



2009

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

NEWS & NOTES

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Last Week's Results

Wednesday, September 16

Fairfield 2, BRYANT 0

Hofstra 2, QUINNIPIAC 1 (2OT)

Lehigh 6, SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 0

Holy Cross 5, SIENA 4 (2 OT)

Thursday, September 17

Maine 6, SACRED HEART 0

Friday, September 18

Ohio 2, ROBERT MORRIS 0

Albany 6, SAINT FRANCIS (PA) 0

LOCK HAVEN 5, Colgate 1

Saturday, September 19

Richmond 7, MONMOUTH 0

Boston U. 7, SACRED HEART 0

RIDER 6, Appalachian State 0

Sunday, September 20

Lafayette 2, QUINNIPIAC 0

Colgate 5, ST. FRANCIS (PA) 0

Va. Commonwealth 5, MONMOUTH 0

RIDER 1, Radford 0 (2OT)

LOCK HAVEN 4, La Salle 2

ROBERT MORRIS 2, Georgetown 1 (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

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

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 4 • September 21, 2009)

| School | NEC | Pct. | Overall | Pct. | Streak | Home | Away | Neutral |
|--------------------|-----|------|---------|-------|--------|------|------|---------|
| 1. Rider | 0-0 | .000 | 7-0 | 1.000 | W7 | 1-0 | 5-0 | 1-0 |
| Lock Haven | 0-0 | .000 | 5-3 | .625 | W2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 |
| Monmouth | 0-0 | .000 | 3-5 | .375 | L5 | 2-0 | 1-5 | 0-0 |
| Robert Morris | 0-0 | .000 | 1-4 | .200 | W1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 |
| Bryant | 0-0 | .000 | 1-5 | .167 | L3 | 1-0 | 0-4 | 0-1 |
| Siena | 0-0 | .000 | 1-6 | .143 | L4 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 |
| Sacred Heart | 0-0 | .000 | 1-7 | .125 | L2 | 1-2 | 0-5 | 0-0 |
| Quinnipiac | 0-0 | .000 | 0-5 | .000 | L5 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 0-0 |
| Saint Francis (PA) | 0-0 | .000 | 0-8 | .000 | L8 | 0-3 | 0-5 | 0-0 |

Top four teams qualify for NEC Tournament.

NEC Player of the Week

Amy Hordendorf, Lock Haven

Jr., Fwd, 5-6, Tipton, PA/Brandywine Heights

Hordendorf scored a league-high five goals in two games last week to help Lock Haven turn its mini two-game slide into back-to-back victories. The junior forward was responsible for three of Lock Haven's first four goals in an eventual 5-1 road win over Colgate. Hordendorf opened the game's scoring off a deflection in the 11th minute before providing insurance with two second-half tallies. The hat trick was her first of the season. Hordendorf gave Lock Haven a 1-0 lead for the second consecutive outing when she scored off a goal mouth scramble in the 26th minute against LaSalle. The third-year Lady Eagle struck again with 5:36 remaining in regulation, extending The Haven's lead to 4-2.

NEC Rookie of the Week

Marlaine Schneider, Rider

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

Schneider allowed Rider to extend its league-best win streak to seven to start the season. The freshman forward scored a pair of goals, including an overtime game-winner, in a pair of road victories last week. Schneider took six shots and scored her second career goal during a 6-0 rout of Appalachian State. The third Bronc to claim the NEC Rookie of the Week award in the season's first four weeks, Schneider fired eight shots, five on goal, in 80 minutes of play against Radford. Her unassisted tally in double overtime broke a scoreless tie and upped Rider's record to a perfect 7-0.

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, September 23

SACRED HEART at Brown 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 24

Holy Cross at QUINNIPIAC 4:00 pm

Friday, September 25

ROBERT MORRIS at Appalachian State 12:00 pm

West Chester at RIDER 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 26

Colgate at BRYANT 1:00 pm

Temple at LOCK HAVEN 11:00 am

Lafayette at MONMOUTH 12:00 pm

Saint Joseph's vs. ST. FRANCIS (PA) at Lock Haven 2:00 pm

Sunday, September 20

Saint Joseph's at LOCK HAVEN 1:00 pm

ROBERT MORRIS at Radford 1:00 pm

Colgate at SIENA 1:00 pm

Georgetown at MONMOUTH 2:00 pm

SACRED HEART at Rutgers 2:00 pm

BRYANT at Dartmouth 3:00 pm

Massachusetts at QUINNIPIAC 3:00 pm

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General Notes:

Crows Scores Two for RMU: Robert Morris broke into the win column by outlasting Georgetown, 2-1, in overtime, but could not have done it without the services of sophomore **Chantele Crow (Dauphin, PA/Central Dauphin)**. The second-year forward scored both Robert Morris goals within the span of less than 10 minutes. Crow broke a scoreless deadlock on an unassisted tally in the 62nd minute before Georgetown tied the game with 4:22 remaining. Only 1:02 into overtime, Crow struck again by burying the game-winner into the back left corner of the cage. The victory ended the Colonials' four-game slide to start the season.

