

1980-87 Alpha Sports

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The 1980 – 1987 Alpha Sports were perennial representatives of British Columbia at the Senior Ladies Canadian Championships. They took home 5 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in 8 years (including 3 titles in consecutive years from 1985 to 1987). Following in the footsteps of Green and Louie and Doc's Blues, Alpha forged their own legacy in Canadian Softball and earned their reputation as the preeminent women's softball team in the country.



Coached by softball legend the late Adrian Lavigne and generously sponsored by George Agazarian of Alpha Sportswear, Alpha proudly represented BC and Canada all over the world. They travelled far and wide, competing in the Major Women's League at South Hill Park in Vancouver, the Northwest League from Washington to Oregon and California and attended annual tournaments in Texas, Arizona and Nevada. International stops included Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand with the team always garnering their share of the hardware.

Playing home games out of New Westminster's Queens Park Stadium, Alpha Sports began hosting their annual International Invitational Tournament featuring national teams from China, Japan, New Zealand, USA and Australia, among others. This event grew into what is now known as the Canada Cup and continues on today.

With the leadership and guidance of coach Lavigne, the loyalty of sponsor George Agazarian and the players' dedication to excellence and to each other, Alpha Sports achieved their goal of becoming one of the premier softball teams in the world.

The 1980-87 Alpha sports roster consisted of the following athletes:

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| ➤ Agazarian, George – Sponsor | ➤ McGuire, Patti – Player |
| ➤ Cranston, Heather – Player | ➤ Mick, Joanne – Player |
| ➤ Dornblut, Petra – Player | ➤ Polych, Patty – Player |
| ➤ Duke, Debbie – Player | ➤ Popeniuk, Cheryl – Player |
| ➤ Elliot, Debbie – Player | ➤ Robinson, Janice – Player |
| ➤ Ferraro, Tony – Coach | ➤ Smallwood, Debbie – Player |
| ➤ Ferguson, Sandy – Player | ➤ Stephen-Wagner, Lucy – Player |
| ➤ Fuller, Rose – Player | ➤ Storey Gray, Dawn – Player |
| ➤ Huclack, Tracey – Player | ➤ Lavigne, Adrian – Coach |
| ➤ Jones (Bruce), Sharon – Player | ➤ Lou Tanaka King, Patti – Player |
| ➤ Leroux, Sandy – Player | ➤ Waddell, Jane – Player |
| ➤ Lesh, Vicki – Player | ➤ Walz, Mary Anne – Player |
| ➤ McCarthy, Maureen – Player | |

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