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Premier's Message

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I'm pleased to welcome you to the 2025 Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Each of this year's inductees has made a lasting mark on our province's sporting story. From the ice and the ring to the court and the sidelines, their achievements remind us how sport brings people together, builds pride and inspires the next generation.

Tonight, we honour athletes, teams and builders whose skill, dedication and spirit reflect the very best of Nova Scotia. To all the inductees and their families — congratulations. Your accomplishments have strengthened our province's sporting legacy and continue to inspire us all.

Thank you to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and everyone who helped make this celebration possible.

Yours Truly,

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A.
Premier





OUR MISSION

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame's mission is to honour excellence in Nova Scotia sport by sharing stories of our history and heroes that celebrate, educate and inspire.

OUR VISION

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame's vision is that Nova Scotia sport achievements and history remain sources of value and inspiration to our communities, and sources of education to our youth.

VALUES

- Excellence and distinction as an organization, a Hall of Fame, and a museum
- Preserving Nova Scotia sport heritage
- Celebrating excellence in Nova Scotia sport
- Accessibility (to information, the museum facility and programming)
- Sustainability (in finances, culture and environment)
- Best practices
- Diversity and fairness (in our selection process, our programming and our day-to-day operations)
- Inspiring and motivating youth
- Serving and engaging the community

MANDATE

To permanently record Nova Scotia's sport heritage, and to maintain a collection that is representative of that heritage

To recognize, honour and celebrate individuals, teams and organizations who have achieved excellence in, or contributed significantly to, sport in Nova Scotia

To conduct educational programs related to achievements of historical significance in Nova Scotia sport, and to make them available to all Nova Scotians

To make information related to Nova Scotia's sport heritage available and accessible to the general public and other organizations, and to publicize this information to wider audiences including those outside of the province

To serve the community by providing an accessible facility, a variety of programming, and opportunities for engagement and partnerships



The Hall of Fame team: (Left to Right) Katie Tanner, Museum & Communications Manager; Shane Mailman, Director of Programs & Operations; Bruce Rainnie, President & CEO; and Karolyn Sevcik, Manager, Administration & Special Events

CEO MESSAGE



Welcome to Induction Night 2025, presented by Support4Sport. This event is the favourite among staff at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, and one we take immense pride in presenting.

The Induction Class of 2025 is typically outstanding, featuring athletes and builders who have left their marks in this province and far beyond. When you look closely at this class, you realize that greatness can be achieved no matter gender, race, age, geography or socioeconomic standing. That is a powerful message and we work very hard every day to share it.

A huge thank you to our selection panel and committee, who, under the direction of Chair Mark Smith, took on the challenging task of selecting those most deserving of induction. Kudos as well to the staff of the Hall—Karolyn Sevcik, Shane Mailman, and Katie Tanner. They are incredible people—the best at what they do—and their dedication to the Hall and its inductees is inspiring.

We are proud to announce that for a sixth straight year, Eastlink is broadcasting the Induction ceremony live to the province and beyond.

And for the first time ever, Support4Sport has joined us as our presenting sponsor. For a non-profit organization like ours, a partnership with an organization of this esteem is invaluable, and allows us to properly honour the athletes, teams and coaches who have made sporting history and represented the province with such pride.

On a personal note, this night will mark my 26th consecutive year hosting the NSSHF induction ceremony. It has been a tremendous gift to my life and career, and I have always been completely blown away by the athletes and builders I've met in an up close and personal fashion. Their collective love of province has been infectious and their collective humility inspiring. I hope there are many more years to come, and many more chances to share the stage with the best to ever do it in Nova Scotia sport.

In closing, thank you for supporting the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, and enjoy what will be a very special evening.

Bruce Rainnie
President & CEO

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the NSSHF, I want to congratulate this year's incredible class of inductees. Welcome to our Hall and thank you for your remarkable and lasting contributions to sport in the province. I want you to know that we take your legacies seriously. We can assure you that your stories are in good hands and will be preserved and shared with future generations of Nova Scotia sport heroes and fans.

We are pleased to report that we will soon be able to welcome you to our renovated home in Scotiabank Centre. Construction has finished and a grand opening date will be announced in the next few months. This new Hall will feature an approximate 35% increase in square footage, which will allow for more display space and better recognition of our inductees. And the facility will be fully accessible with an improved entrance for those with special mobility needs. In short, we are well-positioned for an exceptional year, with a new Hall of Fame that will be among the best in North America.

I want to thank my fellow volunteer Board members for their commitment to our Hall of Fame. I also want to thank our Hall staff led by CEO Bruce Rainnie; Karolyn Sevcik, who has overseen administration and special events for more than 30 years; Shane Mailman, who has directed programs and operations for 25 years; and Katie Tanner, who is into her second decade as our museum and communications manager. Their dedication to sport and sport heroes in this province is a source of great inspiration. And thank you for your support too!

Here's to what promises to be a memorable and rewarding next 12 months...

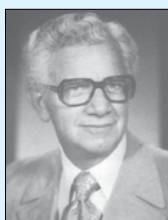
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Stephanie O'Connor
Chair

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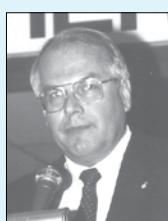
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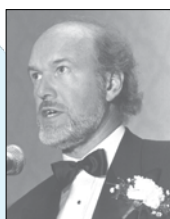
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RALPH HOLLETT

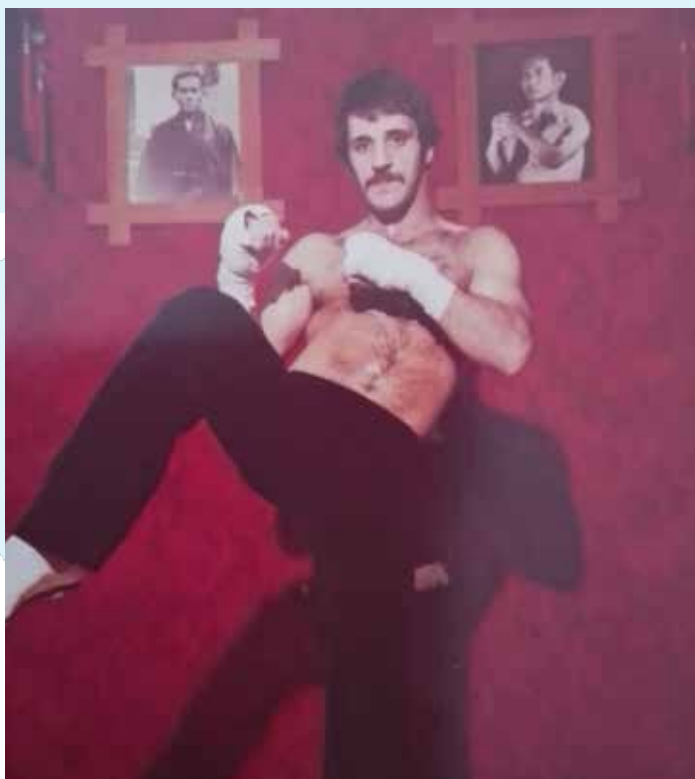
By Bruce Rainnie and Russ Anber

In the boxing gyms across Nova Scotia, the name Ralph “The Heat” Hollett still floats through the air like a well-placed jab. His story—gritty, inspiring, and steeped in East Coast pride—continues to echo through generations of fighters. For those who knew him, watched him, or trained beside him, Hollett wasn’t just a champion in the ring; he was a symbol of toughness, humility, and perseverance.

Born on November 24, 1952, in Halifax, Ralph Hollett entered the world with a relentless work ethic and a fierce determination to prove himself. Before he ever laced up a pair of boxing gloves, Hollett immersed himself in martial arts. He trained in Uechi-Ryu Karate and Jiu Jitsu, earning black belts in both disciplines. Those early years gave him more than just physical conditioning—they shaped his mentality. Karate and Jiu Jitsu instilled poise, patience, and tactical discipline, traits that would later define his boxing style.

In the late 1970’s, Hollett burst onto the national scene by winning both the Canadian Kickboxing Championship and the national Tough Man Championship. These victories weren’t flukes; they were the result of a rare combination of striking precision and raw tenacity. He could punch, kick, take punishment, and keep pressing forward.





But Hollett wanted more. He wanted to test himself in boxing—the sport he believed was the ultimate measure of a fighter’s heart.

He turned professional in 1977 and began fighting across Eastern Canada, quickly developing a reputation as a hard-hitting, iron-willed middleweight. Early on, he lost as much as he won, but he was improving as a boxer with each bout. He wasn’t flashy, but he didn’t need to be. Hollett was methodical, powerful, and smart. Fans packed arenas in Halifax and Montreal to watch him work. His hands spoke as loudly as any promoter ever could.

Then came the defining moment of his career.

On January 22, 1980, Hollett stepped into the ring at the Halifax Metro Centre against Canadian boxing legend Fernand Marcotte in a 12-round title fight. Few gave him a serious chance, but Hollett shocked the country with a dominant, unanimous decision win to claim the Canadian Middleweight Championship. That night, he didn’t just win a belt—he brought national recognition to Atlantic Canadian boxing and gave Halifax a hero.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Hometown: Halifax, N.S.

- **Three-time Canadian Middleweight Champion**
- **Career boxing record of 19 wins, 10 losses, and 1 draw**
- **Undefeated in 13 fights over a three-year period**
- **Scored a huge upset win over champion Fernand Marcotte for his first Canadian title in 1980**
- **Achieved a 2nd round knockout of Chris Clarke in December 1980**

But “The Heat” was just getting started. He defended his title with a brutal knockout of Chris Clarke later that year, and again in a rematch against Marcotte in June 1981, this time via technical knockout. Hollett wasn’t content to win—he wanted to dominate. Under the mentorship of trainer Tom McCluskey, Hollett became a complete fighter. McCluskey saw in Hollett a rare mix of toughness and technique, and the two formed a partnership built on trust, grit, and shared goals.

Hollett’s career wasn’t limited to Canadian competition. In June 1982, he faced Bennie Briscoe, a Philadelphia fighter who had squared off with greats like Marvin Hagler and Carlos Monzón. In a grueling battle in Halifax, Hollett emerged with a split decision win—one of the most significant victories of his career. Later that year, he stopped Eddie Melo in Montreal, further cementing his status as one of Canada’s top middleweights.

At his peak, Hollett was more than a national champion—he was a gatekeeper for greatness. If you wanted to rise through the Canadian ranks, you had to go through him. He didn’t duck fights. He didn’t take easy routes. He fought whoever was in front of him, always prepared, always dangerous.

