

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Steve DeLuca
(GRAD)

■ The forward tallied a season high in points last Sunday against No. 14 Carnegie Mellon University.

As Steve DeLuca (GRAD) prepared to attempt a three-point shot from the left wing early in the second half of the Judges' game against No. 14 Carnegie Mellon University, he found Tartan junior guard Jack Anderson waving his hands right in front of his face, obstructing his view of the basket. But on this day, the heavy pressure from Anderson would not phase DeLuca, nor would, seemingly, any other Tartan defensive tactic.

DeLuca's shot went in for three of DeLuca's season-high 28 points in the game as the Judges upset the Tartans 69-57. DeLuca hit 11 of his 16 field goals to go along with 10 rebounds.

"I just wanted to make sure I got my legs under me, and I held my follow-through," DeLuca said of the three-point shot that gave Brandeis a 40-25 lead. "I thought it was going to be short but it went in. ... It was just the kind of day I was having."

In the final 10 minutes of the first half, Brandeis extended its lead from 8-5 to 29-19. During this stretch, DeLuca scored 15 of the Judges' 21 points, finishing the half with 17 points.

"I knew I was going to come into the game more aggressive; that was my mindset," DeLuca said. "It felt like anytime I touched the ball I was going to be a threat."

DeLuca, a d3hoops preseason first-team All-American selection, received a medical redshirt last year to remain eligible for this season as a graduate student. He missed all but 27 minutes of last season with lower back and hamstring injuries.



JULIAN AGIN-LIEBES/The Justice

This season, he leads the team in scoring with 16.3 points per game and is second on the team with 6.8 rebounds per contest.

"I felt really good [Sunday], and I'm

going to try to continue to play just like I did against [Carnegie Mellon] for the rest of the season," DeLuca said.

- Jeffrey Pickette

Judging
numbers

4 men's basketball players averaging double-figure point totals as of Jan. 9. Andre Roberson '10 is fourth on the team in scoring with 10 points per game.

10 consecutive wins for the women's basketball team to open the season, before they fell 66-62 to No. 1 University of Rochester at home last Friday.

28 points for men's basketball forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) in the Judges' 69-57 home victory over conference opponent No. 14 Carnegie Mellon on Jan. 11. DeLuca's point total was a season high that led the Judges to their first conference win this season.

35 days between meets for both the men's and women's indoor track and field teams. Both officially start their season Jan. 17 at the Bowdoin Invitational after competing in two non-scoring events, most recently Dec. 13 at the Harvard Invitational.

19.2 The women's basketball team's average scoring margin through 12 games this season. Brandeis has outscored its opponents this season by a total of 874 to 644.

3 out of the women's basketball team's 12 contests thus far have been on the road. The Judges are 3-0 away from home and 8-1 in games played at Red Auerbach Arena.

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

| UAA Conference | W L | | Overall | |
|----------------|-----|---|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Washington | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| Case | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Carnegie | 2 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| Rochester | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| JUDGES | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Emory | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Chicago | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| New York | 0 | 2 | 9 | 2 |

Women's Basketball

Not including Monday's games

| UAA Conference | W L | | Overall | |
|----------------|-----|---|---------|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Rochester | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Washington | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| Case | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| JUDGES | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| New York | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Chicago | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Emory | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Carnegie | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 |

TEAM LEADERS

MBball (points per game)

Forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) leads the Judges with an average of 16.3 points per game.

| Player | PPG |
|-----------------|------|
| Steve DeLuca | 16.3 |
| Terrell Hollins | 11.0 |
| Kevin Olson | 10.4 |
| Andre Roberson | 10.0 |
| Kenny Small | 9.1 |

MBball (rebounds per game)

Forward Terrell Hollins '10 leads the Judges with an average of 8.1 rebounds per game.

| Player | RPG |
|-----------------|-----|
| Terrell Hollins | 8.1 |
| Steve DeLuca | 6.8 |
| Christian Yemga | 3.8 |
| Kenny Small | 2.8 |
| Andre Roberson | 2.8 |

WBball (points per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the team with an average of 14.8 points per game.

| Player | PPG |
|-----------------|------|
| Jessica Chapin | 14.8 |
| Lauren Orlando | 10.5 |
| Lauren Rashford | 7.5 |
| Diana Cincotta | 6.9 |
| Cassidy Dadaos | 6.8 |

WBball (rebounds per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the Judges, averaging 5.1 rebounds per game.

| Player | RPG |
|------------------|-----|
| Jessica Chapin | 5.1 |
| Cassidy Dadaos | 5.0 |
| Lauren Orlando | 4.7 |
| Lauren Rashford | 4.3 |
| Amber Strodthoff | 4.1 |

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Indoor Track and Field at Bowdoin Invitational

Both indoor track teams will run at the Bowdoin Invitational Jan. 17 at noon.

The men's and women's track and field teams will open their seasons this Saturday afternoon at the Bowdoin Invitational in Maine.

The teams participated in two non-scoring events before the first-semester break at the Husky Invitational hosted by Northeastern University Dec. 6, and the Harvard Invitational Dec. 13, but

will officially begin their seasons Jan. 17.

Both teams struggled last season, particularly in their season finales at the University Athletic Association Championships in Cleveland, Ohio.

The women's team finished fifth of seven teams, while the men finished last.

AP BRIEFS

Visiting Cardinals stun Panthers
33-13 in Divisional Playoff Game

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—The Arizona Cardinals were expected by most to be easy prey in another futile trip to the East Coast.

