

Mr. Alfred (Alf) M. Connors

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1983 as a “Athlete”



Alfred Connors played a major role in the development of basketball in Newfoundland, both as a player and as a builder. He was one of the founding members of Basketball Newfoundland. Alf also contributed with many years of refereeing both at the local and the provincial level.

There was a consensus amongst basketball players and fans of the 1930's and 1940's that Alf Connors was certainly one of the best, if not the best, basketball player that Newfoundland has ever produced. He had a natural talent and well developed skill and dexterity on a basketball court that would certainly have attracted national attention except for the fact that these were the years of the Great Depression. He not only played the game but devoted much of his life to encouraging and developing talent in others and many of the players of more recent years would attribute their acquired skills to the training,

advice and example of Alfred Connors.

While basketball was probably his first love, his prowess in football and baseball were almost equally outstanding as the record of championships, in which he participated eloquently show. Alf Connors had an outstanding career in basketball, football, baseball, softball and bowling as an athlete and continued as an official, coach and manager in these and other sports when his playing days were over.

As a basketball player, he was captain of the Wanderers that won St. John's championships between 1933 and 1939, including five in a row. He was regarded as the first “real star of the game”. He played at the forward position and was know for his ability to put the ball in the basket.

He officiated in soccer, basketball and baseball, managed hockey and rowing crews, coached track and field, baseball, basketball, and softball teams, served as a member of the St. John's Regatta Committee, the Newfoundland Hiking Club, was athletic director for the Patricians Association and president of the St. John's Junior Basketball League.

Alfred was inducted into the Sport Newfoundland Hall of Fame on October 21, 1986. He died at the age of 88 on October 15, 2000.