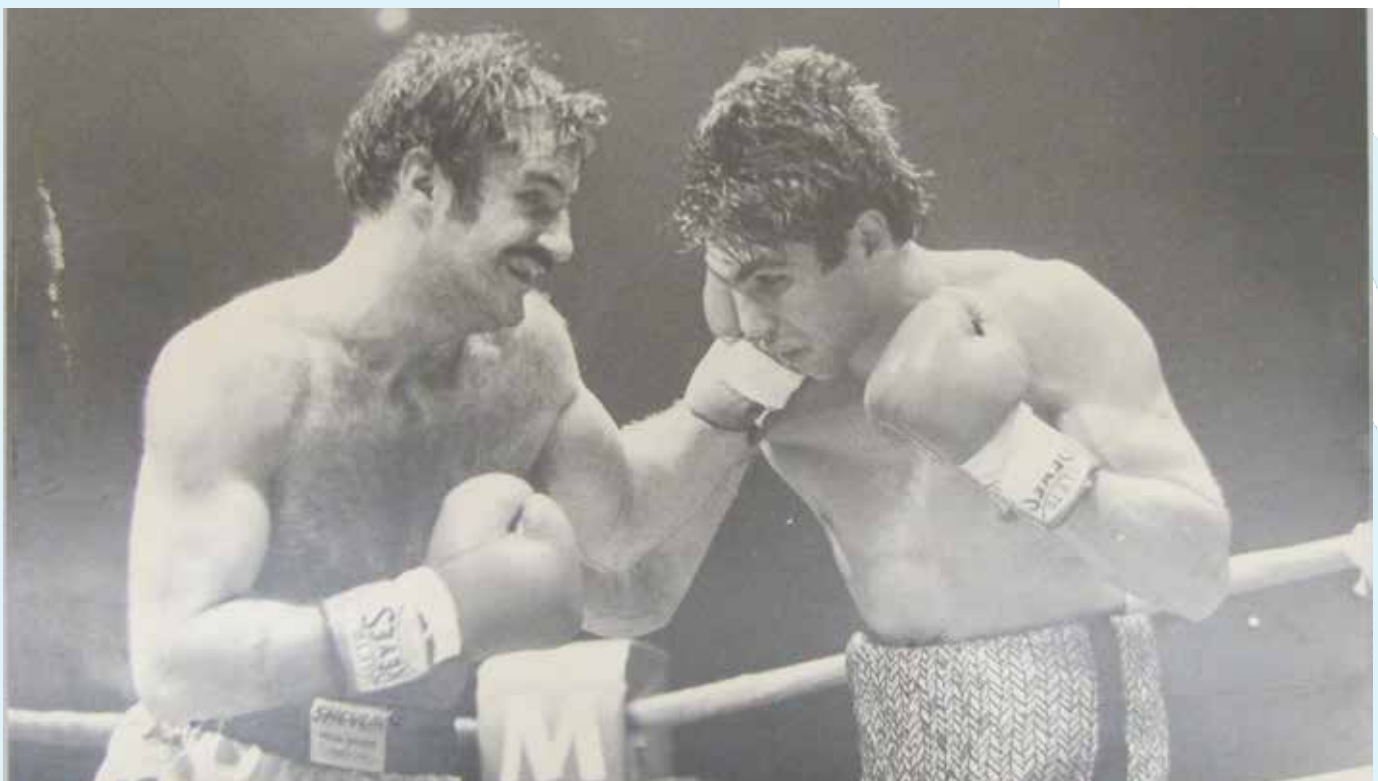
But no career is without its low points. In 1983, Hollett's momentum faltered. A tough loss to Roy Gumbs signaled the beginning of the end. That December, he faced rising star Alex Hilton in Montreal. Hilton, younger and hungry, handed Hollett a knockout loss, taking the Canadian title in the process. Hollett never fought professionally again.

Yet for Hollett, retirement didn't mean slowing down. He transitioned into public service, working in Nova Scotia's Department of Correctional Services at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Centre in Burnside. There, he applied the same principles that made him a champion—discipline, respect, and commitment to others. He stayed active in the Halifax fitness scene, often seen training at the YMCA and other gyms. To those who met him outside the ring, he wasn't "The Heat," the fighter—he was Ralph, the community man, mentor, and friend.

He was also a devoted father. Hollett raised four children—Sara, Clinton, Angelo, and Roger. His son Roger followed in his footsteps, forging a successful MMA career that led him to Bellator and the UFC. Like his father, Roger was known for his toughness and fighting spirit.

On June 14, 2012, Ralph Hollett passed away after a battle with cancer and an inoperable brain tumor. He was just 59. His death shook not only the boxing community but the entire province of Nova Scotia. Hollett wasn't just a former champion—he was a local legend, a man who had inspired countless others with his courage both inside and outside the ring.

Ralph Hollett didn't come from glamour or glitz. He came from grit. He showed that greatness doesn't have to shout—it can quietly, steadily carve its place in history through resilience, respect, and relentless hard work. His legacy lives on in the fighters he inspired, the friends he made, and the family he loved. They called him "The Heat." And though the final bell has long since rung, its echo still resonates in the hearts of all he touched.





Congratulations Ralph



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COLLEEN JONES

Few names resonate as profoundly in Canadian curling as Colleen Jones. A six-time Scotties Tournament of Hearts champion, two-time world champion, and beloved leader, Jones has left an indelible mark on the sport. Her story is one of grit, leadership, and unwavering passion, qualities that have inspired countless athletes across Canada and beyond.

Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Colleen Jones's introduction to curling was as natural as the icy winters of her home province. The sport, deeply woven into the fabric of Maritime culture, offered a playground where she could combine physical skill with mental strength and foresight. From the moment she picked up her first broom, it was clear she had a rare talent—a sharp eye, a steady hand, and a mind ideally suited to the chess-like strategy that curling demands.



ATHLETE



Jones's early years on the ice were marked by steady growth and local success. In 1982, she exploded onto the national scene, leading Team Nova Scotia to a win at the Scott Tournament of Hearts, becoming the youngest skip (age 22) to ever win the Canadian women's curling championship. This marked the beginning of a journey that would eventually captivate the curling world.

For almost two decades, Jones fought in vain to match the success of 1982. But the late 1990s saw her return to prominence, not just as a competitor but as a leader and strategist. She became known for her calm demeanor under pressure, a crucial asset in a sport where the margin between victory and defeat can be razor-thin. Jones led her incredible rink (Nancy Delahunt, Mary-Anne Arsenault, Kim Kelly) with precision, mastering the delicate balance of out-turn hits and finesse draws. Her teams were marked by their consistency, discipline, and, above all, their unshakable chemistry.

Between 1999 and 2004, Jones dominated the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, capturing five titles—a record few have approached.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Hometown: Halifax, NS

- Six-time Scotties Champion
- Two-time World Champion
- Two-time Canadian Mixed Champion
- National and World Senior Champion
- Inducted to Canada's Sport Hall of Fame
- Appointed to the Order of Canada, 2022
- Named #2 in the Top 15 Greatest Nova Scotian Athletes of All Time

Each championship reflected not just skill but resilience. In the grueling atmosphere of national competition, Jones's leadership was a defining factor. She had an uncanny ability to read the ice and anticipate her opponents' moves, often turning games around with strategic brilliance.

Her success at home translated seamlessly to the international stage. Jones represented Canada multiple times at the World Women's Curling Championships, winning gold medals in 2001 and 2004. These victories cemented her status as one of the world's elite curlers and showcased Canada's dominance in the sport. Jones's World Championship teams were praised for their tactical precision and mental toughness, qualities that mirrored her approach throughout her career.

But beyond the trophies and titles, Jones's impact on curling is deeply human. She became a role model for women in sport during a period when female athletes were still fighting for recognition and respect. Her dedication and achievements helped elevate the profile of women's curling, paving the way for future generations. Young curlers looked up to her not only for her skill but for her integrity, sportsmanship, and the genuine passion she brought to the ice.

Colleagues and competitors alike speak of Jones with warmth and respect. Mary-Anne Arsenault recalls, "Colleen's leadership was the backbone of our team. She had this incredible ability to keep us calm and focused, even in the most intense moments. She led by example, and that made all the difference."

Similarly, Sherry Middaugh, a rival on the ice, remembers, “Playing against Colleen was always a challenge. She was tough, strategic, and never let up. But she was also respectful and brought out the best in everyone she faced.”

Jones’ influence extends well beyond her playing days. After stepping back from competitive curling, she remained deeply involved in the sport. She took on coaching roles, sharing her wealth of knowledge with the next generation of curlers. Her work as a curling commentator brought a new voice and perspective to broadcasts, making the sport more accessible to fans and newcomers alike. Her insightful analysis, combined with her natural warmth, helped grow the sport’s audience across Canada.

Her journey hasn’t been without its challenges. Balancing the demands of competitive sport with family life required creativity, endurance and sacrifice. Yet, Jones managed to maintain her focus and commitment, demonstrating that elite athletes can thrive on multiple fronts. Her story is a powerful example of perseverance, illustrating how determination and passion can overcome obstacles.

“She raised a family, was a national broadcaster, and somehow found a way to be the greatest and most consistent curler,” reflects fellow legend Jennifer Jones. “She paved the way for all of us that wanted to be elite, but also have a family and career. In that way, she is greatest pioneer our sport has known. Without Colleen Jones, I can pretty much guarantee that women’s curling would be nowhere near what it is today.”

Beyond curling, Jones has become a symbol of Canadian sporting excellence. Her career reflects core Canadian values: dedication, teamwork, humility, and respect. She is a living testament to how sport can shape character and bring people together.

Colleen Jones’ story is far from over. She remains active in the curling world, mentoring young athletes and advocating for the sport’s growth. Her passion endures, inspiring a new generation to pick up their brooms and chase their own dreams on the ice.

As the “Queen of Canadian Curling,” Colleen Jones’ legacy is one of greatness forged through hard work, leadership, and an unbreakable spirit. Her name will forever be synonymous with the sport she loves—and with the very best of what Canadian sport stands for.



Photo: Andrew Klaver



Congratulations to our mentor, role model, commander in-chief, Colleen Jones on your individual induction to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. On behalf of the John Ross & Sons Mixed Doubles Spiel event organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and athletes we want to extend a huge thank you for all you have done for curling. Our spiel looks forward to honouring your legacy.

Love you, yours truly—Luke Saunders, Event Chair



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COLLEEN JONES

As she is inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.



