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reached a new level skill-wise by the end of the season, and securing a bid at NCAAs was proof that I've improved since last year," Austin said.

Austin also said he enjoyed the environment.

"Fencing is not a sport that's really

covered by any sort of media, but there were cameras everywhere, and everyone was getting interviewed. Everywhere you turned, it reminded you that it was the top of college fencing," he said.

—Andrew Ng

VARSITY BRIEF

Softball team takes two at Wellesley in doubleheader sweep

Trailing 2-1 in the top of the fifth inning with the bases loaded against local rival Wellesley College, ranked 29th in Division III, it was catcher Erin Ross '10 responsibility as the cleanup hitter to drive her teammates home. She fulfilled that responsibility.

Ross hit a single to left field, driving in right fielder Lara Hirschler '12 and left fielder Chelsea Korp '10 to give the Judges a 3-2 lead that led to their 4-2 victory and doubleheader sweep last Wednesday at Wellesley.

The Judges took the second game 4-0 to close out play for the week, improving their record to 5-7 overall.

"[Ross' hit] was definitely a turning point in the game," second baseman Melissa Cagar '11 said. "For her to come up with a big hit in a crucial situation with runners in scoring position is a big boost because it put us back on top."

The Judges faced an early deficit against No. 29 Wellesley when rookie Elora Daniele hit a two-run home run in her first college at bat against pitcher Emily Vaillette '10.

Vaillette, however, was able to reverse her early season struggles, pitching a complete game victory to improve her record to 1-5.

"[Vaillette] pitched awesome," third baseman Danielle Lavallee '11 said. "After she gave up the home run she maintained her calm and continued to pitch a great game and keep us in it until the offense came around."

Lavallee contributed to the Judges' final run of the first game with an RBI groundout in the three-run fifth inning.

Cagar continued to set the tone for the Judges out of the leadoff spot. She stole her seventh and eighth bases of the season in the top of the third inning before scoring on shortstop Brittany Grimm's '12 RBI groundout.

"As the leadoff hitter I always try and put pressure on the defense," Cagar said. "When I do get on base I try and utilize my speed [by] getting into scoring position and making the defense throw me out."

In the second game of the doubleheader, Judges' pitcher Caroline Miller '12 and Wellesley senior pitcher Barabarajeon Grundlock battled in a scoreless pitching duel for the first five innings of the game. Both Miller and Grundlock confounded hitters until the sixth inning, when Brandeis was finally able to break through.

After loading the bases on two singles and a walk, Korp broke the scoreless tie with an infield hit to the shortstop, scoring Megan DeNubila '12 who had come in to pinch-run for designated hitter Marianne Specker '12. Cagar produced one more run in the sixth with an RBI groundout, scoring center fielder Carly Schmand '11. The Judges added two more runs in the top of the seventh, winning 4-0 and completing their sweep.

Miller improved her record to 3-1 on the season, allowing only three runners to reach base while striking out two.

Specker finished the second game 3-for-3, after picking up one hit in three at bats in the first game, to increase her team-leading batting average to .375.

"Wellesley is a ranked team, and it always looks good beating ranked teams," captain and outfielder Victoria Roomet '10 said. "Playing against teams like Wellesley really helps us because it shows that we are a competitive team."

"Sweeping Wellesley sets the tone for our New England schedule," head coach Jessica Johnson wrote in an e-mail. "We've done a good job of focusing on the task at hand as well as the ones ahead so we don't waste time looking back."

The Judges hit the road this week for three doubleheaders starting at Lasell College today at 3 p.m., at Clark University tomorrow at 3 p.m and at Bates College Sunday at noon.

—Sean Petterson

Judging numbers

8 combined runs scored in the last three innings of the baseball game between Bridgewater State College and Brandeis last Wednesday. Bridgewater State scored three runs in the seventh, but the Judges answered with five in the ninth to win 9-5 on the road.

0 earned runs allowed by softball pitchers Emily Vaillette '10 and Caroline Miller '12 in a doubleheader sweep of Wellesley College last Wednesday. The Judges won 4-2 and 4-0 in the two games, allowing just two unearned runs in the first game.

3 wins for foil Will Friedman '09 against opponents from top-10 schools at the NCAA National Collegiate Championships at Pennsylvania State University last Thursday. Friedman topped fencers from No. 1 University of Notre Dame, No. 5 Columbia University and No. 9 Stanford University.

