

NYIT



DEBUTANTS

The inaugural season of women's lacrosse at NYIT could not have been scripted much better.

Buoyed by 14 former members of the defunct Dowling College program, the Bears came within one goal of earning the East Coast Conference regular-season title, peaked at No. 11 in the national coaches poll, produced an 11-game winning streak and earned an NCAA Tournament invitation.

The student-athletes' story of transferring en masse to NYIT also generated significant positive media attention for the university, with profiles in *The New York Times* and *Newsday* as well as on WABC, WCBS and News 12 Long Island.

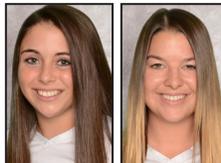
Other members of the team played women's soccer at NYIT and joined a lacrosse team for the first time since high school to become two-sport athletes and ensure the Bears had enough players to compete during their inaugural season.

In the first game in program history, the Bears won at Georgian Court, 12-7, on Feb. 25. Katie Meinecke scored the first goal in program history only 99 seconds into the game. Alyssa Milano had six goals, Karie Znaniecki tallied three goals and three assists and Meinecke had two goals and three assists in the historic win. Lauren Young had 13 saves.

"There was a lot of anxiety, and expectations to do well," said coach Kerri Handras, who also came over from Dowling.

Said Milano: "It was awesome. We were all really excited. We had a lot of high energy."

The Bears steamrolled through East Coast Conference play, winning their first seven league games. Then, in a game between teams unbeaten in the league, LIU Post topped the Bears, 12-11, in overtime to earn the ECC title on the final day of the regular season.



Milano

Meinecke

NYIT had stormed back from a five-goal second-half deficit to force the extra period. Milano, the team's top goal scorer, fueled the furious comeback with four goals before suffering a season-ending knee injury late in regulation.

TAKING HOME HARDWARE

Senior Erin Smith earned the ECC Defensive Player of the Year award, while eight of her teammates also received league honors.



Smith

Joining Smith as first-team All-ECC were Meinecke, Milano, Znaniecki and Taylor Davide. Brooke Basso, Trisha Serras, Kelly McQuail and Young earned second-team All-ECC honors.

"I'm proud of Erin for earning this honor," Handras said. "She is one of our anchors on defense, who has played consistently at a high level. Her efforts on the field have been an integral part of our success."

Milano also earned CoSIDA Academic All-American first-team honors, while Smith and Znaniecki

were named Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association second-team All-American and first-team All-Region.

SISTER ACT

Smith had some extra motivation when she scored her lone goal of the season on April 26 against Queens, in what became a 20-0 rout on Senior Day. Smith's sister Meaghan was the first-year coach of the Knights, who happened to be on the schedule as the opponent at President's Stadium.

Meaghan joined other family members in escorting her sister onto the field during the Senior Day ceremony.

"To end up scoring the goal against her, I think that made her mad," Smith said.

Alyssa Milano takes the first draw in the first game in program history.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2017 Results (15-4, 7-1 ECC)

FEBRUARY

25 Georgian Court	W	12-7
28 MERRIMACK	W	6-5

MARCH

3 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*	W	20-1
8 HOLY FAMILY	W	20-2
13 BENTLEY	L	8-7
16 MCKENDREE	W	19-7
18 PHILADELPHIA	W	18-3
23 Southern New Hampshire	W	14-7
25 CHESTNUT HILL	W	21-7

APRIL

1 BRIDGEPORT*	W	17-3
4 Mercy*	W	13-11
8 St. Thomas Aquinas*	W	16-3
14 Roberts Wesleyan*	W	19-8
19 MOLLOY*	W	11-8
22 Stonehill	W 13-12 (OT)	
26 QUEENS*	W	20-0
29 LIU Post*	L	12-11 (OT)

MAY

4 MERCY (ECC semifinal)	L	9-7
12 LIU Post (NCAA Tournament)	L	12-5

* East Coast Conference game

COVER PHOTO: Erin Smith during introductions before the first home game in NYIT women's lacrosse history.



May 7, 2017
NYIT earns invitation
to NCAA Tournament in
program's first season



Feb. 25, 2017
Bears win their inaugural
game, 12-7 at Georgian
Court



June 3, 2016
NYIT officially announces
launch of women's lacrosse
program, hires Kerri
Handras, 14 former Dowling
players join NYIT



May 31, 2016
Dowling College
ceases operation



Women's Lacrosse Players Lost Their College, Not Their Team

By ZACH SCHONBRUN, FEB. 23, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — Shortly after the email arrived — the dreaded email with the news they had been fretting about for weeks — a group text went out to the players on Dowling College's women's lacrosse team.

It had a picture of their coach, Kerri Handras, standing in front of a cerulean blue sign that read, "N.Y.I.T. women's lacrosse." Below it was a message: "Who's coming?"

The responses quickly flooded in. Yes, yes, yes, yes. Thirteen affirmatives. They were all coming. But wait, what is N.Y.I.T.?

It hardly mattered. For the Dowling players, Handras's text felt like a soft airbag after a high-speed collision. The email they had received at 5 p.m. on May 31 had informed them their college was closing, a jolt they had never truly believed was possible.

The team was less than a month removed from the best season in its history, finishing 17-4, ranked in the top 10 in the country, with its first-ever win in the N.C.A.A. tournament. Now every player was suddenly a free agent.

Handras was, too. After founding the program at Dowling, a Division II college on Long Island's South Shore, in 2005, she had won 115 of 154 games. Now she was jobless. But her primary concern was still her players.

"I couldn't help but think of them first," Handras said. "My husband said, 'We've got to figure out what's best for you!' But your heart breaks for them."

Among the first emails she received after the closing came from an address she did not immediately recognize. Gail Wasmus, a senior athletic administrator at New York Institute of Technology, another Division II institution about 40 minutes north, had an intriguing message. N.Y.I.T.'s former president, Edward Guiliano, had contemplated starting a women's lacrosse program for years to complement its championship-winning men's team. Maybe now was the time, and maybe Handras could be the first coach.

The next day, Handras met with the athletic director, Duane Bailey, who offered a wild proposal.

"What are the chances you can get your whole team over?" he asked.

Handras was floored. She did not want to wait to speak to players individually, and she did not want to seem as if she were applying pressure. So she casually fired off the picture message to the entire group, guessing at least a few of her players might be interested.

"I don't even think we spoke about it, to be honest," the senior attacker Karie Znaniiecki said. "We just said, 'We're all coming'"

There were still plenty of logistical hurdles. A new coach bringing along a few transfers has become commonplace in collegiate athletics. But an entire roster? It is believed to be unprecedented. The closest parallel might be when a professional franchise relocates to a new city. Though a handful of players sought out other options, a total of 13 from Dowling's final roster ultimately followed Handras. So did one player who had taken a year off, and two recruits who had committed to Dowling. Handras also brought along two of her assistant coaches.

"It's a pretty ambitious thing to absorb an entire team in one shot," Bailey said.

Bailey arranged for the players to take a tour of the campus before deciding if it was a fit for them. They all arrived together — players, coaches, parents, administrators, admissions personnel, academic support and compliance personnel — and traveled as a group. Many of the players were majoring in education, a program N.Y.I.T. does not offer, so they needed placement into compatible substitutes. For some, like Znaniiecki, it will require an additional year to make up for credits lost in the transfer.

