



# JASON BENT

Jason Bent began playing soccer at the age of four and has lived in Brampton for over 16 years. As a professional international soccer player, he has brought fame to the City of Brampton through his outstanding athletic achievements and contributions in the development of sport.

Jason attended St. Brigid and St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School, as well as St. Augustine Secondary School in Brampton. While living in Brampton, he received numerous honours and awards for soccer at local, provincial, national and international levels of play, right up to his professional playing career.

Jason received a full scholarship in 1996, from the University of Maryland at College Park. He debuted as a starter with a 3.0 GPA, helping his team to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship. Jason started his professional playing career in 1997 with German Bundesliga, Second Division Club, FSV Zwickau; where he spent one season before moving to Major League Soccer club, Colorado Rapids. Jason was one of the first Canadians to be signed by a MLS team. He spent three seasons (1998-2000) with Colorado appearing in over 50 matches and was part of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup finals squad in 1999. His last professional club was Plymouth Argyle F.C. in England where he played three seasons (2001-2004) and debuted as a starter. Bent was a fan favourite in Plymouth. He helped Argyle to win the Division Three Championship in 2001-2002, and the Division Two Championship in 2003-2004. In addition to his club football career, Jason earned 32 caps for the Canadian National Team. In 2000, he was a member of the Canadian Men's National Gold Cup Winning Team.

He has contributed back to the game in a tremendous way through coaching and development. Jason was named Toronto FC II's head coach in 2014. He originally joined the Toronto F.C. first team, ahead of the 2011 season, after spending the previous three seasons as the Under 18 Academy head coach.

Jason shares his passion, creativity, technical expertise and experiences both on and off the pitch to motivate and inspire. He is highly respected for his leadership, creativity, work ethic and strong personal values.

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# STEPHANIE DIXON

Stephanie Dixon was born in Brampton on February 10, 1984 missing her right leg and hip. Stephanie started swimming at the age of two and has felt at home in the water ever since. She participated in many other sports growing up but swimming always remained her passion.

Stephanie got her start in competitive swimming with the Dorado Stars in 1996 and moved to the COBRA swim club in 1998 and had a 15-year swimming career. Stephanie made her Paralympic debut at 16 years old where she set the record for the most gold medals won at any single games. After finishing high school, Stephanie moved to Victoria, BC to pursue a degree in Psychology and swim for the University of Victoria Vikes Varsity swim team. Stephanie qualified and represented the University at the Canadian Interuniversity Championships placing 15th against swimmers without disabilities while setting a world Record in her Para category. She earned UVic Athlete of the Year two years in a row.

Stephanie Dixon is Canada's second-most decorated Paralympic athlete. She competed at the Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games and won a total of seven gold, 10 silver and two bronze medals. She still holds the world record in the 100 and 200 meter backstroke in her class (S9). At the 2007 Parapan American Games, she won six golds and one silver.

Dixon has an extensive background with the Paralympic movement in Canada. She now works promoting parasport across Canada through roles such as a keynote speaker, blogging, broadcasting and mentoring. She was part of the CPC's broadcast team at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games, TV host of the 2013 IPC World Swimming Championships in Montreal and is an athlete mentor with CIBC's Team Next.

Stephanie has been named as the Assistant Chef de Mission of Team Canada for the Toronto 2015 Parapan Games.

After moving to Whitehorse in 2011, Stephanie was the Head Coach of the Whitehorse Glacier Bears until 2013. Currently she is doing work with the Yukon Human Rights Commission on Disability Rights, and also works as a Fitness Expert at the Whitehorse Canada Games Center. She also enjoys the great wide outdoors of the North as an avid rock and ice climber, hiker, and paddler.

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# REGINALD EWLES

As a player Reg Ewles earned himself the nickname “Rocket” because of his remarkable speed – a speed that allowed him to score an amazing 36 points in 6 playoff games as a member of the Junior Excelsiors. At age 53 Reg still plays competitively and played a key role in the Brampton Excelsior Senior Men’s Masters Lacrosse team capturing back-to-back Ontario Championships in 2011 and 2012.

