

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ally Connolly '10

■ The women's cross country runner had team's best time at the UAA Championships last Saturday, taking 14th place.

A Brandeis women's cross country runner had not earned all-conference honors at the University Athletic Association Championships since Camille Stevens-Rumann '07 did in 2006. Ally Connolly '10 ended that Brandeis drought last Saturday at the UAA Championships in Cleveland, when she earned all-UAA second team honors and was the team's top finisher with a 14th-place finish out of 81 runners, the best of her career.

Connolly concluded the 6-kilometer course with a time of 24 minutes, 17.24 seconds in what she described as the "toughest course" the team had faced this season.

In her final season, Connolly has posted some of the best times in her career. Along with her performance at the UAA Championships, Connolly also posted a personal best at the University at Albany Invitational Oct. 17 with 18:43.

Connolly was most pleased with her placement last Saturday.

"I'm more proud of my finish [last] weekend because we had to face some tough conditions," she said. "The weather was bad, and the course was tougher than what we're used to."

Although her times of late have been very strong, it is her leadership qualities that make Connolly stand out, as she has served as the team's co-captain the last two seasons.

"I just have to make sure that as a team member, I lead by example," she said. "Even when I'm far back and don't have a great finish, I hope and think that my effort and hard work affects the team."

Connolly is confident that her team has prepared well enough to succeed in the upcoming Regional and National



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Championships and will continue to succeed after she graduates.

"We've been running like crazy, eating right [and] sleeping right. We've put in all the work, and we really want to make it to Nationals," she said.

"In my four years, we've only gotten

better, and we keep getting better and better," she added. "It's been great to see the growth of the team and how far we've come. I'm really excited for the future because we have a really young and talented team."

—Max Goldstein

AP BRIEF

World Series raises concerns for large-market domination in MLB

PHILADELPHIA—Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio thought about the teams in baseball's final four this year—all large-market clubs with high payrolls—and wondered whether there would be room for his franchise anytime soon.

"We don't know if that's a trend or just an aberration," he said. "The disparity among the clubs appears to be widening."

Baseball's four league championship series teams were all among the top nine in opening-day payroll this year, led by the top-spending New York Yankees at \$201 million. They were joined by the No. 6 Los Angeles Angels (\$114 million), No. 7 Philadelphia (\$113 million) and No. 9 Los Angeles Dodgers (\$100 million).

No room this year for the little guys.

"It's certainly trending in the direction," Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane said. "The big markets are always going to be there. Whether or not they're the only ones there I guess remains to be seen."

Just last year, the Tampa Bay Rays won the AL pennant with a \$51 million payroll, 28th among the 30 major league clubs. And parity has increased throughout the sport under the 1996 to 2001 and 2002 to 2006 labor contracts along with the current deal, which runs until December 2011.

Since the end of the Yankees' run of four World Series titles in five years, 23 of the 30 major league teams have made the playoffs from 2001 to 2009, with only Baltimore, Kansas City, Texas and Toronto missing out in the American League and Cincinnati, Montreal-Washington and Pittsburgh failing to make it in the National League. Seven teams have won the World Series in the last eight years, with only the Boston Red Sox taking the title twice.

Increased revenue sharing has helped the small and middle markets, and the luxury tax has slowed spending by the Yankees to some degree.

"We've had very good success over the last several years," said Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball president and chief operating officer. "While it has attracted people's attention that this year the higher-payroll teams and the higher-revenue teams made the playoffs, it is just one year and not enough to declare a trend."

Among the top 15 spenders as of the start of the season, just four had losing records this year: No. 2 New York Mets (70-92), No. 8 Houston (74-88), No. 12 Chicago White Sox (79-83) and No. 15 Cleveland (65-97).

Just five of the bottom 15 finished with winning records: No. 18 Colorado (92-70), No. 22 Texas (87-75), No. 24 Minnesota (87-76), No. 25 Tampa Bay (84-78) and No. 30 Florida (87-75).

There's no concrete correlation between spending and winning. But having lots of bucks helps.

"We do not ever in this organization use payroll as an excuse for a lack of performance," Florida Marlins president David Samson said. "We expect to make the playoffs every year, and our players, when they take the field, don't get intimidated by other teams' salaries."

"You still have to win games," he added. "I don't really focus on it the way frankly the media does as far as big payroll/small payroll. What we focus on is how teams are composed, the players they have and the way they build themselves and the way they perform."

After CC Sabathia left the Brewers last offseason to sign a \$161 million, eight-year contract with the Yankees, Attanasio said maybe it was time for baseball to consider a salary cap.

Now, having had nearly a year to examine and reflect, he realizes proposing an absolute ceiling might provoke a confrontation with the players' union, which struck for 7 1/2 months and wiped out the World Series after owners tried to get one in 1994.

"There are better ways to address to competitive balance than salary caps," he said. "There are other things we can maybe fix before you get into that very difficult conversation."

