

Dynasty GK's in Action

39th Edition
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Congratulations to the following Dynasty Goalkeeping students who will be continuing their playing careers at the following colleges this fall:

2011 Class

- **ASHLEIGH ANDERSON** – Boise State
- **MONTERAE CARTER** – Florida State University
- **CLAIRE CERDA** – Wellesley College
- **JULIE ECKEL** – University of Tennessee
- **BRITT ECKERSTROM** – Penn State University
- **NATALIE FETTINGER** – University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
- **KELSEY GRAHAM** – Wheaton College
- **MEGAN GRINDSTAFF** – Baylor University
- **ASHLYN HARDIE** – Wingate University
- **ALEX KERSHNER** – Duke University
- **BETHANY KANTEN** – Harvard University
- **BRIANNA KOTTLER** – University of Massachusetts
- **MEGAN KUFELD** – University of Washington
- **CAROLINE McCABE** – Holy Cross University
- **LAUREN MINKOFF** – The College of Saint Rose
- **KRISTENE MUMBY** – West Virginia University
- **KATE MURPHY** – Elon University
- **EMMA NEWINS** – Georgetown University
- **RACHEL NEWMAN** – Central Connecticut State University
- **MOLLY POLETTA** – The University of Utah
- **ERIN QUINN** – Towson State University
- **HANNAH SASSCER** – Providence College
- **CAROLINE STANLEY** – University of Missouri
- **ABBY STEELE** – University of Oregon
- **SARAH VOIGT** – University of Notre Dame
- **SAM WHITNEY** – Adelphi University
- **ABBY WILLIAMS** – Lafayette University

(I apologize if I have forgotten anyone. Please let me know if I have so I can include you in a future edition. The 2012 class won't be featured until May of 2012 even though I know several students have already made verbal commitments.)

PRO

ASHLYN HARRIS – *May 26, 2011* – Buffalo, NY – Former Dynasty staff coach, Ashlyn Harris, is six games into the 2011 season with the newly formed Western New York Flash of the Women's Professional League (WPS). The Flash currently sit at the top of the table with 5 wins and a tie. Ashlyn has been a major factor thus far with 2 shutouts and a league leading 1.0 GAA. Keep it up Ash! Be sure to tune into **Fox Soccer** every Sunday at 6p to watch Ash and all the gks of the WPS!



KELSEY WALTERS – May 13, 2011 – Reykjavik ,Iceland – YES ICELAND!!! Former student and Dynasty staff coach, Kelsey Walters, (better known as “Wally” to all of the students lucky enough to have her as their coach) finally had her work permit approved and is off to Iceland to play professionally after months of waiting!!! She will be playing for Iþróttafélag Reykjavíkur. Their website is <http://www.irsida.is/>, but unless you speak Icelandic it will be of no use to you.



© I know several current Dynasty students have expressed an interest in playing abroad, so here is an opportunity to get the inside scoop from a player just like you that has come through the Dynasty program and played Division 1 soccer (Texas Christian University). So stayed tuned for more updates in the coming months as I get reports back from Wally. You can also follow her

through her blog <http://icelandbound0.blogspot.com/> GO WALLS!!!! We will miss you at camp this summer!!!

COLLEGE

KAELE LEONARD – May 2011 – Atlanta, GA –It is rare to see a dual sport athlete at the collegiate level due to the time commitment required of a student athlete. Not only has Kaele excelled in two sports, but she has achieved in her two sports over THREE seasons. Remarkable! In the fall she split time in goal for Emory with fellow Dynasty Goalkeeping student Erica Stein. In the winter her team won the Indoor Track Conference Title, with Kaele collecting points for her 400m dash and 4x400 relay. This spring she rounded out an impressive sophomore year at Emory by dominating at outdoor track. Her team won conference again, and she won the 400 meter dash as well as contributing as the anchor of the winning 4x400 meter relay.



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SCHYLER ARNOLD – May 11, 2011 - Birmingham, AL – Many of you have been long time followers of Dynasty GKs in Action may know **Lauren Arnold**, standout gk who recently finished her freshman season as the starting gk at Clemson. Well her younger sister Schyler recently tied (and has now beaten) Lauren’s high school single season shut out record of 16! Way to go Schyler! Schyler is a junior at Spain Park HS and has not allowed a goal in 4 playoff matches and has shutouts in nine of the team’s last ten games. Consequently, she was recently named the **ESPN RISE Girl’s Soccer Player of the Week** and **Birmingham Metro 1st Team Keeper** for the year. I can’t imagine it is easy to follow in your big sister’s footsteps, but Schyler has certainly not been fazed by the expectations or pressures that come with that territory. She continues to shine and show that she is as formidable a gk as her big sister!



