



2009

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

NEWS & NOTES

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Last Week's Results

Thursday, October 22

Yale 2, QUINNIPIAC 1

Friday, October 23

RIDER 4, ROBERT MORRIS 0

LOCK HAVEN 3, SACRED HEART 1

BRYANT 3, SIENA 1

Sunday, October 25

BRYANT 2, QUINNIPIAC 0

SIENA 2, SACRED HEART 1 (OT)

LOCK HAVEN 5, MONMOUTH 1

RIDER 1, SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 0 (OT)



NEC TEAMS ALL CAPS. Home Team underlined.
Absence of underline indicates neutral site.

NEC Player of the Week

Aug. 31 Kristi Shepps, LHU
Sept. 8 Megan Pisani, RID
Sept. 14 Dana Luhrs, SHU
Sept. 21 Amy Hordendorf, LHU
Sept. 28 Lisa Heimerle, SIE
Oct. 5 Megan Pisani, RID
Oct. 12 Amy Hordendorf, LHU
Oct. 19 MacKenzie Liptak, QU
Oct. 26 Mary Keister, LHU

NEC Rookie of the Week

Aug. 31 Jackie Adams, RID
Sept. 8 Michelle Pieczynski, MU
Sept. 14 Ellie LaBar, RID
Sept. 21 Marlaine Schneider, RID
Sept. 28 Marlaine Schneider, RID
Oct. 5 Kellie Mason, SFPA
Oct. 12 Marlaine Schneider, RID
Oct. 19 Marlaine Schneider, RID
Oct. 26 Marlaine Schneider, RID

NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Lock Haven (8)
2. Rider (1)
3. Quinnipiac
4. Sacred Heart
5. Saint Francis (PA)
6. Monmouth
7. Robert Morris
8. Bryant
9. Siena



First place votes in parentheses ().

Northeast Conference Field Hockey

(Week 9 • October 26, 2009)

School	NEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak	Home	Away	Neutral
1. Lock Haven*	7-0	1.000	16-3	.842	W13	9-1	6-2	1-0
Rider*	6-0	1.000	15-1	.938	W2	5-0	9-1	1-0
3. Monmouth	3-3	.500	7-10	.412	L3	4-3	3-7	0-0
Quinnipiac	3-3	.500	4-11	.267	L2	3-5	1-6	0-0
5. Bryant	3-4	.429	6-10	.375	W2	4-1	2-8	0-1
6. Siena	2-4	.333	4-12	.250	W1	4-4	0-7	0-1
Saint Francis (PA)	2-4	.333	2-14	.125	L2	2-6	0-7	0-1
8. Robert Morris	1-5	.167	2-11	.154	L3	1-4	0-6	1-1
Sacred Heart	1-5	.167	2-15	.118	L2	2-4	0-11	0-0

Top four teams qualify for NEC Tournament.

* - Clinched NEC Tournament berth

NEC Player of the Week

Mary Keister, Lock Haven

Sr., Mid, 5-6, Mifflinburg, PA/Mifflinburg

Keister tallied six points (2G, 2A) over a pair of Northeast Conference victories that ran Lock Haven's overall win streak to 13 games and guaranteed the Lady Eagles a place in the upcoming four-team NEC Tournament. Helping Lock Haven keep its unprecedented 31-game NEC win streak in tact, Keister contributed to all three of her team's goals in a 3-1 win over Sacred Heart before scoring again in a 5-1 rout of Monmouth. She took a total of two shots last week, but made both count. Her first shot, which came on a penalty stroke, broke a 1-1 tie in the 62nd minute against Sacred Heart. She added her second assist on the game on an insurance goal in the final minute. Keister scored her seventh goal of the season on her only shot against Monmouth. Her tally gave LHU a 3-1 lead over the Hawks exactly two minutes into the second half.

NEC Rookie of the Week

Marlaine Schneider, Rider

Fr., Fwd, 5-7, Feasterville, PA/Neshaminy

Schneider is becoming synonymous with the words "NEC Rookie of the Week," winning her fifth weekly award in six weeks. The freshman forward provided an assist in each of Rider's two Northeast Conference road wins. Helping the Broncos clinch their 10th straight NEC Tournament berth and remain within one-half game of first-place Lock Haven, Schneider assisted on the game-winning goal in overtime of a 1-0 victory at Saint Francis (PA). Schneider's other assist helped stake Rider to a 3-0 halftime lead over Robert Morris on the first leg of the Broncos' Western Pennsylvania swing. The five-time NEC Rookie of the Week leads all freshmen in scoring (18 pts.).

