

# PAULA LOCKYER

Inductee

Belleville Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022

Athlete, Basketball

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One of the finest basketball players ever to come out of the Belleville area, Paula is recognized for her skills, leadership, and the way she has contributed to growing the women's game. At Moira Secondary School from 1976-1981, Paula led the Trojans basketball team to three OFSSA tournaments and a number one seed ranking in 1980. Her high school coach Ken Smith recalled that she was an innovator as the first female player in the Bay of Quinte COSSA area to have a jump shot, which at that point was rarely seen in the women's game. She also had an energy that drew others to get involved in the game. Paula continued to excel at the university level while a member of the York Yeowomen basketball team from 1981-1986. In her rookie season at York, Paula helped her squad win a provincial title for the first time in the team's history. During her university career, she was the Ontario leader in free throw percentage (93.8), a record that still stands in the top ten of Canadian Women's Basketball rankings, and she was named an OWIAA all-star four times. In her graduating year, Lockyer finished third in the OWIAA in assists and was awarded York University's Athlete of the Year for her abilities and leadership on the team. In 2007, Lockyer's contributions to women's basketball were rewarded with an induction into the York University Sports Hall of Fame. Paula attributes the honour to hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport she loves. As a true multisport athlete, she has continued to apply those same qualities to training for marathons and duathlons. Paula has run 12 marathons and competed in the Boston Marathon three times. As the Canadian Duathlon Champion in her age group, she has represented Canada four times at the ITU World Duathlon Championships. Paula finished in the top 10 every time, and most notably took 5th in 2013. Lockyer, now living in Meaford, Ontario, volunteers as a basketball coach in local schools, and is a former coach/President of the Amateur Soccer Association. By continuing to share her energy and passion for sport, she has had a significant impact on the development of youth recreational and school sports in Meaford. On several levels, Paula Lockyer has rightfully earned her place in the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame.