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Newsletter

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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Photos of all inductees on touch screen at Field House Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame on Facebook



Keith McLean Hall of Fame president

Builder inductee, 2006

As we near the end of the calendar year, we look back on our 31st annual dinner and induction ceremony. We thank all past inductees who attended for their continued support. This was one of the best attended dinners in recent history. The Hall recognized five athletes, four builders and two teams. They represented mainstay sports football, hockey, soccer, softball and athletics, but also a multi-sport athlete and builder, a standing volleyball athlete, a cycling builder and a baton pairs team.

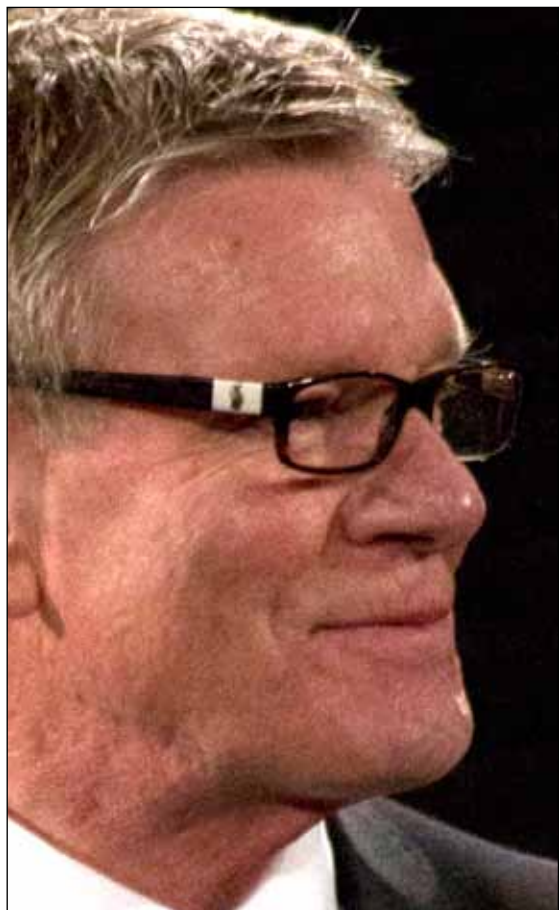
We are looking for new names to be brought forward for consideration. Please consider nominating someone you feel may be worthy of this honour. Forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in the Field House or on our website. Submissions need to be in by April 1, 2017.

We recognized the 50-year-old Marian Gymnastics Club as our organization of the year. Thanks to the club for its dedication and the excellent gymnasts it has have trained. Special thanks to Kevin Vaughn, Simon Hiatt, Bob Florence and Mark Tennant for their excellent work throughout the year and making our dinner a huge success.

To our major sponsors and advertisers that make it possible to have an evening of this magnitude, very special thanks.

I thank the members of the board. A special tribute to two members leaving the board this spring, Ian Mirtle and Alan Few have been on the board for many years. Their contributions have been many.

Merry Christmas to our readers and our wishes for a very happy New Year.



"Our involvement in sports has laid the foundation for who we are today."

"We thank coaches, mentors, family and friends who provide endless encouragement."

— **Bob Fawcett**
Builder: athletics, hockey, soccer

Oh, what a night

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame 2016 induction banquet

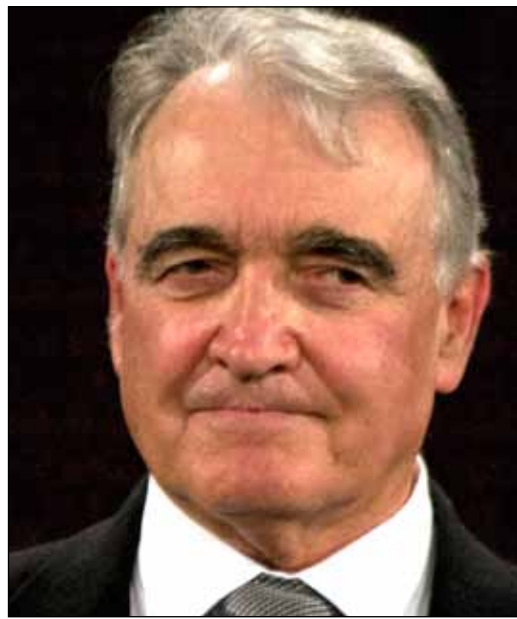


Baton team Casey (Berry) Napper, coach Brenda Bennett, Stephanie Hart



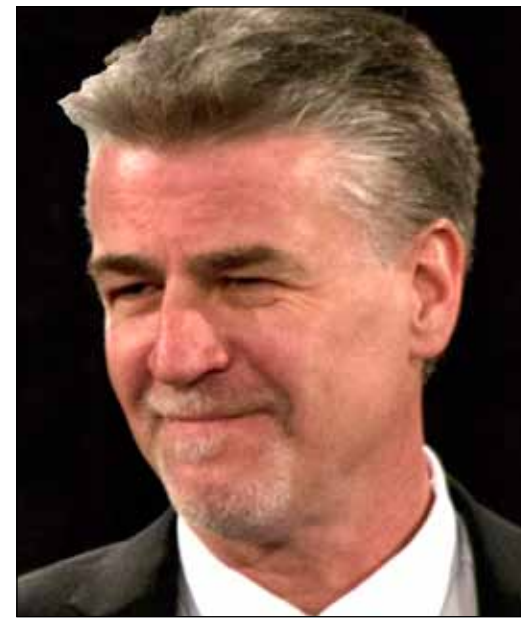
Jaime Cruickshank

Athlete: athletics, bobsleigh, trampoline and tumbling



Ray Wight

Builder: badminton, cycling



Randy Smith

Athlete: hockey



Lyle Sanderson, Mike Segu, Russell Siebert, Dr. Kevin Wiseman

Team: 1986-87 University of Saskatchewan Huskies athletics

Athletes

Curtis Boyechko
Scott Brinklow
Mike Byers
Dr. Graham Cleghorn
Darcy Cumming
Dr. Cyprian Enweani
Garrett Gentle
Darryl Isbister
Merv Knight
Greg Kolysher
Michael Loewen
Greg Luterbach

