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Dana Kidd Hall of Fame president

Athlete inductee, golf, 2014

Where to begin...

First off, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame we hope that everyone is keeping healthy and happy as possible in this strange reality we find ourselves in. Sadly, we lost a past board member, Allan Few, to the coronavirus last spring. He was a great man and contributed significantly to the success of the Hall.

Usually at this time of year anticipation would be building for our annual induction. Unfortunately, the event is not happening this year. Our 35th induction and banquet will be in 2021 — optimistically — and we will be able to once again celebrate the accomplishments of so many talented and hard working individuals.

There are some changes when we resume our event. The location of the event has changed from TCU Place to Prairieland Park and the length of the program will be different to allow for more mingling and celebrating with inductees, family and friends.

Our new home is still in the works at Gordie Howe Sports Complex, but due to the current economic climate our move forward has been delayed.

Please continue to think of deserving individuals to nominate for induction into our Hall. We rely on your input.

The Board and I wish you health and well being during this time. As in sport, when a team works together as a collective unit everybody wins.

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Andrzej Gronowicz's

arrival in Saskatoon in 1988 is a watershed for sprint canoeing and kayaking in the province. A native of Poland who won a silver in doubles as a competitor in both the world championships and the Olympics, he has developed athletes who have won medals at the Canadian championships for more than 30 years.

Twelve athletes coached by Gronowicz in land-locked Saskatchewan — where ice on the river means they can't even train on the water for months — have made the national team and gone to the world championships.

NEAR & FAR

Although they're not enshrined in the Hall of Fame, their impact in sport goes way beyond Saskatoon



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

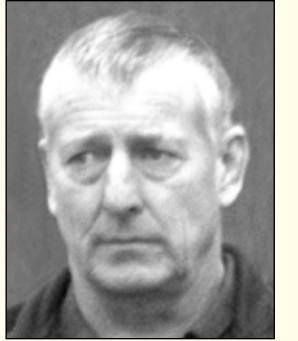
Seema Kamal went from winning midget girls hurdles at the Saskatoon high school track and field championships in Grade 9 at Evan Hardy Collegiate to capturing the Canadian university title in her senior year with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. She was one of Canada's top sprint hurdlers throughout the '90s, making the national final for six years, highlighted by a second-place finish in 1992 and a third in 1996. She was on the national team for the World University Games in 1995 in Fukuoka, Japan.

John Hanbidge's

trademark in wrestling is his leg strength. Hands down. He won back-to-back provincial high school titles in Grade 11 and 12 at Walter Murray Collegiate. In university with the Saskatchewan Huskies, he won the conference title twice and was runner-up twice. He was second at university nationals.

In the history of the Canada Games, wrestling has been a harvest of plenty for Saskatchewan. Hanbidge won bronze at the 1975 Games in Lethbridge.

He has coached club, high school and university wrestling for 40 years.



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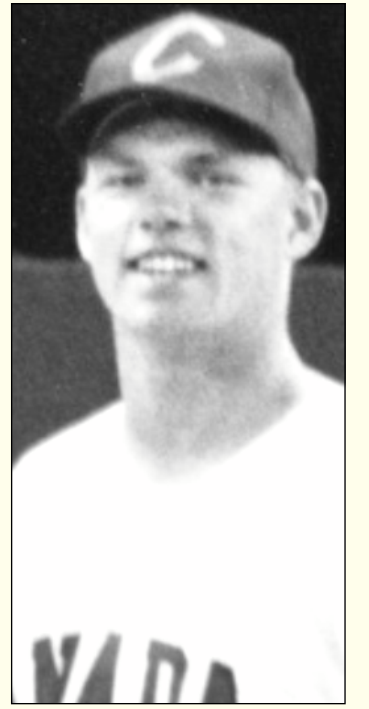
Amy Vermeulen scored four goals in the semifinal and one in the final as the Marion Graham Falcons won the provincial high school soccer championship. She was named to Canada's national under-17 team and then to the under-19 team. At the U-20 World Cup in Edmonton in 2002, Vermeulen scored the winning goal for Canada in its opening game. Canada went on to finish second. She won bronze with the Canadian team in the 2007 Pan-American Games and was an alternate on the Canadian team for its first Olympics, in 2008. She is third all time in points for the University of Wisconsin, with 99. She also played hockey on the first ever Wisconsin Badgers team to qualify for the NCAA championship tournament.

Tim Kroeker

turns a double play — baseball to football — with distinction.

He was a right-fielder and third baseman on Canada's national team at the baseball World Cup in 1995 in Nicaragua. He has worked as an official in the CFL Grey Cup three times since 2014.

Kroeker's other highlights in baseball include silver with Saskatchewan at the 1989 Canada Games in Saskatoon, fourth with Saskatoon Rempel Bros. Cubs in the 1996 Canadian senior championship, and bronze at the 1993 World University Games in Buffalo, Canada's first baseball medal in international competition.



Bill Eng has been a fixture in sports since the late 1960s. As a kid in Shaunavon he played hockey and football. As an education student at the University of Saskatchewan, he did stats for the Huskies football team, the Huskies hockey team and the Huskiettes and Huskies volleyball teams. He was assistant director of the intramural sports program on campus.

