

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ben Premo '09 ■ Men's Soccer Forward

■ The senior captain had the fourth hat trick of his career during the opening game of his final season at Brandeis. With his three goals, Premo moved into eighth place on the team's all-time scoring list.



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Before last season's opener against Endicott College, men's soccer forward Ben Premo '09 suffered a severe ankle sprain that hindered his performance throughout the season. The Judges' leading scorer in 2006 struggled with only nine points and two goals in 2007, and the team fell to 8-9-3 after winning an Eastern College Athletic Conference championship the year before.

After only one game this season, Premo has already eclipsed his goal total from last season. Coach Mike Coven put it simply, saying, "Premo is back."

Premo led the Judges to a 5-0 victory last Saturday at home over Endicott College, recording his fourth career hat trick and becoming the ninth player in team history to reach 80 career points.

"You saw today what he can do when he's not hurt," Coven said after Saturday's season opener. "Not only did he score three goals, but he was very active all over and got back defensively."

Premo's early success could be exactly what the Judges need to get on track offensively this season after scoring just 26 goals as a team in 20 games last season.

"I had two goals all of last year, which is terrible," Premo said. "I feel great now. I couldn't sleep all last [Friday] night thinking about the game, and scoring three today helps a lot. This definitely boosts my confidence."

Premo said he would try to use last year's struggles to give himself extra motivation to improve for his final collegiate season.

"Pre-game I was nervous thinking about last year and how I only scored two goals," he said. "I put that all toward positive motivation. My sophomore year I had a good year, but last year I just felt more depended-on and thought about every shot that I hit. Now I'm just going out and shooting like I used to, and it's working."

—Ian Cutler

AP BRIEFS

Swimmer Michael Phelps backing Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago wants to host the 2016 Summer Olympics, and local organizers wasted no time touting the support of one of the world's biggest names in sports: gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps.

Fresh off his record win of eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, Phelps will be in Chicago next week to back the city's bid, local organizers announced Thursday.

Phelps, whose performance in the pool has earned him worldwide name recognition, is a magnet for international attention, something any city bidding for the Olympics craves.

"He's the hottest name associated with the Olympics," said Marc Ganis, who runs a Chicago-based sports consulting firm.

The 23-year-old Phelps is such a hot commodity, he even has a gig hosting *Saturday Night Live* on Sept. 13. Phelps trained for several years in Ann Arbor, Mich., as part of the University of Michigan-linked Club Wolverine.

"We think it's fantastic to have such an iconic Olympian be part of our bid and be here to support it," said Chicago 2016 organizing group spokesman Patrick Sandusky, adding that Phelps supported Chicago's bid even before his success in Beijing.

Chicago is a finalist for the 2016 games along with Tokyo, Japan; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Madrid, Spain. The International Olympic Committee will choose the 2016 host next year.

Phelps said it's a privilege to lend his support to Chicago's bid.

"It is truly an honor to be able to represent your country, and to have the opportunity to do so in your own country would be an experience unlike any other," he said in a statement.

University of Michigan's Taylor: 'We need to move on'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Michigan hopes it learned a lesson about how to deal with a season-opening loss.

The Wolverines began the Rich Rodriguez era with a 25-23 setback against Utah a year after Lloyd Carr's final season began with a stunning loss to Appalachian State.

Instead of bouncing back last season in the second game, Michigan came out flat and got routed 39-7 at home against the Oregon Ducks.

"We need to move on," defensive tackle Terrance Taylor said. "We got caught up with the Appalachian State game so much that we lost to Oregon."

The Wolverines started this season unranked for the first time since 1985 and the loss to the Utes likely will keep them there, even if they beat Miami of Ohio at home this weekend. Michigan went into the opener without an announced starter at quarterback and might do it again.

"I want to watch the film before I make any evaluations and see how these guys practice this week," Rodriguez said.

Nick Sheridan was the No. 1 quarterback and played for two-plus quarters, going 11 of 19 for 98 yards with one TD before he was replaced. Fortunate breaks helped him avoid a few interceptions.

"You learn a lot from playing your first game," the former walk-on said. "I know I need to get better, and I'll continue to do that. I felt pretty good out there, but there is also a lot of room for improvement. We're very disappointed, but we have to move on."

Georgia Tech transfer Steven Threet was 8-of-19 for 69 yards, including a perfectly thrown 33-yard touchdown pass that sparked a rally.

"He seemed pretty calm," Rodriguez said.

While much was made of Rodriguez's debut in Ann Arbor, at least one player thought the hype was overblown.

"I think too much is made of that," linebacker Obi Ezech said. "It's just football."

Saints head for Indy with Gustav bearing down

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A hurricane has driven the Saints out of New Orleans again. But, they don't plan on being gone nearly as long this time.

With Hurricane Gustav bearing down on the Gulf Coast three years after Katrina swamped New Orleans, the Saints left Saturday for Indianapolis, where they will spend the week preparing for the Sept. 7 opener against Tampa Bay.