Art Magnaye
Byron McCorkell
Len McCoshen
Kelly McGrath
Max Muzzolini
John Neufeld
Dave Ostertag
Paul Rogal
Mike Segu
Russell Siebert
Brian Thompson
Harvey Weber
Dr. Kevin Wiseman

Staff

Lyle Sanderson, head coach
Bishop Dolegiewicz, coach
John Fitzgerald, coach
Mark Gulka, coach
Ernie McCullough, coach
Bryan Onstad, coach
Gerry Ross, coach
Zbigniew Szelagowicz, coach
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Tom McWilliam, administrator
Al Bodnarchuk, trainer
Ian Orosz, trainer



Kelsie Hendry

Athlete: athletics



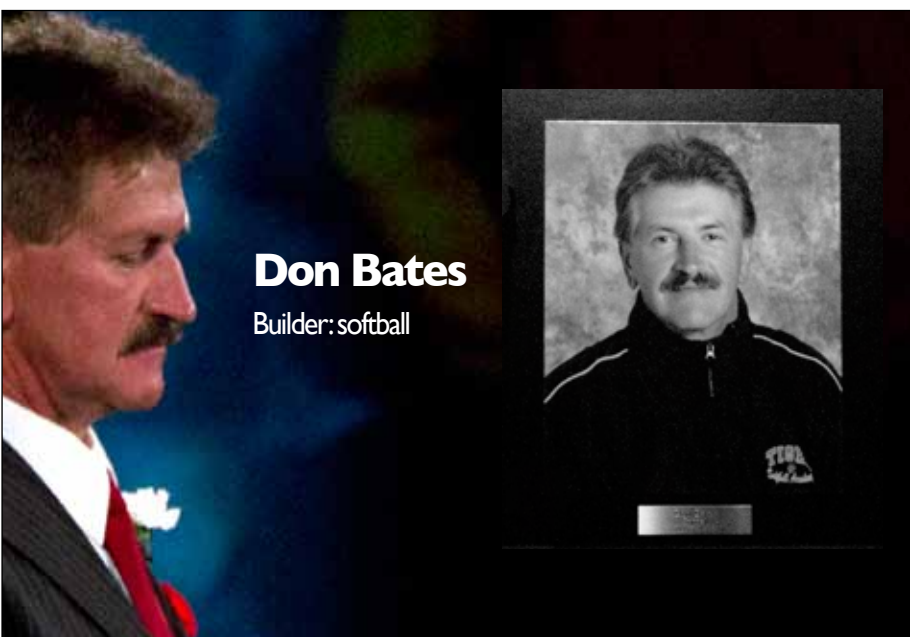
Duane Dmytryshyn

Athlete: football



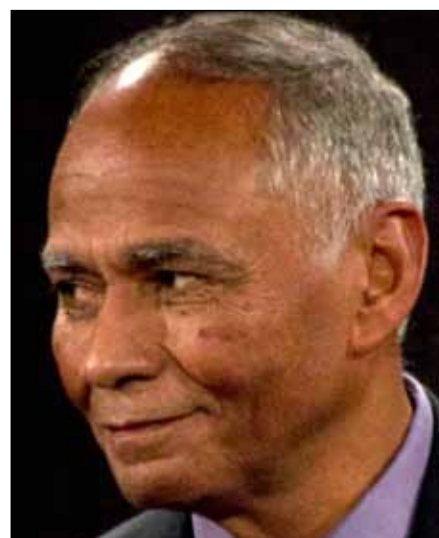
Joey Stabner

Athlete: standing volleyball



Don Bates

Builder: softball



Percy Hoff

Builder: soccer

Marian Gymnastics Club

Sports organization of the year

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Gerry Heskett
Walter Mudge
Mark Tennant
Bob Florence

Rise guys

Rookies Joshua Ewanchyna and Jared Giddings made big plays in the biggest game of the 2016 season as the Saskatoon Hilltops defeated the Westshore Rebels 37-25 at Westhill Stadium in Langford, B.C., to win the Canadian Bowl in the Canadian Junior Football League.

Ewanchyna returned a kick 105 yards for a touchdown. Giddings, a defensive back, returned an interception 66 yards.

Running back Logan Fisher rushed for 202 yards and scored two touchdowns.

The Hilltops have won the national title 19 times.

Five Hilltops coaches are enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame: head coach Tom Sargeant and assistants Sheldon Ball, Dave Fisher, Brent Turkington and Jeff Yausie.

Donnie Davidsen, an assistant coach with the Hilltops, is head coach of the Bishop Mahoney Saints who won the 3A football title in the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association.

Bishop Mahoney defeated Moose Jaw Peacock Tornados 24-13 in the final. Peacock head coach Blake Buettner is in the Hall of Fame.



2016 induction ceremony on Shaw Channel 10

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 25, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 26, 12 noon, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 27, 2 p.m., 11 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 5 p.m.



