



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Karen Baggs

Athlete 2002



Karen Baggs was known as one of the top five “natural” athletes produced within Newfoundland and Labrador. She played several sports including basketball, volleyball, badminton, ice hockey, field hockey, softball, and soccer.

Her long and successful athletic career began when she was attending Morris Academy. She continued to play sports at Mount Pearl Central High school as a member of the school’s basketball, volleyball and badminton teams and was twice named “Female Athlete of the Year”. During 1975 and 1976 Karen played on the Morris Academy boys bantam hockey team because there was no female ice hockey league in Mount Pearl in existence at that time. In 1976 she also started playing field hockey and went to the Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games held in Stephenville. Karen fell right into step with the St. John’s Ladies “A” Softball league and excelled as a fielder helping her team reach three St.

John’s championships, three provincial championships and play in three national championships. She played soccer for eight years and was considered one of the top two or three players to ever compete provincially. In fact, Karen obtained four provincial championships in her short soccer career. In addition to this tremendous list of accomplishments in a variety of different sports, Karen continued to impress the sporting community; She played on both the field hockey and the basketball Memorial University Varsity teams, she attended the 1979 Canada Winter Games for basketball and she was part of the field hockey team that played in the 1981 Canada Summer Games. In recognition of her renowned athletic talents Karen was selected as the 1981 Mount Pearl Female Athlete of the Year.

Karen Baggs’ sports career is the definition of talent. In every aspect of her sports career, she has been a credit to sports, to her community, to her province, to her family and especially to herself.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Karen Baggs’ outstanding athleticism with her induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
