



**2008 - 2009
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE WEEKLY ATHLETIC UPDATE
REPORT #23 - Monday, February 16, 2009**

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Weyinmi Efejuku (Sr., Fresh Meadows, N.Y.)... Efejuku averaged 17 points, five rebounds and three assists in two league wins last week. He shot 47.4 percent from the field. The senior guard scored an impressive 25 points in the Friars' 78-68 win over Rutgers on February 14.

David McCarthy (Fr., Waterford, Ireland)... McCarthy ran a sub-four minute mile at the Valentine Invitational on Saturday, February 14. McCarthy's 3:57.75 time qualified him for the NCAA Championships to be held March 13-14 at Texas A&M University.

Hayden McLaren (Jr., Christchurch, New Zealand)... McLaren ran a sub-four minute mile at the Valentine Invitational on Saturday, February 14. McLaren's 3:57.78 time qualified him for the NCAA Championships to be held March 13-14 at Texas A&M University.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Tuesday, February 10

Men's Basketball at USF W, 77-62
Women's Basketball at West Virginia L, 59-50

Friday, February 13

Women's Hockey vs. No. 5 New Hampshire L, 3-2
Women's Indoor Track at Valentine Invitational Individual Results
Men's Indoor Track at Valentine Invitational Individual Results
Softball vs. Nicholls State L, 3-1
(Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament - at Lafayette, La.)
Men's Hockey at New Hampshire T, 4-4 (OT)

Saturday, February 14

Women's Basketball vs. Georgetown (BETV) L, 57-55
Men's Basketball vs. Rutgers W, 78-68
Men's Hockey vs. New Hampshire L, 4-2
Women's Indoor Track at Valentine Invitational Individual Results
Men's Indoor Track at Valentine Invitational Individual Results
Softball at Louisiana-Lafayette L, 13-2
(Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament - at Lafayette, La.)
Softball vs. McNeese State W, 9-1
(Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament - at Lafayette, La.)
Women's Hockey at No. 5 New Hampshire L, 4-1

Sunday, February 15

Softball vs. Lipscomb L, 10-0
(Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament - at Lafayette, La.)
Lacrosse at #2/1 Syracuse L, 22-3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 18

Women's Basketball vs. #1/1 Connecticut (Cox) 7:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Men's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Men's Basketball at Louisville (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

Women's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Men's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day

Friday, February 20

Women's Hockey vs. No. 6 Boston College (Senior Day) 4:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Men's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day

Saturday, February 21

Men's Basketball vs. Notre Dame Noon
Women's Indoor Track at BIG EAST Championships (The Armory - New York, N.Y.) All Day
Men's Indoor Track at BIG EAST Championships (The Armory - New York, N.Y.) All Day
Women's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Men's Swimming & Diving at BIG EAST Championships (Indianapolis, Ind.) All Day
Softball at Florida International (FAIU Strike Out Cancer - Boca Raton, Fla.) 1:00 p.m.
Women's Hockey at No. 6 Boston College 1:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Rutgers 2:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Fordham (FAIU Strike Out Cancer - Boca Raton, Fla.) 4:00 p.m.
Tennis vs. Bryant (Rally Point - Greenville, R.I.) 6:30 p.m.
Men's Hockey at Merrimack 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 22

Women's Indoor Track at BIG EAST Championships (The Armory - New York, N.Y.) All Day
Men's Indoor Track at BIG EAST Championships (The Armory - New York, N.Y.) All Day
Softball vs. Missouri (FAIU Strike Out Cancer - Boca Raton, Fla.) 10:00 a.m.
Softball at Florida Atlantic (FAIU Strike Out Cancer - Boca Raton, Fla.) Noon
Men's Hockey vs. Merrimack (ESPNU) 4:00 p.m.

