

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

## MESSIAH 2009 v L'BURG 1981

22-1 • NCAA Runners-Up

GAA: .90      GpG: 4.73      MoV: 3.83

The 2009 Falcons posted four straight wins in regulation to open the season before winning a pair of 3-2 games in overtime. They then posted 12 consecutive wins with an aggregate score of 77-5; eight were by shutout, including the win over Widener in the MAC Commonwealth semifinal. A win over Leb Val gave Messiah the conference title and the top seed in the NCAA tournament. A win over Eastern followed by a second win over Leb Val in eight days moved the Falcons into the semifinals, where they beat Ursinus for the second time in 2009 by a 4-3 score. In the championship, Messiah fell for the first time that year with a 1-0 loss to Salisbury. Julie Barton was named National Player of the Year. She, along with Kourtney Ehly, Ashley Mowery, and Katie Love earned All-American honors.

22-4-1 • AIAW Runners-Up

GAA: .44      GpG: 2.37      MoV: 1.93

The 1981 Hornets opened up with a pair of shutouts before falling to Division I Virginia 2-0. Undaunted, Lynchburg strung together three more shutouts to advance to the finals of the North-South Invitational, where they fell to Glassboro in the title game. Again the Hornets responded with six straight shutouts before a loss to Mary Washington broke the streak. Two more shutouts sandwiched a tie against Division I James Madison to close out the regular season 13-3-1 with all 13 wins by shutout. The Hornets then swept through the Virginia State tournament, shutting out all three opponents to advance to the Region II tournament. Again, Lynchburg held their opponents off the scoreboard and swept the tournament, heading to the national tournament just 15 miles up the road at Sweet Briar. A shutout over Carleton was the Hornets' eighth consecutive shutout, and the next day a win over reigning national champion Gettysburg in strokes pushed the streak to over 610 minutes, a streak that remains in the top-six all-time. A shutout over Wooster, the top seed in the tournament, advanced the Hornets to the final and gave them their 21st shutout of the season – the first and as-of-yet only team in Division III history to shutout 20 or more teams in a single season. A 3-2 loss to Bloomsburg ended the season, but Phoebe Phelps and Molly Brogan earned All-American honors for the Hornets.