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, October 30

SAINT FRANCIS (PA) at SACRED HEART 3:30 pm
MONMOUTH at BRYANT 4:00 pm
ROBERT MORRIS at QUINNIPIAC 4:00 pm
SIENA at RIDER 4:00 pm

Saturday, October 31

LaSalle at BRYANT 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 1

LOCK HAVEN at RIDER 12:00 pm
SAINT FRANCIS (PA) at QUINNIPIAC 12:00 pm
SIENA at MONMOUTH 1:00 pm
ROBERT MORRIS at SACRED HEART 2:30 pm

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Lock Haven and Rider Make Way onto Guest List: The two teams who squared off in each of the past two Northeast Conference Tournament finals have made their way back to the postseason. Both picking up two wins last week and remaining undefeated in NEC play, Lock Haven (7-0) and Rider (6-0) clinched NEC Tournament berths. The Haven has qualified for, and won, the four-team postseason tournament every year since it became eligible in 2006. Meanwhile, Rider extended its string of 10 consecutive NEC Tournament berths. Monmouth (3-3) and Quinnipiac (3-3), who are tied for third in the NEC standings, currently occupy the final two spots.

Team-By-Team Notes:

Bryant (6-10, 3-4 NEC)

Bryant went 2-0 on the week, taking a 3-1 win over Siena (Oct. 23) before blanking Quinnipiac (Oct. 25), 2-0. ... Senior goalkeeper **Kundayi Mawema (Harare, Zimbabwe)** made 13 saves and allowed just a single goal over 140:00 duration. She posted her third shutout of the season against Quinnipiac. ... Sophomore **Aly Czerniak (Holyoke, MA/Smith Academy)**, sophomore **Courtney Landi (Kingston, NY/Kingston)**, and senior **Danielle Moody (Gorham, ME/Gorham)** each recorded a goal and an assist on the two-win week, while senior **Tia Pydynkowski (Hampton Falls, NH/Winnacunnet)** and junior **Elise Boissoneau (Asburnham, MA/St. Bernard's Central)** also tallied goals. ... Freshman defender **Rachel Blitz (Riverwoods, IL/Deerfield)** had a big game against Quinnipiac, coming up with two defensive saves. She has a team-leading three defensive saves this season.

Lock Haven (16-3, 7-0 NEC)

Lock Haven won its 13th straight match by defeating Monmouth (Oct. 25), 5-1, to cap a 2-0 week. The Lady Eagles defeated Sacred Heart (Oct. 23), 3-1, two days prior. ... The two wins guaranteed Lock Haven an opportunity to play for a fourth consecutive Northeast Conference Tournament title. The three-time defending NEC champion Lady Eagles have won 31 consecutive matches against league opponents. ... Senior **Mary Keister (Mifflinburg, PA/Mifflinburg)** led LHU over the two-game span with two goals and two assists. ... LHU has just one game left on its regular season schedule. The Haven must travel to Rider (Nov. 1) where the NEC regular season title will be on the line. LHU is looking for its sixth straight regular season crown and is 7-1 all-time vs. Rider. ... On the year, junior forward **Amy Hordendorf (Topton, PA/Brandywine Heights)** leads the Lady Eagles with a team-high 22 goals. She also has four assists for a team-high 48 points.

Monmouth (7-10, 3-3 NEC)

Monmouth took an early 1-0 lead on defending Northeast Conference champion Lock Haven in its only game of last week, but surrendered five unanswered goals in an eventual 5-1 defeat. ... Sophomore **Elly Rosati (Ephrata, PA/Ephrata)** tallied her first goal of the season off a short corner pass from red-shirt senior **Enza Mazza (Oceanport, NJ/Shore Regional)** to opened the scoring against Lock Haven. ... Junior goalie **Melissa Katz (Tinton Falls, NJ/Monmouth Regional)** led the Blue and White defensively with seven saves on the afternoon. ... MU returns to the field in Smithfield, Rhode Island where they face Bryant (Oct. 30).

