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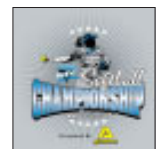
## Long Island Captures Twelfth NEC Softball Championship Title *LIU's Brynn Lewis Named Tournament MVP*

*Behind Brynn Lewis, the 2010 Northeast Conference Tournament MVP, and Blaire Porter's three complete-game wins, Long Island nabbed its 12th Softball Championship crown. Lewis tallied three homers in three games, to spearhead the lethal Blackbird offensive arsenal. It was Lewis who broke a 2-2 tie in the top of the seventh inning of the title tilt against Monmouth with a three-run bomb over the left field fence. Earlier in the day, MU advanced to the Championship game after besting Robert Morris, 5-4. LIU now awaits word on who it will face in the NCAA Tournament after its automatic bid with the win.*

**Championship Game: #1 Long Island 6, #2 Monmouth 2 Teaneck, NJ** -- Today's Championship game was a battle of the two true top seeds as the teams held a 2-2 deadlock through the fourth, fifth and sixth innings before Long Island ran away with it in the top of the seventh, scoring four.

### 2010 NEC Women's Softball Championship

Hosted by Long Island University  
on the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson



#### First Round

Friday, May 14

- Game 1: #1 Long Island 9, #4 Robert Morris 0 (5)
- Game 2: #2 Monmouth 6, #3 Quinnipiac 0
- Game 3: #4 Robert Morris 3, #3 Quinnipiac 0
- Game 4: #1 Long Island 4, #2 Monmouth 0

#### Semifinals

Saturday, May 15

- Game 5: #2 Monmouth 5, #4 Robert Morris 4

#### Championship

Saturday, May 15

- Game 6: #1 Long Island 6, #2 Monmouth 2

Monmouth struck first with three singles, first by **Chelsea Paprocki (Manassas, VA/Forest Park)**, who eventually came around to score on a wild pitch. Freshman **Tish Derer (Philadelphia, PA/Saint Basil Academy)** connected on the second single before All-Tournament teamer **Emily deLong's (Rothschild, WI/DC Everest)** single brought in Derer in the bottom of the second frame.

LIU then answered with a pair of its own runs off a **Brynn Lewis (Woodinville, WA/Woodinville)** RBI-double and **Mariesha Marker's (Keizer, OR/McNary)** avoidance of a tag at the plate on a fielder's choice.

From there, neither team could find any offensive power, though both threatened in each of the following three innings. It wasn't until the top of the seventh inning when Tournament MVP Lewis belted a three-run shot to give the Blackbirds a 5-2 edge. The very next batter, All-Tournament team member **Raylene Asman (Escondido, CA/Esccondido)**, increased the lead with a homer of her own down the left field line. With that, MU was unable to recover or score any runs in the game's final half inning.

The Blackbirds now advance to the NCAA Tournament in the midst of a five-game winning streak against an opponent to be announced Sunday, May 16.

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Bryant University (2012-13) • Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Long Island University • Monmouth University • Mount St. Mary's University • Quinnipiac University  
Robert Morris University • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College  
Saint Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

#### **Game #5: #2 Monmouth 5, #4 Robert Morris 4**

**Teaneck, NJ** -- Robert Morris took the initial lead in the top of the first inning of Game #5 of the 2010 NEC Softball Tournament as **Jaci Timko (Houston, PA/Chartiers-Houston)** tripled to start the game. She then scored on a passed ball to give the Colonials a 1-0 advantage. In the bottom of the inning, Monmouth answered with two scores of its own from a **Kayla Weiser (Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area)** two-run, two-out homer over the centerfield fence, bringing herself and **Emily deLong (Rothschild, WI/DC Everset)** - who singled just minutes before - across the plate.

After **Britta Grafton (Jamestown, PA/Jamestown)** and Timko got on base in the third inning via a single and walk, respectively, RMU's **Allie Patton (Poland, OH/Poland)** singled to bring both base runners home. Patton then touched home on a MU throwing error to give the Colonials a 4-2 lead.

RMU threatened again in the top of the fourth inning, but MU starter **Lauren Sulick (Canfield, OH/Canfield)** was able to pitch out of a bases-loaded, two-out jam that gave the Hawks an opportunity in the fifth, of which they took full advantage.

deLong blasted a three-run shot over the right field fence, putting her second-seeded contingent up by one. Those three runs were too much for RMU to overcome in their final attempt in the top of the seventh inning, thus ending the Colonials season for 2010. MU advances to the Championship game at 12:30 p.m. against top-seed Long Island.

#### **2010 NEC Softball All-Tournament Team**

**Brynn Lewis, LIU (MVP)**

Raylene Asman, LIU

Mariesha Marker, LIU

Blaire Porter, LIU

Emily deLong, MU

Lauren Sulick, MU

Sarah Capp, RMU

Britta Grafton, RMU

Katie Allendorfer, QU