
Special posthumously induction of 20 personalities at the Québec Sports Hall of Fame

14 athletes, 4 builders and 2 representatives of the media of the past will enter the Hall of Fame on September 28th

Montreal, June 20, 2016 – The Quebec Sports Hall of Fame will take advantage of its 26th Induction Gala to recognize, posthumously, the contribution of 20 personalities who all marked, in their own outstanding way, the Québec sporting history. Therefore, 14 athletes, 4 builders and 2 media representatives from different eras will be admitted to the Québec Sports Hall of Fame on September 28, 2016, at the prestigious *Le Mirage Golf Club*, in Terrebonne.

"We were faced with the fact that it was difficult to integrate many sports personalities who are now deceased, due to the limited number of Inductees into regular cohorts. Considering the duty of memory imposed by our mission, we asked our Selection Committee to go back in time and to present us with its recommendation of a group of personalities who have distinguished themselves by their achievement and contribution to sports. We are very proud to finally do justice to those legends of the past by securing a place for them in our Hall of Fame" said Mr. Jacques Baril, President of the Board of Directors of the Québec Sports Hall of Fame.

In addition to applying the usual criteria for identifying the Inductees, the Selection Committee of the Hall of Fame agreed to consider, for this particular cohort, only those figures who passed away before 2000. As for the Olympians, the Committee lingered over the athletes who had participated in the Olympic Games before 1960 and who had won an Olympic medal or had participated on a minimum of two occasions at the Olympics.

This unique cohort consists of the following:

ATHLETES

VICTOR DELAMARRE – WEIGHTLIFTING

He was known throughout North America for its great physical strength, setting numerous world records, including namely the breaking of the mark of his idol, Louis Cyr. Inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1973.

JACK DELANEY – BOXING

His real name was Ovila Chapdelaine. He won the light heavyweight boxing title of the world in 1926. In his career, he had 70 wins, including 42 K-Os. Inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1955 and in the renowned International Boxing Hall of Fame.

WALTER EWING – SHOOTING

He won several national and international competitions during his career. Participating at the London Olympics in 1908, he won one gold and one silver medals. Member of the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

ÉDOUARD FABRE – ATHLETICS

Specializing in long distance events, he participated in 315 races and won an estimate of a hundred medals and trophies during his long career of approximately thirty years. He took part in the Stockholm Olympics of 1912 and he was the winner of the Boston Marathon in 1915.

GEORGE HAINSWORTH – HOCKEY

Former star goaltender of the Montreal Canadiens, he was the winner of the Vezina Trophy in his first three NHL seasons. In 1928-1929, he allowed only 43 goals in 44 games and set a record with 22 shutouts in one season. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1961.

AURÈLE JOLIAT – HOCKEY

Star striker, he wore the colors of the Montreal Canadiens for 16 seasons, scoring 270 goals and earning 460 points in 655 games. Winning the Stanley Cup three times, he was awarded the Hart Trophy in 1934. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1947.

NEWSY LALONDE – HOCKEY

Prolific striker and first star of the Montreal Canadiens, his offensive prowess greatly contributed to the first Habs Stanley Cup in 1916. During his career, he scored almost 500 goals. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1950.

JOE MALONE – HOCKEY

Creative scorer, he collected over 350 goals in his career, including 143 goals in 126 games in the NHL. In 1917-1918, he scored 44 goals in 20 games, a record which was only beaten in 1945 by Maurice Richard. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1950.

PERCIVAL MOLSON – FOOTBALL AND ATHLETICS

Gifted athlete who excelled in several disciplines (football, athletics, hockey) and a war hero. He left an outstanding sporting legacy to Montreal, Québec and Canada. Inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and into that of the Canada Sports.

JACKIE ROBINSON – BASEBALL

Legendary baseball player with the Brooklyn Dodgers. It is in Montreal, in 1946, that he made his professional debut with the Royals and he led the Royals to the International League title. His performances made him a hero in Montreal.

DONALD STOCKTON – WRESTLING

He participated three times in the Olympics (1924, 1928 and 1932) and won the silver medal at the Amsterdam Games in 1928. He won several Canadian titles during his amateur career.

HILDA STRIKE – ATHLETICS

Excellent sprinter, she was a double silver medalist at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1932. Named *Female Athlete of the Year* in Canada in 1932, she was inducted into the Canada Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

GEORGE VERNOT – SWIMMING

He was a silver medalist in the 1500-meter freestyle and bronze medalist in the 400-meter freestyle at the Antwerp Olympics in 1920. He participated in the Paris Olympics in 1924.

ALEXANDER WILSON – ATHLETICS

Two-time Olympian (Amsterdam in 1928 and Los Angeles in 1932), he achieved an impressive performance by winning three bronze medals and a silver one.

BUILDERS

LOUIS CHANTIGNY – JOURNALISM AND MULTISPORTS

Renowned journalist who covered numerous sports for different media and became interested in cycling as of 1963, and as of then: his enthusiasm and influence among the sports press initiated a broad coverage of that sport in Québec. He was one of the main architects for the obtaining of the World Cycling Championships in Montreal in 1974. He was a member of the Montreal Olympics Organizing Committee.

SUZANNE ÉON – SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Pioneer of synchronized swimming, she founded the Synchro-Elite Club of Québec in 1949. She acted as mentor to athletes, coaches and leaders. She was made a Member of the Order of Canada on account of her talent and dedication to train champions of national and international caliber.

FRANK SELKE SR – HOCKEY

He was the General Manager of the Montreal Canadiens from 1946 to 1964 winning six Stanley Cups and the architect of the 1950's dynasty who won five consecutive cups. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame and the Canada Sports Hall of Fame.

FRANK SHAUGHNESSY SR – BASEBALL

He led the McGill University Football Team with great success as a head coach. He was involved with the Montreal Royals as General Manager and Manager. He was President of the International League from 1936 to 1960.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

DANNY GALLIVAN – HOCKEY

In 1952, Danny Gallivan began an impressive 32-year career as descriptor on *Hockey Night in Canada*, becoming the English voice of the Montreal Canadiens games. He described around 1,900 games including 16 Stanley Cup victories of the Habs. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

MICHEL NORMANDIN – MULTISPORTS

He was one of the most popular broadcasters in Quebec in 1950 and 1960. He was the voice of the Montreal Canadiens, play by play announcer of the games of the Montreal Royals and has the distinction of being the first person to describe a football match in French.

About the Québec Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Museum

Founded in 1990, the Québec Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sports and the recognition and consecration of athletes and builders of the sports industry in the Province of Québec. To date, the Hall of Fame includes 206 Inductees, all athletes and builders from various sports and sectors of activities who are at the heart of the Pantheon maxim: "*Together, to ensure our sports history lives on.*" "The Museum of the Québec Sports Hall of Fame" which is recognized as a benevolent organization since 2014, is a flagship project which aims to create a place that will serve to gather the Québec sports memory by permanent and thematic exhibitions, dynamic animation and by a documentation and archive center.

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