

DAVE STEVENS



Dave Stevens, born without legs in the late 1960s, was put up for adoption, and was raised by two loving and supportive parents who instilled core values that helped make him the man he is today.

In the years before adaptive sports, Stevens decided to play able bodied sports and became a pioneer in his home state of Arizona. Dave played basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, softball and every sport possible before becoming a three- sport varsity athlete at Wickenburg High School in Wickenburg, AZ.

After numerous national articles and a feature appearance on ABC's "That's Incredible", Stevens was awarded a scholarship to Augsburg College in Minnesota. It was here that he became the only legless player in college football history. His success eventually led to a tryout with Dallas Cowboys and representing Team USA playing football in New Zealand, Australia, and Ireland.

Dave's love for baseball also led him to tryouts with the 1984 Olympic baseball team, the Cincinnati Reds, and the Minnesota Twins. In 1996, Dave again reached another milestone, signing a 3- week contract with minor league baseball team the St. Paul Saints, being the only legless athlete to ever achieve that.

Off the field, Dave enjoyed a 30+ years in sports broadcasting, with duties ranging from reporter, to video editor, to producer. He spent 20+ years working at ESPN, where he earned seven national sports Emmy's. He has covered Super Bowls, World Series, Final Fours and anything in-between.

Dave is a highly sought-after motivational speaker for corporations, schools, sports and civic organization and is a reporter for The Disability Channel.

In his spare time, Dave puts on sports camps for "Limb-Different" Athletes thanks to Prostantz, putting on free clinics with Minor League baseball teams for differently-abled children. In 2021 Dave became a professional in residence at Quinnipiac University-and oversees the new Ability Media initiative at the college to teach media and production to disabled students and create job opportunities and careers.

