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# Ontario Sports Hall of Fame to induct '59 Macs

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The sold-out event, hosted by CBC sportswriter and broadcaster Scott Russell, will see former McFarlands' player, Red Berenson accept the award on behalf of the team.

The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame recognizes the outstanding achievements of athletes from across the province throughout the years.

The McFarlands will be one of eight in this year's class of inductees which include athletes, builders, media and sports personalities.

The McFarlands played just five seasons in Belleville but would make a lasting impact on the hockey history of the city.

In 1959 the team would defeat the Kelowna Packers in the Allan Cup finals, winning the series in game seven with an 8-5 victory to take home the championship. The McFarlands would go on to represent Canada at the World Championship in Prague, Czechoslovakia where they faced Russia, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Finland.

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The team would win 3-1 in the deciding game against Czechoslovakia, making them World Champions and cementing their legacy on the international stage.

“Belleville has such rich sports history and the McFarlands are a key part of that,” said Mayor Neil Ellis. “They represented Belleville on the world stage and left a lasting legacy and love for hockey that Belleville continues to have. It’s great to see them get the well-deserved recognition and I’m excited to congratulate them at the ceremony next week.”

For more information about the induction ceremony, visit [ontariosportshalloffame.com](http://ontariosportshalloffame.com).



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