The Saints will practice at the Colts' new Lucas Oil Stadium. Their schedule wasn't immediately known, although meetings were set for Sunday at their hotel.

The Tampa Bay game is scheduled for the Louisiana Superdome, and the Saints plan to be there for it unless damage from Gustav dictates otherwise.

New Orleans officials aren't using the Superdome as an evacuation shelter with Gustav. Three years ago, it became a symbol of pain and suffering when thousands of residents were stranded by Katrina floodwaters that poured through broken levees.

The Saints spent the entire 2005 season on the road, practicing in San Antonio and playing three games there, going to the Meadowlands to play the New York Giants in their "home opener" and using LSU's home stadium in Baton Rouge for their other four home games.

The Superdome, damaged inside and out, needed a \$185 million makeover that was barely finished in time for the 2006 season. Every Saints home game the past two seasons has been a sellout, making the team a key part of the city's ongoing recovery.

Patriots cut veteran safety Lynch

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP)—John Lynch, the nine-time National Football League Pro Bowl safety signed by New England two weeks ago, was released by the Patriots on Sunday.

"It goes without saying, but John is an all-time great safety, one of the league's classiest professionals, and his elite play speaks for itself," coach Bill Belichick said of Lynch, who turns 37 on Sept. 25.

He has played 15 seasons, 11 in Tampa Bay and four in Denver. He won the Super Bowl with Tampa Bay in 2003.

Judging numbers

73 minutes it took for men's soccer forward Ben Premo '09 to eclipse the two goals he scored in 2007. Premo's hat trick against Endicott College last Saturday was the fourth of his career and moved him into eighth place on the team's all-time scoring list.

14 shots taken by the women's soccer team in its season-opening win last Saturday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. MIT countered with only five shots and were outshot by the Judges 10-1 in the second half. Brandeis won the game 4-0.

9 digs recorded by Paige Blasco '11 in her collegiate debut for the volleyball team in the Judges' straight-set win over Wentworth Institute of Technology last Saturday. Blasco served as the team's manager last season as she was recovering from an injury.

15:27 was the time it took Grace Selig '11 to run four kilometers at last Friday's cross country meet against Bentley College. Selig won the meet, with teammate Marie Lemay '11 finishing second with a time of 15 minutes, 32 seconds.

12 out of the top 15 performances at the men's cross country team's season-opening meet against Bentley College last Friday came from Brandeis runners. Paul Norton '11 led the way with a time of 18 minutes, 3 seconds in the 3.5-mile race, with teammates Zach Schwartz '11 and Mike Stone '09 taking second and third place respectively.

UPCOMING GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Soccer vs. Gordon College

The Judges will play their home opener Wednesday at 7 p.m. against Gordon.

The women's soccer team will look to post its first winning streak of 2008, having captured the first game of the season Saturday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a score of 4-0. With just one senior on this year's squad, the team benefited from the help of its rookies, including forward Izabella Miranda '12, who had three

points coming off the bench in her Brandeis debut.

Gordon will look for its first victory of the season, having dropped a 2-0 decision to Clark University in its season opener last Saturday. Last year, Brandeis captured a 3-1 victory at Gordon behind two goals from forward Melissa Gorenkoff '10.

TEAM LEADERS

MSoccer (points)

Forward Ben Premo '09 leads the Judges with six points in just the first game of the season.

Player	Points
Ben Premo	6
Alexander Farr	2
Patrick Metelus	2
Luke Teece	2
Corey Bradley	1

WSoccer (points)

Forward Izabella Miranda '12 scored a goal and assisted another in her collegiate debut.

Player	Points
Izabella Miranda	3
Tiffany Pacheco	2
Alanna Torre	2
Sofia Vallone	2
Two tied with...	1

Volleyball (kills)

Outside hitter Lorraine Wingenbach '09 leads the team with 10 kills.

Player	Kills
Lorraine Wingenbach	10
Nicole Smith	9
Paige Blasco	8
Bridget McAllister	5
Piera Carfagno	4

Volleyball (digs)

Outside hitter Paige Blasco '11 collected nine digs in her Brandeis debut.

Player	Digs
Paige Blasco	9
Abby Blasco	7
Bridget McAllister	7
Lorraine Wingenbach	5
Lauren Polinsky	5

UAA STANDINGS

Men's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

	UAA Conference			Overall				
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Emory	0	0	2	0.000	0	0	2	0.000
JUDGES	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Carnegie	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Case	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Rochester	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Chicago	0	0	1	0.000	0	1	1	.000
Washington	0	0	1	0.000	0	1	1	.000
New York	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	.000

Women's Soccer

Not including Monday's games

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	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Emory	0	0	2	0.000	0	0	2	0.000
Washington	0	0	2	0.000	0	0	2	0.000
JUDGES	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Case	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Chicago	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Carnegie	0	0	1	0.000	0	0	1	0.000
Rochester	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	1.000
New York	0	0	0	2.000	0	0	0	.000