

PATRIOT LEAGUE TENNIS 2009



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HOUGHTON STARTS STRONG FOR ARMY

Anne Houghton has started the 2009-10 season just the way she ended her last two collegiate campaigns. The strong start is just what she needs to continue her unprecedented run through the Patriot League. Houghton, as a junior, already has won three major Patriot League awards in two years. She became the first Patriot League women's tennis player to win major awards in back-to-back years.

Houghton will look to become first Patriot League tennis player — man or woman — to win four major awards. If she accomplishes that, she'll have a chance to make it five since she was the first Patriot League player to win the Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year award in the same season (2008).

She has a 5-1 singles records thus far in two tournaments this season. She now has 58 wins and is one away from moving into the top 10 in Army history. She had 28 wins last season for the Black Knights.

MALE TENNIS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

MATT WIERZEL, HOLY CROSS

Jr., Garden City, N.Y./Chaminade

Wierzel bested every personal record in the first month of his third season at Holy Cross, all while jumping out to a 15-1 record. He is 11-1 in tournament play and 4-0 in duals. Wierzel already has bettered his 2008-09 win total by six. He won the individual championship titles at the Wheaton and Stonehill invitationals and advanced farther than any Holy Cross player in program history at the Connecticut Invitational, falling in the championship match.



FEMALE TENNIS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

DUMITRITA IEPURAS, BUCKNELL

So., Chisinau, Moldova/Germantown Friends School

Iepuras led the Bison in the first month of the 2009-10 season by amassing a team-best 11-2 record and a 3-3 doubles mark. She won the Flight-B Championship at the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 3-4. She has won five straight singles matches and nine of her last 10. Iepuras is the reigning Patriot League Rookie of the Year.



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LATEST RESULTS

September 22

Holy Cross 4, Hartford 3 (M)
Holy Cross 5, Hartford 2 (W)

September 25

Army at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Army at National Invitational Tournament (M) NTS
Bucknell at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Bucknell at UConn Invitational (M)NTS
Colgate at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Holy Cross at Connecticut Invitational (M) ...NTS
Navy at Bill Moore Invitational (W)NTS

September 26

Army at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Army at National Invitational Tournament (M) NTS
Bucknell at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Bucknell at UConn Invitational (M)NTS
Colgate at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Holy Cross at Connecticut Invitational (M) ...NTS
Navy at Bill Moore Invitational (W)NTS

September 27

Lafayette 7, Wagner 0 (M)
Army at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Army at National Invitational Tournament (M) NTS
Bucknell at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Bucknell at UConn Invitational (M)NTS
Colgate at Eastern Championships (W)NTS
Navy at Bill Moore Invitational (W)NTS

October 1

Massachusetts 7, Holy Cross 0 (W)

October 2

Bucknell at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Colgate at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Navy at Old Dominion Invitational (W)NTS

October 3

Army at Yale Invitational (M)NTS
Bucknell at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Colgate at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Holy Cross at Stonehill Invitational (M)NTS
Navy at Old Dominion Invitational (W)NTS

October 4

Army at Yale Invitational (M)NTS
Bucknell at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Colgate at Bucknell InvitationalNTS
Holy Cross at Stonehill Invitational (M) ...2nd/8
Holy Cross at Salve Regina Invite (W)3rd/7
Navy at Old Dominion Invitational (W)NTS

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MEN'S HONORABLE MENTION PERFORMANCES LAST WEEK

JOSH KATTEN, BUCKNELL

Fr., Plainview, N.Y.

Katten opened his collegiate career going 8-4 for the Bison, which is tied for the best record on the team. He was the Flight-C Champion at the UConn Invitational, going 4-0. He has won six of his last eight matches. He also has a team-best 5-2 doubles record.

JAMES MURPHY, LAFAYETTE

Sr., Simsbury, Conn.

