A huge thank you to so many alums, family, and supporters of Yale Field Hockey who came to our splendid October alum weekend and many games from September to November. We were especially thrilled to have Amanda Walton ’02 visit the Carol Roberts Field House to support our 2019 team in its game versus Harvard. We were also thrilled to see YFH fan Mr. Allan Rubin at the Columbia game this year. We certainly created some 12th woman noise at both home and away games this season. November also brought us a special celebration of YFH's co-founder Lawrie Mifflin ’73. We are so very proud of Lawrie’s recognition as a George H.W. Bush ’48 Lifetime of Leadership Award honoree.

Today we write to show our gratitude for an important milestone met halfway through this 2019-20 fiscal year. We are pleased to announce we have reached 51 individual donors who have already contributed to YFH's annual fundraising drive! As you know, this year we seek to meet a participation goal our Association has never met before—100 individual donors. These 51 donations total 40% of our $80,000 goal for the year. As the team soon enters its spring training to prepare for the 2020 season, we, too, have work to be done.

Our supporters' annual giving greatly aids Yale Field Hockey's investment in equipment and technology, in-region and out-of-region team travel, expenses for recruiting, the latest advances in player nutrition and recovery, and training and development. Your gift helps Yale compete both on the field of play and in its recruitment efforts.

For example, know that your gift of
- $100 buys a dozen game balls;
- $500 purchases an iPad for in-game analysis;
- $1,000 covers game day team meals;
- $2,500 purchases an additional NormaTec for team recovery;
- $5,000 covers the yearly Spiideo video analysis subscription;
- $10,000 addresses the recruiting budget, allowing for world-wide recruiting.

We cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given Yale Field Hockey through the years. We are already looking forward to the Fall 2020 season. But first we need to meet both our participation and monetary goals in this fiscal year ending June 30, 2020!

Heather Orrico Madden ’07
Chair, YFH Association Fundraising Committee
Lorraine Pratte Lewis ’78
President, YFH Association

For those in classes ending in 5s and 0s, remember this is a reunion year for you and all gifts will count toward your class's reunion giving.

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Select “View teams and other funds”
Select “Field Hockey”
Fill out the rest of the form.

OR, WRITE A CHECK, made payable to Yale University, and mail it to Yale Field Hockey Association, PO Box 1844, New Haven, CT 06508-1844
THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

My staff and I attended the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Convention in Lake Mary, Florida. I went for a run the first morning at 6:45am. Even though it was still dark, I enjoyed throwing on a pair of shorts and a T-shirt, enjoying a good sweat in the warmth of the Sunshine State. There were a few others on the trail, mostly other coaches who were staying at the Marriott or an adjacent hotel. Just as the sun started to rise around 7:19 a.m., I saw one of my USA Field Hockey teammates from when I played on the Women’s National Team (WNT) from 1990-1998. She too was out for a run. I smiled ear to ear. About five minutes later I saw another former WNT teammate. Couldn’t help but grin. The more things change, the more things stay the same. Once an athlete, always an athlete.

We played very well against some nationally ranked teams this past season, including Liberty, UVA, Harvard, and Princeton. We lost 1-2 against Harvard, nearly matching them statistically. We took NCAA runner-up Princeton to OT before falling 3-4. We had one player selected First Team All-Ivy: Bridget Condie ’20; three players selected Second Team: Imogen Davies ’21, Théodora Dillman ’22, and Sydney Terroso ’21; and one honorable mention: Olivia Levieux ’21. Bridget was also named NFHCA Mideast All-Region First-Team and earned All-American Third Team honors. Very proud of how we attacked the top teams, as we really showed our talent.

At our post-season banquet in November, Bridget earned the Senior Award. We had a wonderful night celebrating the team and seniors, as we spent one last time together as the 2019 team at our very own Carol Roberts Field House (affectionately known as The Pitt).

We hope to see you at our annual Yale Field Hockey Alum Fete on Friday, February 21, 2020, at The Yale Club of NYC at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this year’s Fete celebrates the 50 years of women at Yale—“Lux Et Femina: Light Your Way.” The Fete is FREE to all alums. The event is an incredible opportunity for alums, as well as our current players, to network. Come be part of this amazing network of incredibly gifted and successful Yale Field Hockey women, both current and former student-athletes. Once an athlete, always an athlete.

Lastly, a special thank you to THE BEST ALUM TEAM in the nation! We couldn’t be more grateful for your leadership, support, mentorship, and passion, which are vital to our success. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Boola Boola.
REGISTER FOR THE YFH FETE AND LUNCHEON AND PANEL DISCUSSION, FEBRUARY 21-22

Next up are two stellar alum events at the Yale Club of New York City. First, on Friday, February 21, starting at 6:30 p.m., YFH alums are invited to our 8th Fete, entitled “Lux et Femina: Light Your Way.” Lawrie Mifflin ’73 will moderate a panel including a representative from each of the YFH program’s five decades. The Fete is free of charge and alums can register here.

Second, on Saturday, February 22, starting at noon, the Yale Athletics Department is sponsoring a luncheon and panel discussion moderated by Lawrie, on “Women in the Business of Sports: Tales from Yale Varsity Athletes.” The event is $55 and alums can register here.
Q: What motivated you to try out for your country’s team?

