

Exploring Gender Stereotypes

Striker Pat has to obey her husband!

By BRIAN CURRAN

They run like the men. They leap like the men. They even kick like the men. Women's Soccer is no longer a giggle.

Just ask Pat O'Connor, the captain of the NSW team which returned to Sydney on Wednesday after successfully defending their title at the Australian women's Soccer championships in Perth.

The shin bruises and muscle aches were mute proof of just how seriously women take their Soccer. It might not be quite as physical as the men's game, but the competition certainly is as keen.

NSW were undefeated in Perth, beating Victoria 3-1, Queensland 2-1, Western Australia 1-0, the little-experienced Northern Territory 13-0 and Northern NSW 4-1.

The team ranged in age from two 17-year-old "babes," Julie Dolan and Cindy Heydon, to Pat O'Connor who puts her age "somewhere in the thirties."

Julie Dolan and the experienced Trixie Barry top-scored for the championships with six goals each.

But it was Pat O'Connor, a powerful left-footed striker and mother of an 18-year-old son, who stole her team's



Consider how gender stereotypes have changed, persisted or evolved since this 1970's article, by responding to the following prompts:

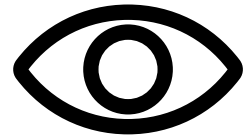
1) Map what you think or already know: What do you know about gender stereotypes?

2) Reach back in time: How do you think gender stereotyping has changed over the last 60 years?

3) Reach forward in time: How do you think ideas, attitudes and beliefs about gender will evolve over the next 60 years? What are your hopes for the future in regard to gender stereotyping? What title would you write for the article today?





Complete a Google image search using the terms “Girls toys”, “Boys toys”, and “Children’s toys”. What do you “SEE” with each search?



Girl's Toys	Boy's Toys	Children's Toys

What does this make you “THINK” and “WONDER”?

 I think...	I wonder... 



Channel Seven commentator under fire for comments on Matilda Katrina Gorry being a mother

Source: [The Sydney Morning Herald](#).
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A Channel Seven commentator has been criticised for saying Matilda's midfielder Katrina Gorry has retained her competitive instincts despite becoming a mother, as the opening match of the Women's World Cup gave the network a national broadcast audience of 1.974 million.



"Certainly motherhood has not blunted her competitive instincts, that's for sure," Seven's David Basheer said, as the Matildas midfielder won a tackle. "She is one fighter for Australia."

The Matildas won their opening Women's World Cup match 1-0, overcoming the shock loss of captain Sam Kerr just before kick-off in Sydney. Seven dominated TV viewing on Thursday night, with a metro audience of 1.24m, beating the Ashes Series on Nine, which had an audience of 546,000. Seven's total audience for the match reached 1.974 million when the 196,000 viewers who streamed the show on 7plus were added. There were a record-breaking 75,784 fans in attendance at Stadium Australia.

On social media fans called out Basheer's comment about Gorry. "Don't know if that commentator has ever met a mother ... The most instinctively competitive people on earth," comedian Dan Ilic said on Twitter. Although Basheer was praising Gorry's form in the second-half of the match, the remark was perceived as sexist. The network has not responded to a request for comment.

Gorry gave birth to daughter Harper in 2021. "I feel like my body's in better shape than it ever has been before," Gorry told Guardian Australia earlier this month. "After I had her it's almost like my body went and reset. And little niggles that I had before her have just gone away and never come back. So it's been pretty cool how it's almost just refreshed my whole body."

Viewers were also reminded more than once that several of the players on the field were mothers, in contrast to a men's match when viewers are not likely to be told that many players are fathers. The FIFA Women's World Cup was the most popular program on Thursday, with the biggest audience in Sydney (439,000) then Melbourne (373,000) and Brisbane (222,000).

Seven had a high viewing share with 40.3%, followed by Nine on 30.8%, Ten on 11.2%, ABC on 10.3% and SBS 7.4%. According to Seven, the game peaked at 2.28 million viewers. Seven's head of network sport, Lewis Martin, said it was a great start to the Matildas' campaign. "The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 will be the biggest global sporting event of the year, the most-attended standalone women's sporting event in history and a true celebration of women's sport," Martin said. "We're honoured to be bringing the key matches to all of Australia live and free."

Write one sentence below that sums up the genderstereotype expressed by this comment:

Select a relationship from the list below (or come up with one of your own). Think about the gender stereotypes that could exist in these relationships and think about the impact that these stereotypes could have on the relationship. How could these stereotypes be overcome to remove any gender imbalance?

- Female Player & Male Coach
- Male Parent & Non-Binary Child
- Female Boss & Male Employee
- Brother & Sister
- Boyfriend & Girlfriend
- Non-Binary student & Female student

Relationship Selected	
Suggest some gender stereotypes that could influence this relationship	
If gender stereotypes persist, who holds the balance of power?	
Briefly outline potential scenarios that may occur if these gender stereotypes are upheld.	
Research and suggest a strategy, structural change or service that the people in this relationship could access to change any imbalance.	

