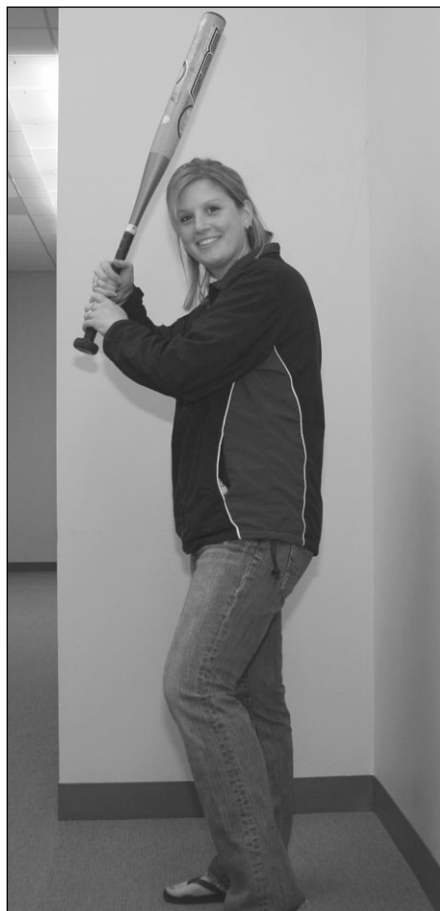


ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



DAVID SHEPPARD-BRICK/the Justice

Courtney Kelley '11

■ The rookie's red-hot bat carried the Judges to a sweep over Worcester Polytechnic Institute in a doubleheader last week.

Despite not officially beginning her tenure at Brandeis until January 2008, first baseman Courtney Kelley '11 commuted to campus during the softball team's "fall ball" season to practice with the squad and attended the team's only "playdate," even though she wasn't eligible to play yet.

"I really wanted to show that I was committed and wanted to be part of the team so I made the commute for all the practices and the lifts and workouts and [things] like that," Kelley said.

Her dedication showed during last Wednesday's doubleheader against Worcester Polytechnic Institute, when Kelley connected for three hits and drove in three runs. In the first game, she capped a Judges 9-1 win with a two-run homer in the fourth inning, while in the second game, she jumpstarted Brandeis' five-run comeback with an RBI double in the fifth inning.

"After [University Athletic Association play], especially when we got back here, I had a

little bit of a harder time adjusting to the collegiate pitching, but I'm glad that my bat's finally starting to come around," she said.

Kelley's home run was the second of her collegiate career, the first being a two-run walk-off home run against University Athletic Association champion Washington University in St. Louis March 15.

Kelley's production last week raised her batting average 57 points, from .200 before the doubleheader to .257, while elevating her RBI total from four to seven.

"Regardless of the situation ... I just really try to go out there and just get the ball in play and hopefully get to first base," she said.

"If other things happen, where I can get a double or a triple or even a home run, that's great, but I'm just really going [up] to the plate just [to] start something up or continue the momentum," she added.

—Julie Ganz

AP BRIEFS

Tibet protesters feud with police during Olympic torch run in London

LONDON—Protesters challenging China's policies in Tibet and Darfur tried Sunday to extinguish the Olympic torch as it completed its winding and sometimes-chaotic journey through London.

Demonstrators tried to board a relay bus after five-time Olympic gold medalist rower Steve Redgrave launched a procession at Wembley Stadium—presaging a number of clashes with police along the torch's 31-mile journey.

There have been 30 arrests, Metropolitan Police said. In west London, a protester tried to grab the torch out of the hands of a television presenter, forcing police to briefly stop the procession as officers detained the man. Another demonstrator tried to snuff out the flame with what appeared to be a fire extinguisher. Others in the crowd threw themselves at torchbearers running past in official Beijing 2010 Olympics tracksuits.

Demonstrators swelled in numbers near the spot where Chinese Ambassador Fu Ying had been expected to carry the Olympic torch, forcing a last-minute change of plan. Fu emerged with the flame in the heart of London's Chinatown instead, and managed to jog unhindered before handing over the torch to the next participation in the relay.

In London's historic Bloomsbury area, police separated anti-China protesters from hundreds of flag-waving Chinese who turned out to support their nation and the Olympics.

Hundreds of protesters along the route chanted slogans including "Free Tibet!" "Stop killing in Tibet!" and "China, talk to Dalai Lama."

Activists demonstrating against China's human rights record and a recent crackdown on Tibet have been protesting along the torch route since the start of the flame's 85,000-mile odyssey from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics.

The torch relay is expected to face demonstrations in Paris, San Francisco, New Delhi and possibly elsewhere on its 21-stop, six-continent tour before reaching mainland China May 4.

Thomas, Blue Jays spoil Beckett's return, complete sweep of Red Sox

TORONTO—Josh Beckett's first start of the season failed to send Boston home with a win.

Frank Thomas hit his 11th career grand slam, Vernon Wells added a two-run home run, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 7-4 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of the World Series champions.

Boston went 3-4 on its opening three-nation trip, a journey of nearly 16,000 miles. The Red Sox split two games against the Oakland Athletics in Tokyo and swept two in Oakland before arriving in Canada.

Out since mid-March because of a strained lower back, Beckett was activated from the disabled list to face Roy Halladay (1-1). Beckett gave up five runs, three hits and four walks in 4 2/3 innings, striking out six.

With the score tied at two in the fifth inning, Aaron Hill singled with two outs, and Beckett walked Alex Rios and Wells. Manny Delcarmen relieved, and Thomas send Delcarmen's first pitch into the left-field stands for his second homer of the season and second in as many days.

Thomas also had a two-run double off Delcarmen in Toronto's 6-3 victory Friday. He went four-for-12 with eight RBIs in the series.

