

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Rachel Rosman '11

■ The rookie added a third-place finish in the Middlebury College doubles tournament to her list of accomplishments.

With five of the top six players on the women's tennis team returning from last season, it didn't seem like there was much room for Rachel Rosman '11 to crack the lineup.

Not only has Rosman entered the starting lineup, but she has risen all the way to the top. She sports a 6-2 record at No. 2 singles and a 6-3 mark at No. 1 doubles this season, and added to her early accomplishments by combining with Colleen Donnelly '08 to finish third place at last weekend's Middlebury College doubles tournament.

"Everything's just been going really well with the way I've been playing," Rosman said.

Rosman's high school career parallels men's star rookie Simon Miller '11. Both achieved high rankings in their home state of Florida, and both received inquiries from Division I schools before deciding on Brandeis.

Unlike Miller, who nearly attended the University of Connecticut, Rosman decided

on Brandeis early in the process. She received e-mails from the University of Wisconsin and from the University of Tennessee, but never pursued those options.

"I just fell in love with [Brandeis]," Rosman said. "I thought it was really pretty, and I loved the way the team was balanced with the school."

Rosman said she doesn't know how seriously Wisconsin and Tennessee considered her, but she was so set on attending Brandeis that it didn't matter. She also said that the presence of coach Ben Lamanna reinforced her decision.

"Some coaches just expect you to go to school to just play tennis, but right away, [Lamanna] said that I was also here for school," Rosman said.

Though she already has become one of the team's top players, Rosman's goals remain modest.

"I just want to keep playing good tennis," she said.

—Mike Prada

UAA BRIEF

WashU men's soccer defeats Carnegie Mellon 3-2 in conference opener

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THE STUDENT LIFE (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS)

ST. LOUIS—While the rest of campus was taking in the sounds of Lupe Fiasco and the Sugarhill Gang at the biannual all-campus concert, the Washington University in St. Louis men's soccer team was busy defeating Carnegie Mellon University in its conference opener just across campus on Francis Field.

All of the game's five total goals (WashU won the contest 3-2) were scored in the second half of play, as the bulk of the concert roared on mere minutes from the mostly empty stands of Francis.

The 3-2 thriller marked the first time since 2001 that the Bears have won their University Athletic Association opener and served yet another stepping stone accomplishment for the highly ambitious 2007 club.

After a scoreless first half in which neither team could find the back of the net, the Tartans finally found pay dirt.

Carnegie Mellon junior midfielder Daniel Brackley ripped an unassisted shot to the near side of the net from 20 yards out in the game's 64th minute to give the guests a 1-0 lead.

WashU promptly scored three goals over a six-minute stretch late in the second half to put away the feisty visitors.

Rookie Nick Wilbar took a shot on a tight angle and scored on an empty net in the contest's 71st minute. It was his first-ever tally at the collegiate level.

Less than two minutes later, sophomore Nat Zenner took a pass from older brother Elie and was fouled. He took his own penalty kick, which resulted in his first goal of the season.

Moments after delivering the clutch penalty kick, Zenner scored his second goal of the year on a 55-yard chip shot that was misplayed by Tartan junior goalie Matthew Bazin.

AP BRIEFS

Mets miss playoffs after leading NL East by seven games with 17 to play

NEW YORK—The collapse is complete.

After blowing a big September lead in the NL East, the New York Mets missed the playoffs Sunday when Tom Glavine was tagged for seven runs during the first inning of an 8-1 loss to the Florida Marlins in the regular-season finale.

New York's loss, coupled with Philadelphia's 6-1 win over Washington, gave the division title to the Phillies and sent the stunned Mets home for the winter wondering how they squandered a seven-game cushion over the final 18 days of an excruciating season.

Now, David Wright, Carlos Beltran, Pedro Martinez and the rest of this talented team will forever be remembered alongside the 1964 Phillies and other famous failures for skidding to one of baseball's most monumental collapses.

No major league team had owned a lead of seven games or more with 17 to play, or been up by at least seven Sept. 12 or later, and failed to finish in first place.

New York's meltdown also matched the blown largest in September. The 1938 Pittsburgh Pirates (Sept. 1) and 1934 New York Giants (Sept. 6) also led by seven games in the final month only to tailspin.

The Mets topped the NL East by seven games after play on Sept. 12 and appeared a lock to wrap up consecutive division titles for the first time in franchise history. Then, everything fell apart.

Doomed by inadequate starting pitching and a leaky bullpen that looked exhausted down the stretch, New York lost 12 of its last 17 games, committing 21 errors in the process.

Luis Castillo struck out to end New York's latest lackluster defeat against a second-division club, prompting perhaps the final round of boos at Shea Stadium this year.

Moments later, the final score in Philadelphia was posted on the out-of-town scoreboard, and Mets fans filed for the exits, quietly muttering to themselves.

Despite victory, USC loses top spot in AP Top 25 poll to Louisiana State

NEW YORK—Louisiana State University reached No. 1 the hard way.

The Tigers edged past the University of Southern California in the AP Top 25 Sunday, even though the Trojans remained undefeated.

On a wild day in college football, when half the top 10 lost, USC avoided the upset bug that struck Oklahoma, Florida, Texas and Rutgers. But a sloppy 27-24 victory at Washington Saturday night cost the Trojans the No. 1 ranking they've held all season.

