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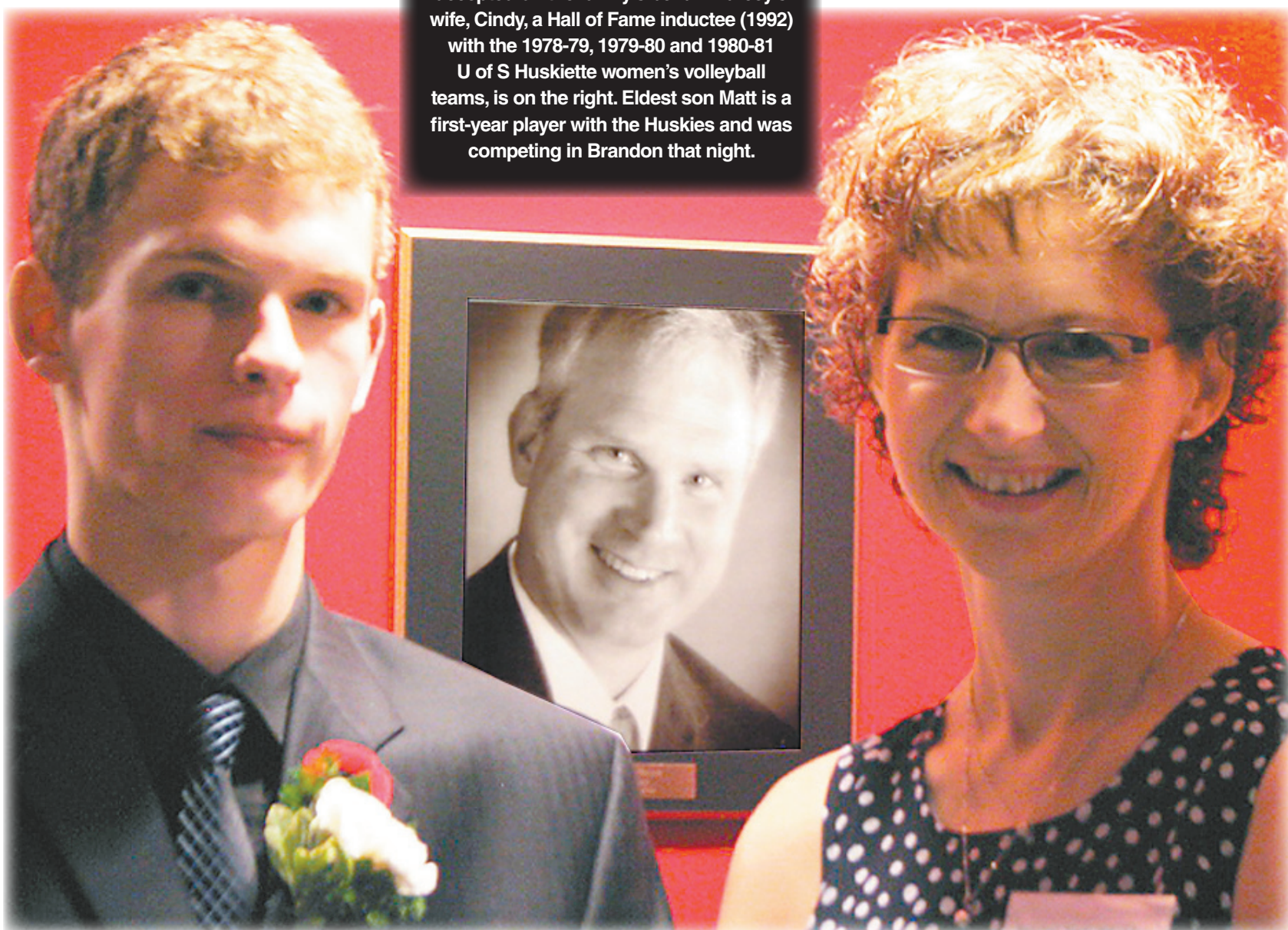
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Cory Funk (top, right) of the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon and **Jim Rynn** of the Kiwanis Club of Riversdale represented their organizations, which were named the sports organization of the Year



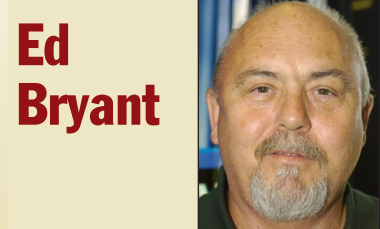
24TH ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER NOV. 7 AT TCU PLACE

The audience numbering 500 gave a standing ovation at the induction presentation for the late **Darcey Busse**, a volleyball player. Son **Eric Busse** (left) accepted on the family's behalf. Darcey's wife, **Cindy**, a Hall of Fame inductee (1992) with the 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 U of S Huskiettes women's volleyball teams, is on the right. Eldest son **Matt** is a first-year player with the Huskies and was competing in Brandon that night.



