



## 37th induction



**Dione (Meier) Blackwell**  
ATHLETE: Softball



**Brenda O'Connor**  
BUILDER: Athletics, soccer



**Lee Morrison rink**  
TEAM: 2009, Masters age 60+  
Marg Griffiths  
Peggy Hergott  
Lee Morrison  
Bernice Van Der Velden



**Ron Boden**  
Builder: Athletics

*“These memories  
will be with us  
for a lifetime”*

— **Elan Ballantyne**

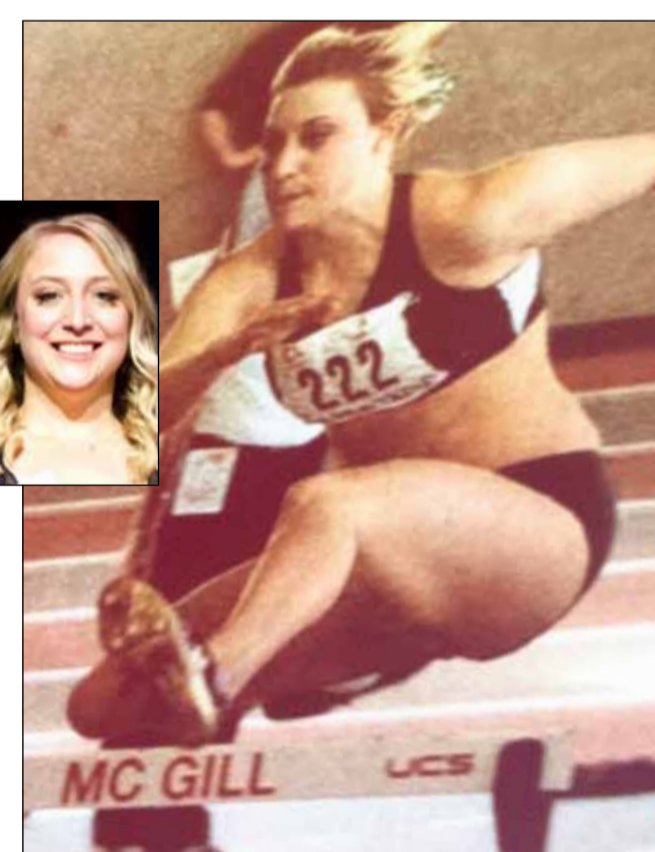
ATHLETE: Multiple sports  
President Saskatoon Valkyries,  
sports organization of the year



**Todd Hinds**  
BUILDER: Wrestling



**Stan Holcomb**  
ATHLETE: Para, wheelchair sports



**Jenni Hucul**  
ATHLETE: Athletics, bobsleigh



**DBJ Leasing**  
TEAM: 2000 women's softball  
Carla (Ward) Agarand  
Leslie (McPherson) Attwell  
Beth Davis  
Erin DeLaet  
Tamara Franklin  
Tania Harrison  
Kara Johnston  
Karen McDonald  
Jacki Nichol  
Jacquie Scarlett  
Stacey (Dansereau) Thompson  
Karen Thull  
Jennifer Wood  
Jan Hiebert, coach  
Marianne Hiebert, manager



**Saskatoon Valkyries**  
SPORTS ORGANIZATION  
OF THE YEAR  
Women's tackle football





—University of Saskatchewan/Huskie Athletics

### \*Dick DuWors

**D**ick DuWors added colour to the black and white of Canadian winter, bringing track and field indoors out of the snow and dark.

A native of Boston, DuWors competed in track and field when he was a student at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He came to the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 1958 to launch its department of sociology.

Universities in Western Canada hadn't had track and field since 1949 after holding an annual outdoor championship for 30 years. DuWors started the indoor track and field program at the U of S, the Huskies getting to train inside after DuWors and **Walter McNeil** developed running corners for the gym on campus. Their idea was new not only to Saskatchewan, but across Canada.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix

### \*Lyle Sanderson takes a test run on the new indoor track at the Arena in 1965

DuWors and McNeil went the extra mile.

With **Jay Beaman**, who had just completed a masters in mathematics statistics, and physics professors **Robert Newman Haslam** and **Leon Katz**, they patented a portable wooden track.

