



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Noel Keough
Athlete 2017



Growing up in the 1970's and early 1980's Noel Keough was known as one of the best athletes ever to play in Mount Pearl, beginning with Minor and High School sports.

Noel's talent also led to play with numerous Provincial Baseball Championship teams as a member of the St. John's Capital's Junior and Senior All-Star teams, and NL Junior and Senior All-Star teams from 1979 to 1981. He was also selected for the Atlantic Junior All-Star team in 1978, starred in the 1981 Canada Summer Games, and even played softball at the 1977 Provincial Senior B Championships.

Noel is likely the only Mount Pearl player to win the Rookie of the Year award in both the St. John's Junior and Senior Baseball Leagues in the same year, and the only pitcher to pitch a no-hitter in the Newfoundland Junior Baseball Championships.

Most sports people of the day recall Noel as one of the best left-handed pitchers in the province. Those who had the pleasure to be his teammates knew Noel as a great all-round athlete, and a true team player with an unassuming manner that always caught the opposing team off guard. When he wasn't pitching Noel would still be in the starting lineup playing first base. Of course, the opposition didn't just have to deal with his pitching and excellent defensive play at first base, as Noel would also haunt their pitchers with his bat. His ability to not only get the timely hit, but a home run or two in a deciding championship game wasn't uncommon and is well documented.

When baseball season was over he would lace up his skates, playing defense with his high school and Mount Pearl Blades All-Star teams from Bantam through Junior. Noel moved to Calgary after graduating university in 1981, but his sport days in Mount Pearl are long remembered.

For his outstanding athletic achievements the Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize Noel Keough with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