Builder inductee and hockey historian Bill Seymour (left) receives a pair of 19th century skates as a gift from friend P.J. Kennedy

President's message



Welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for 2009. Our 24th annual induction ceremonies and dinner was a huge success with just over 500 in attendance. It was a great evening for the inductees, their family members and friends and enjoyed by all who attended. On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, I want to thank everyone who attended and especially those past inductees and board members who assisted with the induction ceremonies. A huge thank you also to Ned Powers, Kevin Waugh, Simon Hiatt and Bob Florence for the superb job they did again this year. To our sponsors and suppliers for 2009, thank you for your support and assistance in making this event possible. The new year 2010 will bring our 25th annual induction ceremony and the board will commence planning in the near future for that event. On behalf of the board of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, I extend to you and your family all the best for the upcoming Christmas and New Year season.

24TH ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER

- Master of ceremonies
 ● **Kevin Waugh**
 Citation reader
 ● **Simon Hiatt**
 Video presentation
 ● **Simon Hiatt** and **Ned Powers**
 Piper Don McDonald
 ● **Simon Hiatt**
 RCMP escort
 ● **Sgt. Ernie Fast**
 Honorary guests
 ● **Joceline Schriemer**
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● His Worship **Don Atchison** Mayor of Saskatoon

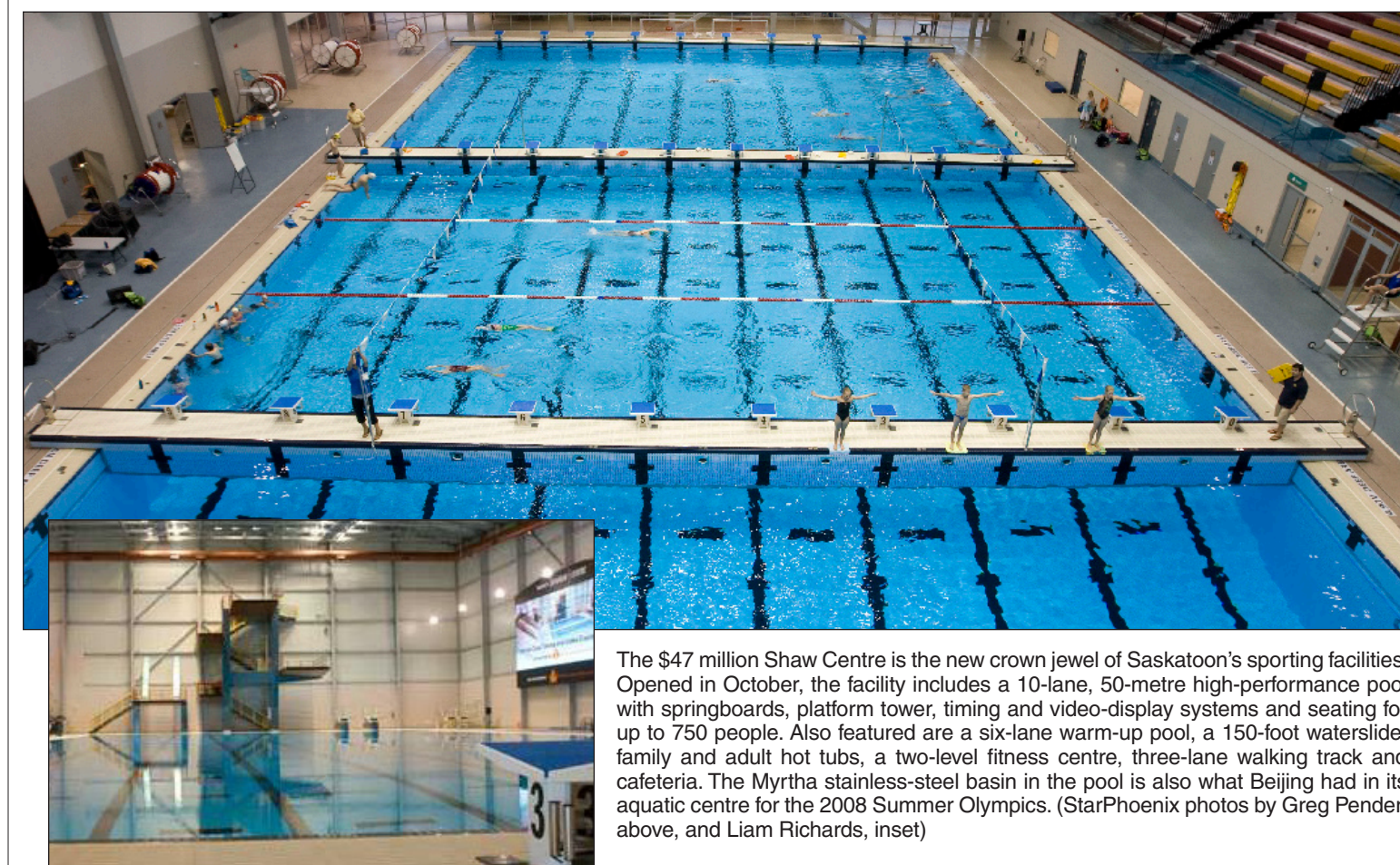
● **Shirley Kowalski** Representing Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame Museum