But, she said, the ability to stick together as a team overwhelmed any concerns she had about adding an extra year.

"I think the way we ended our season at Dowling, we were on a high," Znaniiecki said. "We had such great team chemistry. We weren't ready to leave each other. It felt like we were graduating, but we weren't ready for that."

Handras moved into the women's basketball coach's office and tried to maintain consistency wherever possible. An easterly commute became a westerly commute. Evening practices became afternoon practices (N.Y.I.T. does not have a lighted field). Under Armour gear replaced Adidas, though during fall workouts the team was still wearing its Dowling jerseys, because the Bears' new uniforms had yet to arrive.

"People would ask us, 'Why are you wearing that?'" the senior goaltender Lauren Young said. "We'd be like: 'We don't have anything else. We're new here.'"

Slowly but surely, though, the players grew accustomed to shouting "Tech!" instead of "D.C.!" to break their huddles, even if those huddles still occasionally triggered déjà vu. Handras, who also coached the women's soccer team at Dowling, arranged for six of the players on that squad to join N.Y.I.T.'s soccer team. And scouting should not be an issue; N.Y.I.T. slid into the East Coast Conference slot vacated by Dowling's departure.

"From the worst situation, the best situation arose," she said. "The best possible outcome for us was being here."

The Bears will enter the season ranked No. 15 in the country by the coaches' association — a noteworthy placement, considering Saturday will be N.Y.I.T.'s first-ever game. But it also is a nod to Dowling, the team that vanished one day and reappeared, almost whole, on a new campus, as if everything and nothing had changed.

A Different Shade of Blue

When one school closes, another door opens

By Kerri Handras |

AS TOLD TO AMY WIMMER SCHWARB

We had heard for a couple of years that Dowling might close. But on the athletics side, we never really felt those fears. We were funded well. The programs were very successful. We were kind of our own little entity, and we were able to make things work on our end. Athletics never suffered.

Then, the week after graduation last year, rumors started circulating. Me, the players, everyone — we were like, is this really happening? The staff at Dowling — I'd been coaching with them for 12 years — were all devastated. It's almost like your co-workers are teammates, as well. You know those you can lean on, those you can talk to — an ear to speak to or a shoulder to lean on. They go through all the same things as you. I had a lot of friendships.

We all went down with the ship. Dowling shut the doors on May 31.

The next day, I was in a meeting with the New York Institute of Technology athletics director, who had already spoken to the president. They had been in talks for a while about adding women's lacrosse. They just weren't sure — it was something that just never came to fruition. So when I met with the AD the day after Dowling closed, it was just an opportune time for them to get a coach and possibly a team to come over. He had a proposal and offered me the job.

Of course, I thought immediately of my student-athletes, especially the nine seniors on my team at Dowling. I had to ask, what made sense for them? I wanted them to graduate on time, and who's going to accept all the credits they had earned?

They had the camaraderie. They had the chemistry. They bonded on the field and off the field. It just becomes a sisterhood, especially for the ones who had been there three or four years. It is blood, sweat and tears — and they did have a successful season last year. They didn't want to go to different schools and play with different student-athletes.

Almost as a joke, I sent out a group text

to my players. It was a picture of an NYIT sign and the message, "Who's coming?" I got 13 "yesses": "Yes." "Yes, can't wait." "I love the new colors."

The parents, all the girls, the athletics director, the academic advisors — they sat down with everyone and really made sure this was a fit for everybody. I told them no hard feelings — I wanted, at the end of the day, what was best for each student-athlete. In the end, we had 13 from last year's roster transfer to NYIT, plus one returning Dowling student who had taken a year off. We also had two of our recruits come to NYIT.

There was a lot of anxiety leading up to it, but it was a smooth transition academically and credits-wise. NYIT did accept almost everybody's credits, which alleviated a lot of stress for seniors trying to graduate on time. From a terrible situation, this was definitely a great outcome.

NYIT is in the same conference Dowling was — it just never had a lacrosse program. We played them in all the other sports. I took my Dowling schedule, and we just crossed out "Dowling" and put "NYIT."

Our biggest thing leading into this season is, "Who are we?" Who we are is NYIT. The Dowling Golden Lions' ghost lives on at NYIT. It does, in a sense, because that is our past, and I don't want the team to forget that. Our biggest thing is coming together as a team and mixing past players with new players and defining who NYIT is.

The game is the same. The name on the jerseys is different. We are appreciative of where we are. We were Adidas before, and now we're Under Armour. We were navy and white, and now we're blue. A different shade of blue, but still blue.

Kerri Handras is the founding women's lacrosse coach at the New York Institute of Technology and previously started the women's lacrosse program at Dowling, where she coached lacrosse and women's soccer for 12 years.



HEAD COACH KERRI HANDRAS

YEAR	OVERALL	WIN%	ECC	WIN%
2017	15-4	.789	7-1	.875
TOTAL	15-4	.789	7-1	.875

ALL-TIME PROGRAM SUMMARY

TEAM DEBUT: 2017

RECORD: 15-4

HOME: 9-2

ROAD: 6-1

NEUTRAL: 0-1

ECC RECORD: 7-1

ECC REGULAR-SEASON TITLES (0)

ECC POSTSEASON TITLES (0)

ECC PLAYOFFS APPEARANCES (1): 2017

ECC PLAYOFFS RECORD: 0-1

NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES (1): 2017

NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD: 0-1



IWLCA ALL-AMERICAN SECOND TEAM

Erin Smith – 2017

Karie Znaniecki – 2017

IWLCA NORTH REGION FIRST TEAM

Erin Smith – 2017

Karie Znaniecki – 2017

IWLCA NORTH REGION SECOND TEAM

Alyssa Milano – 2017

IWLCA NORTH REGION THIRD TEAM

Taylor Davide – 2017

Katie Meinecke – 2017

Lauren Young – 2017

ECC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Erin Smith – 2017

ALL-ECC FIRST TEAM

Katie Meinecke – 2017

Alyssa Milano – 2017

Karie Znaniecki – 2017

Taylor Davide – 2017

Erin Smith – 2017

ALL-ECC SECOND TEAM

Brooke Basso – 2017

Trisha Serras – 2017

Kelly McQuail – 2017

Lauren Young – 2017

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN FIRST TEAM

Alyssa Milano – 2017

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT FIRST TEAM

Alyssa Milano – 2017

ALL-ECAC FIRST TEAM

Erin Smith – 2017

Karie Znaniecki – 2017

ALL-ECAC SECOND TEAM

Katie Meinecke – 2017

IWLCA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Lauren Young – April 12, 2017

ECC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Karie Znaniecki – March 27, 2017

ECC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Lauren Young – Feb. 27, 2017

Erin Smith – March 27, 2017

Lauren Young – March 10, 2017

ECC ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Shannon Donovan – March 27, 2017

Lexi Ruiz – April 3, 2017

INDIVIDUAL

GOALS

Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	7
Katie Meinecke	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	6
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	6
Alyssa Milano	Feb. 25, 2017	at Georgian Court	6

