

## Attacker of the Week: **Julianna Tornetta** / Agnes Irwin School

for games Novmeber 16 - 22, 2015



Julianna Tornetta from Agnes Irwin School is our Attacker of the Week. Tornetta led all Phila-area players – from 111 high schools -- in goals and points in the fall 2015 season. The junior phenom racked up 49 goals in 21 games for an average of 2.33 goals per game. She also notched 8 assists and amassed 106 points for an astounding average of 5.05 points per game.

Tornetta was a formidable power for the Owls all season through the PAISAA state semifinal last week. She notched 6 goals in the State Quarterfinals versus

Westtown the week prior and posted numerous hat tricks throughout the season.

“To say that Julianna is a force to be reckoned with is a gross understatement,” stated AIS Head Coach, Ali Brandt. “The contributions she has made to the success of our program this season are unprecedented and I am supremely proud of all that she has accomplished this year alone. Her efforts in the midfield and in our attacking zone especially have been greatly influential. Julianna is an extremely talented player, one whose skill set and game sense are so finely tuned -- she has continued to master the game and in doing so, has been an invaluable asset to elevating our program.”

Earlier this month, Tornetta reached a milestone by reaching triple digits in career goals. Her 100<sup>th</sup> came with a four-goal, one-assist effort in the Owls’ 7-1 victory over Springside-Chestnut Hill. She is the second player in school history to reach 100; her sister Sophia (named 2015 Ivy League Rookie of the Year ) is the only other.

Julianna Tornetta is a member of the U21 Women’s National Team and is committed to Princeton; she’ll begin in fall 2017.

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## Defender of the Week:

**Maddie Henry** / Friends Central

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Friends Central School goalkeeper Maddie Henry is our Defender of the Week. The senior goalkeeper led all Phila-area goalkeepers from 111 Phila-area high schools with a .91 save percentage. These impressive statistics are even more impressive knowing she faced an average of 19 shots per game. Henry was named to the All-Friends First Team and earned Main Line Athlete of the Week accolades earlier this month.

Remarkable about Henry's success is the fact that she's a relative newcomer to the sport. "(In her sophomore year) ....Maddie came into my office with a friend to ask if she could try field hockey. She'd heard the team was fun and thought she should give it a shot. Learning to play hockey is hard enough, but transitioning a seasoned soccer player to a sport where she can't use her feet creates an additional challenge, shared Jody Mayer, Friends Central Head Coach. "I figured what the heck, I'll make her a goalie; she's good with her feet, she's athletic, and we'll just see how it goes."

Three years later, Maddie is now bound for Cornell as a Division I committed field hockey goalie.

"Maddie truly is a student of the game in every sense of the word. She wants to understand all the moving pieces, from how she should help position her defense in the circle, to transition game, to offensive corners. Maddie doesn't just want to be a goalie; she wants to understand everything that's happening in front of her. She is always seeking more information, not just how to do the right thing, but why. Her technique is fantastic, as is her speed, her explosiveness, and her reaction time, all things she committed to work on through the season."

What sets Henry apart, Mayer says, is her positivity and perspective. "Maddie loves field hockey and wants to excel, but she also can see the big picture. She doesn't get too down on herself after a mistake which makes her incredibly coachable. She's ready to look for the new and next challenge always. She is also positive, supportive and respectful of her teammates."

Henry was voted by her teammates as Most Valuable Player. "Another player in her position might be intimidating to younger teammates, but Maddie never was. She was always there to offer encouragement and pointers when she could. Her teammates describe her as easy to talk to, knowledgeable, and more than anything, fun. Maddie's just really fun to be around. She loves life and makes every place she is a little brighter just by being there."

In addition to being a talented field hockey goalie, Maddie is also a standout student and a member of the Friends Central softball team.

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## Student-Athlete of the Week: **Ali Crump** / Germantown Academy

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Germantown Academy junior Ali Crump is our Student-Athlete of the Week. Crump has been a varsity starter since her freshman year and started on defense in 22 of 23 games this season, finishing the season with 7 defensive saves, 4 goals, and 5 assists. She was sidelined with an injury – 25 stitches to her forehead – the day before the PAISAA semifinal game against eventual champion, Episcopal Academy.

“Ali is a true competitor, never gives any less than her absolute best, and communicates well with her teammates on the field,” shared Head Coach Jackie Connard. “Ali has been a spark in the backfield, particularly in transition. She leads by example, and is the kind of teammate that anyone would be lucky to have.”

Crump kicked off her high school career as a 3-sport varsity athlete and earned “Most Improved Player” on both the basketball and lacrosse teams in her rookie seasons. Last spring, she was named to the All Inter-Ac Second Team in lacrosse and was voted co-captain for her junior season.

Crump’s talents aren’t limited to athletics; she is a star in the classroom. Crump earned a 4.33 GPA and High Honors last semester. She is currently enrolled in AP US History and four honor classes including Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Latin 4, Honors Biology, and Honors French 2.

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## Team of the WEEK: Episcopal Academy

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Episcopal Academy is our Team of the Week after winning the 2015 Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association (PAISAA) State Title for the second consecutive year - and third time in four years - by defeating another Main Line dynamo, Agnes Irwin 4-0. The Minutewomen also wrapped up a perfect season, finishing 22-0. EA won the Inter-Academic (Inter-Ac) League Title for the fourth time in five years and also garnered a #4 national ranking. Throughout the season, Episcopal shut out 13 opponents, recorded an average of 5.32 goals per game (#4 in the Philadelphia area) and allowed only .95 goals per game (also #4 in Phila-area).

“Coming into the season we knew we had a group of talented individuals. The question was: were we willing to work hard together to build a cohesive team? And I can say proudly they were not only willing to do so, they did so with tremendous enthusiasm,” shared Head Coach Gina Buggy in her 29<sup>th</sup> season at EA.

“Our trip to Lower Dauphin was an early test for this restructured team, and we were up to this formidable test. I was proud of how well we handled the growing expectations because we knew that on any given day, anyone in our league could beat us,” continued Buggy.

The unique qualities of this 22-0 team, according to Buggy, were strong senior leadership, great energy and enthusiasm, and multi-sport athletes who are hardworking and willing to put the team first.

“This team was completely unselfish and incredibly resilient,” continued Buggy. “We dealt with numerous injuries very well and it was important for everyone to be prepared to contribute and they did. Players moved positions willingly in order to make our team stronger. They pushed each other to improve on a daily basis and they were completely focused on winning the league and on winning the PAISAA. Our seniors were key in establishing an inclusive, determined culture on a team that includes five freshmen, and our players whose main sport is something else were completely dedicated to helping our field hockey team. It is so rewarding to coach athletes who are eager to contribute in any way to the overall success of the team.”

The Episcopal Academy roster includes: seniors Maddie Bacskai (Princeton commit), Jax Curry, Colby Gallagher, Corinne Kneizys, Darby O'Grady, Margaux Paolino (Duke commit), Angela Rocca, Courtnie Williamson (University of North Carolina commit); juniors Lexi Fischer, Shannon Gillespie, Jenna Lotsis, Taylor Lucey, Corinne Zanolli (Stanford commit); sophomores Bridget Boyle, Mary Kate Chambers, Katie Crager, Ally Marino, Autumn Mueller, Olivia Tuma; freshmen Genevieve Becker, Lauren Devletian, Caroline Kelly, Gianna Pantaleo, Maddie Rehak and Lindsay Walling. The team is managed by senior Grace Dugery. The assistant coach is Amanda vos Strache.

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