



Jim McLoughlin (1976)

SPORTS - SOCCER - OLYMPIAN

Jim McLoughlin, who came to Brampton from Liverpool, England in 1966 has enjoyed much success throughout his lengthy soccer career.

He played amateur soccer for several local clubs, including the Chinguacousy (Youth) Soccer Club and the Bramalea Thistle Soccer Club, during which time he was selected to play on several Provincial and Canadian teams. Jim captained the Ontario Provincial

team from 1974 - 1977, and was a member of the Canadian National Team from 1976 - 1979.

In 1975 Jim was named the Toronto and District Soccer League's Rookie of the Year while playing with Bramalea Thistle, and also helped lead the Ontario Provincial team to the Eastern Canadian and Canadian championships.

In 1976 he won the Ontario Achievement Award for contribution to sports. Jim was a member of the Canadian team at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, and also represented Canada in the 1979 Pan-Am qualifying games.

Jim turned professional in 1978 with the New York Arrows, and for two consecutive years they were the MISL champions. He also played for the Philadelphia Fever of the MISL in 1980 - 1981.

Severe knee injuries ended his professional playing career in 1981, but not before Jim had a chance to compete against such well known soccer superstars as the "great" Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Cruyff, George Best and others.

Jim continues to play soccer in an Oldtimers League, and in addition conducts training clinics for youth in the Philadelphia area.