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● **Ed Bryant** President Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Nomination forms are available on the **Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame website** saskatoonsportshalloffame.com or at the **Field House**.

WORLD CLASS



The \$47 million Shaw Centre is the new crown jewel of Saskatoon's sporting facilities. Opened in October, the facility includes a 10-lane, 50-metre high-performance pool with springboards, platform tower, timing and video-display systems and seating for up to 750 people. Also featured are a six-lane warm-up pool, a 150-foot waterslide, family and adult hot tubs, a two-level fitness centre, three-lane walking track and cafeteria. The Myrtha stainless-steel basin in the pool is also what Beijing had in its aquatic centre for the 2008 Summer Olympics. (StarPhoenix photos by Greg Pender, above, and Liam Richards, inset)

CATCHING UP with CORRINA KENNEDY

Kennedy was a world champion in sprint kayaking, a member of the Canadian Olympic team in Atlanta in 1996 and an inductee in the Hall of Fame in 1999.



Corrina in Olympia, Greece Summer 2009

"Saskatchewan supported me so well. I travelled the world (as a kayak athlete) and gained skills I otherwise wouldn't have had. Those opportunities changed my life. I figured I should give something back to the sport for all it did for me."

We saw your name in the results of a cross-country skiing competition in Alberta a few years ago.

"I've taken up road biking, too, and marathon canoeing. I just want to do things I haven't done before."

Catriona Le May Doan is one of the friends featured on your Facebook page. Does the friendship go back to your days together at Holy Cross High School?

"Yes. We competed on the track team. I ran hurdles and high jumped. I couldn't throw javelin or anything like that. I still throw a baseball like a girl. It's sad. That's something I still haven't figured out how to do."

If you had a chance to run a leg on the Vancouver Olympic torch relay this winter, would you?

"I'm in. Or so I've been told. I'm supposed to be doing a leg between Lethbridge and Calgary."

"My husband (Scott) and I were in Greece this summer. We went to Olympia (site of the ancient Olympics) at sunrise and I ran a lap around the track. I ran, he watched."

Careful. He is not here to defend himself.

"Rock climbing is more Scott's thing. Although I have managed to teach him how to steer a boat."

"We got married in September. For our honeymoon we went canoeing at Maligne Lake. It's up in the glaciers in Jasper."

Do you still have any of the cool swag you received as an athlete, being on the national team?

"I use my equipment bag from Atlanta. It has my medicine ball and basketballs in it."

"And I still have my PotashCorp boat."

At home? In the living room?

"No. Not at home. It's at the boat club."

What are your enduring memories of training on the South Saskatchewan River?

"The best memories are those hot 35-degree days, paddling down past the Power Station, hanging out on a sandbar."

"The worst was the time I tipped and fell in when there was still ice on the river. Oh, that was cold."

