

Belinda Perry Beaulier

Title: Student-Athlete: Soccer, Swimming, Softball

Year: 1990



Belinda Perry Beaulier is well known in the community as one of the top three sport athletes in the history of women's athletics at Brewer High School. Her strong work ethic, competitive drive and determination were the shared qualities contributing to her outstanding achievement in soccer, swimming and softball. She lettered in *all* three sports all *four* years of her high school career and was named to the Maine All State Soccer, Swimming and Softball Teams solidifying her as not only one of the best Brewer athletes of all time but one of the best in the state. Perry's athletic prowess on the field and in the pool was only rivaled by her leadership skills and her ability to motivate and support her teammates; it's no surprise she served as Team Captain for all three sports.

In soccer, Perry was a four-year starter where she held the position of center halfback. Known for her quickness and her ball handling skills she was adept at making plays and a true team player in every way. Voted as Brewer's Outstanding Offensive Soccer Player for 1988, Perry was also named to the Eastern Maine Class A All Star Team her junior year and was named two times to the Maine All State Soccer Team. At the end of her soccer career, Perry had amassed 31 goals which crowned her Brewer's all-time leading scorer.

In the pool, Perry trained and competed with heart and determination and gave nothing less than 100% effort. No one could outwork her in the pool...a quality respected by her coaches and admired by her teammates. Perry was highly versatile in her ability to race all distances and all strokes. She was a seven-time silver medalist at the Penobscot Valley Conference Championships in events ranging from the 50 yd. to the 500 yd. Freestyle, the 100 yd. Butterfly and the 200 yd. Individual Medley. Perry placed in the top six at the Class A State Meets all four years including silver medals in the 50 yd. Free and the 500 yd. Free

as well as a bronze medal in the 200 yd. Free. She was named to the Maine State All-star Swim Team three times and was ranked as one of the top 10 fastest swimmers in the state (Class A & B combined) in numerous events all four years of her high school career. Perry was a former school record holder in the 200 yd. Individual Medley (2:20.70) and the 50 yd. Freestyle (:25.77). She also helped set a school record her freshman year in the 400 yd. Freestyle Relay which took first place at both the Penobscot Valley Conference Championships and the Class A State Meet. Perry earned Brewer's Outstanding Swimmer Award three times and the Coaches' Award for strong work ethic, perseverance, sportsmanship and leadership two times.

In softball, Perry was a four-year starter who continually displayed her masterful skills both as shortstop and at bat. Her defensive plays often defied the laws of gravity. As a defensive player, she had great speed, covered a lot of ground and had a powerful arm. Perry's batting average was .375 her freshman year, .413 her sophomore year, .439 her junior year, and .471 her senior year culminating in an impressive .426 career batting average. Perry consistently led the team in hits, runs scored, RBI's, steals and fielding percentage. Her fielding percentage of .900 was truly outstanding considering her position as shortstop and the number of fielding opportunities. Often the leadoff hitter, Perry's role was to get on base, but it was her ability to keep people off the bases that proved valuable in critical games. Perry led the Witches to an Eastern Maine Class A Championship her senior year and a runner-up title in the state game. As a two-time Maine State All Star Softball Team Member, it's no wonder her former coach Paul Soucy recounts, "Belinda Perry is the best shortstop I've ever coached."

An outstanding athlete in the three sports of soccer, swimming and softball, it was fitting that Perry earn the highly distinguished Brewer High School Athlete of the Year Award her senior year. As an elite athlete, Perry had the potential to participate in all three sports at the collegiate level.

With her potential virtually untapped in the pool, Perry chose to focus on swimming in college. Her college experience gave her a platform to reach this potential. She competed at the Division II level attending Springfield College of Massachusetts where she focused her studies on Physical Therapy. Perry continued to showcase her versatility in the pool earning All-American honors 11 times in events ranging from the Individual Medley to Butterfly and Backstroke. During her senior year, Perry earned four gold medals at the New England Swimming and Diving Championships and was named the Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet. She earned the Springfield College Female Athlete of the Year Award three times. Throughout her collegiate swim career, Perry set several pool records and six school records. As of 2017, she still holds the 400 yd. Individual Medley record (4:30.23) set in 1994. Due to her outstanding accomplishments in swimming, Perry was inducted into the Springfield College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Throughout Perry's high school and collegiate athletic career, she was an exemplary student athlete. In high school she earned high honors, was a member of the National Honor Society and was named to the Maine All Academic Swim Team her senior year. Perry continued to excel academically and held a 3.4 GPA at Springfield College in their very rigorous Physical Therapy program.

Perry received her undergraduate degree from Springfield College in 1994, earned a master's degree in Physical Therapy in 1995 and earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2013. She has been employed for 21 years at Brewer Rehab as their Rehabilitation Director. Perry's swimming experiences encouraged her to give back to the sport by coaching the Barracuda Swim Team of Bangor for several years. Her passion for sports continues as she still swims several times a week and is a member of an indoor soccer league.

Belinda Perry Beaulier lives with her husband Jodi in Brewer, Maine.

