



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Sam Pretty
Athlete/Builder 1999



Sam Pretty was an outstanding athlete known for his soccer performances in St. John's and at the provincial level. His playing career ran from 1942 to 1962 with the brilliant Holy Cross "Eleven" that captured seven St. John's soccer titles and the first of the All Newfoundland Honours in 1950. While he was known as one of the very best fullbacks in the league, Sam was also well acquainted with the goalkeeper position of which he assumed for numerous games with his club. Indeed, Sam was the "go-to" guy when a penalty kick or a free kick arose. Whenever his team needed a goal, Sam would deliver. Though Sam will forever be remembered for his phenomenal soccer talent, he happened to be a well rounded athlete in other sports as well. In 1946 Sam played softball as a member of the West End Senior Softball Championship winning team,

and he has rowed in the Annual St. John's Regatta several times.

Following his distinguished playing career, Sam became a member of the group that founded and established the Mount Pearl Soccer organization in 1973. As a member of this group, he served as an Executive for about seven years, found the time to coach both minor and senior teams and even came out of retirement as a player to play in the Mount Pearl Senior Soccer League.

Sam was recognized for his efforts in athleticism and volunteerism when he was inducted into the St. John's Soccer Hall of Fame in 1984, and once again when he was inducted into the Newfoundland Soccer Hall of Fame in 1987.

Sam passed away in 1986, yet the memory of his distinguished talent and continuous devotion and contributions to the development of the sport of soccer in Mount Pearl will forever be in the thoughts of the Mount Pearl community. There is a memorial scholarship in Sam's name awarded on a yearly basis; this allows Sam's contributions to continue on as he would have surely continued to devote his time to the soccer community if he were still with us.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Sam Pretty's outstanding athleticism and contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