As impressive as Reg was on the field, his real contribution to Lacrosse in Brampton has been in the boardrooms and behind the bench. Reg has served continuously on the Brampton Minor Lacrosse Executive since 1992, filling many executive roles such as House League Convenor, Referee-in-Chief, and Skills Development Coordinator, Field Lacrosse Coordinator and Excelsior Lacrosse Club Liaison. Reg’s vision was to create Boys and Girls Field Lacrosse programs in Brampton. In 2000 he developed the boy’s field lacrosse “Play Book” which has been widely applied and shared by coaches in Brampton and throughout Ontario.

Over the years, Reg has coached several teams, in different divisions and levels of competition. He has coached four National and seven Provincial Championship teams and has been an Ontario Finalist three times in Boys and Girls field lacrosse and Ontario University field Lacrosse. Aside from these accomplishments Reg has also coached field Lacrosse teams competing in the United States. In 2003 and 2004 he coached a U-16 Boys team to back to back championships in the Varsity Division at the prestigious Ithica, New York Fall Lacrosse Tournament, assembling an impressive 31-11 record.

Reg Ewles has also contributed at a grass-roots level through coaching both Girls and Boys House League Lacrosse and has organized introductory, entry level skills clinics for both Brampton Minor Lacrosse Association coaches and players. Annually Reg helps to organize and run Ontario Lacrosse Association field lacrosse tournaments for both Boys and Girls, a Master’s lacrosse tournament, and the annual John “Gus” McCauley Memorial Tournament, all of which are held annually in Brampton. Reg has already been recognized for his achievements and has been honoured with the following awards: City of Brampton Long Term Service Award, Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club Life Membership, Brampton Minor Lacrosse Association ‘Revis Bennett’ Coach of the Year, OLA Presidents Award and the Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Clubs George ‘Mush’ Thompson Memorial Award.

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# NANCY WHITEFORD

A long time figure skating coach in Brampton, Nancy Whiteford was originally born in Oakville, Ontario and started skating at the age of three. Her love of skating continued to grow and develop throughout her childhood and into her teenage years. During her time as an athlete she was able to achieve gold in free skate, dance, skills and interpretive.

While Nancy was still competing, in 1978, she suffered a devastating injury to her Achilles tendon and at the age of 21 was diagnosed with diabetes. Nancy is a diabetic who requires six needles daily and is an inspiration to others with diabetes letting them know that anything is possible if you try.

Nancy was able to overcome her injury and began touring with Ice Follies and Holiday on Ice from 1978 to 1980. She looks back on this period as an exciting time in her skating career and wonderful experience.

Nancy began her coaching career at the age of 20 in 1980 and has been a dedicated coach to Skate Canada Brampton Chinguacousy for over 35 years. During her time with the club, Nancy has been involved in 17 ice shows with Brampton and coached over 150 Gold medalists in multiple skating disciplines. In 1980, Nancy was responsible for bringing the Synchronized Skating program to Brampton. Nancy continues to help fulfill her students' goals and dreams and has even mentored six of her students into becoming coaches.

In 1995, Skate Canada awarded Nancy the Volunteer Coach of the Year. She currently holds her Level 2 Coach Gold status and continues to spread her love of skating.

Nancy is still coaching all disciplines including all levels of free skate, dance, skills interpretive and pair interpretive. Her involvement with the skating club inspired her to compete once again. In 2008, Nancy became the Canadian and World Interpretive Figure Skating Champion at the age of 48. Nancy attributes all of her success to the huge support received from family, friends and Skate Canada Brampton Chinguacousy.

Nancy is a mother of two children and she has been extremely involved in their education and personal lives encouraging and helping them become successful. In her spare time she was a committed school volunteer helping children with disabilities and at home she loves to cook.

Nancy Whiteford would like everyone to know that if you dream big dreams, they can come true if you work hard and believe in yourself.

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