Quinnipiac (4-11, 3-3 NEC)

Quinnipiac suffered a pair of setbacks to regional rivals. The Bobcats fell, 2-1, to Yale (Oct. 22) in non-conference action before falling at NEC foe Bryant (Oct. 25), 2-0. ... The Bobcats currently sit in a tie for third-place in the NEC standings and occupy one of the last two remaining NEC Tournament berths. Their final two regular season games will decide their fate. Quinnipiac hosts Robert Morris (Oct. 30) and Saint Francis (PA) (Nov. 1).

Rider (15-1, 6-0 NEC)

Rider went 2-0 this past week, recording a pair of Northeast Conference road wins. The victories guarantee the Broncos their 10th straight trip to the NEC Tournament. ... Senior **Lyndsie Johnson (Gibbsboro, NJ/Eastern)** recorded a pair of shutouts to set a Rider single-season record (9). ... The Broncos scored a 4-0 victory at Robert Morris (Oct. 23). Sophomore **Virginia Egusquiza (Getxo, Spain)** logged three assists in the contest. Junior **Margaret Ecke (New Egypt, NJ/New Egypt)** and sophomore **Megan Pisani (Plainsboro, NJ/West Windsor-Plainsboro)** each scored twice for Rider. ... Egusquiza scored the game-winner, her fourth GWG of the season, in a 1-0 overtime victory at Saint Francis (PA) (Oct. 25). She has points in eight of her last nine games. ... The Broncos' 10 shutouts this season best a the previous program record that was set by the 2004 NEC champion squad. ... The Broncos host Siena (Oct. 30) before welcoming the defending NEC champion Lady Eagles of Lock Haven (Nov. 1) in the regular season finale.

Robert Morris (2-11, 1-5 NEC)

Robert Morris suffered a 4-0 loss to Rider (Oct. 23) in its lone action of the week. ... The Colonials close out their regular season schedule this upcoming weekend in Connecticut where they face Quinnipiac (Oct. 30) and Sacred Heart (Nov. 1).

Sacred Heart (2-15, 1-5 NEC)

Sacred Heart suffered road losses at Lock Haven (Oct. 23) and Siena (Oct. 25) last week. ... The Pioneers fell to Lock Haven 3-1 Friday afternoon. Junior defender **Jessica Garcia (Freehold, NJ/Rumson-Fair Haven)** notched her first goal of the season on a penalty stroke in the second half against Lock Haven, pulling the Pioneers even at 1-1. ... Senior forward **Kelsey Zeyher (Poughkeepsie, NY/Arlington)** registered SHU's lone goal in a 2-1 overtime loss at Siena. The Pioneers conclude the 2009 season with a pair of home games against Saint Francis (PA) (Oct. 30) and Robert Morris (Nov. 1).

Saint Francis (PA) (2-14, 2-4 NEC)

Upset-minded Saint Francis (PA) fell in overtime to Rider (Oct. 25) in its lone action of the week. The Red Flash held the Broncos, who are unbeaten in NEC play, scoreless for all of regulation. Goalkeeper **Kate Vitali (Bel Air, MD/C. Milton Wright)** had four saves in regulation and another two in overtime before surrendering the game-winner. ... Saint Francis (PA) travels to Connecticut close out the season against Sacred Heart (Oct. 30) and Quinnipiac (Nov. 1).

Siena (4-12, 2-4 NEC)

The Saints split two games last week. After suffering a 3-1 defeat at Bryant (Oct. 23), they rebounded to beat Sacred Heart (Oct. 25), 2-1, in overtime. ... The overtime victory snapped Siena's 11-game slide. ... Freshman defender **Kyla Dickson (Barre, MA/Quabbin Regional)** tallied her first career goal in the setback to Bryant. ... Senior **Kristin McGorty (Wappingers Falls, NY/John Jay)** notched the sudden-victory goal against Sacred Heart. McGorty finished with three points on the afternoon which moved her into eighth place on Siena's all-time career scoring list. ... Senior GK **Renee Clavette (Danville, NH/Timberlane)** made five saves to earn the win vs. SHU, while moving into second place on the all-time career saves list. Siena concludes regular-season action with stops at Rider (Oct. 30) and Monmouth (Nov. 1).