

Player Profile

Bev Wolfert
Position: Center Midfielder

Height: 5'6"
Year of eligibility: 5
by Todd Saelhof



In Bev Wolfert, the University of Alberta Panda field hockey squad have an aggressive team player, whose leadership capabilities have made Wolfert the perfect Panda captain for the past two years.

"I don't go out onto the field feeling I'm team captain. I'm out there to talk to the referee and relate with the coach," Wolfert said.

Panda coach Dru Marshall, however, feels her captain is modest about the role.

"As team captain, Bev demonstrates leadership on and off the field." Affectionately called "the Beav" by Marshall, the Panda coach also describes Wolfert as "a straight shooter" but "someone who loves to have fun." Evidence of Wolfert's enjoyment of field hockey is demonstrated through her aggressive play on the field.

Aggression is a big part of Wolfert's game, just ask former Panda Shona Schleppe. A heated exchange between the two Pandas in practice a couple of years back led to fisticuffs. Ironically, Wolfert and Schleppe are now roommates. Figure that one out!

Last weekend teammate Tara Croxford almost felt the wrath of Wolfert. During an intense game with UVic, Croxford cranked the ball into Wolfert's calf leaving a ring of pain. The ensuing Wolfert remarks have been deleted, but in the end a laugh was shared by all.

Wolfert's aggressive style has her concerned about her defensive power. "I like to be an attacking

player which means I'm always having to work more on my defense."

Ironically, Wolfert's initial reaction to field hockey at the junior high school level was anything less than favorable. "I thought it was the dumbest game in the world, but we had to play. Then in high school the field hockey team went to Vancouver. Just to go away, I joined the team."

That year was 1981-82 and now eight years later, the Bonnie Doon graduate is in her final season of eligibility for the Pandas. That is a fact that Marshall is not thrilled with. "She does the job and I'm going to miss her next year," Marshall said.

In her spare time "the Beav" enjoys cycling and music, particu-

larly jazz. With field hockey taking up most of the year, however, spare time is often hard to come by.

Since 1984, Wolfert has spent entire summers either coaching the under sixteen Alberta hockey squad or honing her skills for the upcoming season. This summer Wolfert accompanied a senior team overseas to Europe as manager. Unfortunately, the trip cost her practice time on the field this summer and Wolfert feels her game has suffered this year because of it.

If Wolfert can increase the intensity this final weekend in Victoria, the middle of the field will most assuredly be hers, as it usually is. If the troops behind Wolfert can follow her lead, intense hockey will be had by all.

Defence wants to come up big

by Jay O'Neill

In their first meeting, the U.B.C. T-Birds rolled up 435 yards of total offence against the Bear defence. On Saturday, the Bear defence will be more prepared as they want to prove to the T-Birds why they are considered the best defence in the country.

Bear defensive coach Dave Morris said the problem in the Bears-T-Birds first game was the T-Birds used a quarterback that liked to roll out. This opened up their passing and running games. T-Bird running back Jim Stewart had 180 yards on 28 carries.

"Stewart, I consider the best running back that I've seen in Canada

this year. So we got to stop him" Morris said. He also commented on how the Bears have come on against the run. "We kept Manitoba to 34 yards on the ground."

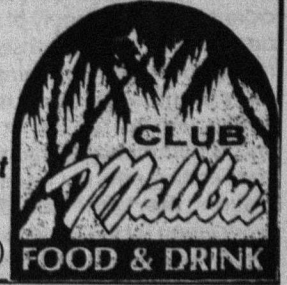
Bear linebacker Mark Singer said the Bears have a different defensive strategy then they did when they played at U.B.C. Singer said the Bears will try to force the T-Birds into passing situations so they can use their blitzes.

The T-Birds have lost two of their starting offensive linemen and Singer said the Bears will use that to their advantage. They will use inside blitzes to put pressure on the quarterbacks through these holes in the offensive line.

The Bears have worked on a defensive package that will force the T-Birds to play into the strengths of the defence, which consist of all 12 players.

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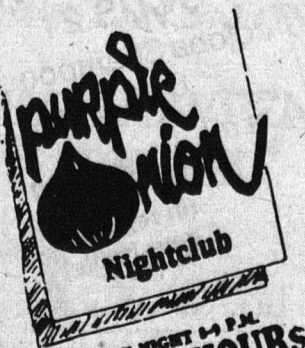
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