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## GIRL POWER AT THE COWHERS

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Bill Cowher was the first person she was going to call Friday night after Princeton's 53-37 victory over Yale.

"He's in his hotel room," Meagan Cowher said of her father. "He'll be waiting."

Never mind that Bill Cowher, coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, will be trying to win the Super Bowl for the first time Sunday. There are other important things going on in the Cowher household this weekend.

Meagan, a sophomore forward for the Tigers, scored 13 points and had eight rebounds in 36 minutes against Yale Friday night at Payne Whitney Gymnasium. She has a game tonight at Brown. Her younger sisters, Lauren and Lindsay, play for Fox Chapel High in Pittsburgh. Lauren, a senior, scored her 1,000th point Jan. 23 on an assist from Lindsay, a freshman. They have a game today.

Sunday morning, the Cowher women, mom Kaye included, will be on a private jet headed to Detroit .

"We've been pretty good about trying to disentangle our lives from our father's this week," Meagan said. "After focusing on [Friday] and [tonight], Sunday I can be all Steelers."

Meagan, last year's Ivy League Rookie of the Year, is second on her team in scoring (14.8 points) and rebounding (5.1). She estimated that she did about 15 interviews this week, talking about the Super Bowl.

"It's been a little crazy, a little hectic," Meagan said.

The whole month has been like that, really. Princeton won, the Steelers won. Meagan scored 59 points in two games the weekend the Steelers beat Indianapolis 21-18 in an AFC divisional playoff game. She had 32 -- the most points by a Princeton player since 1989 -- in a 78-62 victory over Columbia Jan. 13.

The Tigers (13-4) haven't lost since Dec. 20, a 107-39 drubbing at Tennessee. They have won seven in a row and are first in the Ivy League, tied with Dartmouth at 4-0. Yale is 1-17, 0-5.

Princeton hadn't played since Jan. 14 because of exams and looked rusty Friday against a physical Yale team. Cowher had six of her team's 25 turnovers.

"We had some mental lapses on both ends of the court," she said. "We have to put that behind us."

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Friday night there was one Steelers shirt in the crowd, on the Princeton side. At one point, when Cowher went to the free-throw line, a Yale fan yelled, "Go Seahawks!"

"It's harder for Meg than it is for us, but we've enjoyed the publicity," coach Richard Barron said. "We're happy to be riding the coattails of the Steelers right now. It's given us some exposure. When you're having a good season and for whatever reason people find out about it, we're just glad we can tell them about it. She's a good spokesperson for the team."

Meagan (6 feet 1) gets her basketball genes from Kaye, who played for North Carolina State -- where she met Bill -- in the late 1970s and the New York Stars and New Jersey Gems of the Women's Professional Basketball League.

And Meagan's dad?

"He's been a huge influence in my life," she said. "He's one of my best friends, kind of my touchstone. I actually wrote one of my Princeton essays on him."

Bill Cowher was asked about his daughters in Detroit earlier in the week.

"The basketball careers of my girls have given tremendous balance to my life," he said. "My wife has done a great job of keeping the kids grounded."

"Just to be able to go home to that house and be put in my place [by them] like I am -- I never can tell anyone what to do. I'm told what to wear, where to go. But you know what? There's something very special about that and I have four women in my home that are very special to me."

Said Meagan: "He has no power in our household. We don't care about his job. Once he walks into our house, he's just Dad. If there are dishes to be done, he has to do them. He's very good at doing them."

She was 9 when the Steelers went to their last Super Bowl, a decade ago.

"I remember most of it, the disappointment at the end," Meagan said. "Hopefully, we'll have a different outcome. I had no comprehension of the magnitude of the game back then. We were rooting for him to lose [the conference championship game] because we knew we'd go to Hawaii [for the Pro Bowl, coached by the losers in the conference title games]. We had no idea of career implications or anything. It's a little different this time around."

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