

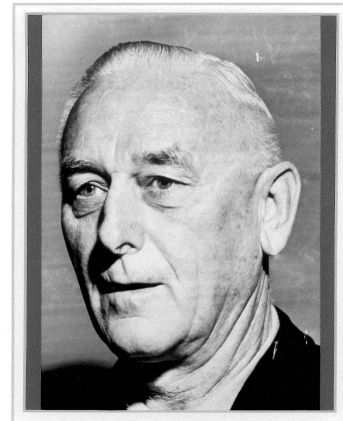
Walter Yeamans

1990 Inductee - Builder/Sportsperson Category



Wally Yeamans, spent a lifetime coaching Victoria Women's basketball and softball teams. Most people just called the kindly Yeamans 'coach' and after 54 years of-coaching softball and 52 seasons of coaching basketball, he earned the title.

Yeamans led his softball teams – variously called the Victoria Unities in the 1930's, Eaglettes in the 1940's, McDonalds Electric and Van Isle in the 1950s, and the Molson Vikettes in the 1960s and 1970s – to the three B.C. Junior Championships, 14 B.C. Senior B Championships, two B.C. and Western Canada Senior A Championships, and a silver medal at the 1973 Canada Summer Games.



WALTER YEAMANS
HALL OF FAME - SPORTS PERSONNEL
INDUCTED 1990

Yeamans had an impressive coaching career in terms of both longevity and quality. Among the multitudes of athletes he had a hand in developing, most notably, Softball Canada Hall of Fame member, Rosemary Fuller, considered one of the world's greatest female softball pitchers".

Yeamans was born in New Brunswick in 1903, moved to Victoria in 1903 and began his long coaching stint in 1929. He won the Distinguished Service Award at the 1976 Victoria Sports Awards Banquet.

'I felt I wanted to help players,' Yeamans said. 'Most- can take care of themselves. I was there simply to help them along – any person can do that if they study a little psychology and prepare themselves for the role.'

Hundreds of his former players would argue that he did more for them than simply that.