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GFC FALL SPORT ATHLETES HONORED

Eleven George Fox College athletes have been honored for their participation in Bruin fall sports.

Five men were singled out for their efforts in cross country and soccer and six women for honors in volleyball and field hockey.

Dave Molstad, who helped the Bruins to the NAIA District 2 cross country championship and a national 22nd place finish, was named team captain for the harriers. He is a senior, from Baker, Mont.

Tim Rochholz, a junior from Wichita, Kansas, was tabbed Most Inspirational, and Clair Thomas, a Quincy, Wash., senior, was voted Most Improved.

In soccer, Rod Williams, junior, Milwaukie, was selected Most Valuable and Butch Hart, a Salem, junior, was given the Most Inspirational Award.

The Most Valuable in field hockey was Jeanette Myers, a senior from Roseburg. Kelley Davidson, sophomore, Lincoln City, was named Most Improved.

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Volleyball honors include Most Valuable to Joni Snyder, a junior from Dundee; Most Inspirational to Jean Frost, a freshman from Arlington; and Most Improved to Tari Bates, a freshman from Portland.

Awards were conferred by a vote of team members and presented by the respective coaches of each sport at an awards dessert in Newberg.

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October 5, 1977

GEORGE FOX HOCKEY WOMEN READY FOR SEASON STAND

Some have predicted that George Fox will have one of the strongest field hockey teams in the Women's Conference of Independent Colleges.

But Bruin coach Dee Bright is not so sure. Despite a sharp 11-4-1 season a year ago the Bruins return this year minus their three top scorers, including Most Valuable Pam Sturzinger, Salem.

Bright calls it a "building year" and must rebuild around just six returners on her 13-member roster. No one has more than one year of experience.

The hockey Bruins test their strength for the first time Wednesday (Oct. 12) in a 3:30 p.m. home contest with visiting Linfield.

"Our goal is to win, of course," Bright says, "But I especially want to keep our enthusiasm high--we have a lot of skill that needs to be developed and I want them to keep at it and be back next year."

"We've got a lot of team spirit; the players get along really well," Bright says, "but we really don't have enough of them."

Bright is counting on returning sophomore Diane DeWitt, Eugene, last season's Most Improved player. She should do a real good job, her ball handling has especially improved."

Also counted on are senior Jeanette Myers, Cottage Grove, back for her second year, and Kelley Davidson, Lincoln City sophomore, also back for a

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second season. Myers is called "aggressive" and Davidson "a hustler and much improved on offense."

A highlight of the season will come at the end, Bright says, with the Bruins participating in the Northwest College Women's Sports Association tournament in Vancouver, B.C.



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GFC WOMEN HOCKEY SQUAD DROPS OPENERS

"Tenacity," "fine attitude," "100 percent effort" -- all descriptive phrases George Fox Field Hockey coach Dee Bright uses to talk about her squad in its dual loss to the Pacific Lutheran JV and varsity teams in Tacoma Saturday (Oct.15).

Scheduled to be a double-header with the Lutes and College of Idaho, the day turned into a double-play Pacific Lutheran.

The Bruins first tackled the JV's, dropping a 6-0 decision. They then raised their sticks, regrouped their forces, and tackled the varsity squad losing by a 5-0 margin.

Coach Bright praised the efforts of the squad and indicated that the largely-frosh squad will improve with experience.

Earlier GFC hosted Linfield in its first match of the year.

With four minutes left in the game and the score tied at 1-1, it looked like the game was headed towards a tie. Linfield had other plans, though, and the George Fox Bruins couldn't prevent the Wildcats from scoring in the last 2½ minutes of the game to win 2-1.

The first half was almost total defense for the Bruins as they consistently failed to put together a serious offensive threat. Linfield scored with about ten minutes remaining in the period.

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Second half action reversed the first, as the Bruins took control and launched a big offensive drive, forcing two Linfield goalie saves.

Right Inside Junior Dianne DeWitt made the first George Fox score half way through the half, but the Bruins could not hold on to the tie, seeing Linfield score the winning goal within minutes of the end.

The Bruins were scheduled to meet OCE in Monmouth Tuesday, SOSOC here Friday and Willamette in Newberg on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



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BRUIN HOCKEY WOMEN LOOSE PAIR

Two words might characterize the George Fox College women's field hockey team--tenacity and improvement.

