



Kelsie Hendry On Hall of Fame board

Athlete inductee 2016
Team inductee 2018
Track and field

Greetings from the board of directors as we head into the spring of 2022.

The board is currently made up of Bob Reindl, Lisa Down, Dave Elder, Bob Fawcett, Don Gallo, Eugene Hritzuk, Dana Kidd, Kara Lackie, Dave Moore, Phyllis Wilson, Dale Yellowlees, Anna-beth Zulkoskey and me.

A big thank you to Jacki Nichol, Jaime Boyer and Johnny Marciniuk for all your hard work and service to the Hall.

February has been an inspiring month and sport has definitely infused some much needed joy into my life lately.

First, it was an honour to watch some of our hometown athletes and future inductees realize their dreams at the Olympic Games in Beijing. On a personal note, it was especially exciting to watch a Games that took place where I competed in 2008.

Next, I have had the opportunity to spend time watching the

Huskie track & field team build momentum for a successful season. My own two boys just started to participate in track, hockey and soccer. Sport has really come full circle for me. I am loving how it stays present in my life while bringing on new roles and adventures. We have definitely been navigating some difficult times, but as spring approaches hope is in the air.

With optimism the board is looking forward to holding our induction ceremony and banquet Nov. 5, 2022. So save the date. Remember to get your nominations in by April 1. The three categories are athlete, builder and team.

The banquet provides support to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and gives all of us the opportunity to celebrate sport in our community. Be sure to get your tickets so we can spend some much needed time participating in festivities and recognizing excellence.

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Key players

Saskatoon hotel owners, management and family have a celebrated history in and around sports

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*

ALBANY HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

It was 1936. Saskatoon needed an arena with artificial ice. **Vic Colleaux**, whose holdings included the Albany Hotel and General Automotive Supply, was on a three-man committee that met with the public to talk about the idea. To build the rink downtown the city needed \$50,000 start-up money. Colleaux, a part owner of the Saskatoon Quakers hockey team, donated \$2,000. The Arena opened in 1937. Vic and his wife Letha lived in the Bessborough Hotel.

BALDWIN HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

Baldwin Hotel owner **Robert Newton Baldwin** came to Saskatoon when the city was just a village. One of Newton's prized possessions was the horse Tom Ogden, which set the record for the ice track in Winnipeg.

The Baldwin Hotel was later owned by **Ford Beavis**. Beavis was a shortstop for Conquest in 1922 when it won the title in the first annual Saskatoon Exhibition baseball tournament. Ford's sons, **Bob, Barry** and **Dale Beavis**, were top trapshooters in Saskatchewan.

Ford's son **Barrie Beavis** and grandson **Chris Beavis** now own the Senator.

COLONIAL HOTEL ... 8th St.

The Commodore Cafe, run by ***Spero Leakos** and his father Steve, was Saskatoon's postgame den for years. As the manager of the Colonial Hotel, Spero tried to make sure that teams were game ready. Consider the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes volleyball club. Coach ***Mark Tennant** was worried about his team being distracted in the leadup to the 1980 national championship in Saskatoon. He wished the team was on the road instead. "Spero contacted me," said Tennant. "He said he understood completely where I was coming from and provided complimentary hotel space for the entire team for the four-day championship. It worked. We went on to win our second consecutive title."

CONFEDERATION INN ... Fairlight Drive

Before ***Brian Sawatzky** owned and operated a city hotel, he was an agricultural student from Nipawin at the University Saskatchewan. Although undersized, he was a conference all-star at middle blocker as the Huskies men's volleyball team won its first Canadian title.

FLANAGAN HOTEL

now **HOTEL SENATOR** ... 21st St.

Henry Haskamp owned the hotel for 41 years; his son **Harry Haskamp** for 16. Harry Haskamp won a class title in the Saskatchewan trapshooting championships. He golfed in the Lobstick.

BALDWIN, EMPIRE,

QUEEN'S HOTEL ... 1st & 2nd Ave.

John Jack Wagner and **Alex Hosie** were partners in owning the Baldwin, Empire and Queen's Hotels. With **Joe Ganguish**, they also owned the Sheikhs, Saskatoon's pro hockey team for three years in the 1920s that included future NHL players **Bill Cook, Bun Cook, George Hainsworth** and **'Newsy' Lalonde**.

