



Mount Pearl Sports Team Honour Roll
1976 Mount Pearl Dairy Queen Junior Baseball Team
January 27, 2017



Front row (l-r): Don Bartlett, Robert Antle, Wayne Gallop, Dave 'Dibbs' Dibbon, Robert 'Bo' Bailey, Tom Cole, Gerry 'Jake' Mullins, Bob Kean. Back row: Bert Fowlow (coach), Steve 'Pepe' Porter, Blair Riche, Gerard Meaney, Barry Howell, Noel Keough, Derek Riche, Kevin Green, Jim Robichaud (sponsor). Missing from Photo: Harry Bartlett and Darryl 'Crico' Ricketts.

In the late 60's thoughts of beating a St. John's team were pretty much just a dream. But, for one bunch of young players the dream started to take shape when they teamed up with Bert Fowlow who worked with them from Pony League right through to Junior Baseball. And that 'bunch' would become the nucleus for "the first Mount Pearl team to win a St. John's Junior Baseball League title."

Looking back, players say that Bert taught them the fundamentals of baseball, how to win, and how to lose. And Bert recalls their enthusiasm and determination, and how well they all turned out. They stuck with it, knowing they would eventually get stronger, and they did.

At that time the St. John's Junior League was very competitive – Fieldians, Gonzaga, Guards, Holy Cross, and by 1974, Mount Pearl. By 1976 it all came together with Mount Pearl narrowly missing first place in the regular league. They went on to beat Gonzaga in the semifinal, and take the Guards 'three games to one' in late September, winning the first ever St. John's Junior League Championship for Mount Pearl...a proud moment in Mount Pearl sport history.

And it may not have been. Harry Bartlett remembers knocking on doors with Robert Antle and the late Dave Dibbon, looking for a team sponsor. They eventually found Jim Robichaud, owner of Topsail Road Dairy Queen. Without a sponsor they may not have fielded a team that year.

After playing together for several years, 1976 would be the end of an era as many of the players had to “move on” for education and/or work obligations. But the stage had been set.

A team to remember...
