



SPORTS

Field hockey finishes 18-1 after NCAA DIII Final Four

by Burgess LePage
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team lost 2-1 in its first-ever NCAA Semifinal appearance. Messiah College ended Bowdoin's best season in school history. The Polar Bears end their season with a 18-1 record.

True to the spirit of Final Four competition, the two teams were evenly matched. The Polar Bears got on the board first with a goal midway through the first half off a give-and-go between junior Taryn King and senior Margaret Gormley, the latter hitting the ball past the Messiah keeper.

Kate Leonard '07 and Gormley lived up to their reputations on the defense, diligently pushing back Messiah's offensive efforts. Bowdoin's defense allowed only one goal in the first half, despite numerous Falcon attempts. Bowdoin started the second half strong, but a Messiah goal with 29 minutes remaining, proved too much for the Polar Bears.

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Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Margaret Gormley '06 collects the ball off a pass from Taryn King '07 to score Bowdoin's lone goal against Messiah College at Washington & Lee University.

Men's basketball beats Colby-Sawyer for fifth win

The men's basketball team improves to 5-1 with a 68-65 victory over Colby-Sawyer

by Mario N. López
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Basketball Team is off to a promising start. The Polar Bears improved to 5-1 last night with a 68-65 victory over Colby-Sawyer. Sophomore Andrew Hippert secured the win with two free-throws in the last five seconds of the game.

The Polar Bears carried a comfortable lead for most of the game until the last 14 minutes of the game, when the Chargers staged a strong comeback. Colby-Sawyer never fully recovered from Bowdoin's early point rack-up.

Babson handed Bowdoin its only loss in the Polar Bears' first game of the season at the Invitational Tournament on November 18.

Babson beat the Polar Bears 71-57, despite Bowdoin's early 17-10 lead midway through the first half. The Beavers stole the lead with less than five minutes remaining the half. They would go on to add six more points to the Bowdoin deficit to post a 31-24 halftime score.

The Polar Bears were unable to recover in the second half and could only watch their opponent continue to put the ball in the hoop. Bowdoin trailed by 12 with only ten minutes left on the clock. With a few more baskets the Beavers saw their biggest lead of the game, with a score of 59-

45. The Polar Bears came within seven points of Babson's lead, but their late rally was not enough.

Senior Kyle Petrie recorded a team-high 19 points, shooting 50 percent from the field and a perfect 100 percent from the free throw line. Junior forward Jac Arbour collected a double-double, scoring 15 points and snatching 11 rebounds.

Bowdoin bounced back from the defeat to get its first victory of the season against Whittier College. The Polar Bears earned third place at the Invitational with a 78-58 victory in the consolation game. Petrie led the troops once more with 21 points, earning himself All-Tournament Team honors. Shooting guard Hippert contributed 19 points in the blowout victory, while junior point guard Kevin Bradley added 15 of his own and seven assists.

Coming off the split on the road, Bowdoin returned home to play the University of New England on November 22. The Polar Bears were

victorious in their home-opener, serving the Nor'easters their second loss of the year. Both teams played a solid first half, as Bowdoin entered the locker room with just a one-point lead.

Bowdoin forced more Presque Isle turnovers, 31, than allowed points, 30. The Polar Bears also blocked seven shots and had 23 steals as a team. Bowdoin also out-rebounded the Owls 50-50.

Bowdoin faced a greater challenge against the University of Southern Maine on Tuesday. Petrie led the squad to its fourth consecutive win with his second 19-point game of the season, also adding six more rebounds to his career stats. Junior John Goodridge added a career-high 14 points on 6-for-9 shooting from the field.

Bowdoin never trailed in the contest and had a 57-47 lead with 12 minutes remaining in the game. The Huskies did find their way back though, eventually evening out the score to 67. The Polar Bears then managed a two-point lead with two and a half minutes left to play. A Petrie money ball and a few final free throws sealed Bowdoin's victory, and the Polar Bears finished on top by a score of 80-71.

The Polar Bears depart Brunswick to face the University of Maine Maritime tomorrow afternoon and will then visit archrival Bates College on Tuesday, December 6.

Bowdoin pushed to a three-game

Women fall to USM

by Vanessa Kitchen
STAFF WRITER

Polar Bears got fired up in the second and scored 46 points in the final 20 minutes.

The Bears have some strong first years joining their ranks. Forward Jill Anelauskas '09 scored nine points and made eight rebounds in the team's first game against Endicott, and contributed 16 points in the championship game against Eastern Connecticut—proving to be a strong addition. She received Most Outstanding Player honors for her performance at the tournament.

