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Ivy Notables

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The marches by Brown and Harvard to the Ivy titles in men's and women's soccer, respectively, are all the more remarkable considering the stories of Doug Ulman and Emily Stauffer. Brown's Ulman, who was diagnosed in August 1996 with chondrosarcoma, a rare form of cancer that affects cartilage, made a remarkable return to the Bear lineup for just one game. Ulman gained strength during the off-season and by the spring of 1997, he felt rejuvenated enough to resume practicing with the team. However, a periodic checkup revealed several malignant moles on Ulman's torso, and he was forced to return home to Columbia, Md. for additional surgery. The bear defender persevered, through the removal of yet another melanoma in June, and returned successfully to Providence this fall.

Ulman has used his illness to inspire a foundation, called Ulman Fund, that teaches young people how to deal with cancer. There was a celebrity auction at Pimlico Race Course and an Ulman Fund Soccer Classic in August to raise money, the latter of which included many of Ulman's teammates and other top players from around the country. Additionally, an interactive internet site has been created. Last month, following Brown's NCAA first-round game versus St. John's, Ulman was honored for his volunteer work as one of ten Publisher's Clearing House "Good as Gold Award" winners across the nation. The recognition, given to Doug due to "his outstanding ability to give to others with no desire for personal gain," carried with it a check for \$10,000.

Meanwhile, the best player in Cambridge spent one of the most successful seasons in school history with the team, but she was noticeably absent from the playing field. Emily Stauffer, a two-time all-American honoree, two-time Ivy Player of the Year and the 1994 League Rookie of the Year, decided in August to take the fall semester off in order to care for her brother, Matt, who has been battling leukemia for two years. Besides spending a great deal of time with her family, Emily, who had already twice donated her bone marrow to Matt, was named a volunteer assistant for the Crimson and attended practices and games when she could. Unfortunately, Matt passed away on Jan. 10, 1998.

Emily, also lauded as a GTE/CoSida Academic All-American last year, will return to Harvard for the spring semester and has been named a co-captain for the 1998 season as the Crimson looks to improve on its quarterfinal finish in the 1997 NCAA tournament.

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