Murphy helped the Lafayette men's team to a 2-0 start winning all four of his matches. He was 2-0 at No. 3 and 4 singles, and 2-0 at No. 1 and 2 doubles. His performance helped the Leopards defeat Rider and Wagner by the same score, 7-0.

PATRIOT LEAGUE COACHES

JIM POLING, ARMY MEN

Years at Army.....7
Overall Years of Head Coaching22

PAUL PECK, ARMY WOMEN

Years at Army.....14
Overall Years of Head Coaching14

REBECCA HELT, BUCKNELL

Years at Bucknell12
Overall Years of Head Coaching12

BOBBY PENNINGTON, COLGATE

Years at Colgate4
Overall Years of Head Coaching5

EVAN GARDEAU, HOLY CROSS MEN

Years at Holy Cross0
Overall Years of Head Coaching0

LISA MEOLA, HOLY CROSS WOMEN

Years at Holy Cross0
Overall Years of Head Coaching0

ERIC RATCHFORD, LAFAYETTE

Years at Lafayette6
Overall Years of Head Coaching12

DAVE SHOOK, LEHIGH

Years at Lehigh20
Overall Years of Head Coaching20

JOHN OFFICER, NAVY MEN

Years at Navy24
Overall Years of Head Coaching26

KEITH PURYEAR, NAVY WOMEN

Years at Navy0
Overall Years of Head Coaching0

"TODAY'S SCHOLAR-ATHLETES, TOMORROW'S LEADERS"

The Patriot League continually demonstrates that student-athletes can excel at both academics and athletics without sacrificing its high standards. The Patriot League's athletic success is achieved while its member institutions remain committed to its founding principle of admitting and graduating student-athletes that are academically representative of their class. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

MEN'S TEAM NOTEBOOKS



ARMY

The Black Knights, led by senior Johnny Lucero, have competed in three unscored invitationals thus far in the 2009 fall season. Lucero has posted five wins in singles and three in doubles. Army will travel to Hanover, N.H., for the ITA Regionals on Oct. 16-19 and then close out the fall season at the Cornell Invitational on Oct. 30-Nov. 1.



BUCKNELL

The Bison competed in four unscored invitationals with freshman Josh Katten opening his career with an 8-4 singles record and a 5-2 doubles mark. The Bison competed at the Bloomsburg, Brown, UConn and Bucknell invitationals. They will compete again at the second Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 16-18 and close out the fall season at the ITA Regionals in Norfolk, Va., on Oct. 23-26.



COLGATE

The Raiders competed in the unscored Cornell, Brown and Bucknell invitationals to open the fall schedule. Alec Goldstein led the Raiders at the Bucknell Invitational, going 4-0 in the Flight C draw. Colgate will complete its fall schedule with the ITA Regionals in New Hanover, N.H., on Oct. 14-16.



HOLY CROSS

The Crusaders are 2-2 in the fall season with wins over Hartford (4-3) and Nichols (6-3). Holy Cross also placed second out of eight teams at the Stonehill Invitational on Oct. 4. The Crusaders, whose losses came to Coast Guard and Siena, competed in the non-scored Wheaton Invitational and Connecticut Invitational. Junior Matt Wierzel has led the Crusaders throughout the fall season, posting a 15-1 record (4-0 duals, 11-1 tournaments). Holy Cross will close out the fall season with home matches against Merrimack on Oct. 8 and Boston University on Oct. 16. Both matches are set for a 4 p.m. start.



LAFAYETTE

The Leopards opened the season 2-0 with two 7-0 wins. Lafayette defeated Rider on Sept. 19 and Wagner on Sept. 25. James Murphy led the Leopards in the two wins, going 4-0 overall (2-0 in single and 2-0 in doubles). Lafayette will close out the fall schedule with the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 17-18.



