

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

2004

Susan Dunbrack
Les Goodwin
Bill Robinson
Ross Webb

2005

Frank Arment
Brian Heaney
Bill Mullane

2006

Mike Curry
Reginald Joseph MacDougall
Dr. Robert A. Ruotolo

2007

Father George P. Leach, S.J.
Lee Thomas, Jr.
John Gallinaugh

2008

Andrew Conrad
Paul Puma
1956 Football Saints

Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

Induction Ceremony Saturday, 26 September 2009

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. 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: Doug Wright, Ken Clark and the 1978-79 Men's National Championship Basketball Huskies, all of whom reflect the strong sport administrators and athletes whose contributions helped build the proud Saint Mary's Sport Tradition.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matt Anderson
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Patrick Crowley
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Keith MacMillan

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Annelie Vandenberg
Murray Wilson
Doug Wright
Mike Doherty - Adjunct Member



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Doug Wright never scored a basket, touchdown or point but he was the architect of many in his four decades of duty and devotion to Saint Mary's Huskies teams as an assistant coach of varsity men's and women's basketball and football programs. Not to mention his lesser involvements with hockey and soccer teams he served alongside Bob Boucher and Roy Clements and the principal roles he has filled in establishing and maintaining Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame. How this physically marvelous, now 71-year old native of Hamilton, Ont., who also grew up in Dayton, Ohio, with so many brilliant accomplishments has so effectively managed to balance a distinguished naval career with contributing so generously to community commitments outside the service defies logic. But that's the man affectionately known to his legion of friends and admirers as simply "Dougie".

Within the service of his beloved Navy, Doug's career began in 1960 as a player with championship football, basketball, baseball and swim teams at Stadacona, Shearwater and Cornwallis. It was also the start of a lifetime friendship with Navy football legend Robert G. Hayes that continued for another 40 years as Hayes became Athletic Director (later Emeritus) at SMU. It was also at Saint Mary's that colleague Dick Loiselle persuaded Doug to become involved in wheelchair basketball with Halifax Flying Wheels, an association that eventually led to his becoming provincial coach, a sixth place finish at the 1976 Montreal Olympics as national head coach and member of the board and head coach of Canada's Pan-Am Games team that won a succession of medals. He has also found time over the years to head Canada's popular Naval Gun Run team, an annual Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo feature for many years, with many international citations. Doug has been honored by his inductions into the Canadian Armed Forces Hall of Fame, The Order of Military Merit (Canada's highest military award presented by the Governor-General) and many other distinctions.

Doug Wright has a bank of memories of his years as an assistant coach at Saint Mary's, with so many national football and basketball championships from which to choose. But one stands out above the others, the 1973 Vanier Cup title preceded by a tremendous upset victory over Laurier University Golden Hawks in the Atlantic Bowl. "In 1972, they had whomped us 57-7 using the famous 'Wishbone T' offence we weren't able to solve. In '73, head coach Al Keith allowed assistant coach Gordon (Spook) MacLeod to devise a reverse defence, attacking the strategy from the inside rather than outside. It worked to perfection, Laurier panicked, they had no passing game and we beat them to move on to the Vanier. That one was one of the greatest upsets in CIAU history."

For his role in that and other Huskies' successes, Doug has already been elected to both the Saint Mary's and Nova Scotia Sport Halls of Fame as a team member. Today he stands tall and alone to be even more properly recognized as one of Saint Mary's greatest assets over the last 40 years. A wonderful single addition to the Hall for which he has done so much in so many ways to develop and maintain.



Ken Clark was a special member of a special team that awakened Canada in 1973 to the presence of an emerging college football power in the east, a region then painfully short of national recognitions in a sport with a relatively short history in the pigskin game. The loyalists in Atlantic Canada held stubbornly to the traditions of English rugby until some Navy intruders, many on military leave from the CFL, introduced a new brand in the early 1940's. In the next two decades, football made steady inroads into the public psyche thanks in great measure to a couple of naval converts to the region named Don Loney and Bob Hayes, now head coaches who began recruiting talent respectively to St. F.X. and Saint Mary's programs.

