

The Softball Years

Rosemary started playing organized softball for Ken Sturrock's Bantam Team in 1968 at the age of 14. She made the decision to be a pitcher after she played one season at first base. The reasons were simple. (1) she wanted to be more involved in the game and in the game's outcome. (2) she also wanted to ensure a long future involvement in the game, so she decided logically that the best way of doing that was to choose a position that would be in continual demand.

Each decision to come was made with those two concerns in mind. The establishment of a logical progression for her career was already set in motion.

At the age of 16, after only one year of pitching, Rose was playing for Walter Yeaman's Victoria Vicettes. She was very shy and introverted, but when she was on the mound, she was in her element, and felt secure and confident when she was holding the controls.

Rose set specific attainable goals for herself for each practice and game. There was often more fulfillment for her in a good practice workout than there was in winning a game. (Especially if the game provided her with no particular challenge or she was not happy with her performance)

Rose had been playing Senior B Ball for 3 years, when in 1973, their team decided to go Junior to take advantage of the fact that they were all still Junior age, and could take part in the Canada Summer Game Trials. But it did mean Rose lost her catcher.

This was a major problem because by now Rose had become pretty hard to catch. She was faster and stronger, and had developed several pitches and variations. The catcher could only cope if she knew what pitch was coming.

Rose decided she would have to search out a catcher that could (1) handle her pitches - (2) learn to study batters and game situations in order to call the game, and finally, to be willing to always be ready to catch her whenever Rose was pitching. She finally found her in Joanne Mick, an excellent catcher, a strong and good athlete, and very smart behind the plate. Rose's choice proved over the years to be an invaluable decision.

The two of them developed a remarkable hand signal code, allowing them to communicate after every pitch, and so subtly done that some team members were unaware of it even after playing years on the team.

When the Canada Summer Games Trials were played in Vancouver, Rose and Joey were the battery for all 4 games. The Victoria Vicettes dominated the series while winning the right to represent B.C. in the Canada Summer Games.

This exposure led to Rose and Joey becoming a part of the Vancouver Green and Louie team (later to be known as the Doc's Blues). Green and Louie were playing Senior A softball which was the top level of ball. This was the logical progression Rose had anticipated many years before.

In August of 1974, the Vancouver Blues were representing Canada in the World Championships in Stratford Connecticut. Rose and her catcher, Joey, received a phone call from the Blues' coach, Adrian Lavigne, who asked them if they would join the Blues for the Canadian Championships to be held within the week in Edmonton.

Rose and Joey had worked together for two seasons, and they were ready! The group of individuals that gathered together the first day in Edmonton to practice, was a group with a determination that wouldn't quit. Rose and Joey felt they were unconditionally accepted and appreciated for their contribution on the field and enthusiasm and love for the game. The Doc's Blues won the Canadian in Edmonton that weekend.

This was a new start and as it turned out, it was more of a 'start' than any of them anticipated. The core of this group would ride the crest of International Competition for the next decade.

Now as a bona fide member of the Canadian Championship team, Rose was faced with a schedule of 100 to 120 games per year from (1974 to 1983). This meant she was training all year long.

Joey moved to Vancouver as soon as they joined the team as she was not yet employed here and could be more flexible. Softball was not a paying job, therefore it was necessary for Rose to maintain her teaching and pitching careers simultaneously. Rose living and working in Victoria presented a unique relationship for her to the team. She trained by herself throughout the winter, attending some weekend winter practices in Vancouver with the team, as the dates of the winter tours neared.

As a team member, Rose shared the team's long and short term goals. In addition to these, she and Joey had a game plan of their own, that incorporated attainment of immediate goals with those of the team.

They developed an analytical approach for each pitch what was thrown. They had a two-way communication of hand signals that depicted such things as:

direction of movement

amount of movement

time of movement

rotation of the seams

where it broke

correct speed

specific correction

batter's reaction

Their reasoning behind such a detailed approach was that it allowed them to focus on their own skills. The challenge was to be able to recognize and utilize their

physical and mental skills in a non-confrontational manner.

Therefore, there was no situation that they need be inhibited by, because with analysis/correction/execution, they could always come up with a positive approach to each new set of circumstances. This philosophy built confidence.

Throughout the years to come, the Blues had many opportunities for competition against world calibre teams. These competitions led them to many countries such as Japan, Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti, Hong Kong and El Salvador. In addition, they played all over Canada and the U.S.A.

Between 1974 and 1983, the Doc's Blues were the most travelled team in Canadian history. They were in demand because they were good. They could depended upon to be there, to be competitive against the World's best and they were good Ambassadors of Canada.

Rose and Joey's analytical philosophy approach to the game, as a battery, complimented the team's disciplined philosophy. As a result, the team was successful in enduring the gruelling demands of International competition over a substantial period of time.

In 1977 they travelled to the Phillipines for 8 games (2 were rained out), then on to Japan for 4 games. They finished the tour in Hawaii where they played 2 games and enjoyed some beach time.

