

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Seth Rogers '10

■ The men's tennis player won the last match of a 5-4 Judges victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy last Friday.

With the score tied at four matches apiece at last Friday's match against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, men's tennis player Seth Rogers '10 knew he would have to win his No. 3 singles match to secure Brandeis a victory. Rogers, who closed out the win in three sets, said he's starting to enjoy those types of moments.

"I'm actually becoming really comfortable and starting to really enjoy those pressure situations," he said. "I guess it's just where I've been playing in the lineup, ... somewhere in the middle of the lineup, where there's a lot of, ... not really pressure, but expectations to do well and take that point for Brandeis—and I'm starting to really get comfortable and enjoy it."

This is not the first time Rogers has come through to win the deciding match. At last season's University Athletic Association consolation semifinal match against Case Western Reserve University, Rogers defeated his opponent in three sets to secure Brandeis a sixth-place finish.

Having moved from the No. 4 to the No. 3 singles spot Friday due to an injury to teammate Mike Tatarsky '12, Rogers found out he would be the deciding match after teammate Steven Nieman '11 tied the score at four matches apiece.

"I saw Nieman played real close, and then I saw him after winning, and I had just split with [my opponent]," Rogers said. "So coach [Ben Lamanna] looked at me and was like, 'You've got to win this match, this is it, this is it right here.' So I turned it on and did it."

Rogers, who teamed up with Scott Schulman '09 to win 8-3 at No. 2 doubles, was one of only two Brandeis players to



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win both their singles and doubles matches last Friday. Rogers described the way he fed off Schulman's net play.

"It gave me a lot of confidence having a guy like [Schulman at the net]," he said.

"When I was serving, I knew that if I served to my spots, every time [Schulman] was going to take the net, take charge and put the ball away."

—Julie Ganz

Judging numbers

24 -shot advantage by the women's soccer team during last Wednesday's 3-0 victory over Wellesley College. The Judges tallied 29 shots during the win, compared to just five from Wellesley.

2 shots tallied by the men's soccer team, compared to eight by the University of Rochester in the first half of last Saturday's 3-0 loss to the Yellowjackets.

3 straight losses collected by the volleyball team in last weekend's University Athletic Association Tournament. The Judges led 2-0 in a match against New York University last Sunday before dropping the last three sets and the match.

5 matches captured by the men's tennis team in its victory over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy last Friday. Seth Rogers '10 won the final match of the day at No. 3 singles in three sets.

11 teams finishing behind the men's golf team at last weekend's Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III New England Championships. The Judges finished sixth out of 17 teams with a two-day score of 582.

1 doubles match won by the men's tennis team during last Friday's match against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Brandeis fell behind 2-1 after doubles play but won four out of six singles matches to take a 5-4 victory.

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L T			Overall Pct.	
	W	L	T		
Emory	1	0	100	0	1.000
Case	1	0	9	2	0 .818
Rochester	1	0	7	1	2 .875
Washington	1	0	8	2	0 .800
Carnegie	0	1	9	1	1 .900
JUDGES	0	1	6	4	0 .600
New York	0	1	4	3	3 .571
Chicago	0	1	4	4	2 .500

Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

UAA Conference	W L T			Overall Pct.	
	W	L	T		
Emory	1	0	9	1	1 .900
New York	1	0	8	2	0 .800
Rochester	1	0	7	1	2 .875
Washington	1	0	7	2	1 .778
JUDGES	0	1	6	3	1 .667
Carnegie	0	1	5	3	2 .625
Case	0	1	6	5	0 .545
Chicago	0	1	4	4	1 .500

TEAM LEADERS

MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 leads the Judges with 18 points.

Player	Points
Ben Premo	18
Patrick Metelus	12
Alexander Farr	9
Mike Silberstein	6
Kevin Murphy	4

WSoccer (points)

Forward Tiffany Pacheco '11 leads the squad with 16 points in 10 games this season.

Player	Points
Tiffany Pacheco	16
Izabella Miranda	9
Melissa Gorenkoff	8
Alanna Torre	6
Sofia Vallone	4

Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Paige Blasco '11 leads the team with 195 kills.

Player	Kills
Paige Blasco	195
Lorraine Wingenbach	142
Piera Carfagno	120
Nicole Smith	110
Bridget McAllister	99

Volleyball (digs)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 has 205 to lead the squad.

Player	Digs
Lorraine Wingenbach	205
Paige Blasco	184
Bridget McAllister	136
Violette Ruggiero	122
Abby Blasco	116

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's Soccer vs. Case Western Reserve

The Judges will play their UAA home opener Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The men's soccer team will try to avenge last season's 3-0 loss to Case Western Reserve University on Saturday at its University Athletic Association home opening game.

Having suffered a 3-0 loss to the University of Rochester last Saturday, the Judges are now 0-1 in conference play and will look to capture their first

UAA game of 2008.

Ranked No. 22 at the start of the season, Case Western shut out New York University last Saturday in its UAA home opener by a score of 3-0.

Prior to its game against Case Western, Brandeis will face the Massachusetts Institute of Technology tomorrow at 3 p.m.