Their track was used in the downtown Saskatoon Arena in February 1968 as the Saskatchewan Huskies, coached by **Lyle Sanderson**, won the team title in the inaugural Western Canadian indoor track and field championships.

Their track made the annual Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games possible. DuWors was one of the founders of the Games.

DuWors and **James Balfour Kirkpatrick**, who was the Dean of Education and a champion in the promotion of fitness and sport, were front-runners in getting a Field House for Saskatoon.



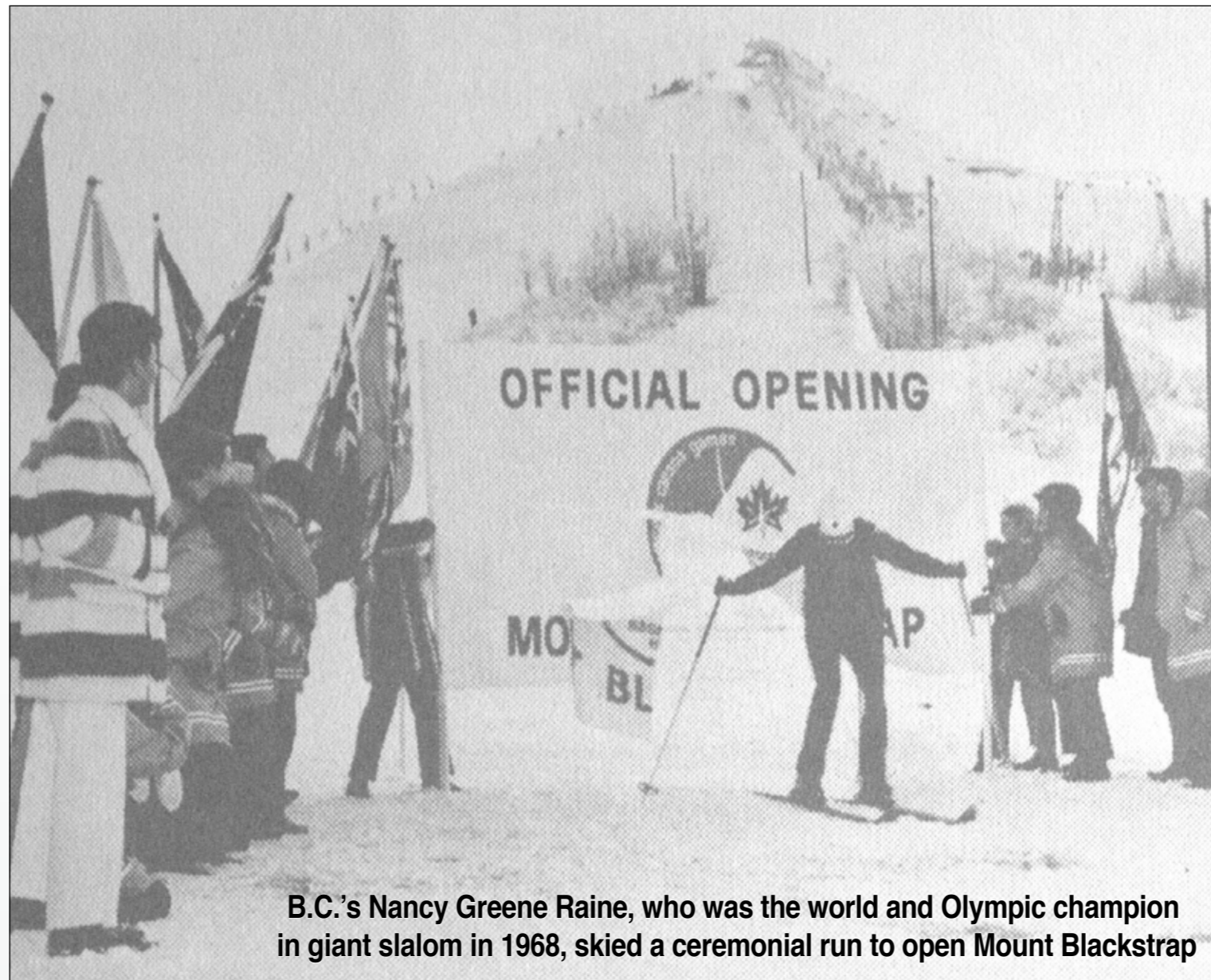
—Curling Canada

### Ole Olson

**E**lias 'Ole' Olson got a grip on curling. Olson was the skip on a rink from Marengo, a village near Kindersley, at the annual Saskatoon bonspiel in the 1930s. Olson slipped on the ice when he released a shot. The stone changed direction. Because of the experience, Olson was determined to get things straight.