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2008-09 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

9/2 - Danette Doetzel, WCC; Hayden McLaren, MCC; Nick Cianci, MSOC; Tara Riccardi, WSOC
9/8 - Tim Ritter, MSOC; Jaime Lipski, FH; Courtney Collins, WSOC
9/15 - Michael Pereira, MSOC; Elizabeth Flynn, VB
9/22 - Jill Camburn, WSOC
9/29 - Nellie Poulin, FH
10/6 - Jill Camburn, WSOC; Danette Doetzel, WCC; David McCarthy, MCC; Jeanette Toney, VB
10/14 - Tim Murray, MSOC; Rachel Chamberlain, FH; Katy Beach, WIH
10/20 - Danette Doetzel, WCC; David McCarthy, MCC
10/27 - Nellie Poulin, FH, Matt Marcin, MSOC, Laura Veharanta, WIH
11/3 - Tim Ritter, MSOC; David McCarthy, MCC; Ashlyn Hudson, FH; Danette Doetzel, WCC
11/10 - Bryan Minogue, MSOC; Kelly Krahenbuhl, VB, Erin Normore, WIH
11/17 - Danette Doetzel, WCC; Chelsea Marandola, WBB; David McCarthy, MCC; Genevieve Lacasse, WIH
11/24 - Mi-Khida Hanks, WBB; Marshon Brooks, MBB
12/1 - Danette Doetzel, WCC; David McCarthy, MCC; Genevieve Lacasse, WIH
12/8 - Laura Veharanta, WIH; Emily Cournoyer, WBB; Weynmi Efejuku, MBB
12/15 - Matt Taormina, MIH
12/22 - Chelsea Marandola, WBB; Jeff Xavier, MBB
12/29 - Geoff McDermott, MBB
1/5 - Sharaud Curry, MBB; Shantee Darrian, WBB
1/12 - John Cavanagh, MIH; Emily Cournoyer, WBB; Genevieve Lacasse, WIH
1/19 - Alex Beaudry, MIH; Mary Kate Champagne, WIT; Hayden McLaren, MIT
1/26 - Jeff Xavier, MBB; Hayden McLaren, MIT; Emily Cournoyer, WBB; Katy Beach, WIH
2/2 - Nick Mazzolini, MIH; Laura Veharanta, WIH
2/9 - Catherine Bove, WBB; Sharaud Curry, MBB; Katie Elliot, WIT; Richard Yeates, MIT
2/16 - Weynmi Efejuku, MBB; Hayden McLaren, MIT; David McCarthy, MIT

MEN'S BASKETBALL (16-9, 8-5 BIG EAST)...The men's basketball team posted a perfect 2-0 record last week. On Tuesday, February 10, the Friars defeated the University of South Florida, 77-62, at the Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla. Junior guard Sharaud Curry (Gainesville, Ga.) scored 11 points to become the fifth player on the current roster to score 1,000 points. Providence is the only team in the nation with five 1,000 point scorers on the roster. Senior Randall Hanke (New York, N.Y.) also scored 14 for the Friars, whose reserves outscored USF's bench 35-6. On Saturday, February 14, PC bested the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, 78-68 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Senior Weynmi Efejuku (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.) scored a season-high 25 points and senior Geoff McDermott (New Rochelle, N.Y.) added a game-high 12 rebounds. Sophomore Marshon Brooks (Stone Mountain, Ga.) and Sharaud Curry added 12 points each for the Friars, who hovered around 50-percent shooting for much of the night and finished 27-for-63 from the field. This week, PC travels to Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, February 18 for a 7:30 p.m. contest with the University of Louisville airing on ESPN 2. On Saturday, February 21, the Friars host Notre Dame at noon in a sold out contest at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Friar Legend John Egan will have his jersey retired in a halftime ceremony.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (9-15, 3-8 BIG EAST)... The Providence College women's basketball team posted a 0-2 record last week. On February 10, Providence dropped a 59-50 decision at West Virginia at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown, W. Va. Sophomore Mi-Khida Hanks (Baltimore, Md.) notched a team-high 15 points. Junior Brittany Dorsey (Detroit, Mich.) grabbed a team-high seven boards and netted 10 points. On February 14, the Friars fell to Georgetown, 57-55, in Providence, R.I. The Hoyas' Shanice Fuller hit a lay-up in the final second of play to give her team the victory. Senior Chelsea Marandola (Johnston, R.I.) led the Friar offense with 15 points. Junior Emily Cournoyer (North Attleboro, Mass.) hauled in a game-high nine rebounds and added 10 points. The Friars return to action on Wednesday, February 18 against #1/1 Connecticut at Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium in Providence, R.I. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. and the game will be televised live on Cox Sports.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY (16-14-2, 11-7-1 HOCKEY EAST)... The women's hockey suffered back-to-back defeats at the hands of No. 5 New Hampshire this weekend. On Friday, February 13, PC hosted UNH at Schneider Arena and fell by a score of 3-2. The Friars saw goals from freshmen Kate Bacon (Chanassen, Minn.) and Abby Gauthier (Lynn, Mass.) with assists going to all four sophomore skaters in Alyse Ruff (Tualatin, Ore.), Amber Yung (Rockville, Va.), Jean O'Neill (Strafford, Pa.) and Leigh Riley (Lexington, Mass.). Senior netminder Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, Minn.) made 20 saves. With the appearance in net, she now stands at fourth all-time with 55 games played in her career. On Saturday, PC traveled to the Whittemore Center in New Hampshire and lost, 4-1. Bacon netted a power-play goal, her eighth of the season. Ruff notched another assist while senior Erin Normore (Cambridge, Ont.) earned an assist to set a new career high with 23 points this season. The Friars will host No. 6 Boston College on Friday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. Providence will honor the six graduating seniors: Katy Beach, Danielle Ciarletta, Steph Morris, Erin Normore, Mari Pehkonen and Brittany Simpson. The two teams will finish the season series in Boston on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Providence is still in the running to host the quarterfinals of the Hockey East Tournament with a win this weekend.

