



## TOM JONES HALL OF FAME ATHLETE

**Tom is one of the most decorated volleyball athletes in BC.** His volleyball career began at Mission Secondary School, guiding them to a second place finish at the 1974 BC High School Provincial Championships. Tom helped Team BC capture the Gold at the 1975 Canada Games. He would go on to play university volleyball at UBC, helping the Thunderbirds to a CIAU title in 1976 followed up a silver medal in 1977.

After university, Tom was selected to be part of the national team where he was a member and co-captain of Team Canada from 1977-1984 playing in over 250 matches. Some highlights while representing the red and white include a Bronze at the 1979 Pan American Games, Silver at the 1983 FISU World Student Games and what he refers to as his biggest accomplishment in his volleyball career, a semi-final appearance at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the best ever finish for Canadian Volleyball at an Olympic games.

Following his time on the national team, Tom headed overseas to play professionally in Europe (Italy & France), winning the European Cup and French National Championship. He would officially retire in 1991 and would soon make his way back to BC with his wife and two children.

Since then, he's worn many sports administration hats, including CEO of the Commonwealth Games Canada, Manager of Athlete Development with the Province of BC, Past President of Volleyball BC, served on the Board of Directors with Volleyball Canada and helped bring the Canadian Women's National Volleyball Training Centre to Richmond. Tom is a four-time inductee of the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame as well as member of the UBC Hall of Fame, and Mission Sports Hall of Fame.