Congratulations Colleen on this wonderful accomplishment!

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- 6-time Canadian Champion
- 2-time World Champion

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1979 SAINT MARY'S HUSKIES MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

When the Saint Mary's Huskies hit the court in Calgary in March of 1979, they weren't just defending a title—they were looking to make an emphatic statement. Already the reigning national champions, the Huskies were chasing something rare in Canadian university basketball: a repeat. That kind of back-to-back dominance was the stuff of dynasties, and the Huskies were determined to prove they belonged in that conversation.

By the end of the tournament, Saint Mary's had done just that—defeating the powerhouse Victoria Vikings 90–83 in a thrilling final, claiming their second straight national championship and their third in seven years. It was a defining moment in Canadian basketball history and one that secured the Huskies' place among the sport's elite dynasties.

Behind the bench was Brian Heaney, the innovative and charismatic coach who had transformed the Huskies into a national force. A former standout at Acadia and a Canadian basketball visionary, Heaney brought a professional edge to university basketball. His ability to recruit, motivate, and implement a high-octane system had already paid off with titles in 1973 and 1978.

The 1979 team was arguably his deepest, most talented squad yet.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1979 CIAU National Champions
- Season win-loss record of 32 and 2
- Captain Mickey Fox was a first-team All-Canadian and MVP of the national championship tournament
- Point guard Kevin Wood was conference MVP and first-team All-Canadian
- Forward Percy Davis was named first-team all-conference and a national championship all star
- Forwards Ross Quackenbush and Tom Kappos were both members of Canada's national team
- Team Members: Ron Blommers, Percy Davis Jr., Mickey Fox, Jeff Gourley, Tom Kappos, Derrick Lewis, Rick Plato, Ross Quackenbush, Kevin Wood, Brian Heaney (Head Coach), Jim Collins and Willie Follette (Assistant Coaches), Alex McLellan (Trainer), and Paul Baxter, John Landry, and Allan Wentworth (Managers)

Returning stars like Tom Kappos, Rick Plato, Ron Blommers and Ross Quackenbush provided leadership and familiarity with Heaney's up-tempo offense. Added to the mix were critical new additions, including US college transfers Kevin Wood and Percy Davis, plus the return of one of the program's all-time greats—Mickey Fox.

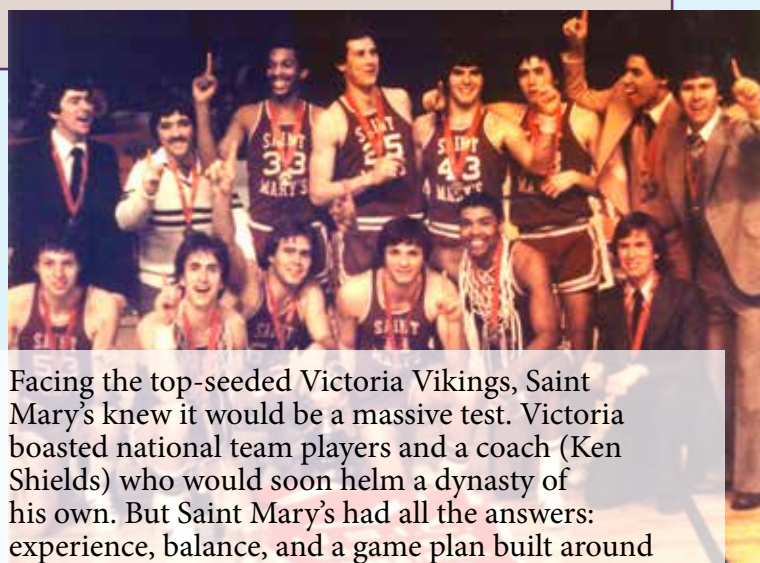
Fox, a lethal scorer and fierce competitor, had been out of the lineup for three years. His comeback was more than symbolic—it gave the Huskies a go-to player who could take over games when it mattered most.

The Huskies' regular season dominance was nearly absolute. They averaged over 100 points per game, an unheard-of figure at the time. Their offense was explosive, fast, and relentless.

Saint Mary's went 17–1 in Atlantic University Sport (AUS) regular-season play, then cruised through the conference playoffs to capture the AUS title. By the time they arrived in Calgary for the CIAU (now U Sports) national championship, they were ranked second in the country, riding a wave of confidence and cohesion.

The 1979 national championship tournament featured eight of the top teams in Canada, including Victoria, York, Windsor, and Winnipeg. The Huskies opened with a statement win, blasting past Windsor 110–95. In the semifinals, they battled York in a gritty contest, ultimately winning 98–92.

Then came the final.



Facing the top-seeded Victoria Vikings, Saint Mary's knew it would be a massive test. Victoria boasted national team players and a coach (Ken Shields) who would soon helm a dynasty of his own. But Saint Mary's had all the answers: experience, balance, and a game plan built around creating chaos for opponents.

Mickey Fox delivered a performance for the ages, pouring in 37 points on 14-of-27 shooting, including a perfect 9-for-9 from the free-throw line. It was the kind of game that makes a truly great player a legend. Fox's scoring, poise, and leadership propelled the Huskies in the second half as they pulled away from the Vikings.

Meanwhile, Tom Kappos anchored the interior, collecting 20 points and 20 rebounds, dominating the boards and neutralizing Victoria's size advantage. Guard Kevin Wood scored 15 second-half points, provided steady ball-handling, and intense perimeter defense, while Plato, Quackenbush, Davis, Blommers and Derek Lewis all played key roles in slowing Victoria's transition game.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Huskies were champions once again—the first team since the 1960s Windsor Lancers to repeat as CIAU champions.



The 1979 Huskies were more than a collection of athletes—they were a brotherhood. Every player accepted his role and sought to elevate a remarkable collection of teammates. Among the standouts:

- Kevin Wood (pictured top of opposite page, far right), who in his single year at SMU was named AUAA MVP and 1st-team All-Canadian.
- Mickey Fox (pictured top of opposite page, third from left), who was named first-team All-Canadian and CIAU tournament MVP, finishing with 101 points across three games, setting a then-tournament scoring record.
- Tom Kappos, who was a force in the paint throughout the tournament and the season, a constant double-double threat.
- Percy Davis (pictured top of opposite page, third from right), who brought toughness, explosiveness and polish and was named CIAU Tournament All-Star.
- Rick Plato, a savvy guard and deadly shooter, who would later go on to a celebrated coaching career of his own.
- Ross Quackenbush (pictured opposite page, bottom left), a standout power forward and national team member, who became a fixture in the Halifax basketball community, eventually coaching the Saint Mary's men's team for over 20 years and winning a national title in 1999.

Behind it all was Brian Heaney, who masterfully blended personalities, talents, and egos into a championship-caliber machine. His calm leadership and trust in his players gave them the freedom to perform under pressure.

What set the 1979 team apart wasn't just their talent—it was their desire, selflessness, and ability to rise to the occasion. They won with flair, but also with discipline. They were explosive, but also unshakably tough.

Their back-to-back national titles remain one of the great achievements in U Sports men's basketball history, especially for a program from Atlantic Canada—often seen as underdogs against the powerhouses from Ontario and British Columbia.

More than four decades later, their triumph still echoes in the rafters of The Tower and their legacy still resonates. The 1979 Huskies raised the bar for what was possible at Saint Mary's and for Atlantic Canadian basketball as a whole. What they built wasn't just a championship team—it was a lasting reminder that great teams don't just chase history. They make it.



***Congratulations Coach Plato
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Saint Mary's
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1982 RED FOX SENIOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM



1979

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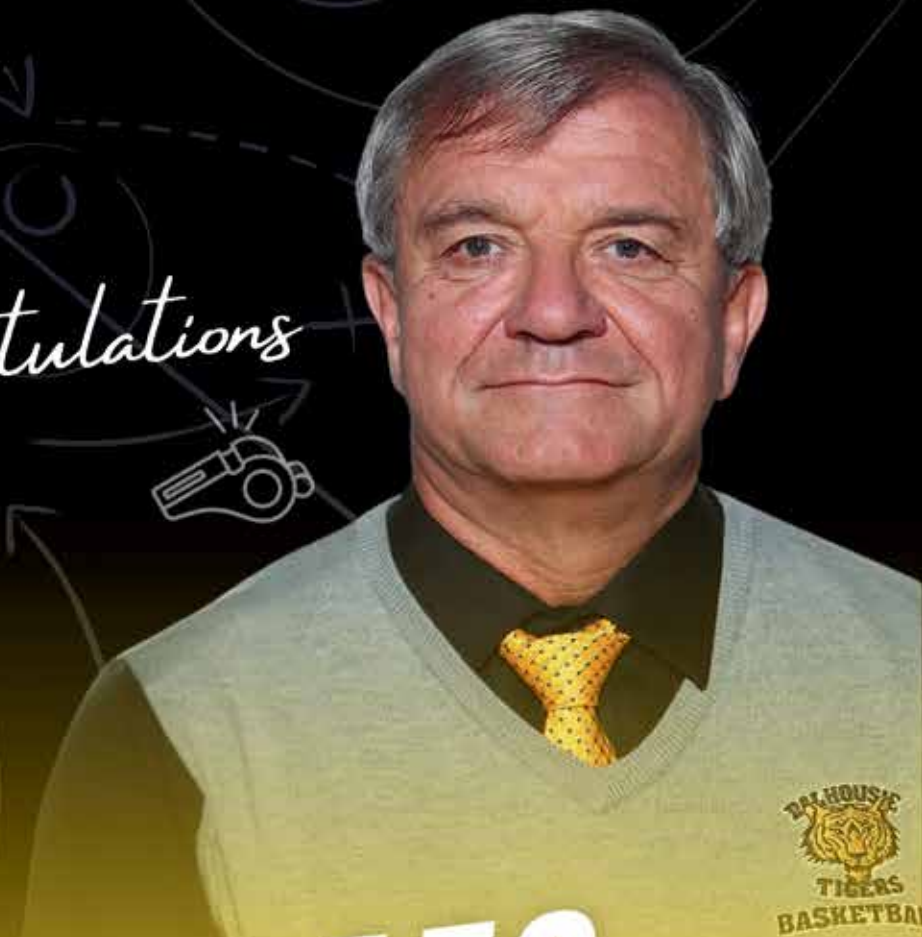


