



Subbing treats Wiedeman well

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Looking for a spark off his bench, head coach Mike Cannon called on senior forward Chayil Wiedeman late in the first half Saturday. She provided that spark.

"I'm pretty good as a burst of energy as a second-string player," Wiedeman said. "I like to make a lot of runs, and once the starters have worn out their players, I come out and wear them down to the ground."

She did more than just wear them down. Wiedeman came off the bench and used her speed – Cannon describes her as one of the fastest on the team – to get behind the Northwest Missouri defense to score the Bulldogs' first goal of the game. A few minutes later she tried to set up junior forward Lauren Hawks but was thwarted when Hawks was taken down. However, the play resulted in a penalty shot, which led to the 'Dogs second goal of the game.

"Their defense was kind of flat, so there was a lot space behind, and she (Wiedman) is pretty fast," Cannon said. "The girl we brought out was tired. I didn't know if she would actually score or not, but I knew she would change the game."

Wiedeman wasn't done for the day. Late in the second half, Cannon again

called on her to relieve a tired player. Once back on the pitch, Wiedeman scored the final goal of the game and helped clinch a 4-0 victory over the Bearcats.

"The second goal was pure hustle," Cannon said. "The keeper mishandled the ball, but I mean I turned, and I think everyone else in the park thought 'Oh the keeper's got it,' but it went up her arm and dropped off, and Chayil was just following the play, and the ball just dropped at her feet. She just passed it in real quick."

The two goals were Wiedeman's first two of the season. Some might have been surprised that someone so unheralded would score twice, but don't count Wiedeman among them.

"I guess it was a little surprising that I did finish with two goals, but at the same time I knew I was capable of scoring," Wiedeman said. "I just haven't had a lot of chances. It was really cool that I could contribute that day."

Wiedeman's day proved one doesn't always know who will contribute for the team. One's biggest contributions don't always come from your starters. Sometimes, one needs the bench to help you win.

"She's a great kid, hard worker and a tremendous athlete," Cannon said. "She had a great day Saturday. She made an invaluable contribution to the team."

Athlete of the Week

Chayil Wiedeman

Sport: Soccer
Year: Senior
Position: Forward
Hometown: Skokie, Ill.

Wiedeman came off the bench against Northwest Missouri State University on Oct. 9 to scored two goals in the Bulldogs' 4-0 victory. The goals were her first two of the 2005 campaign.

Bulls and Bullets rugby pound two Div. I opponents

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Both of Truman's rugby teams had matches against Div. I schools Saturday. Both were victorious.

The women's team stayed in Kirksville, and the men traveled to Ames, Iowa.

On the home pitch, the women took on the squad from Kansas State University. The Bullets scored early and often, winning the match 60-0.

"We played well as a team," junior coach Natalie Gerhart said. "We had a lot of good continuity between forwards and backs."

The match almost was not played when Kansas State showed up missing a player. However, not wanting to go home without playing a game, the teams compromised and allowed a member of the

Bullets to switch teams and play a half for the K-State team.

"We gave them one of our players to play wing for them," Gerhart said. "It is always unfortunate when a team doesn't have enough players. But it was a good chance for the rookies to get more playing time."

In a well-balanced attack, seven women found their way to the in-goal for tries. Gerhart led the way with three tries and five conversions. Freshman wing Patricia Hobson was close behind Gerhart with two tries. The other scorers were sophomore inside center Libby Hicks, senior wing Krista Kastler, senior fullback Jamie Mucho and sophomore wings Angela Rippe and Ashley Goss.

"It was very exciting," Goss said. "It was my first time ever scoring."

With the win, the Bullets improved to 2-2 on the season.

"We were really confident in making all the plays," Goss said. "Our passing was a big strength. There were hardly any dropped balls, it seemed like. This is the best game so far that I've been in."

Next, the Bullets will travel to Memphis on Oct. 15 and 16 for Rucktoberfest, a tournament featuring 30 college club teams.

"This weekend we are going to try and focus on sticking a lot more tackles and being confident," Gerhart said.

While the women's team was playing at home, the men's team was competing a couple hundred miles away against Iowa State University. Like the women, the Bulls came out on top, albeit in a much closer game. They beat the Hawkeyes 30-22.

"We were playing against a very big, very strong team, and it meant that we

had to be very sure of the tackle, and we weren't going to be able to let these guys run through us," head coach Bill Sexton said. "I think the boys played pretty courageously in terms of staying with this big strong team."

In the match, both teams came out scoring in the first half. The lead changed five times in the opening frame. The last change had Truman taking a 16-15 lead one they wouldn't relinquish in the second half.

"It's probably the best game we have played so far," Sexton said. "This was a much more complete game. This was a much harder team, much better team than we have played so far. To come away with a win was a huge step for us this season."

Junior Tony Giubardo said the squad did a good job coping with the

back-and-forth score.

"We really didn't get down during the point in the game, where the lead kept changing," Giubardo said. "We were able to keep our cool and stick through it."

Senior team captain Sean Foley led the way in scoring for the Bulls, with one try and three conversions. He was 3-3 on conversions for the day. Foley was not the only scorer, though, as Giubardo and freshman Pete Swingle each had a try. Also, the team made three of seven penalties in the match.

The Bulls next play the University of Arkansas on Oct. 14 and the University of Tennessee on Oct. 15. Both matches will be played in Jonesboro, Ark.

"We have got a really tough pair of games this weekend," Sexton said. "It should be a real test to see how we have come along."

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Mikhail sat down on a white, wrought-iron bench. While he relaxed there, the sound of children's voices caught his attention. Through a few trees and bushes, he could see several small girls and boys playing with a jump rope. As they jumped, they recited a sing-song chant:
"Kingdoms of darkness,
Kingdoms of light,
Guided by angels
Of power and might;
Once in deep Heaven a great war was fought,
And now to the earth, the battle is brought;
On a holy vessel, you must now sail;
For the sake of the Maiden, you must prevail."

At first Mikhail did not pay much attention to their chant. Then, when they repeated the verses, he took notice. That is the oddest rhyme for children to be reciting, he thought. He rose from the bench and moved through the light shrubbery toward the children. They were only out of his sight for a matter of seconds, but when he came around a bush, they were gone. Where could they be? He walked around another row of bushes; no one was there, though. Hearing the telephone ringing in his condo, he trotted back inside, still puzzling over the mystery of the disappearing children.

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