He baked rubber into a set platform and settled it into the ice. The curling hack was born.

Olson moved to Edmonton and continued to change the game, adding coloured rings and a rock-sharpening machine.



B.C.'s Nancy Greene Raine, who was the world and Olympic champion in giant slalom in 1968, skied a ceremonial run to open Mount Blackstrap

—1971 Canada Winter Games program

# Game changers

## The work is done behind the scenes, but the results are right in front of us

\*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

**S**askatoon needed a mountain for the 1971 Canada Winter Games. Build it and the skiers will come.

**Paul Machibroda** made it happen.

As the project engineer with B. B. Torchinsky and Associates, Machibroda was asked about developing Horizons, the Saskatoon Ski Club's slope on the riverbank south of the city at Cranberry Flats. He said a big hill needed something more stable. He looked around. Let's do Blackstrap, he said, knowing the land there had clay fill left by a glacier.

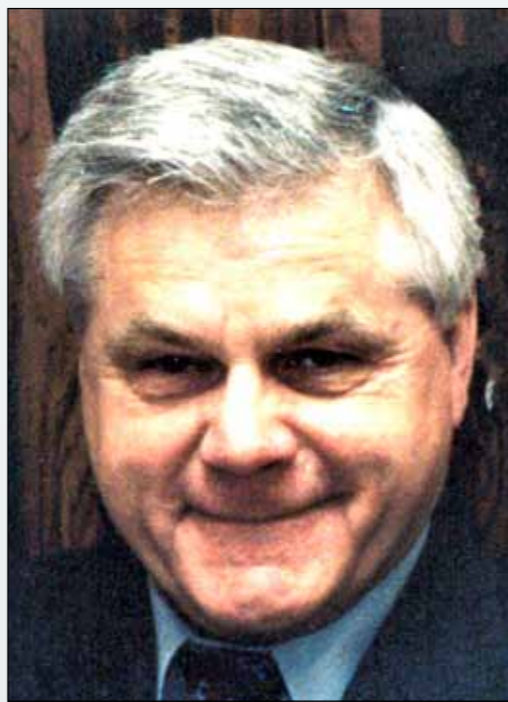
One million cubic yards were dug and piled on the site to make the mountain. Because it was for the Canada Games, Mount Blackstrap included soil from every province.

Slalom skier **Remi Cloutier** of Lorraine, QC., won bronze in the 1971 Canada Games. Cloutier later moved to Saskatoon.

In 1979, Cloutier was the head coach of Saskatchewan's alpine ski team for the Canada Winter Games in Brandon. One of his skiers was Saskatoon's **Sue Sebestyen**. Sue's father **Ed Sebestyen** was Saskatchewan's downhill champion five times in the 1950s. Making a mountain on the Prairies was Ed's idea.

Ski jumping at Blackstrap was on the program for the 1971 Canada Games. A jumper on Alberta's team was **Donald Grady** of Edmonton. Grady went on to compete in the 1976 Winter Olympics.

Twin sisters **Shirley and Sharon Firth**, 17, of Inuvik, N.W.T. finished 1-2 in cross-country skiing at Blackstrap in the 1971 Canada Games. Members of the Gwich'in First Nation, the Firths are among the first Aboriginal wom-



Paul Machibroda

en from Canada to compete in the Olympics, going to the Games four times — Japan in 1972, Austria in 1976, the United States in 1980 and Yugoslavia in 1984.