Eng has gone on to coach high school football and basketball, Hilltops and Kinsmen minor football and mosquito baseball. He was a basketball official. He's been to clinics for gymnastics and soccer.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

Klaus Traeger

worked behind the scenes as an organizer and administrator as Saskatchewan became a major player in table tennis, winning 10 medals at the Canada Games from 1983 to 2003, and sending athletes to the world championships in Vancouver and China. Traeger served as president of the Saskatchewan federation. He was a team chaperone on trips. He was even a gofer in daily practice, rushing around the floor in the training centre in Saskatoon, gathering table tennis balls for the athletes as they hit balls all over the place.



Brian Michasiw

has won the Saskatchewan Marathon six times. He competed in the Canada Games in cycling. He's done the Wasikesiu triathlon.

With his business, Brain-sport Athletics, he started the annual **Ric Hanna** Leadership Award to honor someone who promotes and develops running.

Michasiw launched the Running and Reading program to encourage education and physical activity.

He started a running club for rec and high performance athletes.

He has led campaigns to donate used runners to youth in Kenya.



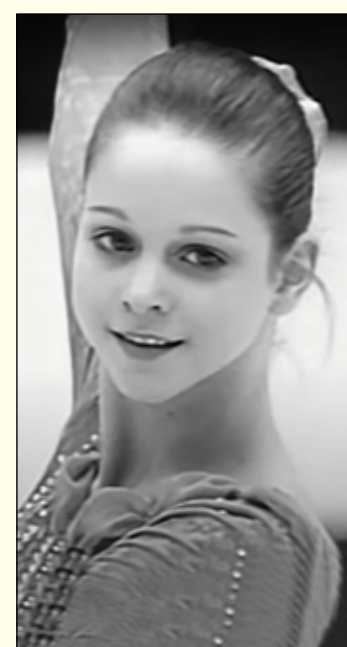
—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

Pat Prokopchuk's

experience is as good as gold.

After ***Colette Bourgonje** of Saskatoon won two silver in sit-skiing in the 1998 Paralympics in Japan, she made a point of giving one of her medals to Prokopchuk. That's because it is Prokopchuk who introduced sit-skiing to Saskatchewan. It was Prokopchuk's sit-ski from Europe that Bourgonje used when she started doing the sport.

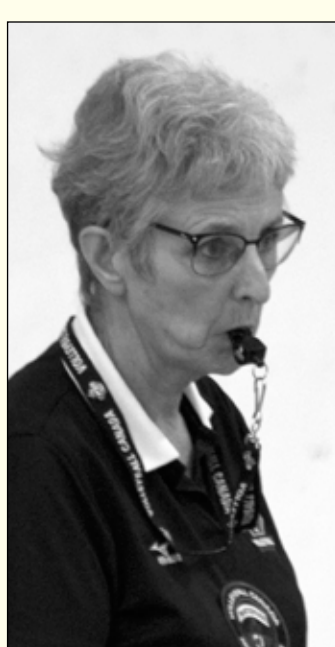
Prokopchuk has designed a sit-ski. She's been president of SASKI Skiing for the Disabled. The World Cup for disabled skiing came to North Battleford. Prokopchuk helped make it happen.



Nicole Watt of Melfort finished second in the women's event at the Canadian figure skating championships in 2001, the best finish ever by a Saskatchewan senior skater in women's, men's, pairs or dance.

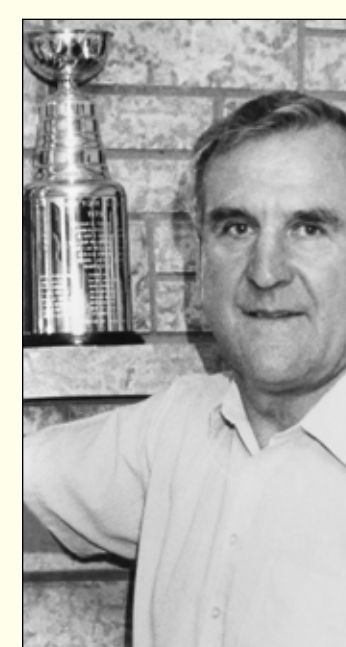
When her joints swelled due to rheumatoid arthritis her ankles were sometimes too swollen for her skates. Yet Watt also finished fourth in seniors two other times at nationals and competed internationally.

"Several things make a champion," said ***Dale Hazell**, Watt's coach at the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club. "Intelligence. Physical ability. Practise constructively. Enjoy performing. Nicole has that blend."



Marilyn Walter

covers all angles in volleyball. She played for the first U of S Huskiettes team, coached by ***Mark Tennant**, that went to the Canadian championship, finishing second at nationals in 1974-75. She is the first athlete from Saskatoon who was invited to try out for the national women's volleyball team. She was the first technical director of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association. She has coached club and high school volleyball. She is an official in volleyball competitions from coast to coast.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

Gerry Ehman won the Stanley Cup in 1964 as a forward on the Toronto Maple Leafs.

In 1968 he was the first player on the NHL's Oakland Seals to score a hat trick.

As the scouting director of the New York Islanders, he hit the jackpot. The Islanders, built by Ehman and led by centre **Bryan Trottier** of Val Marie, SK, and goalie **Chico Resch** of Moose Jaw, won the Stanley Cup for four consecutive years from 1980 to 1983. Since then, no NHL team has won more than two consecutive titles.

