

## **Richard Graves, Lewis Page and Chester Municipal High girls' soccer team inducted onto The Park! Sports Wall of Fame**

A long-distance runner, champion soccer player and local high-school girls' soccer programme were inducted onto The Park! Sports Wall of Fame on September 19, 2009 as part of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Eleanor Pew Morris Memorial Rink in Chester.

**Richard Graves** played hockey and ran track as a teenager in the village of Chester in the 1950s. He attended Acadia University (55) and as a 19-year old was the first Axeman to run in the Boston Marathon, where he finished in the top quarter of the field.

Richard took up running again in his mid-forties and has since compiled 43 medals in National Age Class Competitions, including 17 gold medals. He has represented Canada four times in International Team competitions, and founded the Richard Graves Charity Challenge to raise funds for the Children's Make-A-Wish Foundation. Now 76 years old, Richard has participated in some 800 races over 30 years.

**Lewis Page** was a member of seven Nova Scotia Provincial Soccer champions from 1985 - 1992, and competed in six Canadian championships, winning two silver and two bronze medals. Lewis was a member of two AUS championship teams at St. Mary's University in Halifax and played professionally for the Nova Scotia Clippers. He was also a member of the Nova Scotia Canada Games team in 1985 and represented Canada on the 1986 Under-20 team. In 1994 he was the winner of the St. Mary's President's Award, given to the student who best represents academic and athletic excellence.

The **Chester Municipal High School girls' soccer programme** captured nine consecutive Nova Scotia "AA" championships from 1979 through 1987. This Jack Hatcher-coached team compiled a record of 130 wins, 21 losses and 16 ties, scoring 535 goals and allowing only 141. At the nine Provincial Finals the team sported an extraordinary 82-6 goals for/against record.

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