

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

CHICO 1980

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MIDD 1994

16-1-1 • AIAW Third Place

GAA: .53 GPG: 4.73 MOV: 4.20

14-2-1 • NCAA Fourth Place

GAA: .93 GpG: 2.67 MoV: 1.74

The 1980 Wildcats leapt out of the gates, winning their first four games, allowing only one goal in the process. A tie against Division I Cal set the stage for their game against San Jose State. A 2-1 victory over the Spartans marked the first time in 12 years that Chico had defeated their in-state rival. Inspired by the win, the Wildcats won their next seven games, four by shutout, to close the regular season at 12-0-1 and outscoring the opposition 61-4. A 3-0 win over UC Davis earned Chico the berth to the AIAW tournament, where they were the only undefeated team. Wins over Eastern Mennonite and Brockport moved the Wildcats to the semi-finals, where they fell for the first time that season in an overtime loss to eventual champion Gettysburg. Chico rebounded with a win over #2 Elizabethtown with a 2-0 score, marking their ninth shutout, for a third-place finish. Diana Honeycutt earned national recognition for her play.

The 1994 Panthers opened with a tight 1-0 overtime win and a 3-2 triumph in back-to-back conference games, but that ignited a pair of shutouts and two more wins by a 11-3 aggregate to move to 6-0. A 1-1 tie with Williams broke the winning streak, but Midd remained undefeated and reeled off six more wins to close the regular season, three by shutout, giving the Panthers six in total for the season. A pair of wins at Williams moved Midd to the final weekend, but at Messiah the Panthers lost their first two games of the season to finish in fourth. Sarah Martin, Nancy Hastings, and Marnie Virden earned All-American honors.

