



Bobby Ross

Growing up in Victoria, Bobby Ross was a multi-sport athlete through high school playing rugby, basketball and soccer at SMUS and baseball outside of school. Shortly after graduation, he was selected to the Canadian Junior Baseball team and competed in the World Junior Championships in 1987. He then went to play college baseball on a scholarship in Washington State for a year and upon return, the game of rugby lured him back.

First capped in Victoria at inside centre against Ireland in 1989 at 20 years of age, Bobby went on to earn 57 caps over a 15 year window between 1989 and 2003. Throughout his playing years, he was a prodigious kicker of punts, drop goals, conversions and penalty goals. He tallied 421 test points, ranking him as Canada's third all-time scorer and was the 14th overall point scorer in international test match history. He was a versatile player being capped in the center, wing and fullback but spent the majority of his time at fly half.

Bobby captained the Canadian Under 19, Under 21 and Senior Men's teams and was once capped for all three levels in the same year. He represented Canada in three World Cups ('95, '99, '03), set the Canadian record for drop goals and is the all-time Pacific Rim Championships scoring leader. One of these drop goals was a 56m bomb at the opening kickoff versus Wales in 1997. He would also score a try in that game and one week later earned his pro contract at Cardiff where he helped to pioneer the European professional game for Canadians. Always a team player, he came out of retirement to fill Canada's need for an outside half for the 2003 World Cup and in his last game for Canada against Tonga, Bobby was named Man of the Match. In all, Bobby slipped on the Maple Leaf in over 80 tests (24 without getting on the field)

In 2019 Bobby was inducted into the BC Rugby Hall of Fame and into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2020. As a proud member of the Songhees Nation, he was also recognized in a Native Capping Ceremony by Thunder Rugby, an organization of which he is a board member. A consummate pro on and off the field.

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