ASSISTS

Karie Znaniecki	April 29, 2017	at LIU Post	5
Karie Znaniecki	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	5
Karie Znaniecki	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	5
Karie Znaniecki	April 26, 2017	vs. Queens	5
Katie Meinecke	March 3, 2017	vs. District of Columbia	4

POINTS

Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	9
Katie Meinecke	March 25, 2017	vs. Chestnut Hill	9
Karie Znaniecki	April 26, 2017	vs. Queens	9
Karie Znaniecki	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	8
Karie Znaniecki	March 25, 2017	vs. Chestnut Hill	8
Karie Znaniecki	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	8
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	8

SHOTS

Alyssa Milano	April 19, 2017	vs. Molloy	10
Karie Znaniecki	April 8, 2017	at St. Thomas Aquinas	9
Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	8
Katie Meinecke	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	8
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	8
Katie Meinecke	April 19, 2017	vs. Molloy	8
Katie Meinecke	April 22, 2017	at Stonehill	8
Shannon Donovan	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	8
Katie Meinecke	April 29, 2017	at LIU Post	8

SHOT PERCENTAGE (min. 3 shots)

Alyssa Milano	Feb. 25, 2017	at Georgian Court (6)	100.0
Karie Znaniecki	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree (3)	100.0
Lexi Ruiz	March 18, 2017	vs. Philadelphia (3)	100.0
Alyssa Milano	March 3, 2017	vs. District of Columbia (3)	100.0
Kim Geiger	March 8, 2017	vs. Holy Family (3)	100.0
Kim Geiger	March 3, 2017	vs. District of Columbia (3)	100.0
Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire (8)	87.5
Katie Meinecke	March 25, 2017	vs. Chestnut Hill (7)	85.7

SHOTS ON GOAL

Katie Meinecke	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	8
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	8
Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	7
Alyssa Milano	April 4, 2017	at Mercy	7
Alyssa Milano	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	7

SHOTS ON GOAL PERCENTAGE (min. 6 shots)

Katie Meinecke	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree (8)	100.0
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan (8)	100.0
Alyssa Milano	April 4, 2017	at Mercy (7)	100.0
Alyssa Milano	Feb. 25, 2017	at Georgian Court (6)	100.0

Katie Meinecke	April 26, 2017	vs. Queens (6)	100.0
Lexi Ruiz	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport (6)	100.0
Alyssa Milano	April 22, 2017	at Stonehill (6)	100.0
Karie Znaniecki	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire (7)	87.5
Alyssa Milano	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan (7)	87.5

GROUND BALLS

Erin Smith	March 25, 2017	vs. Chestnut Hill	7
Erin Smith	Feb. 28, 2017	vs. Merrimack	4
Erin Smith	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	4
Trisha Serras	Feb. 28, 2017	vs. Merrimack	4
Katie Meinecke	March 3, 2017	vs. District of Columbia	4
Katie Meinecke	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	4
Lexi Ruiz	March 18, 2017	vs. Philadelphia	4
Lexi Ruiz	April 22, 2017	at Stonehill	4
Kayla Reyes	March 3, 2017	vs. District of Columbia	4
Taylor Davide	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	4
Anne Marie Ardito	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	4
Brooke Basso	March 18, 2017	vs. Philadelphia	4
Kelly McQuail	April 22, 2017	at Stonehill	4
Lauren Young	March 23, 2017	at Southern New Hampshire	4
Lauren Young	April 8, 2017	at St. Thomas Aquinas	4
Lauren Young	April 19, 2017	vs. Molloy	4
Taylor Davide	May 12, 2017	LIU Post [^]	4

DRAW CONTROLS

Katie Meinecke	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	8
Katie Meinecke	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	7
Katie Meinecke	April 6, 2017	at St. Thomas Aquinas	6
Alyssa Milano	April 26, 2017	vs. Queens	6

CAUSED TURNOVERS

Katie Meinecke	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	6
Trisha Serras	March 18, 2017	vs. Philadelphia	4
Kelly McQuail	April 22, 2017	at Stonehill	4
Erin Smith	Feb. 28, 2017	vs. Merrimack	4
Erin Smith	March 25, 2017	vs. Chestnut Hill	4
Erin Smith	April 1, 2017	vs. Bridgeport	4

SAVES

Lauren Young	April 4, 2017	at Mercy	14
Lauren Young	Feb. 25, 2017	at Georgian Court	13
Lauren Young	April 29, 2017	at LIU Post	11
Lauren Young	April 14, 2017	at Roberts Wesleyan	10
Lauren Young	May 12, 2017 [^]	LIU Post	8
Lauren Young	March 16, 2017	vs. McKendree	8
Lauren Young	March 13, 2017	vs. Bentley	8
Lauren Young	Feb. 28, 2017	vs. Merrimack	8
Lauren Young	April 19, 2017	vs. Molloy	7
Lauren Young	April 8, 2017	at St. Thomas Aquinas	7
Lauren Young	May 4, 2017 [*]	vs. Mercy	6

^{*}ECC playoffs; [^]NCAA Tournament

TEAM HIGHS

GOALS SCORED

21	vs. Chestnut Hill	W	March 25, 2017
20	vs. Queens	W	April 26, 2017
20	vs. Holy Family	W	March 8, 2017
20	vs. District of Columbia	W	March 3, 2017
19	at Roberts Wesleyan	W	April 14, 2017
19	vs. McKendree	W	March 16, 2017
18	vs. Philadelphia	W	March 18, 2017
17	vs. Bridgeport	W	April 1, 2017
16	at St. Thomas Aquinas	W	April 8, 2017

GOALS ALLOWED

0	vs. Queens	W	April 26, 2017
1	vs. District of Columbia	W	March 3, 2017
2	vs. Holy Family	W	March 8, 2017
3	at St. Thomas Aquinas	W	April 8, 2017
3	vs. Bridgeport	W	April 1, 2017
3	vs. Philadelphia	W	March 18, 2017

MARGIN OF VICTORY

20	vs. Queens	April 26, 2017
19	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017
18	vs. Holy Family	March 8, 2017
15	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017
14	vs. Chestnut Hill	March 25, 2017

SHOTS

36	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017
36	vs. McKendree	March 16, 2017
34	vs. Bridgeport	April 1, 2017
34	at Southern New Hampshire	March 23, 2017
33	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
33	at St. Thomas Aquinas	April 8, 2017
33	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017
32	vs. Chestnut Hill	March 25, 2017

SHOT PERCENTAGE

69.0	vs. Queens	April 26, 2017
69.0	vs. Holy Family	March 8, 2017
65.6	vs. Chestnut Hill	March 25, 2017
63.2	at Georgian Court	Feb. 25, 2017
60.6	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017
57.6	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017

SHOTS ON GOAL

30	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
30	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017
30	vs. McKendree	March 16, 2017
29	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017
28	vs. Bridgeport	April 1, 2017

SHOTS ON GOAL PERCENTAGE

90.9	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
89.7	vs. Queens	April 26, 2017
89.7	vs. Holy Family	March 8, 2017

89.5	at Georgian Court	Feb. 25, 2017
87.9	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017

GROUND BALLS

29	vs. McKendree	March 16, 2017
28	vs. District of Columbia	March 3, 2017
25	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017
24	at Stonehill	April 22, 2017
24	at Southern New Hampshire	March 23, 2017

