

Thompson, Sarah

Thompson inducted into Terry Fox Hall of Fame

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Performing under pressure has never bothered Sarah Thompson.

The veteran Belleville athlete, already ensconced in the city's Sports Hall of Fame, has won myriad medals in blind Masters track and field and weightlifting competitions in Canada and across the globe.

But, standing in front of a group of people without her javelin, shot put, discus or barbells makes Thompson a tad nervous.

Today, Thompson was to be honoured at a special ceremony in Toronto as she entered the Terry Fox Hall of Fame sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP). Induction ceremonies were scheduled for 12 noon at the Royal York Hotel.

"It'll be a little scary for me," said Thompson before leaving Belleville for Toronto on Monday. "I'm usually in my track suit. Not a fussy dress."

Judging by past performances, Thompson will do just fine.

Vim Kochlar, chairman of the CFPDP, said advising Thompson of her induction "was a pleasure," in recognition of her "enormous achievement in the field of sport."

Thompson won't rest on her most recent laurels for long. She is scheduled to compete in Holland later this month.



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