

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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## VARSITY SPORTS

### Key mental lapses relegate golf team to a tie for fourth place

Alex Botwick '08 was cruising through his second round at the Bowdoin Invitational Sunday, but that was before he reached the par-three fifth hole.

Botwick's triple-bogey on the hole, his 14th of the day after starting his round on the back-nine, turned a potentially spectacular round into merely a good one. Such lapses characterized an otherwise solid tournament for the Judges, who finished tied for fourth place out of 12 teams with an aggregate score of 645.

"We did pretty well," coach Bill Shipman said. "We just need to avoid the big mistakes. "Everyone seemed to have one of those in their round."

Brandeis tied with Bates College and finished behind Husson College, St. Anselm College and Tufts University, which finished first, second and third, respectively.

Botwick paced the Judges in the tournament, finishing with a 79 Sunday after shooting 78 Saturday for a two-day score of 157. He began his round Sunday in dramatic fashion, chipping in his third shot on the par-four 10th hole from over 40 feet away.

"It was a good way to start the day," Botwick said. "You hit good chips all the time, but it's kind of lucky if they go in, so it was a good start."

He continued to play well through the back nine, and was poised to finish strong after surviving the fourth hole, which had given the Judges trouble all tournament, before he triple-bogeyed the fifth.

Shipman said he was impressed by the play of rookie Charles Sacks '11, who shot a team-high 76 Saturday before struggling to an 83 Sunday to finish with a score of 159. Despite his performance, Sacks said he would have liked to play better.

"Off the tee, I was the best," Sacks said. "Everything else was kind of mediocre."

Alex Podell '08, Jeff Stein '08 and Ralph Harary '09 rounded out the Judges' lineup. Podell shot an 81 Saturday and an 84 Sunday to finish with a score of 165, and Stein was one shot behind him at 166, rebounding to shoot 78 Sunday after an 88 Saturday. Harary struggled to a 91 Saturday before rallying to shoot an 82 and finish with a score of 173.

The Judges next play at the Duke Nelson Invitational Saturday and Sunday at noon.

—Mike Prada

### Women's Tennis begins its season by sweeping Simmons College

The women's tennis team opened its season this weekend with a dominating performance against Simmons College, sweeping the Sharks 9-0 Saturday.

Brandeis overwhelmed Simmons in a majority of their matches, winning five of the six singles contests in straight sets. No Simmons player won more than two games in any set. Captain Colleen Donnelly '08 won the other match at No. 1 singles, battling back to defeat senior Alex Yudelevich 4-6, 6-1, 10-5.

"Colleen has been on the top of our lineup all four years she's been here," coach Ben Lamanna said. "She and the other seniors will prove to be more valuable as we get into more tight and important matches this fall."

Donnelly was also successful in her doubles match, teaming with rookie Rachel Rosman '11 to defeat Yudelevich and senior Kendra Currier, 8-3. Rosman stood out in her singles match as well, blanking Currier in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

"Rachel had a very solid debut," Lamanna said. "She and Colleen are both very good doubles players, both still have a long way to go in terms of taking it to the next level, but in singles she was very composed and is used to the struggle of long matches."

The additions of Rosman and fellow rookie Mackenzie Gallegos '11, who played at No. 5 singles Saturday, improve the Judges' depth. Lamanna said their presence will help the team spread out its talent through the lineup, evidenced by Ana Katz '08 playing No. 6 singles Friday after spending last season rotating between the No. 1 and No. 2 slots.

"Any time we have [Katz] playing No. 6 like she did in the match the other day, that's a very deep lineup," Lamanna said. "She's someone who has played number one in the past for us last fall and is a player who can move up in the lineup, so it shows how much depth we really have."

Brandeis will try to keep its momentum alive in its next game against Bentley College Sept. 18 at 3 p.m.

—Ian Cutler

## AP BRIEF

### Moss leads Patriots to 38-14 rout of Jets in season-opening game

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—Randy Moss caught a long pass and stepped into the end zone, flashing the dominant playmaking ability that made him one of NFL's most feared wide receivers.

Moss caught nine passes from Tom Brady for 183 yards and a touchdown in his New England debut, leading the Patriots to a 38-14 victory over the New York Jets Sunday. Ellis Hobbs also set an NFL record by taking the second-half kickoff 108 yards for a score.

"I was nervous before the game," Moss said. "I didn't know how much I was going to play or what might happen. I settled down after the first catch and the first hit."

Moss, acquired from Oakland in a draft-day deal, missed most of training camp with a hamstring injury and it was unclear how much of an impact he would have with his new team, or if he'd even play against the Jets.

Brady, who faced little pressure from the Jets, was 22-of-28 for 297 yards and three touchdowns, including a five-yarder to Benjamin Watson that was set up by catches of 22 and 33 yards by Moss.

Laveranues Coles had two touchdown catches for the Jets, who had a scare in the third quarter when quarterback Chad Pennington hobbled to the sideline with a lower right leg injury.

