

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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## Abby Blasco '11

■ The rookie setter nearly got a triple-double in the volleyball team's 3-0 victory over the University of New England Sunday.

Although the volleyball team hadn't yet defeated the University of New England Saturday, players were aware that setter Abby Blasco '11 was closing in on a rare triple-double.

Blasco said she remembers outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 reminding the team of that fact throughout the final game, but despite the needling, Blasco didn't remember adjusting her play.

In the end, Blasco fell two service aces short of the benchmark, settling for a final line of 35 assists, 11 digs and eight service aces in the Judges' 3-0 victory.

"[Wingenbach] was talking about it the whole time [in the third game]," Blasco said. "But it didn't really affect me, and I didn't feel the pressure. I would have liked to get it though."

But while she missed out on the triple-double, Blasco has starred as the team's starting setter. She has started all 19 matches this season, averaging 36 assists and nearly 10 digs per

match. "I like to control the court," Blasco said. "I'm not very vocal, so I like being able to control things in other ways, and setting is a good way to do that."

Blasco played setter on her high school team, but occupied a more defensive role while playing on her club team. Still, coach Michelle Kim wanted her to be the Judges' starting setter, and even moved last season's starter, Violette Ruggiero '09, to libero to accommodate Blasco. (See story, p. 14).

Blasco, a Colorado native, considered Vassar College, Tufts University and Connecticut College, but ultimately decided on Brandeis in part because of the Judges' East Coast Athletic Conference championship last season.

"Most of the other teams I looked at didn't have the best records," Blasco said. "I definitely wanted to go to a rising school that had a great ending last year."

—Mike Prada

# COLLEGE SPORTS BRIEFS

## No. 8 Emory women's soccer defeats No. 4 WashU 3-2 in overtime thriller

By TRISHA WOLF

THE STUDENT LIFE (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS)

The streak is over for Washington University in St. Louis women's soccer.

After going 13 months without losing a regular-season game, the No. 4 WashU women's soccer team fell to No. 8 Emory University 3-2 in double overtime Sunday in Atlanta.

"It was a head check," sophomore Becca Heymann said. "It did not have to happen, but it doesn't affect our future goals."

Emory started the game in a way that has eluded the Bears all season.

Junior forward Joyce Lam took a corner kick 20 seconds into the game and junior midfielder Alexa Wahr finished the play 25 seconds later. In the fifth minute, senior forward Jamie English scored Emory's second goal on a breakaway. Even though the game had barely begun, Emory already had a comfortable lead.

After that, the Bears picked up play. They were even able to overcome one of their biggest weaknesses when Heymann found the net in the 43rd minute.

Early in the second half, sophomore Libby Held took a free kick from the midfield area. Classmate Elyse Hanly headed the ball. An Emory defender jumped up to knock the ball away. Instead, it skimmed over the top of her head, causing senior goalie Emily Fedeles to misjudge it, tying the score at two all in the 52nd minute.

"We had lots of opportunities and more talent," Heymann said. "It was our first real test. We need to play the way we know we can."

In the first overtime, WashU had another golden opportunity to win the game. Sophomore Caryn Rosoff got off a great shot, but Fedeles made a solid save.

Emory finally scored the game winner in the second overtime. In the 105th minute, English scored another goal on another breakaway, ending the lengthy game.

## Lowly Stanford goes into Los Angeles and stuns No. 2 Southern California

By CHRISTOPHER P. ANDERSON

THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD UNIVERSITY)

No one could have seen this coming. In what some are calling the biggest upset in the history of college football, 41-point underdog Stanford toppled second-ranked Southern California Saturday night, going into the hostile Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to shock one of the nation's most storied programs, 24-23.

Redshirt sophomore Tavita Pritchard, making his first career start, lofted a 10-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bradford on fourth-and-goal with 49 seconds remaining to give the Cardinal its first lead of the game. Bo McNally's fourth-down interception of USC quarterback John David Booty on the ensuing possession sealed one of the biggest wins in Stanford football history and gave head coach Jim Harbaugh his first Pac-10 victory.

The win was Stanford's first against the Trojans since Sept. 29, 2001, which was also the last time USC lost at home to any opponent. The Cardinal victory snapped the Trojans' 35-game home winning streak—the nation's longest—and gave USC head coach Pete Carroll only his third home loss since he arrived in L.A. six years ago.

The Cardinal (2-3, 1-3 Pac-10) defeated the Trojans (4-1, 2-1 Pac-10) despite being outgained 459-235. Booty threw four interceptions—including one that was returned for a touchdown and another that set up the winning score—and junior defensive end Pannel Egboh blocked what turned out to be a decisive extra point. Stanford forced five USC turnovers while committing only one, and executed masterfully down the stretch, including two fourth-and-long conversions on the final drive.

"I give all the credit to the Stanford football players," Harbaugh said after the win. "They played like their lives depended on it. They played smart; they played sound. They just won it."

Harbaugh began hyping this game in the spring, when he openly speculated that Carroll might leave USC for the NFL after this season. When Carroll called out the outspoken Stanford coach, Harbaugh refused to back down.

"We bow to no man," Harbaugh said defiantly to the media at the time. "We bow to no program at Stanford University."

## AP BRIEF

### Red Sox sweep Angels 3-0, advance to American League Championship Series

ANAHEIM, Calif.—At his best on baseball's biggest stage, Curt Schilling pitched the Boston Red Sox to another sweep of the Angels.

