

Mrs. Gail (Moore) Roberts

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as a “Builder”



Gail Roberts has contributed to basketball from the first time she dribbled a ball, in 1963 at Prince of Wales Collegiate at the age of 13. In those days they were only allowed to dribble the ball three times before they had to pass and instead of a toss up to start the game there were a coin toss at center court. Gail was an MVP in high school and played on the Senior Women’s team at MUN, where she also played volleyball. In the 1970’s Gail coached Holy Heart to

8 city high school championships and 7 provincial championships, which wasn’t easy with competition from Bishops, PWC, Laval, and Stella Maris. Holy Heart was the first school to have fiber glass backboards, which fell down after only being up for 1 ½ years. Her contributions also included being treasurer of the NLBA; being the official’s chairman of the St. John’s Men’s League in 1969 – 70, and was chair of the Women’s Athletic society. Her fondest memories are of playing in the Canada Games under Coach Ed Murphy; the winning teams at Holy Heart, and all of the people she has meet through basketball. Gail has been positive influences to all who have meet her in the sport.