

Ron Turcotte: One of New Brunswick's Great Athletes

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This study examined the career of New Brunswick born jockey Ron Turcotte and his perception of how he fit into New Brunswick sport history. The study assessed Mr. Turcotte's career a) according to the accounts of several articles and interviews published within various periodicals; and b) as recounted by Mr. Turcotte himself as told in an interview between the author and Mr. Turcotte. The review of Mr. Turcotte's career through periodical sources will serve to establish the magnitude of Mr. Turcotte's achievements as a horseracing jockey. Mr. Turcotte's interview with the author attempted to establish Mr. Turcotte's opinions regarding his career as a prominent figure within horseracing, as a jockey.

An attempt was made to identify, through the interview process, Mr. Turcotte's perception of a) how he is actually perceived as a sports figure in New Brunswick and b) how he feels he should be perceived as a sports figure in New Brunswick; given his achievements in the sport of horseracing. This research, although it can not be interpreted as a representation for all athletes in New Brunswick nor all jockeys within horseracing, provides a case study of one man's perceptions of recognition towards prominent sports figures within the province of New Brunswick.