Brianne Theisen-Eaton

Touching base

With Saskatoon Sports Hall inductees

Sask. football hits Florida

***Steve Bilan** is a quarterback on Canada's team that finished fifth at the International Federation of American Football world flag football championship in Hollywood, Fla., in September. Canada was represented by a team that won the national title earlier in the year in Halifax, comprised

of former Saskatoon Hilltops, University of Saskatchewan Huskies and University of Regina Rams. Canada finished with a 6-3 record in the 16-team event at worlds ... ***Marliese Kasner**

and **Dustin Kalthoff** of Saskatoon have the first berth in the trials to decide Canada's entry in mixed doubles curling in the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. The trials will be held in January 2018. Kasner and Kalthoff received

the berth because they competed in the 2016 world championship, placing fifth ... **Melissa Armstrong**, a daughter of Hall of Fame inductee **Chuck Armstrong**, was a pitcher on the Canadian women's baseball team that finished second at the World Cup in Gijang, Korea in September ... ***Rick Reelie** is the coach of three athletes who competed in athletics in the Paralympics this year: **Alex Dupont** of Clarenceville, Que.,

This photo of heptathlon bronze medallist Brianne Theisen-Eaton of Humboldt was taken by Lucas Oleniuk of the Toronto Star in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.



Lucas Oleniuk

Oleniuk is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1996 and 1998 University of Saskatchewan football teams.

Oleniuk was a linebacker on the Huskies.

who won bronze in the 4x400 relay, **Ilana Dupont** of Saskatoon, who was eighth in the women's 100 metres, and **Jean-Philippe Maranda** of Ste-Aur lie, Que., who competed in the 100, 400 and 800 ... A memorial banner honoring No. 9 ***Gordie Howe** has been raised to the rafters at SaskTel Centre ...

***Dana Kidd**, ***Ed Ross** and ***Jim Scissons** were enshrined

in the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame in September, Kidd as an athlete and Ross and Scissons on a provincial team ... Saskatoon's **Gavin Schmitt** is leaving the Canadian national volleyball team after 10 years with the program. He thanks two coaches in Saskatoon: **"Adam Ewart** for taking a shot on a tall skinny kid who had never played volleyball and taught me so much" and ***Brian Gavlas** "for working with me to build me into a player who was



Elsie Wingrove

Distant replay: 1947

Elsie (Windy) Wingrove of Saskatoon is an outfielder on the Grand Rapids Chicks, who won the title in 1947 in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Racine Belles, the defending champions, extended the best-of-seven series to the limit after winning Games 5 and 6.

In the deciding game, Mildred Earp of Arkansas pitched the shutout for Grand Rapids in a 1-0 victory.

Wingrove played pro ball for three seasons. She had a fielding percentage of .952 in 119 games.

She'd been spotted by a scout for the All American League when she was playing softball for the Pats, her school team at the Saskatchewan Technical College.

Elsie and her husband Russell coached Little League Baseball and junior girls softball.

able to make the national team." ... ***Brock Blomquist** and ***Jerome Linnell** are members of Team Canada Masters 50+, which won a silver medal in the Global Cup for men's volleyball at the annual Huntsman Games in St. George, Utah in October. ***Anne Cote** and ***Gail Tennant** played on the Saskatoon Sleepers volleyball team that finished fifth in the women's age 60+ division.

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*

Look at them now

Sask. athletes, coaches, officials make news



Sophie Shirley
Hockey

Sophie Shirley was on Canada's national under-18 team for a three-game hockey series against the United States in Calgary in August. Canada won the first game 3-2. The U.S. won the other two, 6-2 and 5-4. Shirley, a forward, had a goal and four assists in the series. She will play for Okanagan Hockey Academy in Penticton, B.C., this season.

Shirley was on Canada's team that was defeated by the U.S. in overtime in the final of the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation world championship in St. Catharines, Ont.

She had 37 points in 24 games with Notre Dame Hounds in Wilcox last season.



Ramsey Derbas
Basketball

Ramsey Derbas of Saskatoon was on Saskatchewan's under-15 team that finished fourth at the Basketball Canada national championship in Winnipeg last summer.

Derbas averaged 8.2 points and 7.8 rebounds in five games.

He is a student at Holy Cross High School.

Derbas was second in midget boys long jump and third in high jump at the 2016 Saskatoon high school track and field championships.



Brielle McCullough
Softball

Brielle McCullough of Saskatoon was the leading hitter in the preliminary round at Softball Canada's female under-21 championship this year, hitting .667 in six games.

McCullough, a shortstop, also scored 10 runs. She plays for the Saskatoon Co-Op G-Force, who won the Canadian title in Summerside, P.E.I.

After a leadoff double by Kailey Strouts in the seventh inning, pinch runner Hanna Dunnigan scored on a single by Ali Lockwood for a 1-0 win over Alberta in the final.

McCullough was named Softball Saskatchewan's female athlete of the year in 2015. Her brother Devon was the male athlete of the year, also in 2015.



Brett Walker
Water skiing

Brett Walker of Saskatoon finished 11th in slalom, 21st in jump and 23rd in tricks at the FISU world university waterskiing championships in Akita, Japan in September.

He was second in jump and fourth in slalom at the 2016 Canadian championships in Winnipeg.

Walker is a student in biochemistry and molecular biology at Florida Southern University in Lakeland. He is a graduate of Bethlehem High School.



Lauren Ritchie
Rowing

Lauren Ritchie of Warman has been selected an apprentice coach in the Women in Coaching Program for the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg.

Ritchie will help coach the Saskatchewan rowing team in the Games.

Ritchie joined the Saskatoon Rowing Club as a competitor in 2010, winning a silver medal in the 2013 Canada Games in Sherbrooke, Que. She has coached in the Saskatoon Rowing Club for the past two years.