The Japanese portion of the tour was a remarkable experience. It was called "The Friendship Games." The media hype was intense, they played a double header and the media covered the games with full T.V. coverage in Korekeun Stadium before 10,000 people.

They played a double-header - the first against the College All Star team which the Doc's Blues won 3 - 0 - followed by the feature game against the #1 world ranked Japan National team, which Rose pitched. The game went 9 innings and ended in a 1-1 tie.

Rose hit a triple and scored the only Doc's Blues run.

She had eleven strikeouts, gave up 2 hits and,

Won the "Most Valuable Player award. (Canada side)

The whole idea of the "friendship" games was a 'learning from eachother' opportunity. Since it only involved Canada and Japan, there was a great deal of contact and exchange occurring despite the barrier of communication.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EL SALVADOR

The Doc's Blues, B.C. and Canadian Champions, represented Canada in the 1978 World Championships in El Salvador, Central America.

Prior to going to El Salvador, the team toured extensively throughout the United States in preparation for the World Championships. They played top teams in Utah, Arizona, California and Florida.

The Doc's Blues won the World Silver Medal in El Salvador!

Six Months after the World Championships, Rose and a teammate were hit by a drunk driver, on April 1st, 1979 - it was a head-on crash. Rose's friend was in a body cast for 3 months and underwent 6 operations. Rose was more fortunate, having no broken bones, her chest was crushed and resulted in severe soft tissue damage and lower back whiplash. She was off work for 7 weeks and missed a full season of games.

Responding to pressure at the end of August, Rose returned in time to take part in the B.C. Games and the Canadian Championships. She had a successful week of pitching, but according to the extreme pain she was experiencing, it was apparent that she had returned to the game too soon. This was a substantial setback in her recovery.

Three months later, more pressure was administered in anticipation of another tour of Japan. This time it was for the Mini Worlds (a competition of the top 6 countries in the world). Rose found herself at about 80% of her performance level, and the problems of the 1979 car crash kept coming back. The following year, Rose took a year off (1981) to give healing time a chance to recover.

The following June, 1982, Rose joined the Blues to take part in the Pacific Rim Invitational Tournament in New Zealand.

In 1983, Rose played her last International Tour -- the Mini Worlds in Hong Kong.

OVERVIEW OF CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1974	Edmonton, Alberta	Champions
1975	Calgary, Alberta	2nd place
1976	St. Hyacinth, Quebec	Champions
1977	Vancouver, B.C.	Champions
1978	Regina, Saskatchewan	3rd place
1979	Milverton, Ontario	Champions
1980	Hull, Quebec	Champions
1981	year out of softball	
1982	St. John's, Newfoundland	Champions
1983	St. Hyacinth, Quebec	2nd place

OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL TOURS

1976	Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia
1977	Philippines, Japan (Friendship Games)
1978	Florida, California (preparation tours), El Salvador, C.A. (World Softball Championships)
1979	Japan (Mini-Worlds)
1982	New Zealand (Pacific Rim Tournament)
1983	Hong Kong (Mini-Worlds)

YEAR PRIOR TO 1974
(68-73)

PERSONAL win/loss

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Victoria League
Bantam, Juvenile, Junior, Senior 'B'

b) tournaments

1972 Vanc. Festival of Sports

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

1970 Sr. 'B' Championships - Kamloops

b) Canadian

1972 Sr. 'B' Championships - Kamloops

1973 Canada Summer Games

3) International

none

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

(juvenile season 1970 only)
STRIKE OUTS 161

1968 - Bantam - first base

INNINGS 95 2/3

1969 - Juvenile - orthodox pitching

NO HITTERS no record

1970 - Juvenile - windmill pitching

SHUTOUTS no record

1970 - Sr. 'B' B.C. playoffs (pick-up)

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1971 - Sr. 'B'- pitching (Victoria Vicettes)

1972 - Sr. 'B'- pitching (Empress Paint) diff. sponsor

1973 - Jr. 'A'- pitching (Empress Paint)

a) leagues

1971 - Sr. 'B' Victoria Vicettes participated in Sr. 'A' Intercity league (Vancouver)

1972 - Sr. 'B' Empress paint Vicettes - Victoria local Sr. 'B' League

- exhibition games with Vancouver Sr. 'B' teams

1973 - Jr. Victoria Vicettes - Victoria Sr. 'B' league

b) tournaments

1972 - Vancouver Festival of Sports

- Walter Yeamans' Empress Paint Vicettes placed third against Sr. 'B' Vancouver teams. Rosemary went 3 wins and 0 losses in the tournament and won the Most Valuable Player Award -- 33 strike outs in 29 innings, and batted .545.

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

1970 - Sr. 'B' Champions (picked up from Vicettes)

At age 16, Rose was picked up by Walter Yeamans coach of Victoria Vicettes, for the Sr. 'B' Provincial Championships in Kamloops. Her first game on Saturday night was a 2-0 loss to Kamloops' 'A' team -- 5 hits, 3 strike outs.

On Sunday she came back with 4 victories in 23 innings of pitching.

