BEVERLY BEAVER

BRANTFORT LADY BLUES

Beverly "Bev" Beaver is a Mohawk athlete from the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Canada. In addition to hockey, Ms. Beaver is also a skilled athlete in fastball and bowling.

Beaver overcame the sexism in hockey as a child by disguising herself as a boy, covering her hair with a toque or ball cap, taping her chest and calling herself "Billy"

She continued to hone her athletic schools throughout her childhood and even played on a bantam boy's hockey team when she was 13 years old.

She started her thirty-year competitive hockey career in 1963 by playing in the Six Nations Indian Girls Hockey Club, and later played for both the Burlington Gazettes and the Brantfort Lady Blues. She continued to play hockey with recreational and senior teams after she retired from competitive hockey.

"Although she was the team's star player, she was only allowed to play in exhibition games because girls were not allowed to play in league games"

Beaver has won several awards throughout her career, including Regional and National Tom Longboat Awards, which recognize the contributions of Indigenous athletes to sports in Canada.