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Field Hockey upsets #7 Skidmore in OT, Earns top seed in UCAA Tournament

GENEVA (Oct. 25)—The hero of the game wasn't available for postgame interviews. First-year forward **SOPHIE DENNIS** was on her way to the hospital for five stitches.

The William Smith College field hockey team's leading scorer left the 18th-ranked Herons showdown with No. 7 Skidmore College five minutes before halftime with a nasty welt and cut near her right eye, the result of a ball and stick to the head.

After icing the wound to reduce swelling, Dennis was cleared to return 15 minutes into the second frame, and it's a good thing. She scored the only goal of the contest, 2:01 into the first overtime session, to lift the Herons to victory. Junior **SARAH SILVERIO** set up the game-winner with a perfectly placed crossing pass.

The loss ended Skidmore's 12-game win streak and marked the first time the Thoroughbreds (13-2, 6-1 UCAA) had been shutout since Oct. 16, 2002 (a 4-0 loss to Hartwick). It also marked the first time William Smith (12-4, 7-0 UCAA) had defeated their league rival since Sept. 22, 2001—another overtime decision, 2-1.

Both teams had scoring opportunities during regulation, but both goalkeepers were up to the task. William Smith's best chance came at the 29:02 mark when Dennis beat back a rebound from three yards out, but senior goalie Jenna Spackman caught just enough of the ball with her left heel as it went between her pads to direct it just wide of the cage. Spackman finished with 11 saves.

Skidmore got its best scoring chance midway through the second half. Senior midfielder Hallory Mogren received a pass on the back door of the Herons' cage and sent a screamer towards the wide side, but senior **JESSICA KULESA** made a spectacular kick save to preserve the shutout. She finished with four saves.

The win gives the Herons the right to host the UCAA Tournament, Nov. 8-9. Top-seeded William Smith will face No. 4 Rensselaer in the first semifinal at 11 a.m., while the No. 2 Thoroughbreds will square off with No. 3 St. Lawrence at 2 p.m.

After a 1-2 start, the Herons rattled off nine straight wins, including five consecutive victories on the road. The victory over Skidmore was very important for the team's confidence following back-to-back 2-0 losses to fifth-ranked Cortland and No. 14 Lebanon Valley.

Dennis is pacing the attack with team highs in goals (12) and points (26). Sophomore back **LAUREN FULLER** has proven especially potent on penalty corners, driving home nine goals, while sophomore **MAGGIE DOLAN** and junior **TARA BAKER** also have reached double digits in points with 18 and 11, respectively.

Defensively, the Herons' back line has made life easy on Kulesa, but the senior has come up huge in key situations. She leads the UCAA in GAA (0.76) and save percentage (.845). Kulesa boasts four shutouts and has not allowed a goal in nine of the 16 games in which she's played.



First-year forward Sophie Dennis celebrates her 12th goal of the season. The overtime tally gave the Herons a 1-0 upset of seventh-ranked Skidmore and the top-seed in the UCAA Tournament, Nov. 8-9.

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Soccer heads to UCAA Tourney at Union

After starting the season 3-2-1, the William Smith soccer team rattled off six straight victories and jumped back into the NSCAA national rankings at 21st. The Herons closed out their UCAA schedule with a 6-1 record and the No. 2 seed in the UCAA Tournament on Nov. 8-9.

William Smith hit its stride starting with a 2-1 victory at Rensselaer. Knotted at one late in the second half, it appeared as if the game was headed to overtime before senior **KRISTIN PERRIGO** scored with 29 seconds remaining to lift the Herons over the Red Hawks. The following afternoon was much easier, a 5-0 blanking of Vassar.

The last-minute heroics resurfaced a week later when sophomore **KATE WARNER** headed home a **DEBBIE MINARICK** corner kick 3:34 into overtime for a 2-1 win over Hamilton.

Continuing conference play after a week off, William Smith posted its fourth and fifth shutouts of the season with a 4-0 win over Clarkson and a 1-0 overtime victory against St. Lawrence. Perrigo turned in yet another clutch performance, netting the lone goal of the game 8:12 into overtime for the critical win over the Saints.

The Herons headed out of conference for their next game with 18th-ranked Nazareth. William Smith got on the board in the sixth minute with a goal by **STEPH GRIDLEY** and never looked back, upsetting the Golden Flyers 2-0.

Riding the six-game win streak, the

Hérons headed to play a tough Houghton team three days later. Ranked 10th in the NAIA poll, the Highlanders were too much for William Smith, downing the Herons 3-0.

