

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jessica Chapin '10

■ The women's basketball guard had 18 points in the team's 79-52 second-round victory over Mount Saint Mary College last Saturday.

With 8 minutes, 34 seconds left in the women's basketball team's 79-52 win over Mount Saint Mary's College in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, guard Jessica Chapin '10 was substituted out of the game for the first time all night. It was a rare rest for Chapin, who was a few seconds shy of playing the entire 40 minutes of last Friday's first-round game against Western Connecticut State University.

"I love basketball, and I want the ball in my hands," Chapin said. "If [coach Carol Simon] needs me to play 40 minutes a game, I'll do that. Whatever our team needs I'm willing to do."

Chapin's efforts helped the women's basketball team advance to the third round of the tournament for the first time in school history. She had 18 points in last Saturday's game and 12 points last Friday.

This season, Chapin leads the team in points, rebounds, assists and steals and also averages a team-high 32.3 minutes per contest.

Chapin has taken a bigger offensive role this season with the departure of forward Jaime Capra '08, last year's leading scorer. Then, since starting point guard Lauren Rashford '10 suffered a season-ending knee injury during a Feb. 3 practice, Chapin has taken on more of the point guard duties.

"I have the responsibility of getting our teammates the ball now a little more and focusing on getting all my teammates involved and not so much looking to score," she said.



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UP THE COURT: Guard Jessica Chapin '10 looks to pass during last Saturday's home win.

Chapin was also named a team captain at the start of the season.

"A team needs to look toward people sometimes, and we get down, and we're not playing well," she said. "My role is to pick everybody up and be like, 'We can do

this; we're still in this,'" she said. "We rely on each other a lot as captains to put this team on our back and hold each other together to get through the season."

—Melissa Siegel

VARSITY BRIEF

Eder receives bid to Nationals while Chui named first alternate

Men's swimmer Marc Eder '12 was selected to compete at the NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota starting March 18 after recording B-cut qualifying times in three events throughout the season.

Eder will compete in the 200-yard breaststroke, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley at the meet. Eder will be the first Brandeis men's swimmer to compete in the NCAA Championships since Matt Christian '05 in 2005.

"Over the summer, I thought I could do this, and then actually getting in the pool and swimming at the start of this season, I was a little wary," Eder said yesterday. "I didn't think I could do it early this season, but I'm happy I did."

Women's swimmer Angela Chui '12 was selected as the first alternate to the NCAA Championships after recording NCAA B-cut qualifying times in multiple events while also breaking 11 school records this season.

Eder's best performance this season came at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships March 1, where he beat Christian's school record in the 200-yard breaststroke by three seconds with a time of 2 minutes, 4.79 seconds, finishing 12th in the event.

Eder is ranked as the No. 20 swimmer in the 200-yard breaststroke in Division III on the men's side and Chui is No. 21 in the 400-yard individual medley on the women's side. This season, the NCAA selected the top 22 men's swimmers in the 200-yard breaststroke and the top 20 women's swimmers in the 400-yard individual medley to compete at this year's NCAA Championships, putting Chui one spot shy of qualifying outright.

"[Chui] made her first cut back in October [and has done so again in] many other events," head coach Jim Zotz said. "If she does [compete], she will do well. She'll train with us, and we'll keep our fingers crossed."

According to Zotz, Chui is the first alternate to the NCAA Championships and will only compete if another competitor is forced to drop out of the meet due to injury or roster limitation guidelines set forth by the NCAA. Zotz said each school is only allowed to send 18 participants to the NCAA Championships. If a school had more than 18 participants qualify, the NCAA would only allow up to 18 to participate. However, Zotz said that any open spots would likely be filled by a competitor already at the NCAA Championships competing in a different event instead of an alternate such as Chui.

"There's nothing we can predict, but we're hoping," Zotz said.

Eder said he thought he had the best chance to succeed in the 200-yard backstroke.

"The 200-yard breaststroke is my best event," Eder said. "I'm seeded 20th, and the top 16 [swimmers] make the finals. I'd like to swim [in the finals], so I'm hoping to drop a little time."

Zotz said that both swimmers have had successful rookie seasons.

"They're ranked 20th and 21st in the country. That's huge," Zotz said. "They've both represented themselves and the school well."

—Ian Cutler

Judging numbers

1 appearance in school history by the women's basketball team in the Sweet 16. The Judges won their first- and second-round games of the NCAA Tournament last weekend to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

21 points for men's basketball forward Steve DeLuca (GRAD) in his final collegiate game. DeLuca led the Judges in scoring in their second-round loss in the NCAA Tournament last Saturday at Franklin & Marshall College.

3 Brandeis fencers—Will Friedman '09, Adam Austin '11 and Anna Hanley '11—who qualified for the NCAA National Championships starting March 19.

25 combined points for women's basketball rookie guards Kelly Ethier '12 and Morgan Kendrew '12 in the Judges' win over Mount Saint Mary College last Saturday.

4 th-place finish out of seven teams for the women's indoor track team at the University Athletic Association Championships at New York University last weekend. The men's team was seventh of seven teams.

15 points for women's basketball forward Lauren Orlando '09 in last Friday's first-round 62-49 win over Western Connecticut State University. Orlando scored all her points in the second half.

