

2007 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

Category: Team

Inductee: Red Deer College Queens

The Red Deer College Queens Women's Volleyball Team won eight straight ACAC Provincial Championships from 1982-1989. This was a dynasty created by great leadership and a winning attitude; these champions rose to the occasion and overcame all odds to achieve their goals. Great leadership was provided by several stand-out players throughout the years; however the one constant was Head Coach Cor Ouwerkerk (Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Coach). Cor had a winning percentage of 90% with the Queens; instilling confidence, pride, and a winning tradition with his athletes and in the program.

These champions were willing to learn, act and adapt; but most important, not afraid to fail! They learned from their mistakes and fine-tuned their methods until they succeeded, and did not settle for less. They had the courage to fall down and not be discouraged; they picked themselves up and fought for each point until they met their goals.

In the 1981/82 season they began an amazing run that took them to thirteen straight National Championships. During the 1982-89 seasons they brought home one gold, five silver and two bronze medals from the CCAA Volleyball Championships. During that time they sported an ACAC record of 178 wins and only 5 losses, including 3 undefeated ACAC seasons. In 1981/82 they claimed their first undefeated ACAC record, more impressive was the fact they did not lose a set with a 63-0 record. The Queens were able to establish a winning attitude early on and were able to maintain it successfully for many years.

This attitude is what made the Queens ACAC Champions for eight consecutive seasons. A variety of talented athletes continued the winning tradition every year and believed in each others abilities to perform and expected to win when it counted. An attitude that during this period produced: 5 CCAA All-Canadians, 23 ACAC All-Stars, 2 ACAC Coach of the Year Awards, and 1 CCAA Coach of the Year Award. Congratulations to the Red Deer College Queens Women's Volleyball Teams from 1982-1999!