DRAW CONTROLS

18	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
16	vs. Queens	April 26, 2017
16	vs. Bridgeport	April 1, 2017
14	vs. Molloy	April 19, 2017
14	vs. St. Thomas Aquinas	April 8, 2017

CAUSED TURNOVERS

20	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
17	vs. Bridgeport	April 1, 2017
17	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017
17	vs. McKendree	March 16, 2017
14	vs. Queens	April 26, 2017
14	vs. Holy Family	March 8, 2017

SAVES

14	at Mercy	W	April 4, 2017
13	at Georgian Court	W	Feb. 25, 2017
11	at LIU Post	L	April 29, 2017
10	at Roberts Wesleyan	W	April 14, 2017

TEAM LOWS

GOALS SCORED

5	LIU Post [^]	L	April 8, 2017
6	vs. Merrimack	W	Feb. 28, 2017
7	vs. Mercy [*]	L	May 4, 2017
7	vs. Bentley	L	March 13, 2017
11	at LIU Post	L	April 29, 2017
11	vs. Molloy	W	April 19, 2017

GOALS ALLOWED

12	LIU Post [^]	L	May 12, 2017
12	at Stonehill	W	April 22, 2017
11	at Mercy	W	April 4, 2017
9	vs. Mercy [*]	L	May 4, 2017

MARGIN OF DEFEAT

7	LIU Post [^]	May 12, 2017
2	Mercy [*]	May 4, 2017

SHOTS

16	vs. Mercy [*]	May 4, 2017
17	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017
19	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
19	at Georgian Court	Feb. 25, 2017
21	LIU Post [^]	May 12, 2017

22	at LIU Post	April 29, 2017
24	at Mercy	April 4, 2017

SHOT PERCENTAGE

23.8	LIU Post [^]	April 8, 2017
31.6	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
39.3	vs. Molloy	April 19, 2017
41.2	at Southern New Hampshire	March 23, 2017
41.2	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017

SHOTS ON GOAL

10	LIU Post [^]	May 12, 2017
10	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
11	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017
13	vs. Mercy [*]	May 4, 2017
17	at Georgian Court	Feb. 25, 2017

SHOTS ON GOAL PERCENTAGE

47.6	LIU Post [^]	May 12, 2017
52.6	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
64.3	vs. Molloy	April 19, 2017
64.7	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017

GROUND BALLS

10	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
11	LIU Post [^]	May 12, 2017
11	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017
11	at Georgian Court	Feb. 25, 2017
14	vs. Chestnut Hill	March 25, 2017

DRAW CONTROLS

5	vs. Mercy [*]	May 4, 2017
5	vs. Merrimack	Feb. 28, 2017
6	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017
7	LIU Post [^]	April 8, 2017
7	vs. Philadelphia	March 18, 2017

CAUSED TURNOVERS

2	at Roberts Wesleyan	April 14, 2017
3	vs. St. Thomas Aquinas	April 8, 2017
3	vs. Bentley	March 13, 2017
4	LIU Post [^]	April 8, 2017
5	at LIU Post	April 29, 2017

SAVES

1	vs. Queens	W	April 26, 2017
2	vs. Philadelphia	W	March 18, 2017
2	vs. District of Columbia	W	March 3, 2017
3	vs. Holy Family	W	March 8, 2017
4	at Stonehill	W	April 22, 2017
4	vs. Bridgeport	W	April 1, 2017
4	vs. Chestnut Hill	W	March 25, 2017

^{*}ECC playoffs; [^]NCAA Tournament

INDIVIDUAL

GOALS

Alyssa Milano	58	2017
Katie Meinecke	56	2017
Karie Znaniecki	49	2017
Lexi Ruiz	23	2017
Shannon Donovan	21	2017
Trisha Serras	19	2017
Kayla Reyes	11	2017
Brooke Basso	10	2017
Kim Geiger	10	2017
Angelina Cuevas	5	2017

ASSISTS

Karie Znaniecki	53	2017
Katie Meinecke	32	2017
Kayla Reyes	11	2017
Trisha Serras	11	2017
Alyssa Milano	9	2017
Lexi Ruiz	8	2017
Angelina Cuevas	5	2017
Shannon Donovan	4	2017
Ashley Firestone	2	2017
Kim Geiger	2	2017

POINTS

Karie Znaniecki	102	2017
Katie Meinecke	88	2017
Alyssa Milano	67	2017
Lexi Ruiz	31	2017
Trisha Serras	30	2017
Shannon Donovan	25	2017
Kayla Reyes	22	2017
Kim Geiger	12	2017
Brooke Basso	11	2017
Angelina Cuevas	10	2017

SHOTS

Katie Meinecke	102	2017
Alyssa Milano	92	2017
Karie Znaniecki	85	2017
Lexi Ruiz	55	2017
Shannon Donovan	45	2017
Trisha Serras	45	2017
Brooke Basso	29	2017
Kim Geiger	21	2017
Kayla Reyes	21	2017
Angelina Cuevas	11	2017

SHOT PERCENTAGE (min. 45 shots)

Alyssa Milano	63.0	2017
Karie Znaniecki	57.6	2017
Katie Meinecke	54.9	2017
Shannon Donovan	46.7	2017
Trisha Serras	42.2	2017
Lexi Ruiz	41.8	2017

SHOTS ON GOAL

Katie Meinecke	86	2017
Alyssa Milano	77	2017
Karie Znaniecki	69	2017
Lexi Ruiz	44	2017
Shannon Donovan	34	2017
Trisha Serras	32	2017
Brooke Basso	19	2017
Kim Geiger	18	2017
Kayla Reyes	14	2017
Angelina Cuevas	7	2017

SHOTS ON GOAL PERCENTAGE (min. 30 shots)

Katie Meinecke	84.3	2017
Alyssa Milano	83.7	2017
Karie Znaniecki	81.2	2017
Lexi Ruiz	80.0	2017
Shannon Donovan	75.6	2017
Trisha Serras	71.1	2017

GROUND BALLS

Taylor Davide	43	2017
Erin Smith	41	2017
Lauren Young	35	2017
Trisha Serras	30	2017
Brooke Basso	27	2017
Kelly McQuail	25	2017
Katie Meinecke	23	2017
Anne Marie Ardito	22	2017
Lexi Ruiz	22	2017
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DRAW CONTROLS

Katie Meinecke	61	2017
Alyssa Milano	51	2017
Erin Smith	35	2017
Anne Marie Ardito	12	2017
Angelina Cuevas	8	2017
Taylor Davide	7	2017
Kelly McQuail	6	2017
Lexi Ruiz	6	2017
Trisha Serras	6	2017
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CAUSED TURNOVERS

Taylor Davide	32	2017
Erin Smith	25	2017
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Alyssa Milano	15	2017
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Kim Geiger	6	2017
Lexi Ruiz	6	2017
Lauren Young	6	2017



Lauren Young

GAA (min. 500 minutes)

Lauren Young	6.92	2017
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SAVES

Lauren Young	122	2017
Ashley Miller	3	2017

SAVE PERCENTAGE (min. 50 saves)

Lauren Young	.506	2017
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WINS

Lauren Young	15	2017
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WINNING PERCENTAGE (min. 10 decisions)