MEN'S HOCKEY (7-17-4, 4-13-4 HOCKEY EAST)... The men's hockey team posted a 0-1-1 record last week against No. 12 UNH. On Friday, February 13, the Friars rallied from a two-goal deficit to tie the Wildcats, 4-4, in Durham, N.H. Sophomore Kyle MacKinnon (Walnut, Calif.) had two goals and one assist to lead the Friars. Senior Matt Taormina (Washington Township, Mich.) also scored, while classmate Pierce Norton (South Boston, Mass.) recorded the equalizer with less than five minutes left in the third period. In goal, freshman Alex Beaudry (Cumberland, Ont.) made 36 saves. The following night, the Friars were defeated, 4-2, by the Wildcats at Schneider Arena. Sophomore Ian O'Connor (Londonderry, N.H.) and senior Nick Mazzolini (Anchorage, Alaska) each scored for the Friars, who finished with a 33-24 shot advantage. PC is back in action on Saturday, February 21 when it travels to North Andover, Mass. to face Merrimack.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK... The women's indoor track team returned to racing on Friday, February 13 at the Valentine Invitational at Boston University. Senior Danette Doetzel (Macklin, Sask.), led the way, running an outstanding time of 9:15.93 in the 3,000 meters, placing third. Doetzel's time was just off the NCAA Automatic qualifying standard of 9:15.00, but within the provisional-qualifying standard. Junior Krystal Douglas (Harperswell, Maine) also ran a NCAA provisional-qualifying time (9:29.56) placing fifth behind Doetzel. The Friars had two other runners run the 3,000 meters, senior Katie DiCamillo (Garden City, N.Y.) was 10th (9:45.48) and sophomore Emma Perron (West Hartford, Conn.) placed 16th with a personal-best and BIG EAST qualifying time of 9:51.55. In other events, the Friars had high placings in both the 1,000 meters run and the mile run. Senior Katie Elliot placed second in the 1,000 meters, running a time of 2:55.80. In the mile, freshman Mary Kate Champagne (Plattsburg, N.Y.) finished second in a time of 4:53.53, a personal-best and BIG EAST qualifying time. The women compete next at the BIG EAST Championships at The Armory in New York, N.Y. on Saturday and Sunday February 28 and 29.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK... The men's indoor track team competed on Saturday, February 14 at the Valentine Invitational at Boston University. Freshman David McCarthy (Waterford, Ireland) and junior Hayden McLaren (Christchurch, New Zealand), who stole the show, both running under four-minutes in the mile, 3:57.75 and 3:57.78 respectively. McCarthy's and McLaren's times qualify them for the NCAA Championships at Texas A&M University on March 13-14. In addition, McCarthy and McLaren now rank third and fourth all-time at Providence behind Hall of Famer's Andy Keith and Mark Carroll. Also in the mile, sophomore Nicholas Barao (Riverside, R.I.) ran a personal best and IC4A qualifying-time of 4:12.81 and freshman teammate Corey Brunelle (Woonsocket, R.I.) qualified for the BIG EAST Championships with his personal-best time of 4:19.34. In other events, freshman Dominic Channon (Nelson, New Zealand) ran a personal-best and NCAA provisional-qualifying time of 7:58.85 in the 3,000 meters. Channon's time eclipsed the previous New Zealand national junior record. In the 1,000 meters, sophomore Stephen Hankinson (Summit, N.J.) ran a personal-best time of 2:29.69. The men compete next at the BIG EAST Championships at The Armory in New York, N.Y. on Saturday and Sunday February 28 and 29.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (2-9)...The Providence College women's swimming & diving team did not compete last week. The Friars will travel to the BIG EAST Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. February 18 through February 21.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (5-6)...The Providence College men's swimming & diving team did not compete last week. The Friars will travel to the BIG EAST Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. February 18 through February 21.

