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Four named to Squash Hall of Fame

RUDY GOODRIDGE, an eight-time national champion and the most popular exponent of squash during his heyday, was predictably among four persons named in the Barbados Squash Rackets Association's (BSRA) Squash Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

Goodridge, who represented Barbados at every senior Caribbean Squash Championships for an incredible 25 years, from 1977 to 2001, was chosen on the inaugural squash hall of fame, along with Angela Webber, Mickey Armstrong and Ralph Johnson.

The 54-year-old Goodridge had several exciting showdowns with Mark Cox and Joe Singh and was team captain when Barbados won the overall Caribbean Squash

team championship for the first time in 1993 in Trinidad.

Goodridge was the pioneer for blacks and stimulated the growth of squash at Rockley. He is the only honorary life member of the BSRA, an honour bestowed at the BSRA's annual general meeting in 2002. His daughter Andrea is a former national women's champion.

No one has contributed as much as Webber to squash administration.

During the 1980s and 90s, Webber, a former president and national team manager, was the face of squash administration. She was the second Barbadian to serve as president of the Caribbean Area Squash Association (then called CARASRA) for a two-year

term (1989-1991).

Webber represented Barbados with distinction at annual general meetings of what was then called the International Squash Rackets Federation (now the World Squash Federation) and attended several meetings, including the inaugural meeting of the regional body, the Pan-American Squash Federation (FPS).

She was also manager of numerous squash teams overseas, including the Barbados team that attended the **Pan American Games** in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in 1995.

Her daughter Natalie was the empress of the Marine courts, dominating the game in the 1980s and 90s.

Armstrong, a former national captain, won



HONOURED: Squash Hall of Fame inductees (from left) Ralph Johnson, Angela Webber and Rudy Goodridge enjoying their moment at the BOA's headquarters. Missing is inductee Mickey Armstrong. (Picture by Kenmore Bynoe.)

three national men's titles and was a southern Caribbean men's finalist in 1979, 1984 and 1985.

He was a member of the Council of the Barbados Squash Rackets Association from 1982 to 1988 and then from 1992 to 1993.

Johnson was one of the founders of squash in

Barbados and served as the first treasurer of the Barbados Squash Rackets Association from 1981 to 1984.

He was BSRA president from 1984 to 1987, before closing out with another one-year term as treasurer in 1988.

Johnson was the first Barbadian to serve as

president of CARASRA, a position he held from 1981 to 1983.

He was in the forefront of efforts to get the two glass backed courts at the Barbados Squash Club built in 1979 and 1980. He also helped to get the two courts at the now closed Mapps College built as well. (MK/PR)