

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Tanis Cuthbert

Tanis Cuthbert grew up playing soccer at Surrey United and just finished 4 years playing university soccer at Simon Fraser University (2015-2018). She is now playing soccer in the Vancouver Women's Premier League with many of her teammates from SFU. She has one year remaining in order to complete her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. Tanis is presently working at Physiostation & Sports Injury Clinic and is also helping with the injury prevention program at Surrey United, part of the Club's sports medicine and technical development plan. Tanis was happy to chat with us a bit more about her time at Surrey United and it contributed to where she is today.



How did your time at Surrey United contribute to your successes so far?

Surrey United challenged me to not only be a better soccer player but also a better person. The BCSPL began during my U15 season at Surrey United. While at first, I was nervous about this new league, playing in this league at this level from U15 through to U18 at Surrey United helped develop my soccer skills immensely.

The coaches I had throughout my years at Surrey United (including my Dad, VP, Adults, Brian Cuthbert, from U5 to U14) and the people that make the Club function on a day-to-day basis all helped contribute to my overall successes.



The variety of Friday night development academies during my younger years and the Wednesday night speed, agility and fitness sessions specifically contributed to my skill development and game fitness. Playing through my youth at Surrey United allowed me to reach university level soccer where fitness is a major component of one's overall success and taught me important life lessons that helped me accomplish so much of what I have so far.

What are your favourite memories of Surrey United? I have had so many fun and amazing memories at Surrey United. One of my favorite memories with Surrey United was winning the BC Provincial Cup in my U14 season,

which allowed me to attend the Canadian National Championships in Newfoundland and Labrador. Unfortunately, we came up a little short of our goal of winning gold, but we did return home with the bronze medal. My dad was our Assistant Coach, which made it even more special. Spending that week with your team and playing other Provincial Champions from across Canada was a highlight of my time at Surrey United.

Another special moment was being presented with Surrey United's Martin Foden Loyalty Award, as Martin, the Club's former Executive Director, held a very special place in my heart throughout my years at Surrey United.

What do you miss about Surrey United? I miss seeing all the friendly faces at Surrey United that helped me develop as a player and person – from attending my games and practices at Cloverdale Athletic Park to wandering into the clubhouse with my dad on a Saturday or Sunday morning and engaging in conversations with various people. Which was always a highlight of my week. The support that I received from everyone at the Club and the community that surrounded is something that I miss. Surrey United and Cloverdale Athletic Park will always feel like my home.