TENNIS (1-2)... The Providence College tennis team did not compete last week. The Friars return to action on Saturday, February 21 when they take on intra-state rival Bryant University at Rally Point in Greenville, R.I. Matches are set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL (1-3, 0-0 BIG EAST)... The softball team posted a 1-3 record in its season-opening weekend at the Louisiana-Lafayette Tournament. The Friars dropped their first two games (3-1 vs. McNeese State and 13-2 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette) before posting their first win of the season (9-1 vs. McNeese State). In the win over McNeese State, freshmen Michelle Huber (Dana Point, Calif.), Jen Abrams (Reading, Mass.), junior Katelyn Revens (Warwick, R.I.) and senior Mary Rose Sheehy (Woodbridge, Conn.) each had two hits. PC was then defeated by Lipscomb, 10-0, on February 15 in the last game of the tournament. Sophomore Christy Becker (Atlanta, Ga.) was named to the All-Tournament Team. The Friars are back in action on Saturday, February 21 when they play at the FAIU Strike Out Cancer Tournament in Boca Raton, Fla.

LACROSSE (0-1, 0-0 MAAC)... The Providence College men's lacrosse team dropped its season opener to #2/1 Syracuse University by the score of 22-3 on Sunday, February 15 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. Senior attack Bobby Labadini (Westford, Mass.) led PC with two goals and freshman attack Evan Olsen (Tampa, Fla.) netted his first career score for the Friars in the second half. Senior goaltender Robert Bryan (Apex, N.C.) took the loss and is now 0-1 on the year. In 30:00 minutes of action, he made seven saves while allowing 12 goals. The Friars are off this week and open the home portion of their schedule Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. against the Hobart Statesmen.

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WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

BIG EAST Men's Basketball Tournament
March 10-14
Madison Square Garden - New York, N.Y.

BIG EAST Women's Basketball Tournament
March 6-10
XL Center - Hartford, Conn.

Hockey East Men's Hockey Tournament
March 13-15 (Quarterfinals - Higher Seed)
March 20 (Semifinals - TD BankNorth Garden - Boston, Mass.)
March 21 (Finals - TD BankNorth Garden - Boston, Mass.)

Hockey East Women's Hockey Tournament
Feb. 28- March 1 (Quarterfinals - Higher Seed)
March 7 (Semifinals - Higher Seed)
March 8 (Finals - Higher Seed)

BIG EAST Swimming & Diving Championships
Feb. 18-21
IU Natatorium - Indianapolis, IN

BIG EAST Indoor Track & Field Championships
Feb. 21-22
The Armory - New York, N.Y.