Higher calling

*Diane Jones Konihowski newest inductee in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Fifteen people with a connection to Saskatoon are enshrined in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

*Arnie Boldt.....	Athlete	Para athletics
*Colette Bourgonje	Athlete	Para athletics, para nordic skiing
*Ethel Catherwood.....	Athlete	Athletics
Bill Cook.....	Athlete	Hockey (Saskatoon Crescents/Sheiks player, Saskatoon Quakers coach)
*Pat Fletcher	Athlete	Golf
*Dr. George Genereux.....	Athlete	Trap shooting
*Gordie Howe.....	Athlete	Hockey
*Bill Hunter.....	Builder	Hockey
*Diane Jones Konihowski.....	Athlete	Athletics
Édouard 'Newsy' Lalonde.....	Athlete	Hockey (Saskatoon Sheiks player-manager)
*Catriona Le May Doan.....	Athlete	Speed skating
Kay (MacRitchie) MacBeth	Team	Edmonton Grads basketball (Born in Saskatoon)
Joan (Inglis) McCusker.....	Team	Curling (University of Saskatchewan curler)
Sandra (Peterson) Schmirler	Team	Curling (University of Saskatchewan curler)
Dorothy (McKenzie) Walton	Athlete	Badminton (University of Saskatchewan athlete athletics, basketball, hockey, swimming, tennis)

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Churchill School on Haultain Avenue

Mark in the sand

Griffiths Stadium was Diane Jones Konihowski's back yard for two decades. This all started in late spring of 1962 when Saskatoon Public Elementary Schools moved their annual track & field meet to Griffiths Stadium from Cairns Field.

Diane, who was in Grade 5 in Churchill School, finished second at the 1962 meet in girls 10-11 broad jump.



Gymnast Diane Jones (second from right), and her sister Joanne (third from right)

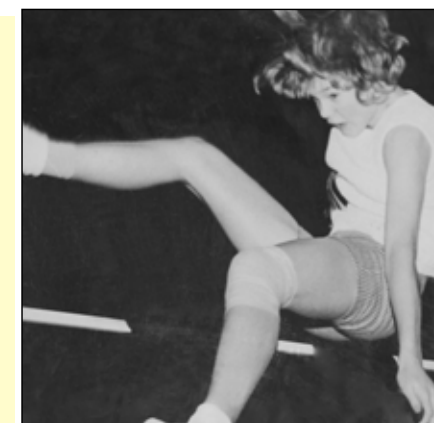
Song and dance

In her youth, Diane played piano. She sang. She took ballet. She was into broomball and basketball and baton. Two weeks after her 14th birthday, she went to Winnipeg with the Saskatoon Marian Club for the Manitoba Open gymnastics meet. She finished second all-around in the novice division. "I really learned co-ordination, balance," she said of gymnastics. But she was still growing. She grew too tall to continue to hang around on the uneven parallel bars.

Higher, stronger

Diane, 14, won the midget girls high jump in the inaugural Saskatchewan Jubilee Games, later known as the Knights of Columbus Indoor Games, in 1965 in the downtown Arena. Her coach was ***Bob Adams**, the vice-principal at Aden Bowman Collegiate and an Olympic decathlete who first noticed Diane years earlier in a potato sack race at a church picnic.

When she was a student at the University of Saskatchewan, now coached by ***Lyle Sanderson**, Diane continued to raise the bar; she was the first woman to train in the weight room on the U of S campus.



Diane Jones in the first Saskatchewan Indoor Games

—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo



Diane's record throw in shot put

—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

School of thought

When you say Jones, think high school.

In 1969, Diane finished second in a city high school essay competition sponsored by the Saskatoon Board of Trade and the Consumers Association of Canada during National Consumers Week.

Diane's throw in senior shot put in Grade 12 in the Saskatoon high school track & field championships is still the meet record, 51 years later. Her sister ***Joanne Jones Vause** holds a 50-year-old meet record in midget long jump.

Diane had her first teaching job in 1973, teaching phys ed at Irwin Junior High in Swift Current.

In the spring of 1976, students at Hudson Bay Composite in northern Saskatchewan ran a lap-athon in the school gym. They raised more than \$1,600. They gave the money to Diane and sprinter ***Joanne McTaggart** to help the two Saskatoon athletes cover their cost of training for the Olympics in Montreal later that year.

Close to home

Diane's mother **Joan Jones** played field hockey as a youth in England. " (Mom is) excitable and emotional; always going 90 miles an hour," Diane told journalist **Roy MacGregor**. "I get my aggressiveness from her."

Diane gets goodies from her dad; eating strudel and cheesecake a fringe benefit of her part-time job in her teens at Stenes Bakery on Avenue B, a shop run by **Hugh Jones** and **Egon Steiniger**.

Diane's sister **Joanne Jones** is twice named the female athlete of the year at the University of Saskatchewan. Joanne competes in pentathlon in the Pan-Am Games and World University Games.

Brother **Dean Jones** is on a Boy Scout crew that canoes from Calgary to Saskatoon one summer.

Brother **Murray Jones** makes a career in waterwork. His research and findings for Water Survey of Canada is cited in journals.

