Women's rugby loses 46-17 to St. Louis University

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The Bullets Rugby Club played in their first match of the fall season Saturday against an experienced St. Louis University Rugby Club.

Head coach senior Jennifer Clayes said she was impressed with the team's performance even though the Bullets dropped the score 46-17. “Since it was our first game, we were just trying to get a feel for it, learn experience,” Bilbao said. “We didn’t score any goals this weekend, that is what we want.”

Although the team had a strong performance in both games, it still has some issues to work on. “I think we are still some rough edges that need smoothing, Bilbao said. “It was a great team effort.”

The ‘Dogs attempted almost twice as many shots as their opponents, but were unable to capitalize on the opportunities. “We still have a pretty young team,” Bilbao said. “But that’s because most of the girls can still think of what they’re to do in the next game.”

The ‘Dogs mostly rely on wide-side cutting to spread the word of events and practices because of limited funding and recruiting efforts. Sophomore Elizabeth Gentry said she participated in varsity cross country in high school but was intrigued when she heard about the team and decided to give it a shot. “I never wear a rugby hat before,” Gentry said. “I came in totally new, everyone was very helpful.”

Kan., for their annual Heart of America’s Cup.

“From the beginning of the game, our better games we’ve played all year, we’ve lost by Mercyhurst College (Erie, Pa.).”

Brengle said the team played well over the weekend. “Team unity is great this year,” Bilbao said. “We are playing more like a team.”

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