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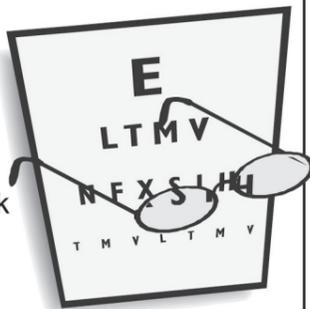
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OMG, IT'S A GHOST Actually, it's just Pandas midfielder Veronique Mayer, getting her kicks in at her new position.

# Mayer of the midfield

PAUL OWEN  
Sports Editor

In the strangest of position switches, Veronique Mayer, who played keeper for last year's Pandas soccer team, is now a starting midfielder for Alberta.

The switch from full-time keeper to the field is rare for any player to pull off, but for Mayer, a former national team goalkeeper, playing in net was something that she just couldn't do any longer.

"I didn't like [playing goal]. I got bored," she says. "I wasn't having as much fun as I usually do."

Mayer got a late start at soccer, picking up the sport at the age of

twelve, an age when most kids were packing in the shin pads for the final time. While she started out in the field, it didn't take her long to gravitate towards the net.

"I went in net for a practice once. [The coaches] saw I had a lot of guts, so they kept me there," she jokes of her start in goal.

Mayer went on to make multiple provincial teams and the U-16 national team as a keeper, but was unhappy at

her position. When they wouldn't let her switch,

she quit the national team and signed on with the Edmonton Aviators as a midfielder.

"It's [my] passion, so [playing soccer] and not enjoying yourself is not something you want to do. The national team was a big thing for me, but in the end, whatever level I was at, I was

having so much more fun [in the field] than anywhere else," she says.

After Mayer was forced into emergency service in net for the Aviators, Pandas head coach Liz Jepsen asked her to tend the box for Alberta. Mayer agreed, but only for one season.

"She stepped up and did a great job for us [in net]," the second-year Pandas coach says. "We felt that she would make the biggest difference there last year. This year, she's found her spot on the field and done well with it."

"I wasn't in field shape," Mayer adds. "I figured why not take a year, play myself back to where I need to be."

While Mayer had spent all her CIS time at keeper, Jepsen felt confident that she could adjust to the CIS game in the midfield, and that having her would be beneficial to the psyche of the team.

"She really understands the game and takes the time to understand what we're trying to do. She's strong; she's very physical, and she has a great touch—that allows her to be quite an impact player in the attack," Jepsen says. "Because she's so intelligent in the defensive part of the game she doesn't make mistakes."

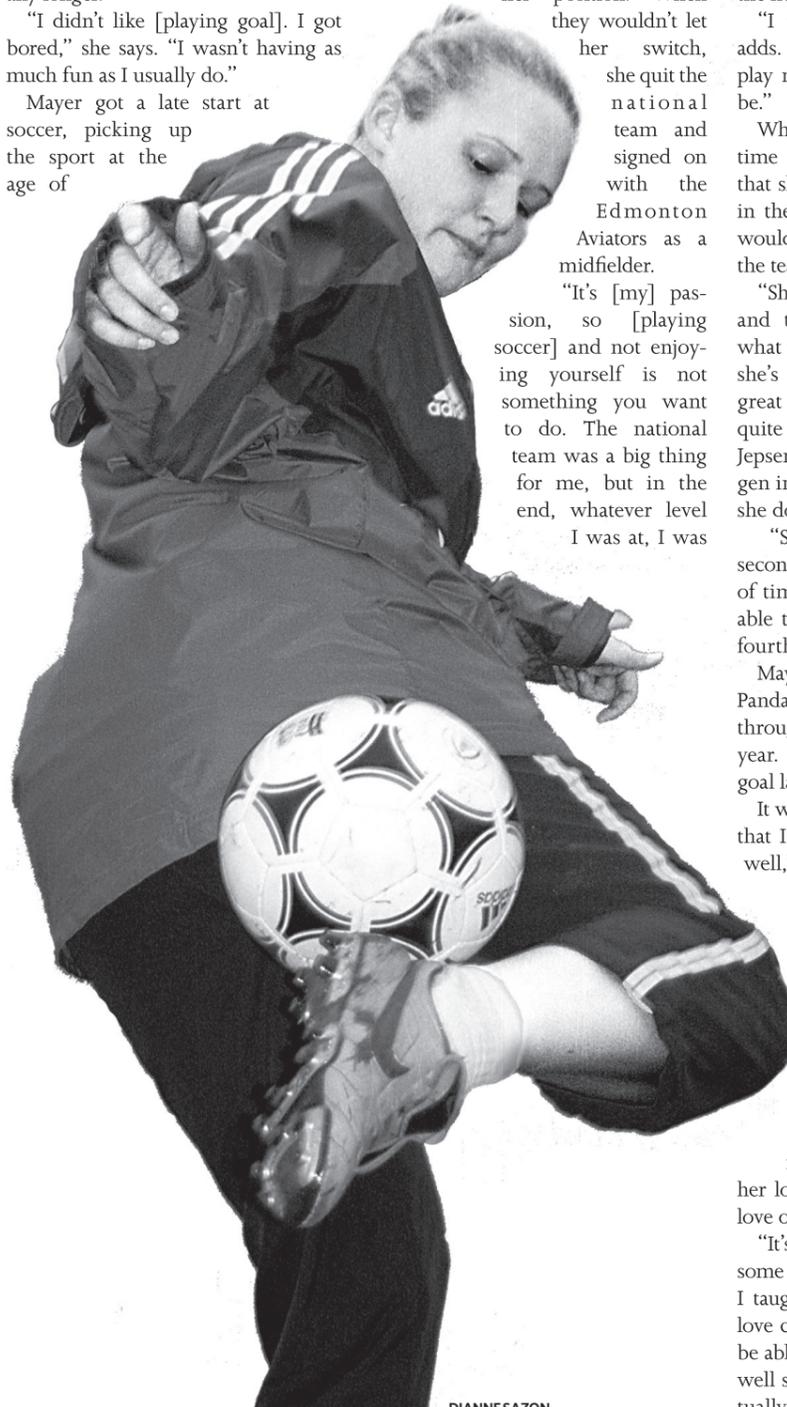
"She's an excellent leader for a second-year player. She spends a lot of time with our rookies, but is also able to interact really well with our fourth- and fifth-year players."

Mayer has brought stability to a Pandas midfield that has suffered through some key injuries early in the year. She even notched her first CIS goal last weekend in Saskatchewan.

It was a great feeling to not only say that I could play out, but show it as well," she said.

Mayer had the opportunity to play for the University of Texas-El Paso instead of the Pandas, but the Edmonton native chose Alberta for the academic options and the opportunity to stay at home. She is currently pursuing a double major in physical education. She equates coaching to teaching and figures that her love of the former will lead to a love of the latter.

"It's really rewarding to look at some of these little kids and say 'Hey, I taught them that,'" she says. "I do love coaching, and eventually I won't be able to play anymore, so I might as well stay in it by coaching, and eventually take [Jepsen's] job."



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