

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

MESSIAH 2016 v MIDD 1998

22-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: .72 GpG: 4.51 MoV: 3.79

The 2016 Falcons opened the season with an overtime loss to Division II Shippensburg, but it would be the last time Messiah would lose all season. The Falcons rattled off 16 consecutive wins, with four wins over teams bound for the NCAA tournament. In the MAC Commonwealth the Falcons opened with a 4-0 victory for their tenth shutout of the season, and won the title three days later to enter into the NCAA tournament as the top seed. A 5-0 win over Keene State was the 11th shutout of the season and the Falcons moved into the semifinals with a 4-2 win over Middlebury. A 5-2 win over Babson put Messiah in the final against Tufts. In the championship game, Messiah and Tufts played to a 0-0 tie through the end of overtime, where the Falcons won in a shootout for their first NCAA title. Carissa Gehman, Lindsey Bower, and Moriah Pfautz earned All-American honors.

17-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: .98 GpG: 3.43 MoV: 2.45

The 1998 Panthers started the season with three consecutive shutouts, posting a cumulative +11 advantage in the three games. They followed that with four more wins, moving to 7-0 before a 1-0 loss on the road broke the winning streak. Behind All-Americans Heidi Howard and Heidi Dripps, the Panthers surged ahead with an overtime win over Amherst to start a ten-game winning streak that culminated in the national championship. Four wins on the road brought Midd to the end of the regular season and the fourth seed in the NCAA tournament. Two wins at home sent the Panthers to the semifinals, where they knocked off conference-rival Trinity to advance to the final against reigning champion William Smith. Middlebury won in overtime to give the Panthers their first NCAA crown.

