



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Rod Snow

Athlete 2005



Rod Snow has achieved an abundance of local, provincial, national and international successes throughout his rugby career. His raw talent has developed into a remarkable skill set which has earned himself a mark as a more than exceptional athlete. Rod's determination, willingness to make sacrifices and a knack for listening to his top caliber coaches are traits that have made Rod's rugby career great.

Unobtrusive, yet talented, Rod made his international rugby debut against Argentina in 1995 earning his first cap. A cap, either physical or metaphorical, represents a game that an athlete has participated in. Before his career would come to an end, Rob would earn himself 56 caps as a member of the Canadian National Team. In fact, Rob has the second highest number of caps over all Canadian rugby players. Those who have witnessed Rob's skills on the field state that once you see him play, it is evident as to why he is so well renowned, and deserving of his recognition. During the course of his playing career, Rod was classified as one of the very best rugby players in Canada.

Rod was also among the very best players internationally. During his first World Cup tournament, one of his plays earned him a professional contract with the Newport Gwent Dragons of the Welsh Premier League. This contract lasted ten years and involved more than 200 games with the club. His 2001 selection as the team's "Fans' Player of the Year" is a clear indication of the manner in which he played and was received by Newport and fans of the league. He was a major factor in Newport winning the 2001 Principality Cup. He played extremely well in both the 2000 and the 2005 "World XV" games. Moreover, he performed extremely well in both 1996 and 2004 when he played with the internationally famous "Barbarians" rugby team.

Rod began to play at a national level with the provincial U-19 squad that won a silver medal in 1987. From 1988 to 1995 he was a member of the provincial senior side (team) that won the 1991 silver medal and was voted provincial team of the year. Later, Rod joined the 2005 provincial team which he was a part of for its outstanding National championship victory. At the national level, Rod has earned an excellent reputation and is very popular with teammates and opponents alike.

Rod started rugby in 1985 with Mount Pearl Senior High and helped the Dogs Rugby Club win a bronze medal at the 1988 Provincial Summer Games. His contribution to the Dogs team earned him an honorary membership in the club accompanied by several personal awards. Over and above all of Rod' accomplishments he was named Newfoundland and Labrador's "Senior Male Athlete" in 1995.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Rod Snow's outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