GEM HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

Owner **James Chrones** sponsored the Saskatoon Gems baseball team in the 1930s that included **Thomas 'Curly' Reeve**, a catcher who was one of the best hitters in the league, and **Ossie Jones**, who said he had one pitch: "An 'in and an outer. I'd throw it in and they'd knock it out." In 1951, Chrones sponsored the Delisle Gems team that included ***Jim Shirley** and **Harold Worth**, who curled in six Sask Tankards, and the **Bentley** brothers, ***Doug, Max** and **Reg**, who all played in the NHL, and their cousin **Bev**. Later in the '50s, Chrones sponsored the Saskatoon Gems baseball team that included ***Len Breckner** and ***Jack McLeod**.

KING GEORGE HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL ... Spadina Cres.

The Leier family has been prominent in Saskatoon hotels for 70 years. **James (Jack) Leier** started it, buying the KG, which was already an established hotel, then breaking new ground with the Cavalier. James's son **Don** was captain of the St. Paul's team that won the title in the Saskatoon Playgrounds Hockey League. James's son **Joe** was a high speed running back in high school for the St. Paul's Saints. Joe was on the team that won a Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association juvenile title. Don became president of Cavalier Enterprises Ltd., Joe the director of operations for Cavalier Inns. James's grandsons, Joe's sons, ***Paul, Mark** and ***Scott** all played for the Hilltops football club. Paul is president of Cavalier Enterprises Ltd.

Hotel manager **Dave Balon** hit for average and with clout as a third baseman in Saskatoon Commercial Softball. He went on to coach high school basketball, cross-country, curling, football and volleyball and has organized gate operations at Saskatoon Minor Football Field and Griffiths Stadium.

PATRICIA HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

Charles Sampson was born on a plantation in South Carolina. He came to Saskatoon from Chicago in 1906 to meet relatives of his wife. Saskatoon became home. Sampson owned the Patricia Hotel from its start in 1909 for the next 32 years. He was a charter member of Saskatoon's first golf club. He curled. He bowled. On his 88th birthday Sampson went to the annual Kiwanis Dinner, and while he said he had to pace himself, he took part in most of the dances.

***Jim Piggott** bought the Patricia Hotel from Sampson in 1941. Construction was Piggott's business, hockey his game. He owned the pro Quakers and the junior Quakers. He was the founder of the Blades.

Owners **Orest** and **Pauline Sadownik** turned the Patricia into a clubhouse. Not only was their son **Murray** a conference all-star at safety for the Saskatchewan Huskies football team. Not only was their daughter ***Shona** a trainer on a Huskiettes track & field team that won a Canadian championship. On weekends it seemed like everyone from every team on campus parked in The Pat's nightclub.

QUEEN'S HOTEL ... Ave. A & 20th St.

Karl Kusch, wife Julia and their seven children came to Saskatoon from Moose Jaw in 1883 on an ox-driven wagon. The Queen's, thought to be Saskatoon's first hotel, was built by Karl. Its 10 rooms were occupied mostly by men who worked for the railroad. Daughter **Matilda 'Tillie' Kusch** married **William Garvie**. The Garvies are the parents of ***Clarence Garvie**, who is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sport Hall of Fame as a builder, and the grandparents of ***Gord Garvie**, who is enshrined in the Hall as an athlete.

ROYAL HOTEL ... 1st Ave.

Charles Mason had a hand in one of the best seasons ever by a hockey team from Saskatoon. Mason was a 19-year-old right winger on the Saskatoon Wesley, who were defeated by the Winnipeg Monarchs by one goal in the Abbott Cup final in 1932 to decide the Western Canadian junior champion. Winnipeg advanced to the Memorial Cup national championship and was defeated by the Sudbury Wolves, featuring forward **Hector (Toe) Blake**. Blake went on to win the Stanley Cup twice as a player and five times as a coach. Earlier in the 1932 playoffs, the Wesleys beat the Calgary Jimmies in Edmonton, with Mason scoring two goals, and the Trail Smokeeaters in B.C.

Mason's father **William** and his uncles **Arthur** and **Charles** owned the Royal Hotel and sold it to **Joe Ganguish**, who was the manager of the Wesleys in 1931-32.

WESTERN HOTEL ... 2nd Ave.

Before he owned the Flanagan Hotel, **James Flanagan** had the Western Hotel for four years, from 1903 to 1907. The Western Hotel changed hands until 1963, when it was demolished to make room for an addition to the Woolworth 5- & 10-cent store. Flanagan donated a trophy for a city bonspiel in 1904. He donated the Cup awarded in the Northern Saskatchewan Hockey League in 1905-06.

