

Ntl. players to help Dal

by Lisa Timpf

The Dalhousie women's basketball team won't have any national team players out on the court this year.

Anna Pendergast, a two-year national team member who had a distinguished career playing for Dal, is stepping behind the bench this year to assume the role of assistant coach.

And another national team member, Heidi Bauer, is sitting out the season but working out with the team in hopes of playing for Dal next year.

Bauer, who played her high school basketball in Winnipeg, Manitoba has, for the past three years, been attending San Diego State and playing varsity basketball there.

However, with the Olympics coming up in 1984, Bauer, a three-year national team player, felt that move to a Canadian uni-

versity would better enable her to fulfil her commitments to the national team.

"The national team will be practising in December, and in April and May," Bauer explained. "The American school year would have had me committed until the end of May, while the Canadian university year is over in April."

So Bauer decided to join national team-mate Anna Pendergast at Dalhousie University, sit out the year (as required by CIAU eligibility rules), and play out her remaining two years of eligibility with Dalhousie following this season. This arrangement will also enable her to attend national team events and training camps.

As members of the national team, both Bauer and Pendergast have been able to gain valuable experience—both on and off the

court. Last summer, they were among the national team members taking part in the FISU (World University) Games.

The FISU Games were "great", according to Bauer. "Since Canada was the host country, we were treated really well," she noted. "It was a very good atmosphere."

However, the women's basketball team was shadowed by the controversy surrounding the firing and subsequent re-hiring of head coach Don McCrae.

Asked about her feelings regarding this situation, Pendergast observed, "It seemed like bad timing, coming two weeks before a major tournament, and especially in our home country. I don't know the full story—it was out of our hands, really. All I wanted to do was play the game."

Possibly as a result of the con-

fusion, Canada finished sixth in women's basketball, although they were "rated to finish higher," according to Pendergast.

The team then went on to the World Championships—"hoping to finish in the top eight," said Pendergast—and finished ninth. Another near miss came in the Pan-Am Games, where the team, hoping to gain a medal, finished fourth.

The focus at present, however, is not on the team's 1983 record, but on the upcoming Olympic Games. Or, more specifically, the pre-Olympic tournament in Cuba in May, at which Canada can qualify for the Olympics.

"We've got a good chance," said Pendergast. "The USSR, as the previous Olympic champions, and the USA, as the host country,

are automatically in."

This leaves Canada battling with the likes of China, Cuba, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria for the remaining positions.

The teams are all close in ability, according to Bauer. "On any given day, any one of those teams could win," she noted. "We've had a lot of close games."

Nonetheless, both Bauer and Pendergast are hopeful. "If we play well, we could be there," said Pendergast.

Closer to home, though, there's a season of intercollegiate ball to be played, and another next year. And the national experience brought by both Pendergast and Bauer can be nothing but good news for Dalhousie basketball fans.

Pendergast ass't. coach

by Lisa Timpf

As a member of Dalhousie's women's basketball team during the past five years, Anna Pendergast has earned all-star recognition at both the CIAU and AUAA levels.

Last year, she was a co-winner of Dalhousie's female athlete-of-the-year award.

But this year, Pendergast will be spending the season on the Dalhousie bench.

Having exhausted the five years of eligibility granted by CIAU rules, Pendergast will try out a new role this season—that of assistant coach to Carolyn Savoy.

Savoy is convinced that Pendergast will be an asset to the team in her new position. A member of the national team for two years, Pendergast has "excellent technical knowledge, and textbook skills," according to Savoy, who commented that her technical demonstrations are, for this reason, very valuable.

Savoy feels that Pendergast

"has the potential to be an outstanding coach. I think she has what it takes."

One of Pendergast's first duties as assistant coach was to help run tryouts. "She looked right at home out there. I was proud of her," said Savoy.

How does Pendergast feel about making the player-to-coach transition? "It will be hard to sit on the sidelines—at heart, I'm still a player," Pendergast

said. "But I have some coaching experience, although this is my first time coaching at this level."

"I've played with about half of the players on the team," she added. "That will help. The players have responded very positively."

Could coaching become a career? "I'm not very sure yet," said Pendergast. "But it's a possibility."


Athletes of the week

MARY McGLONE - Women's Field Hockey - Mary McGlone, a fourth year Health Ed. Student, is Dalhousie's first woman Athlete of the Week for 1983. McGlone led the Tigers Field Hockey Team to three straight victories in the opening week of AUAA action. McGlone, playing forward, scored five goals in three consecutive 3-0 victories, one each against Acadia and Mount Allison, and one against UPEI. This is McGlone's fourth year with the Tigers.

MANOJ VOHRA - Men's Soccer - Manoj Vohra is the men's first Athlete of the Week for 1983. The third year B.Sc. student scored both goals in the Tigers' AUAA opening game, come-

from-behind victory over Memorial. Vohra also scored the winning goal against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the semi-finals of the McGill Invitational. The Tigers' leading scorer last year, Vohra is in his fourth year with the Tigers.



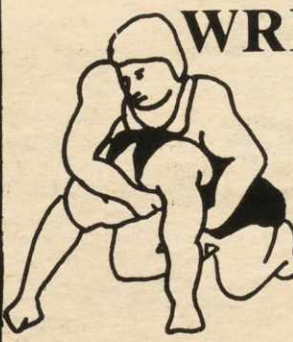


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