ROSE WON THE TOP PITCHING AWARD

1972 - Sr. 'B' Champions Kamloops

b) Canadian

1973 - Canada Summer Games -- Burnaby B.C.

B.C. were silver medal finalist

ROSE HAD A 4 WINS 0 LOSSES AT THE END OF ROUND ROBIN PLAY

ROSE HAD 2 WINS AND 1 LOSS AT THE END OF THE PLAYOFFS

YEAR 1974

as Vicettes

as Green and Louie

PERSONAL win/loss 19 wins 6 losses

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Victoria Sr.'A' Vicettes -- Victoria
Sr.'B' league

b) tournaments

Coast Inter-city Major Womens League
Northwest Invitational -- Vancouver
(Vicettes)

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

Sr.'A' B.C.championship (Vicettes)

b) Canadian

Sr.'A' Canadian championship
(Green and Louie)

3) International

Exhibition series against New Zealand
National Women's team (Vicettes)

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS 255

INNINGS 176

a) leagues

NO HITTERS 1

Victoria Sr. 'B' league rules -- did not
permit Vicettes 'A' to take part in
City Playoffs

SHUTOUTS no record

b) tournaments

Northwest Invitational tournament in Vancouver

Knocked out of tournament in 3 games. First game - Rose pitched against Yakima winning 4-0, 6 hitter. Second game played against Green and Louie we lost 7-0 pitched by team's other pitcher. Third game Rose pitched against Vancouver Totem Mercury. It was a no hitter through 4 innings when her pitching hand was injured by a line-drive. She was taken out and the game was lost 6-2.

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

Sr.'A' B.C. Championships - Rose's performance in this tournament prompted the coach of Green and Louie (champions of the tournament) to pick her up for the Canadian Championships in Edmonton. Her B.C. games comprised of a 2-0 loss to Green and Louie allowing only 3 hits. A second game was a 4-0 shutout allowing 2 hits against Vancouver Totem Mercury. All other records are incomplete

b) Canadian

Sr. 'A' Canadian Championship -- Edmonton

In her first game she pitched a no hitter, 11 strike outs, faced 22 batters, beating New Brunswick 16-0. Later in the day (the team's third game of the day), Rose came into the game in the 5th inning in relief. -Bases loaded - none out - got out of the inning without allowing a run. B.C. won 8-3 over Alberta.

Her next game was against Saskatchewan. She pitched the full game. B.C. won 3-1, she gave up 2 hits and had 11 strike outs.

In the following game Rose relieved the starting pitcher in the sixth inning for a save. B.C. won 6-3. A couple of hours later, she pitched the final game against Ontario - a 3 hitter, 2-0 victory for the Canadian Championship.

She also drove in the winning run in the final game.

PERSONAL STATS - 3 WINS 2 SAVES 0 LOSSES

**4) Additional
Information**

B.C. Team of the Year for all sports, male or female - Green and Louie - for winning the Canadian Championship three years in a row.

ROSE WAS NOMINATED GREATER VICTORIA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (for the first time)

YEAR 1975

as Green and Louie

PERSONAL win/loss 34 wins 11 losses

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver league champions

b) tournaments

Northwest league champions
Edmonton tourney, Portland tournament

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian finalists - 2nd place (Calgary)

3) International

none

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS 290

INNINGS 297

a) leagues

NO HITTERS 2

SHUTOUTS no record

VANCOUVER LEAGUE - TOP PITCHER

NORTHWEST LEAGUE - ALLSTAR PITCHER

b) tournaments

EDMONTON TOURNAMENT - TOP PITCHER - 3 wins in 28 innings

PORTLAND TOURNAMENT - TOP PITCHER

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Played in Calgary - ROSE WAS NAMED WEDNESDAY'S 'PLAYER OF THE DAY' FOR PITCHING TWO WINS THAT DAY - a 2-hitter with 12 strike outs and a 3 hitter

CANADIANS con't

CANADIAN ALLSTAR PITCHER

NEW RECORD FOR STRIKE OUTS IN A CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP - 49 K's in 39 innings

4) Additional Information

WON GREATER VICTORIA FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (second time nominated)

RECIEVED OFFER TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL SOFTBALL FOR CALIFORNIA ORANGE COUNTY

LIONETTES (second round draft choice)

She chose not to accept this offer because, as she told Shirley Topley, the Lionettes' manager, she had two goals to attain before considering professional ball: 1) to complete University in order to become a school teacher, and 2) to play in the World Championships in 1978 - she achieved both those goals.

