

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

It would be a grand understatement to say that junior softball player Katelyn Cannella is a Yankees fan.

The centerfielder from Pleasantville, N.Y. surpasses most of the millions of New Yorkers when it comes to her obsession with the baseball franchise, so much so that Fifth Avenue does not even compete with her favorite place to shop in the Big Apple.

If Cannella were Audrey Hepburn walking around New York City in the morning, she would take her Cinnamon Twist not to Tiffany's, but to the Yankees Clubhouse Shop. If she could play a game of softball in any major league stadium, yep, you guessed it, she would choose Yankee Stadium.

She also owns a life-size Derek Jeter, which, at 74 inches, is more than a foot taller than she is.

While Cannella may idolize Jeter and the rest of the Yankees for being part of a big franchise with slightly larger athletic frames and certainly larger playing contracts, she doesn't let the height disparity between her, Jeter and the rest of the Yankees reflect in her own game.

Although Cannella's nicknames include "Smalls," "Little One," and "Pepita" — an

| | Cannella | Sargent | Miranowski |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Who is the loudest cheerer on the softball team? | Hammy | Lily Hamburger (1) | Lily Hamburger, aka Hammy (1) |
| Tee ball or Wiffle ball? | Wiffle ball | Tee ball (0) | Wiffle ball, clearly (1) |
| Who is your favorite "Friends" character? | Joey | Gunther (0) | Joey (1) |
| What is your second favorite sport to play after softball? | Field Hockey | Bocce ball (0) | Field Hockey (1) |
| Big League Chew or Sunflower seeds? | Big League Chew | Big League Chew (1) | Big League Chew (1) |
| What is your favorite position on the field? | Centerfield | Pitcher (0) | Centerfield (1) |
| A League of Their Own or Field of Dreams? | A League of Their Own | Field of Dreams (0) | A League of Their Own (1) |
| final score | | 2 | 7 |

Italian word meaning "nugget" — her petite size doesn't keep her from playing big. So far this season she leads the team with a .429 batting average, with 18 runs in 21 hits after 49 at bats.

Teammates Susan Miranowski '07 and Ellen Sargent '07 both know Cannella well from playing with her on the field, but it is clear that Miranowski knows more about her off the diamond.

Her season statistics challenge Sargent's explanation that Cannella would choose Tee ball over Wiffle ball because she "hits better when the ball is stationary." It appears that Cannella and the rest of the softball team are hitting pretty well when the ball is moving, as seen in their series last week against Skidmore.

The Panthers outraced the Thoroughbreds with convincing 9-3 and 8-0 wins, allowing only three opposing-team runs on April 3.

Due to the surprise April snow, Middlebury's games against Hamilton were postponed, but this upcoming weekend the softball team will host a series against Williams. Williams is the team Cannella is looking forward to playing most in the regular season, so come out and watch the Panthers beat up some more livestock as they hope to tip the Purple Cows this weekend.

— Brooke Farquhar



Chris Heinrich

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

| Date | Sport | Vs. | Results | Comments |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| April 4 April 7 | Women's Lacrosse | Williams Amherst | 15-12 W 11-3 W | Mimi Schatz '08 and Kim Walker '07 scored five goals each between the two games. |
| April 5 April 7 | Women's Tennis | Williams Amherst | 5-4 W 5-4 W | Amy Roche '07 avenged her straight-set loss from Sept. 30 to Amherst's number-one single's player Alicia Menezes, 6-4, 6-2. |
| April 6 April 7 | Baseball | Wesleyan | 5-1 L 17-1, 4-0 W | The 17 runs scored on Saturday were the most in 25 games for the Panthers. |
| April 7 | Men's Lacrosse | Amherst | 19-9 W | Amherst scored the game's first goal, but Middlebury responded with six straight goals to put the game out of reach. |
| April 7 | Men's Tennis | Villanova Colby-Sawyer | 9-0 W 9-0 W | Conrad Olsen '09 has won nine straight singles matches after beating Villanova's Brian Maher 6-0, 6-2. |

BY THE NUMBERS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 11 | Saves by Blair Bowie '09 in an 11-3 win for the women's lacrosse team against Amherst on Saturday. |
| 11 | Saves by Amherst goalie Linda McEvoy in the same game. |
| 1-1 | Record on free-position shots for Middlebury in the first period of the game. |
| 1-1 | Record on free-position shots for Amherst in the first period of the game. |
| 1 | Ranking in the country for the Middlebury women's lacrosse team according to laxpower.com's rating system. |

Editors' Picks



| Questions of the week | Brooke Farquhar | Simon Keyes | Jeff Patterson |
|--|---|--|--|
| Who will win the number one doubles match in the men's tennis match-up with Williams today? | MIDDLEBURY Coming off six straight wins, the last three of which were by 9-0 scores, the No. 1 doubles match will go to the No. 3 team in the nation. | MIDDLEBURY I adhere to the transitive property. Midd's No. 1 tandem barely lost to Pomona, while Williams' pairing got pummeled. | MIDDLEBURY George Mayer '07 and Alex Scott '07 will play like George "Boomer" Scott and bash Williams on Wednesday. |
| Who will score more points in the Middlebury Track and Field Invitational, the men or the women? | WOMEN Captains Beth Butler '07 and Mary Frederickson '07 will lead the women to more points in their last Middlebury Invitational. | WOMEN The women. I have no idea how track points are calculated, so I flipped a coin. | WOMEN The women field a good track team. At the Springfield Invitational they scored 143 points, while the men had 49. |
| Will the Ralph Myhre Golf Course be open by April 17th? | YES If it snows again, I'm leaving. | YES I love golf gear. From DryJoys to Gore-tex to RainGrip gloves, even if the course is closed, I'll be playing on it. | NO I know it's weak, but there is less than a week until the 17th. Plus, I heard that we may get to go to North Carolina again if it doesn't get any warmer by May 1. |
| Will the Clippers make the NBA playoffs? | YES Living up to its name, L.A. will paperclip themselves to the playoff bracket just before the postseason cut. | YES Five of the Clippers' remaining games are against teams with worse records than their own. They are in the driver's seat. | YES Assistant Coach Jim Eyan and his players are certainly eyeing the postseason. |
| Name a NHL playoff series that will go seven games. | THRASHERS vs. RANGERS Atlanta will eventually thrash New York in its first-ever playoff series. But after last year's early playoff loss, the Rangers will put up a fight. | SENATORS vs. PENGUINS Neither team has the advantage. Both have scorers (Crosby, Heatley), both have young goalies (Fleury, Emery) and both teams have been historically streaky. | STARS vs. CANUCKS Goalies Roberto Luongo and Marty Turco will take this Western Conference series all the way to a deciding seventh game. |
| Record | 5-9 (.357) | 4-13 (.235) | 26-26 (.500) |