

2007 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

Category: Coach

Inductee: Calvin Aubin

Born and raised in Grimshaw, Calvin developed a strong passion for the sport of volleyball. After high school he played a season at Grant MacEwan College and three years, 1985-1987, at Mount Royal College in Calgary. He had a successful playing career, winning provincials and finishing second at the CCAA nationals in 1987, along with being named to the ACAC All-Conference Team in both the 1987 & 1988 seasons.

Only a couple years later, Calvin returned to MRC to begin his coaching career. Continuing the success he had as an athlete, Calvin would achieve even more as a head coach. From 1990-1995 Calvin led the Cougars to three Provincial Championships, and made it to the national final in four consecutive years, winning gold in 1991 and 1994. As a result, he was named ACAC and CCAA Coach of the Year in the 1994.

In 1996 Calvin switched to the position of assistant coach. Though his role changed, his levels of success did not. From 1996 to 1999 he helped lead the team to three more Provincial Championships, making it to the national final all three seasons, and reclaiming the title in 1998 and 1999.

After successfully coaching at the post secondary level for nine years, Calvin went on to share his knowledge with the Canadian Standing Disabled Team. From 2000 to 2006 Calvin took Team Canada all over the world to compete internationally. The team would experience immediate success under Calvin's tutelage winning three World Championships, a World Cup gold medal, and a silver medal at the 2000 Paralympics. In 2002 the Standing Team was inducted into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame along with Calvin winning the Best Coach Award at the World Championships in Poland.

Giving back to the volleyball community is something Calvin has done in more ways than through coaching. He did his best to ensure other teams could be successful as well. As head coach of Team Canada, Calvin spearheaded a gear collection drive to help the Cambodian team. He was able to collect bags of volleyball equipment, uniforms, t-shirts, and volleyballs to donate to the Cambodian League. Calvin also instructs NCCP clinics, training coaches to be their best.

Mr. Aubin continues his involvement with coaching, assisting with the men's program at the University of Calgary, where his devotion and passion are still being shared with athletes today. Through all this involvement he has managed to find time to maintain a marriage with his wife Jen, and help raise his two wonderful children. Calvin's contributions have made our sport stronger. The experience and knowledge he shares, with coaches and athletes alike, has had a significant impact on volleyball in Canada.