

## Spaulding Strikes Out 13 In Tough Loss

Danielle Spaulding takes the loss in a tough game against the Netherlands

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**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Two-time ACC Player of the Year Danielle Spaulding has joined the Austrian Sharx this summer playing in the 2009 European Cup Championships in Milan, Italy. The European Cup opened pool play today and will run through Saturday, August 22nd.**



In the opening match for the the Sharx Spaulding pitched seven innings striking out 13 out of the 29 batters faced. The Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. native allowed two runs, one earned, on four hits Monday in a 2-1 loss the Netherlands. Fellow American Lindsay Meadows, formerly of Louisiana Tech, registered the win for the Netherlands giving up one run on six hits.

Spaulding also batted in the fifth for the Sharx registering one hit in two at-bats, with a walk. A full box score can be found [here](#) as the Sharx return to pool play tomorrow against a German squad.

Spaulding helped the Tar Heels to a 47-13 record in 2009 and a spot as an NCAA regional host for the second straight season. The standout junior led the Tar Heels in home runs (12) and RBIs (45), while ranking third in runs scored (22) and fourth in batting average (.311). In the circle, she paired with fellow teammate Lisa Norris to provide one of the strongest pitching duos in the country. The junior registered 13 complete games holding opponents to only a .124 batting average.

Spaulding is only the second player in school history to earn multiple NFCA All-America awards, earning NFCA All-America second-team in 2008. Spaulding, the third-team utility/pitcher selection in 2009, also joins fellow ACC standouts Sarah Hamilton of Florida State and Jenna Rhodes of Virginia Tech as third-team selections. This year marks the first time in league history at least three players have earned NFCA All-America honors. Hamilton was second in the country in strikeouts per seven innings with 10.8, nearly four punch-outs less than Carolina's Spaulding.

### Spaulding's Sharx Fall Again

The junior recorded four strikeouts and one hit in European Cup action Tuesday

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**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - The Austrian Sharx fell to 0-2 in pool play Tuesday in a 5-1 loss to the Italian champions Fiorini Forli. Danielle Spaulding came in relief Tuesday giving up no runs on one hit and striking out four in 1.2 innings of relief. Out of the five outs recorded by Spaulding in the circle, four came via the strikeout.**

At the plate, the junior went 1-for-3 moving her tournament batting average to .400 registering 2 hits in five at-bats. Fiorini Forli's Zauli Carlotta posted three of the team's 10 hits Tuesday en route to their second win in as many days. Fiorini Forli's Stacy Nelson (Florida 06-09) recorded her second save in as many chances Tuesday, giving up zero runs on four hits in three innings pitched. At Florida, Nelson was the nation's ERA leader in 2009 at a 0.99 clip, meaning the nation's leader in strikeouts and ERA were on display Tuesday in Italy with Spaulding and Nelson.



The Austrian Sharx currently sit dead last in Pool A, but will face a German team (1-1) later in the day today. In just 8.2 innings pitched, Spaulding has fanned 17 batters and posted a 0.88 ERA.

### Spaulding Shines In Sharx Victory

Danielle Spaulding registered her first win Tuesday in the European Cup Championships

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Aug. 18, 2009

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Danielle Spaulding, 2009 NCAA strikeout champion, continues her act in the European Cup Championships this week in Milan, Italy. Spaulding led the Austrian Sharx to their first victory in pool play Tuesday in a 14-4 win over Germany. The rising senior struck out 10 batters in just 4.1 innings pitched, improving her tournament totals to 0.54 ERA in 13 innings pitched with 27 strikeouts - punching-out two hitters per inning.**

Spaulding allowed zero runs on one hit Tuesday against Germany. She also recorded one hit in three at-bats to move her tournament batting average to .375. The Sharx were led offensively by a four hit performance by Kristen Whitt including a two-run home run. Whitt is now batting .700 in the first three games of the tournament.

### Spaulding Leads Sharx With Bat

Danielle Spaulding belted a two-run home run Wednesday to lead the Austrian Sharx over Greece.

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Aug. 19, 2009

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Danielle Spaulding let her bat do the talking Wednesday in the European Cup Championships after pitching the first three games in Milan, Italy. Spaulding led the Austrian Sharx to their second victory in pool A defeating Greece 7-0.**



The Rancho Cuchamonga, Calif. native belted a two-run home run in the bottom of the second to give the Austrian team their first lead of the day. Spaulding went 1-2 with three RBI, she reached base on a dropped pop fly later in the game, to bring her tournament average to .400. The junior also has pitched 13 innings over the course of three games posting a 0.54 ERA and leading the tournament with 27 strikeouts.

