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Central Bucks East senior Riley Donnelly is the Philafieldhockey Attacker of the Week.

Donnelly has boasted an outstanding season highlighted by five back-to-back stellar games in post-season play as well as her 100th career goal.

CB East earned a bye in round one of the District One AAA playoff as the #5 seed. In round 2, Donnelly scored five goals in the team’s 7-2 win over Perkiomen Valley. Two days later, she scored the game-winner in overtime, upsetting #4 Haverford. Last week, Donnelly’s outstanding play continued. She scored the Patriots’ lone goal in the 3-1 loss to #1 Downingtown West in the semifinals ending their dream of a District title. But,

Donnelly and the Patriots bounced back beating Owen J. Roberts, 3-2 in the playback round where Donnelly recorded a hat trick including her 100th career goal. To top it off, she notched a second hat trick in Round One of the PIAA AAA state tournament in the Patriots’ shut-out over Delaware Valley.

“Riley is an unbelievable force on the field, both offensively and defensively,” said CB East Head Coach Michelle Finegan. “She makes things happen with her uncanny ability to find the open player or carry through traffic. She has the speed and vision to create scoring opportunities.”

In the 2017 season to date, Donnelly has scored 32 goals and assisted on 14 combining for 78 points. She has numerous multi-goal games and an astounding 7 game-winners. Donnelly has lead the CB East Patriots in goals for the past four years, beginning as a freshman. In addition to her elite play, she serves as a captain and is noted for her leadership qualities.

“Riley understands the game and works to make others around her better. She is a natural athlete and a tremendous person,” continued Finegan. “She is a very humble athlete, when you look at all she has achieved in her career. She loves the game an always has a smile on her face.”



Donnelly is committed to the University of Maryland, currently ranked #8 in Division I. She is also a member of the USA Women's National Indoor Team. Donnelly will also be playing in the 3rd annual PhilaFH Sr. All Star Game later this month.



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