

U of A's Female Athlete of the Month

by Dean Bennett

Maria Cuncannon is the U of A's Sport Chek Female Athlete of the Month for September.

Currently in her third year of field hockey, Maria led the Pandas with six goals as the team finished fourth in the five-team league. She was quite surprised at her receiving the award. "I didn't even know it existed," she said.

The diminutive Maria, native of Dawson Creek B.C., is a fourth year physical education student. She occasionally finds it difficult to handle both school and sports.

"It's tough to balance both," she said. "I try to arrange my schedule, though, so I have as little work as possible to do during the field hockey season."

In addition to field hockey, Maria is an avid soccer player. She has played for the last ten seasons but finds her interest for the game waning as she develops her skills for field hockey.

"I find myself getting stale in soccer; I may not even play next year. With field hockey, I'm learning new things. I'm being challenged again."

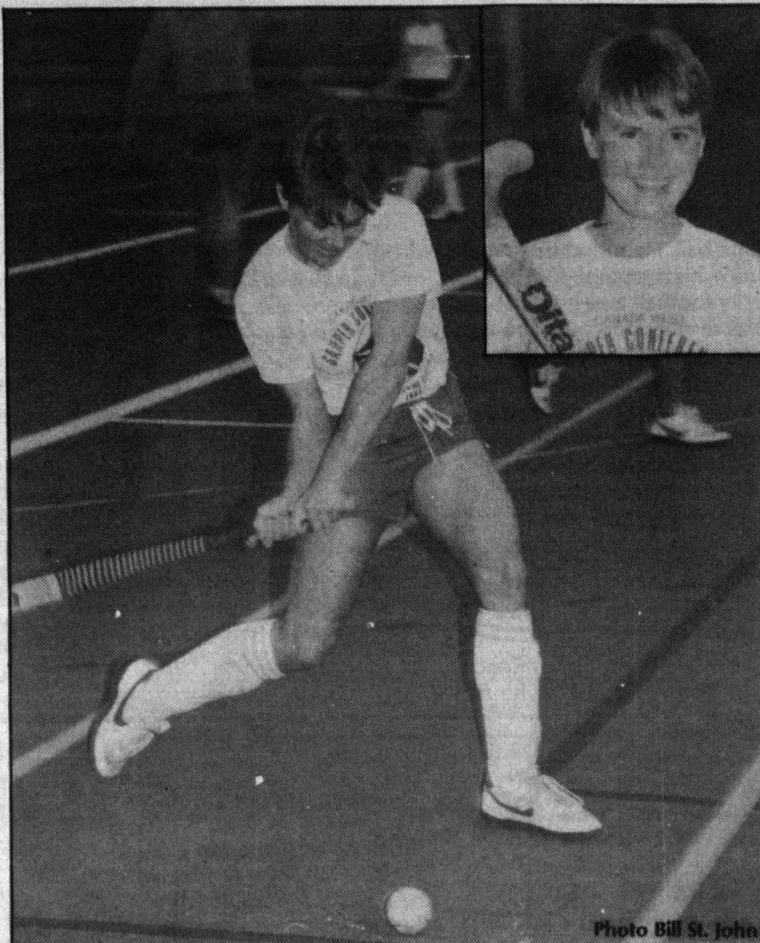
Cuncannon feels the U of A Field Hockey Program has a lot of potential.

"One problem that hampers the program, is that the sport is not that popular locally. The feeder programs from the high schools are small. I think only four high schools even have organized field hockey," she said.

Despite the fact that this is her fourth year, Maria has not made any career plans.

"I'm not worrying about that right now. It doesn't really matter to me. At present I'm just here to learn and have fun."

As Athlete of the Month, Maria receives a commemorative plaque from Sport Chek and a cheque for \$50.00 will be donated in her name to the charity of her choice.



Maria Cuncannon led Panda field hockey team with 6 goals this season. She isn't sure what she wants to do after graduating - there isn't much demand for professional students

Panda soccer

The Panda soccer team is travelling to Vancouver this weekend to compete in the Canada West Championship. The tournament will be a gruelling one as the Pandas must play three of their four games within a 24-hour period.

Despite an inordinate amount of injuries, including four players out with knee damage, Coach Peter Crocker remains optimistic. "We have a very strong back four and a useful midfield. If our strikers can come up with strong performances, we will be more than on our way."

The Pandas have currently compiled a 4-1-0 exhibition record.

Bears No. 2

CIAU FOOTBALL RANKINGS

Previous rankings in parentheses:

1. McMaster (2)
2. Alberta (3)
3. Calgary (1)
4. Bishop's (5)
5. York (6)
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Intramurals

by Dave Boyd

The recently completed Intramural Men's Tennis Tournament could very well be deemed the most successful one ever. Over 160 entrants competed in the single knockout competition. The games, played before thousands of empty Butterdome seats, did produce three worthy champions.

In the 'A' event, Dale Cunningham dispatched five opponents before running into a red hot Darryl Mekechok in the final. Combining shot-making prowess with sportsmanship, Cunningham ultimately prevailed in the fiercely contested match to take the title.

Keith Yap won the 'B' event, advancing through five gruelling matches before overcoming Rick Sereda in the final.

Lavon Ingstrup ousted Samuel Ngan to take the beginner's title ('C' Event). Ingstrup mixed his shots well and displayed ability better suited to the advanced section.

The Men's Tour de Campus bike race was a success despite inclement weather. The Engineers demonstrated their physical and mechanical prowess, taking three of the top four spots. The overall winner was Peter Toth, with David Tupper a close second. Mike Ramsey, from Arts, claimed third spot, one second ahead of Angus McDonald and Pat Fettios

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