

2007-2008

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE WEEKLY ATHLETIC UPDATE

REPORT # 25- Monday, March 10, 2008



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mari Pehkonen (Jr., Tampere, Finland)... Pehkonen led the Friar women's ice hockey team to an upset win over tenth-ranked Connecticut in the semi-finals of the Hockey East Tournament with two goals, including the game-winner. For her efforts on the weekend, Pehkonen was named to the HE All-Tournament team for the second consecutive season.

Danette Doetzel (Jr., Macklin, Sask.)... Doetzel led the Friars to a seventh place finish in the ECAC Championships this past weekend at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass. She placed first in the 5000m in an NCAA provisional time of 16:16.23.

Ahmed Haji (Sr., West Hartford, Conn.)...Haji led the Friars to a 15th place finish in the IC4A Championships this past weekend at Boston University in Boston, Mass. Haji won the 5000m in an NCAA provisional time of 14:02.84 to become the sixth Friar ever in school history to win the Indoor IC4A 5000m title.

Weyinmi Efejuku (Jr., Fresh Meadows, N.Y.)... Efejuku averaged 19.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as the men's basketball team posted a 1-1 mark last week, including an upset win over No. 13 UConn. Efejuku had 25 points in the win over UConn.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, March 3

Lacrosse at #6 Maryland L, 13-5
Women's Basketball vs. Cincinnati L, 66-59

Thursday, March 6

Men's Hockey vs. Boston University (Senior Day) L, 6-0
Men's Basketball vs. No. 13 Connecticut (ESPN) W, 85-76

Friday, March 7

Tennis vs. Seton Hall (West Point, N.Y.) L, 7-0
Men's Hockey at Boston University (NESN) L, 2-0

Saturday, March 8

Men's Basketball vs. Villanova (Cox Sports TV) L, 73-63
Women's Indoor Track at ECAC Championships Ind. Results
Men's Indoor Track at IC4A Championships Ind. Results
Lacrosse at Quinnipiac L, 5-4
Tennis at Army L, 7-0
Women's Hockey vs #10 Connecticut W, 5-1
(Hockey East Semifinals- Storrs, Conn.)

Sunday, March 9

Women's Indoor Track at ECAC Championships T-7th Place
Men's Indoor Track at IC4A Championships 15th Place
Tennis vs. Marist (West Point, N.Y.) L, 5-2
Women's Hockey vs #2 New Hampshire L, 1-0
(Hockey East Finals- Storrs, Conn.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 11

Lacrosse vs. North Carolina 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

Men's Basketball vs. West Virginia ESPN 2:00 p.m.
(BIG EAST Tournament - New York, N.Y.)

Friday, March 14

Softball vs. Charlotte (Winthrop Adidas Classic - Rock Hill, S.C.) 1:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Memphis ((Winthrop Adidas Classic - Rock Hill, S.C.) 5:00 p.m.
Women's Indoor Track at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.) 5:00 p.m.
Men's Indoor Track at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.) 5:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey at Boston College (Hockey East Quarterfinals) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Lacrosse vs. Manhattan 2:00 p.m.
Tennis at Sacred Heart 1:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Gardner-Webb (Winthrop Adidas Classic - Rock Hill, S.C.) 1:00 p.m.
Softball vs. Vermont (Winthrop Adidas Classic - Rock Hill, S.C.) 5:00 p.m.
Women's Indoor Track at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.) 5:00 p.m.
Men's Indoor Track at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.) 5:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey at Boston College (Hockey East Quarterfinals) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Softball vs. TBA (Winthrop Adidas Classic - Rock Hill, S.C.) TBA
Men's Hockey at Boston College (Hockey East Quarterfinals) * 7:00 p.m.

* If necessary

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2007-08 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

2007-08 WINTER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BIG EAST Men's Basketball Championship (New York, N.Y.)

