

**USA**

## Jeff Werner

I played volleyball in 10th grade in high school. While in high school I was voted All County (Berks County, PA) and team MVP my senior year. We also won the county championship my senior year.

I then went on to play on the men's club team at Penn State University. My junior year we won E.C.V.A (Eastern College Volleyball Association) conference championship (1995) and qualified for college club nationals.

My father, Dennis Werner, had the greatest influence on me and my development in the sport. He was high school teacher and coach for 30+ years in my area. During his teaching tenure he coached multiple sports including baseball, basketball, and volleyball. He is credited with starting high school volleyball in Berks County, PA. My father would allow me to attend all practices and at times (even as a young kid) would let me practice with the high school kids. He encouraged me to play as many sports as I could, and my disability was never an issue or concern.

Full USA standing volleyball career: 1995 to 2003

1995: US Olympic Festival (Boulder, CO) – Gold Medallist

1996: Atlanta Paralympics (starting outside hitter) – 4th

1998: Standing Volleyball World Championships (Olsztyn, Poland) – 4th

Most Outstanding Spiker

1999: Pan Am Cup (Laval, Canada) – Champions

Tournament MVP

2000: Sydney Paralympics (starting outside hitter) – 4th

2003: World Cup (Rhodes, Greece) – 4th

Awards received:

1995: US Olympic Festival (Boulder, CO) – Gold Medallist

1998: Standing Volleyball World Championships (Olsztyn, Poland) – Most Outstanding Spiker

1999: Pan Am Cup (Laval, Canada) – Champions & Tournament MVP

I stopped being involved with standing volleyball in 2003.

