

# Sports

## Hérons Travel to San Antonio for NCAA Semifinals

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The Herons soccer team dominated for the second consecutive weekend of the NCAA Division III Sectional Semifinal, hosted at HWS on Nov. 19 and 20. The team will travel to San Antonio to compete in the national semifinals today (Dec. 2).

On Nov. 19, William Smith beat Middlebury, the No. 17 team, with a final score of 2-1. Dineo Mmutla '15 scored the first goal for the Herons to tie the game to 1-1. Renne Jensen '13 scored the second and winning goal for William Smith. Goalie Amanda Davis '12 had a total of three saves during the full 90 minutes. With the victory, the team had set a new program record with 19 wins.

The Herons beat the No. 20 team, Williams, on the following day by a score of 4-0. Mmutla scored the first two goals, Sarah Tarantino '12 scored the third and Kate Redmond '12 scored the fourth. Davis stopped the two shots on goal she received in the 90 minutes of play. This win also set a new program mark, with the Herons' 19th shutout this fall.

As a result of the weekend's

success, the Herons earned a spot in the national semifinals to be hosted in San Antonio today and

semifinals and the third time in the past four years.

William Smith will face the

in the season on Cozzens Field with a final score of 0-0.

"I think we are well prepared for the game against Messiah," said Mmutla. "We're just working on our little mistakes we did last time we played Messiah. It's going to be a great game, and we are looking for it." Messiah brings to San Antonio a 21-0-1 mark.

"I think the two games we had this weekend prepared us for Messiah," Coach Aliceann Wilber said to HWS Athletics in a NCAA postgame interview on Nov. 20. "We gained quite a bit of learning material from this weekend and we'll be applying that. Messiah is at least a team we know now. . . We'll be ready."

No. 6 Wheaton will play Ithaca College in the other semifinal match, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The winning teams will compete for the national championship on Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The NCAA is providing live streaming video on NCAA.com.



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**Women of the William Smith soccer team join together for a team hug after yet another win. The team's efforts have brought them into a national spotlight in the face of sports championships.**

tomorrow. This is the eighth time in William Smith history that the team has advanced to the national

No. 1 team, Messiah, at 12 p.m. Eastern Time today in San Antonio. The Herons played Messiah earlier

## Hérons Take to the Ice

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Ice hockey at Hobart and William Smith Colleges is synonymous with the Hobart men's varsity team, which competes at the Geneva Recreation Center. However But there's another team that plays its games at "The Cooler," the William Smith Herons.

William Smith Hockey competes at the club level but plays a tough schedule mixed with games against local colleges' club teams including the University of Rochester, SUNY Oswego and Cornell University and a couple of community teams such as Niagara County, which normally brings a strong

contingent of post-college women normally in their mid-20s.

Starting in late October, the Herons play through the winter, wrapping up the fall portion of their schedule just before finals week. Then they start playing again in January and play straight through until spring break in mid-March.

Started in the 1980s, the hockey Herons have always flown under the radar while competing in a rigorous 14-game schedule. Senior captains Kristi Augenblick and Meghan Malia lead a group of six seniors that includes Jamie Callan, Tara Fulco,

Courtney O'Brien, and Lindsay White into their fourth season together on the ice.

Skylar Beaver '08 is entering her fourth season behind the bench as the Herons coach. She brings with her prior experience as a hockey player and had the opportunity to play at the varsity level while in college but chose to follow her other passion - field hockey - while attending the colleges. Beaver also spends her time as an assistant coach to the 13th ranked Herons Field Hockey team and works as the director of reunion and class campaigns in the

alumni offices.

Being a club sport, the players are not here under scholarship but a small amount of skill is required to compete at the collegiate level. This year's team comprises of 20 women who vary in skill at the beginning of the season. There are those who have never played the game before and there are those who grow up playing the game in a competitive environment.

While checking in the women's game is considered illegal, Beaver imposes a rule that those skaters taking the ice for the first time aren't allowed

to play because of the high risk of injury in a sport with the speed of ice hockey.

The Herons normally play one game at a time as opposed to a tournament style format in which they would play three or four games a weekend. At most, they may play two games in a weekend. Unlike varsity sports, the members of club sports teams are not given excused absences to miss class because of events. With games normally played on weekends, the Herons do play the occasional game on a weekday and will wrap up their fall season next Tuesday night, Dec. 6, in Elmira.

## Statesman End the Football Season with a Loss to Wesley at NCAA Championship

The loss marked the end to a great season. The Herald would like to congratulate the men of the Statesmen football team as well as the many coaches and staff who worked effortlessly to help the men make seven season wins.



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