



Irish Hockey

HALL OF FAME

THELMA HOPKINS (MCLERNON)

INTERNATIONAL CAREER : 1953 - 1965

INTERNATIONAL CAPS : 41

POSITION : LEFT WING / LEFT INNER / CENTRE FORWARD



Thelma Hopkins is without doubt one of the most outstanding Irish athletes to have ever held a hockey stick. From her first cap in 1953 to her retirement in 1965, she played in nearly every Irish international and her performances live long in the memory of those who saw her. A remarkably well rounded athlete, Thelma also won gold medal in the high jump and silver medal in the long jump at the 1956 Commonwealth Games and she held the world record in the high jump in 1956. Her athleticism was translated onto the hockey pitch to provide a player of exceptional pace, agility and skill who was one of the true legends of Irish hockey in the 1950's and 1960's. Thelma was also selected for the combined Great Britain and Ireland team that toured the USA in 1965.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: 2006