Diane for the record

1973-74, 1974-75 — Mary Ethel Cartwright Trophy

University of Saskatchewan female athlete of the year

1978 — Bobbie Rosenfeld Award, Canada's female athlete of the year

1978 — Velma Springstead Trophy, Canada's female athlete of the year

1979 — Chatelaine magazine's first Woman of the Year

Olympics

1972 Munich, Germany — 10th in pentathlon (100m hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump, 200m)

1976 Montreal, Canada — Sixth in pentathlon, 11th in long jump

1980 Moscow, Soviet Union — Canadians did not compete in the 1980 Olympics

2000 Sydney, Australia — Canada's Chef de Mission

World University Games

1973 Moscow, Russia — Third in pentathlon

Pan-American Games

1975 Mexico City, Mexico — First in pentathlon, sixth in long jump

1979 San Juan, Puerto Rico — First in pentathlon, fourth in long jump

Commonwealth Games

1974 Christchurch, New Zealand — Sixth in pentathlon, 10th in shot put

1978 Edmonton, Canada — First in pentathlon (100m hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump, 800m)

—Canadian Press photo/Canadian Olympic Association/RW



Diane Jones (back row, right) with the Aden Bowman volleyball team

Winter and springs

Diane, 15, competed in the first ever Canada Winter Games, in 1967 in Quebec City. She was on the girls volleyball team from Aden Bowman Collegiate, coached by teacher **Joy Treleven**, that qualified as Saskatchewan's team in the sport. The team placed seventh.

Diane, 18, was also in the first Canada Summer Games, in 1969 in Halifax and Dartmouth. She was the only gold medalist from Saskatchewan

at the Games, winning pentathlon in track & field. She added silver in high jump. Diane's future husband,

***John Konihowski**, 19, from Moose Jaw, won bronze in the 1969 Canada Games in triple jump.

John Konihowski



Queen's Baton carved by Nick Sikkuark (left)



—Edmonton City Archives EA-340-488

Wide world of sport

Diane started competing internationally when she was 16. Although she reached the 1972 Olympics in Munich at 21, her big breakthrough came a year later, at 22. She won bronze in pentathlon at the World University Games in Moscow. At 24, she won gold at the Pan-Am Games in Mexico City.

She was 25 for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Her parents, Hugh and Joan, were at the Games. The cost of their tickets and accommodation was supplemented by a gift the Jones family received from people near Uranium City. Diane's boyfriend John Konihowski, a third-year receiver in the CFL with Edmonton, kept in contact by calling long-distance.

"He can afford to; he got a better contract from the Eskimos," Diane said at the time. "He only calls me every second night. He didn't get THAT good a contract."

In 1978, Diane carried the Queen's Baton on the final leg of a ceremonial relay that started at Buckingham Palace in England. She presented the baton to **Queen Elizabeth** during the opening ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. The baton, carved out of narwhal tusk by Inuit artist **Nick Sikkuark**, had images depicting Inuit sports. Four days later, Diane won pentathlon gold.

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Passings

Jack Adams, 1921-2020, age 98 Athlete inductee, horseshoe pitching

The horseshoe pitch on the Saskatoon Exhibition grounds should be called the Land of Adams. Consider the 1940 provincial championship.

Saskatoon's Jack Adams won the opening game in the best-of-five final in 1940 at the Exhibition. His father, Art, took the next three games to win the event, one of Art's 14 consecutive Saskatchewan titles.

Jack Adams got into horseshoes in 1933. Five years later, at age 17, he won the Saskatchewan junior championship.

Jack competed for more than 80 years. He won the Maritime provincial title in 1946 in Dartmouth as a lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces. He won the Canadian championship in 1975 in Burnaby, B.C. He won a world title in 1994 in New York.

Jack Adams not only played horseshoes, he promoted the game. When he was on the executive of Horseshoe Saskatchewan, he led the drive to have horseshoe pitching accepted as a member of Sask Sport. He wrote the first constitution of the B.C. association. He was the founder of Horseshoe Canada, serving as its president. He was a sponsor of the portable pitches used by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America at world tournaments. He was a coach, official and rulekeeper.



Jack Adams



Chipperfield

Gordon Chipperfield, age 73 . . . golf

Gordon Chipperfield of Prince Albert is the only player under par in two rounds as Saskatchewan wins the title by one stroke at the Canadian junior interprovincial golf championship in 1964 in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Also on the team are Andy Black of Regina and Saskatoon's Rick Maguire and Murray Osborn.

Bruce Gordon, age 58 . . . hockey

With precision and wit, Bruce Gordon is the public address announcer and scorekeeper for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's hockey team for more than three decades, from 1985 through 2020. In 1998, he received the Justice Joe Kane Award as volunteer of the year in U SPORTS hockey.



Gordon

Phil Takahashi, age 63 . . . judo

Phil Takahashi of Ottawa won the Canadian judo title in the 60-kg weight class 10 times. He finished third in the world championships in 1981 and competed in the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympics. He moved to Saskatchewan in 1988 to become the high performance coach of Judo Saskatchewan. He returned to Ottawa in 1994, teaching English and phys ed in high school.



Takahashi

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Family

● Max Abraham

Team inductee, player 1968 Hilltops football

● David Abraham

Team inductee, player 1991 Hilltops football

● Dick DuWors

Builder inductee, track and field

● Maureen Rever DuWors

Athlete inductee, track and field

Team inductee, assistant coach 1970-71 U of S Huskies men's track and field

● Don Smith

Team inductee, assistant coach 1980-81 U of S Huskiettes women's volleyball

● Gina Smith

Athlete inductee, equestrian-dressage

Our home, his place

Chet Brewer, a 6-foot-4 pitcher from Kansas, is a story of finesse and endurance. He played at Cairns Field in Saskatoon for visiting teams from the 1930s to the '50s.