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ATHLETE

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Frank Condon •
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Ferguson •
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Hermann •
Grant Holmes •
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John "Timmie" Hunter •
Roy Hunter •
Nedder Hurley •
Gordon B. Isnor •
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Stanton Jackson •
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Alf Kirby •
Gordon "Doggie" Kuhn •
Robert Laidlaw •
Ves Laing •
Mellish Lane •
Sam Langford •
George Latham •
Jack Learment •
Sammy Lesser •
Fergie Little •
Tommy Little •
Lester Lowther •
Mark & Mike Lynch •
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Ritchie MacCoy •
"Big" Alex MacDonald •
Ian MacDonald •
Jack D. MacDonald •
R.J. MacDonald •
Roddie MacDonald •
Toby MacDonald •
John MacIntyre •
"Mickey" MacIntyre •
Hughie MacKinnon •
Clarence "Coot"
MacLean •
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Wilbert Martel •
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Stephen "Duke"
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TEAM

Jubilee Four Oared Crew
of 1930
Ross Foley Four Oared
Crew
St. Mary's Four Oared
Crew of 1909
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1980

ATHLETE

David Amadio •
Paul Andrea
Don Bauld •
Len Boss •
Joe "Beef" Cameron •
Dr. W.A. "Buddy"
Condy •
John Devison
Foster "Moxie" Dickson •
P. "Skit" Ferguson •
Fred Fox •
Lawson Fowler •
Tyrone Gardiner
Doug Grant
Art Hafey
John "Junior" Hanna •
Jimmy Hawboldt •
Robert Hayes •
J. "Bert" Hirschfeld •
Dorothy Holmes •
Vida Large •
Parker MacDonald
Steve "Kid" MacDonald •
Allister MacNeil •
Avarad Mann •
S. "Chook" Maxwell •
Joseph "Joey" Mullins •
Roy Oliver •
Bevil "Bev" Piers •
Blair Richardson •
Richie Spears
Sherman White •
R. "Tic" Williams •
Frances L. Woodbury •

BUILDER

Bob Beaton •
A. Garnet Brown •
Ted Cumming
John Cechetto
Hanson Dowell •
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Eddie Gillis •
Jack Gray •
Don Henderson •
Clarence Johnson •
Fred Kelly •
Art Lightfoot •

Frank McGibbon •
Leo "Pop" McKenna •
John MacCarthy •
Charles MacVicar •
Hugh Noble •
Victor deB. Oland •
John Piers •
Dannie Seaman •
H.L. "Bud" Thorbourne •
Harry Trainor •
Abbie Warden •
George Warden •

TEAM

Acadia University
"Axemen"
Basketball 1971
Caledonia Rugby 1937
Halifax "Atlantics" Hockey
1952-53-54
Halifax Queen Elizabeth
"Lions" Basketball 1950
Halifax "Wolverines"
Hockey 1934-35
Kentville "Glooscap"
Curling 1951 •
Kentville Wildcats
Hockey 1926-27
New Glasgow High
School
Track and Field 1937
New Waterford Central
High School Basketball
1961
New Waterford "Strands"
Basketball 1946-47-48
St. Agnes Juvenile
Basketball -
New Waterford 1932
Stellarton "Albions"
Baseball 1951-52-53
Sydney Millionaires
Hockey 1941
Truro "Bearcats" Senior
Baseball 1946
Truro Bearcats "Seven
Survivors" Hockey
1930-31
Truro "Slugs" Girls Softball
1945-46-50

1981

ATHLETE

Edith Bauld •
John Alexander "Johnny"
Clark •
Delmore William
"Buddy" Daye •
James Goode "Jimmy"
Gray •
John Edward McCurdy •
Jesse Elroy Mitchell •

BUILDER

Nathan Scoville “Nate”
Bain •
Harold William “Harry”
Butler •
Captain John Theodore
Cruikshank •
James Archibald “J.A.”
Ferguson •
Judge Julian Elliot
Hudson •
Donald John Loney •
John “Jack” Thomas •
Freda Noble Wales •

TEAM

Acadia University Men’s
Basketball 1930
Halifax Curling Club
Men’s 1927
Liverpool Jets Senior
Women’s Softball 1965-67
Liverpool Larrupers
Senior Baseball 1939-41
Yarmouth Gateways
Senior Baseball
1929-35

1982

ATHLETE

Norman “Normie”
Ferguson
George Ross Harper
Christopher “Chris”
Hook
Maisie Howard •
Richard “Kid” Howard •
Rita Lohnes
Lowell MacDonald
Gary Walter McMahon
John “Kenzie” MacNeill •
Gerald “Tarp” Walsh •

BUILDER

John E. “Gee” Ahern •
Gerald St. Clair “Jerry”
Bauld •

TEAM

Acadia Senior Men’s
Varsity Basketball
1964-65
Acadia Senior Women’s
Varsity Swim 1977-78
Bridgetown Men’s Lawn
Bowling 1973-75
International Dory Racing
- Lloyd Heisler & Russell
Langille 1952-55
Springhill “Fencebusters”
Baseball 1927-28

MEDIA

W.J. “Ace” Foley •

1983

ATHLETE

Clyde Gray
George “Rock-A-Bye”
Ross •

BUILDER

Frank Baldwin •

TEAM

World Championship
Sailing– Glen Dexter,
Andreas Josenhans,
Alexander “Sandy”
MacMillan 1977, 1980

MEDIA

Alex Nickerson •

1984

ATHLETE

Marjorie Turner-Bailey
Lyle Carter
Gerald Mielke •
Wayne Smith •

BUILDER

John “Brother”
MacDonald •
Jimmy McDonald •

MEDIA AWARD

Earl R.J. Morton •

1985

ATHLETE

Susan Mason (MacLeod)
Thomas Melvin “Ike”
Murray •
Beverley “Bev” Wade •

BUILDER

Frederick Robert “Fred”
Lynch •
Les Topshee •

MEDIA

Dr. Cecil MacLean •

1986

ATHLETE

Sylvester “Daddy”
Bubar •
Nancy Ellen Garapick
Gerald “Gerry” Leslie
Glinz •
Marty Martinello •

BUILDER

Steve MacDonald •
Gordon S. Mont

TEAM

Saint Mary’s University
Football 1973

1987

ATHLETE

John “Jack” Fritz •
Phil Scott
Francis “Rocky”
MacDougall •

BUILDER

Janet Merry •
Owen N. Sawler •

TEAM

Shearwater Flyers
Football 1957

1988

ATHLETE

Douglas “Dugger”
McNeil •
David Piers •
Earl Arthur Ryan •
Garfield MacDonald •

BUILDER

George “Porgy” Kehoe •
Annie Longard •
Gladys Longard •

TEAM

Brookfield Elks Softball
1980

1989

ATHLETE

Hugh Alexander
Campbell
Herbert MacLeod •
Sydney Hale Roy •
Reginald J. Muise •

BUILDER

John Brophy •
Nigel Kemp
Donald Wheeler •

TEAM

Stellarton Monarchs
Senior Softball 1937-38

1990

ATHLETE

Reginald “Reg” Beazley •
Peter Hope
Sam Wareham •
Jerry Byers •

BUILDER

Robert “Bob” Kaplan •
Herman Kaplan •
Alfred “Alf” LeJeune •

TEAM

Windsor Maple Leafs
Senior Hockey 1963-64

1991

ATHLETE

Walter Dann
Hilliard Graves
Angus “Sonny”
MacDonald •
John Myketyn •
Billy O’Donnell

BUILDER

John Fortunato •
Keith MacKenzie •
Rod Shoveller •

1992

ATHLETE

Fred Cuvelier •
Ismet “Hum” Joseph •
Wayne Maxner •

BUILDER

Darius “Pat” Patterson •
Bob Sayer

TEAM

Saint Francis Xavier
Hockey 1950-51

1993

ATHLETE

Leo Amadio •
Andrew Cole
Elizabeth Connor •
Robert McCall •
Robert Mills
Miriam Penney •
Doug Sulliman

BUILDER

James Creighton •
Bill Kingston •

1994

ATHLETE

Paul Boutilier
Ann Dodge
Peter Doig •
Karin Maessen

BUILDER

Robert “Bob” Douglas •
Frank Garner •

TEAM

Saint Francis Xavier
Football 1966

1995

ATHLETE

Josephine Laba •
Paul MacLean
Marie Moore
Ralph Simmons •

BUILDER

Gussie MacLellan •
Ken Mantin

TEAM

Nova Scotia Women’s
Field Hockey 1975

1996

ATHLETE

David Crabbe
Edna Lockhart
Duncanson •
Duncan MacIntyre •
Marie McNeil Bowness
Karen Fraser Moore

BUILDER

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Fred MacGillivray, Sr. •
Joyce Myers •

1997

ATHLETE

Jamie Bone
Rick Bowness
Edwin Crowell •
John “Jook” Munroe •
Bob Piers

BUILDER

George Athanasiou
Dr. William Stanish
Dorothy Walker •

TEAM

Nova Scotia Voyageurs
Hockey 1971-72

1998

ATHLETE

William “Bill” Carter •
Wilson Parsons
William “Bill” Riley
Ken Shea •

BUILDER

Elizabeth Chard •
Lois MacGregor
Bob Wong

TEAM

Saint Mary’s University
Basketball 1972-73

1999

ATHLETE

Dave Downey
Duncan Gillis •
Mike Henderson
Mike McPhee

BUILDER

Bob Boucher •
Pat Connolly •
John MacGlashen •

TEAM

Halifax Arcade Ladies
Softball 1946-49

2000**ATHLETE**

Donald "Chick" Charlton
•
William Hannon •
Kevin Morrison
Lawrence "Butch"
O'Hearn

BUILDER

Kell Antoft •
Brian Langley
Al Yarr

TEAM

Sydney Millionaires
Hockey 1948-49

2001**ATHLETE**

Cecilia Branch
Donald MacVicar
Kathy MacCormack
Spurr

BUILDER

Laurie Power •
Ginny Smith

TEAM

Thorburn Mohawks
Maritime Junior
Softball 1963-65
1981 Canada Games
Junior Boys Softball

2002**ATHLETE**

Fabian Joseph
Cliff Roach •
Mark Smith

BUILDER

Terry Henderson
Alexander "Sandy"
Young •

TEAM

Dalhousie University
Volleyball 1982
Saint Mary's Jr. Hockey
1948

2003**ATHLETE**

Ricky Anderson
Jim Beckman
Malcolm Davis
Graham MacIntyre
Clyde Roy •
Barry Shakespeare •

