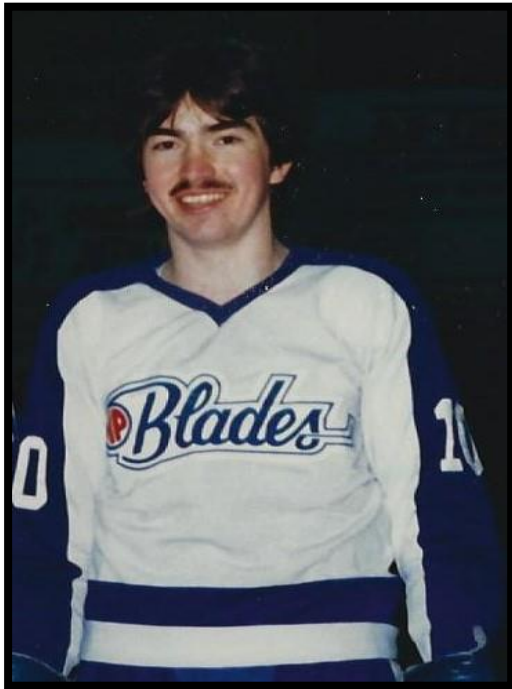




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**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Keith Hoyles**  
*Athlete 2019*



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Keith Hoyles began playing hockey with the Mount Pearl Minor program right from “opening day” at the Smallwood Drive Arena in 1976. Over the next 10 years he proved to be a team leader on the ice through all minor hockey age divisions, high school, juvenile and junior hockey, winning many MVP and Scoring awards.

Keith distinguished himself as a player and as a team leader throughout his youth. He was named team Captain for his Mount Pearl Central High School hockey team and many of his All-Star teams. In five of those years his teams won Provincial NAHA (HNL today) championship medals (2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze). Keith was also a key part of the success of the fabled 1985-86 Mount Pearl Junior Blades Team that competed in the ‘seven team’ St. John’s Junior League. Awarded ‘League Top Scorer’ while setting a new league record of 98

points that year he was instrumental in team success, capturing both the Junior League Championship and the Atlantic Championship (Don Johnson Cup). Keith also played for Team Newfoundland and Labrador at the 1987 Canada Winter Games that finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place, the highest a Newfoundland and Labrador hockey team had ever finished. Those who remember Keith’s play in those days are quick to talk about how he couldn’t be taken off the puck and was always a scoring threat even if knocked off his feet. Following a truly successful hockey career Keith went on to play ball hockey. In 1990 he won the Mount Pearl Blackhorse Ball Hockey League Top Scorer and Most Gentlemanly & Effective Player awards leading his team to a provincial championship. Keith went on to be named Most Valuable Player at the Eastern Canadian Championships that same year.

In 2017 Keith was inducted into the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Hall of Fame in recognition of his leadership, outstanding athletic ability, and dedication to hockey. Keith’s outstanding athleticism and inspiring play have left a positive mark on hockey in Mount Pearl.

The Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize Keith Hoyles’ outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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