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Jenelle Robison makes big impact for Owego

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* Year in school: Junior

* Sport: Girls Soccer

* Notable Achievements: Owego forward Jenelle Robison scored seven goals to lead the Owego Indians to a 3-0 record last week. Robison also had the game-winning goal on Saturday to hand Southern Tier Athletic Conference Central Division-champion Oneonta its first loss of the season. For the year, Robison has a team-high 18 goals with two assists.

* Athlete's perspective: "I moved to Apalachin from Layton, Utah about three years ago," Robison said. "It was a rough move, the houses are newer out in Utah and soccer is bigger and more competitive there. But I made some great friends here and the people are real nice."

"I starting playing soccer when I was about 8 years old, my dad taught me how to play. I inherited his competitive nature. I can get real emotional during the games."

On playing with her younger sister Jill, "Even when we played in Utah, we were never on the same team, so it has been real fun. She knows what I can do on the field and I know what she can do. I also have a younger sister, Jane who plays on modifieds."

On the victory at Oneonta, "The win was awesome; they were undefeated so we really wanted to beat them. We (Owego) need to get these past teams like Oneonta and Maine-Endwell if we want to win sectionals."

* Coach's perspective: "When we beat Oneonta, Jenelle was the first person to give me a hug," Owego coach Stephen Bingley said. "I've never beaten Oneonta before, so the win meant a lot to me."

On his first impression of Jenelle, "When I first saw Jill and Jenelle practice I was just like 'Holy Cow.' They walked into my life and I was thrilled. The thing with Jenelle was that she had the intensity, the skills and the shot. When we would go on water break, she would say 'nah I'm good' and would just practice her shot while the team is on break."

On Jenelle's skills, "She's so fast, it's scary, she also has these sneaky kind of moves that allows her to get by defenders. Whether its practice or a championship game, she has the same level of intensity."

* On the future: "I'm probably going to move back to Utah at the end of the year," Jenelle said. "My mother got a



Jenelle Robison

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great job out there so me, my three sisters and two brothers are going back. I'm a little sad because I was getting used to living here. I'm going to miss my friends a lot. This was a great experience."

* Opposing coach's perspective: "She's what you look for in a striker," Chenango Forks coach Shane Cook said. "She has good speed, a solid shot and she's totally focused on scoring. Her parents were actually thinking about moving to the Chenango area. I would've loved to see her in our neck of the woods. She would've looked great in our blue uniforms."


* Favorite player: Wayne Rooney, Manchester United

* Immediate goal: To win Section 4 Class A Tournament, graduate high school and get a soccer scholarship from a Division I university.

* Long-term goal: To be a surgeon and to be as rich as possible.





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