BUILDER

Jerome Bruhm
Leo Fahey •

TEAM

Saint Francis Xavier
Football 1963

MEDIA

Hugh Townsend

2004**ATHLETE**

Art Dorrington •
Hugh Little •
Gerry MacMillan
Kathy Powers
Tyrone Williams

BUILDER

Bernie Chisholm
Hugh Matheson
Gail Rice
William James Roue •

TEAM

Glance Bay Colonels 1987

MEDIA

Donnie MacIsaac •

2005**ATHLETE**

Neil Amadio •
John Cassidy
Jackie Hayden •
David "Ducky" Webber

BUILDER

John Paris Jr.
Susan Smith
Murray Sleep •
•
Antigonish Robertson's
Midget Softball 1984
Nova Scotia Canada
Games Men's Basketball
1987

MEDIA

Al Hollingsworth •

2006**ATHLETE**

Terry Baker
Chris Clarke
John Giovannetti •
David Pinkney Sr. •
Ken Reardon

BUILDER

David Andrews
Muriel Fage •
Courtney Malcolm

TEAM

Judy Lugar and Morag
McLean Sailing
Fisherman's Market
Midget Boys Fast Pitch
Softball 1981

2007**ATHLETE**

Frank Dorrington •
Stan Hennigar Jr.
Fred Lake •
Penny LaRocque
Charles Smith •
Wendell Young

BUILDER

Steve Konchalski
Don Koharski
Dick MacLean •

2008**ATHLETE**

Don Brien
Peter Corkum •
Al MacInnis
Carroll Morgan •

BUILDER

Wayne Finck •
David Fraser
Arnold Patterson •

TEAM

Amherst Ramblers
Hockey 1960-61

2009**ATHLETE**

Bruce Beaton
Mickey Fox
Brian Heaney
Jody Hennigar
Gordie Smith

BUILDER

Roy Clements •
Gus Fahey

TEAM

Acadia University Men's
Basketball 1976-77

2010**ATHLETE**

Janice Cossar
Mike Forgeron
Robyn Meagher
Gary Sabeau
Cindy Tye
Ross Webb

BUILDER

Carl "Bucky" Buchanan •
Kevin Heisler
Rick Rivers

2011**ATHLETE**

Will Njoku
Steve Pound •
Cam Russell
Michael Scarola

BUILDER

Hubert Earle
Carolyn Savoy •

TEAM

Team Colleen Jones
1999-2004

2012**ATHLETE**

Julie Barton
Steve Giles
Vince Horsman
Glen Murray

BUILDER

John (Jack) Graham
Howard Jackson •

TEAM

2001 King of Donair Men's
Soccer Club

2013**ATHLETE**

Lawrence Hafey
John Hatch

BUILDER

Stephen Fairbairn
Tak Kikuchi

TEAM

1981 Acadia University
Axemen Football
1985 Kentville Wildcats
Baseball

2014**ATHLETE**

Kevin Dugas
Scott Fraser •
Theresa MacCuish
Richard G. Munro
Ken Poole

BUILDER

Dr. Cathy Campbell
Anthony Hall

TEAM

1998 Truro TSN Bearcats
Hockey Club

2015**ATHLETE**

Raymond "Sugar Ray"
Downey
Chris Flynn
Andrew Haley

David Kikuchi

BUILDER

Jim Bottomley
Lowell Cormier

TEAM

1995 Dalhousie
University Men's Soccer
Team

2016**ATHLETE**

Tracy Cameron
Leon Carter
Karen Furneaux
Simon P. Gillis •

Ante Jazic

BUILDER

David Fry •
Fred MacGillivray

2017**ATHLETE**

Sarah Baker •
Amy Cotton
Todd King
Lucy Smith

Colin White

BUILDER

Brad Barton
Mike Kelly •

TEAM

1977 Cheema Canoe
Team

2018**ATHLETE**

Mary Beth Bowie
Kristan Burley
Anna Pendergast
Stammberger
Somebeachsomewhere •

BUILDER

Thomas Doucette •
Margaret "Peggy" Gallant

TEAM

1978 SMU Men's
Basketball Team

2019**ATHLETE**

Jackie Barrett
Justine Colley-Leger
Suzanne Muir
Jody Shelley
Morgan Williams

BUILDER

Henry Boutilier •
Roger Caulfield

2021

ATHLETE

Richard Dalton
Todd Hallett
Robert Putnam
Ted Upshaw

BUILDER

Cathy Mason
Brian Todd

TEAM

Team Dacey 2004 Brier
Curling Champion

2022

ATHLETE

Sarah Conrad
Jon Sim
Paul Tingley

BUILDER

Tom Coolen
Laszlo "Csom"
Latorovszki

TEAM

1994 Dalhousie Women's
Soccer Team

2023

ATHLETE

Joe DiPenta
Suzanne Gerrior
Sara-Lynne Knockwood
Bill Robinson

BUILDER

Joel Jacobson •
John Kehoe

TEAM

1993 Acadia Axemen
Hockey Team

2024

ATHLETE

Jamie Bone
Kirk Johnson
Dwayne Provo
Leslie-Anne Young

BUILDER

Dr. Christina Atkinson
Danny Flynn

TEAM

1990 Acadia Axewomen
Soccer Team

2025

ATHLETE

Ralph Hollett •
Colleen Jones

BUILDER

Bev Greenlaw
Mike MacKay

TEAM

1979 St. Mary's Huskies
Men's Basketball
1982 Red Fox Senior A
Women's Basketball



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The selection process for the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame has proven to be very successful, creating transparency and expanded participation, while ensuring the best athletes, teams, and builders continue to gain the recognition they deserve. A 24-person review panel from across the province, all sport-knowledgeable people, review the nominations—usually between 80 and 100 submissions annually.

Using a weighted point system, each of the 24 ranks his or her top ten in the athlete/team category and top five in the builder category.

Two short lists—top point getters in athlete/team and builder categories, in alphabetical order—are then presented to a final 12-member selection committee, consisting of regional representatives with sport background expertise.

That committee meets in person to review the final list of nominees, with open and detailed discussion taking place on each nominee.

A transparent first-ballot vote narrows the list, with the top four vote getters in the athlete-team category receiving automatic election. Those others receiving at least 50 per cent of the first-ballot vote are then placed on a second ballot, and require at least 75 per cent of the vote to attain election. A maximum of five new members in the category can be elected each year.

The process is similar for builders, with two to be elected each year.

Chair of the Hall of Fame selection process is Hall of Famer Mark Smith, elected as an athlete in 2002.

Since implementing the new process in 2009, we have seen its success in the years following.

Nominations are accepted from the public with a deadline of January 31st each year. The selection process moves through committees from March through May.

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OUR FACILITY REBUILD

The Hall of Fame facility has undergone a major transformation over the past year, with the construction phase completed at the end of October. 2025 saw the expanded museum space go from studs, to blank drywall, to fully painted walls and finished floors.

Behind the refreshed brand colours, and tucked into the now higher warehouse-style ceilings, are key components to a much improved facility—new HVAC, many metres of electrical conduit, network cables, and even plumbing for the Hall of Fame's first onsite washrooms!

A comprehensive lighting design has the space feeling both like hallowed ground and a vibrant place for fun and exploration. Compact shelving has also been installed in the Hall's new onsite collections storage room, providing enough room to safely store more than 8,000 artifacts that represent priceless sport moments and memories.

Construction, led by RCS Construction Inc., wrapped at the end of October with the completion of the Hall of Fame's new lift, which will allow accessible entrance directly into the gallery.



OUR FACILITY REBUILD

What's Next:

- Exterior cladding and signage on the Duke Street extension
- Continued A/V programming with custom software
- Continued exhibit design and content creation
- Completion of graphic design, signage fabrication and installation
- Completion of custom millwork for exhibit mounts and displays
- Moving 8,000+ artifacts onsite to our new storage room
- Curating and installing exhibits with items from the collection
- Testing of interactives
- Preparing for daily operations and welcoming visitors!



Progress to date on the Hall of Fame facility rebuild includes:

- All major structural construction, including the Duke Street extension
- All mechanical and electrical design and installation
- Lighting design and installation
- All finishings, including glazing, flooring, and paint
- Design, installation, and integration of a full security system
- Selection and installation of A/V hardware, specialized equipment, and furnishings
- Custom millwork for new and refurbished display cases
- Exhibit content creation and custom display design
- A review of the 8,000+ items in our collection in preparation for relocation and display
- Partial A/V programming
- The beginning of graphic design and custom signage fabrication

The Hall of Fame would like to acknowledge the following public sector support for its facility rebuild so far:

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1982 RED FOX SENIOR A WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

The gym in Fredericton hummed with tension, the kind that makes every sneaker squeak echo a little louder. It was the spring of 1982, and the Red Fox Senior A Women's Basketball Team from Nova Scotia was standing on the edge of history. They were playing in the semi-final of the Canadian Senior Women's Championship, and trailed Alberta by one. The scoreboard read 64-63, and there were only seconds left.

From 15-feet away, sharp-shooting guard Carol Rosenthal rose up, focussed on the rim, and released the ball at the apex of her jump. Her teammates along the lane held their breath. The ball arced high, and the net whispered its approval. Swish. That basket punched the ticket to the national championship game, and set the stage for one of the most improbable title runs in Canadian women's basketball history.

For a team that had barely existed a year earlier, it was a moment that felt almost like a dream.

The Red Fox program had been formed in 1981, a mix of ambition and opportunity. Co founder and coach Jimmy



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- The only women's basketball team in the history of the province to win a national title
- Went undefeated in five games at the senior national championship in 1982
- Defeated Alberta 65-64 in the semi-final
- Defeated BC 57-56 in the final
- Carol Rosenthal and Jill Tasker were tournament all-stars
- Team Members: Co-Captains Patti (Langille) Hutchison and Elizabeth (Hampden) McKenna, Caritha Greeley, Jodan Hayes, Donna Hobin, Kathy (Kate) McPherson, Anne Murray, Carol Rosenthal, Jill Tasker, Erica Weatherbie, Debbie Wright, Bruce and Scott MacCulloch (Team Sponsors), Allan Waye (Head Coach), Jimmy Naugler (Assistant Coach and Manager), and Wendy Gardiner (Manager)

Naugler had a vision: create a team that could compete at the senior national level, drawing on a mix of university standouts and seasoned local players who weren't ready to hang up their sneakers. Fellow coach Allan Waye brought the structure and strategy, while sponsors Bruce and Scott MacCulloch and manager Wendy Gardiner handled the endless details that keep a team afloat—travel, gear, fundraising, and making sure the players could focus solely on basketball.

