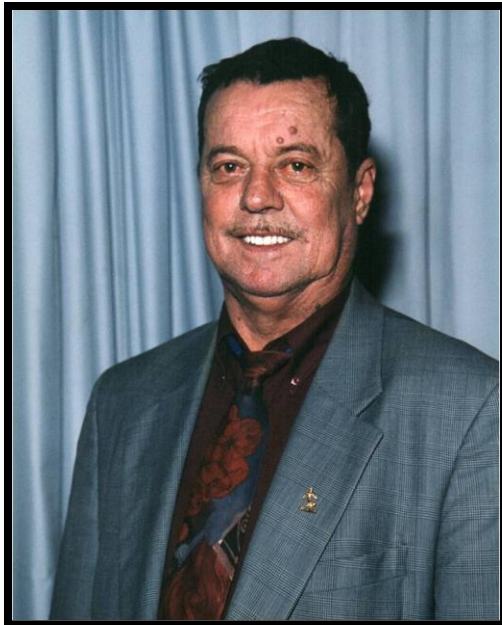




**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Bernie Bennett**  
*Athlete 2003*



Bernie Bennett is known for his tremendous involvement in soccer (in both Mount Pearl and St. John's); however, he has also excelled in track and field, hockey, rowing and basketball. In recognition of Bernie's talented athleticism, he has been inducted into both the St. John's Soccer Hall of Fame and the Newfoundland Soccer Hall of Fame for his contribution as a coach and player.

Bernie's playing career is nothing shy of extraordinary. At the beginning of his soccer career he played with the St. John's Amateur Soccer League and was selected as the 1969 M.V.P. Throughout his career he played in three Challenge Cup finals at the Provincial level and competed in the National Challenge Cup tournament in Winnipeg.

In addition, he has won the scoring title while playing with the St. Pat's team and was a member of five championship teams while playing with the Irish, Holy Cross, London Lions and Killbride teams. Bernie's coaching skills were also responsible for some travelling. As a coach, he took part in an exhibition tour to England with his Mount Pearl Minor Soccer team.

Bernie's hockey career involvement includes being a well-respected, well renowned referee with the St. John's and the Newfoundland Amateur Hockey Associations. Bernie was also involved in rowing with four of his brothers; they rowed in the Royal St. John's Regatta on three occasions. In addition to these accomplishments, he set a record of 15 minutes and 56 seconds when running the three mile race. He was also actively involved in basketball for a number of years. After playing basketball in grammar and in high school he played with the Irish Hoop Squad which won the city intermediate championship at the former Memorial College. To top off Bernie's career, he has earned an honorary "Life Member" status with the St. John's Athlete of the Year committee after serving on the committee for 24 years.

Bernie retired from the Telegram in 2001 after a 40-year career as a sports and news reporter.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Bernie Bennett's outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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