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Racquetball Canada Hall of Fame
Acceptance Remarks
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Good evening to ALL,

It is a pleasure for me to reconnect after more than 20 years away from the sport. Great to see still some familiar faces along with some new and younger faces for the sustainability of our sport.

It is an honour for me to be recognized as part of Canadian racquetball history for my accomplishments in the 80s and 90s. There is absolutely nothing in my life that I will have worked harder than racquetball.

You know, even after all these years, I am still a bit bitter about the fact that we (and I include myself) were not able to succeed in getting our sport into the Olympics. Nothing I wanted more than to wear a Canadian outfit at an Olympic Games – Still hurts til this day! I do see a lot more “streaming” of matches and a lot more Social Media activity and I urge you all to continue to post, share and like as it is truly the best sport on this planet.

There are a lot of people I would like to thank tonight and it starts with my first coaches Suzanne Robert and Monique Parent who taught me great foundations. Raynald Dionne who showed me the way from 39th in Canada to 2nd in same year – 1987 - 1988. National Team Coach Gary Ness who helped me quite a bit with my physical and mental preparation. George Baker, Coach and creator of a Collegiate Dynasty at South West Missouri State University as well as Jim Trammell who continued the program. I cannot omit my parents who allowed me to persevere all these years. Thank you All as it was a fantastic journey.

I thank Racquetball Canada for their initiative on starting the Hall of Fame and I urge also Racquetball Canada / USA Racquetball to continue their quest to re-juvenate the sport and to be creative in getting it back to what it was once. The greatest game ever! Fun, tough at times but truly the sport that made me who I am today.

Thank you!

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