

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Colleen Donnelly '08

■ The women's tennis mainstay reflects on playing the final home match of her four-year Brandeis career last Sunday.

After having lost her doubles match last Sunday against New York University, Colleen Donnelly '08 refused to relinquish the final home singles match of her college career.

"After doubles I was pretty disappointed, so I was definitely much more fired up and determined to win my singles match," she said. "I did not want to go out with losing both my singles and my doubles."

Just as she did in her first college appearance over three and a half years ago, Donnelly won her singles match in straight sets, defeating junior Stephanie Tu 6-1, 6-3.

"[It felt] really good, and it was also really sad at the same time," she said. "I actually cried right after, just [because] I was really happy that I won, but at the same time, I was pretty sad to be leaving."

Donnelly's career began with an appearance in the NCAA Division III doubles tournament during her rookie season. Since then, she has occupied one of the top two spots in the Brandeis sin-

gles lineup in every match she's played.

Donnelly has been playing tennis since she was seven and played on her high school's varsity squad. She contrasted her Brandeis experience with her high school playing days.

"[Brandeis is] definitely more team-oriented, which I really liked, because even in high school the rest of the team didn't play as competitively as I did," Donnelly said. "This year, we all work together and support each other really well and all want the same things."

It was this sense of closeness that brought Donnelly to Brandeis in the first place.

"I had stayed overnight with a couple of teams who I didn't really like, but when I stayed over with Brandeis, it's definitely the people on the team which made me want to come here," she said. "I think it sort of speaks to the way we've always had a [very] close team, and we've had a really good time together."

—Julie Ganz

AP BRIEFS

Yankees unearth buried Red Sox jersey from their new stadium

NEW YORK—A construction worker's bid to curse the Yankees by planting a Red Sox jersey in their new stadium was foiled Sunday when the team removed the offending shirt from its burial spot in the ballpark.

After locating the shirt in a service corridor behind what will be a restaurant in the new Yankee Stadium, construction workers jackhammered through the remaining concrete Sunday and pulled it out.

The team learned that a Sox-rooting construction worker had buried a shirt in the stadium from a report in the New York Post on Friday, team officials said.

Yankees President Randy Levine said the team at first considered leaving the shirt.

"The first thought was, 'You know, it's never a good thing to be buried in cement when you're in New York,'" Levine said. "But then we decided, 'Why reward somebody who had really bad motives and was trying to do a really bad thing?'"

The worker had buried a Boston jersey under a locker room in the new stadium, which will open next year across the street from the current ballpark, team officials said.

Levine said that area had been well supervised. "Obviously it was in a different location," he said.

On Saturday, construction workers who remembered the employee, Gino Castignoli, phoned in tips about the shirt's location.

"We had anonymous people come tell us where it was and we were able to find it," said Frank Gramarossa, a project executive with Turner Construction, the general contractor on the site.

It took about five hours of drilling Saturday to locate the shirt under two feet of concrete, he said.

On Sunday, Levine and Yankees Chief Operating Officer Lonn Trost watched as Gramarossa and foreman Rich Corrado finished the job and pulled the shirt from the rubble.

Now in shreds from the jackhammers, the shirt still bore "Red Sox" on the front. It was a David Ortiz jersey, No. 34.

Trost said the Yankees had discussed possible criminal charges against Castignoli with the district attorney's office. "We will take appropriate action, since fortunately we do know the name of the individual," he said.

A woman who answered the phone at Castignoli's home in the Bronx said he was not there.

A spokesman for Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson did not immediately return a telephone message Sunday.

Levine said the shirt would be cleaned up and sent to the Jimmy Fund, a charity affiliated with Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"Hopefully the Jimmy Fund will auction it off, and we'll take the act that was a very, very bad act and turn it into something beautiful," Levine said.

Boston College soars past Notre Dame 4-1 to win hockey title

By DAVID AMSTUTZ
THE HEIGHTS (BOSTON COLLEGE)

DENVER, Colo.—To call it easy would be a disservice to an extraordinary group of players and coaches. Really, to categorize it as anything but difficult would be unfair to a program that has come so excruciatingly close in each of the past two seasons.

But it sure looked effortless on the surface. Using the skill of one of the best teams to ever grace the ice in Chestnut Hill, Boston College captured its third-ever title on Saturday night in Denver, defeating rival Notre Dame 4-1 in the national championship game.

Led by tournament Most Outstanding Player Nathan Gerbe, the Eagles were relentless in their pursuit of the championship. The star forward scored two goals and set up two more to help guide a staunch BC attack against the Fighting Irish. Although the two teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first period, it did not take long for Gerbe and company to get on track.

Less than three minutes into the second period, the junior scored his NCAA-leading 34th goal of the season. Linemates Ben Smith and Brian Gibbons, two players whom Gerbe credits for his postseason heroics, helped set up the tally. Smith, who was named to the All-Tournament team alongside three other Eagles, carried the puck into the offensive zone before passing it to defenseman Tim Kunes. Kunes slid the puck behind the net to Gibbons, who sent a backhanded pass to Gerbe just inside of the left face-off circle. The junior then lifted a wrist shot over Notre Dame goaltender Jordan Pearce for a 1-0 lead.