Passings

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Lori Ebbesen, 1959-2021, age 62 Triathlon

Lori Ebbesen starts her race at 7 in the morning on a summer Sunday in 2003. She crosses the finish line at 7:30 that evening. Typical triathlon.

It's a wonder the Subaru Canada triathlon was even held in Penticton, B.C., in 2003. A week earlier, a lightning strike sparked a forest fire in Okanagan Mountain Park that continued to burn. The course changed, but the race was on for almost 2,000 competitors; first a 3.8-km swim, followed by 180 kms of cycling, then a 42-km run.

You could almost taste the smoke.

Ebbesen finished strong. She had the ninth-fastest time among women aged 40-44 in the marathon leg and placed 29th overall in her division.

Ebbesen also did a triathlon in Australia and Florida. She ran the Boston Marathon. She coached triathlon.

She was a certified triathlon official, going to the Western Canada Summer Games and the national junior series, to the world age group championships and the International Triathlon Union Grand Final.

Born in Regina, her work career included being a research facilitator at the University of Saskatchewan. She wrote published scientific articles on health.

Ebbesen was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame as a builder in 2017.



Lori Ebbesen

Larry Haylor, 1946-2022, age 76 Baseball, football

Larry Haylor's arm is dangerous.

In baseball, he wins a provincial title as a pitcher with Prince Albert Anavets in Little League in 1958, a Western Canadian junior championship with the Saskatoon Torchinsky T'Birds in 1965 and the provincial senior title in 1966 with a T'Birds team that includes third baseman ***Al Mitchell**, coach **Larry Lashyn** and manager **Murray McKee**.

In 1969, Haylor plays for the Unity Cardinals, who defeat the Eston Ramblers in the final of the annual Saskatoon Exhibition tournament. Later that summer, Haylor is on Saskatchewan's baseball team that goes 2-2 in the first Canada Summer Games in Halifax.

Haylor pitches in relief of **Ross Stone** in the final of the Canadian senior championship in 1970 when the Saskatoon Commodores, managed by ***Spero Leakos**, are defeated by B.C. 3-2. ***Randy Munch** drives in both Commodores runs with a triple.

In basketball, Haylor is a rookie guard with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in 1965. He wins the provincial senior title in 1970 with the Saskatoon Commodores, led by captains **Bill Lacy** and **Bob Mirwald**. Haylor coaches the U of S Pups club in 1971-72 that includes guard ***Dean Faris**.

In football, Haylor joins the Huskies as a quarterback in 1964 and is a back-up in 1965. He shelvees football for two years, returns to the game to play intra-mural football on campus in 1968, then is named the Huskies' starting quarterback in 1969. Although he is injured in the first game and misses the next two games because of broken ribs, Haylor leads the team in yards passing in '69.

Haylor is a Huskies assistant coach on offence for three seasons, first to ***Al Ledingham**, then to **Bob Laycoe**, then to ***Val Schneider**. In Haylor's third season, 1973, the U of S Air Force of tight end **Gerry Harris**, split end ***John Konihowski** and flankers **Robin Adair** and ***Larry Giles** catch 14 touchdown passes from quarterback **Dave Pickett**, who wins the Hec Crichton Trophy as the player of the year in Canadian university football.

Haylor moves to Halifax to be the assistant co-ordinator of the Dalhousie University Tigers in 1974. A season later he joins the staff of the Western Mustangs in London, ON., and in 1984 becomes the head coach of the university's football program. In Haylor's 22 years as head coach, the Mustangs win the Vanier Cup as Canadian champions twice, against the Saskatchewan Huskies in 1989 and 1994. Haylor returns to Griffiths Stadium in 1998 for the national semi-final. Saskatchewan, with head coach ***Brian Towriss**, defeats Western en route to the Canadian title.

Haylor is enshrined in the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame, the London Sports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.



