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Equality on the field

OTTAWA (CUP)—Female soccer players at the University of Ottawa can now compete against other universities, after their team threatened the school with a human rights complaint. On Nov. 22, the university announced it would grant the women's soccer team varsity status and increase its funding to comparable levels with the men's team.

The announcement, the culmination of a four-year struggle for varsity status, came only six days after

the soccer team issued a press release threatening action against the university.

"Women at the University of Ottawa who experience gender discrimination due to the great discrepancy in the funding of men's and women's programs could launch a human rights complaint against the university," the press release read. The team had planned to launch the a formal complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Sports administrator Jean-Pierre Tibi adamantly denied the claim of sexual discrimination. The team was not granted varsity status because "a moratorium had been set, based on finances, and everybody had been refused," he explained.

Tibi said the decision to grant varsity status to the women's soccer team was made by an administration committee that oversees the overall budget of the university. "It was completely their decision," he said.

"I think the pressure we put on them played a big role," said team representative Vickie White.

The numbers in the press release show Ottawa has more men's varsity teams and these teams receive substantially more funding than the women's teams. "Perhaps looking at the numbers and the situation was enough" for the administration committee to make a final decision, White said. "I believe that the figures speak for themselves."

Rosemarie Pitfield, manager of public relations and promotions at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union, said that unequal funding of men's and women's teams "may be a reality at a lot of schools depending on the funding coming in."

Pitfield noted that funding for teams also depends on whether sponsors decide to support a particular team. "A lot is dictated by the business world," she said.

The fight for equal sports representation and funding is not over, White said. "We have and will continue to fight," she said. White maintains that the women's soccer team "has already helped. We showed you can fight [the administration] and win."

Sports This Week

Volleyball

Men visit UNB for two games this weekend.

Hockey

The Tigers visit St. FX for a Saturday matchup. It starts at 7:30 pm Their next game is Wednesday, January 19, at Acadia. That's also a 7:30 pm start.

Basketball

Women and men host the UCCB Capers this Saturday at Dalplex. The women play at 6 pm while the men follow at 8 pm. Tuesday the two teams travel to Acadia on Tuesday, January 18.

Swimming

The Tigers host Mount Allison at Dalplex Saturday. Sunday they host the University of New Brunswick.

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