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Thank you Racquetball Canada for this honour and congratulations to the other nominees. I tried to make this speech short although there are many things to highlight.

So you saw the stats. I am very proud of my athletic accomplishments, especially starting the sport at 21! And so happy about what racquetball has brought in my life – an awesome lifetime partner (you guessed that's Michel), a fulfilling professional career in high performance sport, great friendships, life balance, so many memories and a few medals and trophies on the way.

I am also thankful to Racquetball Canada for the Award nominated in my name for women's doubles champions. I wonder who's name would appear often if they had engraved the previous 10 years champions.

I always took great pride in representing Canada; it is a big honour and a privilege, not given to many. I trained consistently and thoroughly with a clear objective - to display the best of my capabilities on and off the court.

I am also proud of my other implications in racquetball – my international coaching years with the juniors, sharing coaching experiences with great coaches, having been an athlete representative and my relentless advocacy for the betterment of high performance in racquetball.

Whatever I undertook, I always demonstrated a desire to have things evolve with a focus on individual personal growth.

Thank you to my family, my parents, my supporters, my sponsors, Racquetball Canada, Racquetball Québec, E-Force, my faithful doubles partners, my coaches - you would have guessed my preferred one was Michel – and my training partners. You helped me accomplish so much.

To all of you here tonight, I hope that one day you can be proud of your significant contribution to something greater than you.

Enjoy the fitness level racquetball brings to you and have a good life!

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