

Andrea Hutchens

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2013 as an

“Athlete”



Andrea Hutchens proved to be one of Newfoundland and Labrador's best female basketball players to play the game. Her passion for the game and her desire to excel were evident from an early age. She had the size, dedication, leadership qualities and talent to make her dreams come true. In high school she was known to work on her game on her own at the MUN gym. When she wasn't honing her dribbling and shooting skills she could be seen running up the Prince Philip Parkway and down Elizabeth Avenue!! All this hard work and determination paid off.

She achieved outstanding success at the university, national, and international levels from 1991-1995. A career highlight for Hutchens was her recruitment to the Winnipeg Wesmen. She was part of a team that won 88 consecutive games and three straight national championships. In 1993, the Winnipeg Wesmen defeated the University of Victoria to claim their first Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) championship. The team claimed their second CIAU championship in 1994. Hutchens was named 2nd team

All Canadian and was selected tournament All-Star for the CIAU National Championships. That same year, Hutchens scored 16 points as Winnipeg defeated the University of Manitoba for its 88th consecutive victory. This tied a record set in 1973 by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) men's team which included basketball greats Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Hutchens was named 1st team Conference All-Star. In 1995, she scored 16 points and was named TSN Player of the Game as Winnipeg defeated the University of Manitoba to win their third straight CIAU title. Hutchens was selected 1st team All-Star for the CIAU National tournament. In October 1995, the Winnipeg Wesmen was elected to the Basketball Canada Hall of Fame. Hutchens' success with the University of Winnipeg led to national success. She was selected to the National developmental team in 1991 and attended a National Women's team camp in 1992. From 1993-1995, Hutchens was selected to play on several national teams and competed in a number of international tournaments. She played with the Senior National Women's Basketball Teams in 1994 and 1995. In May 1994, the team won the European Invitational tournament by defeating Russia, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. They also competed in the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. From 1993-1995, as a member of the National Women's Student Teams, Hutchens participated in the World Student Games in New York, an international tournament in Taiwan, and the World University Games in Japan. In June 1995, Hutchens was named as a Reserve player to Canada's National Basketball Team for the Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

Andrea graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 1996 with a BSc. She then returned and did a degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of Manitoba. On completion of her degree in 1999 she returned to Newfoundland. Andrea currently works as an occupational therapist in St. John's. She's married to Sheldon Spurrell of Arnolds Cove and has two very active boys, Ben and Douglas.