Anne: Since 2014, I have been playing on the USA Masters teams. Initially, Pam Stuper, the Yale Field Hockey coach, encouraged me to try out for the O50s USA Masters team competing in the World Cup Masters to be held in The Netherlands in the summer of 2014. It didn’t matter that I hadn’t played organized hockey since 1980 and that a lot of the rules and equipment had changed! A number of former US players were trying out. I had played on the US Squad from 1977 to 1980. I made the 2014 Masters team and since then have played in two subsequent World Cups as a member of the USA Teams (O45 in Australia in 2016 and O55 in Spain 2018). Naturally, I have continued to play, so it was a no-brainer to try out to play in the Grand Masters, especially since many of my former teammates on these earlier squads were trying out as well.

Q: What did you wish you knew before you went to this tournament?

Anne: I had played on an international team in the Grand Masters European Cup in Scotland in 2017 so I had been to the tournament before. I have to admit it was so much better to play for my country (although I competed against many of my former international teammates)!

Q: Any new ritual, habit, or technique you picked up that you would like to keep?

Anne: When I played on the international team in Scotland in 2017, I noticed our winger from Australia would take the ball down the side line, pushing it continuously with her stick while protecting it with her body at full speed. I tried that technique in Belgium on a few occasions and it worked!

Q: What did it feel like to win a championship for your country?

Anne: It was thrilling to do so well in the tournament and to win a championship for the USA. I had never been on a national team that won a gold medal before (we had won a bronze in Australia in 2016). It was fantastic to celebrate the victory with all our teammates (including my Yale teammate, Lorraine Pratte Lewis, who had worked and trained so hard!).

Q: What else would you like hockey fans to know about this experience?

Anne: You are never too old to play hockey! The Belgium tournament had players as old as 85, and they were still running around the field! From all this international play for the last five years, I have many hockey friends all over the world. It is so fun to see them all each year at these various tournaments. This year I am trying out for the US team competing at the Masters World Cup to be held in South Africa in September 2020.
**IMONDON DAVIES ’21**

**Q: What motivated you to try out for your country’s team?**

**Midge:** Initially I had hoped to just train with the squad over the summer to make sure I was getting good reps in before season started. However, when I started training with the girls, I became really invested in it and realized I might actually be in a position where I could be selected. So I spoke to the coach and he also wanted to put me up for selection, rather than having me only as a training player. Over the next month (June 2019) I trained with the team and played well enough to be selected to the travel squad for the junior European championship II in Turkey.

**Q: What did you wish you knew before you went to this tournament?**

**Midge:** Honestly, I felt really mentally ready for that tournament after the months of training and I don’t think there was much else the coaches could have done to prepare us. I possibly wish I had packed a stronger sun lotion. Haha!

**Q: Any new ritual, habit, or technique you picked up that you would like to keep?**

**Midge:** I really struggle playing in the heat and so I think I picked up some new habits that kept my body temperature lower during those warm-ups and therefore allowed me to not overheat too early into the game.

**Q: What did it feel like to win a championship for your country?**

**Midge:** Winning gold in Turkey was the best feeling I have ever had in sports. We had a really great tournament and knew that we deserved to win. To execute the game plan from our coaches and for that to result in victory was pretty awesome. In general, Scotland teams in sports struggle in those high-pressure games, so it felt amazing to bring home that gold medal and add to the successes of Scottish hockey this year.

**Q: What else would you like hockey fans to know about this experience?**

**Midge:** I would just say that working hard for something and succeeding is really special. It makes all those times that you didn’t quite get there or just missed out worth it, and it reminds you why you grind so hard. Those moments are the reason you do it. And no matter if it’s a high school scrimmage or an international tournament, we are all so lucky to play alongside our best friends and compete in such an amazing sport.
"The image I took away from the evening came after the speeches and the videos and the presentations of the awards were over, when John Kerry rose to leave and bent over at the waist to congratulate still-seated Lawrie one last time. From the front row seat Lawrie had provided me, the view I had reminded me instantly of Pete Souza’s photo of Barack Obama bending over in the Oval Office to let the little boy touch his hair. This time, however, that deep bow felt like the world of the Old Blues bowing in acknowledgement of the advent of a new era.” —Sandy Morse ’74, 1972 Co-Captain and 1973 Captain

“Congratulations, Lawrie. No one represents that new era better than you. I’ll always treasure having shared that perch on the fence with you decades ago, not to mention hockey camp in the Poconos—‘Well tried!’—North Jersey Field Hockey where you met the coach who had introduced me to hockey, our many trips to New Haven and, of course, a million non-field hockey moments over the years. I’m very, very proud of you.”
—Sandy Morse ’74, 1972 Co-Captain and 1973 Captain

“Congratulations, Lawrie Mifflin!!!! I think I can speak for all YFH players and alumnae when I say I feel proud to be standing on the shoulders of giants. You [and past BLB honorees Anne Keating ’77 and Carol Roberts ’81] are incredible women, leaders, and pioneers and this honor is well deserved.”
—Tess Thompson ’18
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