Schilling worked seven masterful innings, David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez homered, and the Red Sox routed Los Angeles 9-1 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of their American League playoff series.

Boston joined the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies in sweeping a first-round series this October—this is the first time since the current format began in 1995 that it's happened.

The Red Sox earned themselves a long rest, too. They will open the AL championship series at Fenway Park Friday night against either the Cleveland Indians or New York Yankees.

Vladimir Guerrero and his Los Angeles teammates scored a mere four runs in three games. The Angels have lost nine straight playoff games to the Red Sox and seven straight postseason games overall.

Schilling raised his postseason record to 9-2 in 16 career starts while lowering his ERA to 1.93. He was working in the postseason for the first time since the 2004 World Series, when his bloody sock became the stuff of baseball lore.

Pitching for the first time in 12 days, Schilling scattered six hits while walking one, striking out four and throwing 100 pitches—76 for strikes.

He was at his best in his final inning of work.

With the Red Sox leading just 2-0, Maicer Izturis doubled to start the Los Angeles seventh, but Howie Kendrick grounded to second, Juan Rivera popped to first and Mike Napoli struck out to end the inning.

Los Angeles had a big league-best 54-27 record at home this season, but it did them no good against Schilling.

## UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

### Women's Soccer vs. Washington University

The Judges square off against the No. 4 Bears Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The women's soccer team did get its first conference victory with a 2-0 win over Case Western Reserve University last Saturday, but will face its toughest challenge yet when No. 4 Washington University in St. Louis comes to Gordon Field Sunday.

The Bears are coming off a 3-2 loss to No. 8 Emory University Sunday.

In last season's game between these two teams, the Judges attempted just three shots in a 3-0 loss.

Offense hasn't been a problem for the Judges this season, though. Led by Melissa Gorenkoff '10 and Sarah Jasak '08, the Judges are averaging 2.3 goals per game this season, compared to 1.4 goals-per-game last year.

## Judging numbers

**7** games between goals for forward Ben Premo '09 after failing to score in the men's soccer team's 3-0 loss to Case Western Reserve University Saturday. Premo, the team's leading scorer last season, has been in a month-long drought, as he hasn't scored since a 1-1 draw against Clark University Sept. 8.

**25** goals scored by the women's soccer team in 11 games this season, a 2.3 goals-per-game average. The Judges scored just 17 goals at this point last season, but they only scored seven goals in their final six regular-season games.

**2** more aces needed by setter Abby Blasco '11 for a triple double in the volleyball team's final match of the Midcoast Classic against the University of New England Sunday. Blasco finished the match with 35 assists, 11 digs and eight service aces in the Judges' 3-0 win.

**9** years since the women's tennis team defeated Trinity College before Saturday's 7-2 victory. The Judges first started playing the Bantams nine years ago, and hadn't earned a victory during that span, but spurred by the promotion of Rachel Rosman '11, the Judges snapped that streak.

**4** members of the golf team that had at least one round of fewer than 80 strokes at the East Coast Athletic Conference championships this weekend. Three of those players—Charles Sacks '11, Dan Shani '08 and Alex Botwick '08—shot below that score on both days of the tournament, leading the Judges to a sixth-place finish out of 15 teams, the highest result in school history.

## TEAM LEADERS

### MSoccer (points)

Midfielder Corey Bradley '10, with nine points this season, has emerged as the Judges' top offensive threat.

Player	Pts.
Corey Bradley	9
Evan Duval	7
Ben Premo	6
Alex Mithoefer	5
Alex Zenerovitz	5

### WSoccer (points)

Four players, led by Melissa Gorenkoff '10, have at least 10 points for the Judges this season.

Player	Pts.
Melissa Gorenkoff	15
Sarah Jasak	13
Tiffany Pacheco	11
Tzili Castel	11
Two tied with	4

### Volleyball (kills)

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

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	243
Piera Carfagno	129
Elizabeth Villalino	128
Bridget McAllister	104
Nicole Smith	77

### Volleyball (digs)

Libero Violette Ruggiero '09, with 190 digs, is one of five Judges with 95 or more digs this season.

Player	Digs
Violette Ruggiero	190
Abby Blasco	189
Lorraine Wingenbach	124
Shannon Trees	114
Ashley Powers	95

## UAA STANDINGS

### Women's Soccer

	UAA Conference					Overall				
	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct.			
Rochester	2	0	0	7	3	0	.700			
Emory	1	0	1	10	0	1	1.000			
Washington	1	1	0	10	1	0	.909			
New York	1	1	0	10	1	1	.875			
<b>JUDGES</b>	1	1	0	7	3	1	.682			
Carnegie Mellon	1	1	0	6	4	1	.591			
Chicago	0	1	1	6	3	2	.636			
Case	0	2	0	6	6	0	.500			

### Men's Soccer

	UAA Conference					Overall				
	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct.			
Emory	2	0	0	11	1	0	.917			
Rochester	2	0	0	8	2	1	.773			
Case	1	1	0	9	2	0	.818			
New York	1	1	0	8	2	1	.773			
Washington	1	1	0	8	3	0	.727			
Carnegie Mellon	0	1	1	6	1	1	.813			
Chicago	0	1	1	5	5	1	.500			
<b>JUDGES</b>	0	2	0	5	5	1	.500			