

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

## UMASS 1981

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## MICH 2001

17-1-2 • NCAA Runners-Up

GAA: .55      GPG: 2.70      MOV: 2.39

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.

18-5 • NCAA Champions

GAA: 1.02      GpG: 2.87      MoV: 1.85

The 2001 Wolverines lost the opening game of the season but responded with three consecutive shutouts to move to 3-1. A loss to UNC was followed by two more shutouts, and then a five-game winning streak. The Wolverines went 3-2 to close out the regular season at 13-4 before splitting a pair of games at the Big Ten Tournament. They entered the NCAA tournament unseeded, posting a 14-5 record but with six wins over NCAA teams, including top-seeded Old Dominion. Michigan was named a regional host for the tournament, where they upset North Carolina and rival Michigan State to advance to the semifinals at Kent, where they upset Princeton and Maryland to capture the first women's team title in Michigan history. Catherine Foreman, who scored the overtime goal in the regional final, earned All-American honors.

