

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

UAA SOCCER BRIEFS

WashU women get first win over Illinois Wesleyan since 2000 season

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THE STUDENT LIFE (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS)

It was not their best game of the season, but it was enough. Washington University in St. Louis' women's soccer team overcame a major mental hump Sunday, defeating Illinois Wesleyan University 1-0.

The last time the Bears defeated Illinois Wesleyan came in 2000, marking the team's first victory under head coach Wendy Dillinger.

"It feels good to win, though I would have liked to have won a little more convincingly," said Dillinger. "This will be good for us mentally in the future."

With the win, the Bears move to 8-0 on the season while Illinois Wesleyan falls to 4-3-1.

The first half of the game was quite slow, with lots of play going back and forth on the field. Only four shots were recorded the entire half.

"They came out in a formation we were not prepared for," said Dillinger. "We were able to make adjustments at halftime and play better in the second half."

The Bears' ultimate goal was finally realized in the 61st minute when sophomore Becca Heymann scored off of Fox's rebound for her fourth goal of the season.

"Last year, we dominated play and couldn't put the ball away," said Heymann. "We came out [today] with the attitude, 'Not this year.'"

The Bears take the field again Wednesday when they play Webster University at Francis Field. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

With two victories this week, NYU women off to best start in team history

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WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY)

Senior goalkeeper Katie Barnes recorded her fourth shutout of the season and freshman Jane Barrett kicked in her first collegiate goal, leading the New York University women's soccer team to a 2-0 win over the 3-5-0 Wilkes University (Pa.) yesterday and getting the Lady Violets off to their best start in team history.

"They have been excellent because they are connected, and it shows with our results," head coach Werner Dasbach said. "One of the things I wanted was being connected without the ball, and we're doing that. We're getting better every day."

NYU (8-0-1) owned a 7-1 edge on corner kicks and made one of them count in the 23rd minute. Sophomore Lucy Dolly Caires crossed into the box and Barrett nudged into the net.

In the 41st minute, NYU went two up after freshman Emily Jenkinson finished a pass from freshman Britta Gauthier.

On Friday, NYU defeated the winless Manhattanville College 3-0 at Pier 40. Manhattanville put up a valiant effort against the Lady Violets, but allowed NYU to strike in the second half. In the first half, the Violets outshot the Valiants (20-3) and had a tremendous advantage in corner kicks (10-0) but were unable to cash in.

In the second half, NYU struck quickly when freshman Rebecca Assing headed a corner kick off Caires' foot into an open net in the 53rd minute for her third tally of the season. Just 65 seconds later, junior Sarah Pillemer collected a long ball off a set piece lofted by Jenkinson and blasted a shot into the twine from five yards out.

Pillemer also scored the third goal of the game in the 80th minute after taking a feed from junior Rebecca Houston and rocketing a blast into the top right corner of the net from 25 yards away.

NYU will take five days off before opening its University Athletic Association schedule Saturday, Sept. 29, by hosting Case Western Reserve University. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. at Manhattan College in Riverdale, N.Y.

AREA DIVISION III BRIEF

First-year coach leads Amherst men's soccer to top of NESCAC standings

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TUFTS DAILY (TUFTS UNIVERSITY)

With its 2-0 win over Tufts Saturday, the Amherst men's soccer team continued its dominating start to the season, improving to 3-0 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. The victory gave the Lord Jeffs, nationally ranked at No. 11, their third-straight shutout and their fifth victory of the season.

"Amherst is very solid in the back," said Bear Duker, a Tufts sophomore midfielder whose brother Jake plays for Amherst. "And actually, they're solid all over the field. I know some of those guys, and they're big, strong and smart."

The Jeffs' success has come under the stewardship of first-year coach Justin Serpone, who came to Amherst last spring after a season as an assistant coach at Duke in which the Blue Devils won the 2006 Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

Serpone had big shoes to fill, replacing the father-son combination of Peter and Milton Gooding, who had coached the team together from 1997 to 2006. Together, the duo racked up 106 wins and led the program to the Final Four.

Peter, the elder of the pair, retired after a 32-year career that saw 231 wins, while Milton left Amherst to accept the head coaching job at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

One thing that the Gooding duo never managed to accomplish, however, was a NESCAC championship. Last season, after surviving a scare from the seventh-seeded Jumbos in the first round, second-ranked Amherst fell in round two to No. 5 Middlebury College.

Under Serpone, the team has established itself as a serious contender for a conference title this year, thanks in large part to an experienced lineup that returned eight starters in 2007.

The most notable returnee is Jake Duker, who led the team in scoring in 2006. Duker notched his team-best third goal in the second half of Saturday's game. Amherst's defense has also been strong, limiting Tufts to one shot on goal in the second half on Saturday.

"Our defense has been so solid," Serpone said. "We really emphasize that if we're organized and we compete, it's difficult to score goals. We haven't let up a goal in 300 minutes."

Melissa Gorenkoff '10

■ The sophomore forward exploded for two goals in each of the women's soccer team's two games this week.

