



The 2010 Amherst women's soccer team celebrates its 1-0 NESCAC regular season win over Williams. The Lord Jeffs beat the Ephs for the first time since 2005 on a goal by first-year striker Amanda Brisco, the 2010 NESCAC Rookie of the Year.

The 2010 Season

The 2010 Amherst women's soccer season was truly a rollercoaster of a season. After getting off to a solid 3-0-1 start, with big wins against Bowdoin and Tufts, the team went 1-4-1 in its next 6 games. The only win during the down stretch was a 1-0 win over archrival Williams. Despite being sandwiched between losses against Skidmore and Middlebury, the win against Williams was arguably the most exhilarating point of the season. Amherst hadn't beaten Williams since 2005, so the win was a sign that the tide was finally turning in the Amherst-Williams rivalry. Amherst finally hit its stride late in the season, capping the season with an inspiring performance in the NESCAC Tournament. Amherst beat Bowdoin for

the second time that season in the quarterfinal round of the NESCAC Tournament by a score of 3-2. Amherst then beat Bates in the semifinal round of the NESCAC Tournament by a score of 4-1, avenging a regular season tie against the Bobcats. Amherst seemed to be peaking at just the right time, heading into the final round of the NESCAC Tournament. Fittingly, Amherst faced Williams in the final, and the game proved to have all the trappings of a heated rivalry and a conference final. Both teams played with tremendous passion and emotion, and the game was nothing short of a crowd-pleaser. Despite finishing the game with a slight statistical advantage, Amherst dropped the final 1-0 on a late goal by Williams. Unfortunately

for Amherst, the game was a must-win to advance to the NCAA Tournament, and the 2010 season was cut short just as the team seemed to be coming together.

The Class of 2011

With the close of the 2010 season, Amherst women's soccer extends a formal thank you and good luck to its five seniors – Claire Galiette '11, Maureen Griffin '12, Jackie Hirsch '11, Caitlin O'Malley '11, and Kyla Woodhouse '11. The Class of 2011 will be remembered for its impressive contributions both on and off the soccer field. On the field, Hirsch was recognized as a 2010 All-NESCAC selection and Woodhouse was recognized as a 2008 All-Region and All-NESCAC selection. In the classroom, Hirsch was honored as an ESPN Academic All-District selection and Galiette, Griffin, and Hirsch were recognized as NESCAC All-Academic selections. Griffin was also named to the NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team.



The Class of 2011 on Senior Day '10. Left to right: Dave Woodhouse, Kyla Woodhouse '11, Cathy Woodhouse, Bill O'Malley '84, Caitlin O'Malley '11, Sue O'Malley, Jackie Hirsch '11, Sheldon Hirsch '77, Maureen Griffin '12, Mike Griffin, Mark Galiette, Claire Galiette '11, Carolyn Galiette.

2010 Awards**Amanda Brisco '14**

All-NESCAC Second Team
NESCAC Rookie of the Year
AWS Most Promising Player

Allison Dorey '12

NESCAC All-Academic

Drew Douglas-Steele '13

NESCAC All-Academic

Claire Galiette '11

NESCAC All-Academic
AWS Friends Award

Maureen Griffin '12

NESCAC All-Academic
NESCAC All-Sportsmanship

Jackie Hirsch '11

All-NESCAC Second Team
ESPN Academic All-District
NESCAC All-Academic
AWS Lord Jeff Award
AWS 4v4 Tournament Golden Boot

Allie Horwitz '12

AWS 4v4 Tournament Golden Glove

Bridget Keller '13

NESCAC All-Academic

Jill Kochanek '12

NSCAA First Team All-Region
All-NESCAC Second Team
NESCAC All-Academic
AWS Most Valuable Player

Sandy Shepherd '13

NESCAC All-Academic

Jess Wall '12

NESCAC All-Academic

Kyla Woodhouse '11

AWS Peter Gooding Award

4v4 Tournament Champions:

Girls Gone Villain – Sara Abrahams '14, Drew Douglas-Steele '13, Maureen Griffin '12 (captain), Ellen Ingebritsen '14, Elizabeth Ludlow '14, Livia Rizzo '12

Looking Ahead to 2011...

With the return of four of our top five leading scorers from 2010, including team-leading scorer and NESCAC Rookie of the Year Amanda Brisco '14, and our top two goalkeepers from 2010, Amherst women's soccer is well-positioned for success in 2011. After finishing second in both the NESCAC regular season and the NESCAC Tournament in 2010, Amherst is hungry for the top spot in 2011. Amherst will be led in 2011 by tri-captains Allison Dorey '12, Jill Kochanek '12, and Jess Wall '12.

2010 Statistics Leaders*

*returning in 2011

Scoring Leaders			
Player	G	A	P
Amanda Brisco '14	6	2	14
Kathryn Nathan '13	5	2	12
Jackie Hirsch '11	5	0	10
Hannah Cooper '13	3	1	7
Sarah Duffy '14	2	2	6

Goalkeepers			
Player	GAA	S%	SO
Allie Horwitz '12	1.12	.818	2
Claire Bennett '12	1.78	.571	1



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Coach's Corner

Jen Hughes
Head Women's
Soccer Coach



While the 2010 Amherst women's soccer season was undoubtedly full of ups and downs, the 2010 team made great progress on establishing and meeting standards critical for success. With the return of several key players, the arrival of a handful of quality first-year players, and promising leadership, Amherst women's soccer is poised to build on this foundation and continue its tradition of success at both the conference and national levels in 2011.

We have been able to establish and maintain this tradition of success thanks, in large part, to your generous and continued support. Recent gifts to the program have enabled the coaching staff to attend several of the top recruiting showcases across the country, including the Las Vegas College Showcase in Nevada, the CASL Showcase in North Carolina, and the PDA College Showcase in New Jersey. Recent gifts have also enabled us to stay on the cutting edge of technology. We recently invested in video-editing software to breakdown and analyze games and online recruiting software to manage and track our massive recruiting database.

We ask for your continued support as we strive to achieve our many and varied goals, ranging from a first-class college soccer experience, to a NESCAC title, and ultimately to an NCAA Championship. I hope we can count on your support! To make your gift online, please visit:

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