From the first practice, the players sensed something special was brewing. "There was just this feeling," co-captain Elizabeth McKenna recalled years later. "We weren't the biggest team or the flashiest, but we trusted each other. Every practice, every drill, it felt like we were building toward something bigger."

The roster was a blend of personalities and skill sets. Carol Rosenthal was the sharpshooter, smooth and reliable under pressure. Jill Tasker was the enforcer in the paint, controlling rebounds, protecting the rim and scoring in bunches. McKenna and fellow captain Patti Hutchison provided leadership, calm in the huddle and grit on the floor. Around them, Jodan Hayes, Anne Murray (pictured at right), Erica Weatherbie, Donna Hobin, Debbie Wright, Caritha Greeley, and Kathy McPherson filled crucial roles. They dove for loose balls, set screens that rattled teeth, and never hesitated to make the extra pass.

They weren't just a team—they were a family forged through endless practices, road trips, and late night strategy sessions. They trained together, pushed each other, and celebrated every small



victory along the way. That chemistry would prove to be their secret weapon.

When the 1982 national championship tournament opened in Fredericton, few outside of Nova Scotia expected the team to make a deep run. Big city teams from Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario were seen as the favourites. But game after game, the Red Fox team found ways to win. They didn't dominate on size or flash; they won with patience, smart ball movement, tenacious defence and unshakable poise.

The semi-final against Alberta was their crucible. Alberta's roster was bigger and faster, and the game quickly turned into a slugfest. Baskets were hard earned, and every possession mattered. Rosenthal's final jump shot was the difference in the 65–64 thriller. The locker room afterward was a mix of exhaustion and disbelief—they were one win away from a national title.

The final against British Columbia was the ultimate test. BC's team was packed with experience and pedigree (four Team BC players were members of the Canadian national team).

Team BC was the kind of squad that usually steamrolls Cinderella stories. But not on this day. Rosenthal was on fire from the perimeter, Hutchison was unflappable at the point, Tasker was dominant on both ends, and Anne Murray was a force in the middle. BC could never pull away and the game was tied at 52 at end of regulation.

Late in overtime, Tasker tipped an offensive rebound to Hutchison, who was fouled as she made an acrobatic layup. A made free throw later, and the Nova Scotia women had a 57-56 lead, a lead they would never relinquish.

When the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard confirmed what had seemed impossible just a year earlier: the Red Fox Senior A Women's Basketball Team were national champions, undefeated through five games. In that instant—players leaping into each other's arms, tears mixing with laughter—Nova Scotia had its first, and still only, women's basketball team crowned Canadian champions.

Their victory went beyond the hardwood. It became a symbol of what can happen when talent, belief, and togetherness align. These women weren't just chasing a trophy; they were chasing validation that a team from a small province could stand shoulder to shoulder with the country's best.





Red Fox champs

Jill Tasker and Carol Rosenthal hooped 21 and 19 points respectively to lead Red Fox Beverage Room to a narrow 68-66 verdict over Midtown Tavern in the third and deciding game of their best-of-three series for the Nova Scotia Senior Women's basketball championship in Halifax last night.

Also notching double digits for the winners, who will now represent the province at the Nationals in Fredericton later this month, were Patti Hutchison with 14 and Anne Murray 10.

Pacing the Midtown offensive were Julie West and Sharon Simpson each with 16 and Joan Selig 14.

Red Fox owned a six-point lead at the half, 34-28, and stretched the margin to 17 points with just over seven minutes remaining.

However, with just under a minute left, Midtown had cut the deficit to two points. But clutch foul shooting by Rosenthal and Hutchison, who combined to sink four charity tosses in the final 30 seconds, sealed Midtown's fate.

Red Fox — C. Rosenthal 19, A. Murray 10, K. McPherson 2, J. Hayes 2, J. Tasker 21, P. Hutchison 14 — 68; Midtown — J. West 16, S. Simpson 16, Doyle 6, D. Chaisson 6, C. Dean 4, K. Wheedon 4, J. Selig 14 — 66.

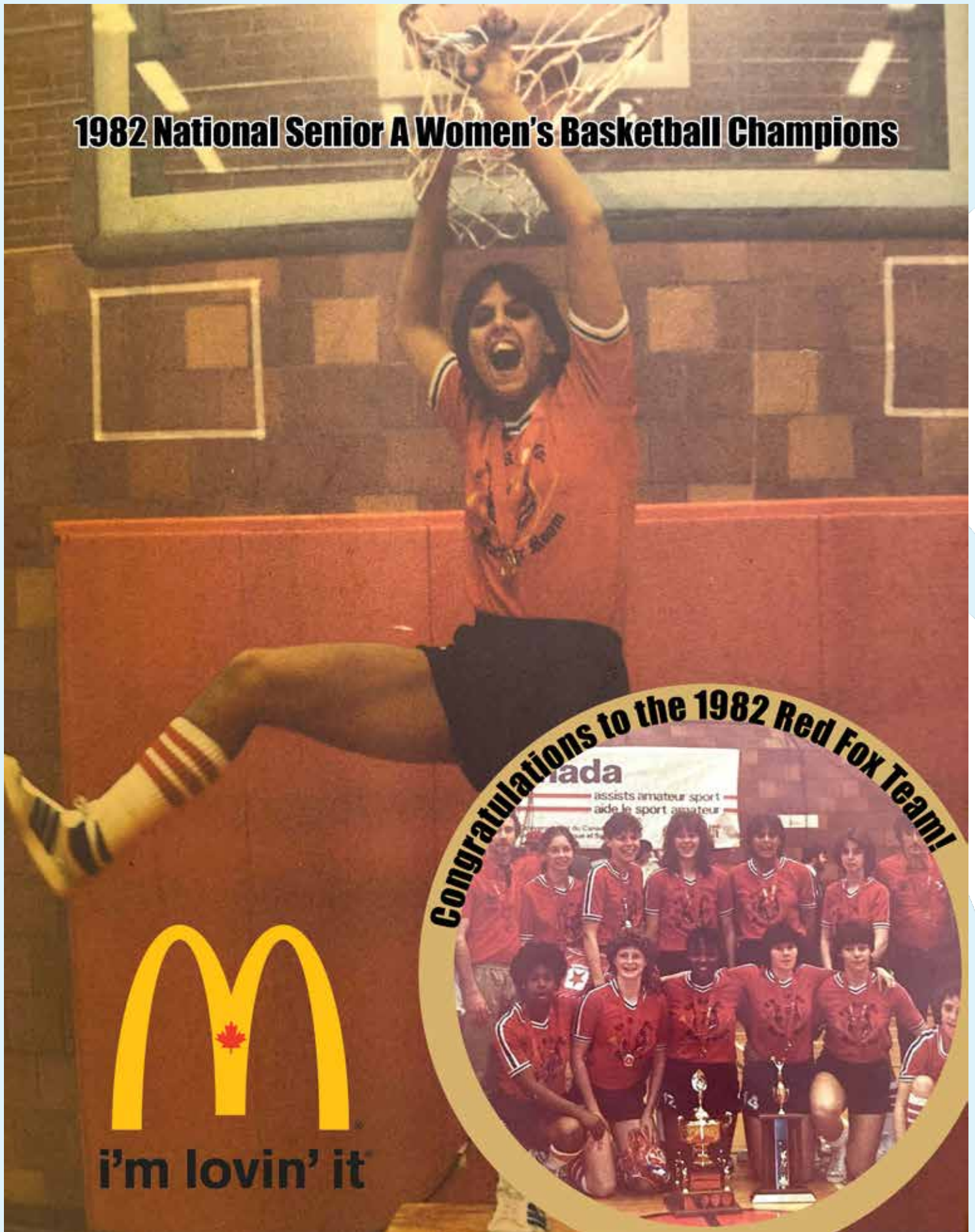
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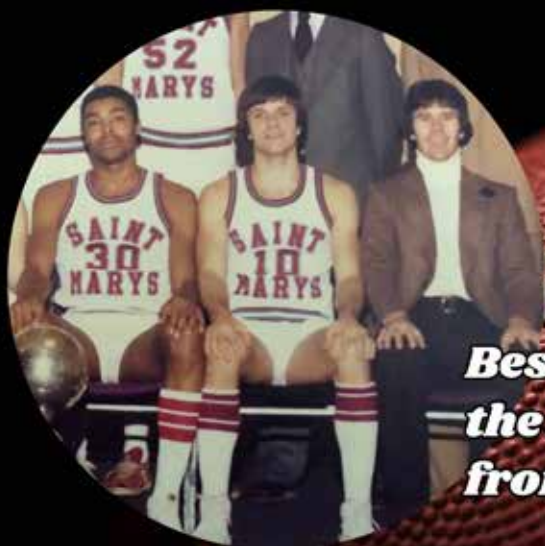
1982 National Senior A Women's Basketball Champions



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BEV GREENLAW



In the hallowed basketball gyms of Nova Scotia, where hardwood and hope have intersected for more than a century, few figures loom larger than Bev Greenlaw. For 50 years plus, Greenlaw has been more than a coach. He's been a mentor, a builder, and a tireless advocate for inclusion in sport. From the North End of Halifax to national championship courts, his legacy is defined not just by banners and medals, but through lives changed.

Born in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Greenlaw's basketball roots began not with a clipboard, but on the court with a ball. He arrived at the University of King's College in Halifax in 1969 and quickly made his mark. A sharp, creative point guard, he helped lead King's to a Nova Scotia College Conference (NSCC) championship in 1970. In 1971, he was selected for Nova Scotia's Canada Games team—a testament to his ability and potential—though injury cut that playing opportunity short.

But if injury sidelined his playing career, it sparked something greater: a lifelong commitment to coaching and community.

While still a student at King's, Greenlaw became involved in the YMCA's New Options program in Halifax's North End—a predominantly African Nova Scotian and working-class neighborhood often overlooked by mainstream sport systems. There, he volunteered as a coach with the Community Y boys' basketball team, quickly becoming a fixture in the gym and in the lives of its players.

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This wasn't just coaching; it was mentorship, guidance, and advocacy. Through his work with the Community Y, Greenlaw helped create a basketball program that gave hundreds of kids not only a place to play, but a sense of purpose and belonging. His players didn't just grow on the court—they found previously-closed pathways to education, employment, and leadership.