"Sorry, I'm a fairweather athlete."

Touching base

Hall of Fame inductees **Sylvia Fedoruk** (curling), **Pat Lawson** (basketball, golf) and **Vera Pezer** (curling) were among the 100 Alumni of Influence recognized by the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science at a gala luncheon in October. The college is celebrating its centennial this year. **Don Listwin**, a setter/outside hitter with the 1978-79 Canadian champion University of Saskatchewan Huskies volleyball team (team inductee, 1996), has been elected to the Board of Scientific Advisors with the National Cancer Institute in the U.S. Listwin's background is in engineering, not science, but he has made his name in scientific circles as chair of the Canary Foundation, a non-profit organization he set up in 2004, dedicated to research into early cancer detection. "If 20 years from now, a book is written (about developments in cancer science), I'll be happy if this (wrote with the Canary Foundation) is a chapter," said Listwin, who lives in Woodside, Calif. ... Builder inductee **Dave Moore** was all over the map during the summer. He was a volunteer driver for the International Softball Federation men's world championship in Saskatoon, umpired at the world women's qualifier in Maracaibo, Venezuela and then went to the International Softball Congress world championship in Des Moines, Iowa.



Don Listwin

Beech had its 42nd annual Western Days Rodeo in September. The event logo is fashioned from a photograph of the late **Brian Claypool**, an athlete inductee in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame who twice won the bull riding title at the Calgary Stampede. ... At the recent Gold Plate Gala in Edmonton in support of Canadian Olympic and Paralympic athletes, three people paid \$10,500 each for a wine-and-cycling trip to Napa-Sonoma, Calif., with speed skater and Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductee **Catriona Le May Doan** and sprint canoeist **Adam van Koeverden**. ... Builder inductee **Jim McClements** says this will be his final season of officiating on the World Cup speed skating circuit. McClements has been a skating official at the domestic level since 1966 and was named to the four-person



Keith Russell wins major award

Keith Russell, an associate professor at the University of Saskatchewan, is the 2009 recipient of the Geoff Gowan Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Coaching Association of Canada.

Russell, who was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder in 2002, has been active as a gymnastics coach for almost 40 years.

A native of Prince Albert and former coach with the Canadian gymnastics team, he founded the Taiso Gymnastics Club in Saskatoon in 1979, going on to develop Olympians Warren Long and James Rozon.

Russell was named the 3M Canadian male coach of the year in individual sports in 1995 and is a life member of Gymnastics Canada. Widely published, Russell is renowned for his ability to explain the science of sport to coaches.

"Keith embodies a lifetime commitment to coaching education and a passion for gymnastics," said Jean-Marie De Koninck, chair of the board of directors with the Coaching Association of Canada. "It is impossible to find a coach in Canada who has not been influenced or mentored in some way by him."

Russell is the co-recipient of the 2009 Geoff Gowan Award with wheelchair basketball coach Tim Frick of Pender Island, B.C.

The award was presented Nov. 13 at the Petro-Canada Sports Leadership Awards in Vancouver.

The Geoff Gowan Award was created in 1996 and recognizes lifetime contribution to coaching development.

Gowan is a former track and field, soccer, and rugby coach who now resides in Halifax. He was president of the CAC for 16 years.

GEOFF GOWAN AWARD WINNERS:

- 2008 Douglas Leigh, Barrie, Ont., figure skating
- 2007 Andy Higgins, Toronto, athletics
- 2006 Clare Drake, Edmonton, hockey
- 2005 Charles Cardinal, Montreal, volleyball
- 2004 Donald Dion, Montreal, diving
- 2003 Marilyn Savage, Cambridge, Ont., gymnastics
- 2002 Al Morrow, London, Ont., rowing
- 2000 Doug Clement, Vancouver, athletics
- 1999 Jack Donohue, Ottawa, basketball
- 1996 Geoff Gowan, athletics

referee crew for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. ... Builder inductee **Yes Belanger** has been appointed by the International Skating Union to officiate as a starter in men's speed skating at the Vancouver Olympics in February. ... Did you know the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club has had a skater on the Canadian team at 11 of the past 15 Winter Games, dating back to athlete inductee **Craig Mackay** in 1948?