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1935

Chet Brewer drives in the winning run with a two-out single in the 14th inning as the Kansas City Monarchs defeat the House of David 2-1 in an exhibition game at Cairns Field. The House of David is a touring team from a religious colony in Michigan; the Monarchs are the longest-running team in the history of the Negro Leagues.

"This will go down in the records as one of the finest (games) played here," a reporter said in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix.

Chet beat Dizzy Dean, one of the Hall-of-Fame Deans, in a barnstorming tour once, and he shut out the 1932 Athletics, one of the all-time great teams, 4-0.

— Columnist Jim Murray, 1967

1953

Carman Cardinals of the Manitoba-Dakota League, led by 45-year-old player/manager Chet Brewer, defeat the Saskatoon Gems at Cairns Field to go 4-1 on their trip to Saskatchewan in a series of interlocking games against teams in the Western Canada League.



—Photos from Center for Negro League Baseball Research

Chet Brewer at a glance

- ◆ Born: 1907
- ◆ Died: 1990
- ◆ Pitcher, first baseman, outfielder: 1922-1953
Negro Leagues, minor pro, independent barnstorming team.
Canada, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, United States
- ◆ Player-manager: 1952-53
- ◆ Major league scout, instructor: 1957-1974
- ◆ Pitched in baseball's first season with night games: Kansas City Monarchs owners James Wilkinson and Thomas Baird paid for a portable lighting system for baseball in 1930. On Aug. 2, 1930 at Kansas City Muehlebach Field Pittsburgh Homestead Grays defeated Kansas City Monarchs 1-0 in 12 innings. Grays pitcher "Smokey" Joe Williams 27 strikeouts Monarchs pitcher Chet Brewer 19 strikeouts
- ◆ First Black American to play in Mexican League 1938.
- ◆ Negro National League champion Kansas City Monarchs 1925, 1926, 1929
- ◆ Negro American League champion Kansas City Monarchs 1940, 1941
Cleveland Buckeyes 1947
- ◆ Colored World champion Kansas City Monarchs 1929
- ◆ First Black American manager in U.S. baseball 1952.
Riverside-Ensenada Comets, all-Black American team, in Southwest International League in California.
Comets lineup includes Tom Alston, Jesse Blackman, Clemente Varona, who is a native of Havana, Cuba, and Lester Witherspoon, teammates of Brewer in Saskatchewan in 1951 with the Indian Head Rockets.
- ◆ Los Angeles named a ballpark Chet Brewer Field to honour him for his work with youth and community service.
- ◆ Indian Head Rockets teammate Tom Alston, first baseman, first Black American to play for St. Louis Cardinals in the Major Leagues 1954.
- ◆ Indian Head Rockets teammate Bobby Prescott, first base/third base/outfield, played for Kansas City Athletics in the Major Leagues 1961.

Look at them now

Sask. athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



Shelby Tornato

Hockey

Shelby Tornato of Saskatoon was a goalie for four seasons with the Minot State Beavers college hockey team in North Dakota.

Tornato was the Beavers' starting goalie for three consecutive years at the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II national tournament.

Minot State was defeated in the semifinal in 2016-17 and in the final in 2017-18 and 2018-19. The completion of the 2019-20 season for collegiate sports was cancelled in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prior to college, Tornato played two seasons for the Battleford Sharks in the Saskatchewan AAA Midget Hockey League.

In ringette, she played for the Saskatoon Blaze that finished second at the Western Canadian U16 championship in 2012, and for the Saskatoon Riot.



Justin Loshack

Multiple sports

Justin Loshack has been named male coach of the year in the Saskatoon district by the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association for 1999-2000.

Loshack has coached football and track and field at Aden Bowman, Evan Hardy and Walter Murray Collegiates since 1992.

He is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1991 Hilltops and the 1996 and 1998 University of Saskatchewan Huskies football teams. He was a defensive back on the teams.

SHSAA 1999-2000 Awards

Service Award:

Jill Konkin, Centennial

Female coach of the year:

Candace Loshack, Walter Murray

Male coach of the year:

Justin Loshack, Aden Bowman

Outstanding official:

Murray Sackmann, volleyball

Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate Awards

Merit Award:

Lisa Hodson, Holy Cross

Paul Humbert, Aden Bowman

Jill Konkin, Centennial

Martin May, Online School

Service Award:

*Louis Christ, community

Daryl Hesklin, Centennial



Kimberly Bergey Kaip

Judo

Kimberly Bergey Kaip of Regina is the latest recipient of the Most Outstanding Referee Contribution Award from Judo Canada.

As an athlete in judo, Bergey Kaip was the Canadian junior champion in 1989, the Canadian senior champion in 1991 and on the national team for five years. She finished third at the world masters championships in 2003.

She also won the Canadian senior wrestling title four times.

Bergey Kaip is a coach with the Avonhurst Judo Club in Regina.

She was enshrined as an athlete into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.



Adam Beckman

Hockey

Adam Beckman of Saskatoon won the Four Broncos Memorial Trophy as the player of the year in the Western Hockey League in 2019-20.

Beckman, a second-year forward with the Spokane Chiefs, led the league in goals (48) and points (107) and was third in assists (59).

Beckman played bantam hockey with the Saskatoon Frostbite, midget with the Battlefords North Stars and junior with the Nipawin Hawks.

Saskatoon Blades forward Gerry Pinder was the WHL's first player of the year, in 1966-67. Blades centre Bernie Federko won the award in 1975-76.

