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The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2018 Inductees

Moncton, NB – The six new Hall of Famers elected into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame was announced today at a press conference held at the Moncton Coliseum.

"We are incredibly proud to announce the inspiring athletes and sport builders being inducted in 2018, these individuals showcase the talent our province has to offer," said Clem Tremblay, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame Board of Governors Chair. "We are also very excited to recognize the City of Moncton as the host community for our 49th annual Induction Gala."

These six, who have made a lasting impact in their field of sport, will be inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame on June 9, 2018 at the Moncton Coliseum. The achievements of these inductees will join the legacy of the over 700 fellow Hall of Famers enshrined in the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame since it was formed in 1970.

On behalf of the province, we would like to extend our congratulations to the 2018 New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame inductees," said Tourism, Heritage and Culture Minister John Ames. "Your achievements in your respective area of sports and athletics are the result of years of discipline and an inspiration to New Brunswickers everywhere. Our government is firmly committed improving the quality of life for all New Brunswickers and are proud to recognize these exemplary New Brunswick athletes and sport builders."

2018 inductees include:



Les Aigle Bleus, 1989-1990 of Moncton were the winners of the Canadian University Hockey Crown in 1990. Winning 16 of the 21 games during the regular season, they won Université de Moncton's seventh Atlantic University Sport Championship and secured their spot in the National Championships. Two of their teammates, Danny Gauvin and Sylvain Lemay, were nominated to the Canadian CISU All-Star team and their Coach, Len Doucet, went on to receive the Father George Kehoe Memorial Trophy for Coach of the Year by AUAA Hockey. Les Aigle Bleus, 1989-1990 were inducted into the Moncton Sports Wall of Fame in 2011.

Team roster includes: David Bastille, Mathieu Béliveau, Marc Bernier, Alain Bissonnette, Éric Boisvert, Stéphane Briand, Pierre Cliche, Réjean Després, Dany Gauvin, Claude Gosselin, Alain Harvey, Claude Lagacé, Martin Lamoureux, Dany Landry, Jean-Claude Latour, Michel LeBlanc DesNeiges, Sylvain Lemay, Richard Linteau, Don McGrath, Louis Melanson, Serge Pépin, Steve Salter, Serge Thériault, Len Doucet (Coach), Paul Belliveau (Assistant Coach), Pierre Giard (Assistant Coach), Louis Guay (Assistant Coach), Charles Pellerin (Manager).



Al Charuk of Moncton is ranked among the all-time top 50 greatest university football players list compiled by Sportsnet. As a Conference All Star, at Acadia University, he accumulated over 100 points in a single season and set three league records playing multiple positions for the team. Charuk was selected as the 1st round draft pick into the Canadian Football League in 1975 with the Toronto Argonauts. In 1980, Charuk led the league for yards per catch and was nominated for the Schenley Award which is given annually to the top Canadian in the CFL. Al Charuk was inducted into the Acadia University Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Moncton Sports Wall of Fame in 1995.



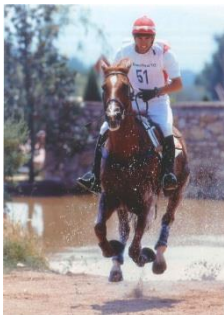
Master Chung of Moncton is the Founder and Director of the renowned Chung Won Institutes of Taekwondo in Moncton, the first of its kind in the Greater Moncton area. Grand Master Chung is credited with bringing organized Taekwondo training and competition to New Brunswick and eastern Quebec. As a coach and trainer, numerous New Brunswickers had their beginnings under his guidance and would go on to become National Champions. As a Master Instructor, an 9th degree black belt and an Honourary Life Member of the WTF Taekwondo Association of Canada – Chung’s legacy in the sport will continue to inspire future generations to come.



Bob Deap of Scotchtown is a respected coach and administrator with over forty-five years of motivating and encouraging future leaders in the sport of hockey. Under his direction, the Minto High team won the A, AA and AAA provincial championships – a feat that has never since been duplicated – which was featured on *Hockey Night in Canada* and ABC’s *Wide World of Sports*. After his retirement from coaching he continued to play an active role as Chair on numerous provincial and national hockey organizations. Bob Deap was inducted into the Fredericton Sports Wall of Fame in 2007 and a four-time inductee in the Minto Sports Wall of Fame in 2011-2013 and 2017.



Bill Phillips (1857-1900) of Saint John is credited as being the first New Brunswicker to play Major League baseball in 1879 with the Cleveland Blues. Before playing in the International League with the Hamilton Hams, Phillips would become the first New Brunswicker to hit a homerun in 1880. Phillips is also the first Canadian to reach over 1,000 career hits and in 1,038 games had 1,130 hits. Phillips was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988.



Rob Stevenson of Fredericton is a highly decorated equestrian specializing in eventing, who was named the High Performance Chair for the Canadian Eventing Team in 2016. Stevenson got his start at the Fredericton Pony Club, competing in local events including dressage, cross-country, and show jumping. With his horse, Carcroft Tiger, he won the Canadian Young Riders Championships in 1988 and the bronze medal at the North American Young Riders Championship the following year. With his new partner, Risky Business, he qualified for the upcoming Olympics placing second at the US Fall Championship in 1991. Stevenson finished as the top Canadian rider overall in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Stevenson was inducted into the Fredericton Sports Wall of Fame in 2010.

Tickets for the 49th annual Induction Gala may be purchased at the Moncton Coliseum Box Office or the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, 503 Queen St., Fredericton, or by calling 506-453-3747.

About the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame

The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization located in the Historic Garrison District of Downtown Fredericton and functions as a seasonal museum which features an interactive virtual sports system, more than 250 original portraits, and hosts numerous exhibits. The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame *honours our best, and inspires the rest* by preserving and celebrating our sports heritage.

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