Halladay gave up four runs and eight hits in eight innings, struck out six and walked one. Jeremy Accardo pitched the ninth inning for his third save in as many chances.

J.D. Drew, Jacoby Ellsbury and Jason Varitek each had solo home runs off Halladay, while David Ortiz had an RBI single in the eighth inning.

Paul's triple-double allows Hornets to clinch franchise record for wins

NEW ORLEANS—Chris Paul had 16 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets tied a franchise record for single-season victories with 54 in a 108-96 defeat of the Golden State Warriors last Sunday.

It was the fourth career triple-double for Paul, who inspired boisterous chants of M-V-P from a sellout crowd that watched the Hornets win their 11th-straight home game and fourth straight overall.

Monta Ellis scored 35 points to keep the Warriors in the game late into the final period, but Golden State had only three points from its reserves until the game's final minute.

Peja Stojakovic and David West each scored 25 points, helping New Orleans close the game on an 18-6 run after Golden State had rallied to tie the game at 90 early in the fourth quarter.

Tyson Chandler added 11 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans, which remains atop the Western Conference with six games remaining.

Baron Davis and Andris Biedrins each scored 17 points for Golden State (46-31), which has lost three of four games and will need a strong finish to earn a playoff berth. The Warriors entered the day tied for the eighth seed in the Western Conference with the Denver Nuggets, who were slated to play Sunday night at Seattle.

New Orleans led 82-71 in the third quarter after a 13-2 run that included Stojakovic's second three-pointer of the game and Paul's end-to-end layup.

West's putback helped New Orleans take an 88-78 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Warriors made one final push with a 12-0 run fueled by Ellis, whose jumper and fast-break dunk on back-to-back possessions tied the game at 90.

Paul responded with a three-pointer, then West hit a jumper to make it 95-90, and New Orleans pulled away from there.

Golden State had the early edge after Biedrins, who had 15 points in the first half, capped an 11-0 run with a fast break layup as he was fouled, giving the Warriors a 25-14 lead in the first quarter.

New Orleans responded with a 13-2 run early in the second quarter, pulling to 38-37 on Chandler's tip-in.

Judging numbers

0 Brandeis athletes who had qualified to play in the Olympic Games before fencing alum Tim Morehouse '00 did so last week. Morehouse, currently ranked second among American sabers, will compete in the 2008 Summer Games.

12 combined hits recorded by the first four spots in the baseball team's batting order in two games of a doubleheader at Springfield College last Saturday. The top of the lineup produced 12 of the teams 17 hits and scored six of its eight runs.

6 consecutive No. 1 singles matches won by Rachel Rosman '11, including a 6-1, 6-1 win Thursday in the Judges' win over Roger Williams University and a 6-4, 6-3 victory in the Judges' loss to No. 12 Tufts University. Rosman last lost in singles play at the Middlebury Invitational March 8. The team is 4-2 during her streak.

2 wins for softball pitcher Kate Streilein '08 in last Wednesday's doubleheader against WPI. Streilein was the winning pitcher in both the 9-1 game one victory and the 5-4 game two win. She also went a combined four for five at the plate, including two RBIs.

21 points garnered by the men's outdoor track and field team for tenth place out of 12 teams, at last Saturday's Stonehill Skyhawk Track and Field Invitational. Dan Anastos '11 led the way with a first-place finish in the men's 5,000-meter event. The women's team, which earned 38 points, finished eighth out of 11 squads.

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Baseball vs. Bridgewater State College

The baseball team takes on the Bears at home Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The last time the baseball team played a postseason game was three years ago in the first round of the 2005 Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament. In that game, the eighth-seeded Judges routed top-seeded Bridgewater State 15-7 to advance.

The two teams will play Friday in

Brandeis' first home game since an 8-1 loss to Wheaton College March 25.

The Bears are 10-5 this season, and are coming off a doubleheader split with Salem State College last Sunday. Last season's game at Bridgewater State was canceled due to inclement weather.

TEAM LEADERS

Baseball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

Infielder Drake Livada '10 leads the team in both batting average, at .410, and RBIs, with 14.

Player	AVG
Drake Livada	.410
John O'Brion	.383
Mike Alfego	.325
Pat Nicholson	.296
Nick Gallagher	.286

Baseball (strikeouts)

Tyler Robinson '08 has struck out a team-high 35 batters as both a starter and a reliever.

Player	SO
Tyler Robinson	35
Drew Brzozowski	18
Rocco Toppi	16
Kyle Ritchie	10
Justin Duncombe	9

Softball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

Pitcher and first baseman Kate Streilein '08 leads the Judges with a .457 batting average.

Player	AVG
Kate Streilein	.457
Erin Ross	.387
Melisa Cagar	.364
Chelsea Korp	.300
Victoria Roomet	.280

Softball (strikeouts)

Kate Streilein '08 has tallied a team-best 63 strikeouts for the Judges as both a starter and a reliever.

Player	SO
Kate Streilein	63
Natalie Volpe	32
Emily Vaillette	3

UAA STANDINGS

Baseball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		Pct.
	W	L	W	L	
Emory	4	2	20	8	.707
JUDGES	4	2	9	7	.563
Rochester	3	3	16	3	.842
Washington	3	3	10	6	.625
Case	1	5	4	16	.214
Chicago	0	0	4	5	.444

Softball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		Pct.
	W	L	W	L	
Washington	7	1	20	7	.741
Rochester	6	2	12	7	.632
Emory	3	5	19	8	.704
JUDGES	3	5	8	7	.531
Case	1	7	9	15	.375
Chicago	0	0	7	9	.438