

'Hound Hockey Happenings

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Moravian College Field Hockey

First ever trip abroad a success.

Special points of interest:

- Team GPA in Spring '09 was 3.24.
- 2009 Team Captains
Samantha Bell, Julie Bisci, Damara Varney.
- **Maura Acox** was named Landmark Defensive Player of the Week 9/21/09.



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On Monday August 10, 2009, 12 players, 8 parents, 2 coaches and 1 trainer gathered at Newark Airport to board our plane to Bermuda for a week of sightseeing, team bonding, and international field hockey. It was the first trip of its kind for the field hockey team at Moravian College. We stayed at the Grotto Bay Resort on the northeastern part of the island. It was the perfect setting: private beach, great pool, and lush landscape. Throughout this newsletter you will read about what we did and saw and how the players enjoyed their experience. As a coach I couldn't have asked for a better trip. The weather was perfect, the beaches were beautiful, and everything went off without a hitch. Our travel company, ZAG Sports and our guides Jenn and Natalie had everything planned very well and were very organized. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to learn from Gareth Tavares, a coach from the Bermuda Men's National Team. He was on our sidelines for our last game and gave tips and pointers to the team at halftime and after the game. It was great to pick the brain of an international coach and former player.

The players bonded in a way that can only come from an international trip. The memories that they have will be with them for the rest of their lives. I hope this trip is just the first of many for the field hockey team at Moravian College and future players will be able to benefit from this type of experience. Many thanks go out to those who supported our team monetarily, it wouldn't have been possible without you. We hope to see you at a game or two this season.



'Hounds on the bus headed for our first game in Bermuda

Daily Itinerary: Bermuda



Monday August 10th– Depart Newark Airport 11:45am; arrive 3:03pm in Bermuda; met our guides, Jenn and Natalie; transfer to our hotel to check in; 6pm team dinner at Swizzle Inn.

Tuesday August 11th– Depart hotel at 10am for Horseshoe Bay Beach on the southwestern part of island, beautiful beach with pink sand; returned to hotel at 2pm to prepare for tonight’s game against the U18 Bermudian National team; arrived at the national stadium at 4:15pm; played to a 0-0 tie; ate dinner at the stadium; traveled back to hotel.

Wednesday August 12th– Spent the morning at our resort, snorkeling, relaxing, and swimming; at 2pm traveled to the town of St George’s, toured the perfumery, saw St. Peter’s church (the oldest Anglican church in the Western Hemisphere); got back on the bus and traveled to Hamilton, the capital of Bermuda, for its Harbor Nights street festival.

Thursday August 13th– 9:30am bus to St Georges’ to catch the 10am ferry that will take us to the Royal Navy Dockyards on the northwest corner of the island; snorkeled at “Snorkel” beach; some toured the Bermuda Maritime Museum; others shopped; took the 2pm ferry back to St. George’s and then back to our hotel to get ready for the game against the Bermudian Federation team; played very well and won 5-4; had dinner at the stadium with the other team; traveled back to the hotel to pack for the return trip.

Friday August 14th– Spent the morning at the resort soaking up the last rays of sun before our departure; left for the airport at 1pm; returned to Bethlehem, PA at 7:00pm.



Moravian Hounds with the Bermudian Federation Team after our last game.

Thank you supporters!

The players and coaching staff would like to thank the following people who contributed their monetary support for our trip to Bermuda. We had a great time on our trip and you were a part of making it a success. We hope to see you at one of our games this season. Thanks again to: Adra Stitt, Elaine Martinez, Ellen Sayers, Norma Wynne, Tanya Thear, Sarah Somers, Dana Donaldson, Linda Gardner, Bertie Knisley.

Player’s Perspective

Throughout our trip to Bermuda, the players recorded their thoughts and feelings about their experiences. Here are a few of their thoughts: **Maura Acox:** We visited the Bermuda Maritime museum where we saw Dolphin Quest, which there are only three of them in the world, the dolphins were so cute!; **Sam Bell:** We went to historical St. George’s to learn some of the history of the island and do some shopping. The perfumery was very small which shocked me because I thought it would be a large factory.; **Julie Bisci:** The memories we are creating here will be ones I will remember forever. We played a strong second half and WON 5-4.; **Kayla Carson:** Our expeditions throughout the day were activities that suited what we like to do, shop, eat, and be surrounded by our good friends in a beautiful island community. I feel blessed.; **Stephanie Dellaquilla:** We played our first game tonight, we tied but as a team played well. The game tonight was a good beginning to our season.; **Maureen Helfers:** Today we went to the Dockyards where we swam and snorkeled in the bay and then went around the town into the shops.; **Sarah Keenhold:** At Horseshoe Bay Beach we were able to swim in the amazing clear water and play in the light pink sand.; **Alex Lopez:** A few of us snorkeled out to some ship wrecks that are situated around the bay. That was definitely pretty cool.; **Jillian Paglici:** The water was crystal clear and I saw the most beautiful fish I have ever seen. We explored caves and climbed rocks along the reef.; **Becky Renaldo:** I am so glad that we got to visit Horseshoe Bay as a team, it was unlike any other beach I have ever been to!; **Aliina Ross:** Today was a nice relaxing day we went to St. George’s and Hamilton (the capital of Bermuda).; **Damara Varney:** We went to Hamilton for some more shopping and dinner. We also witnessed their town festival where there was dancing, shopping, games, and more.

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<http://www.moravian.edu/athletics/fieldHockey/index.htm>

2009 Moravian Field Hockey Schedule

September 1	DeSales University	H	3-1 W
September 3	Marywood University	A	2-0 L
September 5	Wilkes University	H	4-1 L
September 10	Immaculata University	A	2-0 W
September 12	Elizabethtown College	A	2-0 L
September 15	Arcadia University	H	1-0 W OT
September 17	Misericordia University	A	2-0 L
September 19	Richard Stockton College	A	1-0 W
September 23	Muhlenberg College	H	4pm
September 26	Drew University*	A	1pm
September 28	FDU	H	1pm
October 3	Juniata College*	A	1pm
October 5	Washington College	H	4:30pm
October 7	University of Scranton*	H	4pm
October 17	Goucher College*	A	1pm
October 24	Susquehanna University*	H	1pm
October 31	Catholic University*	H	1pm

*Denotes Landmark Conference Game

Preseason fun: Hounds go to Coca-Cola Park to see the Iron Pigs



The 2009 team poses in center field prior to the Iron Pigs game.



Our name up in lights on the jumbotron in front of a sell out crowd at Coca-Cola Park.