

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Melissa Gorenkoff '10

■ The forward scored four goals during the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament last week.

During the women's soccer team's Eastern College Athletic Conference semi-final match against Emmanuel College last Saturday, Melissa Gorenkoff '10 re-aggravated her ankle injury and missed the last 20 minutes of the game, after scoring two goals en route to the Judges' 3-0 victory.

One day later, Gorenkoff notched a goal and an assist against the University of New England to give Brandeis its second-straight ECAC Division III New England title.

"Once I took two Aleve, and once I play, I just forget about the pain," Gorenkoff said.

Gorenkoff was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. After scoring four goals in 19 regular-season games, she had four more in the three ECAC contests.

"It was just really exciting [to win MVP]," Gorenkoff said. "I'm just glad that we won, because we deserve it."

For the season, Gorenkoff led the Judges with 25 total points on eight goals and nine assists. She also had tied for the team lead in game-winning goals with two, one of which came against the University of New England.

Gorenkoff admitted she has shown a knack for scoring far away from the net throughout her high school and college career. This season, she blasted a shot from about 25 yards out during the team's Oct. 23 victory over Bowdoin College, and during an Oct. 4 loss to the University of Rochester, she notched the only Judges goal from about 35 yards away.



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"All my goals are from far away," Gorenkoff said. "I never really get the easy goal. It's always a far shot."

Despite her ECAC success, Gorenkoff still has a higher goal.

"I wish we made it to NCAAAs [this season], but there's always next year," she said.

—Melissa Siegel

## Judging numbers

**2** consecutive Eastern College Athletic Conference titles won by the women's soccer team. The No. 2 Judges defeated No. 4 University of New England last Sunday 3-1.

**1** goal allowed by women's soccer goalie Hillary Rosenzweig '10 during the 2008 ECAC tournament. The Judges shut out their opponents in the first two games of the tournament before surrendering a goal to the University of New England during the championship match.

**10** years since the men's cross country team has been to the NCAA tournament. The squad will be heading there on Saturday after finishing in fourth place at last Saturday's New England Division III championship tournament.

**12** teams that finished ahead of the women's cross country squad at the New England Division III championship tournament last Saturday. The Judges finished in 13th place at the tournament, up five places from their 2007 finish.

**5** members of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams to capture more than one individual event at last Thursday's meet against Babson College. The Judges combined for their second sweep of the season against the Beavers.

**19** events won by the men's and women's swimming and diving teams at last Thursday's meet against Babson College. The women's team captured 10 out of 13 events, while the men's squad took nine out of 13.

## UAA STANDINGS

### Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Emory	6	1	0	16	1	.941
Rochester	6	1	0	14	2	.875
Carnegie	5	2	0	15	3	.833
Washington	4	3	0	12	5	.706
Case	3	3	1	13	5	.722
Chicago	1	5	1	5	10	.333
New York	1	6	0	6	9	.400
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	5	2	8	9	.471

### Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Washington	6	1	0	15	3	.833
Emory	6	1	0	16	4	.800
Chicago	5	2	0	13	5	.722
<b>JUDGES</b>	3	3	1	13	7	.650
Rochester	3	4	0	11	6	.647
Carnegie	2	4	1	8	6	.571
New York	2	5	0	11	8	.579
Case	0	7	0	8	11	.421

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 led the Judges with 23 points during the regular season.

Player	Points
Ben Premo	23
Patrick Metelus	13
Alexander Farr	10
Jaime Batista	7
Mike Silberstein	6

### WSoccer (points)

Forward Melissa Gorenkoff '10 led the squad with 25 points in 2008.

Player	Points
Melissa Gorenkoff	25
Tiffany Pacheco	20
Kaitlin Oldfield	14
Izabella Miranda	12
Alanna Torre	10

### Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Paige Blasco '11 led the team with 339 kills in 2008.

Player	Kills
Paige Blasco	339
Lorraine Wingenbach	316
Piera Carfagno	242
Nicole Smith	226
Bridget McAllister	191

### Volleyball (digs)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 led the squad with 371 digs in 2008.

Player	Digs
Lorraine Wingenbach	371
Paige Blasco	308
Violette Ruggiero	300
Abby Blasco	265
Bridget McAllister	220

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### Men's Cross Country @ NCAA Tournament

Brandeis will compete in the NCAA tournament Saturday in Indiana.

The men's cross country team will compete in the National Championships in Hanover, Ind. after finishing fourth at the Division III New England Regional Championships last Saturday.

Brandeis entered last week's tournament ranked No. 31 in the nation and placed ahead of No. 13 Keene State University and No. 23 Massachusetts

Institute of Technology to qualify for the National Championships.

The Judges have not appeared in the NCAA tournament in 10 years and will join three other Division III schools from the New England Region at the championship tournament, including Williams College, Amherst College and Trinity College.

## AP BRIEFS

### Pierce, Allen pull through without Garnett

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Ray Allen wasn't so sure Boston would be able to pull it out in overtime.

