

HOLLINGSWORTH NAMED TO HOOP HALL OF FAME

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A fellow who coached basketball in Edmonton for three decades is one of five new members named to the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame.

Clare Hollingsworth, a member of the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame, was among the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association's group of latest inductees, who brought membership in the CBHF to eight. A technical adviser at the Commonwealth Games last year, he coached Edmonton basketball teams from 1932-52. Others named to the Hall were Norman Baker of Victoria, Norm Gloag of Vancouver, Kitch MacPherson of Hamilton and Frank Baldwin of Halifax. The induction ceremonies will be held in conjunction with the CABA annual general meeting in Fredericton on June 28. The original three members named last year, when the Hall was created, included Dr. James Naismith, the Canadian-born inventor of basketball.

A member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame for lacrosse, Baker has also been named Canada's outstanding basketball player of the century. He played on three national championship teams and competed professionally in Canada and the United States. Baldwin is a member of the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame. He began coaching high school basketball in 1939 and directed the St. Mary's University men's team in Halifax from 1952-1963. Gloag, a former CABA president, is still a member of the association's board of directors and a vice-president of the International Basketball Federation. In addition to playing for 23 years, he has managed, coached and administered basketball at all levels.

MacPherson has refereed provincially, nationally and internationally for 27 years.

From the Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, Alberta, May 7, 1979. Clare Hollingsworth is a descendant of Thomas and Alice (Robinson) Hollingsworth, from Ballycanew, County Wexford, Ireland. Thomas was the son of Nicholas and Mary () Hollingsworth, and (it is believed) Nicholas was the son of Samuel Hollinsworth, (sic) of Coolookbeg, Killenagh, Co. Wexford, the brother of the editor's four times great-grandfather, John Hollinsworth (1714-1791) who sat in adjacent pews with the Tackaberrys and Robinsons two hundred years ago in old Ballycanew Protestant Church in County Wexford - long before the Croppies came calling! G.S.T.Q.!