William Smith bounced back in its next contest, getting goals from Warner and senior **STEPHANIE LEVELLE** in a 2-0 shutout at RIT.

William Smith closed the regular season at home with a critical conference weekend against fifth-ranked Union and Skidmore. Junior **CAROLINE WENZEL** scored on a breakaway to put the Herons up 1-0 going into halftime, but the Dutchwomen's offense proved to be too powerful as they scored three unanswered to remain undefeated in conference play.

Three seniors celebrated their final game at home against Skidmore, **DANIELLE CORNETT**, Leveille, and Perrigo. The Herons made sure it was a proper send off, notching a 5-0 rout of the Thoroughbreds.

Perrigo and Gridley share the team lead in points with 13 apiece, while Warner and Minarick both have nine on the season. Rookie keeper **NIKKI DUDLEY** has had an outstanding season, posting seven shutouts and boasting a 0.81 goals against average.

The Herons will face third-seeded Hamilton on Nov. 8, at Union. The winner advances to the championship match to determine who will earn the UCAA Championship and the accompanying automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Harriers hitting stride down stretch

William Smith Cross Country Head Coach **JACK WARNER** has his runners peaking at exactly the right time, as they have each dropped significant time from their previous personal bests in each of the last two races. First-year **KAREN THORP** has led the Herons in all but one race this season and broke the 20 minute mark for the first time this season, covering the 5k Saratoga Invitational in 19:54.

As a team, William Smith earned the top spot at the Hobart Invitational, marking the first time the Herons have won a meet other than their own Heron Invitational. Senior **RACHEL KAPLAN** paced the team with a 6k time of 23:32.

The William Smith harriers turned around the next weekend and turned in a second place performance at the Fredonia Invitational, with Thorp taking third place (20:51).

Returning home for the UCAA Championships seven days later, Thorp once again set the pace, crossing the line 11th out of 56 runners, leading the team to a fifth place finish.

Also making good strides on the course is first-year **EMILY GORDON**, who has dropped 1:40 off her time since the beginning of the season. She ran her personal best of 21:48 at the Saratoga Invitational.

The Herons' final three races will all be 6k, as they compete in the annual Heron Invitational on Nov. 1, the ECAC Championships in Grafton, Mass., on Nov. 8, and the NCAA Regional Championships on Nov. 15 at Geneseo.

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Tennis takes 5th at NYSWCAA Tourney

ITHACA, N.Y.—The William Smith Tennis team closed out the fall season with a fifth place finish at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championships at Cornell University. **LAURA MAIER**, seeded third in the third singles championship flight played her way into the semifinals, before falling to the No. 1 seed and eventual champion Debbie Shamak of Vassar, 6-1, 6-0.

In the fifth singles championship flight, junior **SARAH COFFIN** upset No.2 Stephany Krauz from Cortland in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. She later stunned the fourth seed Whitney Nuchereno from



Kristen Dowling '06

top seed 6-0, 6-2.

Sophomore **KRISTEN DOWLING** also played well for the Herons, reaching the semifinals in both the singles and doubles championships. Dowling competed

Skidmore in the semifinals in three grueling sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Coffin's attempt to topple three seeded players came up short in the championship match, falling in straight sets to the

through to the semifinals in the sixth singles championship flight after beating Emily McAdoo from Nazareth 6-0, 6-7, 6-2. Waiting in the semifinals was top ranked Anna Will of Vassar, who defeated Dowling 6-0, 6-1, and later went on to win the championship.

In the third doubles championship flight, Dowling paired with Coffin and made it to the semis after defeating the No. 3 seeded team from Cortland 8-6. The Herons then faced the No.2 team from Vassar for the title, but were defeated 8-2.

Sailing team's new home: Bozzuto Boathouse dedicated



On Oct. 25, the new home of the sailing team, the Bozzuto Boathouse, was dedicated. From left to right, Head Coach Scott Iklé, President Mark D. Gearan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Charles Salisbury '63, Barbara Bozzuto, and William Smith Director of Athletics Susan Bassett look on as Thomas S. Bozzuto '68 cuts the ribbon, officially opening the facility.

Members of the Colleges and Geneva communities gathered inside the newest addition to the Hobart and William Smith campus on Saturday, Oct. 25, to dedicate the Bozzuto Boathouse.

Named in honor of **CHARLES BOZZUTO**, father of the project's lead donor, **THOMAS S. BOZZUTO '68**, the boathouse will house the Colleges' nationally ranked sailing team and also benefit the Outdoor Recreation Adventure Program.

"My father taught me two very important things: the value

of an education ... and to always appreciate the water," **THOMAS BOZZUTO** said during the dedication ceremony. "This boathouse helps to accomplish both by opening up the waterfront and providing access for students, who I hope will have as much pleasure learning here as I had."