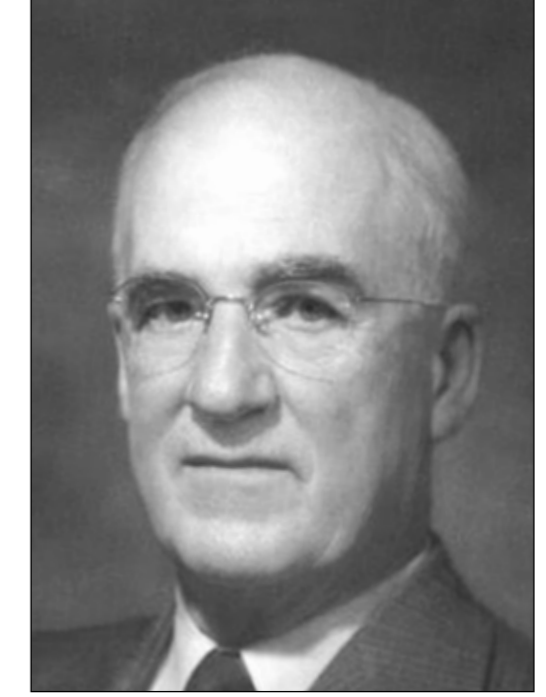
Mount Blackstrap was in service for 36 years. "I do have many fond memories of climbing up and down the hill with my father and two brothers and sister," said **Ray Machibroda**, a son of Paul and Frances. "I was only seven years old when it was constructed. This was before there were rules about health and safety and working around construction equipment. I am pretty sure my Dad's instructions from my Mom were to:

- 1) Take them out to the hill
- 2) Make them climb up and down until they drop from exhaustion
- 3) If you take four kids out, bring four back

"Sometime in the 1980s a company in Ontario hired my Dad to work on expanding their ski hill," Ray said. "Somehow this story got picked up by one of the Toronto papers who wrote a humorous account of the project including stating that my Dad was the brother of **Ted Marchibroda**, who at the time was the head coach of the [NFL] Baltimore Colts."

Ray Machibroda was the third goalie on the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team that is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. He played junior hockey for the Saskatoon J's. Ray is the president and principal geoenvironmental engineer with P. Machibroda Engineering.

"Every couple of years someone calls our office and we have to explain that soil, not garbage, was used to construct Blackstrap," he said.



—University of Saskatchewan

### Ertle Harrington

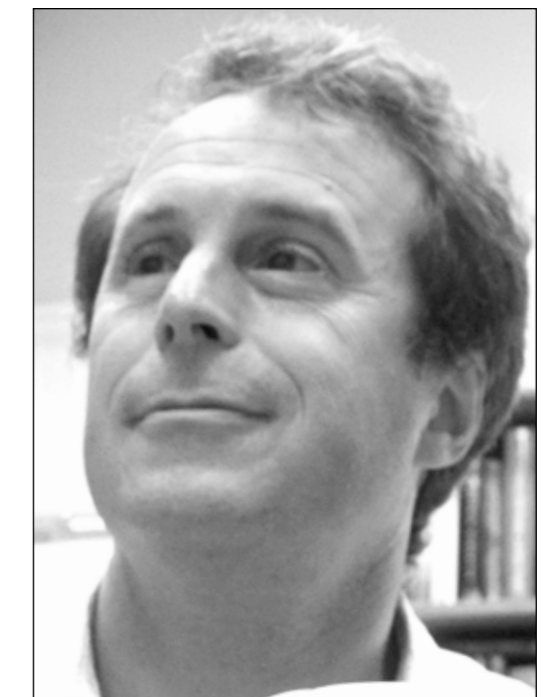
**E**rtle Harrington knew curling. He played the game. As the head of the physics department at the University of Saskatchewan, he studied the science of the sport.

Harrington researched and wrote the first paper in the world on curling. *An Experimental Study of the Motion of Curling Stones* was published in 1924 by the Royal Society of Canada, a national academy for artists, scholars and scientists.

Curling is all about friction. The rub of granite and ice affects the stone's speed and turn. Harrington drew graphs for his research paper on curling. He made formulas.

"The main conclusion of this experimental study," he said, "is that the curvature of the path of the curling stone is adequately accounted for by the unequal frictional forces experienced by the inner and outer edges of the sole of the stone."

In other words, the rock curls. Harrington studied that way back when. One hundred years later, curlers are still trying to figure it out now.



Sean Maw

**S**ean Maw cushioned the fall for speed skaters. A speed skater himself, he's been to the School of Hard Knocks.

In 2006, Maw was an engineering instructor at Mount Royal University in Calgary. With **Clifton Johnston** from the mechanical engineering department at the University of Calgary, they designed and made foam crash pads for short track and long track speed skating.