In 1979, Greenlaw returned to his alma mater to coach the men's basketball team. The university's program had potential, but it needed structure and vision. Over the next eight years, Greenlaw delivered both. His Blue Devils reached the NSCC finals six times in a row and captured titles in 1982 and 1987. His 1986–87 squad went undefeated in conference play, finishing with a national #2 ranking. That same season, Greenlaw was named the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association National Coach of the Year.

Former player and CCAA All-Canadian Donnie McLean once said, "Bev's passion for the game and superior basketball mind was only surpassed by the compassion he had for his players and his desire that they succeed in life."

In the summer of 1987, Greenlaw was selected to coach Team Nova Scotia's men's squad at the Canada Games in Cape Breton. Expectations were modest; Nova Scotia wasn't considered a basketball powerhouse. But under Greenlaw's steady leadership and keen tactical sense, the team shocked the country.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Hometown: Grand Pré, NS

- Coached at every level of basketball in the province for over 50 years
- Coach of the 1987 Men's Basketball Team that won gold at the Canada Games
- Coach of Acadia Women's Basketball Team, 2008-2015
- Coach of Dalhousie Men's Basketball Team, 1987-1994
- Coach of University of King's College Men's Basketball Team, 1979-1987
- Co-builder of the Community YMCA Boy's Midget Panthers Program
- Coach of the 2012 Under 17 NS Girls' Provincial team, which won a silver medal at Nationals (highest ever finish for the province)

Nova Scotia went undefeated, knocking off B.C. in the semifinals and then stunning Quebec 91–76 in the gold medal game. It remains Nova Scotia's only Canada Games basketball gold medal. Greenlaw was honoured as Coach of the Year by Sport Nova Scotia, and the team was named Team of the Year.

More than a coaching triumph, it was a moment of provincial pride and proof that with the right mentorship, local talent could shine on the national stage.

From 1987 to 1994, Greenlaw coached the Dalhousie Tigers men's team. During that time, he not only revived the program, but conceived and built the "Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament," and made Dal's co-ed basketball camps among the most sought-after learning opportunities in the province.

In the 2000s, Greenlaw turned his focus to the women's game, founding developmental programs and coaching high school, university and provincial teams. He led the Horton High School girls' team for 4 years, winning the school's first ever back-to-back provincial titles. Under Bev's guidance, the Nova Scotia's U17 girls' teams



Photo: Acadia University

achieved historic results—bronze at nationals in 2007 and silver in 2012, their best finishes to date (the 2012 team was named Sport Nova Scotia Team of the Year).

And as head coach of the Acadia University Axewomen, he transformed the program into a contender. In 2012, he guided the team to its first conference championship in over six decades. Along the way, he coached several athletes to All-Canadian honours (the first time in the school's history that female basketball players had achieved this status) and helped players transition to pro careers in Europe and beyond.

Long before diversity and inclusion became formal mandates in sport, Bev Greenlaw was living them. At every level, he has prioritized fairness, access, and belonging. Whether coaching youth in the Community Y or elite athletes at Acadia, his values never wavered.

In 2022, Greenlaw was inducted into the CCAA Hall of Fame. In May 2024, the University of King's College conferred upon him a Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)—recognizing his lifelong contributions to sport, youth development, and equity in Nova Scotia.

The citation described him as “a visionary whose legacy is measured not in games won, but in lives shaped.” Bev Greenlaw never courted cameras or chased prestige. But ask anyone who played for him, coached with him, or watched him lead a team, and they'll tell you: he changed the game in Nova Scotia.

More importantly, he changed people.

A builder of teams, yes—but also a builder of community. A champion for equity before it was common. A teacher in every sense of the word.

Bev Greenlaw didn't just coach basketball. He coached life.

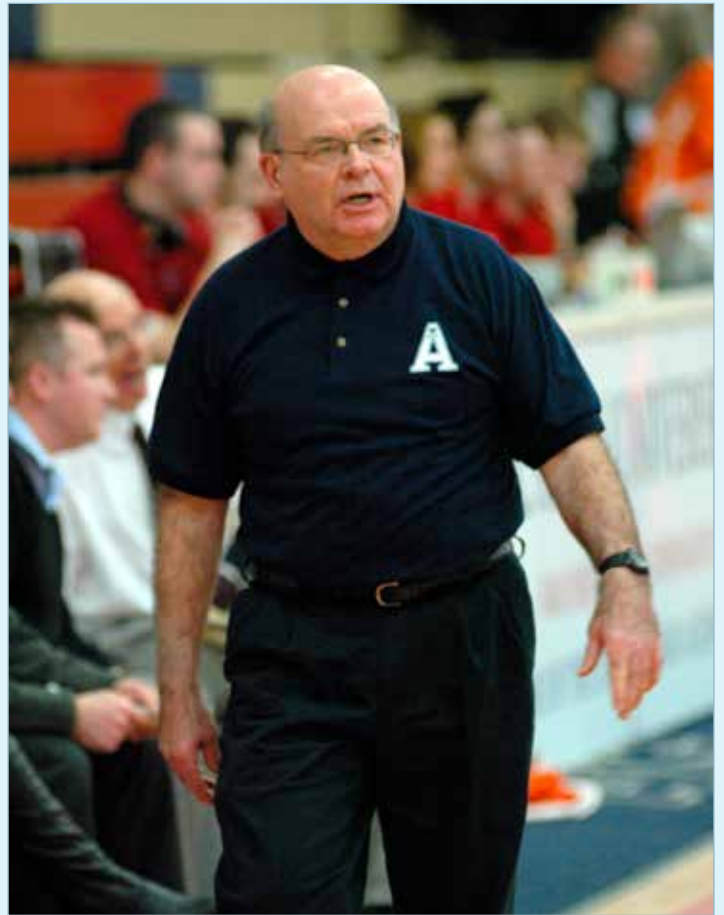
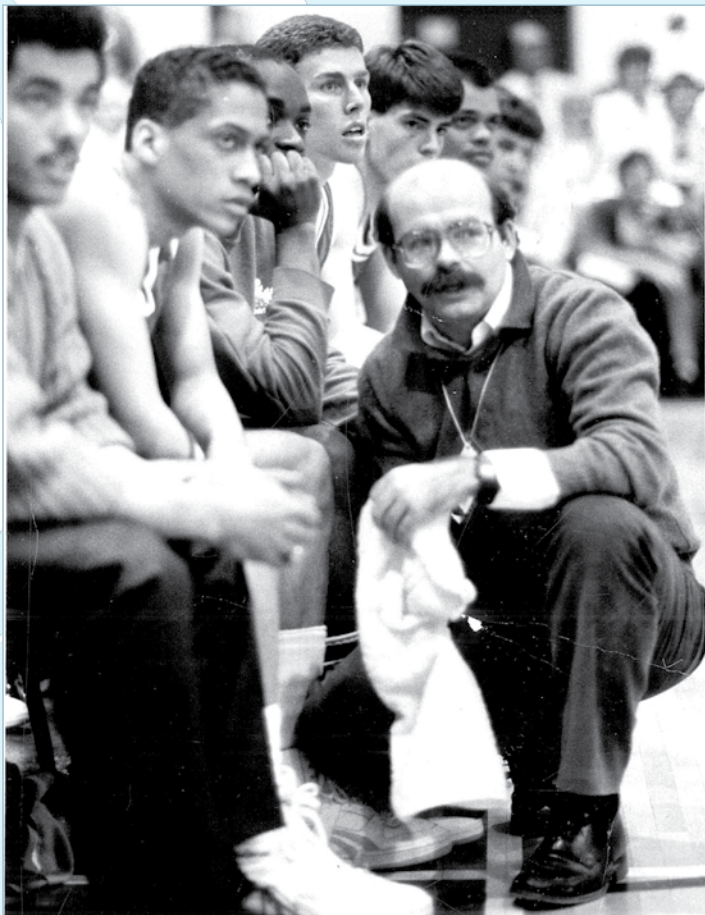
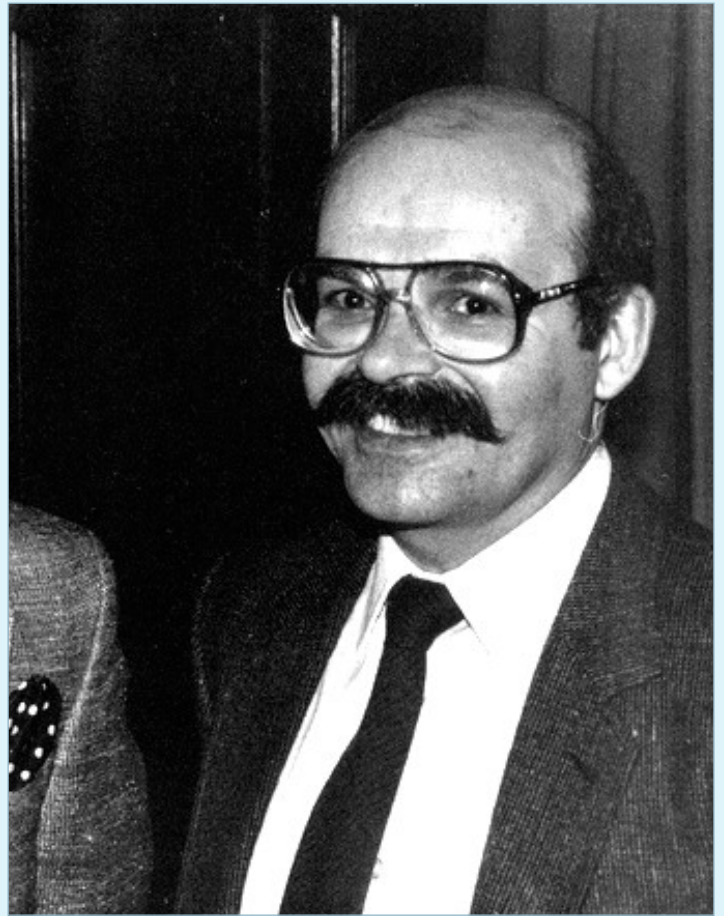
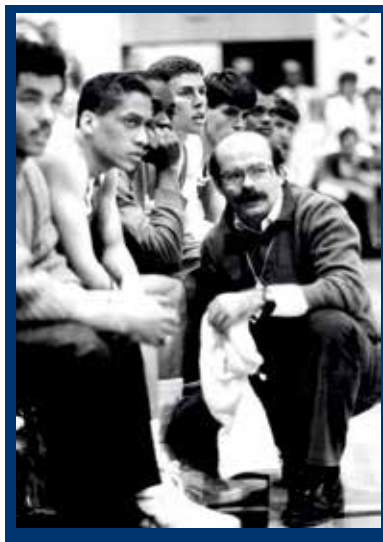


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Congratulations, Bev Greenlaw

on your induction into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame!