Bozzuto, who is a member of the Colleges' Board of Trustees and its buildings and grounds committee, said he was "blown away" by the success of the project.

"Thank you for this opportunity to combine my love of Hobart and my love of the water in a memorial to my dad," Bozzuto said.

"This boathouse represents the continuation of the partnership between the city and town of Geneva and Hobart and William Smith Colleges," said President **MARK D. GEARAN**. "We thank the city and town officials, members of the Planning and Historic District Commissions and the many agencies who helped to make this possible. And we particularly thank Tom and his wife, Barbara, for the manifestation of this campus goal of bringing about enhanced student engagement and involvement."

William Smith Athletic Director **SUSAN BASSETT** called the new boathouse, "a dream from concept to reality. The lake is the defining characteristic of these Colleges, and this boathouse brings the lake to every student on campus, from individual recreation to intercollegiate athletics."

SCOTT IKLÉ, head coach of the HWS sailing team, sees the boathouse as connecting his team to the campus. He presented Bozzuto with a fishing rod, a reminder of when Bozzuto used to catch fish in Seneca Lake to feed his fraternity brothers.

"As the sailors in Australia say, 'Good on ya, mate,'" Iklé said.

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Catching up with— Wendy Walker '98



Wendy Walker, who has served as assistant lacrosse coach at the College of the Holy Cross and at Boston College, was named head lacrosse coach at Smith College earlier this year.

Walker received a bachelor's degree in 1998 from William Smith and a master's degree from Lesley

University.

As a Heron, Walker was a four-year member of the varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and served as captain to both squads during her senior year. The 1995 lacrosse team reached the NCAA Championship game and two years later returned to the national semifinals.

The team MVP in 1997 and '98, she earned All-American, All-Region, and All-State honors in both of those seasons.

V8+ in top-10 at Head of Fish

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.—The William Smith crew team competed in the Head of the Fish Regatta on Oct. 25. One of the largest one day regattas in the nation, the race marked the close of the fall varsity season.

The varsity 8+ capped its season with a 10th place finish—seventh out of Division III teams—of 41 boats with a time of 14:03. Buffalo State captured the title, completing the course in 13:04, while UMass and Ithaca rounded out the top three.

“I’m pleased with the varsity eight’s performance,” Head Coach **SANDRA CHU** said. “Despite having caught a crab off the start, they made up a lot of time during the body of the race. They put together their most aggressive race this season which their top-10 finish shows.”

From cox to bow, the varsity 8+ was powered by sophomores **AMANDA JANTZI** and **REBECCA GUTWIN**, seniors **JULIE DEPREZ**, **ELIZABETH WEICK**, and **LAUREN ULVESTAD**, and sophomores **CASSIE PRIEST**, **SUSIE TARRANT**, **EDWINA WILSON**, and **FRANCES PARSONS**.

The top-10 showing came one week after an 18th place finish in the collegiate division (7th against DIII crews) of the Head of the Charles. The showing is a seven-place improvement over the 2002 varsity boat’s showing in the Charles.

The Herons opened the fall with a sixth place finish in the collegiate division of the Stonehurst Regatta.

Novice 8 captures Wylie Chase

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—The William Smith novice crew team ended its fall season in style with a first place finish at the Wylie Coyote Chase on Oct. 26. The Herons top novice 8+ crossed the line in 18:01, 61 seconds ahead of its nearest competitor, Colgate. Ithaca rounded out the top three boats with a time of 19:23.

“The first novice eight decisively put the team on the map,” Head Coach **SANDRA CHU** said. “Beating Colgate, which is a Division I program, and rival Ithaca by such a lengthy margin, sets us up well for our racing season in the spring.

Racing three boats in the competition, William Smith also captured the 10th and 15th spots in the 17-team regatta.

The first boat was powered from cox to bow by first-years **CHEQUIRA CHRISTIE**, **LINDSAY SPRAGUE**, **LINDSAY BUTTON**, **CARRIE MILLER**, **KATIE SMITH**, **PATRICIA DEL PILAR**, **EILEEN CASEY**, **LIZ COST**, **ALLIE CLARK**.

The day before the Wylie Chase, William Smith launched three boats in the novice 8+ race in the Head of the Fish, capturing second, ninth and 19th of 43 boats. The Argonaut Rowing Club took first place, outracing the Herons by just three seconds.

“The racing conditions were among the worst I’ve seen for novices,” Chu said. “All of the boats handled the screaming head wind and heavy chop well.”