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**Keane Grabs Career-High, Helps WVU to Big East Championship
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It was a fantastic shutout victory in the regular season finale that would lead #17 West Virginia past Big East rivals Pitt with a score of 1-0, as Blaze keeper Sara Keane helped the Mountaineers to their fifth division title.

The fantastic performance by WVU meant that the squad grabbed the number one seed in the American Division for next week's conference championship, as Keane had an outstanding performance to deliver a career-high eight saves as a redshirt freshman.

Keane proved her mettle in the 65th minute when she delivered back-to-back saves. The first blocked a shot from Pitt's Alyssa Meier, as the young keeper deflected the chance over the goal off Pitt's fourth corner kick. Just a few seconds later, Hayley Neal fired a low drive through a crowded box and towards the back post, though Keane was able to extend to her left and make a show-stopping diving save.

Sara Keane has helped her team to an excellent 14-4 record - 10-1 in the Big East - and her final game in the regular season follows the Big East Goalkeeper of the Week award on October 17th. Teammate Frances Silva also earned a place on the weekly Honor Roll, while the Mountaineers were named TopDrawerSoccer's Team of the Week.

The Mountaineers have now qualified for the Big East tournament for 12 straight years. The squad, following their quarter-final win over Seton Hall, are playing once again on November 4th in their semi-final match-up.

The New Jersey Blaze organization wishes the Mountaineers, and Keane, the best of luck and will be keeping a close eye on their push for the finals.

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