March 12 - First Round
March 13 - Quarterfinal Round
March 14 - Semifinal Round
March 15 - Championship

BIG EAST Women's Basketball Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

March 8 - First Round
March 9 - Quarterfinal Round
March 10 - Semifinal Round
March 11 - Championship

HOCKEY EAST Men's Hockey Championship

March 13-16 - Quarterfinal Round (Campus Site)
March 21 - Semifinal Round (Boston, Mass.)
March 22 - Final Round (Boston, Mass.)

HOCKEY EAST Women's Hockey Championship (Storrs, Conn.)

March 8 - Semifinal Round
March 9 - Final Round

BIG EAST Swimming & Diving Championships

February 21-23 (East Meadow, N.Y.)

BIG EAST Indoor Track Championships

February 23-24 (New York, N.Y.)

3/10 - Mari Pehkone, WIH; Danette Doetzel, WIT; Ahmed Haji, MIT; Weynmi Efejuku, MBB

MEN'S BASKETBALL (15-15, 6-12 BIG EAST)... The Friars posted a 1-1 mark last week. On March 6, the Friars upset 13th-ranked Connecticut, 85-76, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Junior Weynmi Efejuku (Fresh Meadows, N.Y.) led the Friars with 25 points. Junior guard Jeff Xavier (Pawtucket, R.I.) added 21 points and five assists in the win. On March 8, the Friars were defeated by Villanova, 73-63, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Junior center Randall Hanke (New York, N.Y.) scored 18 points. Efejuku chipped in with 14 points and seven rebounds.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (12-17, 2-14 BIG EAST)... The Providence College women's basketball team concluded its season with a 66-59 loss to Cincinnati on March 3 in Providence, R.I. Sophomore Emily Cournoyer (North Attleboro, Mass.) recorded 19 points, eight rebounds, four blocks, one assist and one steal for the Friars. Junior Shantee Darrian (Trenton, N.J.) hauled in 11 rebounds. On Friday, March 7, Mi-Khida Hankins (Baltimore, Md.) was named to the BIG EAST All-Freshman Team at the annual BIG EAST Championship Banquet in Hartford, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY (14-15-5, 11-11-5 HOCKEY EAST)... The men's hockey team posted a 0-2 record against Boston University. On Thursday, March 6, the Friars were defeated by the Terriers, 6-0, at Schneider Arena. The following night, PC was dealt a 2-0 loss at BU's Agganis Arena. The Friars outshot the Terriers, 33-17, including 15-1 in the third period, but were unable to score. PC sophomore Ryan Simpson (Bow, N.H.) saw his first action in goal since November of 2006 when he suffered an injury. The Friars, who finished in fifth place in the Hockey East standings, will play fourth seed Boston College in a best-of-three Hockey East quarterfinal series, beginning on Friday, March 14 at Kelley Rink in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY (16-16-4, 10-8-3 HOCKEY EAST)... The women's ice hockey team posted a 1-1 record in the Hockey East Tournament this past weekend. In the semifinals on Saturday, March 8 the Friars knocked off No. 10 UConn by a score of 5-1. Mari Pehkonen (Tampere, Finland) led the Friar attack with two goals, while freshman Amber Yung (Rockville, Va.) added three assists. Kathleen Smith (Waterloo, Ontario), Cherie Hendrickson (Boxford, Mass.), and Erin Normore (Cambridge, Ontario) scored the other Friar goals. A day later, PC met No. 2 New Hampshire in the title game for the second consecutive year. UNH's Sam Faber scored at the 16:43 mark of the first period and it held up as the game-winner, as the Friars were unable to beat Wildcat goaltender Kayley Herman. PC netminder Danielle Ciarletta (Blaine, Minn.) was strong all weekend, stopping 36 of the 38 shots she faced, including 21 of UNH's 22 shots in the Championship game. For the tournament, Ciarletta posted a 1.01 goals against average and a .947 save percentage. Pehkonen and Smith were selected to the Hockey East All-Tournament Team.