

# College update

**Kristina Backenstose**, a BASH graduate and Drexel University womens' field hockey player, scored the tying goal to force overtime in a 3-2 loss to Ursinus College. Backenstose's goal came with 47 seconds remaining in regulation time. She stands second on the Dragon team in points and goals.

Bloomsburg University field hockey players, **Nikki Hartranft** from Oley Valley High School and **Sheila Zilinski** from Boyertown High School, each had two goals and two assists as the Huskies defeated Philadelphia University, 6-0.

**Kristin Kucher**, a Boyertown High School graduate and member of the Gettysburg College womens' field hockey team has started in all of the Bullets games thus far.

Freshman womens' soccer midfielder for Stevens Institute of Technology, **Valerie Barnhart**, a Gilbertsville resident and recent graduate of Boyertown High School, recorded one goal and an assist for the Ducks in the 3-0 win over Catholic University.

At the Panther Invitational cross country meet held at Middlebury College, Moravian's **Wes Zimmerman**, a junior and former Boyertown athlete, ran to a 23rd finish in 28:24.7. The field had 89 runners.



**Ashley Ettinger (29)** drives the ball in a recent Boyertown field hockey game. The Lady Bears are 3-3-1 under head coach Marcia Brumbach. The Bears face Wilson at home on Friday, September 28 at 3:30 p.m.

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# U-9 soccer team takes first and second in tournament play

The U-9 Boyertown Girls Travel Soccer Team coached by Troy Giacherio, Ed Goddard and Barb Furman participated in two tournaments recently. Their first tournament was at Amity. They received a second place trophy because of a tie. A tie breaker is determined by which team had the least goals scored against them. Boyertown had four goals scored against them while Topton had three.

Boyertown defeated Amity, 4-3, and Muhlenberg, 6-1. The Topton game ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

First place medals went to Boyertown in their second tournament which was played in Rotary Park in Reading.

Boyertown defeated Exeter, 12-1; Reading, 5-1; and Muhlenberg, 5-1.

Highlights from the tournaments include the goalkeeping that Jacinta Fresco turned in against Amity. Megan Janderchick also played strong in her stints as goalie. Midfielder Jessica Schlesman scored three goals in the Amity contest. Defender Kelly Furman stole the ball on several breakaways and assisted on several Boyertown goals.

Jessica Kern had a breakaway goal against Muhlenberg. Colleen Gallagher scored three times against Muhlenberg.

Chelsea Giacherio and Shelby Nimmerichter moved the ball

well on offense for Boyertown with several assists and goals. Summer Kenney used her speed well in the wing position as Morgan Fel assisted teammates and played aggressively on offense.

Lizzie Kish, Emily Gallagher and Carissa Lee supported their team with strong kicks and challenged opponents on defense, only giving up four goals in the Amity Tournament and three goals in the Reading Tournament.

Boyertown has a tournament record of five wins, zero losses and one tie. In their regular season they defeated Fleetwood, 4-3; Wilson, 9-0 and Hamburg, 8-0.

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