"Each game we move up a step," says coach Dee Bright, "We make fewer mistakes and improve all around."

Friday (Oct. 21) the Bruins hosted Southern Oregon State College dropping a 4-0 decision. "We accomplished some game goals, in really getting an offensive going during the game," Bright says.

Saturday, Bright's squad travelled to Salem to tackle experienced Willamette on its own turf. The results were surprising, as youthful Bruin stickwielders held the Salem squad to a lone goal, dropping the match 1-0.

Bright praised the entire defensive squad for what she termed a "fantastic job," but singled out goalie Rae Hansen, a sophomore from Camas, Wash., for special credit.

Willamette was to have faced the Bruins Tuesday (Oct. 25) in the last scheduled home game of the season. Wednesday, the University of Oregon JV squad was on the itinerary in Eugene, and Monday (Oct. 31) George Fox travels to Linfield in McMinnville. That game starts at 3 p.m.



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GFC HOCKEY WOMEN WIN FIRST GAME

"We played exceptionally well; our offense got things together and moved the ball, and the defense also did well."

George Fox College field hockey Coach Dee Bright gave that assessment following her team's triple-game performance last weekend at the Northwest College Women's Sports Association Invitational Selectors Tournament in Salem.

The Bruins Friday (Nov. 4) blanked Oregon College of Education's JV team 3-0 for their first win of the season.

Eastern Oregon then slipped by the Bruins 1-0 in a game that Bright labeled "pretty even--just about the same amount of time on each end of the field."

Saturday was a "disaster," however, for the Newberg team. Tired from playing three games in two days, and having to play with 10 instead of 11 players at one point because of injuries, the Bruins dropped a 5-0 decision to the OCE varsity squad. Bright gave the OCE women credit for the win, saying "they played their hearts out." The same team earlier downed the University of Oregon JV team 8-0.

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A bright spot for the Bruin season was the selection of team center/forward Julie Frost, a junior from Arlington, Ore., to the Honorable Mention All-Star team. Selected by field hockey experts in observation at the tournament, Miss Frost was injured in the third game of the series and forced to sit out the remainder of that contest.

The Selectors Tournament ends the regular season for George Fox. After a two-week layoff, the Bruins will travel with Southern Oregon's team to Vancouver, B.C., to Simon Fraser.



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Oct. 31, 1977

HOCKEY WOMEN SET FOR SELECTORS TOURNAMENT

Friday and Saturday (Nov. 4-5) are the big days of the season for the George Fox College women's field hockey team. The Bruins will travel to Salem to compete in the 1977 Selectors Tournament.

The Selectors Tournament is played to determine the Willamette Conference of Independent Colleges All-Star squad. This team will then play in a special game in Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

Last week George Fox dropped 4-0 and 2-0 decisions to Willamette and the University of Oregon JVs. Monday they were to have played Linfield in McMinnville in the last WCIC match of the season.

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Nov. 22, 1977

WOMEN END HOCKEY SEASON IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

Vancouver, British Columbia, is a nice place to visit.

It is not a nice place to play field hockey, at least according to George Fox Coach Dee Bright after her team bussed the distance for a four-game tournament last weekend.

"It was cold, and the ground was a sheet of ice," said Bright, "but we had an enjoyable time of it anyway."

The Bruins tied scoreless contests with the Washington State University JV's and the College of Idaho, but dropped games to the University of Oregon JV's and Eastern Oregon State College, 0-3 and 0-7, respectively.

The games were the last games of a season, marked with personal achievements and team togetherness, a spirit that Bright has tabbed PMA -- "Positive Mental Attitude."

She says the lopsided 1-14-2 season tally does not portray an accurate picture of the progress the team has made this year. A returning core of young talent should strengthen the squad next year, she says.

Earlier two Bruins were named to the WCIC Conference All-Star team, and two to the honorable mention list.

Senior Jeanette Myers, right wing from Roseburg, was cited by Bright for her "terrific improvement in ball-handling." Julie Frost, a center back junior from Arlington, Ore., was named to the Selector's Tournament All-Star team two weeks ago in addition to the WCIC team.

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Right invert Dianne DeWitt, a Eugene junior, joined Camas, Wash., sophomore Rae Hansen, a goalie, in making the All-Star honorable mention list.

Senior Cheryl Horgan, a sweeper from Spokane, was singled out by Brught as also deserving of special honors.