1 Brandeis swimmer that competed at the NCAA Division III National Championships at the University of Minnesota last week. Marc Eder '12 was the first Brandeis swimmer to compete at the meet since Matt Christian '05 did in 2005.

5 times this season in which the women's tennis team has swept its doubles matches in a team match. They are 5-0 when they do and 3-3 when they do not.

10 consecutive games in which baseball catcher Zach Wooley '11 has gotten a hit. It is the longest such streak on the team this season.

UAA STANDINGS

Baseball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Rochester	4	2	10	2
Washington Univ.	3	3	11	5
Emory	3	3	14	7
Case Western	3	3	5	11
JUDGES	2	4	7	8
Chicago	0	0	0	0

Softball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington Univ.	7	1	12	3
Emory	5	3	22	4
Rochester	5	3	10	5
JUDGES	3	5	5	7
Chicago	0	0	0	0
Case Western	0	8	5	9

TEAM LEADERS

Baseball (on-base percentage)

Infielder Nick Gallagher '09 leads Brandeis with a .512 on-base percentage.

Player	OBP
Nick Gallagher	.512
Mike Alfego	.431
Drake Livada	.400
Tony Deshler	.397
Zach Wooley	.351

Baseball (runs batted in)

Utility player Tony Deshler '11 leads the Judges with 11 RBIs

Player	RBI
Tony Deshler	11
Drake Livada	10
Sean O'hare	10
John Chu	8
Kenny Destremps	6

Softball (on-base percentage)

Utility player Marianne Specker '12 leads Brandeis with a .483 on-base percentage.

Player	OBP
Marianne Specker	.483
Brittany Grimm	.400
Melissa Cagar	.381
Danielle Lavallee	.375
Erin Ross	.324

Softball (runs batted in)

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

Player	RBI
Erin Ross	8
Brittany Grimm	4
Melissa Cagar	4
Four tied with	3
Carly Schmand	2

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Tennis at Trinity College (Conn.)

Brandeis will travel to Trinity College Sunday to play the Bantams at 10 a.m.

After already facing some tough competition in New York University and Middlebury College earlier this season, the women's tennis team will face another test when they travel to Hartford, Conn. to take on Trinity College this Sunday at 10 a.m.

The Judges are 8-3 this season and are coming off an 8-1 victory over Bates College at home last Saturday, while the Bantams are 5-2.

In the win over Bates, Brandeis was led by its strong doubles teams, sweep-

ing Bates 3-0. In No. 1 singles, Rachel Rosman '11 took her match 6-1, 6-1.

Last season, Brandeis beat Trinity at home 7-2, winning five of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches.

This year, Brandeis has not been tested much on the road, taking five of its six matches played on neutral courts and three of its four matches played at home. The Judges' only road match this season came at Middlebury, where they were swept 9-0.

AP BRIEF

WashU repeats as Division III men's basketball champions

SALEM, Va.—Senior Sean Wallis watched last year as Washington University in St. Louis won its first NCAA Division III men's national championship, a broken leg relegating the point guard to scouting duties as the Bears rolled to a 22-point victory.

He made the most of his chance to experience it as a player last Saturday, scoring 16 points and recording 10 assists as the Bears beat Richard Stockton College 61-52 to repeat.

"It's unbelievable," Wallis said. "In the big picture, I guess, it worked out."

Senior Tyler Nading had 20 points and eight rebounds for WashU (29-2), the fourth team to repeat as champions and the first since University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point did so in 2005. WashU also won the University Athletic Association championship.

Nading repeatedly got open under the basket, and Wallis consistently found him.

"I think Sean had probably 10 assists right to me," Nading said. "All I'm thinking is this is the best way to go out as a senior."

Wallis was named the most outstanding player of the tournament. He can return to Washington next season on a medical redshirt while pursuing a master's degree but said he'll enjoy the championship a bit before making a decision.

Coach Mark Edwards said the first title took time to sink in, but it finally hit him the next day as the team was on a bus headed to Greensboro, N.C., to board an airplane for home in St. Louis.

Even then, he said, "You find yourself always saying, 'I can't believe it happened.'"

Richard Stockton went 6 1/2 minutes without a point at one stretch early in the game.

Richard Stockton got as close as eight with 7 minutes, 37 seconds to play, but Nading scored on three consecutive possessions as the Bears extended their margin back to 55-41 and were home free.