USC is the first team to lose the No. 1 ranking after a victory since Nov. 3, 2002, when top-ranked Miami dropped after beating Rutgers 42-17.

LSU, which recovered from its own first-half malaise to beat Tulane 34-9 Saturday, received 33 first-place votes from the media panel and 1,593 points. USC got 32 first-place votes, 11 fewer than last week, and 1,591 points.

The voting was the closest since the second poll of the 2002 season, when Miami and Oklahoma tied for No. 1, and each received 27 first-place votes.

The rest of the rankings released Sunday bore little resemblance to any of the previous polls.

California moved up three spots to No. 3, Ohio State jumped four places to No. 4 and Wisconsin moved up five spots to No. 5.

South Florida, which knocked off No. 5 West Virginia 21-13 Thursday night, made it into the poll for the first time two weeks ago. Now the Bulls are No. 6 in the country and West Virginia dropped eight spots to 13th.

No. 7 Boston College is in the top 10 for the first time since 1992. No. 8 Kentucky has a top-10 ranking for the first time since 1977.

No. 9 Florida, which lost 20-17 on a last-second field goal to Auburn, fell five spots. Oklahoma, which lost to Colorado on a field goal as time expired, dropped seven spots to No. 10.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, USC held on to No. 1, with LSU, Cal, Ohio State and Wisconsin in the top five.

The other two top-10 teams to lose this weekend took the largest tumbles in the new rankings.

Texas dropped 12 spots to No. 19 after it was handed its worst home loss of the Mack Brown era, 41-21 at home to Kansas State. The Wildcats entered the rankings for the first time since 2004 at No. 24.

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Golf at ECAC New England Championships

The Judges compete at the ECAC championships Saturday at 10 a.m.

The golf team reaches the climax of its fall season, as it will compete in the East Coast Athletic Conference New England Championships in Chicopee, Mass. Saturday.

The Judges are coming off a fourth-place finish out of four teams at the Nichols College Quad meet Sept. 20, but were just six strokes behind sec-

ond-place Tufts University. Ralph Harary '09 led the way with a round of 75, the best score for the Judges thus far this season.

Brandeis finished in ninth place out of 18 teams at last season's ECAC tournament. Dan Shani's '08 eight-over-par 79 was the team's only round better than 80 in the tournament.

TEAM LEADERS

MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 leads the team with two goals and two assists for six points this season.

Player	Pts.
Ben Premo	6
Corey Bradley	5
Alex Mithoefer	5
Evan Duval	3
Five tied with	2

WSoccer (points)

Melissa Gorenkoff '10 and Sarah Jasak '08 are the top two point scorers for the Judges this year.

Player	Pts.
Melissa Gorenkoff	13
Sarah Jasak	12
Tiffany Pacheco	8
Sofia Vallone	5
Two tied with	4

Volleyball (kills)

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

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	220
Piera Carfagno	117
Elizabeth Villalino	93
Bridget McAllister	73
Two tied with	53

Volleyball (digs)

Setter Abby Blasco '11, with 154 digs, is one of five Judges with 80 or more digs this season.

Player	Digs
Abby Blasco	154
Violette Ruggiero	139
Lorraine Wingenbach	116
Ashley Powers	90
Shannon Trees	80

Judging numbers

0 home victories for the men's soccer team this season following Saturday's 2-1 overtime loss to the University of Rochester. Saturday's loss dropped the Judges to 0-2-1 at Gordon Field this season. They previously lost to Wheaton College 1-0 in overtime Sept. 19 and tied Endicott College 1-1 Sept. 1.

5 games out of eight, that have been decided in overtime this season for the men's soccer team. The Judges are 1-2-2 in those games this season, including a 3-2 victory against Bridgewater State College Wednesday and a 2-1 loss to the University of Rochester Saturday.

9-point lead surrendered by the volleyball team in the third game of its loss to New York University Sunday. The Judges had won the first two games and held a 21-12 lead in the third game, but couldn't keep the lead and ended up losing the game 33-31 and the match 3-2.

8 games played by the women's soccer team before being shut out this season. Despite 11 shot attempts, including four on goal, the Judges' streak was snapped Saturday, as they fell 2-0 to the University of Rochester in their first University Athletic Association game.

13 doubles parings that finished behind the women's tennis team's duo of Colleen Donnelly '08 and Rachel Rosman '11 at the Middlebury College doubles Invitational this weekend. Rosman and Donnelly finished in third place at the event. They advanced from their group after the pool winner withdrew, and eventually lost in the semifinals.

UAA STANDINGS

Women's Soccer

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Washington	1	0	0	10	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1	9	0	.950
Rochester	1	0	0	5	3	.625
Emory	0	0	1	8	0	.944
Chicago	0	0	1	5	2	.667
JUDGES	0	1	0	6	2	.722
Case	0	1	0	6	4	.600
Carnegie Mellon	0	1	0	5	4	.556

Men's Soccer

	UAA Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Emory	1	0	11	0	0	1.000
New York	1	0	8	1	0	.850
Washington	1	0	7	2	0	.778
Rochester	1	0	6	2	1	.722
Case	0	1	8	1	0	.889
Carnegie Mellon	0	1	6	1	0	.785
Chicago	0	1	6	3	0	.667
JUDGES	0	1	4	3	2	.556