Catherine Wedge was one of the inaugural inductees honoured at the Canadian Eventing Hall of Fame dinner in November in Toronto. Wedge, who was installed in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, won a world championship with the Canadian three-day event equestrian team in 1978 in Kentucky, riding a horse named Abracadabra. Wedge now serves as a Supreme Court Judge in B.C. ... **Pat Barry**, **Dave Fisher** and **Kirby Frey**, who were teammates on the 1991 Canadian champion Saskatoon Hilltops (team inductee, 1995), were frequent visitors to Gordie Howe Bowl again this fall as head coaches in the Saskatoon High School Football League. Barry coached the Mount Royal Mustangs, Fisher the Centennial Chargers and Frey the Bishop Mahoney Saints.

... **Roy Bédient**, a defensive back with the 1978 Canadian champion Saskatoon Hilltops (team inductee, 1986), was in Sydney, Australia in October for the World Masters Games. Bédient, who lives in Warman, was in the 14-player lineup of the Saskatchewan Flatlanders softball team, which won gold in the 45-and-over class. Also on the team was Saskatoon's **Terry (Mr. Broomball) Forbes**. The Masters Games drew a record 28,292 competitors, ranging in age from 24 to 101. ... **Angella Anderson**, formerly **Sharon Thomas** — inducted with the 1979-80 and 1980-81 U of S Huskiettes volleyball teams — ruptured her Achilles tendon playing volleyball at the Masters Games. She returned to Canada for surgery and is now back at work. ... **Margie (Wakeling) Lockwood**, inducted with the 1979-80 Huskiettes volleyball team, is retiring after her 27th year as a volunteer coach with the girls volleyball team at Athol Murray College in Wilcox. ... Former Huskiettes volleyball player **Charlene (Butler) Archibald** and Huskies hockey player **Doug Archibald** — both in the Hall of Fame — are now big into soccer; if only as proud parents. Their daughter Andrea reached the Canadian university soccer championship this season with the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers. Andrea is a second-year student at UPEI and is an academic All-Canadian.



Catherine Wedge



Lisa Kroll Mattern, athlete, track and field

Jerry Shoemaker

builder, curling Responding on behalf of 2009 inductees

We are not all originally from Saskatoon, or Saskatchewan or even Canada. Some of us are being inducted because of accomplishments in our sport. Some of us are being inducted for coaching or our contribution at the administrative level. What we have in common is we have all had the opportunity to participate in a sport that we love in a city we love. We would like to thank the people of Saskatoon for their encouragement and the Saskatoon sporting community for the support we received. A special thank you to the Kiwanis clubs of Saskatoon who are also being



honoured tonight for their contributions to amateur sport in Saskatoon.

We are also thankful for our coaches, our mentors, our teammates, our colleagues and all those who volunteered their time to not only help us to succeed but to ensure that amateur sport in Saskatoon continues to thrive.

We also have many others to thank. To merely say thank you to our family and friends seems almost inadequate. It would have been impossible for any of us to achieve what we have achieved without their support, encouragement and sacrifice. To have many of you here with us provides us the opportunity to publicly say thank you and to share this honour with you.

Ladies and gentlemen on behalf of the 2009 inductees I would like to once again say thank you. Tonight we been given the opportunity to come together to renew acquaintances, celebrate successes and to share good stories. We all have many memories that we carry with us, about our sport, about our careers and about our family. This evening will forever be a highlight.



Larry Tyson athlete, bowling
Ian Mirtle builder, b-ball, athletics
Kee S. Ha builder, taekwondo



Ron Krieger president 2003 Hilltops, team inductee



Volleyball people from far and wide attended the event for the induction of Darcey Busse, including Joyce Senyk Gamborg of Sulphur, La., and Gisele Kreuger of Calgary. Also shown are Leroy Starkes of Lumsden, Janet Phillips, Tom Graham, Don Laing, Don Smith, J.P. Barker, Eric Busse, Cindy Busse, Mark Tennant, Sherry Saxton Richards, Grant Gudmundson, Arlene Lazcecki, Gail Tennant



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THAT'S THE TICKET

Fans were invited to select the Saskatoon hockey personalities that are being featured on the commemorative tickets for the world junior championship Dec. 26 to Jan. 5 in Saskatoon and Regina. Among those displayed on the tickets are six members of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame:

- Doug Bentley**
- Ed Chynoweth**
- Gordie Howe**
- Bill Hunter**
- Dave King**
- Jackie McLeod**