Ritchie is a kinesiology student at the University of Saskatchewan.



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Wynona Mulcaster 1915-2016

Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall as a builder

Born: 1915, near Prince Albert

Education: Received no formal art education in school from Grade 1 to Grade 12.

1943 Bachelor of Arts in art and English, Associate of Fine Arts, University of Saskatchewan.

1946 Attended Banff School of Fine Arts. Instructors included Group of Seven artist **A.Y. Jackson**.

1947 Met **Arthur Lismer** at one of his Saturday evening artist gatherings.

Lismer invited her to attend his classes in teaching youth art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts School of Art and Design

1958-59, 1967-68 Canadian Council grant for a one-year study of art in Europe.

Travelled to Austria, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain

1976 Master of Fine Arts, Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Introduction to art

Mulcaster started to draw pictures in her youth after looking at an Eaton's catalogue.

At 17, and a recent graduate from high school, she worked in her father Richard's law office.

She decided to take art lessons from **Ernest Lindner**, an Austrian-born Canadian painter, saying she wanted to learn how to draw a horse. Mulcaster and two of her friends cooked meals for Lindner in exchange for the lessons.

In 1936, **Gus Kenderdine**, a rancher and painter who homesteaded near Lasburn, started the U of S summer art camp at Murray Point at Emma Lake. Mulcaster was the first student to register.

Teaching art: 1937-1993 Emma Lake artists workshop

1943 Instructor Prince Albert public school

1944 Regina Normal School

1945-48 Saskatoon Teachers' College

1945- Saturday morning art classes for youth in Saskatoon Art Association

1964-77 Associate professor Faculty of Art University of Saskatchewan

Twice invited to the Museum of Art in New York City to be the guest speaker for art educators.

Regarded as a leader in how to teach art to youth.

Doing art: Acrylic, silk

Horses, landscapes

Among her students: **Henry Bonli** — abstract painter; painter forest landscapes; interior designer

Dennis Cardiff — portrait painter of burlesque performers

John Maclean — painter Canadian landscapes

Robert Murray — abstract painter; printmaker; sculptor; teacher

Otto Rogers — abstract painter; graphic artist; sculptor; teacher

Allen Sapp — realist painter of Aboriginal people.

Sapp's first exhibition was at Mulcaster's home in 1968

Cobblestone way

Mulcaster first went to San Miguel de Allende, a colonial city in Mexico's central highlands in 1973-74 while she was on sabbatical leave. She studied silk screen painting that year at Instituto Allende.

She settled in San Miguel in 1977 and became fluent in Spanish. She returned to Saskatchewan for a visit every year.

Lasting impression

Wynona Mulcaster's
influence as an artist
and horse instructor
is enduring



Russ
McQuarrie



Cathy
Wedge



Gina
Smith

Ride on

Wynona Mulcaster owned her first horse when she was 13.

Mulcaster and **Russ McQuarrie**, who is also enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, founded the Saskatoon Pony Club in 1945. The club teaches youth how to train a horse. Mulcaster was a director and volunteer instructor with the club for 30 years.

The Saskatoon Pony Club has been at Ebon Stables on the southeast outskirts of the city since the 1980s. **Elaine Partington**, who was a member of the club, became its manager and head instructor.

Inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame who trained at the Saskatoon Pony Club are **Cathy Wedge** and **Gina Smith**.

Cathy Wedge 1976 Olympics Sixth, team three-day event
23rd, individual three-day event

Gina Smith 1984 Olympics Reserve rider
1988 Olympics Bronze, team dressage
12th, individual dressage
1996 Olympics 10th, team dressage
44th, individual dressage
2012 Olympics Chef d'Équipe (Team leader)

“My roots tell me I will always belong to Saskatchewan.”

—Wynona Mulcaster

Lane change



Mayor Charlie Clark

The all-weather track in Griffiths Stadium at the University of Saskatchewan is on its last lap. Athletics has had training and competition at Griffiths since 1936. Charlie Clark is the new mayor of Saskatoon. At the recent Hall of Fame induction banquet, Clark said a new track is on the city's to-do list.

Sask. athletes in Olympics or Paralympics athletics who have trained or competed at Griffiths Stadium