Lock Haven Bounces Back from Rare Slide: After winning three of its first four games to start the season., defending Northeast Conference champion Lock Haven suffered back-to-back losses two weeks ago to fall to 3-3. It was the first time in more than two years that the Lady Eagles dropped two straight games, but the losing didn't last long. The Haven bounced back by beating Colgate and LaSalle by a combined 9-3 score this past week. Only Rider (7-0) owns a better non-league record than Lock Haven (5-3).

Rider Makes It Four-for-Four: Rider has had representation in each of the season's first four installments of the Northeast Conference weekly awards program. Current NEC Rookie of the Week **Marlaine Schneider (Feasterville, PA/Neshaminy)** is one of three Rider freshmen to capture the Rookie of the Week accolade. Schneider, who provided the only scoring in the Broncos' latest victory over Radford, follows last week's honoree **Ellie LaBar (Oaklyn, NJ/Collingswood)**. Freshman **Jackie Adams (Medford Lakes, NJ/Shawnee)** claimed rookie honors (Aug. 31) for her opening-week efforts and sophomore **Megan Pisani (Plainsboro, NJ/West Windsor-Plainsboro)** won NEC Player of the Week (Sept. 8) accolades for tallying 14 points in three victories.

NEC Preseason Prognostication: Lock Haven stands as the unanimous favorite to capture a fourth consecutive Northeast Conference field hockey crown. The Lady Eagles garnered eight first-place votes to finish atop the NEC's preseason coaches' poll for the fifth year in a row. After coming up one victory shy of the NEC Tournament title each of the previous two seasons, Rider garnered the lone remaining first-place vote and finished second in the annual survey of the league's nine head coaches. Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart, who along with Lock Haven and Rider comprised last season's NEC Championship field, finished third and fourth, respectively, in the voting. Saint Francis (PA) claimed fifth place followed by Monmouth in sixth and Robert Morris in seventh. Poised for its inaugural season of NEC competition, Bryant was tabbed for eighth place while Siena rounded out the preseason prognostication in ninth. The team picked first in the poll has gone onto win the past four NEC crowns. The 2004 Quinnipiac Bobcats were the last preseason favorite to walk away empty-handed. Lock Haven, picked third, finished atop the regular season standings that season, and Rider, selected second, won the tournament.

Team-By-Team Notes:

Bryant (1-5, 0-0 NEC)

The Bulldogs suffered their third straight loss, falling, 2-0, on the road to Fairfield in its only game of the week. ... Senior goalkeeper **Kundayi Mawema (Harare, Zimbabwe/Dominican Convent)** recorded seven saves in the contest, upping her season total to 52. She has played all 420 minutes between the pipes for the Bulldogs in 2009. ... Sophomore **Courtney Landi (Kingston, NY/Kingston)** led the Bulldogs offensively with three shots, two on goal. ... Sophomore **Aly Czerniak (Holyoke, MA/Holyoke)** also registered a shot on goal for Bryant.

Lock Haven (5-3, 0-0 NEC)

Lock Haven, which suffered back-to-back losses last week for the first time in over two years, got back to its winning ways. The Lady Eagles went 2-0 over week, picking up non-conference wins over Colgate and LaSalle. ... Junior forward **Amy Hordendorf (Topton, PA/Brandywine Heights)** led LHU with a five-goal week. She leads the team in goals (7) and total points (15) this season. ... Seniors **Mary Keister (Mifflinburg, PA/Mifflinburg)** and **Suzann Hobart (Lewisberry, PA/Red Land)** each have four goals and one assist on the year. ... Lock Haven meets a Philadelphia-based program for the second consecutive game when it hosts Temple on Sept. 26. LHU is 2-2-1 all-time against the Owls, but lost the most-recent meeting, 3-2, in overtime (2007). ... A third Philly school awaits in the form of Saint Joseph's on Sept. 27. The two sides last faced off against each other in 1986 when Lock Haven won the only meeting, 3-2, in overtime.

Monmouth (3-5, 0-0 NEC)

Monmouth closed out its longest road trip of the season this past weekend when it dropped a pair of non-conference matchups to Richmond, 7-0, and Virginia Commonwealth, 5-0. ... Monmouth's recent five-game slide comes after it started the season at 3-0 for the first time in program history. ... The Hawks return to action this weekend as they take on Lafayette (Sept. 26).

