

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

Although backs captain Jessica Weiss's '08 favorite month of June has come and gone for 2007, there has been plenty to get excited about in the early months of autumn. After recording a win in its season opener against Colby-Sawyer, the women's rugby team is eager to register its first home win of the 2007 campaign this weekend when they host Mount Holyoke.

The Sante Fe, N.M.-native never turns down an opportunity to watch her favorite game show "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" on Thursday evenings. It might not be a motivational, pre-match routine, but it does serve as an ego boost and validation for the ever-increasing expense of a Middlebury education.

From answering basic math questions, to bouncing the ball twice before kicking it, Weiss does find ways to be a creature of habit and hopes to make winning a habitual occurrence this season as the rugby program continues to grow in size and enthusiasm.

For every day that the men's rugby team is training until dark on the fields behind Chip Kenyon '85 Arena, so are the women. While the sun is setting, the women rug-

	Weiss	Townsend	Murray
Favorite section of <i>The Campus</i> ?	Opinions	Not Sports — they never cover us. (.25)	"Winners and Losers" (0)
Hardest hitter on the rugby team?	Avery Rain '11	Avery Rain '11 (1)	Avery Rain '11 (1)
Favorite month of the year?	June	June (1)	June (1)
When did you first start playing rugby?	Spring of freshman year	Freshman spring (1)	Sophomore spring (0)
Flip flops or slippers?	Flip flops	Flip flops (1)	Flip flops (1)
Would you rather play rugby in the rain or snow?	Snow	Snow (1)	Snow (1)
What kind of toothpaste do you use?	Aquafresh Extreme	Crest (0)	Crest (0)
final score		5.25	4.0

gers are still out there completing a demanding routine of sprints and push-ups.

While the hard work, dedication and commitment of the women's rugby team is seldom publicized, it ought not go unnoticed.

Two of Weiss' teammates who share those late nights of training are Liza Murray '08 and Liza Townsend '08. Townsend also lives in Kappa Delta Rho with Weiss, but will that be enough to give her an edge in this slightly modified version of Inside the Locker Room?

Which Liza Weiss knows better?

Despite her fondness of June, Weiss also enjoys good old fashioned snow rugby. Attending school in rural Vermont facilitates her ability to engage in this activity on a regular basis.

As Townsend pointed out, *The Campus* does not give women's rugby as much coverage as it deserves. Therefore, she believes Weiss would rank sports at the bottom of the section power rankings.

While this debate over the sports section's status may rage on, it seems to be clear that Avery Rain '11 has wasted no time in her first season to establish herself as the team's hardest hitter.

In the end, Townsend distinguished herself as the queen of trivia questions about teammate Weiss and registered the highest total so far this season in Inside the Locker Room.

— James Kerrigan, Sports Editor



Elise Cohen

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

Date	Sport	Vs.	Results	Comments
9/25 9/29	Men's Soccer	Colby-Sawyer Colby	5-0 W 3-1 W	The shutout streak is over at five games. But good news for the team as Baer Fisher '09 wins NESCAC Player of the Week.
9/26 9/29 9/30	Women's Soccer	Worcester Colby Bowdoin	5-0 W 2-0 W 2-4 L	Class of 2010 represents as they score seven of Middlebury's nine goals this week.
9/29	Football	Colby	41-0 W	Two great highlights: LB Steve Hardin '10 with a 66 yard fake punt TD, and LB Erik Woodring '08 winning Player of the Week.
9/29 9/30	Field Hockey	Colby Bowdoin	2-1 W 0-1 L	The team's remaining NESCAC games become more crucial as the loss to Bowdoin gives them a 2-2 conference record.
9/29 9/30	Men's Golf	NESCAC Qualifier	2nd	Behind captain Harry Bane's '08.5 rounds of 77 and 73, the Panthers qualify for the NESCAC Championship.

BY THE NUMBERS

Trinity	Team that won the NESCAC men's golf Qualifier on Sunday.
3 x 3 x 3 x 3	Score Mike McCormick '09 shot in the final round of the NESCAC men's golf Qualifier on Sunday.
3	Number of birdies McCormick made on Sunday.
3	Number of three-putts McCormick had on his final three holes Sunday.
3	Number of golf balls McCormick used on Saturday night to dispose of a mouse that was scurrying around his hotel room.

Editors' Picks



Questions of the week	James Kerrigan	Simon Keyes	Jeff Patterson
Women's soccer returns to the place where it clinched last year's NESCAC title. Will the team beat Amherst again?	NO Amherst already beat the Polar Bears, who Middlebury lost to 4-2 this past weekend.	YES As a sophomore, I have to believe that my 2010 classmates will lead the way to victory this Saturday.	YES I like blue more than purple.
Will either cross country team finish in the top-10 at this weekend's New England Championships?	YES I don't like to run, but apparently the cross country teams do.	YES They just will.	YES It is a tendency for tenacious teams to bring an unmatched intensity to tense situations. The top-10 shouldn't be a problem.
Will the women's rugby team score first this weekend against Mount Holyoke?	NO More importantly, they will score last, and win.	YES They have scored 56 points in two games and scored first in both. They continue the trend.	YES My mom went to Mount Holyoke, but she didn't play rugby.
How many games will the Indians-Yankees series go?	FOUR I tend to get baseball playoff predictions wrong, though. Who am I kidding, I get just about everything wrong.	FOUR As much as I hate to say it, the Bronx Bombers come out on top. Happy now, Blake?	THREE Three is my lucky number.
Both teams are coming off crushing losses, but someone has to win the Red River Shootout — will it be Oklahoma or Texas?	OKLAHOMA I like red more than orange.	OKLAHOMA Colt McCoy says he's OK. I don't buy it and Bob Stoops will confuse the concussed Texas quarterback.	TEXAS I like orange more than red.
Career Record	18-27 (.400)	19-30 (.389)	46-38 (.548)