



*Irish Hockey*

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# HALL OF FAME

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**BILLY MCCONNELL**

INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1979 – 1991

INTERNATIONAL CAPS: 135

POSITION: DEFENDER

In his long and illustrious career for Ulster and Ireland Billy McConnell amassed a total of 135 caps for Ireland (recorded in the Guinness Book of Records at that stage), covering a World Cup 1990 , 3 Intercontinental Cups 1981, 1985, 1989, 3 European Cups 1983, 1987 and 1991, and an Olympic Qualifier 1991. A core member of the team since his debut against Netherlands in 1979 (missing only 4 games over his career), he was a world class defender and from 1982 until 1988 was an ever present player with Great Britain, winning an Olympic Bronze at the Los Angeles Games in 1984 and also winning Bronze and Silver medals at the 1984 and 1985 Champions Trophies. In 1984 he was awarded a Texaco Sports Award for hockey.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: 2010