Lauren Young (15-4)	.789	2017
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GAMES

Anne Marie Ardito	19	2017
Taylor Davide	19	2017
Kelly McQuail	19	2017
Katie Meinecke	19	2017
Lexi Ruiz	19	2017
Trisha Serras	19	2017
Erin Smith	19	2017
Lauren Young	19	2017
Karie Znaniecki	19	2017
Brooke Basso	18	2017

GAMES STARTED

Anne Marie Ardito	19	2017
Taylor Davide	19	2017
Kelly McQuail	19	2017
Katie Meinecke	19	2017
Trisha Serras	19	2017
Erin Smith	19	2017
Lauren Young	19	2017
Karie Znaniecki	19	2017
Brooke Basso	18	2017
Alyssa Milano	17	2017

INDIVIDUAL

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Alyssa Milano	58	2017
Katie Meinecke	56	2017
Karie Znaniecki	49	2017
Lexi Ruiz	23	2017
Shannon Donovan	21	2017
Trisha Serras	19	2017
Kayla Reyes	11	2017
Brooke Basso	10	2017
Kim Geiger	10	2017
Angelina Cuevas	5	2017

ASSISTS

Karie Znaniecki	53	2017
Katie Meinecke	32	2017
Kayla Reyes	11	2017
Trisha Serras	11	2017
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Kim Geiger	6	2017
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Lauren Young	6	2017

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Trisha Serras	19	2017
Erin Smith	19	2017
Lauren Young	19	2017
Karie Znaniecki	19	2017
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Kelly McQuail	19	2017
Katie Meinecke	19	2017
Trisha Serras	19	2017
Erin Smith	19	2017
Lauren Young	19	2017
Karie Znaniecki	19	2017
Brooke Basso	18	2017
Alyssa Milano	17	2017

2017

NCAA TOURNAMENT

HEAD COACH: Kerri Handras**ASSISTANTS:** Jackie Ardolino, Ralph Viggiano,
Rachael Goldstein, Emily Pepe**RECORD:** 15-4, 7-1 ECC**LONGEST WIN STREAK:** 11 games**LONGEST LOSING STREAK:** 3 games**BEST IWLCA RANKING:** 11

FEBRUARY

25	Georgian Court	W 12-7
28	MERRIMACK	W 6-5

MARCH

3	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*	W 20-1
8	HOLY FAMILY	W 20-2
13	BENTLEY (18)	L 8-7
16	MCKENDREE	W 19-7
18	PHILADELPHIA	W 18-3
23	Southern New Hampshire	W 14-7
25	CHESTNUT HILL	W 21-7

APRIL

1	BRIDGEPORT*	W 17-3
4	Mercy* (17)	W 13-11
8	St. Thomas Aquinas*	W 16-3
14	Roberts Wesleyan*	W 19-8
19	MOLLOY*	W 11-8
22	Stonehill (18)	W 13-12 (OT)
26	QUEENS*	W 20-0
29	LIU Post* (5)	L 12-11 (OT)

MAY

4	Mercy% (16)	L 9-7
12	LIU Post^ (5)	L 12-5

*ECC; %ECC playoffs; ^NCAA Tournament

BENTLEY (0-1)		
March 13, 2017	H	L 8-7
BRIDGEPORT (1-0)		
April 1, 2017	H	W 17-3
CHESTNUT HILL (1-0)		
March 25, 2017	H	W 21-7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (1-0)		
March 3, 2017	H	W 20-1
GEORGIAN COURT (1-0)		
Feb. 25, 2017	A	W 12-7
HOLY FAMILY (1-0)		
March 8, 2017	H	W 20-2
LIU POST (0-2)		
May 12, 2017 [^]	N	L 12-5
April 29, 2017	A	L 12-11 (OT)
MCKENDREE (1-0)		
March 16, 2017	H	W 19-7
MERCY (1-1)		
May 4, 2017 [*]	H	L 9-7
April 4, 2017	A	W 13-11
MERRIMACK (1-0)		
Feb. 28, 2017	H	W 6-5
MOLLOY (1-0)		
April 19, 2017	H	W 11-8
PHILADELPHIA (1-0)		
March 18, 2017	H	W 18-3
QUEENS (1-0)		
April 26, 2017	H	W 20-0
ROBERTS WESLEYAN (1-0)		
April 14, 2017	A	W 19-8
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE (1-0)		
March 23, 2017	A	W 14-7
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1-0)		
April 8, 2017	A	W 16-3
STONEHILL (1-0)		
April 22, 2017	A	W 13-12 (OT)

*ECC playoffs; ^NCAA Tournament

A	
Caitlin Appel	2017
Anne Marie Ardito	2017
B	
Brooke Basso	2017
C	
Angelina Cuevas	2017
D	
Taylor Davide	2017
Vincenza DeCresenzo	2017
Shannon Donovan	2017
F	
Ashley Firestone	2017
G	
Kim Geiger	2017
L	
Erin Lankowicz	2017
M	
Rosemary Mahoney	2017
Kelly McQuail	2017
Katie Meinecke	2017
Alyssa Milano	2017
Ashley Miller	2017
R	
Kayla Reyes	2017
Lexi Ruiz	2017
S	
Trisha Serras	2017
Brooke Skahan	2017
Erin Smith	2017
Y	
Lauren Young	2017
Z	
Karie Znaniacki	2017

2017

Record: 15-4 Home: 9-2 Away: 6-1 Neutral: 0-1 ECC: 7-1 Vs. Ranked: 2-4

No.	Player	GP	GS	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	FPG-FPS	GB	DC	T/O	CT
10	Karie Znaniecki	19	19	49	53	102	85	57.6	69	81.2	2-5	19	0	29	3
22	Katie Meinecke	19	19	56	32	88	102	54.9	86	84.3	13-22	23	61	46	20
6	Alyssa Milano	17	17	58	9	67	92	63.0	77	83.7	6-13	21	51	20	15
3	Lexi Ruiz	19	16	23	8	31	55	41.8	44	80.0	3-15	22	6	22	6
17	Trisha Serras	19	19	19	11	30	45	42.2	32	71.1	5-7	30	6	16	21
7	Shannon Donovan	17	2	21	4	25	45	46.7	34	75.6	1-5	3	0	10	3
5	Kayla Reyes	14	3	11	11	22	21	52.4	14	66.7	0-1	7	1	16	3
13	Kim Geiger	7	7	10	2	12	21	47.6	18	85.7	2-5	7	2	7	6
14	Brooke Basso	18	18	10	1	11	29	34.5	19	65.5	1-5	27	4	14	12
2	Angelina Cuevas	13	1	5	5	10	11	45.5	7	63.6	1-3	6	8	10	3
11	Caitlin Appel	6	0	2	0	2	3	66.7	3	100.0	0-1	4	0	3	1
1	Vincenza DeCrescenzo	4	1	2	0	2	2	100.0	2	100.0	0-0	4	0	1	2
9	Ashley Firestone	6	0	0	2	2	3	0.0	2	66.7	0-1	0	3	4	0
18	Kelly McQuail	19	19	2	0	2	4	50.0	3	75.0	1-1	25	6	9	18
12	Anne Marie Ardito	19	19	0	1	1	1	0.0	1	100.0	0-0	22	12	5	9
21	Erin Smith	19	19	1	0	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	0-0	41	35	19	25
8	Taylor Davide	19	19	0	0	0	2	0.0	2	100.0	0-1	43	7	9	32
4	Erin Lankowicz	12	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0-0	4	0	4	3
23	Rosemary Mahoney	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0-0	3	0	1	1
29	Ashley Miller	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0
24	Brooke Skahan	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0-0	4	1	0	0
28	Lauren Young	19	19	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0-0	35	0	6	6
TOTAL		19	19	269	139	408	522	51.5	414	79.3	35-85	351	203	252	189
OPPONENTS		19	19	125	44	169	347	36.0	250	72.0	44-108	212	218	335	114

