

DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY ALL TIME CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET EAST REGIONAL – SECOND ROUND

MD 1999

v

UMASS 1981

24-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: 1.04 GpG: 5.08 MoV: 4.04

17-1-2 • NCAA Runners-Up

GAA: .55 GPG: 2.70 MOV: 2.39

The 1999 Terps opened the season with 19 consecutive goals in a two-game shutout run before a 5-3 loss at ODU dropped them to 2-1. Undaunted, Maryland rattled off 16 consecutive wins, six by shutout and 11 by a three-goal margin or greater to enter ACC's at 18-1. After a pair of wins in the ACC tournament, the Terps entered NAAs at 20-1; that included nine wins against NCAA-bound teams. Maryland opened with a shutout before notching two overtime victories to advance to the finals, where they beat Michigan 2-1 for the crown, marking their 22nd consecutive victory. Led by All-Americans Carla Tagliente, Caroline Walter, Keli Smith and Rachel Hiskins, the Terps beat teams by over four goals per game, a margin that still ranks in the top-10 all-time. Maryland scored over five goals a game, a clip that still ranks sixth all-time in Division I history. Their 24 wins are still a Maryland record and rank as the sixth-highest total for a season in NCAA history.

The 1981 Massachusetts side started the season with a pair of shutouts before a 3-3 tie with William & Mary slowed them down. Undaunted, UMass ran of three more shutouts and then erupted with a 17-3 scoring spree over their next three games to move to 8-0-1. From there, they embarked on a shutout streak that lasted over 618 minutes and still ranks in the top-10 all-time in Division I history. A 1-1 tie with UConn broke the winning and shutout streaks but UMass entered the first NCAA Division I field hockey championship with an 18-game unbeaten streak (16-0-2) and the top seed in the tournament. Behind National Player of the Year Judy Strong and All-American Sue Caples and Patty Shea, the Minutewomen beat fellow unbeaten Long Beach State in the semifinal before falling to Connecticut.