LEHIGH

The Mountain Hawks opened their season at the Cornell Fall Invitational on Sept. 11-13 with seven of their eight entrants picking up singles wins. Lehigh was led by sophomore Ryan Krueger, who won two singles matches. He also teamed with junior Arnaldo Pacheco to reach the doubles quarterfinals in Flight B. Lehigh will complete its fall schedule by hosting the Men's and Women's Team Tennis Challenge on Oct. 10-11 and hosting the Lehigh Fall Tennis Championships on Oct. 24-25.



NAVY

The Midshipmen hosted the Navy Invite on Sept. 11-13. Navy will return to the court when it hosts the Navy Gold Invitational on Oct. 9-11. The Midshipmen also will travel to the ITA Regionals in Norfolk, Va., on Oct. 23-25 and the Cornell Invitational on Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

WOMEN'S HONORABLE MENTION PERFORMANCES LAST WEEK

JESSICA AHN, ARMY

Jr., Forest Hill, Md.

Ahn reached the final match in each of her tournaments this fall, going 7-2 overall. She won three matches at the Quinnipiac Invitational before falling in the final of the B-Flight. She also won four straight matches at the Eastern Championships, but lost in the title match of the Third Flight.

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WOMEN'S TEAM NOTEBOOKS

ARMY

The Black Knights competed in three individual competitions with junior Jessica Ahn leading the way. Ahn is 7-2 in singles play and 1-1 in doubles, competing at the Quinnipiac Invitational, Stony Brook Invitational and the Eastern Championships. Army has four invitationals scheduled for the month of October beginning with the National Tennis Center Invitational on Oct. 10-12. Some members of the Black Knights will be there, while others will compete at the Lehigh Fall Championships on Oct. 10-11. Army will split up again from Oct. 23-25 to compete at the Brown Invitational and at the ITA Regionals in New Haven, Conn.



BUCKNELL

The Bison competed in four unscored events to open the fall season with the reigning League Rookie of the Year getting off to a hot start. Dumitrita Iepuras is 11-2 in singles play and 3-3 in doubles for the Bison, who competed in the Bloomsburg Invitational, two separate Bucknell Invitationals and at the Eastern Championships. The Bison will close out the fall season with the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 16-18 and the ITA Regionals in Blacksburg, Va., on Oct. 22-24.



COLGATE

The Raiders competed at the Cornell and Army invitationals in September and at the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 2-4 to open to the 2009 season. Senior Elise DeRose led the Raiders in the three unscored events, finishing with a 3-2 singles record and a 2-2 doubles mark. Colgate will complete the fall schedule when it travels to the ITA Regionals in New Haven, Conn., on Oct. 23-25.



HOLY CROSS

The Crusaders are off to a 1-3 start and placed third out of seven teams in their most recent event, the Salve Regina Double Invitational on Oct. 4. Holy Cross defeated Hartford 5-2 on Sept. 22. The team's three losses came to Providence (6-1), Siena (5-2) and Massachusetts (7-0). The Crusaders will host Merrimack at 4 p.m. Oct. 8 for their final dual match of the fall season. They will close out the fall season at the New England Championship on Oct. 17-18.



LAFAYETTE

The Leopards were idle in the first month of the fall season. They will compete in their only event of the fall when they travel to the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 17-18.



LEHIGH

The Mountain Hawks opened their season at the Cornell Fall Invitational on Sept. 11-12 with Julie Arthofer and Liz Piscitelli each winning the first-round matches in the top singles flight. They were two of four Lehigh players to collect wins. Lehigh will complete its fall schedule by hosting the Men's and Women's Team Tennis Challenge on Oct. 10-11 and hosting the Lehigh Fall Tennis Championships on Oct. 24-25.



NAVY

The Midshipmen competed at the Stony Brook Invitational on Sept. 18-19 before hosting the Bill Moore Invitational on Sept. 25-27. Both were unscored events. Emani Decquir led the Midshipmen going 3-1 and reaching the final of the B-2 Flight at the Old Dominion Collegiate Invitational on Oct. 2-4. Navy will finish the fall season at the ITA Regionals in Blacksburg, Va., on Oct. 22-26.