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*



Bob Adams



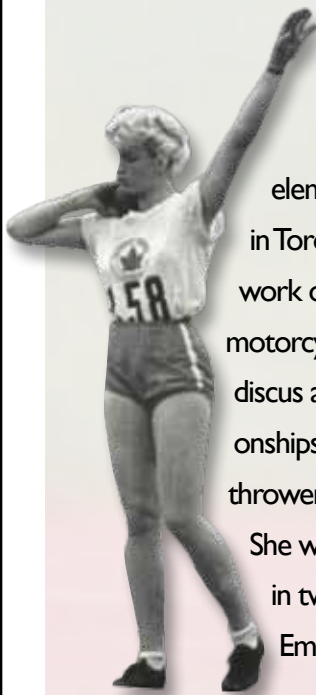
Maureen Rever



George Short

Athlete	Home	Olympics	Event
*Bob Adams	Alask	1952	Decathlon
Ladonna Antoine	Regina	1996	400m, 4x100 relay
		2000	400m, 4x400 relay
Tim Berrett	Saskatoon/Edmonton	1992, 2000	20K walk
		1992, '96, '00, '04, '08	50k walk
Doreen Dredge	Kelvington	1948	High jump
*Dr. Cyprian Enweani	Saskatoon	1988	200m, 4x100 relay
Margaret George	Mervin	1956	Javelin
*Eleanor Haslam	Saskatoon	1956	200m, 4x100 relay
		1956, 1960	100m
		1960	800m, 4x100 relay
*Kelsie Hendry	Saskatoon	2008	Pole vault
Harry Jerome	Prince Albert/Vancouver	1960	100m, 4x100 relay
		1964	100m
		1968	100m, 200m
Valerie Jerome	Prince Albert/Vancouver	1960	100, 4x100 relay
*Diane Jones Konihowski	Saskatoon	1972, 1976	Pentathlon
		1976	Long jump
Doug Kyle	Saskatoon/Calgary	1956, 1960	5,000m, 10,000m
*Joanne McTaggart	Regina/Saskatoon	1976	200m, 4x100 relay
*Carey Nelson	Saskatoon	1988	5,000m
		1996	Marathon
Georgette Reed	Regina	1992	Shot put
*Maureen Rever	Regina	1956	100m, 200m, 4x100 relay
*George Short	Saskatoon	1960	100m, 4x100 relay
Taryn Suttie	Hanley	2016	Shot put
Brianne Theisen-Eaton	Humboldt	2012, 2016	Heptathlon
Lynn Williams	Regina	1988	1,500m
		1984, 1988	3,000m

Athlete	Home	Paralympics	Event
*Arnold Boldt	Osler	1984, 1988, 1992	High jump
*Colette Bourgonje	Porcupine Plain	1992	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m
		1996	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, marathon
		2000	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m
Alex Dupont	Saint-Rémi, Que.	2012	1,500m
		2016	400m, 800m, 1,500m, 4x400 relay
Ilana (Duff) Dupont	Saskatoon	2008	100m, 200m, 400m
		2016	100m, 400m, 800m
Lisa Franks	Moose Jaw	2000	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500
		2004	200m, 400m
Clayton Gerein	North Battleford/Pilot Butte/Regina	1988	400m, 800m, 1,500m, 5,000m, marathon
		1992	800m, 1,500m, 5,000m, marathon
		1996	800m, 1,500m, 5,000m, marathon
		2000	5,000m, marathon
		2004	1,500m, 5,000m, marathon
		2008	Marathon
*Rick Reelie	Saskatoon	1988	Discus, javelin, shot put
		1992	200m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m
		1996	200m, 400m, 800m
		2000	800m, 1,500m, 5,000m



Jackie MacDonald

In The Running: Griffiths Stadium athletics highlight package

1955:

Jackie MacDonald, an elementary school teacher in Toronto who drives to work on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, wins shot put and discus at the Canadian championships. MacDonald is the top thrower in Canada for a decade. She wins a silver and a bronze in two different British Empire Games.

1960: **Harry Jerome** of Vancouver ties the world record in the 100 metres, clocking 10.0 seconds on the cinder track in Canada's trials for the Rome Olympics.

1964:

The Saskatoon high school championships are one for the ages. Junior **Dick Chinn** of Nutana runs the 100 yards in under 10 seconds. Only **Dale West**, who was a senior at Bedford Road, has gone that fast. Middle distance runners **Ken Loewen** and **Bill White** of Aden Bowman both finish second in a final. Four years later, Loewen and White are teammates on the first team at the University of Saskatchewan to win a national title in any sport, winning the Canadian university cross-country championship. Throwers **Steve Molnar** and **Doug Bentham** of Bowman and **Nancy Waldner** of Bedford set records in the 1964 high school meet that stand more than 50 years later.

1981:

Daley Thompson of Great Britain is on world record pace after Day 1 at a multi-event meet against **Adrianne Vangool** Canada. Due to cool, windy weather, the pole vault is moved indoors to the Field House, shelving any chance of a record. Competing for Canada are **Dave Steen**, who goes on to win bronze in the 1988 Olympics, and **Mike Smith**, who is second in decathlon in the 1991 world championships. Thompson wins Olympic gold in decathlon in 1980 and 1984.



Shannon Kekula

1989: **Shannon Kekula**, a native of Marsden, wins gold in shot put in the Canada Games. **Georgette Reed**, a native of Regina competing for Alberta, is second. **Lesla Mayes** of North Battleford, a member of Ontario's team in the Canada Games, places third.

2004: Sprinter **Jenni Hucul** and pole vaulter **Adrianne Vangool** of Saskatoon win a national title for the third straight year in the Canadian junior championships. Vangool's training partners **Theresa Wiebe** and **Leah Vause** are second and third in vault. **Jaime Cruickshank**, who won the national long jump title a year earlier in Saskatoon, is third in heptathlon.

Passings

John (Jack) Stewart, 1939-2016, age 77

Bowling, curling
Jack Stewart won back-to-back singles titles in provincial high school bowling in 1953 and 1954. A numbers guy, he introduced in-depth stats as a bowling statistician. Stewart helped to organize the annual KG Open, which had the highest purse in Canada.

Terry Stewart, 1942-2016, age 74

Builder inductee, bowling
Terry Stewart was encouraged to start bowling when she was 20 by Al Hunter, the proprietor of a bowling centre in Saskatoon. Coached by Jack Walsh, Tony Bula and Tom Paterson, who all went on to be enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, Stewart became one of the top five-pin bowlers in Saskatchewan. She won the Canadian women's team title in 1984 and the TSN Skins Game in 1987. Stewart also coached the senior boys provincial team. Jack and Terry were husband and wife.



