

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Herb Jenkins

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As a player, coach and official, Herb Jenkins has maintained a long and noteworthy involvement in the sport of soccer for more than 40 years. Herb's playing career started in 1962 when he played for the Guards Soccer Organization. Before the end of his career with this organization in 1969, Herb played for both junior and senior teams. He captained his teams to a gold medal in the Provincial Junior Soccer Tournaments of 1964 and 1966. In 1968 and 1969 he played with the Guards team that won the Provincial Indoor Soccer Championships, maintaining his place as captain on the 1969 team. Herb's soccer career was so successful that he was inducted into the St. John's Soccer Hall of Fame in 1988.

In the 1970's Herb shifted his focus from playing to both coaching and officiating. He first conducted referee clinics in Mount Pearl in 1976 and 1977 during his tenure as the President of the St. John's Referee's Association. In 1977 Herb also participated in a refereeing course in England taught by World Cup Soccer officials and trainers. He became the first Newfoundlander to attain status as a "National" referee, officiating at National soccer tournaments across Canada from 1977 to 1988.

As a soccer coach in Mount Pearl, Herb attained level II status (in 1993) and level III status (in 1996). His reputably training background has been put to good use in Mount Pearl. Herb coached U-12 to U-16 boys soccer teams in both regular house leagues and All-Star leagues. With Herb as their coach, Mount Pearl teams have claimed numerous Provincial Championships a well as two Atlantic Championships; one in 1985 and one in 1986. Moreover, several of Herb's teams have made it to National Championships. He has also managed the Newfoundland Soccer team that attended the 1981 Canada Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Furthermore, Herb coached teams from Mount Pearl at International Tournaments in England and Wales in 1982, 1984, 1993 and 1995. His dedication to youth in the sport of soccer has made him one of the most respected individuals in the City of Mount Pearl.

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