



MIKE WEBB

Mike began playing rugby when he was 12 years old in junior high school. He went on to play for Canada's under-19, under-21, and under-23 teams. For the past 3 years, Mike has been playing for the Canadian Senior Men's National Rugby team, and in that time he has played in over 12 games for Team Canada, including being named Captain in his first game, a rare occurrence that had not happened in over 30 years.

Off the field, Mike obtained a degree in Human Kinetics from UBC, and also has his Masters Degree in Clinical Epidemiology from Memorial University in Newfoundland. Recently Mike started working on a PhD this year with the goal of becoming a medical doctor. Although Mike spends a fair bit of time studying, he very much enjoys the outdoors, including fishing and hiking. Webby, as he is known, likes to hang out with his friends and family in his spare time, and loves walking his dog Abbi!

Please join me in welcoming Mike!

Requirements: DVD player



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"I think rugby is the perfect game!. It has positions for big and small, the fleet of foot, and those like me, who aren't blessed with that gift. And unusual for an aggressive contact sport, there are positions for players who avoid contact and play the game with tactical precision and smarts." Mike has played rugby for fourteen years locally in Vancouver, Victoria, and St John's. Eight of those years were at the competitive level.

"As a young guy, I was pretty heavy. A little slow to lose my baby fat, I think. So I was attracted to rugby for a couple of reasons. My friends were all playing, and also I could turn my large size and heavy weight from, what I perceived as a disadvantage, into something that could help me achieve in sport. That motivation pushed me hard to play rugby, and allowed me to enjoy some success with it, and have a lot of fun with it. The fun being all that matters, anyways!"

Some disappointments befell Mike early in his career. He was not selected for the Canadian World Cup team in 2003, a bitter pill to swallow after some really top performances that year. "I was totally devastated. I was quite sure that I would be included in the team in some capacity. To be left out really hurt". Mike took some time to collect himself and to have a closer look at his own performances and attitude. He took 3 months off of the summer season, hoping to come back for the fall afresh. "I took the time to be honest with myself, and to commit to coming back to my rugby even stronger than when I left. I set myself some goals, trained hard, and the following spring, I was selected for Team Canada- realising one of my dreams!"

When not playing rugby, Mike spends time with his family, friends, and his dog Abbi. Mike Enjoys the outdoors, and relaxing while fishing, hiking, and just being outside. Mike spends a fair bit of time in the classroom as well, studying hard. He has obtained a degree in Human Kinetics, a Masters degree in Clinical Epidemiology, and is now working on his Doctorate degree. Ultimately, Mike would like to be a medical doctor.