

A Trip through the Rockies with Greg Lewis
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The 2005 National Championships were held in the lovely city of Victoria, B.C. so what better way to acknowledge this than to chat with a boy who was born and bred in Victoria by the name of Greg Lewis. Greg is a young, single man who works as a Warehouse Manager. He became interested in darts through watching the game at a pub owned by his father.

Greg has rotated between British Columbia and Alberta and has been a member of the BC Team on six occasions and the AB Team twice. His first attendance at the Nationals was in 1990 in Toronto as a member of Team BC. Having traveled around western Canada chasing tournaments, his name is well known, particularly amongst the western players.

When Greg goes out for a meal he likes steak together with almost any ethnic food especially Greek and Vietnamese. He likes Reggae and Rock in the music field.

During Greg's eight appearances at the National Championships his best achievement has been Joint 9th. For that reason, one of his goals is to become Canadian Champion, the other to become a member of Team Canada and participate in a World Cup. One of his goals was achieved this year when he qualified as a member of Team Canada and traveled to Australia to participate in the World Cup. He was a very excited young man after the qualifier and fortunately one of his brothers and one sister were in the venue to watch him. This was especially nice as it was the first time they have seen him compete.

To quote Greg's statement regarding the World Cup – awesome! It was well run and lots of fun. It presented a lot of pressure playing for your country. Team matches were great and very intense. The team selected Greg to play the deciding game against Scotland – that game was the first time that he felt his nerves in many years – really exciting. His results weren't exactly what he had hoped for but as he said "I played really well and nobody beat me easily".

After the World Cup, Greg and some friends went to Sydney and then drove to Geelong (near Melbourne) for the Geelong Masters which is a world ranked tournament. They had a great time with the Aussies.

This young man said that he hopes he has an opportunity to compete for Canada again one day as it was a great experience. He also said that Canadians are just as good as anyone in the world and if we could give our players more international exposure we would see even more players at the top.

He moved to Britain in 1991 and backpacked through the country. He hoped to get involved with darts at a more professional level, but that was the time of the BDO/PDC split and there wasn't too much happening, so he decided to come home. However, his desire to return to England still persists and he says that he will probably be moving to

England at some time in the future and remain for at least a year and play some very active darts. (The joys of being a single man!).

When not playing Darts Greg likes to play a little golf a little, however, he hasn't done very much of that lately.

I am sure Greg will persist with his goal to become the Canadian Champion at some points down the road, in the meantime, we are glad that he had a good time in Australia and that achieving one of his goals was well worth while.

