

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

WCSC 1976

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15-0-4 • AIAW Champions

GAA: .37 GpG: 4.01 MoV: 3.64

21-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: .84 GpG: 3.17 MoV: 2.33

The 1976 Golden Rams stormed out of the gates, outscoring their opponents 27-1 over the first six games, led offensively by Pat Stauffer and Jane Glass. A wild come-from-behind tie against Ursinus that ended level at 3-3 was followed by two more ties in the next three games before West Chester won seven straight, including six by shutout, to win the EIAIW tournament and advance to the semifinals against Lock Haven. The two ended in another 1-1 tie, but West Chester advanced on strokes to the final, where they beat Ursinus 2-0. Thirteen of the 19 games were won by shutout behind goalie Lee Gerdes. Karen Shelton won the Honda Award, the first year the award was presented.

The 2015 Syracuse team opened the season with an overtime win and then rattled off 14 more in a row, eight by a margin of three or more, before closing out the regular season with an overtime win over Duke to put the Orange at 16-0. An overtime win over UVa made it 17 in a row that included 10 wins over NCAA-bound teams. UNC broke the winning streak with an overtime win in the ACC final, but the ACC regular season champions went 6-0 in league play and were named the top seed in the NCAA tournament. Behind first-team All-Americans Alyssa Manley, Emma Russell and Laura Hurff, the Orange advanced to the NCAA final where they defeated UNC in the third match between the two schools that season and avenged their only loss of the season.