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
28	Lauren Young	19	19	1031:53	119	6.92	122	50.6	15	4	0	.789
29	Ashley Miller	4	0	110:09	6	3.27	3	33.3	0	0	0	—
TOTAL		19	19	1142:02	125	6.57	125	50.0	15	4	0	.789
OPPONENTS		19	19	1142:02	269	14.13	145	35.0	4	15	0	.211

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. — Hunter Isnardi (Hicksville, N.Y.) of Mercy College, Erin Smith (Wantagh, N.Y.) of NYIT, and LIU Post teammates Olivia Kirk (Farmingdale, N.Y.) and Alyssa Mallery (Wantagh, N.Y.) have earned the conference's top honors in the 2017 East Coast Conference women's lacrosse all-conference team. In a vote by the league's coaches, Isnardi is the Offensive Player of the Year, Smith takes home the Defensive Player of the Year honor, Kirk repeats as the Goalkeeper of the Year and Mallery has been named the Rookie of the Year.

Isnardi was a huge reason behind the best season in Mercy's program history. After winning the conference's Rookie of the Year honor in 2016, Isnardi followed up with a 71-goal campaign this season. Her goal total was good for second in the ECC and her point total of 78 finished tied for fifth. In addition to her scoring prowess, Isnardi constantly got the Mavericks into their offense by dominating the draw. She led the league with 182 draw controls, a whopping 121 more than the league's runner-up in the category. Isnardi also finished second in Division II in draw controls per game at 9.1.

After being named the ECC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, Smith followed through on the coaches' prediction by earning the postseason honor, as well. Smith was the anchor of a Bears' defense that ranked fourth in Division II with a scoring defense of 6.28 goals per game. Smith also came in the top 10 in the ECC with 41 ground balls (sixth) and 25 caused turnovers (ninth) on the season.

Kirk repeats as the Goalkeeper of the Year after another stellar season between the pipes for the Pioneers. She has compiled a 16-3 record in net this year while making 138 saves and holding a 6.42 goals against average and a .543 save percentage. Both of those numbers rank in the top 10 in all of Division II.

Mallery, a three-time ECC Rookie of the Week, put together a standout debut season for the Pioneers. She ranked third on the Pioneers with 31 goals and also added eight assists for 39 points on the year. She was also among the league leaders in draw controls, ranking fifth with 59.

Mercy head coach Dawn Anselmin was named the

Coach of the Year by her peers for the second straight season after leading the Mavericks to a program-record 16 wins and the first national ranking in program history.

2017 ECC women's lacrosse all-conference First Team

A - Connor Bird, LIU Post
 A - Cassley Jackowski, Roberts Wesleyan
 A - Emily Jehle, Mercy
 A - Katie Meinecke, NYIT
 A - Alyssa Milano, NYIT
 A - Brianna Wilson, Molloy
 A - Karie Znaniecki, NYIT
 M - Grace Davidson, Mercy
 M - Hunter Isnardi, Mercy
 M - Ryan McKinney, LIU Post
 M - Cooper Sesselman, Molloy
 D - Taylor Davide, NYIT
 D - Cara Douglas, LIU Post
 D - Erin Smith, NYIT
 D - Talia Stagnitta, Mercy
 GK - Olivia Kirk, LIU Post

Second Team

A - Caroline Finnen, St. Thomas Aquinas
 A - Alexa Haines, Mercy
 A - Jessica Markowitz, Molloy
 A - Alexis Newman, LIU Post
 A - Alexa Watson, Molloy
 M - Brooke Basso, NYIT
 M - Alyssa Mallery, LIU Post
 M - Lauren Mengel, Bridgeport
 M - Trisha Serras, NYIT
 D - Kelly Backus, LIU Post
 D - Emily Bauer, Molloy
 D - Hope Coticchio, Mercy
 D - Melissa DellaRocca, Mercy
 D - Kelly McQuail, NYIT
 GK - Shannon Knapp, Roberts Wesleyan
 GK - Lauren Young, NYIT

Offensive Player of the Year: Hunter Isnardi, So., M, Mercy

Defensive Player of the Year: Erin Smith, Sr., D, NYIT

Goalkeeper of the Year: Olivia Kirk, Jr., LIU Post

Rookie of the Year: Alyssa Mallery, Fr., M, LIU Post

Coach of the Year: Dawn Anselmin, Mercy

STANDINGS

LIU Post	8-0
NYIT	7-1
Mercy	6-2
Molloy	4-4
Roberts Wesleyan	4-4
Bridgeport	3-5
St. Thomas Aquinas	3-5
Queens	1-7
District of Columbia	0-8

GOALS

C. Jackowski, Roberts	83
H. Isnardi, Mercy	71
R. McKinney, LIU Post	59
A. Milano, NYIT	58
K. Meinecke, NYIT	56

ASSISTS

E. Jehle, Mercy	55
K. Znaniecki, NYIT	53
B. Wilson, Molloy	35
C. Jackowski, Roberts	35
A. Haines, Mercy	32

POINTS

C. Jackowski, Roberts	118
K. Znaniecki, NYIT	102
K. Meinecke, NYIT	88
B. Wilson, Molloy	80
A. Haines, Mercy	78
H. Isnardi, Mercy	78

SAVES

S. Knapp, Roberts	201
B. Attieh, Queens	144
O. Kirk, LIU Post	138
L. Young, NYIT	122
J. Foy, UDC	116

GAA

J. Rocco, Mercy	6.36
O. Kirk, LIU Post	6.42
S. Judson, Mercy	6.45
L. Young, NYIT	6.92
A. Chetti, Molloy	9.20

GAME 1: No. 15 NYIT 12, GEORGIAN COURT 7
Feb. 25, 2017

LAKEWOOD, N.J. — The NYIT women's lacrosse team earned the victory in the first-ever game in program history as the Bears defeated Georgian Court, 12-7. Alyssa Milano had six goals, Karie Znaniecki tallied three goals and three assists and Katie Meinecke had two goals and three assists in the historic win. Lauren Young had 13 saves. "There was a lot of anxiety, and expectations to do well," coach Kerri Handras said. "To finally get the game going, everyone was definitely relieved to get the win — putting us in the right direction."

