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## Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

# Terry Ryan Jr.

*Athlete 2012*

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Terry Ryan, born and raised in Mount Pearl, started playing sports at an early age. He was involved in several sports, including hockey, soccer, baseball, and at a later age, ball hockey. In 1989, Terry kicked off his Ice Hockey career with a Provincial Atom Championship; the following two years he was MVP and Top Scorer in the Provincial Pee wee and Atlantic Hostess Cup Championships. In 1991 at 14 years of age, Terry was invited to play Junior "A" hockey for the Quesnel Millionaires in BC for two years, where he won the Top Scorer Award and was selected as a member of the Rocky Mountain League All Star Team.

Terry was also the third overall draft pick in the Western Hockey League Bantam draft by the Tri-City Americans. It was in the Junior Western Hockey League that he was named Rookie of the year in '93 and Most Improved Player in '94. The following year, he won a Plus-Minus Award, was named Most Spirited Player, and claimed the fourth overall ranking in league scoring (50 goals, 60 assists). Terry's talent was noticed by NHL draftsmen and in the 1995 NHL draft Terry was the first draft pick for the Montreal Canadiens and the eighth overall pick. He went on to play eight games for Montreal. Terry's hockey career continued with the Fredericton Canadiens where he was named Rookie of the Year in 1998, claimed second in goals (21) and led the league in fights (34) 256 penalty minutes.

In 2000, he won the St. John's Maple Leafs Humanitarian of the Year Award; in 2003 he led the Orlando Seals with playoff goals (8) which helped them win the league championship; in 2006 he was named Top Scorer for the Avalon East league and the Newfoundland Provincial League; in 2007 Terry played Newfoundland Senior Hockey claiming the title of MVP and Avalon East Top Scorer. In 2008 he played with the Bentley Generals of the Alberta Senior Hockey League winning a silver medal at the Allan Cup and was named Top Scorer.

Terry's triumphant achievements cascaded into his ball hockey career, as did his love for the game. Terry won the ball hockey World Championship hosted by Switzerland as a member of Team Canada in 2003 and won once again when Germany was hosting the tournament the following year. In 2008, Terry went on to win the National Championships with the Montreal Black Knights, and won the 2010 National Championships with the Newfoundland Black Horse Team.

It is evident that Terry's talent, devotion and love for hockey and ball hockey has allowed for the unfolding of such a successful career, yet Terry has also excelled in both soccer and baseball. In 1991, Terry played on the Mount Pearl U14 Boys Soccer Team. The boys' team won the Provincial and Atlantic Championship for two consecutive years with the help of Terry who was named MVP for both championships. In 1992, Terry won the Top Hitter award as a member of the Provincial Baseball Championship team; and in 1996, won the Provincial Junior "A" Championships. In 2009, Terry played baseball with the Mount Pearl Storm team, winning the St. John's Men's League Championships – **the first Mount Pearl team to ever win the St. John's title**. Terry's outstanding talent has propelled his sports career forward, and his excellence is thoroughly recognized with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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