The University of King's College proudly celebrates Bev's legacy as a coach, builder and leader in Canadian basketball. From transforming athletics at King's to guiding provincial and national champions, Bev's influence reaches far beyond the court, inspiring generations of athletes and leaving a lasting mark on the King's community.



IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

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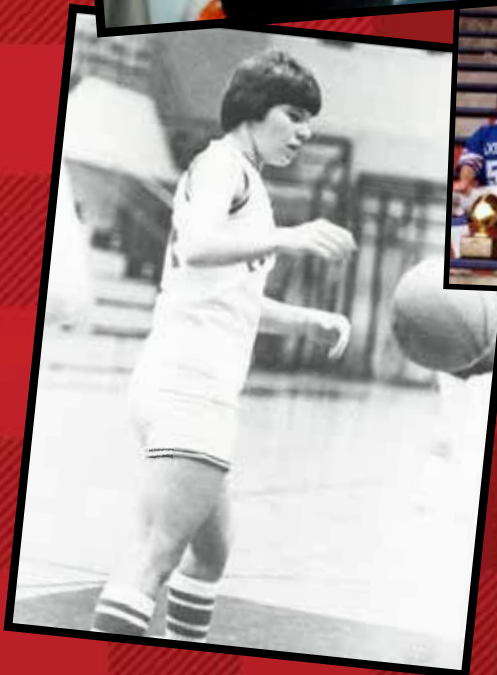
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MIKE MACKAY

In the world of basketball, the loudest voices often get the headlines. But when you reflect on Mike MacKay, you realize it's the quiet, deliberate ones that move the game forward. A coach, educator, and architect of Canadian basketball's development system, MacKay has become one of the most influential figures in the rise of Canada's women's basketball on the global stage.

Born and raised in Truro, Nova Scotia, MacKay began his journey not on the sidelines of national arenas, but in high school gyms. He played both football and basketball at Cobequid Education Centre (CEC), and from there went on to study at Acadia University. While in Wolfville, he managed the football team (and won two national championships!) and men's basketball team. In 1981, he was promoted to assistant basketball coach, and helped the team to a national silver medal.

Returning to Truro and CEC, Mike spent over two decades coaching at the grassroots level, serving as a physical education teacher, athletic director, and girls' basketball, boys' football and track and field jumps coach. During that time, he led his girls' basketball teams to seven provincial championships, his boys football team to seven provincial championships, and won numerous track and field championships. He was quietly and steadily crafting a legacy built on discipline, patience, and innovation. Whether he knew it then or not, these early years would become the bedrock for a coaching philosophy that now reaches across continents.



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Mike MacKay's ambitions were never about just racking up wins. Even as a young coach, he was thinking about systems—how to improve players, how to develop leaders, and how to build programs that could sustain success. Along the way, he led Nova Scotia's women's provincial teams at three Canada Games and six national championships. Each experience added another layer to his understanding of how coaching can impact not just games, but lives.

In 2004, MacKay took a bold step into the national spotlight, joining Canada Basketball as the Manager of Coaching Education and Development. It was a pivotal moment, not just for his career, but for the future of Canadian basketball. His first mission? Help modernize the coaching system across the country. He played a key role in reshaping the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and integrating the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model into basketball training—two frameworks that remain cornerstones of the sport's structure in Canada.

"Too often we get caught up in the idea that sport is only about winning," MacKay has said. "But the best coaches don't just build teams—they build people."

That philosophy would define his next—and arguably most impactful—chapter.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Hometown: Truro, NS

- Coached the Cobequid Education Centre Girls' Basketball Team to 11 provincial finals and 7 championship titles
- Coached the Cobequid Education Centre Boys' Football Team to 12 provincial finals and 7 championship titles
- Head coach of the 1989, 1993, and 1997 Canada Games Women's Basketball teams
- Manager of High Performance for the Canadian National Women's team since 2013
- Frank Baldwin Award Recipient, 2020

In 2010, Canada Basketball launched a revamped Women's High Performance Program (WHPP) with help from Own The Podium funding, and Mike MacKay was appointed its Performance Manager. Suddenly, the quiet coach from Nova Scotia was tasked with helping design a national strategy for success.

He embraced the challenge by introducing the idea of a "Gold Medal Profile"—a set of physical, mental, technical, and emotional standards for athletes at all levels. From youth programs to the senior national team, MacKay helped create a developmental blueprint that didn't just identify talent, but nurtured it. He was instrumental in the creation of the Targeted Athlete Strategy (TAS) and NextGen initiatives—both of which have helped Canada consistently produce WNBA talent and elite international competitors.

But MacKay wasn't just designing plans. He was in the gyms. On the road. Watching 13-year-olds in quiet provincial tournaments. Mentoring young coaches. Reviewing video. Building individualized performance plans for athletes and constantly adjusting strategies to reflect new data, trends, and athlete needs.

His reach has extended far beyond Canada. MacKay has spoken on stages across Europe, Asia, and South America. He's studied basketball at the Olympics, the FIBA Women's World Cup, and various global coaching exchanges. What he brings back home isn't just international knowledge—it's the ability to translate that knowledge into systems that serve Canadian players and coaches.

To MacKay, coaching is a process of transformation. It's no surprise that in 2023, Canada Basketball created the Mike MacKay Transformational Coaching Award, an annual honour that recognizes coaches who change lives through values, not just victories. The award celebrates those who, like MacKay, uplift athletes by fostering inclusion, character, and leadership.

At the heart of his influence is an unshakeable belief: The coach is the most powerful change agent in sport. And he is firmly of the belief that coaching is not just about tactics—it's about reflection, communication, and accountability.

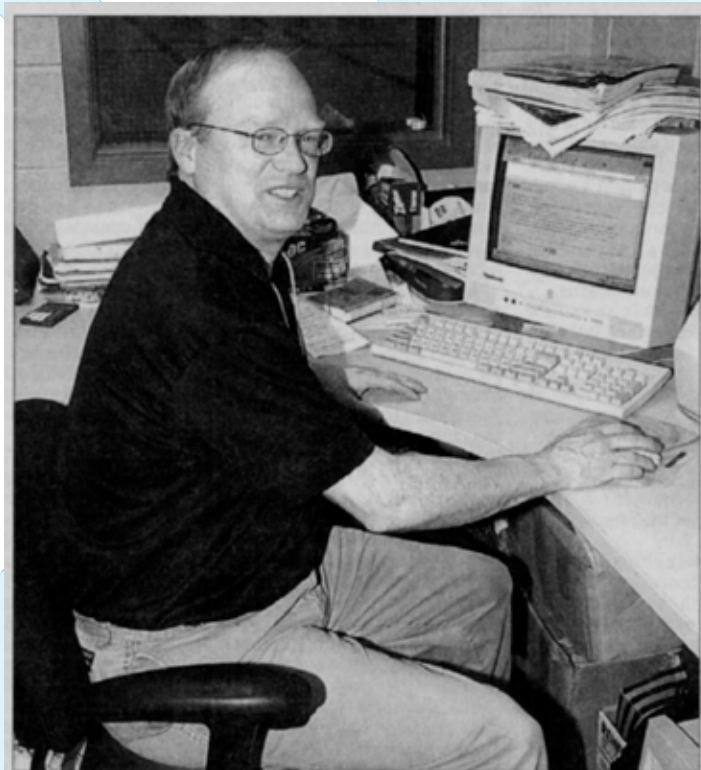
Despite his global reach, MacKay remains deeply connected to his roots. He regularly returns to support youth programs in Nova Scotia and has worked closely with Basketball NS's Junior and Senior Girls Academy, helping mentor provincial coaches and players. He still walks into gyms unnoticed, still asks more questions than he answers, and still spends time after clinics talking with young coaches just getting started.

Mike MacKay's impact isn't about one big moment. It's about thousands of small ones: conversations with coaches, practices with 14-year-olds, presentations that challenge long-held assumptions. He is, quite simply, the quiet force behind a national movement—a man who has spent his life building better players, better coaches, and a better system.

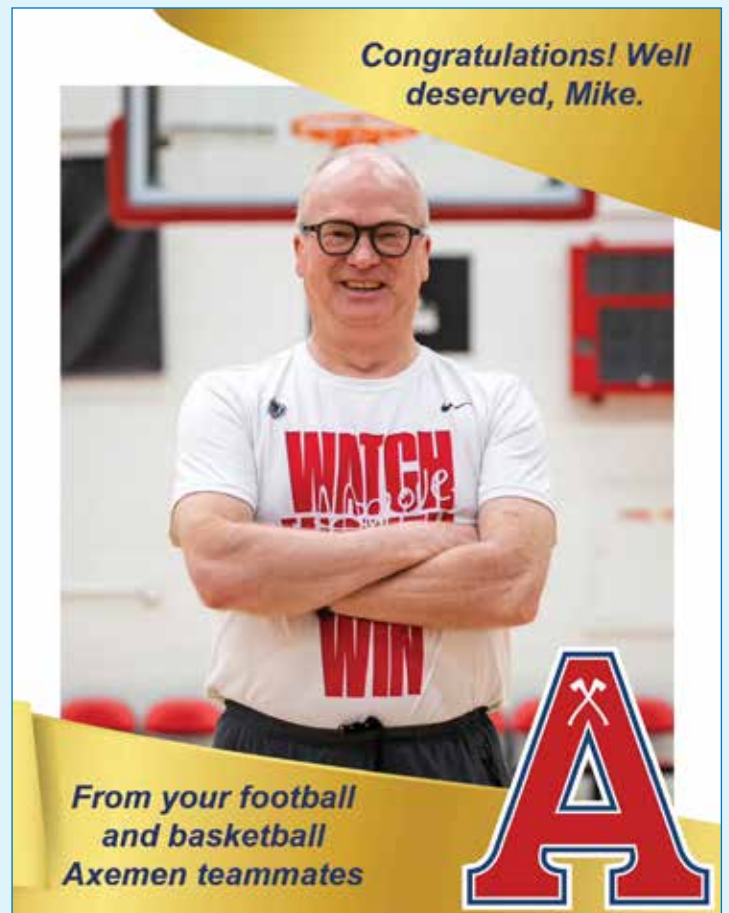
Canada's ascent in women's basketball is no accident. It's the result of years of careful planning, technical mastery, and unwavering belief in the power of development.

And behind so much of that progress stands Mike MacKay—still watching, still learning, still teaching.





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