With a great eye for talent and student potential, Hayes reached into the Toronto area high school football pool, among other places, and in the early 1970's came up with some gems, not the least of which was a QB-Receiver team of Bill Robinson and Ken Clark that would play a major role in leading the Huskies to the promised land, a national Vanier Cup. Both became four time All-Stars in the Atlantic Conference and in 1973, Clark, the receiver, punter and placement kicker, won the conference scoring title with 85 points. He was also the Conference's nomination for the Hec Creighton Trophy awarded annually to the outstanding Canadian collegiate player. Robinson, who finished tight up behind in that voting, was also named Conference Most Valuable Player; a potent combination on a team that began the trek to the national title with a huge upset victory over the highly favoured Laurier Golden Bears in the Atlantic Bowl at Saint Mary's Stadium. Ken Clark scored the winning touchdown.

In his career at Saint Mary's, Ken did it all. He was league All-Star four times as receiver or kicker, led the AUFCA in punting all four years, the league in scoring several times, was co-captain and MVP of the 1973 Vanier Cup team with a performance that also included a record 86-yard punt. He also set numerous receiving records in what was then a shorter, 6-game season. Small wonder that when his college career ended at Saint Mary's, Ken was a much sought after professional commodity and chose to begin life among the pros as a member of the Portland Storm of the then budding World Football League where he led the league in punting in his rookie season. He repeated that accomplishment several more times as a member of Canadian Football League teams but (the Vanier Cup with Saint Mary's aside) Ken's finest hour as a professional had to come in 1979. As punter for the NFL champions and Superbowl finalists Los Angeles Rams, Ken Clark reached the pinnacle of his pro career with a punting average of 40.9 yards and 93 points per season and as well he was 2 for 2 in passing and led the Rams with a 118.7 rating.

When his football career ended, Ken returned to his native Ontario and a business career that has him now located in Barrie, north of Toronto. Today he is back to take his rightful place among the athletic greats at Saint Mary's and renew acquaintances with teammates and old friends who have never forgotten their football heroes and whose name always comes up as a key member of a Vanier Cup championship Huskies team that sent a dozen players to professional ranks. Among them, they share 12 Grey Cup and NFL championship rings, including Hec Pothier and Angelo Santucci of the Edmonton Eskimos, Bill Robinson of the Ottawa Rough Riders and Ken Clark of the Los Angeles Rams. Today, this richly deserving athlete takes his place of honor in the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.



In any discussion of all-time great Huskies teams, the 1979 national championship basketball team has to come under consideration and in the realm of great athletes, the guy who led them on the floor in that memorable year tops most lists. As Head Coach Brian Heaney would later say about that season, "Our overall record wasn't better than other years, just unique in its excellence." With strong exhibition play and wins over US schools St. Joseph's (73-71) and Boston College (82-81), Heaney described these victories as "proof that Saint Mary's can hold its own against all comers now and that this team is on a par with the best in the United States, or anywhere else for that matter". The guy who led them on the floor, of course, was the incomparable Mickey Fox who had returned after a three year absence to pursue a Bachelor of Education degree.

Fox, all-time scoring leader at Saint Mary's, was not the only newcomer. Master recruiter Brian Heaney had also seduced two fifth year transfers, point guard Kevin Wood from Randolph-Macon University and jumping jack Percy Davis from the University of Rhode Island, as well as freshman sensation Jeff Gourley from Fredericton High School, to join the team that had won the national championship the year before. Back to defend their title were fourth year forwards Ross Quackenbush and Tom Kappos, third year shooting guard Rick Plato and second year forwards Ron Blommers and Derrick Lewis. Expectations of winning another championship were high and this team was not about to disappoint.

Averaging over 100 points per game, the Huskies kicked off their regular season with convincing wins over Mount Allison (116-71) and UPEI (125- 83) before embarking in December on an arduous eleven day exhibition schedule for tournaments in Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary.

Returning to Halifax the team faced yet another highly ranked team in the St F.X. X-men who beat the Huskies in a sloppy game, 72-71. Saint Mary's was not pleased. Revenge came in the form of their winning all remaining fifteen AUAA games to finish the season in first place with a record of 17-1 and a number two national ranking.