Two goalies from Saskatoon have been the WHL player of the year: Cam Ward of the Red Deer Rebels in 2003-04 and Darcy Kuemper of the Rebels in 2010-11.



Maddy Humbert

Basketball

Maddy Humbert of Saskatoon has been selected as one of Saskatchewan's two coaches in the 2021 Canada Games Women in Coaching Apprentice Coaching program.

Humbert will be on the staff of the Saskatchewan women's basketball team in the 2021 Canada Summer Games in the Niagara region in Ontario.

Humbert played high school basketball for Aden Bowman Collegiate and for five years in university with the Saskatchewan Huskies, from 2013 to 2018, as a student in the College of Education.

Saskatchewan's other apprentice coach for the 2021 Canada Games is Marit Neff of Regina in athletics.

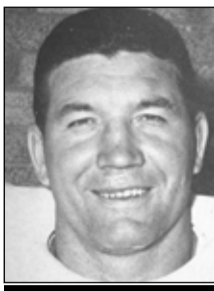
Selected in the Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program are Mandy Herman of Clearwater River for wrestling and Cory Graton of Lloydminster for volleyball.

Wayne Shaw #1 on Riders' hit list

***Wayne Shaw** has been selected as the top linebacker in the history of the CFL Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The pick was made by three historians of the Roughriders: **Bob Calder**, **Tom Fuzesy** and Regina Leader-Post sportswriter **Rob Vanstone**. Shaw was a linebacker with the Riders for 12 years.

In the 1966 Grey Cup, Shaw forced a fumble by the



Ron Atchison



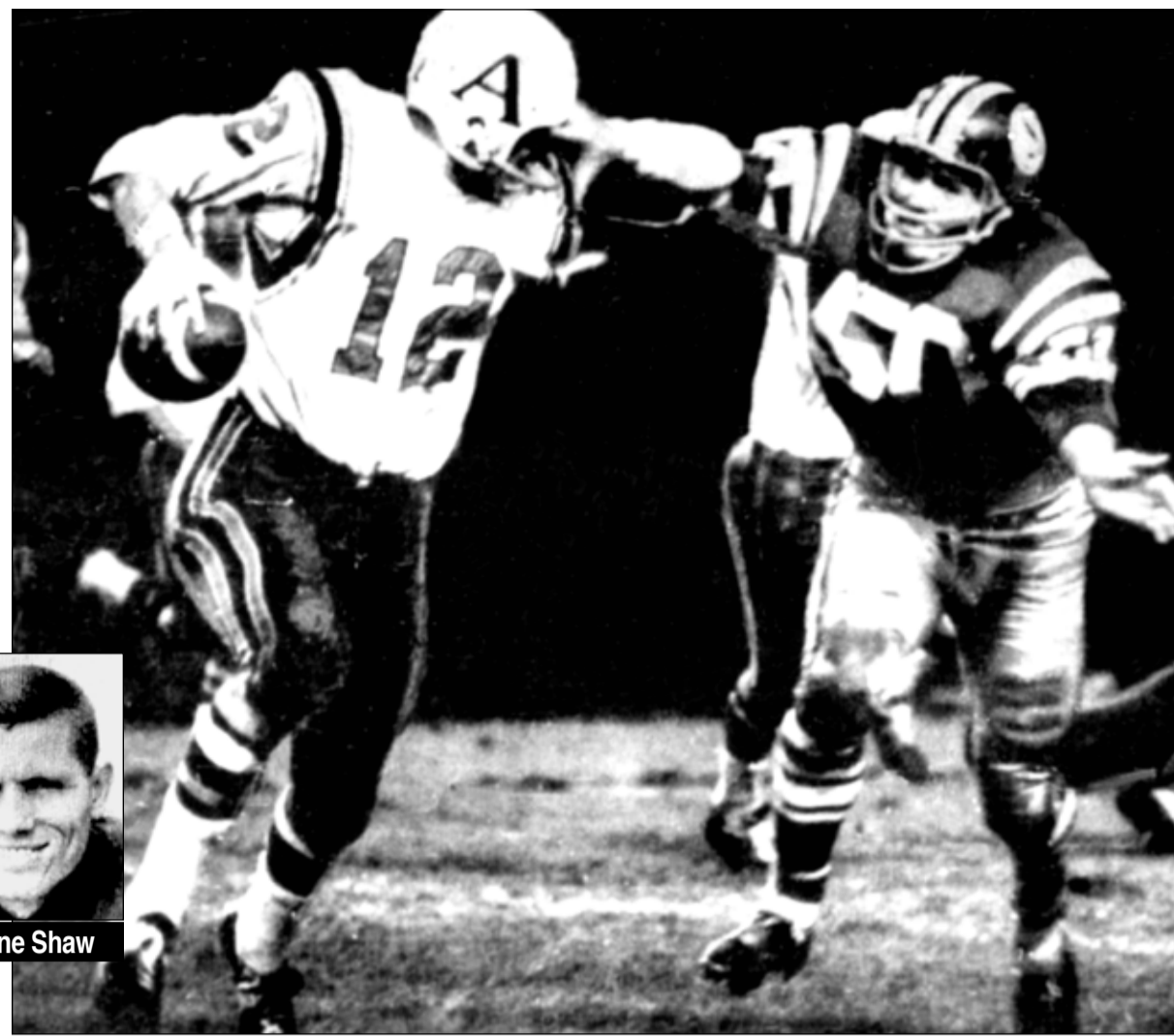
Gene Makowsky

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Ottawa Rough Riders that led to a Saskatchewan touchdown and the first CFL title in the history of the Green and White.