Quinnipiac (0-5, 0-0 NEC)

Quinnipiac lost to Hofstra, 2-1, in double overtime before falling to Lafayette, 2-0. ... Hofstra converted on the game-winner on a penalty corner in the 92nd minute. ... QU goalie **Jenna Grossman (Flanders, NJ/Mt. Olive)** turned in back-to-back double-digit save performances. The reigning NEC Goalkeeper of the Year stopped 12 of 14 shots on goal against Hofstra in a 91-minute battle with the Pride. She turned back all three of Hofstra's shots in the first period, before stopping five in the second half. For the year, Grossman has stopped 45 of 60 shots on goal for a .750 save percentage. ... **Lauren Hartnett (Walpole, MA/Walpole)** scored her team-leading second goal of the season against the Pride. Hartnett leads Quinnipiac with seven points.

Rider (7-0, 0-0 NEC)

Rider did it with offense in a 6-0 win at Appalachian State on Sept. 19 and with stellar defense in a 1-0 double-overtime win at Radford one day later. ... Sophomore **Megan Pisani (Plainsboro, NJ/West Windsor Plainsboro-North)** recorded her second hat trick of the season in the shutout of ASU. ... Rookie **Marlaine Schneider (Feasterville, PA/Neshaminy)** scored one a rebound, her third goal of the season, to break a scoreless tie 4:59 into the second overtime at Radford. ... Senior goalie **Lyndsie Johnson (Gibbsboro, NJ/Eastern)** notched her second shutout in a row, and third in four games, last week. She lowered her goals-against average to 0.55. Johnson was fourth in the nation in GAA entering play last week. ... Rider next hosts West Chester (Sept. 25). ... The Broncos received votes in last week's NFCA poll and was ranked 30th entering the ASU game.

Robert Morris (1-4, 0-0 NEC)

Robert Morris split a pair of games last week, breaking into the win column following a season-opening four-game slide. The Colonials fell to Ohio, 2-0, before sneaking past Georgetown, 2-1, in overtime. ... RMU goalie **Stephanie Seeley (Louisville, KY/Ballard)** made 24 saves against Ohio, a performance that ranks first amongst NCAA single-game saves leaders this season. ... Seeley earned the win for RMU's overtime triumph over Georgetown. Sophomore **Chantele Crow (Dauphin, PA/Central Dauphin)** scored both RMU goals in the 2-1 victory.

Sacred Heart (1-7, 0-0 NEC)

The Pioneers dropped a pair of non-conference games last week to Maine and Boston. ... Junior goalie **Kim Stow (Norwalk, CT/Norwalk)** made 11 saves in a 6-0 loss to Maine and stopped 10 shots in a 7-0 loss at BU. Overall, Stow has made 83 saves, while boasting a .709 save percentage. She has played every minute in the cage for Sacred Heart. ... Sophomore forward **Chelsea Carlson (Peterborough, NH/Contoocook)** leads the team in scoring with a pair of goals and two assists. ... This week the Pioneers will travel to play at Brown (Sept. 23) before visiting Rutgers (Sept. 27).

Saint Francis (PA) (0-8, 0-0 NEC)

Saint Francis continues to look for its first win following three losses last week. ... Junior **Rebecca Reiff (Wall, NJ/Wall)** was the only Red Flash player to tally a goal, taking a feed from freshman **Tia Dudukovich (Port Matilda, PA/State College Area)** and scoring in the Flash's 2-1 loss to Lehigh. ... Junior **Caitlin Brown (Hamburg, PA/Hamburg)** managed five shots in a setback at Colgate. ... Saint Francis will take on St. John's in a game to be played at Lock Haven (Sept. 26).

Siena (1-6, 0-0 NEC)

Siena dropped a heartbreaker in its only game of the past week, falling, 5-4, in double overtime at Holy Cross. ... The Saints scored all four of their goals in the second half and built a 4-2 lead before the Crusaders answered back for three unanswered goals in handing Siena its fourth straight defeat. ... The four goals accounted for the Saints' highest offensive output in three years, and most ever scored in a loss since the team moved up to the Division I ranks prior to the 1993 season. ... Senior midfielder **Kristin McGorty (Wappingers Falls, NY/John Jay)** led the way with a goal and two assists, in the process moving to 10th place all-time (fifth Division I) on the Siena career scoring charts. ... The Saints return after an 11-day respite for their final non-conference home game of the season when they host Colgate (Sept. 27).