Jack Stewart



Terry Stewart

Wade Weseen, 1951-2016, age 64

Athletics, basketball, cross-country, soccer
Wade Weseen was a teacher and coach for 33 years, starting his career the same year the school in Lake Lenore opened its gym. He served as president of the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association, coached Basketball Saskatchewan provincial teams and was an instructor in a summer basketball camp. With Wade the head coach and his wife Val the assistant, the Lake Lenore Lancers won the provincial high school title in girls basketball for seven consecutive years from 1993-99; six in the 1A division and one in 3A. In 1999, they competed in the Reebok Invitational, a national high school tournament, in Hamilton. The Weseen's daughters — Jill and Jasmine — played basketball at the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. Other Lancers who competed in university are Carla Puetz (basketball) and Becky Brockman (track and field) at the U of S and Amy Brockman (basketball) in Brandon. Wade played for the U of S hockey Huskies for two seasons.



Wade Weseen

Gord Wintermute, 1939-2016, age 77

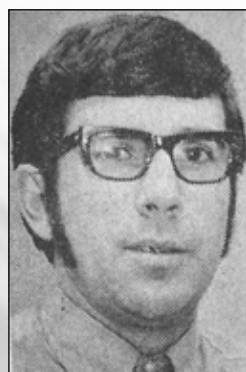
Builder inductee, hockey
Gord Wintermute was involved in officiating in hockey for almost 40 years. He served on the executive of the officials' association for minor hockey in Saskatoon. He helped to start the Old Timers Referee Association in the city in 1987. He worked minor and senior aboriginal tournaments in the province. In Western Canada, Wintermute was an official at events in Regina, Calgary and Edmonton. He went on to be a director with the Canadian Adult Recreation Hockey Association. Wintermute was an on-ice official at five World Cups for adult recreation hockey. As an athlete, Wintermute played minor and senior hockey in Prince Albert, then rec hockey, curling and golf in Saskatoon.



Gord Wintermute

ABCs of sport in Saskatoon

Ken Achs



Ken Achs began drag racing in Calgary in 1962. In 1966, his Chev-powered dragster was the first car down the track at Southwinds, a new raceway south of Saskatoon. The Howard family built the strip on land they bought from **Howard Pfeifer** that was too sandy for farming. "I'm the kind of person who doesn't get into something halfway," said Achs, who went on to race Top Fuel and Funny Car in Western Canada and the United States. He is enshrined in the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

American pole vaulters **Bob Seagren** and **Billy Olson** broke world records at the Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games in Saskatoon. Seagren, 21, hit the heights in 1966 at the downtown Arena, Olson, 27, in the Field House in 1985. When Olson broke the record it was late on a Saturday night. The crowd at the Field House had thinned. TV cameras were gone. Olson cleared the bar by a mile.

Buck Crawford played hockey for the Saskatoon Wesleys juniors in the 1920s. He coached the Grizzly Gas, a women's local ball team. He was a hockey referee and a baseball umpire. Moving to California, he worked in production at the Sacramento Bee newspaper. Crawford started the four-team Sacramento Ice Hockey Federation. His son **Don Crawford** was named the league's MVP one season, scoring 52 of the team's 96 goals.

***Clarence Downey**, who was born in Gladstone, MB., moved to Saskatoon when he was 16. He became Saskatchewan's barrel jump champion. In 1942, he organized the Saskatoon Speed Skating Club, encouraging youth to try the sport. Downey, **Harold Gillies** and **Eleanor Powley**, who all coached speed skating at outdoor rinks in Saskatoon, organized the city's first speed skating meet in February, 1943 at the Victoria School playground.

George Ward believed Saskatoon should give free swimming lessons to youth in the morning. "That's how a lot of us started," said ***Ennis Waldner**. She became a swim instructor at the outdoor pool on Avenue H, later known as Riversdale. When Ward heard Waldner had to pay admission to the pool to teach, he got her a pass. Waldner noticed a girl in a Grade 4 swim class. "I was impressed with her front crawl and back crawl," Waldner said. "My daughter Lynne took her to (the Y Optimists) speed swimming club." That girl was ***Martha Nelson**. Nelson went to the Olympic trials in Winnipeg and made the Canadian team for the 1972 Olympics, competing in Munich at age 17 in the individual medley.

Father **Mel Fenrich** of Wynyard held church service on Sundays in the nearby town of Foam Lake. Fenrich had an eye for hockey. He was a hockey scout. Fenrich saw a young player in Foam Lake, **Bernie Federko**, who he encouraged to try out for the Saskatoon Blades.

Federko went on to play centre for three years with the Blades, was the rookie of the year in minor pro with the Kansas City Blues in the Central Hockey League and had a Hockey Hall of Fame career in the NHL, playing 14 years and recording 1,130 points.

***George Genereux**, 17, thought about staying home in Saskatoon and playing baseball in the summer of 1952. His father **Dr. Arthur Genereux** and his friend **Richard Baltzan** convinced him to go to the Olympics in Helsinki instead. Genereux was a trapshooter. In second place after the first day at the Olympics, Genereux shot 97 out of 100 on Day 2 for the lead. Sweden's **Knut Holmqvist**, 33, who was twice as old as Genereux, needed a perfect round to win. Holmqvist missed his second-last bird. Genereux won gold. He was Canada's only gold medalist in any sport in the 1952 Olympics.

***Mel Hepburn** won a Canadian championship when he was six years old, serving as stickboy for the Melville Millionaires, who won the Allan Cup in 1915 as Canada's senior hockey champions. His connection with another winter sport lasted for years. Hepburn joined the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club in 1948, going on to serve as the club's president and treasurer. He was the chair of Saskatoon's annual adult ice show. He was a figure skating judge. His collection of figure skating memorabilia could fill an arena.