## Piera Carfagno '10

■ The star middle blocker led the volleyball team to a 4-0 record at this weekend's Brandeis Invitational.

Piera Carfagno '10 may have won her second consecutive Brandeis Invitational Most Valuable Player award this weekend, but if it were up to her, she wouldn't have won either time.

"I was definitely a bit surprised [I won both times]," she said. "There were definitely many other people that could have qualified for [the award]."

Carfagno instead let her play do the talking. The middle blocker notched 46 kills over the course of the tournament, and her .529 hitting percentage was instrumental in the Judges' 3-0 victory over Smith College in the championship game Saturday.

The MVP award was just the latest honor for Carfagno. In addition to winning the two MVPs, she also earned a spot on the all-University Athletic Association team.

Carfagno began her career as an outside hitter, a more defensive position, but her club team coach moved her to middle blocker midway through her

high school career in an attempt to take advantage of her height. Carfagno adjusted easily, and has been at that position ever since.

"I had an easier time playing middle blocker, probably because I hadn't been playing outside for very long," she said. "I hadn't developed the muscle memory for [playing outside], so it wasn't that hard of a transition."

After completing her high school career, Carfagno chose to attend Brandeis, citing team camaraderie as a key reason. The squad remains very close, and Carfagno said she finds playing with her teammates to be the most enjoyable part of her college experience.

"With these girls on this team, you can step onto the court, and the things that happen off the court stay off the court," she said.

"You can just play ball and have fun."

—Mike Prada



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## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### XCcountry v. Umass-Dartmouth Invitational

The Judges compete at the Umass-Dartmouth Invitational Saturday at 10 a.m.

After falling just short of reaching the NCAA Championships last season, the men's cross country team will race their entire squad for the first time at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Invitational Saturday.

The Judges finished sixth out of 45 teams at last season's NCAA

Regional Championships and begin the season ranked 31st in the season-opening Division III cross country rankings thanks to a crop of talented newcomers, such as Paul Norton '11.

The women's team also will compete at the same event after narrowly losing 27-28 in its season opener against Bentley College Aug. 30.

—Mike Prada

## Judging numbers

**.529** hitting percentage for middle blocker Piera Carfagno '10 in the volleyball team's 3-0 victory over Smith College Saturday. The victory gave the Judges the tournament title, and Carfagno won the most valuable player award for her efforts over the weekend.

**90** seconds left in regulation when Springfield College scored the game-winning goal in the women's soccer team's 2-1 loss Saturday. The Judges had tied the game at one in the 65th minute on forward Tiffany Pacheco's '11 rebound goal.

**6** shots on goal for forward Ben Premo '09 in the men's soccer team's 1-1 draw against Clark University Saturday. Premo converted one of those shots, scoring his second goal of the season and 27th of his career in the 25th minute of the game.

**0** games lost by rookie Rachel Rosman '11 in her No. 2 singles match during the women's tennis team's 9-0 victory over Simmons College Saturday. Rosman defeated Simmons senior Kendra Currier 6-0, 6-0, and the Judges dropped just one set as a team in the victory.

**76** strokes for rookie Charles Sacks '11 in his first round at the Bowdoin Invitational Saturday, the best score on the team. Sacks' score sunk to 83 on the second day Sunday, but the Judges still managed to finish in a tie for fourth place with Bates College at the tournament.

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Ben Premo '09 leads the team with five points after scoring his second goal of the season Saturday.

Player	Pts.
Ben Premo	5
Alex Mithoefer	3
Corey Bradley	3
Mike Silberstein	2
Tyler Morrill	2

### WSoccer (points)

Sarah Jasak '08 has two goals and three assists to pace the team with seven points.

Player	Pts.
Sarah Jasak	7
Tiffany Pacheco	5
Melissa Gorenkoff	5
Tzili Castel	2
Kelly Cozzens	2

### Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 leads the Judges' offense with a team-high 61 kills.

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	61
Piera Carfagno	47
Bridget McAllister	28
Elizabeth Villalino	26
Nicole Smith	22

### Volleyball (digs)

Captain and libero Shannon Trees '08 paces the team in digs, with setter Abby Blasco '11 close behind.

Player	Digs
Shannon Trees	42
Abby Blasco	38
Lorraine Wingenbach	27
Ashley Powers	25
Elizabeth Villalino	23

## UAA STANDINGS

### Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
New York	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
Chicago	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
Rochester	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
Washington	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
Emory	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	0	2	1	0	.667
Carnegie Mellon	0	0	2	2	0	.500
Case	0	0	1	2	0	.333

### Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Case	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
Emory	0	0	3	0	0	1.000
Carnegie Mellon	0	0	4	0	0	1.000
New York	0	0	3	1	0	.750
Washington	0	0	3	1	0	.750
Chicago	0	0	3	1	0	.750
Rochester	0	0	2	1	1	.667
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	0	1	1	2	.500