

# Ottawa host of women's field hockey Junior World Cup

by PAMELA JARVIS  
**C**anada will host some of the world's finest field hockey teams in the first women's Junior World Cup.

The tournament will be held in Ottawa this July. In preparation for the landmark event, the junior national team hopefuls, also known as the "Eighty-Niners," are completing a four-week training session with Canada's senior national team.

York coach Kathy Broderick is head coach of the junior squad. Broderick, who has 10 years of coaching experience at the national level, is assisted by U of T's Liz Hoffman and Drew Marshall from Alberta.

"Most of the juniors have been preparing for the World Cup for three years," said Broderick. "It's the first ever preparation for this age level [under 21], so having the juniors versus the seniors is excellent."

The training camp began May 11 and will conclude June 9. The 24-player roster will be trimmed to 16. Broderick pointed out that the group represents a good cross-section of talent from across the nation. Most of the players come from the university league.

"The CIAU is definitely where the hockey is," said Broderick.

The Eighty-Niners will embark on a two-week tour of Germany. They will play six games against the top-



York's Sharon Creelman, a two-time Olympian, puts U of T's Aynsley Press through her paces.

ranked Dutch and German sides. The juniors will then return to Canada for a week-long training camp with England. On July 17 the team travels to Ottawa and opens the World Cup tournament with a game against China on July 19.

"Our players are technically good and fit, but lack game play," said Broderick. "We have to go overseas to get game experience."

The senior national team will also travel to Germany this summer. The Champions Trophy will be held in Frankfurt in August. Canada qualified by virtue of its top six performances in Seoul.

Marina Van der Merwe, senior national coach and York's head coach, feels that the combined training camp has been beneficial to both teams.

"It helps both parties gain strength," said Van der Merwe. "The seniors provide tremendous role models. The juniors get to see the plays in action and it helps the learning process. These juniors are very strong, but their opposition will be also."

"Most of the other teams have had tremendous international experience."

The camp has been a great success partly due to the excellent facility at Toronto's Lamport Stadium which will be similar to the surfaces Canada must play on.

"It's magnificent... the surface is of superior quality," said Van der Merwe. "Because of the facility, it's probably the most successful on-site training we've had."

Van der Merwe explained that about 50 per cent of the juniors will play with the senior team almost immediately after the Champions Cup, in time for the Senior World Cup to be held in Australia in May 1990.

"Also, we have a national under-18 team for the first time so the next layer is in place," said Van der Merwe. "In 1990 we would like to have an under-16 team and by '92, an under-14 team. In the next two years, if we can have these three teams set, we'll have a good feeder for the Barcelona Olympics."

The senior team is planning a training camp in Spain for the end of the year and an on-site camp in New Zealand next year to prepare for the Senior World Cup. Canada won silver and bronze in the last two World Cups. Despite consistently top-six performances internationally, the team is hampered by government cutbacks. Field hockey has been dropped to a Category 2 support group.

"Some bigger sports can create their own revenue. We don't have significant sponsorship," said Van der Merwe. "In order to maintain the program, we're going to have to start taxing athletes."

Van der Merwe also feels that it is unfortunate that the "can of worms" known as drug use by athletes

opened the same year as the damaging budget cuts.

"We don't have a [drug] problem. We have strict rules and a monitoring system," said Van der Merwe. "We're the only women's team sport to make it to the Olympic Games and we get zapped. As winners we've become two-time losers because of activities which occur outside of our boundaries."

Looking ahead to the junior competition, Broderick feels that Canada is in the tougher of the two pools at the 12-team tourney but would nonetheless like to see a top-eight finish. The Germans are in the Canadian pool, along with the "mystery" team from China.

Van der Merwe said that the Chinese are the unknown element of the tournament. "They've been training under wraps," she said. "They could be every bit as lethal as the Koreans."

At the Seoul Olympics, the little-known Korean side shocked its opposition with what Broderick calls "power running." Since field hockey is becoming more of a running game than ever before, Van der Merwe feels that Canada "must select and cultivate more speed."

The bottom line is that "there will be no 'easy teams' at the World Cup."

The Junior World Cup runs from July 19-30 at the Sportsplex.

## Healthy, fit Yeowomen in training for national team

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**T**hree members of York's field hockey team were invited to the training camp for the Junior World Cup to be held in Ottawa this July.

Yeowomen Joel Brough, Tammy

Holt and Michelle Capperault will hopefully be selected for the sixteen-member squad on July 10. The word from the coaching staff is that the York players are healthy and fit.

"All three are playing extremely well. They're technically sound,

which should hold them in good stead," said national and York coach Marina van der Merwe.

Brough, a third-year Yeowoman, is in her last year of junior eligibility. She is a product of the excellent hockey program at Scarborough's L'Amoureux Collegiate Institute. York's Sandra Levy, a Seoul Olympian, is also a graduate of L'Amoureux.

Holt was on the junior team that toured Germany last summer. She had a successful rookie season at York and said she is enjoying the camp.

"I'm learning a lot from the seniors... and the juniors. Everyone is at a high level of play. We're quite skilled technically, which adds to the play," said Holt. "It will be hard to make cuts. Anyone they cut will be a loss because of their potential."

Holt, from Guelph, added that it was nice to have the tryouts close to home.

"It's quite a change from offshore (overseas) training," said goaltender

Capperault. "There's a lot of competition. I'd hate to have to choose."

Only two of the four goalkeepers will make the team. Capperault, from Bramalea, admitted that she was nervous but happy to be at the camp.

"It's a real honour to be invited," she said. "It's good practice for us against the seniors. The juniors are very good but you can still see a skill difference."

Capperault still has a junior eligibility but it's her dream to make the national squad.

"It's my life long goal," she said of the Barcelona Olympics.

Another York player attending the camp is Sharon Creelman. Creelman, a member of the senior national team, is a two-time Olympian who finished a stellar university playing career by taking all-Canadian honours last season. The seasoned, international veteran feels that the high skill level of the junior group is quite noticeable.

"They're more talented than we were at that age," said Creelman. "They just haven't had enough international competition."

Creelman explained that the major push for the Junior World Cup will benefit the senior team as well.

"There has always been a junior program in place but it's much more important now because of retirements," said Creelman. She is the only member of the 1984 Olympic team still playing on the senior team.

"These kids are working really hard — we don't want to take a rest. They motivate us to work harder," said Creelman.

As for predictions from the "Eighty-Niners," Holt is optimistic. "We'll be comfortable with the turf and there are a lot of girls back from last year's team."

After the final cut, the team will have almost a month to tighten up.

"It's amazing how fast things pull together," said Holt. "We should do quite well."



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