

Mrs. Linda (Winter) Barrett

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



Linda began her basketball career at Bishop Spencer College at 14 years of age, where she was captain of her team and its highest scorer. She continued to play basketball while attending Memorial University from 1955 – 1959. After graduation she played in the city league. During her playing days at MUN, Linda came into her own. The MUN Ladies were the first Newfoundland Ladies team to travel abroad to compete in a basketball series. In a tour of Nova Scotia, these young

Newfoundland women faced four experienced Nova Scotia teams and won all four games. The press of the day said that Linda was at “her sensational best” scoring 79 points in the four games, which was almost half of the MUN total. In the Canadian Press report she was described as “one of the most colourful lady athletes to perform in the Maritimes in the past decade”. Linda lists this experience as her fondest memories of the playing days. Locally they played their games at the old Memorial University on Parade Street. There were 4 or 5 teams in the league and her competition came from players like Christine Whelan and Carolyn Pike.