Larry Haylor

All-time coaching wins U SPORTS football Regular season and playoffs

Coach	Home	University	Wins
1. Brian Towriss	Moose Jaw	Saskatchewan	196
2. Glen Constantin	Quebec City	Laval	191
3. Greg Marshall	Guelph	McMaster, Western	178
4. Larry Haylor	Prince Albert	Western	169

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Famely

- **David Blackburn**
Team inductee, 1990 U of S Huskies football (athlete)
Lariene Blackburn.....David's wife
Team inductee, 2002-03, 2003-04 U of S Huskies women's track & field (assistant coach)
- **Gerry Heskett**
Team inductee, 1982, 1983 Liners senior baseball (off-field manager)
Brian Heskett.....Gerry's son
Team inductee, 1982 Liners senior baseball (ball boy)
- **Andy Messner**
Team inductee, 1973 Blue Angels junior women's softball (coach)
Kathy (Messner) McAllister.....Andy's daughter
Team inductee, 1973 Blue Angels junior women's softball (athlete)
- **Gord Remmen**
Team inductee, 1968, 1969 Hilltops football (athlete)
Team inductee, 1970 U of S Huskies track & field (athlete)
Ray Remmen.....Gord's brother
Athlete inductee, harness racing



Pat Henschel (left) of Cabri and Terry Donahue (right) of Melaval

Close to home

Two female athletes from Saskatchewan celebrated by Bobblehead Hall of Fame

Pat Henschel, 18, first met Terry Donahue, 22, in the winter of 1947 in the Moose Jaw Arena. Henschel played defence for the Moose Jaw Wildcats hockey team, Donahue forward.

They spent 72 years together, much of the time residing in the city of St. Charles, a hour west of Chicago, when Donahue worked as a book-keeper for an interior design business. Henschel and Donahue were married in 2015 after the U.S.

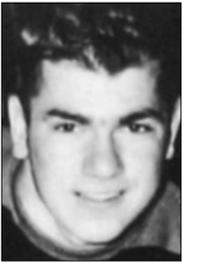
Supreme Court said same-sex marriage is legal.

Their story is in the documentary *A Secret Love*, directed by Donahue's great-nephew Chris Bolan. Considering their story, as well as Donahue's four seasons in the All-America Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1940s, the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame & Museum has issued limited edition bobbleheads of Henschel and Donahue.

Donahue plays her first year of senior softball in 1943 with the Moose Jaw Royals. To raise \$1,800 needed for travelling that season, the Royals sell pictures of the players for \$1 apiece before a exhibition game at home at Ross Wells Park against the Regina All-Stars. Anyone buying a picture gets free admission to the game, plus the chance to win \$50 in a draw. The team doesn't make have enough to pay for its trip to Detroit for the 11th annual world softball championship. **Bill Passmore**, the sponsor of the team and manager of the Royal Theatre in Moose Jaw, foots the bill. The Royals go 1-2 at worlds. Canada's two other clubs, Vancouver Western Nationals and Toronto Sunday Morning Class, both finish 2-2.

Metro Prystai,

a 17-year-old from Yorkton who goes on to be a centre in the NHL for 11 seasons, is an official for an exhibition hockey game between the Moose Jaw Wildcats and the visiting University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes in 1945. Terry Donahue scores two goals in a 4-3 win, with more than 3,000 people in the rink.



Metro Prystai

Donahue scores a goal in a 3-0 win by the Wildcats in an exhibition game in 1948 against the Moose Jaw city councillors. The councillors wear overshoes and carry brooms; the Wildcats are on skates and move the rugby-size ball with hockey sticks.

Donahue and Pat Henschel are teammates on the Wildcats for the Western Canadian senior women's hockey championship in April 1950.

The Winnipeg All-Stars defeat Moose Jaw 2-0 in games in the best-of-three series for the Lady Bessborough Trophy.



Muriel Coben



Peggy Kerr



Thelma Grambo



Martha Caudle

—Photos LH-6330

Coben, Kerr, Grambo and Caudle are all enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1947 Grey Cab Ramblers.

Coben is also in the Hall with the 1959 Adilman Aces basketball team and Caudle with the 1967 women's 5-pin bowling team.

***Muriel Coben** is the winning pitcher in the fifth and final game of the series as the Saskatoon Pats defeat the Moose Jaw Royals 1-0 at Ross Wells Park to win the Saskatchewan senior women's softball title in 1944.

This is the first championship for the Pats, who were defeated by Donahue and the Royals in the final in 1942 and 1943.

Coben pitches in three of five games in the series, winning twice and recording 15 strikeouts.

Donahue is the winning pitcher for Moose Jaw in Game 3 on a two-hitter.

The Pats' lineup includes left-fielder ***Peggy Kerr**, catcher ***Thelma Grambo** and third baseman ***Martha Caudle**.