The Celtics hadn't scored in nearly three minutes and were fading fast in their eighth game in 12 days.

But Paul Pierce hit a 3-pointer on a second chance, and he and Allen hit all six of their free throws, lifting Boston to a scrappy 102-97 overtime victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

"It was tough and go for a moment there because we couldn't score," said Allen, who spent the first 6 1/2 years of his career in Milwaukee and is ninth on the franchise's scoring list. "We couldn't get in a rhythm, but Paul got going and the free throw line saved us in overtime."

Did it ever.

Pierce scored 28 points, and Allen finished with 27, combining to hit 23 of 24 free throws.

Allen and Pierce were without the final member of the Big Three, Kevin Garnett, after he fouled out with one minute, 48 seconds left, but the pair managed to give the Celtics their sixth straight win over Milwaukee.

Bucks rookie Luc Richard Mbah a Moute, who finished with 14 points, hit two free throws to give Milwaukee a 95-93 lead, but Pierce answered with a 3-pointer off an offensive rebound by Garnett to put Boston up by one.

Garnett picked up his sixth foul moments later, and Dan Gadzuric, who replaced an ejected Andrew Bogut, dunked for Milwaukee's only field goal in overtime, giving the Bucks a 97-96 lead with 1:07 left.

After the teams failed to score on Pierce's missed layup and a turnover by the Bucks, Allen was fouled with 24 seconds left, hitting both free throws to make it 98-97.

Richard Jefferson, who had 14 points, then missed a jumper over Pierce, and Allen hit two more from the line.

Trailing 100-97 with 10 seconds left, the Bucks opted for a short jumper by Gadzuric that he missed instead of a 3-point attempt to tie. Pierce grabbed the rebound, his seventh to go along with six assists, and hit both foul shots to finish 14-of-15 from the line.

Milwaukee, already without leading scorer Michael Redd (right ankle) and Charlie Villanueva (hamstring strain), finished 1-for-11 in overtime after rallying from a 12-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

With the Celtics up 82-81, Pierce hit a jumper and Allen hit a layup for a 5-point lead, but the Bucks came back without Bogut, who hit a layup and went hard into Garnett.

Garnett appeared to make contact with Bogut's face with an open hand, but officials immediately stepped in, assessing a double technical as Bogut and Garnett continued glaring at each other with 3:58 left.

After officials conferred, the call stood and Bogut, who finished with 20 points, was ejected for his second technical after picking up one five minutes earlier in the quarter on a staredown with Leon Powe.

It appeared that Boston would pull away after that when Garnett hit a jumper, but Luke Ridnour answered with a three, and Mbah a Moute converted a three-point play, giving Milwaukee an 89-88 lead, the Bucks' first since the first quarter.

Pierce answered with five straight points to put Boston back ahead 93-89, but Milwaukee sent it to overtime on Jefferson's 15-foot jumper and Ridnour's driving layup with 1.4 seconds left.

### Red Bulls reach MLS Cup

SANDY, Utah (AP)—Dave van den Bergh scored in the 28th minute and the New York Red Bulls defeated Real Salt Lake 1-0 in Major League Soccer's Western Conference Finals on Saturday night to reach the MLS Cup for the first time in the club's history.

"I think we have to congratulate the guys and the post," New York coach Juan Carlos Osorio said. "I have been disappointed sometimes with our luck, but I think we got it today."

Real Salt Lake hit the post three times on the frustrating night for the team playing in front of a sellout crowd of 20,008 at Rio Tinto Stadium.

John Wolyniec sent a low cross in front of the goal, which was deflected from the goal by Real Salt Lake goalkeeper Nick Rimando. The attempted clearance went directly to van den Bergh, who scored in the empty net.

New York will take on the Columbus Crew, also playing for the MLS Cup for the first time, next Sunday at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

Real Salt Lake, which was also hoping to reach the MLS Cup for the first time in its short four-year history, nearly tied the game on several occasions in the second half.

Midfielder Javier Morales hit the post in stoppage time, just seconds before the official blew the final whistle.

Will Johnson's sliding shot also hit the post in the 81st minute and earlier in the 66th minute, Jamison Olave's shot sailed over the goal.

Morales also hit the post on a free kick in the 38th minute.

"Tonight it was just one of those nights with chance after chance," Real Salt Lake coach Jason Kreis said. "I don't know what else you can do. I drove myself to laughter on the bench. It was either that or cry."

New York, one of the original teams that started with MLS in 1996, also benefited from goalkeeper Danny Cepero's seven saves.

"This is great, but now we have a chance to really go for the biggest trophy in the United States," Osorio said.

The Red Bulls earned the No. 4 seed in the Western Conference via a wild-card spot and beat the No. 1 seed Houston Dynamo 4-1 during a two-game aggregate goal series to reach the conference finals against No. 3 seed Real Salt Lake.

"For us the most important thing is our mentality," Cepero said. "Everybody's equal in the playoffs, and in this league any team can beat any other team on any night."