The two-time ACC player of the year is one of a few Americans with college eligibility remaining. The victory puts the Austrian Sharx at (2-2) in pool A, placing them third behind Italian champions Fiorini Forli and Dutch Champion Tex Town Tigers.

### Sharx Win Two More With Spaulding

Danielle Spaulding continues her impressive play in the European Cup.

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Aug. 20, 2009

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Danielle Spaulding has played a large role in each of the Austrian Sharx's wins. In the first game of the European Cup Championships Thursday, Spaulding pitched a complete game three-hitter striking out nine in the Sharx's victory over Russia. In the second tilt Thursday, Spaulding belted a solo home run en route to the Sharx 4-0 win over the Czech Republic.**

After starting the European Cup Championships with two losses, the the Austrian Sharx have reeled off four straight victories. Spaulding's tournament batting average sits at .400 with two home runs and six RBI. In the circle, the junior continued her dominance with 36 strikeouts in 20 innings and a 0.35 ERA. The Rancho Cuchamonga, Calif. natives performances are tops among the players participating in the European Cup.

The Two-time ACC Player of the Year Danielle Spaulding has joined the Austrian Sharx this summer playing in the 2009 European Cup Championships in Milan, Italy.

Spaulding native led all of Division I pitchers with 14.3 strikeouts per seven innings, fanning 338 batters in only 165.3 innings pitched while recording a 20-4 record in 2009. Her team, the Austrian Sharx, has a tough draw in pool A of The tournament. The Sharx are in the same pool as the Dutch Champion Tex Town Tigers and Italian champions Fiorini Forli. Both teams feature American players as well.

## Spaulding Strikes Again

The strikeout champion pitched a one-hitter Friday to advance the Austrians another round.

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***CHAPEL HILL - 2009 NCAA Strikeout champion Danielle Spaulding has certainly picked up where she left off in the European Cup Championships this week. Playing for the Austrian Sharx, Spaulding is 3-1 with 27 innings pitched, 43 strikeouts and a 0.26 ERA tops among the tournament.***

Her most recent effort was a complete game one-hitter against the Italian AMGA Legnano in a 1-0 victory. Spaulding struck out seven in seven innings while only allowing one hit in the Sharx's fourth straight victory.

The Rancho Cuchamonga, Calif. native was 1-for-3 at the plate dropping her tournament average down to .389. The junior has hit two home runs and posts six RBI in the tournament. The Sharx received their lone run support from shortstop Holly Krzan's solo home run in the sixth inning.

The Sharx have nearly played their way into the championship of the European Cup winning their last five games. It only gets tougher as the Sharx will battle Italian champions Fiorini Forli again Friday for the right to advance to the final round Saturday. In the first meeting between the two teams this week the Sharx fell to Fiorini Forli 5-1, as Spaulding struck out four in only 1.2 innings pitched. Stay tuned to [tarheelblue.com](http://tarheelblue.com) for further updates on Spaulding's experiences in Italy.



## Spaulding Crowned MVP & Champion Of European Cup

Danielle Spaulding earned the European Cup's MVP & Best Pitcher awards.

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Aug. 22, 2009

***CHAPEL HILL - Danielle Spaulding and the Austrian Sharx defeated the Russian Carrousel BoscoSport 1-0 in the championship of the European Cup in Milan, Italy Saturday. Playing for the Austrian Sharx, Spaulding was crowned the tournament MVP and Best Pitcher.***

Spaulding started the championship game for the Sharx pitching 3.1 innings while allowing three hits, three walks and striking out five. Spaulding was relieved by Stacie Townsend, who pitched 3.2 innings allowing three hits and striking out three, improving her tournament record to 4-1. The Sharx used the Townsend and Spaulding combination win seven games and the European Cup.

The Rancho Cuchamonga, Calif. native and the Sharx reeled off seven straight wins to be crowned European Cup champs. Spaulding earned the tournament's MVP and Best Pitcher awards in the 2009 European Cup. At the plate, the junior was seventh in batting average (.409), second in slugging (.773), third in on-base percentage (.517), first in home runs (2) and second in RBIs (5). In the circle, Spaulding was first in ERA (0.23), first in opponents' batting average (.127), first in strikeouts (48) and third in wins (3). The 2009 NCAA Strikeout champion continued her impressive play striking out 11.08 batters per seven innings in the European Cup.

