



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Derek French
Athlete 2017



Derek French was a well-known Mount Pearl athlete through the 80's and 90's, with many achievements at youth, junior and senior levels. Remembered by many for his prowess on the ice with the famed 1986 Championship Junior Blades Hockey Team, Derek also displayed great talent in baseball, soccer and ball hockey, the latter including Provincial Championships as a 40 year old player. In his teenage years he was recognized as Mount Pearl and High School Athlete of the Year, and Evening Telegram "Outstanding High School Hockey Player".

In ice hockey Derek was MVP and Top Scorer with both his Bantam and Midget Blades teams, and was a member of the 1984 Provincial Midget 'A' Championship team. He was also a key player for the Junior Blades team that went undefeated to win the 1986 St. John's Junior League; All-Newfoundland; and Atlantic Championships. The team was subsequently named to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame 'Team Honour Roll'. Derek was also inducted to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Hall of Fame in 2016.

A true all-round athlete Derek also played for the 1980 Mount Pearl U16 All Newfoundland Championship Soccer Team; the 1981 Atlantic Silver Medal team; and was team captain with his 1982 High School soccer team, defeating Brother Rice for the High School Championship. On the ballfield he played with the Mount Pearl Junior Stealers, and was named to the NL team competing at Atlantic Championships. Although he came to Ball Hockey later than his other sports, he wrapped up a successful 20 years of play with "5" Provincial Championships from 2001 to 2005, and recognitions at Eastern Canadian and National competitions.

In recognition of his outstanding play and athletic achievements the Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize Derek French with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