AP BRIEFS

Pats get back to winning ways, 30-21 over 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Randy Moss streaked downfield with more urgency than he ever showed during two years playing on the other side of the Bay, grabbing Matt Cassel's stellar throw and speeding away for a score before the first quarter was even half over.

The New England Patriots didn't forget how to win just because their regular-season winning streak is over. From Moss' dynamic 66-yard TD catch to Kevin Faulk's gutsy fourth-down snap on a direct snap, the Patriots were back in their usual October form, even in an unusual place.

Faulk rushed for two scores, Cassel had 259 yards passing, and the Patriots won in San Francisco for the first time in franchise history, beating the 49ers 30-21 Sunday.

Moss, who sleepwalked through two seasons with the Raiders before regaining his stride with the Pats, had five catches for 111 yards, including that sublime catch-and-run behind Nate Clements and Walt Harris, the 49ers' top defensive backs. Though he had made just two plays longer than 10 yards since Bay Area native Tom Brady's season-ending knee injury, Moss was a key component of a vintage offensive effort by the Patriots (3-1).

"Being able to connect on that deep ball, I think it was good," Moss said. "That's something that we've been missing in our repertoire the past couple of weeks."

The Patriots' repertoire was packed with big plays when they returned from their bye week. Faulk, just one part of New England's multiplayer rushing attack, got his second touchdown on a fourth-and-two direct snap in the third quarter, echoing the Dolphins' unstoppable series of snaps to Ronnie Brown two weeks ago.

With an extra week off after that 38-13 debacle, coach Bill Belichick revived the direct-snap play he's used many times before, and he even threw in a handful of unusual defenses to remain unbeaten in the Pats' past six games following byes.

"It's a play that we've been working on for I don't know how many weeks, months, but we needed it today, and we hit it," Belichick said of the direct snap.

This comprehensive effort could help erase the bad taste of the defending AFC champions' stunning blowout loss to Miami last month, which ended their 21-game regular-season winning streak. Although the first quarter was filled with impressive throws and big interceptions by both teams, New England then turned down the drama with a ball-control offense that largely kept San Francisco (2-3) off the field in the middle two quarters.

New England kept the ball for more than 32 minutes in the first three quarters, while Mike Martz's Niners offense couldn't get a first down during a 36-minute stretch spanning the middle periods.

"New England did everything they were supposed to do," 49ers linebacker Takeo Spikes said. "It was obvious we didn't do enough on third down to get off the field. When you don't do that, you don't give your offense a chance to get on the field."

Isaac Bruce caught two touchdown passes from J.T. O'Sullivan, while Frank Gore rushed for 54 yards and caught an early scoring pass in San Francisco's second straight loss. After a strong start, the 49ers managed just 23 yards in the middle two quarters, and O'Sullivan misfired regularly in a 14-of-29 effort for 130 yards with three interceptions.

Stephen Gostkowski kicked three field goals, including a 49-yarder with four minutes, 42 seconds to play after San Francisco finally mounted a strong 80-yard scoring drive to pull within six points on Bruce's second touchdown catch.

"I think we lost a game that we should have won today, (and) I think everybody feels like that," 49ers defensive lineman Justin Smith said. "We have to get back and learn from it. It's not the end of the world. We're 2-3. We need to come out and get a win next week [against Philadelphia]."

Philly powers into NLCS with 6-2 win over Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP)—With plenty of power to go with their improved pitching, the Philadelphia Phillies are ready for anything in the National League Championship Series.

Bring on the Los Angeles Dodgers. "I like our chances," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Sunday after Philadelphia clinched its first trip to the NLCS since 1993 with a 6-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

"I think we can hold our own with them. Actually, I think we can beat anybody in the National League, really," he said.

Especially if the Phillies keep playing this way.

After scuffling through the first three games of the NL division series, Philadelphia's offense broke out in a big way against the Brewers in Game Four of the best-of-five series. Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a home run, Pat Burrell connected twice to break out of his postseason slump, and Jayson Werth added a solo shot.

Not to be overlooked, midseason addition Joe Blanton threw a gem, holding the Brewers to one run after an eight-day layoff.

"That took a lot of pressure off of us," Rollins said of his home run. "We were up 1-0, regardless, no matter how the top of the first ended. On the other side, of course, it's going to put a little more pressure on you because their guys are thinking, 'OK, well, we got to answer back.'"

The Brewers never could, and the Phillies rushed the mound at Miller Park after the final out, setting off a raucous celebration. Some Philly fans held up a banner that read, "World Series Here We Come Fightin' Phillies."

In the clubhouse, the Phillies sprayed each other with champagne and beer, with Rollins wearing swimming goggles and a big grin as he searched for unsuspecting, not to mention dry, teammates.

Burrell was doused so many times it'll be days before his sweatshirt dries out, but he never stopped smiling.

"I couldn't be more thrilled. You know, I don't think it's actually sunk in all that much yet," said Burrell, who has been with the Phillies since they drafted him in 1998.

It will later this week, when the Phillies take on their old foe the Dodgers. Game One of the NLCS is Thursday in Philadelphia.