

New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame

Hall of fame announces six new inductees (10/03/09)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Six inductees will be added to the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame at a dinner and induction ceremony to be held in Fredericton on Saturday, June 5. John Estabrooks, chairman of the board of governors, made the announcement today.

The inductees are:



Pat Dobie, Fredericton, a highly-accomplished all-round athlete will join the hall of fame in the veterans category. Dobie was a national champion in discus, shot-put and javelin by her senior year at Fredericton High School. She continued to be highly competitive on the national and international stage for 20 years in track and field, basketball and fencing. She was a Canadian fencing champion and a member of the 1963 Canadian senior A champion Saskatoon Aces basketball club. Dobie is a member of the Canadian Forces Sports Hall of Fame and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. [\(Multimedia\)](#)

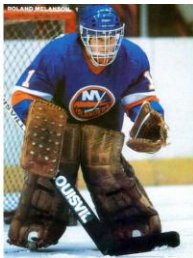
Alcide Bourque, Grande-Digue, was the first New Brunswicker to obtain a black belt in karate and is referred to as the Father of Atlantic Canadian Karate. He has been an administrator, official, technician, coach, educator, organizer, and sponsor during a 40-plus-year career. He is credited with bringing the Canadian National Black Belt Karate Championships to Moncton in 1975; being influential in the establishment of the New Brunswick Karate Association; coaching provincial and national teams; and having students compete on the world stage. Bourque was inducted into the Moncton Wall of Fame and still teaches karate five days a week at age 77. [\(Multimedia\)](#)



Garrett MacFadyen, Riverview, is the first New Brunswick triathlon athlete and one of only three Canadians to win in the professional group of an Ironman Canada competition. An Ironman competition is akin to swimming 152 lengths of a 25-m pool, biking to Fredericton from Moncton and then running a full marathon. The pinnacle of his career came in 2002: at first, he lagged behind 343 competitors as he completed the swim portion

of Ironman Canada; he then passed everyone during the bicycle and marathon portions to win. During the four-year professional portion of his eight-year career, he had a remarkable 12 top-10 finishes in national and international competitions. ([Multimedia](#))

Katheryn McCormack, Blackville, was a forward on the Canadian women's hockey team when the sport made its Olympic debut at Nagano, Japan, in 1998 and brought home a silver medal. In 1999, McCormack was named second-team all-Canadian in women's hockey and Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union academic All-Canadian when she graduated from the University of New Brunswick. Earlier in her career, she was on teams that won the Four Nations Cup in 1999; finished third in 1997; and second and third in Esso Women's championships in 1995 and 1996 respectively. She also participated in the 1991 Canada Winter Games. ([Multimedia](#))



Roland (Rollie) Melanson, Shediac, was the first New Brunswick-born goaltender to play in the National Hockey League and the only New Brunswick player to win three Stanley Cup titles - all coming with New York Islanders. Melanson won several honours during his career, including sharing the William Jennings Award for goaltenders, being a second-team all-star in the National Hockey League. He also played for the Minnesota North Stars, Los

Angeles Kings, New Jersey Devils and Montreal Canadiens in a 291-game career; he had a 3.63 goals-against average. After retiring as a player, he was an assistant coach and goalie coach for the Montreal Canadiens for 11 seasons. ([Multimedia](#))

Dianne Norman, Fredericton, is regarded as one of New Brunswick's top female basketball players, joining Canada's junior national team at 16. Remarkably, she continued to play for 17 years with the national program. During an illustrious career, she was on teams that represented Canada at two Olympic Games (Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney in 2000), the Pan-American Games, National and World University Games and twice at the Francophone games. Norman was inducted into the Fredericton Wall of Fame; is a two-time member of the Laurentian University Hall of Fame; and a former New Brunswick female athlete of the year. ([Multimedia](#))



The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1970 to recognize and honour outstanding New Brunswick athletes, teams and sport builders and to preserve and celebrate the province's rich sports heritage. The hall of fame is at 503 Queen St., Fredericton. Membership now stands at 647 athletes and builders.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ticket information for the induction ceremony is [online](#). MEDIA CONTACT: Jamie Wolverton, executive director, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, 506-453-8930, jamie.wolverton@gnb.ca.

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