

BARB SNEDDEN-WOOD

Inductee

Belleville Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022

Athlete, Multisport

Many great athletes play multiple sports from a young age before fully dedicating their training to their chosen sport, but Belleville born Barb Snedden-Wood has too much passion, raw talent, and determination for just one game. Three-time Centennial Secondary School Athlete of the Year, Barb excelled in school basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Her high school coach, Bruce Faulds recalls her as “the ultimate team player” and one of the best athletes he saw in 30 years of coaching. Barb led her various teams to several titles, including a top four finish at OFSAA for basketball. Outside of school, Barb lit up the hockey rink and the ball diamond. She and fellow BSHoF inductee Judi Gilbert were women’s hockey pioneers in Belleville. When Barb joined the Junior Girls Belleville Oddfellows team in 1977, they began a streak of 3 league championships. In 1980, Barb aged up to the Belleville Intermediate Legionettes who dominated the league for 3 years and were the first women’s team from Belleville to reach and win a Provincial OWHA title. While at Guelph University, Barb was part of the Gryphons Women’s ice hockey team from 1985-89. In the 1986-1987 season, she was team MVP, and in her graduating year, she was team captain and an OWIAA All-Star. In her rookie year at Guelph, she also played on the OWIAA bronze medal winning field hockey team. At U of T, she contributed her talents to ice hockey team and helped the Blues become the 1990 OWIAA Champions. In hockey’s off season, Barb honed her fastball skills. At the age of 19, she was the catcher for Team Ontario at the 1985 Canada Summer Games. Her team won 7 games straight to bring home the gold and that same year, she was presented with a National Achievement Award for distinguished performance in the field of amateur sport. Barb’s senior fastball career highlights include several stellar years with the Senior Cobourg Angels, winning the 1987 Tier II Ontario Gold medal, the 1988 Senior Tier 1 Ontario Silver Medal, the 1990 Tier I Ontario Gold Medal and a national fifth place finish, followed by 3 years of outstanding senior play in Australia. Her Masters career in fastball is highlighted by several international competitions including a gold medal at the World Masters Games in Torino, Italy in 2013 and silver at the World Masters in Auckland, New Zealand in 2017. If that’s not enough, Barb is also a locally decorated badminton player, winning both singles and doubles championships in multiple years. She gives her all to every sport she plays, she knows how to win, and she has an ability to make everyone around her better. Already a BSHoF team inductee for her role as coach of the 1988 Enright Midget Girls Softball team, Barb Snedden-Wood is now a very worthy individual member as well.