

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SARA BRANDENBURG/The Justice

## Tzliil Castel '08

■ The senior forward scored the game-winning goal in the 85th minute of Sunday's 2-1 victory over Carnegie Mellon University.

Despite not scoring even one goal during the 2006 season, Tzliil Castel '08 has emerged as a top offensive thread this year, as she has a team-high seven goals with just one game remaining in the regular season.

The starting forward tallied two goals during this weekend's two-game University Athletic Association road trip, including the game-winner in the 86th minute Sunday at Carnegie Mellon University.

"I think the team as a whole was just really happy to see that ball go in the back of the net," Castel said.

Castel also notched a staggering hat trick in a 4-3 loss to Tufts University Oct. 3, scoring her three goals in one seven-minute stretch in the first half.

After joining the women's soccer team as a first-year in 2004, Castel took a break during her sophomore year to focus on her schoolwork. She returned last year primarily as a bench player, but this year, she asserted herself in her role as a

starter.

"I didn't know coming into this year I'd be a starter at all, but I'm just glad to be given the opportunity," she said. "I'm just really happy to be helping the team out this much."

Now, less than a week away from her last regular-season game, Castel asserted why she loves the sport so much.

"The whole idea of working as a team and accomplishing something such as a win, especially an important win like this weekend, you get the feeling—it's kind of like a natural high."

She hopes to be able to continue to experience this high for at least one more game in her tropy-turvy Brandeis career when the Judges close their regular season against New York University Saturday.

"I hope I can score a bunch [of goals] early to secure the win, or somebody else scores a bunch early to secure the win, but I'll take anything at this point," she said. "I just want to win."

—Julie Ganz

# AREA SPORTS BRIEFS

## Red Sox win second World Series in four years by sweeping away Rockies

It was hardly a repeat, in spirit, of their title in 2004, when the Boston Red Sox ended their 86-year championship drought by defeating the St. Louis Cardinals. But while Boston is now seen as a major league bully, playing before crowds who demand success on par with the New York Yankees, this World Series still was sweet.

The Red Sox left little room for drama in sweeping the Colorado Rockies in the World Series, as Jon Lester, Mike Lowell and company left little room for drama with a 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4.

Gone are the days when Red Sox fans were practically begging to win the title. They've got this down now.

At this rate, New England-area fans might get spoiled. The NFL's New England Patriots have dominated opponents in a 8-0 start, while Boston College is currently one of three remaining undefeated teams in college football. The Boston Celtics, meanwhile, have high hopes after acquiring perennial all-stars Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen in the offseason.

After trailing the Cleveland Indians 3-1 in the American League Championship Series, the Red Sox won seven straight games to clinch their seventh World Series crown.

The Rockies' remarkable run, which included 21 victories in their last 22 games prior to the start of the World Series 22, was a mere afterthought by the end of the series. Brad Hawpe homered in the seventh inning Sunday and Garrett Atkins hit a two-run shot in the eighth, but they all came too late. The Rockies' last chance came in the ninth, when Jamey Carroll flied out to deep center field for the second out of the inning. Papelbon then struck out pinch-hitter Seth Smith to clinch the victory.

Lowell won the MVP award, though Boston had plenty of candidates, including starting pitcher Josh Beckett, closer Jonathan Papelbon, Japanese pitchers Daisuke Matsuzaka, the Game 3 winner, and Hideki Okajima, and rookie sensation Jacoby Ellsbury.

The Rockies crowd hollered louder Sunday, but that's the only matchup Colorado won this week. In every other phase, Boston was in control.

Beckett dominated in Game 1, relievers Papelbon and Okajima closed out Game 2, and rookies Dustin Pedroia, Ellsbury and Matsuzaka starred in Game 3.

When the Red Sox won in 2004, it represented a catharsis for fans all over New England. Many had wondered whether they'd live to see a championship.

Now, the Red Sox have found a way to turn the World Series into a routine affair, much different from the way they overcame a 3-0 hole against the Yankees in the 2004 American League Championship Series.

Though Curt Schilling and Lowell can become free agents, the Red Sox enjoy a bright future. They didn't even have room on the postseason roster for Clay Buchholz, a rookie sensation who pitched a no-hitter last month.

—Compiled by Mike Prada from wire reports

## Comeback propels No. 2 Boston College to 14-10 win over No. 8 Virginia Tech

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THE HEIGHTS (BOSTON COLLEGE)

One day, maybe 30 years from now, Jeff Jagodzinski will dust off the old DVD player to take a look at his eighth victory as head coach at Boston College.

He'll fast forward to when there was six minutes and one second remaining in the fourth quarter.

He'll remember that quarterback Matt Ryan had been rattled by all day by the opposing defense, hurried countless times, sacked three times, and intercepted twice.

He'll know that through three and a half quarters, Virginia Tech's playmaking defense had stopped BC dead in its tracks.

All before a miracle happened in Blacksburg.

That miracle—a defensive stop and two touchdown drives wedged around an onsidies kick recovery—allowed No. 2 BC to escape with an improbable 14-10 victory over the Hokies.

"I mentioned to the kids at halftime, right before we went out, I said, 'Don't you dare look up,'" Jagodzinski said. "It don't matter what the score is, you play till the last play of the game and we'll be successful. And the kids did it."

Seven plays, 66 yards, and a 24-yard touchdown pass across the field to Andre Callender sent a hushed silence through a Lane Stadium crowd that had been every bit as loud as advertised. The pass gave the Eagles their first lead of the game with 11 seconds to play in the game.

