



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Ralph Chapman
Athlete 2016



Ralph Chapman was a talented young Mount Pearl athlete in the 80's. Remembered best for his tennis and hockey, he was also a skilled baseball and squash player. Ralph played hockey with the Mount Pearl Blades from PeeWee to Midget, and high school hockey with the Huskies. Perhaps better known for his tennis, he was both a competitive player and an instructor with the 350+ junior members of that day. Mount Pearl Tennis Club developer and Past President, Keith Howse remembers Ralph as an "outstanding tennis player and competitor, and likely one of the best athletes Mount Pearl ever produced." He was named NL Tennis Player of the Year for 1983, 1984 and 1985, and Mount Pearl Athlete of the Year in 1983 and 1985. Ralph's winning ways in tennis began with the U14 and the high school championships in 1980. In

1982 he won several provincial doubles titles, and had a 2/1 record at the Junior National Championships. In 1983 he won four Triple Crowns, including the Provincial Open Junior Triple Crown. He won another 'open' Triple Crown in 1985, as well as taking 4th place in mixed doubles at the 1985 Canada Games – the best ever result for Team NL. Ralph's athleticism also showed in his hockey. He won the High School scoring title in 1983, and was recognized by the Daily News and Evening Telegram as High School Player of the Year. The following year he was scouted by the St. Albert Saints Junior Hockey Team, and in 1988 he set a rookie scoring record in NAHA senior hockey.

In recognition of his outstanding athletic accomplishments the Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize Ralph Chapman with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
