

Harry Tuckwell

Community: Fort William
Induction Sport: Rowing
Induction Year: 1991

Biography

Although successful as a hockey player with Winnipeg and Fort William teams from 1913 to 1930, and as a coach and referee during the 1930s, it is in the sport of rowing that Harry Tuckwell left his mark on the sports heritage of northwestern Ontario.

Involved with the Fort William Rowing Club from 1927 until his death in 1965, Harry built the club into a powerhouse. From 1931-39 he served as the coach of the FWRC, during which time the club won the Grand Aggregate Championships of the Northwestern International Rowing Association, bringing home the coveted Lipton Cup in 1935, 1937, 1938 and 1939.

In 1935 and 1938 Harry took crews from the FWRC to the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario, coaching Jack Chambers to the 1938 singles crown, and the 1938 Junior 4's championship crew of Jim Miller, George Moors, George Nickerson and Murray Teeple.

From 1930-35 Harry served on the Board of the FWRC and from 1946-60 on the Board of the NWIRA, serving both associations as President and Vice President. From 1946-65 Harry also dedicated himself to the sport of rowing by serving as a referee, judge and official at numerous NWIRA Annual Regattas.

For his outstanding dedication to the sport of rowing, Harry was made an Honourary President and Life Member of the FWRC and in 1981 was posthumously awarded the Centennial Award from the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association for his contribution to the development of rowing in Canada.

Inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, September 28, 1991