In her first two starts since returning from a right groin injury, forward Melissa Gorenkoff '10 scored four goals to lead the women's soccer team to 3-0 and 3-1 victories over Wellesley College and Gordon College this week.

"I was really excited to play because I had been out with my groin injury," she said. "I realized how bad it made me miss playing, so I was so excited when I got back on the field."

Gorenkoff missed the team's Sept. 12 win over Bridgewater State College and came off the bench in a 1-1 draw against Clark University, but scored two goals within the first 31 minutes against Wellesley College Tuesday.

She wasn't shy about shooting, attempting nine shots in the game.

"I never get nervous, ever," Gorenkoff said.

Gorenkoff started at midfield last year, but has shifted to forward this season and currently leads the team with five goals and 13 points.

Gorenkoff has effectively replaced departed forward Lisa Kaplan '07, who led the team with eight goals and 18 points last season.

"I feel more comfortable on the field [this year]," Gorenkoff said. "I didn't play forward last year, but I like it."

Gorenkoff said she expects this injury to be her last of the season.

"I never get injured," she said. "I think it was just from the first game. I took a lot of shots with my right foot only, so I guess [the groin] just [got] pulled."

With a six-day break between last Thursday's game at Gordon College and Wednesday's game against Smith College, Gorenkoff expects the team will be even stronger next week.

"I think that's going to be great for us to rest our muscles, because I know when I rested mine it made me play better," she said. "I like breaks. They make me play better."

—Julie Ganz



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UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's Soccer vs. Rochester at HOME

The Judges open their conference slate against Rochester Saturday at 5 p.m.

The men's soccer team has scored just one goal against the University of Rochester since the 2003 season. They hope to change that and pick up a victory when they square off against the Yellow Jackets at Gordon Field Saturday.

The game is the conference opener for both teams.

The Yellow Jackets defeated the Judges 7-1 in 2005, the last time these two teams played at Gordon Field. Rochester won last season's contest 3-0.

The Judges are looking to rebound from a disappointing 1-0 overtime loss to Wheaton College last Wednesday.

Judging numbers

10 consecutive years without a victory over Wheaton College for the men's soccer team. The Judges fell 1-0 on an overtime goal by Wheaton rookie Kyle Sye, extending a 12-game winless streak dating back to the 1997 season. The Judges tied Wheaton 2-2 in last season's contest.

12 fewer shots surrendered by the women's soccer team in its last three games compared to its first three regulation games (see story, p. 13). The revamped Judges defense allowed 26 shots on goal in the last three games compared to 38 in the first three.

132 assists for rookie setter Abby Blasco '11 during the volleyball team's four games at the Amherst College Classic this weekend. Forty-three of those came in the team's 3-0 victory over Westfield State College.

1 combined game lost by rookies Simon Miller '11 and Stephen Nieman '11 during their singles matches against Bentley College Tuesday. Miller defeated Michael Dolan 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, and Neimen defeated Eddie Sepulveda 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles in the Judges' 9-0 victory.

2 non-rookies that finished their races at the men's cross-country team's Connecticut College Invitational Saturday. Matt Jennings '09 and Raymond Chen '10 raced in the event, but mainstays such as Tim Condon '08, Mike Stone '09 and Dan Suher '08 were held out, and John Guilinger '08 pulled out with less than a mile to go with a bad blister on his foot.

TEAM LEADERS

MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 and midfielder Corey Bradley '10 lead the team with five points each.

Player	Pts.
Ben Premo	5
Corey Bradley	5
Alex Mithoefer	3
Evan Duval	3
Mike Silberstein	2

WSoccer (points)

With four goals this week, Melissa Gorenkoff '10 passed Sarah Jasak '08 for the team lead in points.

Player	Pts.
Melissa Gorenkoff	13
Sarah Jasak	10
Tiffany Pacheco	8
Sofia Vallone	4
Kelly Cozzens	4

Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 continues to lead the Judges' offensive attack.

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	158
Piera Carfagno	91
Bridget McAllister	57
Elizabeth Villalino	53
Abby Blasco	43

Volleyball (digs)

Setter Abby Blasco '11 with 100 digs, is one of three Judges with more than 85 digs this season.

Player	Digs
Abby Blasco	100
Violette Ruggiero	94
Lorraine Wingenbach	87
Shannon Trees	62
Ashley Powers	61

UAA STANDINGS

Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference					Overall
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pct.	
Washington	0	0	8	0	0	1.000
Emory	0	0	8	0	0	1.000
New York	0	0	8	0	1	.944
Chicago	0	0	5	1	1	.786
JUDGES	0	0	5	1	1	.786
Case	0	0	5	3	0	.625
Carnegie Mellon	0	0	4	3	0	.571
Rochester	0	0	3	3	0	.500

Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference					Overall
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pct.	
Emory	0	0	9	0	0	1.000
Case	0	0	7	0	0	1.000
Carnegie Mellon	0	0	5	0	0	1.000
New York	0	0	6	1	1	.813
Washington	0	0	6	2	0	.750
Chicago	0	0	6	2	0	.750
Rochester	0	0	5	2	1	.688
JUDGES	0	0	2	2	2	.500