Just as they had two days before in the national semifinal against North Dakota, the Eagles scored in another insurmountable wave. At 5:37 of the same period, Gerbe netted his second goal of the game to give BC a 2-0 advantage. His 35th goal came on the power play off a funky bounce off the boards. Following a near-miss from Smith that went over the net, the rebound skirted off the glass in front of the goal. As he fell, Gerbe swung his stick at the puck, knocking it past Pearce.

Despite leading 2-0, the Eagles were not about to stop their attack.

"I thought last year, we had a 1-0 lead, but we laid back a bit," said Gerbe, referencing last year's 3-1 loss to Michigan State.

"This year, the coaches did a great job of stressing that we're just going to go for it and have no regrets at the end of the game," he said.

Rookie Joe Whitney gave BC a 3-0 lead at 8:11 of the second. Skating with a four-on-three advantage, Gerbe faked a shot, turned around and sent a strong pass to Whitney in the deep slot. The forward then threw a low shot in front of the net, and it deflected off a Notre Dame skate into the goal.

Despite trailing 3-0, Notre Dame was not about to let its championship dreams fade. Less than a minute later, the Irish scored on a rush in transition. Defenseman Kyle Lawson set up center Kevin Deeth in the slot to draw the score to 3-1. Deeth beat BC goaltender John Muse glove side for the goal.

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Tennis vs. UAA Championships

Washington University in St. Louis will host the tournament starting Thursday.

The women's tennis team will head to St. Louis Thursday looking to improve on its sixth-place finish in last season's UAA championships held, which were held at Case Western Reserve University.

The Judges' strength has been the top of their lineup. Rachel Rosman '11 leads the team with a 17-7 singles

record at No. 1 singles, while Colleen Donnelly stands at 12-8 at No. 2 singles. The duo has combined to go 11-8 at No. 1 doubles this season.

Last season, the Judges fell 5-4 to WashU in the fifth-place match after losing 9-0 to the University of Chicago in the first round.

Judging numbers

0 matches dropped by the women's tennis team's six singles players in the Judges' 6-3 victory against New York University at home last Sunday. All three losses came in doubles competition by identical 8-4 scores.

8 total runs allowed by the softball team in April as of yesterday. The Judges are undefeated in this 10-game stretch and have notched shutouts in five of the last six games. Pitcher Kate Streilein '08 has allowed just three earned runs in 32 2/3 innings during the stretch.

6 innings pitched and strikeouts recorded by baseball alumnus Nelson Figueroa '96 in the New York Mets' 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers last Friday at Shea Stadium in New York City. The win was the first recorded by Figueroa since the 2003 season, when he was a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

17 wins posted by the 1983 men's cross country team in 19 games that season, en route to a Division III national championship. The team was inducted into the Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame this past Sunday along with seven individual standout athletes.

77-stroke score by Adam Hattenbach '09 in the Nichols Quad Meet in Dudley, Mass. last Saturday, the team's final tune-up before the University Athletic Association Championships this week. Hattenbach finished tied for second place, just one stroke off the leader, as Brandeis came in second among the four teams with a score of 317.

TEAM LEADERS

Baseball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

Infielder Drake Livada '10 paces the Judges with four home runs and 16 RBIs this season.

Player	AVG
Drake Livada	.407
John O'Brion	.367
Pat Nicholson	.333
Artie Posch	.293
Mike Alfego	.292

Baseball (strikeouts)

Tyler Robinson '08 has logged 9.44 strikeouts per nine innings thus far this season.

Player	SO
Tyler Robinson	43
Drew Brzozowski	27
Rocco Toppi	20
Kyle Ritchie	16
Justin Duncombe	9

Softball (batting average, min. 20 AB)

Pitcher and first baseman Kate Streilein '08 leads the Judges with a .443 batting average.

Player	AVG
Kate Streilein	.443
Erin Ross	.407
Natalie Volpe	.345
Melisa Cagar	.321
Victoria Roomet	.310

Softball (strikeouts)

Kate Streilein '08 has tallied a team-best 84 strikeouts for the Judges as both a starter and a reliever.

Player	SO
Kate Streilein	84
Natalie Volpe	44
Allie Mussen	10
Emily Vaillette	8

UAA STANDINGS

Baseball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	Pct.
Emory	4	2	21	9	.694
JUDGES	4	2	11	10	.524
Rochester	3	3	21	4	.840
Washington	3	3	10	8	.556
Case	1	5	8	18	.315
Chicago	0	0	5	6	.455

Softball

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	Pct.
Washington	7	1	22	7	.759
Rochester	6	2	15	10	.600
Emory	3	5	20	9	.690
JUDGES	3	5	16	7	.688
Case	1	7	9	19	.321
Chicago	0	0	8	12	.400