

2015 Volleyball Alberta Hall of Fame Award

Athlete

Bonnie MacRae-Kilb



Bonnie MacRae's name was synonymous with women's volleyball in the 1980s. MacRae joined the University of Calgary from her Provincial Championship team at Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary in 1980 and achieved stardom in her rookie season. Remarkably she was named a Canada West first team all-star in her rookie season and each year for all 5 years of her varsity eligibility.

She was named Canada West Player of the Year on two occasions. MacRae-Kilb was named Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (now Canadian Interuniversity Sport) first team All-Canadian in 1982, 1983, and 1985. In each of those three seasons she was instrumental in the University of Calgary winning the Canada West Championship and advancing to the National final.

Bonnie was named University of Calgary Female Athlete of the Year twice (1982 and 1983) and was also recognized by the Calgary Booster Club as honored athlete in the City of Calgary in 1983. In 1996 she joined an elite group of athletes and was the 7th inductee into the University of Calgary Hall of Fame.

MacRae-Kilb was a carded athlete by Sport Canada while attending Bishop Carroll and continued this status for 8 years while competing internationally as a starting member of both the Canadian Junior National Team and Canadian Senior National Team. In high school she was awarded the Gretta Schwartz Award from the Calgary Booster Club recognizing the top student athlete and scholar. At this time Bonnie was also representing Canada in Track and Field in Pentathlon.

In 1980 she held an instrumental role in winning Gold in the NORCECA Zone Championships. The unprecedented feat was recently recognized by Volleyball Canada with Inducting the entire team into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame. Bonnie spent seasons playing first division professional volleyball in Italy and Switzerland. She spent 6 years as an assistant coach with the University of Calgary Women's Team and was a recipient of the Prestigious Women in Sport Leadership Award from Sport Canada. During that time along with her husband, the team captured medals at the CIS Championships including Gold in 1989. She currently plays on the FOG Masters womens team that has won numerous medals at the US Open and World Masters Games. Following the Masters team inaugural Gold medal in 2005 Bonnie was recognized as "Geezer Jock of the Year" beating out 30 finalists from Canada and the United States. With the support of her family she has endowed a generous scholarship in her name at the University of Calgary. This award is given annually to a female Volleyball Player at the University of Calgary to help offset the expense of tuition.

Bonnie continues to work tirelessly in the sport of Volleyball, devoting leadership and service to the Calgary Volleyball community. The Elite West Volleyball Club enters its 35th season, founded by Bonnie and husband Brad. This club consistently finishes among the top in the province, country and the USA National Youth Championships.

Beyond her experience as a player and coach Bonnie also serves our sport as an Official. In 2012 Bonnie and her husband Brad served as Technical Officials for the FIVB at the Olympic Games in London, England. The combination of player, coach and official served them well in their roles as Statisticians.

Bonnie enters her 8th year serving as a volunteer ambassador to her Alma Mater...The University of Calgary. She sits on the Alumni Board of Directors as well as the Senate. In these roles she continues to give back to the institution which she believes she took much. Selflessly, she helped create the Senate Service Award which is given annually to a varsity athlete recognizing contribution to the community, academic success and service.