

Southerly Korea's 'Garlic Girls' illustrate on allegations in reports conference

SEOUL, South Korea -- The "Garlic Girls, " South Korea's hugely popular Olympic silver medalist curlers, accused their coaches Thursday of ruining the workforce together with abusive treatment within a argument that offers spoiled one of typically the year's feel-good sports tales.

The particular women's allegations suggest a well-known tale of maltreatment, problem and nepotism that has regularly marred Down Korea's really hierarchical professional sports scene. Guys usually run Southern region Korean activities efforts, in addition to while the particular curling team's head instructor is a female, guys in her friends and family -- including her dad, a good former leading figure around Southern Korean curling -- perform a prominent aspect in the team's accusations associated with abuse.

"We can no longer work with a good teaching staff that is trying to separate the particular team, " Kim Seon-yeong said in a glum news discussion in Seoul. The people also charged often the coaching staff of passing up training sessions, holding back prize money and even trying to force some sort of married fellow member from the workforce.

"We need a instruction staff that can teach and lead us properly. You want to continue our styling jobs and aim for bigger goals in the Beijing Olympics, " Ellie said.

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The particular news meeting came a good day after South Korea's Sports Ministry and Country wide Olympic Committee announced a combined investigation into accusations that will evolved into public right after the runners sent a good letter outlining their claims to sports activities authorities very last week.

-member can certainly curling team started to be an overnight discomfort immediately after the improbable silver-medal function at February's Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The particular team associates enthralled a rustic that barely recognized styling just before they made their own run, and they became desired spokeswomen in tv ads. Their nickname is a new nod on the famous garlic herb produced in their home team in Uiseong, inside southeast South Korea, just where they met and started playing together as youngsters.

Found in their letter to often the Korean Sport and Olympic Panel last week, Betty Eun-jung, Kim Seon-yeong, Ellie Cho-hee, in addition to sisters Betty Yeong-ae and Kim Yeong-mi accused former Korean Curling Federation vp Kim Kyung-doo of oral abuse and even team instructors of offering unreasonable orders and revealing their existence to excessive control. Inside Thursday's announcement conference, this curlers mentioned coaches told them upon

what to say around interviews and closely watched their private lives right after training hours, scolding these people if they met with sportsmen from rival clubs. Characters and presents put by means of fans "were presently ripped open" ahead of they gotten to the curlers, Kim Seon-yeong said.

"We aren't realise why the head trainer had to copy open and check the gifts and letters sent to help individuals prior to they access the sportsperson, " the girl explained.

The curlers stated the particular coaches withheld prize dollars and tried for you to sideline the married chief Kim Eun-jung after finding out of the woman plans in order to start a new household. They will said the coaches likewise tried to force Betty Cho-hee off the workforce ahead of the Olympics to open a location for head coach Ellie Min-jung in order to participate while an sportsman; additionally they mentioned they had to endure a new tirade from Betty Kyung-doo after they made a decision to follow their teammate.

Kim Kyung-doo and his family had considerable control over the team together with his little girl, Kim Min-jung, being the top coach plus his son-in-law, Jang Ban-seok, the mixed increases mentor. The curlers structured this news conference after typically the coaching staff publicly declined the accusations.

"We got considered we could get together with that friends and family, but after going by this Olympics, it grew to become distinct to us these people were some sort of friends and family of which cared just themselves, inch Kim Eun-jung said inside the news meeting. "They don't want the particular runners to grow and have better.... They don't want often the athletes to become much larger than the corporation. "

Jang denied cash were help back from the sports athletes, saying the team had agreed prize money would become spent on overseas training together with contests, but Kim Eun-jung said the curlers were maintained in the darkish about how the cash was used.

"We were presently having (state) training cash since members of the national group, and we couldn't fully grasp why this prize cash wasn't getting distributed to us all, very well she said.