

SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



Inducted 2018 – ATHLETE

DON SAXTON

As a graduate of Plenty High School, Don enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan where he was a member of the basketball team for 2 seasons, and the volleyball team for 3 seasons. As a prominent volleyball player, he led the Huskies to their first CIAU Championship in 1978-79 and was selected as a Canada West All-Star in 1979 and 1981, and a CIAU All-Canadian in 1981. After University, Saxton joined the National Team in Calgary, helping them to a bronze medal finish at the 1979 Pan Am Games.

Other highlights of his National Team career include a 2nd place finish at the 1983 Universiade Games and qualifying for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles where the team finished in 4th place – the highest placement for a Canadian men's volleyball team at any Olympic Games.

Don married Mylene Camu, a member of the women's national team program and stayed in Calgary following his National Team career to build his sport equipment business, Canuck Sports Stuff Ltd. Don also played professionally in Spain, and was instrumental to his team winning the league championship in each of his two years with the Club.

In 1991 Saxton founded the Canuck Stuff Volleyball Club in Calgary and served as player/coach for the club, now considered one of the largest and most successful programs in Canada. It has amassed numerous Canadian Open Championship titles as well as many Alberta Provincial Championship banners.

In 1994 Don purchased an old tennis bubble and converted it into the Volleydome with wood courts and sand courts. Don continues to compete at various masters' championship events and has carried on his winning career with 3 gold medals at the World Masters' Championship including 2 indoor titles and 1 beach title.

Installed in the University of Saskatchewan Wall of Fame in 1994, Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in 2010, and the Sask Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2015 as a Member of the 1978-79 U of S Huskies Team.