Pouravelis, Eileen Flaherty '07, and Julia Loonin, '07 also received All-Tournament Honors.

The team upheld its longest home-court winning streak in the nation at home on November 22 with their 56th consecutive win in Morell Gymnasium. The Polar Bears dominated the University of New England, cruising past them with a 95-49 win. Flaherty led the team with 18 points, and Anelauskas again proved herself a formidable addition to the offense, scoring 17 points overall.

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Sophomore Jordan Fliegel moves past a defender in last night's game.

Swimming teams overcome Babson, but lose to MIT



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Senior Michelle Filteau works on her breaststroke during practice.

by Katie Yankura
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swimming teams commenced their official season with a meet against Babson and MIT on Sunday, December 19.

The women drowned Babson 213-

70, but lost narrowly to MIT 152-139. Going into the final event, the 200 freestyle relay, the Bears were just one point behind the MIT Engineers, but a disappointing second-place finish gave MIT the victory.

The team had strong individual races. Junior Megan McLean swept both the 100 butterfly and 100

freestyle, while sophomore Carrie Roble took first in the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly. First year rookie Liz Dann dominated the breaststroke events, winning both the 50 and 100.

The men's team replicated the women's results with a 188-90 victory over Babson and a 183.5-104.5 loss to MIT. First year Dave Swanson solidified his position as a top new sprinter by sweeping both the 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle events and taking second place in the 50 breaststroke. The team also demonstrated its added depth with a first place finish in the 200 freestyle relay and second and third place finishes in the 400 medley relay. The winning 200 relay included Swanson and seniors Carter Thomas, Roger Burleigh, and Jason Lewis.

The Polar Bears, who started official practices November 1, were at a slight disadvantage, as both MIT and Babson have been training since early October.

Coach Brad Burnham believes the team's performance bodes well for its future success.

"I was very pleased with the way things went against Babson and MIT. We are less than three weeks into the season; they have been at it for about eight weeks, and it is always tough to swim them so early in our season but the team was outstanding in so many areas," he said.

ductive year offensively, having posted a .236 average with only eight home runs and 58 runs batted in last season, but he did manage to snag a Gold Glove award for his defensive capabilities at third base. With an average of .280, 25 home runs, and 95 runs batted in over the previous five years, last year could easily have just been a glitch in an otherwise prosperous career.

During his career with the L.A. Dodgers as a set-up man for the lights-out closer Eric Gagne from 2002 until 2004, Mota was dominant. Sporting an ERA of 2.67 over that span, he provided the perfect link between starter and closer. Although he faltered during his one and a half seasons with the Marlins, there is hope that he can find a niche in the Boston bullpen and strengthen one of the 2005 Red Sox weaknesses.

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For Red Sox Nation, it is now just a matter of waiting to see what other presents the team reels in for the holidays.

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Southern Maine, ranked fourth in the nation, on Tuesday night. The Polar Bears have beat USM in every face-off since 1999, but this game proved to be an exception. The two teams

were evenly matched, each with 3-0 records going into the game.

Loonin, Flaherty, and Marisa Berne '08 added double-digits to the scoreboard for Bowdoin, but could not save the team from a Husky onslaught effort in the last

couple of minutes.

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Athlete Profile: Niki Clement



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Niki Clement '06 has held the No. 1 spot on the squash team for four years.

by Nick Day
STAFF WRITER

Since she first stepped onto the squash courts at Bowdoin four years ago, Captain Niki Clement '06 has been a force to be reckoned with. Holding down the No. 1 spot all four years, Clement has impressed players and spectators alike with her exceptional skill and poise.

Clement, whose father played squash in college, learned the game at a young age and began competing in tournaments "sometime during the seventh grade."

Although her high school did not have a team, she worked on her game by taking lessons and attending weekly clinics. By her senior year in high school, she was the top ranked junior in her age division and knew she wanted to continue playing at the collegiate level.

"I only looked at schools that had squash teams," she said.

Clement made an immediate impact on Bowdoin squash in her first year, playing one on the ladder.

"Although I was initially anxious about playing one as a freshman, I didn't give it too much thought once the season started. I just played my game and didn't worry about that stuff," she said.

Despite playing opponents three years older than her, she posted a stellar 16-4 record and was honored with the Outstanding First-Year Female Athlete Award at the end of the year.

Three years and three successful seasons later, Clement remains on top of the ladder, with more honors and awards to her name, including two-time All-American honors and MVP for three years.

In addition to her own success on the court, Clement has also been a tremendous leader for younger players.

