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Sage Student Athlete to Present Analysis of Mets & Yankees Scoring Patterns

Albany and Troy, NY – Rebecca Gregory is playing softball for The Sage Colleges in Clermont, FL, this week, not far from the subjects of her winning research – the New York Mets and Yankees. The Sage senior who plays second base for the Sage Gators is one of 10 Sage students chosen to present undergraduate research projects at the 23rd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in April at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse. Gregory, a math major, based her research on the scoring patterns of New York’s favorite teams.



NCUR is a national organization dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity in all fields of study – even baseball. Every year winning entries are chosen and students present at a Spring conference. The NCUR conference takes place in April and is sponsored by the Kathleen A. Donnelly Center for Undergraduate Research (DCUR) on the Troy campus of The Sage Colleges.

Gregory, who’s majoring in math at Sage, applied a probability equation that models the theoretical scoring patterns of baseball teams to real data for the 2008 regular season for the New York Yankees and Mets.

“I looked at the probability of scoring a certain amount of runs in an inning, a game and the probability of going into extra innings,” she said.

What did she find?

- The New York Mets are much more likely than the Yankees to go into extra innings.
- 10 Percent of all major league games reach extra innings.
- Teams are more likely to score a second run than a first run.

Gregory and the Sage Gators are in Florida right now playing two games today (Tuesday, March 10) and four more later this week, two on Thursday, two on Friday. They’ll christen the Neff Athletic Center’s new softball field on March 25 when they take on Southern Vermont College.

The Sage athletics department relocated from the Russell Sage College campus to the Neff Athletic Center in the southern end of the city of Troy in October. Below are the remaining softball games for the week in Florida.

- Mar 10, 2009 vs. Pitt-Bradford, PA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 1:30 pm
- Mar 10, 2009 vs. Penn State Abington, PA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 5:30 pm
- Mar 12, 2009 vs. Emerson College, MA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 1:30 pm
- Mar 12, 2009 vs. Haverford College, PA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 5:30 pm
- Mar 13, 2009 vs. Simmons College, MA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 3:30 pm
- Mar 13, 2009 vs. Penn State Behrend, PA @ NTC Spring Break Games - Clermont, FL, 5:30 pm

About The Sage Colleges

The Sage Colleges is an independent comprehensive university with two four-year undergraduate colleges: Russell Sage College for women in Troy, N.Y and the coeducational Sage College of Albany. Through SCA's Sage After Work program, working adults with prior college credit can complete the bachelor's degree in a flexible schedule and format. The coeducational Sage Graduate School offers master's and doctoral degrees on both campuses.