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I started playing standing volleyball in elementary school and continued to play through high school, where I was given contact info for Calvin Aubin, Team Canada Head Coach and attended my first Team Canada training camp in 1999.

Initially my elementary school physical education teacher and volleyball coach Jack Molyneux had the greatest influence on my development in the sport.

Then once I joined Team Canada, it was my teammates Larry Matthews and Jose Rebelo who really took me under their wing and were instrumental mentors.

Events in which I participated as a player and the awards achieved were:

BRONZE - 2000 European Invitational

SILVER – 2000 Paralympics - Sydney, Australia

GOLD - 2002 World Championships - Wisla, Poland

GOLD - 2004 World Championships - Mettmann, Germany

GOLD - 2005 World Cup - Regina, Canada

GOLD – 2006 World Championships - Roermond, The Netherlands

5th – 2007 World Cup

I stopped being involved with standing volleyball in 2007.

In 2005, I travelled to Cambodia with five other Canadian team members to compete in the Asia-Oceania Developmental Cup – a tournament that Canada could not win, as they were an out-of-zone team. The purpose of my participation was to provide volleyball instruction to the players and coaches of the Cambodian National Volleyball League for the Disabled, a league in which 75 per cent of the athletes on the 14 teams were landmine survivors.

