

Mr. Edward (Ed) Manning

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as an “Athlete”



Ed Manning was one of St. John’s top athletes in the 1950’s, excelling not only in basketball but in hockey, baseball, soccer, track and field, and golf. “Steady Eddy” was the main reason that the “Blue and Gold” won so many championships during his time playing. A continual top scorer and MVP, Ed was one of the finest and versatile players of his day. Contemporaries of Ed Manning will all too readily acknowledge that in the realm of local sport he was a natural, with the innate ability to excel at any sport in which he elected to participate.

Ed Manning’s career started while he was a student at St. Bon’s College in St. John’s. Between 1947 and 1950 he was a member of four intercollegiate hockey championship teams, four intercollegiate soccer championship teams, and three intercollegiate basketball championship teams, and won the senior Victor Ludorum in the annual St. Bon’s Sports.

Mr. Manning’s career in senior soccer really started in 1951. He was a member of six St. Bon’s Boyle Trophy winning hockey teams, two St. John’s senior basketball championship teams and four St. John’s senior baseball championship teams, and was one of the better soccer players at the Ayre Athletic Grounds.

He played on four St. John’s provincial senior baseball championship teams and on two occasions was runner-up for St. John’s Athlete of the Year. Mr. Manning made outstanding contributions to every team of which he was a member, always among the highest scorers in basketball, the best hitters and best fielders in baseball, the top play-makers and scorers in hockey, and one of the most effective and successful players in soccer.