Although the competition was on the track, trainers at Marquis Downs raced to be the first at the stables in the morning. **Ivar Remmen** was a leader of the pack. "Of all the people I know, he has the best temperament for getting the most out of someone or a horse," **Les Butler**, the assistant general manager of racing at Northlands Park in

Edmonton, said in The Harness Edge, a standardbred publication. "Ivar spent a ton of time with these horses and he never made a quick move, he never raised his voice. I don't recall a horse that he didn't like or one that he couldn't get to train acceptably," Ivar's son ***Ray Remmen** is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and U.S. Hall of Fame as a harness driver. Ray and his brother **Larry Remmen** are the winningest trainers in history at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey. Their other brother, **Gord Remmen**, has raced at Northlands in Edmonton and at Mohawk in Campbellville, Ont.

***Allan Few** has downhill skied. He has driven a motorcycle. He has played tennis. He is a founding father of Judo in Saskatoon as an athlete, instructor and official. Returning from the Air Force, Few joined a judo club at the YMCA in the fall of 1953. "I was told when someone's fighting, don't blink," he said. "You have to make a split-second decision. Life's like that, too."

Before 1985, Saskatoon was a desert for sprint canoeing and Kayaking. Then the Saskatoon Racing Canoe Club started. **Krzysztof Lepianka** and **Andrzej Gronowicz** of Poland came here as coaches. Saskatchewan athletes won eight medals in canoe and kayak at the 1989 Canada Games in Saskatoon. Since 1989, **Jason Rusu** and ***Corrina Kennedy** have competed in the Olympics. **Jennifer Adamson**, **Megan Gibson**, **Jarrett Kenke**, **Meghan McDonough**, **Shawn Mydan**, **Trista Neilly** and **Shylo Wolff** have been to worlds. Saskatoon has become a land of plenty.

***John Leicester**, **Pat Lundy** and ***Gerry Couture** grew up together. In their youth Leicester and Couture served mass at St. Joseph Church at the corner of Broadway and 8th Street. Leicester's parents bought a pair of skates for Couture. Couture returned the favour by sending birthday flowers to Leicester's mother for years. Leicester, Lundy and Couture were linemates in church league, school league and pee wee hockey. Couture and Lundy both went on to play in the NHL, Couture winning the Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings. Leicester was a provincial tennis champion 22 times in singles and doubles. He played against Australia's **Rod Laver**, one of tennis's all-time greats, during a visit to Florida.

***Jack McLeod** of Saskatoon became head coach and general manager of the Canadian national hockey team program in 1965.

Watch out for the Soviets, McLeod said. He told anyone who'd listen that the Soviets were going to be a hockey power for years to come. McLeod directed Canada to third place in the 1966, '67 and '68 world championship and to bronze in the 1968 Grenoble Olympics.

***Gerry Pinder** and ***Herb Pinder** of Saskatoon were on the 1968 Olympic team. The Soviets were first at worlds 15 times in a 20-year span from 1966 to 1985 and won Olympic gold five times from 1968 to 1988.

Saskatoon Harmony Centre and Lashburn Bluebirds could have played all night.

They met in the final of a women's softball tournament in 1981.

Lashburn took a 1-0 lead following singles by ***Donna Veale**,

***Brenda Staniforth** and ***Chris Gervais**.

With two out in the seventh inning, Harmony

Centre's ***Nancy Brentnell** doubled and scored on a single by

***Jay Kost**. The score was still tied 1-1 after 21 innings. A decision was made at 2 a.m.: Game over. Harmony and Lashburn split the first-place prize.

Harmony Centre won the Canadian women's title in 1978 and 1980.

Lashburn had a second-place finish and two thirds at nationals.

***Dan Marisi** was in **O**verdrive. He won a Canadian title in 1959 as a guard and linebacker with the Hilltops. He was named athlete of the year in 1966 with the U of S Huskies. After getting a PhD, he joined the phys ed department at McGill University in Montreal, doing extensive work in sports science. He was a sports psychologist on Canada's alpine ski team. Marisi and McGill colleague **Jacques Dallaire** founded Human Performance International Inc. to develop physical and mental ability. Among drivers Marisi worked with were FI champions **Nigel Mansell** of Britain and **Ayrton Senna** of Brazil and NASCAR champ **Jeff Gordon** of the U.S. Marisi was enshrined posthumously into the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

Tim Kroeker

***Vera Pezer's** father Joe was caretaker of the natural-ice rink in Meskanaw, a hamlet west of Melfort. She was six years old when she started to curl, putting both feet in the hack. When she wasn't in the two-sheet rink, she curled in a ditch with jam pails. Pezer won her first Canadian women's curling title playing third on **Joyce McKee's** rink in 1969. Pezer added three more titles skipping a team of McKee, **Sheila Rowan** and **Lee Morrison**.

It's winter in Saskatoon. Early one evening a young guy from the city is skating on the outdoor rink near the Bessborough Hotel and Sheraton Cavalier. He jumps. He spins. He looks good. Two other guys on skates watch. He knows neither of them.

"Top that," he as much as says.

The two other skaters play along. They spin faster than him. They do triple jumps. They can land **Q**uads.

They're in Saskatoon to compete in the Canadian figure skating championships.

They're **Kurt Browning** and **Elvis Stojko**.

Born in Prince Albert, ***Keith Russell** was living in Vancouver when he came to Saskatoon in 1961. He was 17. He'd come to Saskatoon for the Canadian gymnastics championships at the Phys Ed gym on campus. He won the national vault title.

Russell returned to Saskatoon in 1979 to become a prof in kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan. He started a club, Taizo Gymnastics, based in the Rawson Room in the phys ed building.