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK... The men's indoor track team competed in the IC4A Championships at Boston University in Boston, Mass. this past weekend. They were led by senior Ahmed Haji (West Hartford, Conn.) who won the 5000m in an NCAA provisional time of 14:02.84 to become the sixth Friar in school history to win the Indoor IC4A 5000m title. The Men's Distance Medley Relay team finished in third place with a time of 9:50.82 in the finals. The DMR team consisted of junior Nick Berluti (Westwood, Mass.) (3:04.75), junior Charles Dewey (Worcester, Mass.) (47.60), senior James Lourenco (West Warwick, R.I.) (1:50.88), and senior Chris McDermott (West Haven, Conn.) (4:07.59). They return to action Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 when they compete in the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK... The women's indoor track team competed in the ECAC Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass. this past weekend. They were led by junior Danette Doetzel (Macklin, Sask.) who placed first in the 5000m in an NCAA Provisional time of 16:16.23. Sophomore Krystal Douglas (Harpwell, Maine) and sophomore Breggini Twohigh (Dublin, Ireland) finished second and third overall in the 3000m with times of 9:33.22 and 9:34.09, respectively. Douglas' time was an NCAA provisional time and Twohigh just missed the NCAA mark by .09 seconds. They return to action Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 when they compete in the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (5-5)... The Providence College tennis team traveled to West Point, N.Y. on Friday, March 7 for three days of matches against Seton Hall, Army, and Marist. The Friars dropped their first two matches against Seton Hall and Army, 7-0, and fell to Marist, 5-2. The Seton Hall Pirates defeated the Friars on Friday, March 7. The lone victory was in third doubles with freshmen Ayushi Sinha (Mumbai, India) and Kim Betzner (Walpole, Mass.) defeating Alexandra Harvey and Liza Chu, 8-3. Freshman Avery Gibson (Fairfield, Iowa) returned to the lineup and played well, dropping to senior Nadezhda Shein. Betzner had a strong showing in No. 5 singles, losing to Belfin Sunbul, 6-4, 6-3. On Saturday, March 8, the Friars took on Army on their home courts. Providence dropped their second match of the weekend, getting swept, 7-0. The match was highlighted by strong singles play by Ashley Rissolo (Southport, Conn.), Avery Gibson, Jen Cusack (Bayport, N.Y.) and Ayushi Sinha. Dara Hawkins Hodgson (South Euclid, Ohio) remained out of the line up due to illness. Providence finished their weekend in West Point with a match against Marist, in which they fell, 5-2. The Friars positioned themselves to pull out the victory in singles, having the last three matches go into the third set, but Marist prevailed at No. 3 singles to settle the score. Strong performances by freshmen Avery Gibson, Ayushi Sinha, Kim Betzner and senior Kate Lyons (Barrington, R.I.) highlighted the match. Betzner and Sinha have continued to improve in their doubles play. The Friars return to action on Saturday, March 15 in Fairfield, Conn. when they take on Sacred Heart. The match is set for a 1:00 p.m. start.

SOFTBALL (5-8, 0-0 BIG EAST)... The softball team did not compete last week. The Friars are back in action on Friday, March 14 when they face Charlotte in the Winthrop Adidas Classic in Rock Hill, S.C.

MEN'S LACROSSE (0-4, 0-0 MAAC)... The Providence College men's lacrosse team posted an 0-2 record last week. The Friars were defeated, 13-5, by sixth-ranked Maryland on March 3 in College Park, Md. PC followed with a 5-4 loss to Quinnipiac on March 8 in Hamden, Conn. Graduate students Bennett Murphy (Princeton, N.J.) and Mark Dillon (Gaithersburg, Md.), senior Devin McBride (Marblehead, Mass.) and sophomore Jackson Fallon (Arlington, Mass.) each recorded two goals on the week. Sophomore Colin Tigh (Garden City, N.Y.) tallied three assists on the week. The Friars return to action on Tuesday, March 11 against North Carolina. The game will be played at the Friar Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex in Providence, R.I.