

QUIDDITCH

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 Holyhead Harpies vs. Puddlemere United (Sat.)

PUDDLEMERE UNITED IN JEOPARDY?

BY: RITA SKEETER, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

While the Holyhead Harpies' fans are boisterously cheering over their team's most recent win against the Ballycastle Bats, Puddlemere United is furiously training for the big game against the Harpies on Saturday—the two undefeated teams of the season battling it out for top ranking. But, should Puddlemere fans worry over more than their team's tactics and skill?

Oliver Wood, Captain and Head Keeper for Puddlemere, a devilishly handsome wizard who has the reputation of being carefree with witches' hearts, may have his own neck to watch for—and not just in Quidditch.

Sources reveal he has escorted Cordelia Chase, top wizarding model, on several occasions, but recently has shunned her company for none other than the Black Widow of Britain.

Who is this creature I write of? Who is this nefarious entity who steals men's hearts? She is a devastatingly beautiful witch, but doesn't live in any dark cave, lurking unseen, unknown. In fact, she spins her web out in the open, in the sleepy little Village of Hogsmeade, Scotland - Wood's very own home country.

Penelope Clearwater, proprietor of Clearwater Clinic, has the most unfortunate and disturbing past when it comes to men. Her husband was suspiciously murdered while she and him were living in New Zealand in 2006. Some sources claim it was a tragic accident involving a dragon, while others speculate that she disposed of her husband by luring him to the dragon's nest, ultimately sealing his fate.

Then, there are the late night visits to her private residence. Mrs. Edith Abernathy, a neighbour of Ms. Clearwater, has told your's truly, "she has all sorts of different blokes visiting her at the most unusual hours and some never reappear after they arrive." One night, Mrs. Abernathy was so concerned for the safety of one poor fellow that she contacted the Ministry. Once again, the Black Widow was able to snatch her prey under even a Hit Wizard's attempts to rescue the man. "She charms them, aye? That's how she always does it," Abernathy said. "Haven't seen that poor bugger since."

Now it seems she has got Puddlemere's best in her clutches. They were seen dancing and drinking all night long on December 31st in London and Glasgow. Apparently, both Clearwater and Wood were very close and affectionate with each other the entire evening, Wood even escorted the Widow back to her lair.

A close friend of Wood's has told us he's "very concerned" for Wood's well being, but no amount of talking will sway the Keeper from ending the affair. Owls to Puddlemere's media liason were returned without a response. When this reporter tried to warn Mr. Wood, she was rudely told to sod off before even getting to state the nature of her business. It seems the Black Widow has already begun to poison the Keeper against all other caring souls.

So, devoted readers and Puddlemere fans, when you watch the game on Saturday, pray not only for your team, but also for the safety of its Captain. Merlin knows he will need it.



Wood answers questions after a September victory.

PUDDLEMERE DONATES TICKETS

BY: EDDIE CARMICHAEL, STAFF WRITER

Puddlemere United has donated 20 prime-seat tickets to wards of the Ministry of Magic's Department of Magical Child Welfare and Protection, as well as tickets for wards' chaperones, sources close to the team say.

The announcement is expected to be made sometime this morning at a press conference called by Oliver Wood, team captain.

The donation comes at a time when the media—press and wireless, alike—have been focused on the Holyhead Harpies' recent return to an all-witch squad and defeat of the Ballycastle Bats. But, the timing appears to be nothing more than coincidence.

"Puddlemere United—the players, staff, owners, and fans—have always valued, above all else, the well-being of the most vulnerable of our society," the source said, speaking anonymously since the announcement had not been made official.

The Harpies' spokeswizard could not be reached for comment. A former school mate of Wood's does not believe the club's story.

"Even at Hogwarts, Wood's obsession to win knew no bounds," she said. "I have no doubt in my mind that he would do whatever it took to win, regardless of laws and morality. Just look at how he became Keeper—twice!"

SECURITY MEASURES INCREASED ON QUIDDITCH MOORS AFTER MUGGLE SIGHTING, MINISTRY SOURCE SAYS

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