



Jim Pineo

Jim Pineo came to Saint Mary's in 1940 as a Commerce student. His net minding achievements in the Halifax Senior High School League followed him to Saint Mary's. During his four years at Saint Mary's, "Rupe" Pineo set a high standard of goaltending as a member of the intercollegiate team, as well as with the Halifax Junior Canadians, and the Crescents of the Halifax City Senior League. He excelled with all three teams, and during his last three years at Saint Mary's, was the team's captain. With the Junior Canadians, he was selected by the sports writers as a member of the Eastern Canadian All-Star team.

Jim's talent was recognized by NHL scouts and in 1944 he attended the Boston Bruins training camp. He played briefly with a Bruin farm team but soon returned to Nova Scotia for a few more years of senior hockey while working as a salesman for Canada Packers. A hockey observer in 1944 noted that: "Nobody can truthfully say that Pineo ever had a bad game, mainly because his type of defensive play is not sloppy, but steady, dependable, and spectacular."

