



Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

10th Anniversary
Friday, 15 October 2004

Hall of Fame Members

1995

Father John J. Hennessey, S.J.
Robert G. Hayes

1996

Robert (Bob) Lahey
Father Michael O'Donnell, S.J.
1973 Basketball Huskies

1997

Frank Baldwin

1998

Jim Pineo
Bob Boucher
1973 Football Huskies

1999

Jamie Bone
Elizabeth A. Chard
Bob Warner
1964 Football Huskies

2000

Roy Clements
Mickey Fox
Kathy Mullane

2001

Chris Flynn
Elmer MacGillivray
Angelo Santucci
1973 Hockey Huskies

2002

Frank Archambault
Harold Beazley
Dianne Chiasson
Mike Hornby

2003

Al Keith
Greg McClare
Larry Uteck
1978 Basketball Huskies

In celebration of the rich tradition and heritage of sport and recreation at Saint Mary's University, the Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre was founded in 1995, in large measure through the efforts of then President Kenneth L. Ozmon and then Athletic Director, the late Larry Uteck.

*Inductions are held annually during Homecoming Weekend - the weekend following Thanksgiving. For many years, students, faculty and staff have shared a rich sport tradition as athletes, builders and teams, as well as keen, loyal fans. Vivid and exciting chapters of this aspect of the University's life are recorded in *The Santamarian*, *The Times*, *The Journal*, and *the Maroon and White*.*

This year's inductees are: Susan Dunbrack Beazley, Les Goodwin, Bill Robinson and Ross Webb, all of whom reflect the strong sport administrators and athletes whose contributions helped build the proud Saint Mary's Sport Tradition.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patricia Calbury
Dr. Elizabeth Chard
Roy Clements
Pat Connolly
Hansel Cook
Mike Doherty
Paul Fitzgerald
B.J. Frenette
Heather Harris
Kathy Mullane
Dr. David J. Murphy
Simon Partington
Paul Puma
Shane Ross
Doug Wright



In 1973 Saint Mary's University made a commitment to varsity sports for women.

Susan Dunbrack, who had been an outstanding all-round athlete at Queen Elizabeth High School, was the first female student-athlete recruited to Saint Mary's. In her first year she helped to lead the field hockey team to the Junior Varsity Championship and was chosen Most Valuable Player. Later that year, she led the women's basketball team in rebounds and steals and was a leading scorer. In the spring she was named "Female Rookie of the Year". Having proved that they belonged, Susan and her teammates were elevated to the varsity level of competition in Women's Intercollegiate Sports.

In 1974 Susan combined her speed and endurance to serve as an effective defensive center and a leading scorer in field hockey. In basketball she was a leading rebounder and scorer on a team that defeated most of the established teams in the conference. At year's end, Susan was selected as the "Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year".

Sue's speed, hustle, competitive spirit, and outstanding jumping ability enabled her to excel in basketball for two more years and in 1976, once again, Sue was chosen as MVP of the field hockey team.

Sue's skills and her desire to win were major factors in the success of the women's sports program in the initial years of varsity competition at Saint Mary's.

Susan also found the time to represent Nova Scotia in the Canada Games, twice as an athlete and twice as a member of the Mission Staff. Several years ago, she was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame as a member of Nova Scotia's Women's Field Hockey Team, National Champions of 1974-75.

Susan Dunbrack Beazley is most deserving of her induction into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre as an outstanding double varsity athlete.



Les Goodwin came to Saint Mary's University at age 56 with the reputation of being one of the "winningest" high school coaches in the United States.

For over 35 years, Les had been a teacher of Kinesiology and Physical Education as well as coach of football, baseball and basketball in New Jersey's high school system and at Panzer College, now a New Jersey state university.

In 1963, Les answered an advertisement placed by Saint Mary's in an American sports journal. Accompanied by wife, Billie and son, Tom (later to become a student at SMU) Les moved to Canada to fill the positions of basketball coach, assistant football coach with other duties including intramurals coordinator at Saint Mary's University. He brought with his coaching talent the wisdom of his experience and the benefit of his contacts to Saint Mary's young staff in the Athletics and Recreation Department.

During Coach Goodwin's tenure (1963 to 1972), the basketball program flourished. To quote former player, The Reverend Al Brown – "From 1966-70 the basketball team won over 75% of their games... No team in the league had a better record than did SMU during those years". He was the first basketball coach to win the Atlantic Canada championship (now the AUS). In addition, his team was ranked #2 nationally in 1969.

Les won the admiration of the North American athletic world in a less sophisticated time, when one person was often responsible for more than one team sport. His coaching record, his commitment to youth through camps and clinics, and his talent as raconteur were legendary. Few know that he raised and showed championship rabbits... that he loved sports fishing... that he played piano and trumpet well enough to perform with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

Leslie K. Goodwin, Renaissance Man



After watching Bill Robinson warm up prior to a High School All Star Game, Saint Mary's Hall of Famer Al Keith knew Bill was the ingredient needed for a run at the College Bowl. Bill was recruited to Halifax where the final recruitment process was ably carried out by Bomber Forbes.