In this movie script ending, the "all is lost" moment came when Ryan threw his second interception of the night at 6:04 of the fourth quarter with BC trailing 10-0.

The Hokies had the ball on the Eagles' 31-yard line and were poised to run out the clock. But two short runs and a Sean Glennon incomplete pass forced the Hokies to punt.

Still, even when Ryan and the BC offense took over on their own six yard line with 4:16 to play, it appeared a near certainty that this BC team, and its impressive offense, would improbably be held scoreless for the first time since their 17-0 loss in 1998 to Virginia Tech.

Consider that BC had amassed 159 yards of total offense until that moment. Over the next 4:16, Ryan and the offense would nearly double that total.

For the first time all night, the senior quarterback found some rhythm in the passing game. Two long completions to Brandon Robinson brought BC back into Hokies territory again.

After an incomplete pass, Ryan kept the chains moving again, first with a 20-yard pass over the middle to Ryan Purvis and then with an 11-yard run that put BC in the Virginia Tech red zone for the second time.

On third down, Ryan hit Rich Gunnell with a 16-yard touchdown pass to make it 10-7 with 2:11 to play.

"There wasn't one bit of panic—nothing—with those kids, especially that guy [Ryan]," Jagodzinski said.

Then came the crucible: an onsidies kick recovery by Tyrone Pruitt to put the Eagles back on offense on their own 34-yard line.

"The ball bounced off Josh Morgan's chest, and he needed to field the ball or if it was kicked hard enough, let it go through," Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer said.

Then it was Ryan's turn to keep the Eagles' dream season alive with what may be remembered as the season's most important drive.

"I told the kids that things like that will happen to them in special years—and I think that's one of those types of years here," Jagodzinski said.

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### Volleyball at UAA Championships

The Judges hope to continue their strong season Friday and Saturday.

At next weekend's University Athletic Association championships in Rochester, N.Y., the volleyball team will confront both its highest and lowest points of the season.

The Judges' highest moment came just over two weeks ago when they secured the third seed, behind top-10 powerhouses Washington University

in St. Louis and Emory University, at the second UAA round-robin Oct. 14.

The Judges' first-round opponent Friday is New York University, the team that caused the Judges' lowest point this season. Brandeis hopes to avenge its Sept. 30 3-2 loss to the Violets, a game in which the Judges held a 2-0 lead before collapsing.

## Judging numbers

2350

total miles traveled by the men's and women's

soccer teams this weekend. Both squads went to Atlanta to play Emory University last Friday before hopping on a plane to Pittsburgh to play Carnegie Mellon University last Sunday.

526

minutes since the men's soccer team's last goal in a University

Athletic Association game. Alex Mithoefer's '09 first-half goal against the University of Rochester Sept. 29 is the team's only score in a UAA game this season.

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goals in October for women's soccer forward Tzliil Castel '08. Castel scored two goals this week, including the game-winner in Sunday's 2-1 victory over Carnegie Mellon University, and is tied with Melissa Gorenkoff '10 for the team lead in goals with seven this year.

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consecutive Judges Classic Tournament Most Valuable Player awards for middle blocker Piera Carfagno '10.

The honor is the third consecutive one for Carfagno in home tournaments, as she also won the MVP award at the Brandeis Invitational Sept. 8.

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runners defeated by Mekonen Gendebo '11 at last Saturday's

Association University Athletic championships. Gendebo earned UAA Rookie of the Year and second-team all conference honors for his ninth-place finish, but the Judges still finished in just sixth place overall, a step down from last season, when they finished in a tie for second.

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Captain Evan Duval '08 has three goals and six assists to lead the Judges in scoring with 14 points.

Player	Pts.
Evan Duval	14
Alex Mithoefer	11
Corey Bradley	10
Ben Premo	9
Mike Silberstein	6

### WSoccer (points)

Sarah Jasak '08 and Melissa Gorenkoff '10 have 19 and 18 points, respectively, to lead the way.

Player	Pts.
Sarah Jasak	19
Melissa Gorenkoff	18
Tzliil Castel	15
Tiffany Pacheco	12
Sofia Vallone	6

### Volleyball (kills)

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

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	457
Piera Carfagno	271
Bridget McAllister	230
Elizabeth Villalino	217
Abby Blasco	115

### Volleyball (digs)

Libero Violette Ruggiero '09, with 418 digs, is one of five Judges with 180 or more digs this season.

Player	Digs
Violette Ruggiero	418
Abby Blasco	350
Lorraine Wingenbach	272
Ashley Powers	189
Shannon Trees	181

## UAA STANDINGS

### Women's Soccer

	UAA Conference					Overall				
	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct.			
Washington	5	1	0	15	2	0	.882			
Emory	3	1	2	14	1	2	.882			
Chicago	3	1	2	10	4	3	.676			
Rochester	3	2	1	10	5	2	.647			
Carnegie Mellon	3	2	1	8	5	2	.600			
<b>JUDGES</b>	2	3	1	9	6	2	.588			
New York	1	4	1	10	5	2	.647			
Case	0	6	0	6	11	0	.353			

### Men's Soccer

	UAA Conference					Overall				
	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct.			
Rochester	5	0	1	12	2	2	.813			
Emory	5	1	0	15	2	0	.882			
Washington	4	1	1	13	4	1	.750			
Case	3	3	0	12	4	1	.735			
New York	3	3	0	12	4	1	.735			
Chicago	1	4	1	6	9	1	.406			
Carnegie Mellon	0	4	2	9	4	2	.667			
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	5	1	8	8	3	.500			