Grambo goes on to play for a season in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

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Touching base

With Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees

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Man in motion

***Tom Sargeant** plans to return to the Saskatoon Hilltops in 2022. This will be his 25th year as head coach of the football team and 36th overall, four as a tight end in the 1980s and seven as an assistant coach in the 1990s ...



Tom Sargeant
in 1985

Tim Berrett has been awarded a 2021 OLY Canada Legacy Grant to develop and deliver the Walking Champions de Marche project. The school-based program will introduce youth to the benefits of walking. Berrett is a former resident of Saskatoon now based in Edmonton. He competed in race walking in five Olympic Games from 1992 to 2008 ... **Daryl Slade** was on the committee in 2021 that named the top 75 players all-time on the Calgary Stampeders in the Canadian Football League. Slade, a native of Smeaton, was an all-star defensive lineman in 1973 in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Junior Football League with the Saskatoon Hilltops. He has been a statistician in the Prairie Junior Football Conference, the North Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and the Saskatchewan Valley Hockey League. In his career of 40-plus years as a newspaper reporter, Slade worked for the Saskatchewan Valley News, the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix and the Calgary Herald.



Daryl Slade

Read all about it

Scotty: A Hockey Life Like No Other is a biography of **Scotty Bowman**. (McClelland & Stewart 2019). It's written by **Ken Dryden**, who was a goalie on the Montreal Canadiens coached by Bowman that won the Stanley Cup for four consecutive years from 1975 through 1978. Dryden notes that in 1963 Bowman lasted only seven games as the head coach of his first pro team, the Omaha Knights, who were the Canadiens' farm team in Nebraska in the new Central Professional Hockey League (CPHL). The Knights were owned by **Don Morrison** and **Rod Morrison**, brothers from Saskatoon who had been playing teammates of ***Gordie Howe** for one season with the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. In 1963 the Omaha Knights travelled by bus, while the other teams in the CPHL went by train. Writes Dryden: ♦ Maybe the problem was because the season had opened with so many games on the road, he was anxious. Travelling by bus instead of by train, he thought — he knew — would be a huge disadvantage for his team. Or maybe the problem was that Scotty wasn't mature enough. He knew hockey; his teams won. But maybe he was like a piano prodigy, so absorbed in what he was doing he had no time to do anything else. As to whether the team would travel by bus or train, Scotty couldn't let it go, and the Morrisons wouldn't let it go. After the Knights' seventh straight win to start the season, he quit ... Volleyball Canada rec-



Ian Mirtle

—Saskatoon StarPhoenix

***Ian Mirtle's** start to high school coaching is a banner season.

Mirtle, who had been awarded a teaching scholarship for physical education as a graduating student in Saskatoon Teachers' College in 1964, is the coach of Kinistino Composite for the Saskatchewan 1A girls basketball championship in 1966. Kinistino defeats Shaunvon 37-21 for the title.

The Kinistino and District Chamber of Commerce holds a wind-up banquet for the club. All 11 girls get a trophy. Mirtle presents the team with a new basketball donated by Saskatoon businessman ***Roly Howes**, who owns Birney's Hardware, a sporting goods store. Mirtle knows sports.

In his senior year at Bedford Road Collegiate, he was a fullback on the football team coached by **Carl Chiko** and **Mike Marushak** that finished second at provincials.

Mirtle was one of only two players taller than six feet on Bedford's basketball team coached by **Merv Houghton** that was

eliminated in the quarter-finals at the northern Saskatchewan playoffs.

In track and field, Mirtle broke Bedford's records in junior discus and shot put in Grade 11. He placed third in both throwing events at provincials in Grade 12.

After Kinistino, Mirtle taught algebra and phys ed at City Park Collegiate. He was the coach of the boys basketball team at City Park that competed in Bedford Road's first BRIT tournament in 1968.

In 1972-73, Mirtle coached City Park's volleyball Cowboys, a first-year program, to the Saskatoon high school boys title, while his basketball team finished second in 4A boys provincials.

Dan Paulsen and ***Brian Gamborg** played on both teams. Paulsen led the league in scoring in basketball. Gamborg went on to be a two-time All-Canadian in university volleyball, winning a national championship with the Saskatchewan Huskies.