YEAR 1976

as Doc's Blues

PERSONAL win/loss 45 wins, 9 losses

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver League champions - first
time undefeated in full season (record)

b) tournaments

Northwest league champions

New Westminster tournament

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Champions

3) International

Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia - 5 week tour

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS 369

a) leagues

INNINGS 324

VANCOUVER LEAGUE - TOP PITCHER

NO HITTERS 4

NORTHWEST LEAGUE - TOP PITCHER

SHUTOUTS 28

b) tournaments

New Westminster (Pacific Northwest) tournament - ALLSTAR PITCHER

- 3 wins 0 losses (all shutouts)

- 26 innings, 29 strikeouts, 6 hits

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP TOP PITCHER

b) Canadian

Team was named most disciplined and sportsmanlike team in Canadian Championship

3) International

1976

Tahiti - 1 week training camp

New Zealand - 2 weeks competing (team record - won 17, lost 4)

Australia - Mini Worlds Competition

4) Additional Information

Recieved second offer to play professional softball from the California Orange County Lionettes

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YEAR 1977

as Doc's Blues

PERSONAL win/loss 36 wins 6 losses 1 tie

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver League Champions

b) tournaments

Northwest Invitational tourney
Yakima Invitational

2) Playoffs

Everett Invitational

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Champions

3) International

Philippines, Japan, Hawaii

-played New Zealand touring team

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS 256

a) leagues

INNINGS 293

NO HITTERS 4

Vancouver League - TOP PITCHER

SHUTOUTS 23

b) tournaments

Team's triple win - champions of Northwest, Yakima and Everett tournaments

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. championship - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

b) Canadian

TOP PITCHER

ALLSTAR PITCHER

3) International

Philippines - team record was 4 wins and 2 losses

Japan - team record was 2 wins and 2 ties

- TOKYO AGAINST NATIONAL TEAM - (MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - CANADA SIDE)

- TOYOTA CITY - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

3) International

This was the year the Doc's Blues international tour included a trip to Tahiti, the Philippines and Japan.

After a week's conditioning in Tahiti, they played several games in the Philippine tournament where their record was 4 wins and 2 losses.

Then they went on to Japan where they were to play some of the top teams in the country, including a heavily promoted feature game against the current number one ranked world champion Japanese Allstar team. This game was played in Korakuen baseball stadium in Tokyo before 10,000 fans. There was full media coverage, the like of which was never done before for women's softball in Japan.

Rosemary was asked to come out onto the field before the game to put on a pitching demonstration, showing all her pitches for the photographers, reporters and the T.V. cameras.

The pre-game ceremonies, the pitching demonstration and the nine inning game were taped and shown in its entirety the following Sunday in a 90 minute sports special on national T.V.

The game was called after nine innings, tied at 1-1 in the spirit of 'The Friendship Games' motto and also to accomodate the T.V. program. Rose pitched a 2 hitter, struck out 11 batters, hit a triple to score the Blues only run.

4) Additional Information

Japan tour - team was undefeated in Japan (unprecedented record for Canada)

ROSE WAS NOW BEING REFERRED TO BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE PITCHERS IN THE WORLD

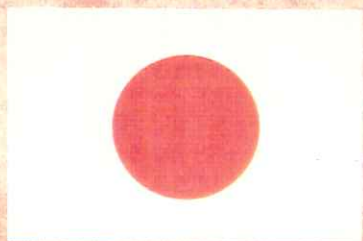
ROSE'S PITCHING STATS ON PHILIPPINE - JAPAN TOUR

Philippines

vs. Rizal	win 2-1	3 Ks	7 inn	2 hits
vs. Caloocan	win 6-5	4 Ks	6 2/3	4 hits
vs. Manila	win 7-4	3 Ks	5 2/3	2 hits
vs. Rizal	loss 2-5	5 Ks	7 inn	12 hits

Japan

vs. Nationals	tie 1-1	11 Ks	9 inn	2 hits
vs. Aichi	tie 1-1	5 Ks	5 inn	3 hits
vs. Toyota	win 2-0	6 Ks	7 inn	2 hits



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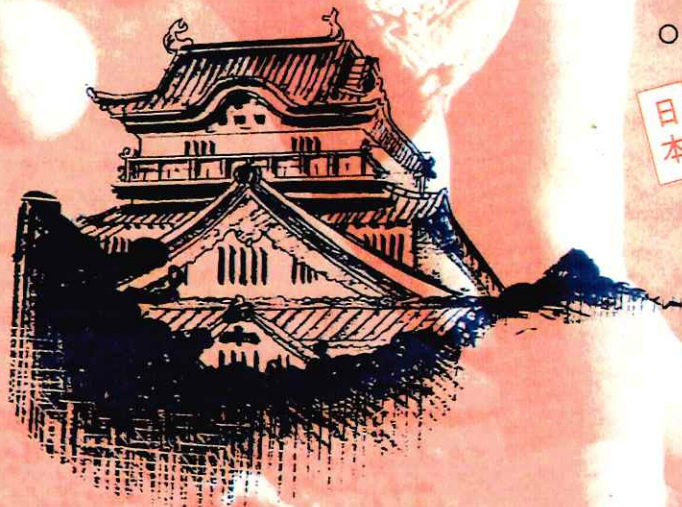
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YEAR 1978

as Doc's Blues

PERSONAL win/loss 52 wins 4 losses

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

team record - 113 wins, 16 losses, 2 ties

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver league champs

Northwest league champs

Pacific Coast league

b) tournaments

Everett tournament

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Placed 3rd in the Canadian Championship