"Niki is an awesome captain," first year Alex Franceschi said. "She works really hard which motivates the rest of the team to work hard."

Coach Tomas Fortson agrees.

"She is the hardest worker I have come across in my five years here," he said. "Whether it's a tight match or not, Niki is always competitive, tries her hardest, and runs down every ball."

Clement believes that her work ethic and dedication to Bowdoin squash is a result of her commitment to "playing for the team" rather than for just personal recognition.

"I think team chemistry affects everything in squash. One of the reasons the team has been so successful is because we have the environment for a great team. We play for each other," Clement said.

Clement looks to the last year's winter break training trip as evidence of the team's unity.

"Last year, the squash team traveled to Mexico. We practiced twice a day and got to go to the beach twice a day. We were together in a beautiful, warm place. It was awesome," she said.

Clement is excited about this year's team, which graduated no seniors and gained six first years.

"So far, this year's team has done really well. We've got a lot of talent and a lot of depth," she said.

With the addition of two field hockey players, who finished their season, and two juniors returning from abroad, the team will have the added advantage of depth.

The team kicked off the season with decisive wins over Tufts and Connecticut College, both 8-1 victories.

Clement is not sure how squash will shape her plans after graduation, but knows that she will definitely continue to play in and around a "large city in the east with a relatively big squash population."

Clement does not hesitate to say how much she will miss Bowdoin, noting, "But most of all, I'm going to miss Bowdoin squash and putting on that jersey."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Colby	0	0	4	0
Tufts	0	0	3	0
Middlebury	0	0	5	1
Williams	0	0	4	1
BOWDOIN	0	0	3	1
Bates	0	0	2	2
Conn. College	0	0	2	2
Trinity	0	0	2	2
Wesleyan	0	0	2	2
Amherst	0	0	1	3

SCOREBOARD

Sa 11/19	v. Endicott (at E. Conn. Tourney)	W 75-29
Su 11/20	at Eastern Conn. (at E. Conn. Tourney)	W 72-39
Tu 11/22	v. UNE	W 95-49
Tu 11/29	at USM	L 64-55

SCHEDULE

Sa 12/3	at RPI	5:00 P.M.
Su 12/4	at Staten Island	2:00 P.M.
Th 12/8	v. Colby-Sawyer	7:00 P.M.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	NESAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Colby	2	0	0	5	0	0
Middlebury	2	0	0	4	0	0
Trinity	2	0	0	3	1	0
Williams	2	0	0	3	2	0
Amherst	1	1	0	3	1	0
BOWDOIN	1	1	0	3	1	0
Hamilton	1	1	0	1	1	0
Tufts	0	2	0	1	2	1
Wesleyan	0	2	0	1	3	0
Conn. Coll.	0	2	0	0	4	0

SCOREBOARD

F 11/18	at UMass-Boston	W 7-0
Sa 11/19	at Babson	L 5-3
Sa 11/26	v. Salve Regina	W 9-0
Su 11/27	v. Nichols (at Colby)	W 6-2

SCHEDULE

F 12/2	v. Skidmore	7:00 P.M.
Sa 12/3	v. Castleton State	4:00 P.M.

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Trinity	0	0	4	1
Conn. College	0	0	3	1
Tufts	0	0	3	1
Bates	0	0	3	2
Colby	0	0	2	2
Wesleyan	0	0	3	3

SCOREBOARD

F 11/18	at Babson (at Babson Tourney)	L 71-57
Sa 11/19	v. Whittier (at Babson Tourney)	W 78-58
Tu 11/22	v. UNE	W 76-58
Sa 11/26	v. U. Maine-P.I.	W 100-30
Tu 11/29	at USM	W 80-71
Th 12/1	v. Colby-Sawyer	W 68-65

SCHEDULE

Sa 12/3	at Maine Maritime	4:00 P.M.
Su 12/6	at Bates	7:00 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

SCOREBOARD

F 11/18	v. Messiah (at Washington & Lee)	L 2-1
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WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD

Sa 11/19	v. Tufts (at Harvard Round Robin)	W 8-1
Sa 11/19	v. Conn. College (at Harvard RR)	W 8-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 12/3	v. Middlebury	10:00 A.M.
Sa 12/3	v. William Smith	4:00 P.M.
Sa 12/3	v. Wesleyan	7:00 P.M.
Su 12/4	v. Stanford	8:30 A.M.
Su 12/4	v. Mt. Holyoke (all games at Wesleyan RR)	11:30 A.M.



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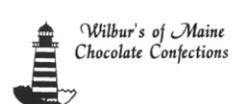
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