



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 Teal's Jana Cassi from Spain is highlighted.

Chances are Jana Cassi never thought that she would be celebrating her 18th birthday at an ice hockey development camp in Vierumäki, Finland. In fact before the start of the week, the Spanish native had never even laced up a pair of ice skates.

In the tradition of players at the development camp coming from all different backgrounds, Cassi came to Vierumäki with experience only playing InLine

hockey in her native Spain.

"It was a bit of a shock to step on the ice at the first practice," Cassi said. "My biggest problem was stopping, in InLine hockey you don't get going so fast, so that's really not a problem."

But Cassi's teammates and coaches have been eager to help her make the transition to the ice. "My coaches and especially my teammate from Amercia were really good about showing me the things I needed to learn." And according to the coaching staff, Cassi is a quick learner, improving leaps and bounds in just the first three days of camp.

Cassi hopes to translate her experiences at camp into a chance to play ice hockey back home. Spain recently just started its women's program, meaning that the InLine standout, could be a role model on the ice when she returns.

"I like ice hockey because there's much more speed and action," Cassi says. "I hope that next season I can play ice hockey in the winter and InLine in the summer."

But for today, Cassi was focused on her game against Team Blue, and of course enjoying her birthday cake with her teammates.

Two Minutes in the Box

Today's Highlights:

It's back to business for all the campers as the second half of the camp is officially underway. The teams all have three more games left to play, while the adult participants are moving into the practical application for everything they've learned.

Friday's Weather:

The sun will keep on shining for another day in Vierumäki as it will be similar weather as Thursday. But it will be cool with a high of only 18.



Olympic Update

Host China now has 22 gold medals, far ahead of any other nation. China leads the U.S. by one medal in the overall standings with 35. China's men's basketball team, led by national hero Yao Ming also won its first game with an 85-68 win against Angola. The Olympics shift its focus from Swimming to Track and Field as the running events open tomorrow.

Did You Know?

Leadership program participant Terho Nevalainen has quite a unique family. The Finnish native works for the Swedish women's program and has twins that both play for Swedish national teams. Daughter Frida played for Sweden at the 2008 Women's World Championship, while son Patrik was at the 2007 World U20s.

Beijing comes to Vierumäki

Since campers can't be at the Olympic Games in Beijing, the coaching staff brought the Olympics to Vierumäki.

Every day, the campers have both on and off-ice training. To put a twist, and a little bit of fun, into today's off-ice training, the Mentor Coaches created a four-event Olympic contest for the eight teams.

Of course, the four events, weren't randomly selected. They all had a translation to on-ice performance. The first event

was a 30-meter dash to test speed, which is key for every hockey player.



Second on the agenda was a standing long jump since explosiveness is important for players. Shooting, which in this case was shooting a puck for accuracy into a net, was the third event. Rounding out the Vierumäki Olympics was the javelin throw, gauging the strength of players.

When all the results are tallied, awards will be given to the best athlete in each event, along with the best all-around camper. Who will win gold? Stay tuned at the Closing Ceremony to find out.

On the Ice: Meet Team Teal

Team Players:

LAT	Rubule, Daniela
GBR	Jackson, Nicole
USA	Greco, Jacquelin
FIN	Stoltenberg, Jutta
NED	Janne, Aranka
HUN	Csiszer, Sarolt
ESP	Cassi, Jana
HKG	Kong, Patricia Anne
GER	Hanke, Meike
SUI	Waidacher, Nina
ITA	Dalcolmo, Irene
CZE	Manhartova, Lucie
CRO	Pintar, Ivana
SVK	Bondorova, Rebeka
BEL	Bosmans, Lisa
GBR	Henry, Katie
TPE	Liu, Chih-Ting

Mentor Coach	Lisspers, Lars
Coach	Yuksel, H. Yeliz
Coach	Franjkovic, Alan
Student Coach	Hosbudka, Jakub
Team mngr.	Kozanova, Lubomira
Equip. mngr.	Nemcek, Vladimir

Team Schedule / Results:

Aug. 11	vs. Maroon, L 2-7
Aug. 12	vs. Green, L 3-4
Aug. 13	vs. Yellow, L 2-3
Aug. 14	vs. Blue
Aug. 15	vs. Red
Aug. 16	vs. White

About the Team:

Team Teal is made of Steel, or at least they are according to their team motto. The camp super-women have had a pair of close losses, but that hasn't dampened the spirit of the squad, as they keep on plugging along. The furthest travelers hail from Taipei and Hong Kong. There is also a pair of Brits, which is a rarity at the camp to have two players from the same country. Teal lost its first three games, but is coming closer to getting its first win as the last two games were decided by one goal. The women of steel are sure to succeed in the second half of the camp.



So you're back from Helsinki and ready to spend the rest of camp up here in the woods of Vierumäki. It's time that you learn words that will help you here in the north. Now you can talk like a real local!

Moose = hirvi Forest = metsä Lake = järvi Lion = leijona

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 White 4, Team Black 1

Team White's strong start gave them their first win. The squad scored two goals in the first period and doubled the lead by the end of the second. Black scored its only goal late in the game with a shorthanded effort.

Team Yellow 3, Team Teal 2

It took more than 20 minutes for either team to get on the board, but once they did it was a back-and-forth battle that saw Team Yellow come from behind with two goals in the third period to earn the 3-2 win.

Team Red 1, Team Blue 0

Team Red earned the first shutout of the camp in a 1-0 win against Blue. Evelina Raselli's goal at the 32:36 mark broke the scoring silence and lifted her team to the low-scoring win.

Team Green 6, Team Maroon 2

There is no unbeaten team left at the camp after Maroon lost against Green, 6-2. Green came to life late in the game with five goals in the second half of the game.

Team Standings:

Team	GF	GA	W	L
Green	14	11	2	1
Maroon	12	10	2	1
Yellow	11	9	2	1
Red	8	7	2	1
Blue	7	3	2	1
White	8	9	1	2
Black	6	10	1	2
Teal	7	14	0	3