

5) Wayne Thompson Memorial Award (Outstanding Rookie)



Wayne Thompson. With the acceptance of the gutted stick from his Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame father, George (Mush) Thompson, in 1946, it became Wayne's duty to seek excellence in the cherished tradition of the Brampton Excelsiors. For the next 28 years, Wayne, not the biggest of three lacrosse-playing brothers, would distinguish himself in minor, junior, senior and professional ranks. Wayne starred with Brampton's Canadian Junior Lacrosse Minto Cup champion teams coached by his father in 1957, 1958 and 1959. In 1960, Wayne was picked up by the Port Credit Sailors, winners of a Canadian Senior Mann Cup Championship. He played for the Canadian Senior Brampton Mann Cup finalists in 1961 and 1962. Pro lacrosse took Wayne to Montreal Maroons in 1967 and to the Maryland Arrows in 1974. Wayne's induction into Brampton's Sports Hall of Fame gives it its first father-son representation. Following his playing career, Wayne coached the Brampton midget Excelsiors 1976 and the Brampton Junior Excelsiors in 1979.

Recipients: Jordan Coffey (2009)