<http://rise.espn.go.com/girls-soccer/index.aspx>



SYDNEY BRANSON – *May 2011, Cary, NC* – Two time Dynasty student and Cary Academy junior, Sydney Branson, was recently named **Team MVP**, (3rd year in a row), **All-Conference** (3 year in a row), and **All-State** (1st time) for her play this spring. Congratulations Syd!

CAROLINE DUNCAN – *May 2011* – Raleigh, NC – Here are two great action photos of Broughton High School sophomore goalkeeper Caroline Duncan making critical saves to keep her team in the game during playoffs against East Chapel Hill High School. Unfortunately, despite Caroline's best efforts, East Chapel Hill prevailed winning 3-2 in the 3rd overtime.



TAYLOR FRANCIS – April 14, 2011 - Cary, NC – Panther Creek High School sophomore



goalkeeper Taylor Francis helped secure what was probably the biggest win in her high school's five year history. She recorded a shutout and made a huge impact in her team's big 1-0 upset win over conference rival and the top ranked team in North Carolina, Green Hope High School.

Here are some snippets from *The Cary News*:

"It was Green Hope's first blemish on a previously unbeaten and untied record that had lifted the Falcons (13-1, 11-1) to a No. 8 national ranking by ESPN Rise.

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In a frantic final 15 minutes, Green Hope peppered the Panther Creek goal with shot after shot. But each time, sophomore goalkeeper **Taylor Francis** was there.

"I don't even really remember what happened, the adrenaline was pumping so hard," Francis said. "It was just, 'Get the ball, get the ball, get the ball. Get it out, get it out, get it out. Don't let them have it.'"

In the first half, a shot by Alexis Shaffer hit the near post. In the second half, Shaffer once again hit a post -- but not before glancing off Francis' mitts and ricocheting up into the crossbar. "

ALLISON LEONE – May 11, 2011 – Acworth, GA – Dynasty goalkeeper, Allison Leone has shown great maturity and confidence this spring season in goal for her high school team. She has risen to the challenge and overcome the pressure and nerves that come with playing on varsity as a freshman. She has anchored the Harrison High School defense for 18 shutouts, the biggest coming recently in the state semi-final 2-0 win over 2nd ranked Walton High School. Check out one of her big time saves from the game at the very end of this video:

<http://www.nyowoskillz.com/video/ga-high-school-girls-soccer>

And the following are excerpts from the *Marietta Daily Journal* article on the big win:



18th shutout sends Lady Hoyas to title game

by Greg Oshust

Defense has been the bread and butter all year for Harrison's girls soccer team.

So it's no surprise that it was defense that put them in the state championship game as the top-ranked Lady Hoyas shut out second-ranked county rival Walton 2-0 in Tuesday's Class AAAAA semifinal at Raider Valley.

The win earned Harrison (20-0-1) its second state championship game appearance in three years. The Lady Hoyas will host defending champion North Gwinnett for the title Friday.

It was another impressive defensive performance by a Harrison team that recorded its 18th shutout of the season and its sixth in a row.

The Lady Hoyas have outscored their opponents 89-5 this season, including a perfect 19-0 margin in the state playoffs.

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Harrison established control almost immediately when Taliaferro scored right in front of the goal

after taking a corner kick from Hannah Deltec, putting the Lady Hoyas ahead 1-0.

Walton then went on the offensive, blasting a number of hard shots toward Harrison goalkeeper **Allison Leone**.

The freshman was up to the task, however, leaping up to grab a long free kick from Walton's Brooke Theobald with 26:32 left, and then made a diving save of a hard shot from Johanna Liney about 3 minutes later.

Harrison narrowly missed a chance to add to its lead at the beginning of the second half as Lindsey Jackson blasted a shot that went just over the goal with 36:04 remaining in the game.

Leone made another big save for Harrison as she dived to deflect another shot by Liney a little more than 2 minutes later.

It was the Lady Hoyas who broke through with the next goal as Sims scored from close range on a pass from Monica Herrera.

Walton continued to press and got a number of shots on goal, including a goal by Theobald that was negated after an offsides call.

"If anything could go wrong for us, it did, (with us) missing chances," Walton coach Bruce Wade said. "**(Leone)** played well, and it just wasn't our day (Tuesday). They took their chances and they were able to defend like crazy against us at times, and that kept them in the game."