The pads have become impact players around the world, from the Olympic Oval in Calgary, to the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, to the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.

Maw is now an associate professor in the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. He's had a hand in improving the ice at the **Clarence Downey Oval** in the **Gordie Howe Sports Complex**.

**Chris Veeman** is a coach with the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club. Our ice keeps cracking, Veeman told Maw. How do we stop this?

Maw talked about it with **Glyn Kennell**, a colleague in the College of Engineering. Kennell recruited engineering students **Andrew Leslie**, **Corey Edington** and **Kent Walters** to figure it out. Veeman found a research paper from the 1990s written by **Nicolai Vasiliev**, an engineering prof in Russia.

Together, they had an answer: Reinforce the ice with fibreglass mesh. It works.



Optimist Hill in Diefenbaker Park

**M**achibroda Engineering did the geotechnical assessment for one of Saskatoon's latest sports projects, the expansion of Optimist Hill in Diefenbaker Park.

Catterall & Wright Consulting Engineers was the project manager, led by design engineer **Ryan Rogal**.

Optimist Hill — Saskatoon's new mountain — has skiing, snowboarding and tubing. It opened in the winter of 2019-20.

**S**askatoon has a track for all seasons. Playteck Enterprises of New Brunswick installed the Beynon track for track and field in the same place as the existing **Clarence Downey** speed skating oval. Problem: How can you stop skate blades and ice from slashing a rubber track? Enter **Bob Bessel** of Robb Kulmann Engineering and a Friend of the Bowl Committee.

The track is covered with tiles from FieldTurf and with tarps supplied and designed by ABC Canada, a Saskatoon-based company which specializes in mine ventilation.

"The tarps contain the water with wooden beams as a border for the track," said **Johnny Marciniuk**, the operations manager at the **Gordie Howe Sports Complex**. "The tiles and track take approximately a week to install. This year it was done in four days with the help of the Saskatoon Urban Camp."

"Urban Camp assists us in spring and fall with various tasks and it is appreciated. We start flooding when we have an average daytime temperature of minus 10.

Every winter, tiles (shown) and tarps are installed above the running surface of the track at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex so the oval can be used for speed skating

"Our FieldTurf representative applauds our ingenuity and believes that this is not done in any other jurisdiction."

**Luca Veeman** and **Taras Beveridge-Warick** should be the marketing agents. Talk about all-weather guys. If they're not racing at the track, they're training there.

Veeman finished third in the senior boys 800 metres in the **Bob Adams** Saskatoon high school track and field championships in 2022 at the **Gordie Howe Sports Complex**. Beveridge-Warick was second in the intermediate boys 800, 1,500 and 3,000 metres in the city championships last May.

As a speed skater, Veeman has competed in the world junior long track championships. Beveridge-Warick has gone to junior short track nationals.

Beveridge-Warick's paternal grandparents, **Judy** and **Randy Warick**, are both enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as builders.



# Touching base

With inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

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**\*Kerry Tarasoff** was elected to a four-year term as a governor with Curling Canada at its annual general meeting . . . **\*Peter Anholt** is on the management team with Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence for his fourth season . . . **\*Jacquie Lavallee** is a recent inductee in the Canada West Hall of Fame. Lavallee was an All-Canadian in basketball and soccer with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. **Ron & Jane Graham** of Saskatoon are added to the Hall as builders . . . **Wally Boshuck**, an athlete and coach with the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club in the 1940s and '50s, was enshrined as a builder in the Moose Jaw & District Sports Hall of Fame at its induction banquet in September. Boshuck also coached speed skating in North Battleford and Moose Jaw and was on the board with the Saskatchewan Speed Skating Association. Moose Jaw has run the Wally Boshuck Rink in Moose Jaw since 1967. Added to the Moose Jaw & District Sports Hall as an athlete is **Troy Gottselig**. Gottselig was a forward on the Huskies basketball team and the MVP at nationals when they won the U SPORTS championship in 2010 . . . **\*Trevor Ethier** was a pitcher with Team Bigman, based in Skownan First Nation, MB., which won the title in the masters men's division at the Native Canadian fastball championship this year . . . **Vanessa Kosteroski** of Saskatoon is Softball Canada's **Rose Hodgson** Volunteer of the Year for 2024. Kosteroski has been a volunteer in softball for 26 years . . . **Dean Holoien** of Melfort has been inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame. Holoien was a pitcher on the national team from 1998 to 2009, winning the Canadian men's championship with the Saskatoon Aspen Interior Black Sox in 2004 and 2009. He was a hockey forward in Saskatoon for the midget Blazers and the junior Blades . . . **\*Tom Sargeant** of the Saskatoon

