



Mount Pearl Sports Team Honour Roll 1973 Men's All Star Softball Champs

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Members: *Joe Connors, Paul Crane, George Crewe, Charlie Decker, Ben Dunne, Randy Emberely, Wayne Gollop, Brian Maloney, Dave Murphy, Arch Osmond, Derm O'Toole, Cec Pierson, John Pye, Tom Squires, Gerry Voisey, John Voisey, Allan Walters and coach Will Dibblins.*

When the Mount Pearl softball league became affiliated with Softball NL in 1970, the sport had already been rapidly growing in popularity for a number of years among the eagerly athletic citizens of Mount Pearl. Recreational games played on weekends by teams from the Kinsman, Legion and Lions clubs had set the stage for remarkably competitive achievements in the years to come. These recreational weekend games became an organized league in 1969 with three competitive teams; Parks & Rec, Rebels, and in the inaugural season champs, Mortgage Avenue. From this league, after a successful first season and the addition of a fourth team, the Mount Pearl All Stars were born. After being eliminated in the early rounds of '70 and '71 the league was provided with a new softball field, allowing for more practice and playing times. This improvement notably benefitted the All Stars, with the team narrowly missing the All-Newfoundland finals after an extra innings defeat to Labrador City in '72. In the following year, the 1973 Mount Pearl Senior Men's All Star Softball Team finally struck gold as they quickly ascended the local softball ranks and took the league by storm going undefeated in the 27-team tournament and winning the title with a 7-4 victory over Corner Brook in the championship game. Upon returning, they were given a motorcade through the town, invited to Council Chambers, and presented with team jackets for winning Mount Pearl's first ever Senior Men's Fastpitch Softball Provincial Championship.