The panel named **Gene Makowsky** of Saskatoon as the Riders' top offensive lineman of all time.

They picked ***Ron Atchison** of Saskatoon third all-time among defensive linemen, with **Bobby Jurasin** first and **Ed McQuarters** second.



—Canadian Press/Saskatoon StarPhoenix

Wayne Shaw (right) of the Saskatchewan Roughriders has Toronto Argonauts quarterback Wally Gabler on the run in a CFL game in 1967



Wayne Shaw

Fan favourites

Fullback **George Reed** was selected as the Saskatchewan Roughriders most popular player in a survey on social media by the Regina Leader-Post. Reed received 69 votes. Quarterback **Ron Lancaster** was second, with 58 votes, and quarterback **Darian Durant** third, with 53.

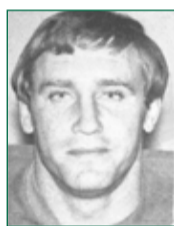
Twelve Riders who have a connection to Saskatoon received votes in the survey. See below.



Barwell



Bates



Dushinski



Farthing



Heenan



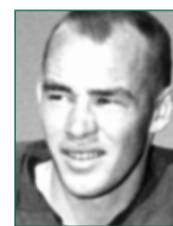
Johns



Lazecki



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West

Player	Votes	Roughriders	High school	Junior, university football
*Ron Atchison	2	1952-68 guard, tackle	Saskatchewan adult education	Saskatoon Hilltops
*Gord Barwell	1	1964-73 flanker, split end	Saskatoon City Park	Saskatoon Hilltops
*Kelly Bates	1	2010 offensive guard	Humboldt Collegiate	Saskatoon Hilltops, University of Saskatchewan Huskies
*Ted Dushinski	1	1965-75 defensive back	Saskatoon Nutana	Saskatoon Hilltops
*Dan Farthing	4	1991-01 slotback	Saskatoon Holy Cross	University of Saskatchewan Huskies
Ben Heenan	1	2012-14 offensive lineman	Regina Sheldon-Williams	University of Saskatchewan Huskies
Al Johns	1	1980-87 defensive tackle	Saskatoon Walter Murray	Saskatoon Hilltops, Pacific University Boxers
Mike Lazecki	1	1990-92 kicker, punter	Regina Campbell	Regina Rams, University of Saskatchewan Huskies
Gene Makowsky	5	1995-11 offensive lineman	Saskatoon Walter Murray	University of Saskatchewan Huskies
*Wayne Shaw	1	1961-72 linebacker	Wilcox Notre Dame College	Saskatoon Hilltops
Mark Urness	1	1985-89 offensive lineman	Clavet Composite	Saskatoon Hilltops, College of the Sequoias Giants, Boise State Broncos
*Dale West	2	1962-68 defensive back	Saskatoon Bedford Road	University of Saskatchewan Huskies, Arizona Wildcats

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Affecting sport like sport affected him



Glen Penner

Wilson School's hockey team, coached by teacher **Francis Dancey** and led by the line of **Eddie L'Herault**, **Jim Howard** and ***Garnet McKee**, goes undefeated in 11 games to win the title in the Saskatoon Public and Separate School Hockey League in 1952-53.

McKee's teammates include goalie **Ron Zamko**, who four years later in Grade 11 at City Park Collegiate wins the senior boys

shot put event with a record throw at the Saskatoon high school track and field championships; **Glen Penner**, who serves on city council in Saskatoon for a record 26 years; and ***Howard Kellough**, who in his career as a lawyer receives a Lifetime Contribution Award from the Canadian Tax Foundation for his work as a tax specialist.

McKee, a forward on City Park's juvenile hockey team, finishes fourth in the league in points in 1956-57 in the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association.

McKee, goalie **Don Burdego** of St. Paul's and goalie ***Billy Remenda** of Riversdale are co-winners of the league MVP award.

Although he is juvenile age, McKee is added to the lineup of the Saskatoon Quakers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for a few games in the winter of 1956-57. He also plays high school basketball for City Park Maroons that season.



Howard Kellough

Quarterback ***Bob Belak** connects with rookie halfback McKee for a 12-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring in the second quarter and the Saskatoon Hilltops go on to defeat the Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs in Montreal for the Canadian junior football title in 1958. McKee has a touchdown in all four of the Hilltops' playoff games. In 1959, and after a regular season abbreviated by injury, McKee scores five touchdowns in the playoffs as the Hilltops win their second consecutive Canadian title.

Howard Kellough, a friend of McKee's since their days in grade school at Wilson and through high school at City Park, is a running back with the Hilltops in the 1958 championship season.

McKee thinks about playing hockey for the junior Quakers, but due to his bookload as an engineering student at the University of Saskatchewan he passes.

Next thing you know he is playing university hockey for the Dogs. He is a left-winger with the Huskies for four years. In his second season with the team, in 1958-59, coached by ***Don Burgess**, he scores a goal

against the Manitoba Bisons in a win that clinches the Huskies' first league title in six years.

Saskatchewan challenges the University of Toronto in a West-East showdown in 1959; Canada doesn't yet have a university hockey championship. Citing the cost of travel, Toronto declines.