A consensus has emerged among the major league clubs to propose two major changes to the amateur draft. One would extend it beyond the United States—players outside the 50 states currently are free agents who may sign with any team.

Another would be to eliminate negotiations for amateur players and replace them with a fixed slotting system. That could shift money from amateurs to veterans and would decrease the commissions for the advisers who represent top high school, college and international players.

All that will be subject to collective bargaining.

"In 2002, the players indicated a willingness to talk about an international draft," said players' association general counsel Michael Weiner, scheduled to replace Donald Fehr as union head during the offseason. "As far as slotting goes, the players traditionally have been against anything that would limit professionals from bargaining individually."

There could be tinkering with the formulas for revenue sharing and the luxury tax—currently set at 40 percent on the amount of payrolls above a set threshold, using average annual values of 40-man rosters. Management could ask that the tax be a dollar-for-dollar penalty.

And there could be changes to the system in which teams losing better free agents receive amateur draft picks as compensation. For losing Sabathia, Milwaukee received the No. 39 pick overall and the Yankees' second-round selection, No. 73. New York's top pick, No. 25 overall, went to the Angels as compensation for Mark Teixeira.

"The draft was intended to allow the weaker teams to draft the best players and thereby improve competitively," DuPuy said. "And as long as you've got the rest of the world essentially not subject to the draft, or a great portion of the world not subject to the draft, and where you have a system where the best players are not necessarily going to weakest teams, it seems that that is a place that ought to be looked at very hard."

So for now, middle- and large-market teams realize they need to win when they have a group of young players close to the same amount of service time. They try to keep them together and go for titles before they near free agency and the lure of big-market money.

Judging numbers

20 career shutouts for women's soccer goalie Hillary Rosenzweig '10, a Brandeis record, after the Judges defeated the University of Chicago 2-0 at home last Sunday.

35 career wins for Rosenzweig, a Brandeis record, after the Judges defeated Chicago 2-0 at home last Sunday.

2 consecutive years in which volleyball setter Piera Carfagno '10 won the Most Valuable Player award at the Judges Classic.

78 out of 80 men's cross country runners at the University Athletic Association Championships who finished behind Paul Norton '11. Norton finished in second place.

1 women's cross country runner, Ally Connolly '10, who earned second-team All-UAA honors at the UAA Championships last Saturday.

4 consecutive UAA games in which the men's soccer team was held scoreless. The squad is 0-3-1 in those games.

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall			Pct.
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
Carnegie	5	1	0	14	2	0	.875
Rochester	5	1	0	12	1	2	.867
Chicago	4	1	1	11	3	3	.735
Washington	3	3	0	9	6	3	.583
Emory	2	3	1	11	4	1	.719
New York	1	3	2	6	8	2	.438
JUDGES	1	4	1	6	9	2	.412
Case	0	5	1	7	8	3	.472

Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall			Pct.
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
Washington	5	0	1	13	2	1	.844
Rochester	5	1	0	12	3	2	.765
Chicago	3	2	1	13	3	1	.794
Case	3	3	0	9	6	2	.588
JUDGES	2	3	1	8	6	3	.559
Emory	1	3	2	5	5	5	.500
Carnegie	1	3	2	6	7	2	.467
New York	0	5	1	9	7	1	.559

TEAM LEADERS

MSoccer (points)

Forward Alexander Farr '12 leads the Judges with 14 points this season.

Player	Points
Alexander Farr	14
Matt Peabody	10
Corey Bradley	8
Sam Ocel	6
Luke Teece	5

WSoccer (points)

Forwards Mimi Theodore '12 and Tiffany Pacheco '11 lead the team with 20 points this year.

Player	Points
Mimi Theodore	20
Tiffany Pacheco	20
Melissa Gorenkoff	13
Sofia Vallone	11
Two tied with...	5

Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Paige Blasco '11 leads the Judges with 350 kills.

Player	Kills
Paige Blasco	350
Piera Carfagno	246
Nicole Smith	186
Bridget McAllister	161
Becca Fischer	122

Volleyball (digs)

Outside hitter Paige Blasco '11 leads the team with 292.

Player	Digs
Paige Blasco	292
Abby Blasco	281
Bridget McAllister	271
Piera Carfagno	259
Anna Homitsky	258

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Men's and women's soccer vs New York Univ

Both soccer teams host New York University Saturday to conclude their seasons.

Last season, the men's soccer team's final game against New York University would determine the squad's berth in the postseason Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament.

This season, with a record well below .500, the annual season finale against NYU has little meaning for the men's squad but more significance on the

women's side.

The women's soccer team is 8-6-3 overall after shutting out the University of Chicago last Sunday 2-0. With the win over NYU, the team will go .500 in conference play for the third season in a row and will help the team's standing in a potential NCAA Tournament bid or in the ECAC tournament.