

SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



Inducted 2019 – TEAM

1989 Women's Team SK Canada Games

A talented and cohesive group that demonstrated uncommon dedication and commitment leading to success in Saskatoon at the 1989 Canada Games. A true 'provincial' team with players hailing from eleven different communities from across Saskatchewan that committed to three years of hard work. The team started competing in the summer of 1987 and remained basically unchanged for three years as they crisscrossed the province with team training camps during all school breaks, on weekends and throughout the summer months that were supplemented with many individual and small group regional training sessions. From the first practice, the plan was put into motion – the goal was to win the gold medal at the 1989 Jeux Canada Summer Games. The coaching staff created an atmosphere where each player believed in themselves as individuals and volleyball players and most importantly as a team.

Prior to the Canada Games highlights along the journey included winning the 1988 National Team Challenge Cup and the Pre-Canada Games tournament in 1989. In the spring of 1989, the team had a highly successful tour of Switzerland and Germany, placing second in the Coupe de Nations.

At the Canada Games, Team Sask went undefeated through the round robin portion of the tournament with four consecutive wins. The next challenge, British Columbia in the semi-finals and the group found themselves down 2-0. The players hung together and rallied to win the next three sets and an emotional 3-2 victory. Finally, in front of a packed and enthusiastic home crowd, Team Sask battled hard against a talented team from Quebec, capturing the gold medal in another match that went the full five sets with scores of 15-11, 14-16, 15-12, 12-15, 15-7. Team Saskatchewan finished the tournament with a perfect 6-0 match record.

A three-year journey saw this team capture 3 major titles – Triple Gold!! They exemplify the best aspects of team; building belief and trust through training and then playing hard and with heart for each other. As important as the on-court success were the bonds that grew as they trained and competed together and the friendships that have remained strong for more than thirty years.

Team Members: Head Coach – Doug Reimer, Assistant Coaches –Miles Kydd, Heather Sawyer Team Trainer – Louise Ashcroft Additional Team staff coach – Gisele Krueger Players – Jennifer Block (Abbey), Kerri Buchberger (Langenburg), Catherine Davidson (Regina), Leah Dorian (Prince Albert), Lisa Henderson (Outlook), Kim Kowpak (Harris), Barb MacLeod (Prince Albert), Lori-Ann Mundt (Yorkton), Rea Peters (Swift Current), Leanne Sander (Wilkie/Saskatoon), Julie Scarlett (Kindersley), Sherri Theis (Saskatoon)