Roly Howes



Brian Gamborg

ently posted on its website — <https://volleyball.ca> — a feature on Regina's **Tania Harrison**, who has coached club, high school and university volleyball since the 1990s. "Working towards the certifications I needed, I worked with ***Anne Cote**," said Harrison. "She was a very influential person to take my coaching to the next level. I was coaching the provincial team in my 20s and she was in her 40s, so she brought much-needed maturity to the coaching staff. We still remain in touch." ... Two alumni of the University of Saskatche-



Anne Cote

wan basketball program are being inducted into the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame. Foward **Blair Gameau** was named a conference all-star twice in his five years with the Huskies. Post **Dalyce Emmerson**, a two-time All-Canadian, was on the Huskies team that won nationals in 2015-16 ... **Ken Babey** was enshrined in the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in January as a builder in hockey. Babey, an alumnus of Holy Cross High School and the U of S, coached the hockey team at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for 27 years. He has also coached the Canadian national team in para hockey.

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Look at them now

Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



Amy Jorgensen
Gymnastics

Amy Jorgensen of the Saskatoon Marian Gymnastics Club has been named by Gymnastics Canada Gymnastique to the national artistic team for the second consecutive year.

Jorgensen is the only female from the Prairies on the list of 19 junior and senior athletes.

She finished third all-around in the junior division at the Canadian virtual championships last year.

Jorgensen's coaches with Marian are ***Chris Baraniuk** and **Dana Brass**.



Terry McAdam
Ringette

Terry McAdam of Saskatoon has been enshrined in the Ringette Canada Hall of Fame.

McAdam and ***Dwayne Andreen** are the founders of the Saskatoon Wild in the National Ringette League.

McAdam coached both of his daughters in ringette.

Among the events he organized are 2009 Western Canadian championships and the 2010 Canadian championships.

McAdam was on the board of directors with Ringette Canada from 2008 to 2012.

"He is the epitome of what ringette represents," said player and coach ***Erin Cumpstone**.



Tanya Shevchenko
Para dressage

Tanya Shevchenko is hoping to qualify in para dressage for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris with her gelding Apollo.

Shevchenko is a nurse at the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. She lives with her husband Bryce and their two children, Corbin and Sloan, in Neunlange, a hamlet just north of the city.

As a 2022 recipient of the Bridging the Gap Training Bursary, Shevchenko gets to train in Ocala, FL., with five-time Paralympian **Lauren Barwick** of B.C.

Shevchenko had her lower right leg amputated five years ago. She is coached by Osler's **Erin McCormick**, who owns Equilibrium Therapeutic Riding Inc.



Jonathan Mudryk
Special Olympics

Jonathan Mudryk of Saskatoon received an Inspire Through Sport Award, a new award this year in the annual Saskatchewan Sport Awards.

Mudryk has been with the Saskatoon Thunderhawks softball club for nine years. He was a pitcher on Saskatchewan's team that won gold at the 2018 Canadian Special Olympics.

He is raised by a single parent, his mother **Brenda Mudryk**. A profile by SaskSport said Jonathan was born with a heart defect and has recently had a heart and liver transplant.

Saskatchewan Sport 2021 Awards

● Female athlete	Keely Shaw	Midale	Para cycling
● Male athlete	Rylan Wiens	Pike Lake	Diving
● Youth female athlete	Teah Chavez	Regina	Tennis
● Youth male athlete	Chase Pochylko	Saskatoon	Golf
● Team	Team Sask U15 girls		Water polo
● Coach	Mary Carroll	Saskatoon	Diving
● Inspire Through Sport	Jonathan Mudryk	Saskatoon	Special Olympics
	Marj Walton	Regina	Swimming
● Coaching dedication	Astrid Baecker	Regina	Soccer
	Erin McCormick	Osler	Para dressage
● Volunteer dedication	Jocelyn Moe	Humboldt	Weightlifting
	Megan Penno	Regina	Special Olympics
	Jamie Schneider	Regina	Curling



Cianna Lieffers
Hockey

Cianna Lieffers, a native of Cudworth, and Alex Clarke of Weyburn were officials in women's hockey at the recent Winter Olympics in Beijing, China.

Lieffers has been an official with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association for 12 years. Her international experience includes the Four Nations Cup in 2018, the world U18 championship in 2019, the world youth Olympics in 2020 and the world championship in 2021.

Lieffers completed a BS degree in Kinesiology and Science with great distinction at the University of Saskatchewan in 2017 and added a BS degree in secondary education and teaching in 2018.