

Bryan Blanshard **1966-**

Bryan Blanshard started his badminton career at the Boulevard Club in Toronto at tender age of ten. He played throughout his junior years on the circuit, winning most tournaments - thus encouraging the career path he then followed. Bryan competed in the Provincials and Nationals where he was a dominant force, capturing nine junior and seven senior provincial titles.

After juniors, to further his passion he moved to Calgary to the National training center and also began his civil engineering studies. For the next five years he competed nationally, winning six national doubles titles in a row with Mike Bitten from 1989 to 1994 and also two mixed titles. He won the Canadian Open in 1989 in doubles with Mike Bitten and in 1990 won the mixed title. He was deemed "a well rounded player". He competed internationally, his speed and power making him able to compete with the Asian style. At the All England championships he lost in 3 games to the # 1 singles player in the world.

In 1990, Bryan moved to Ottawa and joined the R.A. Centre. He represented Canada at four world championships, four Thomas cups, three Pan American games, as well as two commonwealth games capturing a bronze medal in the men's doubles and a silver team medal in 1990. At his peak, he was ranked in the top 12 in the world in men's doubles and top 10 in mixed.

With the determination of a winner, Bryan was chosen to represent Canada's first Canadian badminton team at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

As a champion, playing and helping young athletes further their careers became very rewarding to him. Bryan represented the Canadian Players Association for numerous years and is one of its founding members.

Lastly, participating at the masters' level shows his winning spirit and love for the sport will never decrease. At the 2008 Canadian Masters Championships, with Denyse Julien, he won the 40+ Mixed Doubles title.