3) International

Florida, California, Utah, Arizona, El Salvador

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS 333

a) leagues

INNINGS 384

NORTHWEST LEAGUE ALLSTAR PITCHER

NO HITTERS 1

b) tournaments

SHUTOUTS 28

Everett tournament - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

SHARED THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

b) Canadian

Placed 3rd in Championship

3) International

Preparation tour for Worlds included intensive schedule of games in Florida, Utah, and Arizona. El Salvador (1978 Worlds Softball Championships)

INTERNATIONAL con't

World Softball Championships - El Salvador C.A. -- Silver Medalists

team record was 8 wins and 1 loss

ROSE'S RECORD WAS 5 WINS AND 1 LOSS (in final game against U.S.A.)

team led tournament in number of shutouts -- 5

World tournament results

* Canada vs. Australia	5-1	
* Canada vs. Holland	3-2	SECTIONAL
Canada vs. El Salvador	8-0	ROUND
Canada vs. Zambia	39-1	ROBIN
* Canada vs. Puerto Rico	3-1	
Canada vs. Guatemala	8-0	
* Canada vs. New Zealand	5-0	
* Canada vs. New Zealand	10-0	PLAYOFFS
* U.S.A. vs Canada	4-0	FINAL

*Rose pitched

4) Additional Information

Team was nominated for the B.C. Team of the Year

ROSE WAS NOMINATED FOR THE THIRD TIME AS GREATER VICTORIA'S FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

ROSE RECEIVED THIRD OFFER TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL SOFTBALL IN AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR EDMONTON SNOWBIRDS

ROSE WAS INVITED TO THE CANADIAN TRY-OUT CAMP FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES -- Injuries sustained in a car accident prevented her from participating

YEAR 1979

as Doc's Blues

PERSONAL win/loss 9 wins 0 losses

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

car accident abbreviated pitching season

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver league

b) tournaments

did not participate in any
tournaments this season

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Championships

3) International

Mini World Championship - Japan

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS

a) leagues

INNINGS

July 24th

NO HITTERS

Returned from injuries to take part
in a league game against N. Vancouver
winning it 7-0 in 5 innings - one error
away from perfect game- no hitter

SHUTOUTS

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Champions

ROSE SET A CANADIAN RECORD FOR THE LONGEST GAME PITCHED, AND WON, IN
A CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP - 13 INNINGS AGAINST MILVERTON ,2-1, 4 hits, 6 K's

3) International

November 1979 -- Japan Mini Worlds

First game against - Japan B team lost 2-0

Second game against - New Zealand lost 2-1

out of tournament

YEAR 1980

as Alpha Sports

PERSONAL win/loss

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver league

b) tournaments

Sun City tournament

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Champions

3) International

none

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

1) Seasonal Play

STRIKE OUTS

INNINGS

NO HITTERS

SHUTOUTS

Due to the hectic schedule of games in 1978, Alpha Sports limited their travel and tournament schedule this season.

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

ROSE PITCHED ONE HITTER WITH 9 STRIKE OUTS IN HER ONLY APPEARANCE IN THE B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team record in B.C.s 3 wins and 1 loss

b) Canadian

Alpha went undefeated in round robin

Canadian Champions

YEAR 1982

as Alpha Sports

PERSONAL win/loss

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

Vancouver league

b) tournaments

no records or write-ups

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

Canadian Champions

3) International

Pacific Rim Invitational - New Zealand

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

b) Canadian

STRIKE OUTS

INNINGS

St. John's Newfoundland

NO HITTERS

TOP PITCHER

SHUTOUTS

ALLSTAR PITCHER

Highlight - won a 16 inning semi-final game against Saskatchewan

- Rose pitched to a new catcher (Debbie Germaine)

YEAR 1983

as Alpha Sports

PERSONAL win/loss

OVERVIEW OF YEAR

1) Seasonal play

a) leagues

no records or write ups on
league or tournament play

b) tournaments

2) Playoffs

a) provincial

B.C. Champions

b) Canadian

2nd place in Canadian Championships

3) International

Mini World Tournament - Hong Kong

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATS

	<u>STRIKE OUTS</u>	170
Hong Kong Mini Worlds - 3rd place	<u>INNINGS</u>	176
to China and Japan	<u>NO HITTERS</u>	no record
no game stats available	<u>SHUTOUTS</u>	no record

additional stats

- 13 runs allowed

- 79 hits allowed

- earned run average .517

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ROSEMARY FULLER... almost perfect

ROSEMARY TOSSES

VICTORIA TIMES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1974

NO-HIT TRIUMPH

EDMONTON -- Defending champion Green and Louie of Vancouver are satisfied they made the right choice in selecting Victoria's Rosemary Fuller as one of British Columbia's two pickups for the Canadian senior women's softball championships.

The 20-year-old Fuller came within an eyelash of perfection Friday in leading Vancouver to a 16-0 romp over New Brunswick.

