

Curt Tomasevicz Biography

Curtis Tomasevicz grew up in Shelby, Nebraska a small town of nearly 700 people located a few miles south and west of Columbus. He spent his high school and college years playing football. While attending the University of Nebraska as a red-shirt freshman, Curtis was only one of three hopefuls out of a group of 120 candidates added to the lineup that year. During his senior year in 2003, he earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors. Curtis holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Bobsled beginnings:

When asked about bobsledding Curtis laughs saying that he never saw a bobsled until the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano. He wasn't exactly convinced that it was a legitimate, professional sport, either. Fellow Cornhusker hammer thrower and friend Amanda Moreley -- now a push athlete and brakeman on the Canadian national bobsled team -- suggested he give it a try. Curtis was instantly taken with the danger and thrill the sport provided.

Breaking the ice:

During his first season (2004-05), Tomasevicz landed on the World Cup circuit, alternating between Steve Holcomb's and Mike Kohn's sleds. He and Holcomb both made their Olympic debut in Torino, sliding to sixth in four-man competition. The entire experience was a memorable one for Tomasevicz. He compared walking in the Opening Ceremony to the excitement of going through the tunnel at Memorial Stadium during his college football years. Returning to the Olympic track in 2007, he grabbed his first-ever World Cup gold with Holcomb, and the momentum didn't stop there; he and Holcomb also took silver at the Whistler World Cup in February 2009. But his biggest achievement came within weeks of that, when he, Holcomb, Justin Olsen and Steve Mesler raced the "Night Train" to its first four-man World title in half a century. During the 2009-10 season, the "Night Train" squad claimed the four-man bobsled World Cup title for the first time in 17 years for the U.S. and the overall World Cup crown. And of course, as the whole world now knows by now, Curt and his 3 team mates went on to win the gold medal at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada. It marked the first time the Americans had won the gold in 62 years!

Family + leisure:

Tomasevicz's dad, Dennis, is a combine mechanic, while mom, Amy, is an art teacher. He has a younger brother, Jon, who is a physical education teacher. When he's not busy training in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Tomasevicz enjoys playing bass guitar, astronomy and reading.