GAME 2: No. 15 NYIT 6, MERRIMACK 5

Feb. 28, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — The NYIT women's lacrosse team's first-ever home game proved dramatic as well as historic. The No. 15 Bears overcame a three-goal deficit to defeat Merrimack, 6-5, at President's Stadium. Senior attacker Katie Meinecke scored the game winner with 2:56 remaining and goaltender Lauren Young made a key save with less than 20 seconds to go as the Bears held on. The Bears overcame a 5-3 deficit with three goals in the final seven minutes, including a pair from Meinecke. Kim Geiger and Meinecke had two goals apiece. Lexi Ruiz and Trisha Serras each had two assists. The historic game drew big media attention, with ABC, CBS and News 12 on hand.

GAME 3: No. 15 NYIT 20, UDC 3

March 3, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — After a pair of narrower wins to open its inaugural season, the NYIT women's lacrosse team got to exhale in its East Coast Conference opener at President's Stadium. The Bears beat District of Columbia, 20-1, as Shannon Donovan, Kim Geiger and Alyssa Milano scored three goals apiece. In all, 10 different NYIT student-athletes tallied goals. The Bears led 10-0 before UDC posted its lone goal with 13:59 remaining in the first half. Goalies Lauren Young and Ashley Miller played 30 minutes apiece for 15th-ranked NYIT.



Lauren Young, Kim Geiger and Anne Marie Ardito (l to r) in the first game in program history.

GAME 4: No. 16 NYIT 20, HOLY FAMILY 2

March 8, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — With a game at 13th-ranked Bentley looming, the 16th-ranked NYIT women's lacrosse team enjoyed a second straight lopsided win at President's Stadium. Karie Znaniecki produced three goals and three assists and teammates Kim Geiger and Katie Meinecke also had three goals apiece as the Bears routed Holy Family, 20-2. Lexi Ruiz, Kayla Reyes, Alyssa Milano and Trisha Serra contributed two goals apiece for the undefeated Bears (4-0).

GAME 5: No. 18 BENTLEY 8, No. 15 NYIT 7

March 13, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — Karie Znaniecki produced three goals, the final of which pulled the NYIT women's lacrosse team within a goal with 4:22 remaining. However, the 15th-ranked Bears suffered their first loss in program history, falling to No. 18 Bentley, 8-7, at President's Stadium. The Bears (4-1) had entered the anticipated matchup coming off consecutive 20-goal outbursts against the District of Columbia and Holy Family. Alyssa Milano's second goal of the game, with 20:32 remaining, had evened the score at 5. But the Falcons answered with consecutive goals and NYIT could not draw even again.

GAME 6: No. 15 NYIT 19, MCKENDREE 7

March 16, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — The NYIT women's lacrosse team rebounded nicely from its first loss in program history. The 15th-ranked

Bears took care of business at President's Stadium with a 19-7 win against McKendree. NYIT opened the game with four straight goals, three coming from freshman attacker Shannon Donovan.

GAME 7: No. 15 NYIT 18, PHILADELPHIA 3

March 18, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — Alyssa Milano led NYIT with four goals and Katie Meinecke, Lexi Ruiz and Karie Znaniecki scored three apiece in the Bears' 18-3 win against Philadelphia University at President's Stadium. NYIT improved to 6-1. Znaniecki also contributed four assists to finish with a team-high seven points. NYIT capped off its offensive surge with Vincenza DeCrescenzo scoring her first NYIT goal with 18 seconds remaining.

GAME 8: No. 15 NYIT 14, SNHU 7

March 23, 2017

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Karie Znaniecki scored seven goals, the most in a single game in program history, and added two assists as the NYIT women's lacrosse team defeated Southern New Hampshire, 14-7. The Bears trailed 2-0 early and only pulled even at 4 when Znaniecki scored with 10:52 remaining in the first half on an unassisted goal while down a man. Katie Meinecke broke the tie less than four minutes later and NYIT led the remainder of the game. Meinecke and Shannon Donovan each finished with three goals and one assist. Goalie Lauren Young and the Bears (7-1) limited SNHU (4-2) to two second-half goals.

GAME 9: No. 15 NYIT 21, CHESTNUT HILL 9
March 25, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — The NYIT women's lacrosse set a program record for goals in a game while posting a 21-7 win against Chestnut Hill at President's Stadium. Katie Meinecke had six goals and three assists, Alyssa Milano contributed five goals and an assist and Karie Znaniecki had four goals and three assists in the nonconference victory. The 15th-ranked Bears improved to 8-1.

GAME 10: No. 14 NYIT 17, BRIDGEPORT 3
April 1, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — For only the third time this season, the NYIT women's lacrosse team did not score the opening goal of a game. Not to worry. The Bears stormed back. Fifty-eight seconds after surrendering the first score, Alyssa Milano answered at the other end. Milano ultimately scored a game-high-matching five goals as No. 14 NYIT beat Bridgeport, 17-3, at President's Stadium. Lexi Ruiz also contributed five goals, while Karie Znaniecki had three goals and four assists and Katie Meinecke had one goal and three assists.



Brooke Basso and teammates celebrate win at Mercy.

GAME 11: No. 14 NYIT 13, No. 17 MERCY 11
April 4, 2017

DOBBS FERRY, N.Y. — Three minutes, 37 sec-

onds into a showdown at undefeated Mercy, the NYIT women's lacrosse team trailed 5-0 and coach Kerri Handras was forced to call timeout. The Bears then regrouped at soggy Mercy Field. And 14th-ranked NYIT ultimately beat the 17th-ranked Mavericks, 13-11. Alyssa Milano broke an 11-all tie on an assist from Trisha Serras with 8:11 remaining to lift the Bears to the victory. Karie Znaniecki, whose older sister played for Mercy and younger sister has signed to play with the Mavericks, added an empty-cage goal with 31 seconds left to cap the scoring.



Karie Znaniecki had three goals versus Molloy.

GAME 12: No. 14 NYIT 16, STAC 3

April 8, 2017

SPARKILL, N.Y. — After a tense midweek game against Mercy, the NYIT women's lacrosse team enjoyed a more comfortable victory. The 14th-ranked Bears topped St. Thomas Aquinas, 16-3, to improve to 11-1 overall and 4-0 in the ECC. Karie Znaniecki led the way with four goals and two assists. Lexi Ruiz and Alyssa Milano had three goals apiece. Katie Meinecke had two goals and two assists.

GAME 13: No. 14 NYIT 19, ROBERTS 8

April 14, 2017

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The NYIT women's lacrosse team remained unbeaten in East Coast Conference play with a 19-8 win at Roberts Wesleyan. Katie Meinecke had six goals and

an assist, Alyssa Milano had four goals and Brooke Basso and Lexi Ruiz had three goals apiece. Lauren Young, the reigning IWLCA Division II Defensive Player of the Week, made 10 saves. The 14th-ranked Bears improved to 12-1 overall and 5-0 in the ECC.

GAME 14: No. 13 NYIT 11, MOLLOY 8

April 19, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — The NYIT women's lacrosse team found itself ranked fifth when the first NCAA North Region rankings were released. The Bears then continued their success with an 11-8 win against Molloy at President's Stadium. Katie Meinecke had four goals and Karie Znaniecki and Alyssa Milano each had three goals and two assists in the victory. After Molloy's Brianna Wilson tallied the game's opening goal, the Bears scored the next four goals and maintained at least a two-goal cushion the rest of the way.

