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**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Tols Chapman**  
*Athlete 1996*

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No athlete has enjoyed the magnitude of successes in as many sports as Tols Champan has, nor have they experienced these successes over the same number of years. Tols' athleticism marked his name in the memories of his peers in baseball, hockey, squash, softball, golf, basketball, tennis, handball and racquetball. Tols was always performing at the highest of levels in each and every one of the sports he chose to participate in.

Tols started his Junior Hockey career in the mid 1950s. He was a great goaltender and enjoyed numerous successes with the Fieldians team and with a succession of St. John's Junior and Senior All-Star squads. He attended a Chicago Blackhawks tryout camp, was a member of two Provincial senior championship teams and won numerous individual awards in recognition of his talent. Tols' hockey career was undoubtedly a remarkable one, yet his triumphs extend into several other sports organizations.

Tols' baseball career spanned over twenty years and included two retirements, from which he made two successful comebacks. A clutch hitter and a great fielder, Tols' talent was one to be reckoned with. His talent was an asset for the Fieldians team, the St. John's team and later proved to be an asset to the Mount Pearl team upon which he played with his son.

Tols had a short but successful softball career, excelled in golf and squash after winning a long series of tennis titles, handball honours and racquetball awards. Tols was also known as a great playmaker in the guard position of the basketball teams he played for. He turned his hand to coaching hockey at the senior level and called the shots for Newfoundland's female softball team at the 1977 Canada Summer Games held in St. John's.

Few individuals can boast the successes Tols Chapman had in a single sport, let alone the wide range of sports in which he excelled. A gifted all around athlete, Tols Chapman was inducted into the Newfoundland Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Tols Chapman's outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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