

= Mac Marcoux =

Mac Marcoux (born 20 June 1997) is a Canadian Paralympic Alpine skier who won three titles at the IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup at the age of 15 . With guide Robin Femy , he won three medals in alpine skiing at the 2014 Winter Paralympics , including gold in the men 's visually impaired giant slalom . He also has numerous awards including being inducted into the Sault Ste . Marie Walk of Fame . He has an older brother and a younger sister . He also enjoys riding BMX and mountain bikes .

= = Personal life = =

Mac Marcoux was born on 20 June 1997 in Haviland Bay , Ontario . He resides there with his parents and two siblings , an older brother and a younger sister . He started skiing at the age of four . He also rode BMX bikes and raced go @-@ karts . In 2006 , he started losing his sight due to Stargardt disease , a degenerative condition , and became legally blind in 2007 . He said : " We 've always been a racing family from the beginning . It 's how I 've grown up . Going fast was just a part of it . The faster you go the more fun it is " .

After Marcoux had lost his vision , his brother Billy Joe (B.J.) Marcoux decided to put his college education on hold in order to assist him with skiing . Alpine Canada introduced them to a new kind of skiing called Para @-@ Alpine . They were inspired by the McKeever brothers to do visually impaired para @-@ alpine . Other than the Paralympics , his brother B.J. has been his sighted guide using radio communication ever since then ; something they had never used before .

= = Para @-@ Alpine career = =

Marcoux is classified as a B3 (visually impaired) athlete . At the age of 15 , he competed at the 2013 IPC Alpine Skiing World Cup in Mount Hutt , New Zealand , with B.J. as his guide , winning three medals . Later that year he won a silver medal in the Giant Slalom at the 2013 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships in La Molina , Spain , and became the national Slalom and Giant Slalom champion at Sun Peaks , British Columbia .

= = = 2014 Winter Paralympics = = =

The following year he competed in the 2014 Winter Paralympics in Sochi as the youngest member of the Canadian Paralympic Team at the age of 16 . With Robin Femy as his guide . He won bronze in both the Downhill and the Super @-@ G , as well as a gold in the Giant Slalom by over two seconds . " It is the best moment of my life " , he said after winning gold . " I can 't even explain how amazing this is . "

Mac and his brother B.J. were inducted into the Sault Ste . Marie Walk of Fame on 19 September 2014 .

= = Other interests = =

He raced BMX bikes and go @-@ karts with his brother B.J. before he was blind . After he lost his sight , he fished and also rode mountain bikes at Whistler with a guide using the same kind of radio communication system .

= = Awards = =

Marcoux and his brother BJ was presented the H.P. Broughton Trophy and was named into the Sault Ste . Marie Walk of Fame . In October 2014 , the brothers were also inducted into the Sault Ste . Marie Sports Hall of Fame by mayor Debbie Amaroso .