GAME 15: No. 13 NYIT 13,
No. 18 STONEHILL 12 (OT)

April 22, 2017

EASTON, Mass. — Katie Meinecke scored with 2:16 remaining in sudden-death overtime to lift the NYIT women's lacrosse team to a 13-12 win at No. 18 Stonehill. The Skyhawks had been a nemesis for the NYIT student-athletes during their previous incarnation competing for Dowling College. "Brooke Basso fed it to me in the middle, and I quickly made the decision to shoot," Meinecke said. "It was a great feeling being that we haven't won against Stonehill in five years." Alyssa Milano led the Bears with five goals and one assist. Meinecke followed with four goals and an assist. Karie Znaniecki and Trisha Serras had two goals apiece. Kelly McQuail had four caused turnovers and four ground balls. Lauren Young made four saves. NYIT had trailed 10-6 early in the second half, but Meinecke, Serras and Znaniecki consecutively scored to pull the Bears within a goal. NYIT evened the score at 11 with 12:40 remaining on an unassisted goal from Milano. Milano scored again with 8:12 remaining as the Bears took the lead, but Stonehill forced OT with a goal from Taylor Shannahan 66 seconds later.



Queens coach Meaghan Smith participated in Senior Day ceremonies for Erin, then watched her sister score on her team.

GAME 16: No. 12 NYIT 20, QUEENS 0

April 26, 2017

The NYIT women's lacrosse team thrashed Queens, 20-0, on Senior Day at President's Stadium to set up the matchup between teams undefeated in ECC play in the regular-season finale. The victory over Queens marked the first shutout and the largest margin of victory in program history. Before the game, NYIT honored seniors Taylor Davide, Vincenza DeCrescenzo, Ashley Firestone, Katie Meinecke, Kayla Reyes, Trisha Serras, Erin Smith, Lauren Young and Karie Znaniecki. The 12th-ranked Bears (15-1, 7-0) then exploded for 17 first-half goals in the rout. Meinecke, Reyes and Znaniecki

had four goals apiece. Znaniecki also had five assists. Queens is led by first-year coach Meaghan Smith, defender Erin Smith's sister and a former student-athlete at Dowling under Handras. "It was a lot of fun for me, just because it was against my sister," said Erin, who scored NYIT's third goal. "To end up scoring the goal against her, I think that made her mad."

GAME 17: No. 5 LIU POST 12, No. 12 NYIT 11 (OT)

April 29, 2017

BROOKVILLE N.Y. — The inaugural regular season of women's lacrosse in NYIT history ended one goal shy of an unbeaten confer-

ence title. In the "Battle of the Boulevard" between undefeated teams in ECC play, LIU Post's Brianna LeCompte scored 2:06 into the first overtime period to lift the fifth-ranked Pioneers to a 12-11 sudden-death win over the 12th-ranked Bears. NYIT had stormed back from a five-goal second-half deficit. The Bears forced overtime on Lexi Ruiz's clutch game-tying goal with 3:02 remaining in regulation. The loss ended an 11-game winning streak for the Bears (15-2, 7-1 ECC), who earned the second seed in the four-team ECC playoffs. Alyssa Milano had four goals in the loss — her final tally pulling the Bears within 11-10 with 4:46 to go — before departing with a season-ending knee injury. Senior Katie Meinecke also had four goals, including three straight in the second half that ignited the Bears to 4-0 run against LIU Post (13-2, 8-0). Shannon Donovan and Karie Znaniecki each contributed a goal. Znaniecki had a goal and five assists to reach the 100-point plateau for the season.

GAME 18: No. 16 MERCY 9, No. 11 NYIT 7

May 4, 2017

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — NYIT's highly successful inaugural women's lacrosse season would not include an ECC championship. Mercy's Grace Davidson scored the tiebreaking goal with 9:31 remaining and the third-seeded Mavericks went on to beat the second-seeded Bears, 9-7, in an ECC semifinal at President's Stadium. Katherine Sanchez sealed the win for Mercy with 65 seconds remaining. NYIT had defeated Mercy, 13-11, in Dobbs Ferry on April 4. Shannon Donovan's goal with 17:04 remaining had given the Bears a 7-6 lead, but Mercy scored the game's final three goals. Donovan and Katie Meinecke contributed two goals apiece.

GAME 19: No. 5 LIU POST 12, No. 13 NYIT 5

May 12, 2017

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The remarkable inaugural season of NYIT women's lacrosse ended in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament as the sixth-seeded Bears lost to third-seeded LIU Post, 12-5, at Le Moyne College. NYIT finished with a 15-4 record.

ALL-TIME RANKINGS



IWLCA coaches poll
Best: 11 (May 1, 2017)

2017

Preseason	15
Feb. 27	15
March 6	16
March 13	15
March 20	15
March 27	14
April 3	14
April 10	14
April 17	13
April 24	T-12
May 1	11
May 8	T-13
May 30	12



Nike/US Lacrosse poll
Best: 4 (March 6-13, 2017)

2017

Preseason	7
Feb. 20	6
Feb. 27	5
March 6	4
March 13	4
March 20	10
March 27	9
April 3	9
April 10	9
April 17	6
April 24	5
May 1	6
May 8	10

ECC STANDINGS

2017

LIU Post	8-0
NYIT	7-1
Mercy	6-2
Molloy	4-4
Roberts Wesleyan	4-4
Bridgeport	3-5
St. Thomas Aquinas	3-5
Queens	1-7
District of Columbia	0-8





Inaugural Team



VINCENZA DECRESKENZO
Sr. Defender
New Hyde Park, N.Y.



ANGELINA CUEVAS
Jr. Midfielder
Long Beach, Calif.



LEXI RUIZ
Fr. Attacker
Medford, N.Y.



ERIN LANKOWICZ
Soph. Defender
Sayville, N.Y.



KAYLA REYES
Sr. Attacker
Manorville, N.Y.



6
ALYSSA MILANO
Jr. Attacker
Holbrook, N.Y.



7
SHANNON DONOVAN
Fr. Attacker
Kings Park, N.Y.



8
TAYLOR DAVIDE
Sr. Defender
West Babylon, N.Y.



9
ASHLEY FIRESTONE
Sr. Attacker
Kings Park, N.Y.



10
KARIE ZNANIECKI
Sr. Attacker
Port Jefferson, N.Y.



11
CAITLIN APPEL
Soph. Midfielder
Bayshore, N.Y.



12
ANNE MARIE ARDITO
Junior Defender
Manhasset, N.Y.



13
KIM GEIGER
Soph. Midfielder
Setauket, N.Y.



14
BROOKE BASSO
Soph. Defender
Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.



17
TRISHA SERRAS
Sr. Midfielder
Lindenhurst, N.Y.



18
KELLY MCQUAIL
Jr. Defender
Wantagh, N.Y.



21
ERIN SMITH
Sr. Defender
Wantagh, N.Y.



22
KATIE MEINECKE
Sr. Attacker
Manorville, N.Y.



23
ROSEMARY MAHONEY
Fr. Defender
Methuen, Mass.



24
BROOKE SKAHAN
Soph. Defender
Islip, N.Y.



28
LAUREN YOUNG
Sr. Goalie
Centereach, N.Y.



29
ASHLEY MILLER
Soph. Goalie
Selden, N.Y.



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