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PATRIOT LEAGUE FALL SCHEDULES

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

9.11-13	at Cornell Invitational (M)	NTS
9.18-20	at Quinnipiac Invite (W)	NTS
9.18-20	at Stony Brook Invite (W)	NTS
9.25-27	at Nat'l Invitational Tournament (M)	NTS
9.25-27	Eastern Championships (W)	All Day
10.3-4	at Yale Invitational (M)	All Day
10.9-11	at National Tennis Center Invite (W)	All Day
10.10-11	at Lehigh Fall Invitational (W)	All Day
10.16-19	at ITA Regionals (M)	All Day
10.23-25	at ITA Regionals (W)	All Day
10.23-25	at Brown Invite (W)	All Day
10.30-11.1	at Cornell Invitational (M)	All Day

BUCKNELL BISON

9.12-13	Bloomsburg Invitational	NTS
9.18-20	Brown Invitational (M)	NTS
9.18-20	Bucknell Invitational (W)	NTS
9.25-27	UConn Invitational (M)	NTS
9.25-27	Eastern Championships (W)	NTS
10.2-4	Bucknell Invitational	NTS
10.16-18	Bucknell Invitational	TBA
10.22-24	ITA Regionals (W)	TBA
10.23-26	ITA Regionals (M)	TBA

COLGATE RAIDERS

9.11-13	at Cornell Invitational (M)	NTS
9.18-20	at Brown University (M)	NTS
9.18-20	at Cornell Invitational (W)	NTS
9.25-27	at Army Invitational (W)	NTS
10.2-4	at Bucknell University	NTS
10.16-19	at ITA Regionals (M)	TBA
10.19-24	at ITA Regionals (W)	TBA

HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS

9.12	Coast Guard (M)	L 7-2
9.13	Wheaton invitational (M)	NTS
9.17	Providence (W)	L 6-1
9.19	at Nichols (M)	W 6-3
9.20	at Siena (M)	L 6-1
9.20	at Siena (W)	L, 5-1
9.22	at Hartford (M)	W 4-3
9.22	at Hartford (W)	W 5-2
9.25-26	Connecticut Invitational (M)	NTS
10.1	Massachusetts (W)	L 7-0
10.3-4	Stonehill Invitational (M)2nd/8
10.3-4	Salve Regina Doubles Invite (W)3rd/7
10.10	Merrimack (M)10 a.m.
10.10	Merrimack (W)10 a.m.
10.17-18	New England Championship (W)9 a.m.

LAFAYETTE LEOPARDS

9.19	at Rider (M)	W 7-0
9.27	at Wagner (M)	W 7-0
10.17-18	at Bucknell Invitational	TBA

LEHIGH MOUNTAIN HAWKS

9.11	at Cornell Fall Invitational	NTS
10.10	Lehigh Fall Invitational	All Day
10.24	Lehigh Fall Tennis Classic	All Day

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

9.11-13	Navy Invitational (M)	NTS
9.18-20	Stony Brook Invite (W)	NTS
9.25-27	Bill Moore Invite (W)	NTS
10.2-4	Sergio Tacchini Invitational (W)	NTS
10.9-11	Navy Gold Invitational (M)	All Day
10.17-18	Navy Blind Duals (W)	TBA
10.22-26	ITA Regionals (W)	TBA
10.23-25	ITA Atlantic Regional Championship (M)	All Day
10.30-11.1	Cornell Fall Indoor Invitational (M)	All Day

ALL-TIME PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

MEN

9	ARMY	1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006
7	NAVY	1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009
3	AMERICAN	2002, 2003, 2004
1	BUCKNELL	1991

WOMEN

9	ARMY	1993, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
3	COLGATE	1995, 1996, 1997
2	AMERICAN	2002, 2004
	BUCKNELL	1992, 1994
1	FORDHAM	1990
	LAFAYETTE	1991