



Name: Helen Buckley

International No:

Position: Left Inner/Left Wing

Club(s): Muckcross, Ling PEC, Ascot Ladies Berkshire, Ards (Ulster), Umtal Sports Club (Rhodesia)

Irish Caps: 26

Goals:

Debut: 11th April 1959, V New Zealand (Belfast), W 3-1

Age on debut: 24

Last match: 24th April 1971, V Netherlands (Dublin), L 3-4

Age on last match: 36

Hall of Fame 2007 Inductee

Irish Hockey

HALL OF FAME

HELEN BUCKLEY

INTERNATIONAL CAREER: 1959 - 1971
INTERNATIONAL CAPS: 27
POSITION: FORWARD

Legends of Irish Hockey

Helen Buckley was an outstanding forward for Leinster and Ireland in the 1960s. A very versatile player, Buckley was equally proficient at left inner, right inner or on the left wing. Buckley possessed explosive acceleration and scored many goals by quickly pouncing on a loose ball and converting. She went on to coach the Irish team from 1976 to 1978, during which time Ireland won the Triple Crown (1977) for the first time since 1950.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: 2007

Player Bio

Helen Buckley played her school hockey at Loreto Beaufort. There was an inter schools league between the various Loreto schools with Beaufort winning on several occasions. Helen's highlights were playing every Irish match and in particular playing 2 matches against England at Wembley Stadium in front of 70,000 screaming school children !

There were no interprovincials in Helen's time at underage level. With her club Muckross she won 3 Irish Senior Cups and won both Leinster Cup and League on a few occasions. With Ards she won the Ulster Shield, the Irish Senior Cup and Ulster Cup.

Helen coached Ireland from 1976-1978 with Ireland winning the Triple Crown for the second time in 1977, their first win was in 1950.

Helen was a PE teacher. After her playing career Helen stayed involved in hockey as a club coach with Muckross. She also coached the National team for two years helping Ireland to win the Triple Crown for the second time in 1977. Helen organised a Transition coaching programme for schools in Leinster for 15 years. She was national selector for a number of years and was involved in the coaching administration at provincial and national level

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