Recruited from CJVI Vi-

cettes along with catcher Joanne Mick, Rosemary fired a no-hitter and missed a perfect game when she allowed one walk. She struck out 11 of the 22 batters she faced.

Miss Fuller also played left field in B.C.'s second victory of the day, a 19-1 victory over Yukon. Earlier, she came on in relief in the fifth inning with the bases loaded to pitch Green and Louie out of a jam and B.C. went on to defeat Alberta 8-3.

B.C. now leads the "Blue" division with a 4-0 won-lost record while Ontario has a 5-0 mark in topping the "Red" section.

In other games: Ontario blanked P.E.I. 13-0, Newfoundland 14-0 and Manitoba 3-0; Manitoba rebounded to trounce N.W.T. 17-3; Alberta

blanked Quebec 8-0; P.E.I. surprised Saskatchewan 10-0 Nova Scotia edged New Brunswick 7-6, and surprising Newfoundland squared its record at 2-2 by beating P.E.I. 8-5.

Rosemary joins Canada's best

Rosemary Fuller's performance in the B.C. senior women's softball championship has prompted the coach of Canadian-champion Vancouver Green and Louie to invite her to join his team for the national tournament.

Adrian Lavigne issued the invitation earlier this week through Miss Fuller's coach, Wally Yeamans of the Victoria Vicettes, and the 20-year-old righthander has accepted and will join the Vancouver club for the championship, Aug. 20-26 in Edmonton.

Miss Fuller was a standout in the provincial tourney last weekend in Vancouver.

She allowed only three hits when Vicettes dropped a 2-0 decision to Green and Louie and posted a two-hit shutout when Vicettes bounced back

in the three-team, double-knockout tourney for a 4-0 victory over Vancouver Totem Mercury.

Lavigne, who remarked that Miss Fuller was "as good as anyone in Canada right now," also made four additions to his squad prior to the provincial tournament. Arlene Best and Gail Savoir of Fort Erie, Ont., Norma Wood of Kitchener and Ruth Ulrich of Edmonton will join the Vancouver team for the world championship in Stratford, Conn., later this month.

Miss Fuller will be in Vancouver today to meet with the Vancouver coach and will watch Green and Louie play an exhibition doubleheader against Japan's national team at Moody Park in New Westminster.



Rosemary Fuller
... joins champs

	PRIOR TO BLUES 73-JR	VICT. AND BLUES 74-SR	75	76	77	78	79
B.A.	-	-	-	-	301	251	
INNINGS	175	176	297	324	293	384	
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K's	210	255	290	369	256	333	
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EARNED RUNS	-	-	-	-	-	17	
HITS	-	-	151	-	125	195	
B.B.	-	-	50	-	42	71	
WINS	-	19	34	45	36	52	
RUNNING WINS	-	19	53	98	134	186	
LOSSES	-	6	11	9	6	4	
RUNNING LOSSES	-	6	17	26	32	36	
TIES	-	1	0	0	2	0	
NO HITTERS	-	1	2	4	4	1	
ONE HITTERS	-	-	-	-	9	9	
SHUT OUTS	-	-	-	28	23	28	
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Summary of Softball Statistics

Senior A 1974-79 -- pitcher
Win - Loss record

74	19	6	74	19	6
75	34	11	75	53	17
76	45	9	76	98	26
77	36	6	77	134	32
78	52	4	78	186	36
79	9	0	79	195	36
			as of 1979 season		

Won Canadian Championships
1974 - 1976 - 1977 - 1979

Personal records

- 1974 - Nominated for Greater Victoria Female Athlete of the Year
- 1975 - Won the Greater Victoria Female Athlete of the Year
- 1978 - Nominated for the Greater Victoria Female Athlete of the Year
- 1975 - holds record for most strike outs in a Canadian Championships 49 strikeouts in 39 innings. Set in Calgary 1975.
- 1979 - Canadian record for longest game in a Canadian by one pitcher 13 innings - Milverton 1979.

Rosemary would be good

Virtually unknown here, Doc's are a big hit in the Orient and are in constant demand for United States tournaments.

The claim she is the best in the country comes easily. Fuller is the ace of a pitching staff that are four-time and reigning Canadian champions, one that has put together a 78-7-2 season in 1977. She has an 0.42 earned run average this year, quite near her lifetime mark, and when the overpowering right-hander tosses a no-bitter, most of her mates won't even blink.

Surprisingly, her rise to the top wasn't as difficult as that of other superstars.

Fuller began pitching as a teenager, playing for the top teams in the Duncan and Victoria areas. She was first visible locally in 1973 when B.C. took the Canada Summer Games softball event here, and was equally impressive a year later when Victoria Vikesettes competed in the B.C. finals.

Several clubs on the Lower Mainland immediately began pitching for her services, but Fuller eventually asked Adrain Lavigne for a tryout to play for Vancouver Green & Louie, the team that moved to New Westminster two years ago.

