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## Wellington sport legends pass away



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Eric Tindill and Barrie Devenport, honoured as Sports Legends of Wellington in successive years, have died within a week of each other.

Tindill was inducted into Sport Legends of Wellington in 2005 and Devenport received the same honour a year earlier in 2004.

Paul Cameron, CEO of Sport Wellington, says "We will sadly miss the presence of these two fine athletes."

Both men were recognised as Wellington sporting icons for providing outstanding athletic and personal contributions to sport.

Double international sportsman, Tindill, lived 99 years, playing seventeen times for the All Blacks and representing the New Zealand cricket team as a batsman and wicketkeeper.

He played soccer and table tennis for Wellington, officiated test cricket and rugby, was a national cricket selector and treasurer of the New Zealand Boxing Council.

Barrie Devenport, was a Wellington surf lifesaver, and the first recorded to conquer Cook Strait on November 20, 1962 in 11 hours and 13 minutes.

"The feats of Tindill and Devenport will remain in the minds of Wellingtonians and will drive other athletes to succeed in sport", says Cameron.

The inductees for the prestigious Sports Legends of Wellington for 2010, taking the total number honoured to 23, are Waimarama Taumaunu (netball), Wynton Rufer (football) and Stewie Dempster (cricket).

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