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Eric Sato

Japanese American

Olympic Volleyball Player

Eric Sato (1966-) played volleyball with his father, brothers, and sisters. Whenever they had time, Eric and his family spent many happy hours hitting a Nerf volleyball indoors, using a jump rope as a net. Although he was shorter and younger than other players, Eric was able to join the Olympic volleyball team, winning a gold medal in 1988 and a bronze medal in 1992 for the United States. When he was 22 years old, he won the Best Defensive Specialist Award. After he retired, Eric became a volleyball coach to show young people how much fun it was to play the sport.