"She'd either knockout everyone or get bombed then . . . Rose didn't have much of a team, but we were fortunate to get her," said the Doc's leader. "I was convinced had I taken her to the world finals (in Stratford, Conn., in 1974) we would have won."

Her accomplishments have earned a place in the Guinness

Book of Records.

She's considered to be the best in her vocation in the country

and is rated by her manager among the top four in the world.

Only one thing has escaped Rosemary Fuller in her athletic

career. Recognition.

Fuller would be a great candidate for What's My Line? A

commoner would be extended to determine just what field of

By LOWELL ULLRICH
Columbian Staff Reporter

endeavor the 23-year-old Burnaby native now commuting from Victoria is so highly proficient. Not even a hint that she plays New

Westminster Doc's Blues would be a giveaway.

When pressed, Fuller would only then say she plays women's

softball. Moreover, she's not actively searching for attention to

announce the fact she is the best pitcher in Canada in a sport

where her male counterparts command the majority of respect,

one that has little chance of monetary return for her efforts.

"Few people ever play a sport for individual glory," Fuller

said prior to a Metro Women's League game before the usual

handful of regulars at Moody Park recently. "What is depressing

is that we have to go out of the country to receive any coverage for

the high category.

play for a newly-organized league in the U.S., could be rated in a

most. Rose has those but works eight variations off of them."

Lavigne says only Joan Joyce of Stratford, who took \$30,000 to

pitchers. Most women are capable of throwing four types at the

strikes. Rose has those but works eight variations off of them."

putting her in the national edition of the worldwide book of facts,

Fuller, however, says historians neglected to record her 17

strikeout effort in '74 while with Vikesettes.

"It doesn't sound like a great deal, but it's two strikeouts an

inning in a seven-inning game," said Lavigne. "Women are not

known to be overpowering."

Although the game conjures images of oversized women,

Fuller checks in at 5-7, 135 pounds and trains daily to keep fit.

The University of Victoria teaching graduate had a chance at

fame and some fortune when the San Jose, Cal., entry in the

American pro circuit drafted her three years ago. But Fuller

would rather play for fun and seriously simultaneously as Doc's

try for another appearance at the 1978 world finals in Japan.

"We play an amateur sport like professionals," she said.

"The girls like playing under pressure, but we can relax after a

game."

Not like a great many pros who already have their place in

Guinness history.

ROSEMARY FULLER



candidate for 'What's My Line'



Jim
Tang

Rosemary Fuller has been a winner of the annual award as the city's top female athlete, sharing the honor in 1975 with Jenny John, and almost everyone who reads sports pages or listens to sports broadcasts must know she is an outstanding softball pitcher. But only a few, I'm sure, realize just how great a record she has compiled. Or that her excellence isn't something that just happened but is the result of an inner drive which couldn't have been evident in the shy 14-year-old who decided to try out for a bantam team in 1968. Even now, a UVic graduate who majored in art and physical education and is teaching at Reynolds secondary, a stranger might attribute her quiet manner to shyness but there is some self-assurance to go with the dedication and desire that has never waned. She wants to be good at what she does, and she is because she is willing to do what is necessary.

Born in Burnaby, Rosemary had lived about 10 of her first 12 years in Duncan when parents Bill and Ada moved to Victoria to stay. She became interested in softball at Doncaster elementary school, and in 1968 turned out to practice with the Fairfield bantam team managed and coached by family friend Ken Sturrock. He didn't take long to note she had a natural swing and good co-ordination but because of her shyness it took a bit longer, but not much, to discover the quiet purpose and determination which was to make her exceptional.

She played first-base and in the outfield in her one bantam season but got the chance to do some fill-in pitching when she moved into juvenile ranks in 1969, and that was when her career in softball really took off. She had decided that she would play senior softball before she reached senior age and felt that her best chance of accomplishing that would be to become a pitcher. She worked hard at it during the off-season, throwing for countless hours, sometimes to her dad and at other times at an old mattress stretched across the backyard fence. She pitched regularly for the Fairfield juveniles in 1970, and did well enough to catch the eye of veteran-coach Wally Yeamans. He recruited her for the provincial senior "B" championship that fall, and she was voted the tournament's outstanding pitcher as Victoria Vicettes came out of the losers' bracket to win five games on the last day. Rosemary, a 2-0 loser on the previous day, won three times in the five-game surge which brought the title.

Rosemary

Rosemary made a spectacular national debut. She started with an 11-strike-out 16-0 no-hitter against New Brunswick, beat the tough Saskatchewan team 3-1, won two games in relief and capped it with a 2-0 shutout of Ontario in the championship game. Even more incredible than her performance was not being selected as the tournament's outstanding pitcher.



The significant year for Rosemary was 1973, and not really because of the Vicettes' successful bid to represent B.C. in the Canada Summer Games. The switch to junior ranks brought her Joanne Mick as catcher, and they have been practically inseparable since with Joanne catching all but 10 of Rosemary's games. They were a standout combination in 1974, and while Vicettes lost the senior "A" final to Green and Louie, it's not likely the Vancouver team would have won the Canadian championship that year if it hadn't added the Victoria battery.

team in 1973 and had another senior "A" go in 1974.

