

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

MIDD 2018

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EMU 1996

21-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: .91 GpG: 4.32 MoV: 3.41

19-2 • NCAA Quarterfinals

GAA: 1.05 GpG: 6.62 MoV: 5.57

The 2018 Panthers opened up the season with 21 consecutive goals, winning their first three games of the season by shutout. A 5-4 win over Amherst broke the shutout streak but kept the winning going and ten more wins followed before a loss at Williams in the regular season finale gave the Panthers a 14-1 record entering the NESCAC tournament. A 5-2 win in the quarters followed by consecutive 1-0 wins at home gave Midd the #3 seed in the NCAA tournament with a 17-1 record. Two more wins at home brought the Panthers to the NCAA semifinals, where they handed #2 Rowan their first loss of the season with a 4-2 victory. In the final against NESCAC rival Tufts, Middlebury beat the Jumbos for the third time that season, and in their second meeting in a final, for the NCAA championship. Erin Nicholas was named National Player of the Year while Grace Jennings and Marissa Baker joined her on the All-American team.

The 1996 Royals were the first team—and as of yet only team—to notch over 400 points in a season. They averaged 6.52 goals per game, the first team to reach the 6-goal plateau. After a start that had them outscoring opponents 19-5 in their first four games, they lost 2-1 to Salisbury on the road. The Royals responded with two shutouts, which ignited a 12-game winning streak that took them to the end of the regular season with a 16-1 record and 101 goals scored. EMU dominated the conference tournament, winning all three games by an aggregate score of 34-1. In the regionals at Hartwick, the Royals defeated Trinity 2-1 before falling to host 'Wick 3-2. Krista Ebersole earned All-American honors.