Although Bill was an immediate star at Saint Mary's and a major contributor to the team's success, the College Bowl would be elusive for his first years at Saint Mary's. Bill was AUFC All Star quarterback for all of his four years at Saint Mary's; Rookie of the Year 1970 and Most Valuable Player 1971, 72, and 73. He quarterbacked the Huskies to three consecutive 8-0 seasons which resulted in AUFC league championships. He constantly and consistently led the AUFC in all passing categories.

Bill had all the physical attributes of a great quarterback. He could pass and run but his biggest assets were his leadership, knowledge of the game, and fierce competitiveness. Bill hated to lose.

The bitter memories of Atlantic Bowl losses in 1971 and 1972 hardened the resolve of the entire Huskie team as they were led by Bill in the Atlantic Bowl of 1973 against a mature Wilfrid Laurier Team. Bill threw the winning touchdown pass in the last two minutes of the game to secure a 19-17 win. The next week he led the Huskies to a 14-6 win over McGill to win the first College Bowl and National Championship in football for Saint Mary's University.

After leaving Saint Mary's and still having another year of eligibility, Bill took his considerable talents to the University of Western Ontario where he successfully led them to a 10-1 season and the National Championship. En route he was voted team MVP and All Canadian Quarterback.

Bill was drafted and played for the Ottawa Roughriders of the CFL from 1975-78. He was a member of the 1976 Grey Cup Champions.

Outside of football, Bill has been a committed contributor to Saint Mary's University and the community. He was an assistant football coach and offensive coordinator for the Huskies from 1985 to 1994; member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors; chaired the AUS Women's Basketball Championships for Saint Mary's and has assisted the men's basketball team with fund raising. He was a keen supporter of his two Huskie children, Kristi Jo (Basketball, B. Comm. 2001) and Billy (Football), never missing a game in which they played.

Bill was the Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs; Chair of the Atlantic Bowl (12 years) and its Honorary Chair one year. He chaired the CIS Final Eight Basketball Championships for eight years. He is presently CEO of the Nova Scotia Sports Heritage Centre.

Saint Mary's University is pleased to induct Bill Robinson, B. Comm. 1974, student-athlete, coach and community minded citizen as a player into its Sport Hall of Fame.



Originally from Portsmouth, England, Ross Webb, in the autumn of 1978, a nightmare for every soccer goalie he had ever faced, having just completed a phenomenal pre-college career, burst through the gates of Sackville High, arrived at Saint Mary's on the run and began immediately to embark upon a goal scoring spree that had never been imagined let alone seen before in Canadian Intercollegiate soccer circles. In his first game with the Huskies, Ross scored six goals to lead them to a 7-3 victory over Acadia. The Huskies, led by Ross Webb's AVAA and CIAU record setting thirty-seven goals, compiled a league best 10-1-1 record, their best showing ever! At year's end, Ross was described as a modest, quiet young man. He credited his exceptional scoring achievements to his teammates, stating simply, "I get set up a lot". In 1978, Ross was the first Canadian university athlete to make Sports Illustrated Magazine. Rookie-of-the-Year Ross and his teammate, Mario Noguere, were named to the 1978-79 First Team CIAU All Stars.

For the next four years Ross and his teammates continued to shine. Ross won four more AVAA scoring championships. He was named to four CIAU First All Star Teams and the AVAA First All Star Team five times.

In November of 1981 the Huskies were the top ranked team in the country in the CIAU's final weekly poll. Unfortunately they lost to the eventual champion, McGill, in the semi-final play-off.

In 1982, Ross Webb, the Atlantic University Soccer Conference all-time scoring leader, was selected as the Athlete-of-the-Year at Saint Mary's.

After completing a sensational Intercollegiate soccer career, Ross continued to play an impressive and fulfilling role in the success of some of the best teams in Canadian Senior Soccer competition.

Saint Mary's University is proud to welcome Ross Webb as a member of its Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

Celebrate Success: 30th Anniversary of Women's Varsity Sports

Almost as soon as Saint Mary's University became co-ed in 1968, the then Athletic Director, Bob Hayes (now A.D. Emeritus), began working on the establishment of an athletic programme for women which included varsity teams in field hockey and basketball. Other sports would be added later.



Anniversaries at Saint Mary's University for 2004

10th Anniversary of the SMU Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

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35th Anniversary of Huskie Stadium

Huskie Stadium was constructed for the first Canada Summer Games in July 1969. The opening ceremonies were held in the Stadium as were many of the athletic competitions.

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40th Anniversary of SMU's First Atlantic Bowl

In 1964 Saint Mary's won its first Atlantic Bowl by defeating McMaster 15-1 at the Wanderer's Grounds.

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45th Anniversary of the Name "Huskie"

In 1959, "Huskie" became the official name of all Saint Mary's Varsity athletic teams, both male and female. Previously, the men's teams were known as the "Saints".

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50th Anniversary of Football at Saint Mary's

The year 1954 marked the beginning of football at Saint Mary's University.