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But Rosemary had arrived. She stayed with Green and Louie at her own request and has since been making manager-coach Adrian Lavigne feel that he was indeed right when he said his team would have won the world championship in 1974 if Rosemary had been available earlier in the year. Her record since joining the Mainland club is spectacular.

In 1975, Green and Louie became the first Canadian club to win the Northwest League championship. The team also topped the Metro League to start an unbroken streak of three consecutive doubles. Rosemary was named to the all-star team in both leagues, and while Green and Louie lost the Canadian title she won four games and this time was named the tournament's outstanding pitcher. Her record for the season was 34-11 with 290 strikeouts in 297 innings.

She had just begun. In 1976, Rosemary's team, now Doc's Blues of New Westminster, again won both league championships and regained the Canadian title with Rosemary again an all-star in both leagues and a 3-1 performer in the Canadian tournament. Her record for the year was 45-9 with 369 strikeouts in 324 innings.

In 1977, Doc's Blues swept both leagues again, won the prestigious Northwest, Yakima and Everett tournaments and retained the Canadian championship to earn the right for a world championship try, in Japan this summer, with Rosemary on their side. And it's because Rosemary had herself a season which could win another selection as the city's female athlete of the year. She was again named the top pitcher in the Canadian tournament, had a 36-6-2 record for the season, struck out another 256 batters and was lionized in Japan, where she capped her season by pitching an 11-strikeout three-hitter before 10,000 Tokyo fans to gain an 11-inning 1-1 tie with the Japanese national side in the first game ever played by women's teams in Korakuen Stadium, home of Tokyo's baseball Giants.

Add it up and it starts. Since Green and Louie added her to the roster for the 1974 Canadian tournament, Rosemary has compiled a 120-26-2 record against major-calibre opposition. She has 1,170 strikeouts in 1,090 innings, 11 no-hit no-run games, an earned-run average of 0.412 and 51 route-going shutouts in the 81 games she has won in the past two seasons. She's in the Canadian edition of the Guinness Book of Records for 30 strikeouts in the round-robin portion of the Canadian tournament, she has been relieved only twice, once coming back from the outfield to finish up, and she has a career batting average of .301.

The Japanese knew all about her. Big posters advertising the game in Korakuen Stadium featured a full-length picture of Rosemary in action, the same picture was used on the tickets and in the national softball magazine, and she was the player featured in the 90-minute television documentary the Japanese produced on the game involving the national team. Her pitching speed was reported at 120 kilometres an hour and the program referred to her as a "marvelous pitcher."

It has also been said that "she is perhaps the best female pitcher playing softball today."

That's close.

American pitcher rivals Victoria great Fuller

Christian Science Monitor

INDIANAPOLIS — Teams play-

ing in women's softball here at the 10th Pan-American Games are barely able to touch American Mi-chele Granger's pitches — includ-ing fastballs of 80 m.p.h. Granger, 17, of Placentia, Calif., is already considered the top women's soft-ball pitcher in the world.

At last year's U.S. national women's softball championships, she fanned 103 of 190 batters.

Americans Bertha Tickey and

Joan Joyce and Canadian Rose-

mary Fuller (of Victoria) — all

retired — have probably been the

game's best female pitchers.

Granger is potentially at their

Americans' fascination with

those who combine youth, person-

ality, and skill could make her the

high-visibility athlete women's

softball has needed — a diamond

version of Mary Lou Retton.

"She's going to be spectacular," says veteran hurler Kathy Arendsen, who marvels at what Michele has already achieved in a sport where women generally peak in their late 20s. "There's no doubt that she will be the first big-time recruited women's player in the sport," Arendsen says.

In January, Granger notched a save, a no-hitter and a perfect game as the U.S. won the women's world softball championships in Auckland.

She is the main reason that the United States, 7-0, is expected to regain the gold medal it lost to Canada at the 1983 Pan-Am Games in Caracas. On Monday, Granger pitched her second one-hitter of the Games, striking out 15, as the U.S. beat Canada 1-0 in a key game. She should really hitting her stride by 1992. Softball may very well be added as a medal sport at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

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written by an American sports writer

RETIREMENT

Rose retired from Softball in 1983. Her decision was based on the fact that she no longer had the energy to deal with 2 full-time careers, when one required so much commitment to travel time.

Rose is happy with her decision. She feels that so many athletic careers ended in injury, missed opportunities, or at the mercy of someone else's decision.

Rose now gives FREE pitching and coaching clinics about seven months of the year. This practice has been on-going since she retired in 1983. It also provided her with the opportunity to share her philosophy concerning how an individual can be an effective part of a group. The coaches in particular have shown a great deal of interest in the philosophy of group goals and positive motivation through analysis and correction.

And finally to quote Rose directly - "Through my free pitching clinics, I am taking the opportunity to interact with as many eager young pitchers as possible, no matter their age, gender, or years of experience."