

Mr. Glenn Taylor

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2009 as an “Athlete / Builder”



Originally born in ON, Glenn Taylor built a basketball career that is among the very best in the history of the sport within Newfoundland and Labrador. As a player and as a coach his achievements and his contributions between 1976 and 2000 played a major role in the expansion, improvement and promotion of basketball in this province.

Utilizing an exceptional knowledge of basketball that was earned in many places and in many ways, he proved to be an extremely effective coach at the junior high, provincial and university levels. He simply knew all aspects of the game and was very successful in passing his information on to those who were fortunate enough to play for teams of which he was the coach.

It would be fair to say that the arrival of Glenn Taylor on the St. John's and provincial basketball scene coincided with the popularity increase of the sport. It would be unfair to claim that he was the reason for the increased popularity, but he certainly was one of the contributing individuals to the overall improvement and success of the game.

As a player he was a perennial all-star within the St. John's Senior League, more than holding his own on the court and performing at a level equal to that of any other player. He was simply among the very best this province has seen. Glenn was one of the key players to help his team win several provincial and city championships. He also represented the province at several National championships in the late 70's and early 80's.

As a coach he was extremely successful from his years within minor and school basketball. He had even a greater impact on the NLBA's provincial programming and at Memorial University. Very well qualified at the start, he continuously upgraded his credentials and expanded his overall knowledge as a coach. His knowledge was very well supported by the manner in which he handled players. His methods played major roles in the improvement of every player who was a member of his teams. Overall, he was as fine a basketball coach as this province has ever seen.

Career Facts:

Athlete:

- 1966 – 1968 Christ Church Basement Saturday Fun League
- 1968 – 1969 Brampton Centennial High School Junior Runner Up
- 1969 – 1970 Brampton Centennial Senior Boys Peel County Champions

1971 – 1975 Competed with Acadia and selected to the AUS All star team in 1974. He was also identified as a potential national team member in 1974.

Glenn then moved to St. John's in 1976.

1980-1983 Represented the province at the Sr. Men's National Championships.

1992 Received the Reg Soper Award.

1976 – 1990 Competed in the St. John's Senior Men's Basketball League with several teams including, T.B. Clift, Black Horse; Molson's; and Nova Physiotherapy. He won 9 city championships in 14 seasons and almost as many at the provincial level. Glenn was named Top Scorer and MVP on several occasions and was consistently selected to the all star team at both the local and provincial levels over his playing career.

Coaching:

1976 – 2000 Coached with the Avalon School Board at United Junior High, McPherson, and Holy Cross Junior High

1976 – 1977 Assistant Coach at MUN with Mr. Frank Butler (AUS)

1977 – 1981 Head Coach for MUN Women's Varsity Basketball Team

1982 Head Coach - Men's Summer Games Program

1989 Head Coach - Men's Canada Games Basketball Team in Saskatchewan

1993 Head Coach of the Men's Canada Games Basketball Team in BC

1993 National 3M Award winner for Coaching

1997 Head Coach of the Women's Canada Games Basketball in Manitoba

1991 – 2000 Memorial University Head Coach for Men's Basketball

1995 & 97 Selected AUS Men's Coach of the Year

1994-97 Selected NLBA's "Chris Griffen Coach of the Year".

Glenn returned to ON in 2000.

2000-2004 Coached Lindsay Wildcats Women's Team

2005-2009 Named Head Coach of the men's program at Ryerson University in Toronto, ON.

Aside from his coaching/athletic credentials Glenn also held a Level III NCCP Course Conductor Certificate and was responsible for the certification of many coaches in the province in the 1990's.

Some of the Notable Players Glenn coached during his tenure include: Donna Brenton, Nita Sutton, Anne Browne, Mike Woods, John Devereaux and Peter Benoite along with countless others.