

## Glenn Stanford-Athlete:



Glenn Stanford owns an exceptional 20-year basketball career, overflowing with team and personal achievements and accomplishments. From school basketball in 1972 to playing University and in the first division up to 1991, coaching at

different levels from High School to Canada Games. Glenn was one of the most outstanding basketball personalities produced within Newfoundland and Labrador.

Having great ball handling skills (they were actually referred to as being superb) that was very well supported by determination and an impressive knowledge of the game, Stanford played with the very best players and teams of his time and was a standout at the national, university and local levels in whatever category he performed.

Perennially selected as an all-star and often voted most valuable player, Glenn Stanford was of extreme benefit to any team for which he played. This value existed on the court and in the dressing room as he earned great respect from his teammates, opponents, officials and fans. Glenn Stanford was simply a great basketball player and coach with a large amount of expertise.

A member of the St. John's Basketball Hall of Fame since 1991, his passing and setup ability was always important for a team with which he played and combined with his tenacious penetration and accurate passing made him a dangerous offensive weapon. Defensively, he was just as valuable since he was

able to read the development of opponents' attacks and often, forced turnovers by his opponents. He was a startling player who contributed both ways to the success of teams with which he played.

It was with St. Patrick's School and Brother Rice High that he led teams to many school titles. In 1976, his performance earned him the Most Valuable Player Award and All-Star selection at the provincial junior championships and he was one of the better players for the Newfoundland and Labrador at the Canadian Junior Championships in Windsor, Ontario. Glenn first played in the St. John's Sr. Basketball league with Holy Cross Crusaders when he was approx. 17 years old but looked like he was 12 years old.

Between 1977 and 1980, he was captain of the Memorial University basketball team for four seasons, winning MVP selections at provincial and Atlantic tournaments. He was a first team all-star at the Nova Scotia College Tournaments. He was a first team all –star at the Nova Scotia College Tournament and his overall contributions to sports at MUN earned him membership in the University's Athletic Honor Society. One memorable occasion for Glenn would be in 1979--In his 4th year at MUN Glenn played with the NL all-stars when NL hosted the Sr. National Basketball tournament in St. John's. Newfoundland and Labrador defeated Sask. 76-54 in their first game in front of an estimated crowd of approx. 1500 in the old MUN gymnasium. Glenn stole the ball a number of times, played well defensively, shot well and his play gained honorable all-star mention.

In 1978 Glenn Stanford earned second all-star selection at the Canadian Junior Basketball Championships and in 1979 earned all-star selection at the Canadian Junior Basketball Championships. These selections are very impressive since they were earned playing against the very best basketballers in Canada. It was noted by one of his fellow teammates that Glenn was a very proud Newfoundlander and Labradorian and on a number of occasions faced up to much taller opponents who may have insulted his home province after a game on the mainland.

Playing in the highly competitive St. John's First Division League from 1980 to 1991, Glenn Stanford faced the province's finest players on a game-to-game basis and certainly more than held his own. He was selected to the League's first all-star team five times and named most valuable players on two occasions. At the

same time, provincially he was an all-star three times and MVP Award winner twice. On three occasions, he was a member of the team that represented Newfoundland and Labrador in national senior championships. Glenn won 5 St. John's Senior Men's Basketball Championships and 2 Provincial Championships various teams: City Furniture, Carlsberg, Best Western, and Fosters. In 1983 Glenn played with the NL all-star Carlsberg selects in an Invitational Basketball Tournament in St. John's where NL won the tournament, defeating a very good team from Halifax, (the YMCA. Schooners) plus the Argentinia Seals (from the US Base in Argentinia) and also Memorial University Sr. Varsity team.

Glenn received the Reg Soper Memorial Award for his performance as a player and his contributions in St. John's basketball as a builder in 1994. An evening Telegram series, conducted with members of the basketball community, had Glenn Stanford name the fifth best basketball player in the sports' history within Newfoundland and Labrador. It stated that Stanford was one of the best ball handlers, if not the best, the province has ever produced. Glenn's ball handling and defensive skills along with his hustle, desire, work ethic and ability to pass the ball far outweighed his shooting ability, (especially from the 3 point range). This resulted in a very good team oriented basketball player who proudly represented the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and who gave his all in every National, Provincial and local game he ever played.