



Time Out

Vierumäki Face of the Day



Each day, one player at the 2008 IIHF Women's Hockey Development Camp will be featured as the Camp's Face of the Day. Today, Team Maroon's Anja Weisser from Germany is highlighted.

It's all hockey, all the time for Team Maroon's Anja Weisser. In addition to playing with a women's team back home in Germany, she also practices with a men's team and plays a few games with another men's team.

All of the hard work and time on ice has paid off for Anja, who was most recently a part of the German Women's national U18 team at the first ever World

U18 Championship in Canada last winter where her team finished in fifth place. Anja, a defenseman, finished the tournament with one goal.

"It was a great experience to play at the U18 championship," said Anja. "To see the level of all the countries was a good lesson."

Another good lesson for Anja has been this year's Development Camp, where she is getting into the international flavor of her team and the camp.

"The best thing here in Finland is being around people from all the different nations," said Anja. "It's been really unique to be on such a diverse team."

Anja had a bit of bad luck as she learned just before today's practice that she would be out for two weeks after hurting her knee in action yesterday. But it's just a minor setback for gritty and determined German, who has her sights set on playing for the women's national team.

Germany will play in the qualification tournament for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, which could be perfect timing for Anja.

"To play in Vancouver, that would be amazing," Anja says with a smile.

Two Minutes in the Box

Today's Highlights:

Teams continue with full game action today. With only two days left of action, the campers are going full speed ahead to learn as much as they can, and win as many games as possible, before the camp closes on Saturday.

Saturday's Weather:

It looks like the last day of camp will be a wet one with rain predicted in Finland and a high of only 17 degrees.



Olympic Update

Six down, two to go. American swimmer Michael Phelps won his sixth gold medal at the Beijing Olympics, keeping him on track to win a record eight gold medals. Phelps is on a mission to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in one Olympics. Not only has Phelps won six gold medals, but he has set a world record in all six events.

Did You Know?

Next year the World Women's U18 Championship will be expanded to include a Division I level. That means that six more nations will be able to enter national teams in the event. The top level will be played with eight teams in Füssen, Germany. Finland will host this year's senior Women's Championship in Hameenlinna.

Finland's elite come to camp

When it comes to the IIHF Development Camp, only the best will do, which is why the Finnish Association invited members of its women's national teams for a day of training with the eight teams.

Joining the Vierumäki camp were Saara Tuominen, a forward with the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Satu Tuominen, a forward with the Espoo Blues, Anna Julin also a forward with Espoo and Hanne Sikio a former national team

player who is now coaching the HPK women's team.



The quartet spent the morning on the ice, splitting themselves between the two ice sheets. For the campers it was a rare opportunity to learn from players that have played at the highest levels. Three of the four players are former Olympians and one, Saara Tuominen played for Finland at the Women's World Championship in China. The players definitely enjoyed their time at the camp as they were eager to stay through the afternoon to see how their students fared.

On the Ice: Meet Team Maroon

Team Players:

SVK	Statelova, Sandra
GBR	Pullen, Rachel
CAN	Murray, Kaitlyn
NOR	Gjerde, Hedda
GER	Weisser, Anja
GBR	Carr, Amanda
AUS	Newmark, Stephanie
TPE	Tseng, Yueh-Tzu
RUS	Monakhova, Elizaveta
SWE	Lilja, Astrid
DEN	Jakobsen, Josefine
DEN	Oestergaard, Henriette
ROU	Justinian, Clara
AUT	Koban, Sarah
NED	Stempher, Nikkie
SVK	Lucova, Livia
HKG	Kwok, Hoi Kei
Mentor Coach Hofmann, Ueli	
Coach	Gapa, Peter
Coach	Cameron, Sandra
Team mngr.	Arinami, Tsukasa
Equip. mngr.	Kaser, Waltraud

Team Schedule / Results:

Aug. 11	vs. Teal, W 7-2
Aug. 12	vs. Yellow, W 3-2
Aug. 13	vs. Green, L 2-6
Aug. 14	vs. Black, W 6-2
Aug. 15	vs. White
Aug. 16	vs. Red

About the Team:

Some teams reach for the stars, while others want to go to the Moon, like Team Maroon. So far the moon is proving to be enough as the squad is having a lot of success in their games. Maroon opened the camp with two straight wins and is hoping to close the camp with similar success. Of course, off the ice Maroon is providing plenty of highlights too, with a locker room door plastered with team mottos, the squad is entertaining everyone who ventures to the end of the hallway by the practice rink.



I feel like I have so much to teach you and so little time! Since you all are learning all about hockey, I thought you might like to learn some hockey words that you can use back home. Enjoy!

- I am a champion = Minä olen mestari**
- My team is the best = Minun joukkueeni on paras**
- I am the best player = Olen paras pelaaja**

Game Results

The games at this year's development camp are split into three periods that last 15 minutes each. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, it will go directly to penalty shots. These are the results from yesterday's games.

Team Red 2, Team Yellow 0

Team Red's defense is proving to be tough to beat. The team earned its second straight shutout with a 2-0 victory over Yellow.

Team White 8, Team Green 4

Team White's offense sprang to life as they scored eight goals in their win over Green. It is the most goals scored by a team in any game, and it came against a tough Green squad that has been at the top of the standings.

Team Black 2, Maroon 6

Maroon netted its third win and remains at the top of the camp standings after a 6-2 win against Black. Maroon scored a pair of goals in the third period to pull ahead for the win.

Team Blue 3, Team Teal 1

Team Blue also earned its third win of the camp with a 3-1 win against Teal. Blue was close to a shutout, but a goal late in the third period by Teal ruined the hopes for the shutout win. Three teams have three wins going into the final day of action.

Team Standings:

Team	GF	GA	W	L
Maroon	18	12	3	1
Blue	10	4	3	1
Red	10	7	3	1
Green	18	19	2	2
White	16	13	2	2
Yellow	11	11	2	2
Black	8	16	1	3
Teal	8	17	0	4