

Mr. Douglas (Doug) Eaton

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as a “Builder”



Doug Eaton had been involved in basketball since 1935, when he laced up the sneakers as captain of the Wildcats, made up of grade 5 students of St. Bon's. He has been involved in many areas of the game ever since. He played inter-collegiate for St. Bon's and also competed in many city championships. When he returned from Toronto with his Physical Education degree, he was considered a “Professional” and was not allowed to play. Thus

started his coaching career, in which he was very successful. He lists as one of his fondest moments as the famous tour of Nova Scotia where he coached the MUN Ladies to four victories... This was at a time when this type of travel was unheard of...

For some of the strangest rules in his day of the sport, Mr. Eaton lists the following: shape of the key; ball was not allowed to be held (crossovers, behind the back); coaching – if a coach yelled at a player it would be a technical foul. They were not allowed to coach from the bench.

Mr. Eaton said that over the years the only rule not to change was the height of the basket.