

Caroline Bishop excels in soccer, motivates the team

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At the age of five, senior women's soccer player Caroline Bishop laced up her first pair of cleats. Since, her determination has kept the ball rolling.

"She played at a very high level in high school," said her father, Jeff Bishop, in an email interview. "She became captain, played in several state championships and knocked down several awards."

"When she was a freshman in high school, Caroline played with an under-18 club team, which included the best senior high school players from around the region."

Bishop's growth as a player can be attributed to her passion for the game.

"Caroline is an excellent leader who has worked very hard to improve her game," said ex-boyfriend and personal coach Brian Lutz in an email interview. "She is fast and fearless."

"This is an excellent combination of attributes to have as a soccer player and these have carried her through her playing career."

During her first three seasons at Guilford, Bishop played sweeper. As a first-year, she was named to the Meredith College Classic All-Tournament Team while playing the position.

In her last season, she scored three goals after earning the opportunity to play forward.

"The reason I put her up top was her aggressive nature and her physicality of the game," said head women's soccer coach Michael Shenigo. "She was able to put a lot of pressure under the backs."

"I always wanted to play up top, but we didn't have a lot of people to play defense," said Bishop.

This position change allowed Bishop to score during the last game of her Guilford career, as her parents watched eagerly from

the sidelines.

"That was probably one of the highlights of my whole career in college," said Bishop.

Regardless of her position, Bishop maintained intensity from the moment she stepped on the Armfield Athletic Center to the last minutes of the game.

"A lot of times, I can't hear or see anyone on the sidelines," said Bishop. "It's almost like tunnel vision."

"The game is all I can think about. It's just where I am at that moment. I've never been more present than I am at a soccer game."

Bishop arrived to every game prepared to give 100 percent effort.

"Hard work is the first word that comes to mind when I think about Caroline," said sophomore midfielder Kelly Mulka. "Just looking at her play just makes me want to play harder."

While the scoreboard did not always reflect the team's expectations, Bishop remained optimistic.

"One of the biggest things she had was positivity," said senior midfielder Emily Comerford. "It's hard for a team that's losing to keep up with what they're doing, and she definitely always gave her all."

Voted captain by her teammates, the star never failed to step up to the plate.

"I believe that Caroline's strongest skill is that she is a true leader," said sophomore midfielder Cassie Vaughn in an email interview. "She pushes all of us to play our best and maintains a positive attitude, regardless of the score on the board."

"She has helped keep the team uplifted and has made me proud to be a Guilford College women's soccer player."

Not only is Bishop a leader on the soccer field, but in the classroom as well.

"Her enthusiasm is contagious, and I really appreciate that," said Professor of Sports Studies Lavon Williams. "Being positive and enthusiastic engenders in others



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Senior **Caroline Bishop** played sweeper for her first three years at Guilford and forward for her last. Her talent and drive lead to her becoming captain of the team and scoring in her last game.

a more positive attitude.

"This makes her a natural leader."

After graduation, Bishop hopes to find a job allowing her to remain active.

"I want to do something where I can be physical, show other people how to be physical and relay wellness to others," said Bishop. "Using fitness as a way of stress

relief is my ultimate goal."

In terms of soccer, she does not plan on dropping the sport anytime soon.

"Soccer is always going to be in my life no matter what," said Bishop. "I don't see myself straying far from the sport."

"It's one thing that I know I've put my heart into."

Jonathan Martin talks about hazing in NFL

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"Hey, wassup, you half n--- piece of s---," said Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito in a voicemail to teammate tackle Jonathan Martin, according to ESPN. "F--- you, you're still a rookie. I'll kill you."

When Martin left the team during Week 9 of the NFL season, it was due to emotional reasons, allegedly brought on by interactions like these with Incognito.

The unfortunate situation, which is murkily being sorted out, has rekindled the debate about hazing in sports and left many taking sides between Incognito and Martin.

Incognito was suspended from the team on Nov. 4, for player misconduct and an NFL investigation is ongoing.

However, Dolphins players have thrown their support behind Incognito.

"I think if you had asked Jon Martin a week before who his best friend on the team was, he would have said Richie Incognito," Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill commented during a media session.

What could be considered a "sports issue" relegated to the NFL has noticeable carryover to the professional world. Hazing is common in the military and the workplace, not to mention on college campuses.

It just so happens that hazing is also very prevalent in the locker room.

"On some teams (hazing) is deeply ingrained, to the point where upperclassmen or in the pros veterans feel as if it is their duty to, in some way, 'initiate' players," said Associate Professor of Sports Studies Robert Malekoff in an email interview.

But was the voicemail an effort to "initiate" Martin, who is in his second year in the league? The argument can be made that this is not a case of hazing at all.

"My initial reaction was 'you've got to be kidding me,'" said former NFL quarterback Brett Favre, in an interview with

practice amongst teammates.

There is likely middle ground to be found between the "he said, he said" accounts.

"It looks a lot like bullying," said Associate Professor of Justice and Policy Studies Will Pizio.

No matter how the Incognito-Martin situation plays out, one thing is certain: there is an increased awareness of hazing and the damage it can inflict.

"It's a form of bullying," said junior baseball player Terrence Hearst.

Junior basketball forward Will Koppenhaver revealed his experiences with hazing.

"It was never too bad," he said. "Nothing like getting duct-taped to a pole."

Indeed some experiences are relatively harmless. Incognito said that he did not think Martin would murder his family.

"I knew it was coming from a brother," said Incognito. "I knew it was coming from a friend."

Thinking this way, however, can create a bigger problem.

Allowing certain actions can be a slippery slope, which is why many institutions support zero tolerance policies regarding hazing.

Also, not all people share the same experiences in life. What one person can see as harmless can be viewed as humiliating or degrading to another.

Perhaps it was said best on HazingPrevention.org: "You don't know what will break someone."

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NBC. "All I'm saying is, my initial reaction was, 'A grown man who is 320 pounds is getting bullied?'"

Perhaps the entire debacle has been overblown.

In his defense, Incognito has come forth in an interview to FOX Sports with evidence revealing Martin sent him a text that read "I will murder your whole f---ing family."

Incognito claims that sending such messages are a common