

Myer & Jack Budovitch Memorial Award



JAKE ALLEN

Fredericton has developed many great hockey players over the years. But it's a small group that have actually been able to find full time work in the N-H-L. Willie O'Ree, Danny Grant and Buster Harvey are the first three names on the Mount Rushmore of Fredericton hockey.

The latest candidate to join them may be Goaltender Jake Allen of the St-Louis Blues. After paying his dues for several seasons in the minors, Allen is now the backup goaltender to Brian Elliot on a Stanley Cup contender in St-Louis.

Ironically, the 24 year old also got to share the crease with his boyhood idol, Martin Brodeur for a short time this season. Brodeur came out of retirement for a short stint with the Blues.

Allen won The Myer and Jack Budovitch award as Fredericton's athlete of the year in 2008, after he was named to Canada's national junior team. He wins it again in 2014, for breaking though a barrier that has eluded many prospects over the years...and becoming a full time NHLer.

The recipient of the 2014 Myer and Jack Budovitch Award goes to goaltender Jake Allen.

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