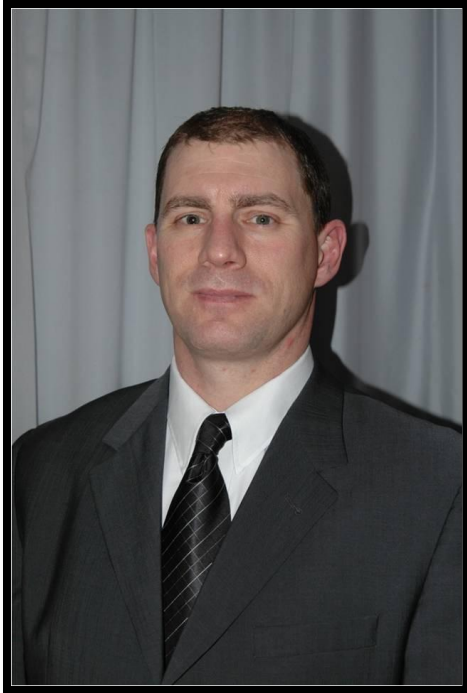




Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Darryl Williams
Athlete 2005



Building upon an enthusiastic and well developed Mount Pearl Minor Hockey career, Darryl Williams was outstanding at the school level as he moved through junior and professional hockey to an impressive and highly successful coaching career. His hockey achievements are such that he is currently serving as an assistant coach with the St. John's Fog Devils of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Fully utilizing his fine hockey ability and his keen mind and understanding of the sport, he added exceptional leadership qualities to his hockey coaching career. An excellent listener, he retained important information from a variety of highly qualified coaches as he prepared for his own coaching career.

Darryl Williams earned a place in the Western Hockey League for the 1985-86 season and impressed scouts so much that he skated with Hamilton in the Ontario Hockey League starting with the 1986-87 season. His play was of such a high caliber that he gained a spot with the Los Angeles farm team from 1989 to 1993. He was part of the selection to the league All-Stars and a call up for two National Hockey games with the Kings.

From 1993 to 1999, he skated with teams in Detroit and in Long Beach, California. A serious neck injury ended his playing career in 1999 but his demeanor and knowledge of the game was so reputable that he was very easily transitioned to coaching. He earned several personal awards during his playing time with MVP, Unsung Hero and Iron Man selections included.

Filling the captain or assistant captain role on many of the teams with which he played helped Darryl adjust to coaching astoundingly. Immediately after retiring as a player he was named Assistant Coach of the Long Beach Ice Dogs of the International Hockey League for the 1999-2000 season and he became head coach for the club in 2000. The Cincinnati Mighty Ducks named him Assistant Coach of the farm team in 2002 and he took over as Head Coach of the Kansas City Outlaws of the United Hockey League in 2004.

When the Fog Devils opened in St. John's in 2005, Darryl Williams successfully applied for a coaching position.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Darryl Williams' outstanding athleticism and contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