Hilltops won the **Gord Currie** Award as coach of the year this season in the Canadian Junior Football League for the third time. The Hilltops were 8-0 in the regular season. From the award's inaugural season in 1989, one other Hilltop has been named coach of the year: **\*Dave Hardy** in 1995. Hilltops quarterback **Trey Reider**, the son of **Reanne Reider** and Hall of Fame inductee **\*Shane Reider**, was named the MVP and the outstanding offensive player in the Prairie Football Conference for 2024 . . . **\*Bart Arnold**, **\*Tyler Baier** and **\*Brian Guebert** are among the assistant coaches on the St. Joseph Guardians football team that won the Saskatchewan 6A high school championship in November. **Chad Palmer** is the head coach . . . **\*Bob Coffin** was the head referee at the provincial IA 6-man high school football final in Hafford. "The bleachers were packed with fans from both towns [Hanley and Hafford]," Coffin said. "Vehicles parked well back of the end zone. Every time a TD was scored there were horns honking, semi trucks air horns sounding, ambulance lights and sirens sounding. It is high school sport in its purest form." . . . **\*Jerry Friesen** of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies is the 2024 recipient of the **Gino Fracas** Award, presented by Football Canada to the top volunteer assistant coach in Canadian University Sport football. Friesen has been an assistant with the Huskies program for 18 years: 1986-95 and 2017-24. Two other Huskies have won the Fracas award: **\*Barry Radcliffe** in 2002 and **\*Ed Carleton** in 2012 . . . **\*Robyn Flaman** is head coach of the Holy Cross Crusaders senior girls volleyball team that won the high school city title in Saskatoon and finished third at 5A provincials in Weyburn.

## 1958 Replay



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix

### Ruth Budney

**\*Ruth Budney**, who is in Grade 9, is on the senior girls basketball team at Bedford Road Collegiate when it wins the city and provincial high school titles in 1958. Ruth (Budney) Wandzura goes on to win the Canadian women's basketball championship with the Adilman Aces in 1963. Bedford Road coach **\*Dot George** plays for the Grey Cab Ramblers when they win the Western Canadian women's softball title in 1946 and '47 and for the Hub City Ramblers, who are Western Canadian softball champions in 1955.

## Hall directors

- Dave Elder
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- Members at large  
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## Look at them now Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



### Ryder Germain

Cross-country running  
Ryder Germain of Bedford Road Collegiate finished first in the intermediate boys division in the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association cross-country championships. There were 109 runners in intermediate boys, making it the deepest field at provincials in October at Carlton Trail Ski Club's Dixon Hills, northwest of Humboldt. **William Sawchuk** of St. Joseph won the junior boys' title. Other top-three finishers from Saskatoon: **Lena Veeman**, Aden Bowman, second, intermediate girls **Cooper Loshack**, Aden Bowman, third, junior girls **Mateo Trejo-Monroy**, Aden Bowman, third, senior boys



### Etta Love

Weightlifting  
Etta Love, 17, of Saskatoon broke a world youth record at the world junior — under-21 — weightlifting championships in León, Spain in September. Love lifted 146 kilograms in clean and jerk. The previous record for lifters in the 87+ kg division was 145 kgs. Love is the first female lifter from Canada to set a world record. The last Canadian male to hold a record in weightlifting was Vancouver's **Doug Hepburn** in the 1950s.



### J.R. Simpson

Slo-Pitch  
J.R. Simpson of Saskatoon is now a Level 5 slo-pitch umpire. Simpson achieved the certification by working the Canadian men's and women's slo-pitch championship in Leduc, AB., last summer. Simpson has been an umpire for more 30 years and served on Softball Canada's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) team, promoting Indigenous, Black, people of colour and people with a disability in the sport. He is the umpire in chief with the Saskatoon Amateur Slopitch Association. **Craig Horbay** of Saskatoon reached Level 4 as a softball umpire at nationals.