Taizo's ***Warren Long**, competing in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, was the first Canadian ever to reach an apparatus final in men's gymnastics. Taizo's ***James Rozon** competed in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. Among the Taizo gymnasts who've been on the national team are **James Govett**, **Rhett Stinson**, **Anderson Loran** and **Jayd Lukenchuk**.

"Keith believes you don't have to be great at something to enjoy it," said **Kelly Thompson**, who's been an athlete, coach and official in gymnastics.

***Lloyd Saunders** was a man for all seasons.

He played hockey for the Saskatoon Lions juniors and the Quaker seniors and the Saskatoon Navy team. He played softball for the College Lads. He played baseball with the Saskatoon Cubs and Saskatoon Commodores.

Harold Crittenden, the manager of CKCK radio in Regina, hired Saunders to do sportcasts and be the host on a half-hour sports show on Sunday morning sponsored by clothes merchant **Doc Crossley**. Guests on the show received a 10-gallon hat.

Saunders became the radio voice of the Regina Pats hockey team.

He lobbied the Regina Roughriders to change their name to the Saskatchewan Roughriders. He led a campaign asking people to donate green paint for the two-block fence around Taylor Field. He helped to do the painting.

He worked as a broadcaster for two years in Dallas, covering Texas Christian college football and the Dallas Cowboys, then returned to Saskatoon to work for CFQC, then CBC.

Saunders covered Briers and Memorial Cups, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games. Although offered a job with Hockey Night In Canada, he declined, staying in Saskatchewan.

"He truly loved sports," said his daughter Leanne.

***Barb Turnbull Danaher** won her first city golf title in 1958. In a match play final on a June afternoon at the Riverside Club, she defeated **Bonnie Phillips**, 17, who had written a high school final earlier that day. For Turnbull, the title was the start of something big. Turnbull won the Saskatchewan women's amateur 10 times. She was second 10 times. She was runner-up in the 1969 Canadian final. She competed on the provincial team at nationals in five decades.

Unforgettable. That could be ***Lisa Kroll's** theme song. She was a speedball, the slickest and quickest high school sprinter in the province. When Kroll hit the track, the race was for second.

Although she ran the 100 and 200 metres, Kroll was national calibre in the 400. Times she ran 35 years ago endure to this day.

Dale West

The ski hill **V**anished.

Built of wood in the summer of 1936 in Saskatoon on the east side of the South Saskatchewan River near the CPR Bridge, the jump was moved back on greased skids and its height raised, becoming the tallest ski hill in Western Canada.

The Saskatoon Ski Club added a cluhouse which later included a fireplace. There was an illuminated tobaggan run, a downhill ski chute and a rope tow driven by the rear wheel of a jeep. Provincial championships on the hill drew large crowds.

Jack Dixon of Saskatoon set Saskatchewan records on the hill for jumping distance. One year it looked as if **Merle Kershaw** of Saskatoon had broken Dixon's record, going 112 feet, but because Kershaw fell, Dixon's record stood.

After 40 years in varsity view, the Saskatoon Ski Club left the grounds for good in 1976. The ski jump was razed.

TIMBER!

Late in the fall of 1951, ***Dale West**, a student at Caswell School, went to Regina with his dad Ken to see his first football game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders were playing the Edmonton Eskimos in the CFL playoffs.

The best-of-three West final was tied 1-1. Game 3 was on a cloudy and cool Monday afternoon. Several linemen wore runners on a field that had been covered with straw and canvas after Game 2 two days earlier so it wouldn't freeze.

With Dale and his dad in the stands, quarterback **Glenn Dobbs** passed to **Jack Nix** and **Bob Sandberg** for touchdowns and Dobbs ran in for another TD as the Riders defeated the Eskimos 19-18 to advance to the Grey Cup.

"At that point in my life, I said I want to be here," said West, dreaming of playing in the CFL some day.

In 1966, West was the starting safety as the Riders won the Grey Cup for the first time.

In the **X**'s and O's of curling ***Ken Moir** was chalk.

Moir was the curling coach at Saskatoon Tech Collegiate. He saw the potential in a young team skipped by ***Gary Thode**. Thode's rink made it to provincials in 1950, being defeated by Regina's **Bill Clarke**, who went on to win the Canadian schoolboy title.

In 1951, Thode and his rink of ***Gary Cooper**, ***Orest Hryniuk** and ***Roy Hufsmith** were the first rink from Saskatoon to win the Canadian schoolboy title. Thode won nationals again in 1952 with Cooper, Hufsmith and **Doug Conn**.

***Bayne Secord's** rink from Tech soon followed.

Secord's rink of ***Don Brownell**, ***Stan Austman** and ***Don Snyder** won the Canadian schoolboy title in '54. Secord's rink of Austman, ***Merv Mann Mann** and ***Gary Stevenson** added Saskatoon's fourth title at the Canadian schoolboy championship in '55.

All four rinks were coached by Moir, whose book on coaching was distributed to high schools throughout Canada.

Lloyd Saunders

Y'all come back.

The annual Kinsmen Sports Celebrity dinner honours Saskatoon's Sportsman of the Year, Athlete of the Year and Team of the Year in Saskatoon. Among the guest speakers since 1961:

Baseball manager **Leo Durocher** and quarterback **Ron Lancaster**, sprinter **Jesse Owens** and boxer **Floyd Patterson**, hockey's **Rocket Richard** and pool's **Minnesota Fats**, announcer **Danny Gollivan** and author **George Plimpton**.

Tim Kroeker is a **Z**ebra.

Raised in Saskatoon, a school teacher, he has been an official in the CFL since 2006.

Kroeker has been on the officiating staff in the Grey Cup three times.

"I set pretty high standards for myself," he said.

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