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# A DRIBBLE, FLICK AND DRIVE TO SUCCESS

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Going into the Big Ten tournament in November with wins against Michigan State and Ohio State, the women's field hockey team was gearing to keep their success going. With only six upperclassmen, the women had a lot of potential growth for their 2012 season, as well as a good amount of diversity. They gained international players from British Columbia, England and Belgium, in addition to women from Michigan, California and Pennsylvania, bringing a wide variety of experience to the dynamic. LSA sophomore Emy Guttman shared her view of her young team. "Having such a young team gives us the opportunity to work with each other for the next few years and learn each other's playing tendencies so we can have even more successful seasons." She added that playing together for some time will allow them to build strong trust as a team and improve their performance even more. Her teammate Kinesiology freshman Emily Ashken added her thoughts on becoming a strong team. "I think sharing a common goal is really important as well as having good team chemistry. If your team is able to all work hard towards a common goal and maintain a competitive spirit they will definitely go far."

The women this year seemed to have enough of both to push for success throughout the season. Their record going into the Big Ten games was 12-5 and they had big plans for the tournament. Their drive to win was fueled greatly by the fact that they represent such a historical university. "Playing for Michigan we are a part of so many traditions and represent the people who came before us. We are able to build the program up for the future wolverines," Guttman said, and Ashken agreed. "We have a great sense of school pride and everyone on our team understands what a privilege it is to wear the Block M."

With multiple hat tricks occurring throughout the season and awards such as Big Ten Freshman of the Week earned, the women had much of which to be proud and to use to fuel their desire to grow and continue dominating the university-level field hockey world.

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1 The University was seeded third in the Big Ten Tournament on November, going into the event ranked No. 13 overall. Photo by Nikki Page.

2 The women hosted Miami of Ohio on senior day in October. The Wolverines dominated the series, with all-time record of 15-2. Photo by Nikki Page.

3 LSA junior Rachel Mack celebrated after a goal scored by the Wolverines. Mack has received multiple honors during her collegiate career, including All-Big Ten first team and Academic All-Big Ten. Photo by Nikki Page.

4 LSA freshman Shannon Scavelli scored her first collegiate goal in September against Maine. This goal was the also the gamewinner. Photo by Nikki Page.

5 The 2012 team consistsed of a large number of undergraduates, with LSA senior Liesl Morris being the only senior. Photo by Nikki Page.

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