Still, there were roadblocks to overcome en route to Calgary, including a less than stellar first half of play against St.F.X. in the AUBC final before 8,634 fans at Metro Centre. In an account of the game in the Chronicle-Herald, writer Steve Bezanson described the Huskies taking control of the game in the second half after trailing 36-33: "St.F.X. made Saint Mary's play their game in the first half but they couldn't sustain the tempo, couldn't make up points easily and the Huskies hit them like a battering ram in the second half, building up a 15-point cushion in the first 10 minutes and coasting to an 81-71 victory". Kevin Wood, with 22 points, said of the game: "It was a great win but to be honest, we didn't play that well. But that's the sign of a great team...not to play well and still win". For Wood and the Huskies the best was yet to come. There was a lot of work to do to prepare for the nationals, featuring number one York, Windsor, McGill, Winnipeg, Victoria, host Calgary and wild-card St. F.X. The Huskies were up to the task.

The Huskies battled their way through the elimination and into the final against Victoria, setting the stage for an east-west classic matchup of the two geographical extremes. In the end, it was no contest. Calgary basketball columnist Eligio Gaudio summed it up thusly, "Saint Mary's Huskies outclassed the Victoria Vikings to capture their second consecutive CIAU basketball championship and their third Canadian title in seven years with a 90-83 triumph over third ranked Victoria. The 4,200 plus who took in the contest witnessed what was perhaps one of the all-time best Canadian college players give his finest performance to lead what many are already considering the greatest Canadian university team ever assembled, to an undisputable victory." While the Huskies could by no means be considered a one man team, there were two outstanding individual performances in the final against Victoria: Kappos had a huge 20 point, 20 rebound effort and Fox, a four time All-Canadian in this, his final season, scored 37 points. Fox also had 37 points in a 110-95 first round win over Windsor and 27 in a 98-92 semi final victory against York. Fox's total of 101 points and the team's total of 298 points are tournament records that still stand today. Mickey was named Tournament MVP, an honor he also won with the Huskies in 1973.

For his part, the Mick offered a typical response, "I get all the glory because I'm the shooter but this team might have been the finest basketball team ever assembled in Canada. This is certainly the deepest team we've had at Saint Mary's and those people who said we didn't have an inside team didn't know what they were talking about. Just look at Tom Kappos and Ross Quackenbush". Add Wood, Davis, Blommers, Lewis, Plato and Gourley, not to mention the inspiring leadership of Heaney, the support of Coaches Jim Collins and Willie Follette, managers Allan Wentworth, Paul Baxter and John Landry, and trainer Alex McLellan, and we have a proud 2009 addition to the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.



Purpose

The purpose of the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre is to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic programmes at Saint Mary's, and who, as a result of this contribution, have enhanced the image and reputation of the institution.

Categories/Criteria

A. Athlete/Team

1. The major factor for consideration for selection is the athlete's/team's contribution to Saint Mary's University's varsity athletic programme.
2. Other factors which will be considered for selection include: the athlete's achievements in provincial, national and international athletic competitions; character; leadership; non-athletic service to the University community; and achievement(s) in later life; or: the team's achievement(s) in provincial, national and international competitions.
3. Normally, consideration for selection will be given to an athlete/team following a minimum ten (10) year absence from the varsity programme.

B. Builder

1. A member of the University community who has made a significant contribution to Saint Mary's University athletics for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. Normally, consideration for selection as a builder will not be given to an individual until ten (10) years after their initial involvement/ appointment.

Date Submitted: _____

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Year(s) at Saint Mary's University (ex. 1968-1972): _____

Sport(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Any loans, donations, photos or sports memorabilia to the Department of Athletics & Recreation for use in the Heritage Centre are greatly appreciated.

Category: Athlete/Team Builder

1. Describe highlights of nominee's career at SMU and any other information which could be of use to the Selection Committee.
2. Provide a summary of nominee's history since leaving SMU.

Documentation must accompany the nomination. This could include press releases, newspaper articles, statistical information, letters of reference, etc.

Name of Nominator: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone (____) _____

The Nomination Selection Committee includes wide representation from the women's and men's athletic associations, media, faculty, staff and the community.

Please return the completed form **by March 31st of each year**, together with supporting documentation to: "Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre", c/o Department of Athletics & Recreation, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3 or FAX to (902) 420-5844, or E-MAIL to patsy.calbury@smu.ca

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