

# Jennifer Botterill

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### SPORT:

Women's Ice Hockey

### POSITION & #:

Forward, #17

### HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AGE:

5'9, 158, May 1, 1979 (30)

### HOMETOWN:

Winnipeg, Manitoba

### NUMBER OF YEARS ON CANADIAN NAT'L TEAM:

Twelve

### OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE:

1998 NAGANO (Silver)  
2002 SALT LAKE CITY (Gold)  
2006 TORINO (Gold)  
2010 VANCOUVER (Gold)

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE:

1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007 (Gold)  
2005, 2008 & 2009 (Silver)

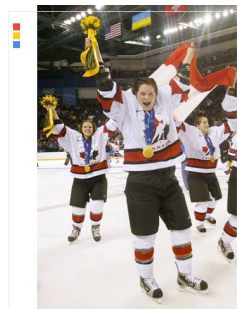
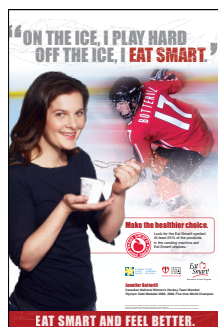
### UNIVERSITY:

Harvard, B.A. Psychology '03 (with Honors)

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NOTES:

2007-08 Leading Scorer in the Canadian (pro) Women's Hockey League  
2007-08 ESSO Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year  
2-time MVP of the IIHF World Championships (2001 & 2004)  
2006 Winter Olympic All Tournament Team  
Only 2-time winner of the Patty Kazmaier Award (2000-01 & 2002-03)  
[equivalent to the Heisman]  
Team Captain of Harvard (2000-01 & 2002-03)  
2001 named Manitoba Female Athlete of the Year, her mom won the same award 36 years before  
1999 NCAA W Ice Hockey Champion  
1999 NCAA Frozen Four Most Outstanding Player  
Brother, Jason formerly played in the NHL & represented Hockey Canada with 3 World Junior Championship titles  
Mother, Doreen competed for Canada in the 1964 & 68 Winter Olympics in Speedskating  
Father, Cal is a noted Sport Psychologist & has advised NHL teams and works with current & former Canadian Olympic athletes

Jennifer is bilingual (French & English) & is an athlete ambassador for Right To Play (formerly Olympic Aid)



The Botterill family tree of service to Canada is on to its 4th decade in the sporting world and in Jennifer's case she looks to have quite a few more before she relinquishes her spot.

As a member of the Canadian Women's National Team since 1997, she has had the ride of her life helping to build the team into the #1 ranked team in the world heading to Vancouver. As a 17 year old from Winnipeg, Jennifer was able to make the jump to the senior team (& was the youngest member of the '98 Olympic Team) and has truly had a stellar career to date winning Gold an incredible 7 times in 10 major events (Olympics & World Championships). Most athletes couldn't even begin to fathom Jennifer's success, but for her it is really a family success as opposed to a singular one.

Jennifer's mom you might say has had a lot to do with her skating ability, being a former Canadian champion speedskater with 2 Olympic experiences herself, her father is a pre-eminent sports psychologist who has been helping Canadian athletes for decades now and her brother made it to the NHL, was a member of the Canadian Jr National Team; won multiple Golds himself and has been lending advice to Jennifer for many years as well. All of this though has culminated with the family lending back to Canada through a variety of ways.

In between Jennifer's time playing for Hockey Canada, she had an outstanding scholar-athlete career at Harvard University, where Jennifer led the school to a NCAA Championship, became the leading NCAA scorer ever and won the player of the year award (Patty Kazmaier Award) twice and was the first and only player ever to do so. Additionally, Jennifer was the Team Captain twice at HU interrupted only by the fact that she took the 2001-02 season off to play for Team Canada at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Jennifer graduated from Harvard with Honors in Psychology and may have a future in her father's family business when her playing days are over and continuing to help current and future Canadian athletes succeed off the field of play with the techniques that her father has crafted.

While she is 30 and Vancouver is on the horizon ahead, with good health and the ability to compete for Canada at a continued high level, Jennifer should be able to play for Canada for many more years in the future. But before the future comes, Jennifer knows that this will be her only chance to bring home an Olympic Gold, playing in front of the home crowds in Vancouver and will do whatever it takes to win it.

Jennifer was named to the Olympic Team in December 2009 and being mentally and physically prepared for the Canadian National Team selection process which lasted for four months was something she was able to lean upon with her family for guidance and to be the best player that Jennifer can be for Canada as well as a mentor for her younger teammates who have not been through an Olympic experience before. While at the Games, Jennifer ultimately produced the Golden game winning assist making the play to her teammate who scored the first goal in a 2-0 victory over the United States and capture her 3rd Gold Medal for Canada.

Outside of hockey, Jennifer enjoys the broadcasting world and has been an online host for Wayne Gretzky's [www.Gretzky.com](http://www.Gretzky.com) for the past 3 years and additionally uses her voice as an athlete ambassador for Right To Play & for EatSmartOntario.ca. She has been one of 8 Canadian athletes featured by CTV & their consortium of stations from Sept 1 through the Games in all of their promo bumps as part of the "Believe" campaign.

Jennifer lends her time to the Right To Play along with other Canadian charities (such as Special Olympics, Kidsport, Children's Wish Foundation & Canadian Cancer Society amongst others).

Jennifer currently has deals with Procter & Gamble Canada - Secret Brand and various other National Brands in Canada and the United States. One of the topics Jennifer brings up often comes from some advice she got and that is to "Enjoy the journey (success is a journey, not a destination)", "Have no regrets (never have to say I wish I would have)" & "Why not you (Believe in yourself)?"



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