

2005 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

Category: Athlete

Inductee: Terry Danyluk

Terry Danyluk has filled several roles throughout his distinguished volleyball career but this evening he is being inducted into the Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame as an athlete. Terry's athletic career got off to a stellar start at ME LaZerte High School in Edmonton where he led his team to the City and Provincial Championships. His dedicated work-ethic and athletic ability was noticed that season and Terry was selected to the Canadian Junior National Team in 1977. He then moved on to play just two seasons at the University of Alberta (1979-1981) because of his commitments to the 1984 Team Canada Olympic program. He was a Canada West All-Star and CIAU Tournament MVP twice, and led the Golden Bears to a CIAU National Championship in 1981. The U of A further acknowledged Terry's athletic prowess by naming him the Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year in 1981.

Terry represented Canada as a member of the Senior Men's National team in 1978 and from 1981 to 1987. He competed in several International competitions which included the 1981 Commonwealth Championship team, the 1983 Universiade silver-medal team, and 1984 Summer Olympics fourth-placed team in Los Angeles. Terry furthered his International experience by playing in the All Japan League, French National "A" League and Swiss National "A" League from 1984-1991. During his illustrious professional career Terry was the recipient of several awards that included Best Setter in the French League (1986), Best All-Round Player at the Mulhouse Tournament (1987), Best Serve Receiver at the Eurohop Tournament (1989), and Best All-Round Player at the Friedrichshaven Tournament (1990). Terry was able to successfully lead his teams throughout his professional career winning the Japan Cup (1984-85), Semi-Finalist in European Cup of Champions (1988), Swiss League Champions (1988-1990), and Swiss Cup Champions (1988-1991).

After a storied athletic career Terry is now making history in the coaching ranks. He has been the Head Coach of the U of A Golden Bears for 12 seasons and has compiled a career coaching record of 322 wins to 114 losses. He has been named CIS and Canada West Coach of the Year on three occasions, guided his team to two CIS National Championships, two CIS Silver medals, two CIS Bronze medals, and won four Canada West titles. The U of A recognized Terry's passion and dedication by inducting him into the University of Alberta "Sports Wall of Fame" in 1997.

In his spare time, Terry has immersed himself in the National Team programs serving as an Assistant Coach at the Senior and World Student Games level and as the Program Coordinator for the World Student Games and National Junior Teams. Terry is also making his return to the court this summer competing in two age categories with his former Olympic teammates in the World Masters Games in Edmonton. We're certain that Terry's skill and determination will ensure another Gold Medal is brought home for Alberta and Canada this time in our own backyard!