### Anna Oliver

Soccer  
Anna Oliver of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies is the 2024 recipient of the national Student-Athlete Community Service Award in U SPORTS women's soccer. Among Oliver's volunteer efforts are the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Radiothon, Ronald McDonald House charity and Dream Broker Christmas hampers. Oliver has been an academic All-Canadian for four consecutive years. She has a degree in Exercise and Sports Studies in the College of Kinesiology. Oliver, a fullback, has played 62 games in the regular season and playoffs in her career with the Huskies.



### Stan Halliwell

Hockey  
Stan Halliwell and **Reg Morrison** have sections of the dressing room at Schroh Arena named after them. Halliwell and Morrison were co-founders of the 60+ recreational hockey league in 1993. Halliwell and Morrison were inducted as builders into Canada's 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame in 2018.

## Passings

### Bill Hay, 1935-2024, age 88 Hockey

Peak time is **Bill Hay** time. In 1954, in his one and only season with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team, Hay scored a goal in Game 4 of the Hardy Cup final, taking the best-of-five series against the Alberta Golden Bears to the limit. Alberta won the title. In 1955, Hay played for Regina in the Memorial Cup. The Pats were defeated by the Toronto Marlboros in five games for the Canadian junior hockey title. In 1957, Hay had two goals and two assists as the Colorado College Tigers defeated the Michigan Wolverines for the NCAA title.



Bill Hay

In 1959, Hay played minor pro for the Calgary Stampeders, who were defeated by the Seattle Totems in four games for the Western Hockey League title. In 1960, Hay won the Calder Memorial Trophy as NHL rookie of the year with the Chicago Black Hawks. The next year, 1960-61, Hay led Chicago in points (59) and assists (48) in the regular season, playing centre on the Million Dollar Line with right-winger **Murray Balfour** and left-winger **Bobby Hull**. The Black Hawks defeated the Detroit Red Wings in six games to win the Stanley Cup. Hay was a Black Hawk for eight years. His hockey presence continued for decades. He was president of the Calgary Flames. He was the Chief Operating Officer of Hockey Canada. He was chair of the Hockey Hall of Fame. Bill Hay was born in Saskatoon. His father Charlie was a goaltender for the University of Saskatchewan in 1923 when the team was defeated by the Toronto Granites in the Allan Cup to decide Canada's senior hockey champions. Charlie was also a quarterback on Saskatchewan's first intercollegiate football team. Bill's mother Florence was a goaltender on the U of S women's hockey team. Bill's brother Jim was a captain and centre with the Huskies in football and hockey.

### In the Big League

Athletes who played hockey in Saskatoon who went on to win the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL rookie of the year

	Saskatoon team	NHL team	Calder
<b>Lorne Worsley, G</b>	Quakers minor pro	New York Rangers	1952-53
<b>Ed Litzenberger, RW</b>	Huskies university	Chicago Black Hawks	1954-55
<b>Bill Hay, C</b>	Huskies university	Chicago Black Hawks	1959-60

Athletes who played hockey in Saskatoon who were the season points leader in the NHL. The Art Ross Trophy for the scoring leader started in 1947-48

	Saskatoon team	NHL team	Leader
<b>Newsy Lalonde, C</b>	Crescents, Sheiks minor pro	Montreal Canadiens	1918-19, 1920-21
<b>Bill Cook, RW</b>	Crescents, Sheiks minor pro	New York Rangers	1926-27, 1932-33
<b>*Doug Bentley, LW</b>	Wesley juniors, Quakers, Regals minor pro	Chicago Black Hawks	1942-43
<b>Max Bentley, C</b>	Quakers minor pro	Chicago Black Hawks	1945-46, 1946-47
<b>Roy Conacher, LW</b>	R.C.A.F. Flyers senior	Chicago Black Hawks	1948-49
<b>*Gordie Howe, RW</b>	Red Wings pee wee, King Edward Athletic Association midget, juvenile, Lions junior	Detroit Red Wings	1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1956-57, 1962-63