McKee plays two seasons of university football as one of the Huskies' Fleet Four halfbacks — McKee, **John Arnot**, ***Brian Casselman** and ***Dale West** — with QB **Bob Mirwald**. McKee also plays defensive back, punts and returns kicks.

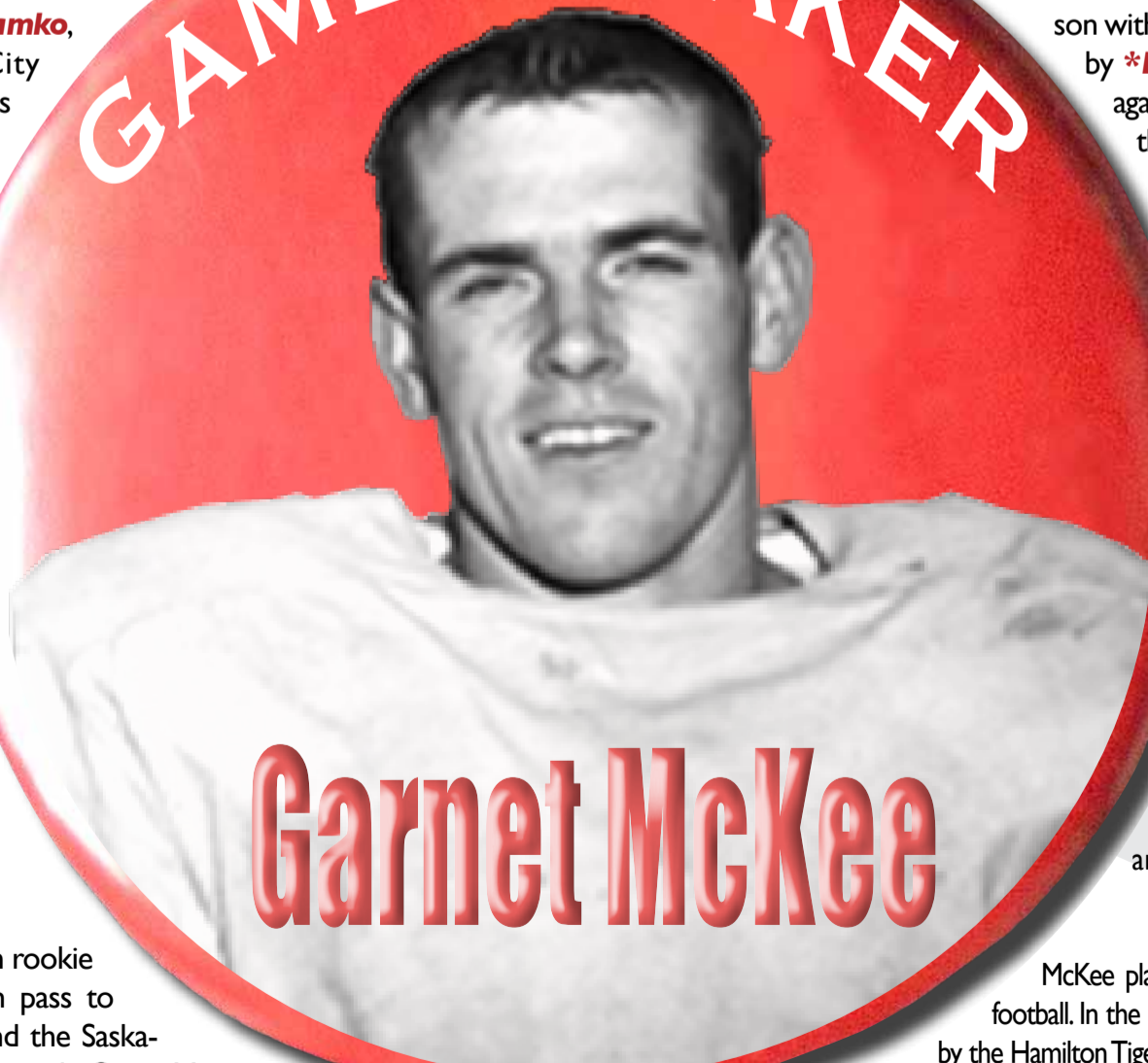
McKee is the manager and **Bill Turner** the coach of the Saskatoon Dunlops, a new team in 1968-69 in the Northern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

Dunlops' lineup includes **Rick Jackson**, who later plays for the University of Saskatchewan, leading the Huskies in scoring for two seasons, and **Don Kozak**, who plays in the NHL for nine years.



Don Burgess

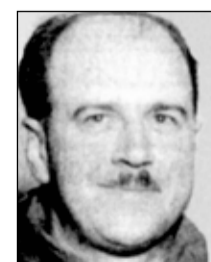
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Garnet McKee

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McKee played high school, junior and university football. In the CFL he was a late cut in training camp by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He was an assistant coach with the Hilltops and the Huskies. In 1971, he was the head coach of the Babineaus, a team in the Saskatoon Kinsmen Football League named in honour of ***John Babineau**, who was McKee's head coach with the Hilltops in 1958. The Babineaus won the Kinsmen bantam title in '71. **Rick Rowley** scores a touchdown in the final. ***Axel Fisher** has three converts. Rowley goes on to a career in education in Saskatoon. He is the head coach of the Bishop Mahoney Saints when they win the provincial 3A high school title in 1987. He is later the principal at St. Joseph. Fisher wins a national title with the Hilltops in 1978 as a tight end and in 1985 as an assistant coach.



John Babineau