NCAA TOURNAMENT SCORES

Women's Basketball

Second Round

| Away | Home | Away | Home | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|----------|-----------------|----|
| Mt. St. Mary | 52 JUDGES | 79 | Stevens | 57 | New York | 71 | |
| UW-Eau Claire | 63 | Illinois Wes. | 80 | Tufts | 55 | College of N.J. | 57 |
| Baldwin-Wallace | 53 | Hope | 69 | Muhlenberg | 58 | Bowdoin | 57 |
| Chapman | 40 | George Fox | 83 | Cortland State | 45 | Scranton | 51 |
| Concordia (Wis.) | 58 | Stevens Point | 78 | Kean | 59 | Rochester | 66 |
| Greensboro | 40 | Oglethorpe | 67 | UW-Whitewater | 59 | St. Benedict | 67 |
| Transylvania | 57 | WashU | 83 | Emmanuel | 37 | Amherst | 76 |
| Thomas More | 57 | Messiah | 50 | Baruch | 73 | York (Pa.) | 90 |

Men's Basketball

Second Round

| Away | Home | Away | Home | | | | |
|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|----|---------------|----|
| JUDGES | 63 | F & M | 65 | Whitworth | 72 | Puget Sound | 84 |
| Texas-Dallas | 54 | Trinity (Texas) | 70 | Bridgewater St. | 78 | Middlebury | 76 |
| Wooster | 70 | Capital | 72 | MIT | 61 | Farmingdale | 67 |
| Averett | 81 | Guilford | 91 | SUNYIT | 80 | St. Lawrence | 90 |
| Carnegie | 74 | John Carroll | 76 | Gwynedd-Mercy | 88 | Richard Stock | 95 |
| UW-Platteville | 69 | Wheaton (Ill.) | 74 | Salem State | 69 | Widener | 67 |
| UW-Whitewater | 70 | WashU | 73 | UMass-Dartmouth | 81 | WPI | 68 |
| Stevens Point | 50 | St. Thomas | 53 | DeSales | 77 | Ithaca | 71 |

TEAM LEADERS

WBball (points per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the team with an average of 14.2 points per game.

| Player | PPG |
|-----------------|------|
| Jessica Chapin | 14.2 |
| Lauren Orlando | 9.7 |
| Lauren Rashford | 8.1 |
| Dianna Cincotta | 6.8 |
| Cassidy Dadaos | 6.5 |

WBball (rebounds per game)

Guard Jessica Chapin '10 leads the Judges with an average of 6.7 rebounds per game.

| Player | RPG |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jessica Chapin | 6.7 |
| Cassidy Dadaos | 5.2 |
| Lauren Orlando | 4.7 |
| Lauren Rashford | 4.2 |
| Amanda Wells | 3.7 |

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Basketball vs. Muhlenberg College

The Judges play Muhlenberg College in the Sweet 16 Friday at Amherst College.

After being knocked out of the NCAA Tournament in the second round for three consecutive seasons, the women's basketball team finally reached the Sweet 16 after hosting and winning the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament for the first time last weekend.

The No. 25 Judges will now travel to Amherst College to take on No. 18 Muhlenberg College. The winner will then take on the winner of the game between No. 14 New York University

and host school No. 11 Amherst in the Round of 8. Brandeis is coming off two home wins over Western Connecticut State University and Mount Saint Mary College in the first and second rounds, respectively.

The Mules beat Westfield State and host school Bowdoin College to advance to the Sweet 16 last weekend. They are now 26-3 overall after the two tournament wins. The Mules were undefeated in the Centennial Conference, posting an 18-0 record. The game will be at 5 p.m.

AP BRIEF

Pitt beats UConn at home in Big East regular-season finale

PITTSBURGH—Two games, two University of Connecticut losses, two big performances by University of Pittsburgh's Sam Young. By now, UConn could be excused for not wanting to see the Panthers again, yet the Huskies can't wait for the next matchup. Or maybe the next two.

Young dominated one of this season's biggest games with 31 points, and No. 3 Pittsburgh likely secured one of the top seeds in the NCAA Tournament, opening a 14-point lead early in the second half before holding off top-ranked UConn 70-60 last Saturday.

Pitt (28-3, 15-3 Big East) had never beaten a No. 1-ranked team in school history, only to accomplish it twice in less than a month, both times against UConn (27-3, 15-3), which still hasn't figured out how to slow down Young.

Pitt becomes the seventh school to beat a top-ranked team twice in a season, the last being North Carolina over Duke in 1998.

"Every time I see those UConn jerseys, my eyes light up," said Young, who scored 25 points in Pitt's 76-68 win at Hartford on Feb. 16.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun used all the superlatives to describe Young—including "fantastic," "magnificent" and "very special"—yet he and his players are eager to see the Panthers again, perhaps in next week's Big East tournament. Or maybe beyond.

"I guarantee you we're going to see them again, nine times out of 10 we're going to see them in the Big East tournament, and we're going to be ready for them," said the Huskies' Stanley Robinson, who had six points and 12 rebounds. "We could see them after that—in the NCAAs, semifinals or national championship or whatever."

Calhoun called the Panthers a potential national championship team but still thinks he has the team to beat them.

"Do I think we can beat Pitt?" Calhoun asked. "Yes, but we are 0-2, and I don't have any graphic evidence to support that."

The Panthers finished 19-0 at home, the second time since the Petersen Events Center opened in 2002 that it swept every home game.

Pitt hadn't swept UConn during the season—the teams haven't always met twice in a season—since 1996 to 1997, when Pitt also beat the Huskies in the Big East tournament.

"We won both games, but we're going to keep playing the same way, we're not going to do anything different," Blair said of a possible third UConn-Pitt game. "We'll see them when we see them."