Instead, Kurt Warner has the Cardinals within a victory of their first Super Bowl appearance with a big assist from Jake Delhomme and the bumbling Carolina Panthers.

The once discarded Warner was steady in a 33-13 rout of the Panthers on Saturday night, throwing two touchdown passes, while Delhomme threw five interceptions and lost a fumble.

The target of jokes for years with their history of ineptitude, the Cardinals became the last NFC team to reach the conference championship since the 1970 merger with a win few saw coming.

Entering as a 10-point underdog and ridiculed for their 0-5 record in the Eastern time zone this season, Arizona (11-8) raced to a 27-7 halftime lead and cruised past the mistake-prone Panthers (12-5), who were the league's only unbeaten team at home in the regular season.

Instead, Delhomme turned in a brutal performance on his 34th birthday. Just one shy of the NFL playoff record for interceptions, Delhomme became the first player to have five picks in the playoffs since Oakland's Rich Gannon in the 2003 Super Bowl against Tampa Bay.

He completed only 17 of 34 passes for 205 yards and one touchdown. His woes made Steve Smith a non-factor. The Pro Bowl receiver did not have his first catch until the final minute of the third quarter.

Smith caught a meaningless 8-yard touchdown pass from Delhomme with 50 seconds left, when the Cardinals had already begun looking forward to either visiting the New York Giants or hosting Philadelphia on Jan. 18.

Arizona had been embarrassed when it ventured far from home, but the closest it came was a 27-23 loss here in October when the Cardinals blew a two-touchdown lead.

There would be no suspense this time.

While Pro Bowl receiver Anquan Boldin (hamstring) sat out, Larry Fitzgerald more than made up for the loss. The 6-foot-3 receiver had eight catches for a team playoff-record 166 yards while shredding the Panthers' leaky secondary.

The Cardinals' defense stopped Carolina's potent running game, too. A week after shutting down Atlanta's Michael Turner, DeAngelo Williams was held to 63 yards in a crushing loss for the Panthers, the No. 2 seed in the NFC who had visions of reaching their third NFC title game in six years.

Instead, Warner stole the stage. A decade after his storybook MVP season in winning the Super Bowl with St. Louis a year after he was teammates with Delhomme in NFL Europe, the 37-year-old Warner has another team on the brink of a most unlikely title.

And it was a stunningly ugly performance by Delhomme.

Entering with a 5-2 postseason record, Delhomme's 95.0 playoff passer rating coming in was better than any other quarterback in this season's playoffs.

But Delhomme threw two interceptions and lost a fumble in the first half, making poor reads, holding the ball too long and giving the Cardinals great field position.

Defensive end Antonio Smith stripped Delhomme and recovered the ball at the Carolina 13 late in the first quarter. Two plays later Edgerrin James' 4-yard touchdown put the Cardinals ahead to stay 14-7.

Next possession, rookie Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie picked off Delhomme at the goal line, leading to the first of four field goals by Neil Rackers.

Delhomme started hearing boos when he was intercepted by Gerald Hayes midway through the second quarter. Warner turned that into another touchdown, finding a streaking Fitzgerald for a 29-yard pass for a stunning 27-7 halftime lead that silenced the once towel-waving crowd.

It was a horrible performance for the Panthers in front of their ailing owner. Jerry Richardson visited with Smith on the field before the game before watching from a suite as he awaits a heart transplant that's limited his daily activities and halted his travel on the road with the team.

Celtics top Raptors on the road
to snap four-game losing streak

TORONTO—Ray Allen scored a season-high 36 points, including eight three-pointers, and the Boston Celtics withstood a late Toronto rally to beat the Raptors 94-88 Sunday afternoon, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Allen, who made a career-high 10 three-pointers against Charlotte April 14, 2002, finished 8-for-10 from three-point range on Sunday, making his first six attempts.

Rajon Rondo had 14 points and 11 assists and Kevin Garnett added 10 points and 11 rebounds. Paul Pierce had 11 points for Boston, which had lost seven of nine coming in.

Leading 75-55 to start the fourth, the Celtics allowed Toronto to get back in it with a 17-5 spurt that cut the gap to eight points, 80-72, with 5 minutes, 52 seconds left.

Boston held firm until Andrea Bargnani's three-pointer made it 88-83 with 1:36 left. Jamario Moon missed a three on Toronto's next possession before Pierce's jumper with 40 seconds remaining sealed the win for Boston.

Bargnani led Toronto with 17 points while Chris Bosh and Moon each had 15.

The Raptors, who visit Boston on Monday night, are 0-3 against the Celtics this season.

Toronto shot a season-high 55.6 percent in Wednesday's 103-82 victory over Memphis but struggled against Boston's stingy defense, shooting 28-for-74 (37.8 percent).

Pierce injured his right knee in a first-quarter collision with teammate Brian Scalabrine and sat out the final 7:25 of the first quarter before returning to start the second. Pierce wore a protective sleeve on his knee in the second half.

Scalabrine and Toronto forward Joey Graham each picked up technical fouls in the second after a shoving match under the Boston basket escalated into a heated face-to-face argument at midcourt.

Toronto led 12-6 after the first three minutes, but Allen made four three-pointers as Boston responded with a 16-0 run, putting the Celtics up 10, 22-12. Allen made one more three-pointer before the quarter ended, giving Boston a 32-30 lead after one.

Allen made the only shot he took in the second, and Boston got 11 points from its bench to lead 54-41 at the half.