



Tale of two sisters

***Dorenda (Stirton; Schoenhals) Bailey** and her sister ***Cheryl (Stirton) Zipper** were inducted as athletes into the Moose Jaw and District Sports Hall of Fame in September.

● Dorenda, who skipped a grade in elementary school, and Cheryl both get their start in curling in Grade 9 in Moose Jaw Central Collegiate. They practise and play at the Caribou Curling Club, 1½ blocks from home. Their father is a curler who serves on the board with the club.

The Stirton family — father Al, mother Bernice and daughters Dianne, Charlene, Dorenda and Cheryl — had moved to Moose Jaw from the farm.

● Dorenda's first title is when she is 15 in Grade 11.

She is the skip on the Central Collegiate rink that wins the Saskatchewan high school girls championship on a -34° Monday in Melfort.

Cheryl, also playing skip, wins high school provincials five years later.

● As a student at the University of Saskatchewan, Dorenda wins the Western Canada university championship five times.

Her fifth university title in 1968 is the third for ***Linda Burnham**, the second for ***Joan Andersen** and the first for Cheryl.

● Dorenda's first Canadian title is a national university competition to celebrate Canada's centennial year, 1967. At Second Century Week at the Glencoe Curling Club in Calgary, her rink goes 6-0 in a double round-robin against **Eleanor Ford** of Ryerson, **Pat Washburn** of Western Ontario and **Pat Spencer** of Acadia.

1970 The Year of the Whiz Kids

● Dorenda Schoenhals, 22, is a nursing instructor. Linda Burnham, 21, is a math teacher at Evan Hardy Collegiate. Joan Andersen, 20, is a philosophy major. Cheryl Stirton is a 19-year-old university student who plans to be an interior decorator.

They go 4-0 in the Saskatoon city playdowns.

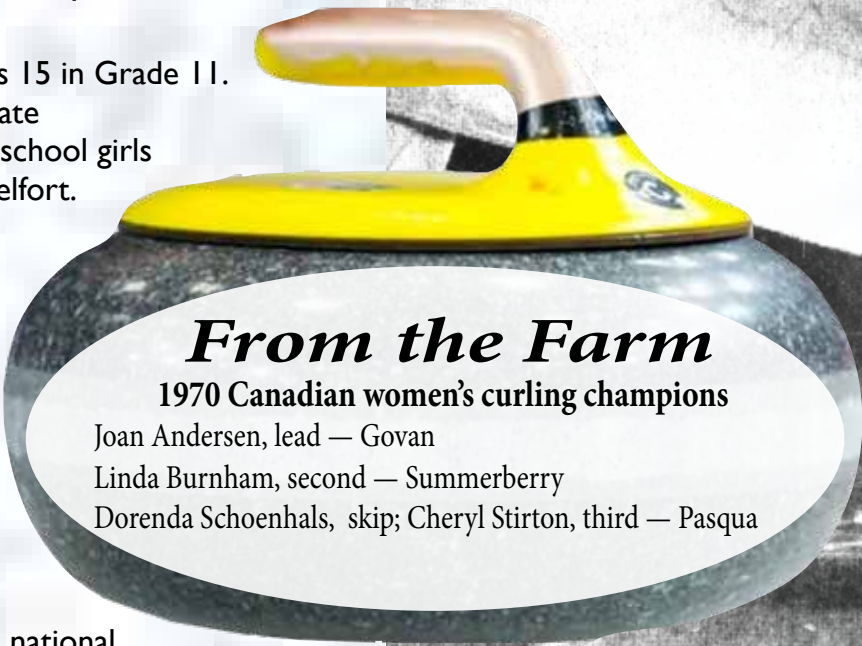
At Northern playdowns, Schoenhals's rink from the Nutana Club defeats defending Canadian champion ***Joyce McKee** of the Sutherland Club in the final before a crowded house in the Exhibition Club.

"Dorenda was simply superb," said McKee's second ***Lee Morrison**, who coached Dorenda in university.

The competition to decide the 1970 champion in Saskatchewan is at the Stockdale Curling Rink in Swift Current. The Northern winner plays the Southern winner in a best-of-three. Schoenhals is in the provincial women's final for the first time. This is the third provincial final for the Southern winner, **Pauline Klaudeman** of the Regina Tartan Club.

Every day the event sponsor Labatt Brewery leaves a 12-pack outside the hotel door of both rinks. Cheryl Stirton and Joan Andersen aren't even legal drinking age yet. The Schoenhals rink gives its brewskies to Team Klaudeman. Schoenhals wins Game 1. Klaudeman wins Game 2.

With Klaudeman leading 5-1 in Game 3, Schoenhals draws to the four-foot with the last shot in the fifth end, scoring five. Schoenhals wins 10-7.



From the Farm

1970 Canadian women's curling champions

Joan Andersen, lead — Govan

Linda Burnham, second — Summerberry

Dorenda Schoenhals, skip; Cheryl Stirton, third — Pasqua

—StarPhoenix photo by Peter Wilson

***Dorenda (Stirton; Schoenhals) Bailey** (left) and ***Cheryl (Stirton) Zipper** won the Canadian Ladies Curling Association national championship in 1970

Up next, the Canadian Ladies Curling Association national championship in Calgary.

● Leading into the week-long nationals, the rinks are asked to fill out a fact sheet so organizers and media know more about the athletes.

Do you have any children? is one of the questions. Dorenda puts ½. She is six months pregnant.

It's February. Daughter Susan is born in June.

Andersen, who always wears blue jeans when she curls, sports a new look. **Mildred Smart**, the owner of Blanche Buchanan, a women's clothing store on 2nd Avenue in Saskatoon, has given Andersen a pair of stretchy black pants.

Burnham, who is a skilled seamstress, made their off-ice skirts; a tartan plaid, beige with Saskatchewan green. She sewed a big 'S' on their official team sweaters.

Every rink plays 10 games. The team with the best record wins the championship. Schoenhals, Manitoba's **Glenda Buhr** and B.C.'s **Donna Clark** go 8-2. This calls for a playoff.

Names are drawn from a white Stetson hat to decide the playoff order. Buhr will play Schoenhals in the semifinal tomorrow morning. Clark has a bye to the final tomorrow afternoon



Dorenda

Of note

1983 Canadian mixed champion

*Rick Folk, *Dorenda Schoenhals, *Tom Wilson, *Elizabeth Folk

2001 Canadian seniors 4th

Dorenda skip of Alberta rink

2008 Canadian masters

defeated in tiebreaker

*Lee Morrison, *Dorenda Bailey, *Bernice Van Der Velden, *Peggy Hergott

Coach

South Korea's first international women's team, 8-10 weeks at National Training Centre in Calgary; took athletes to Banff for New Years; one of the athletes, Gim Eun-ji, has won South Korean title eight times

Statistician

2 Briers Canadian men

3 Scotties Canadian women

2009 World juniors

2010 Olympics, Paralympics

2014 Olympics



Cheryl

Of note

1974 Canadian mixed champion

*Rick Folk, *Cheryl Stirton, *Tom Wilson, *Bonnie Orchard

1977 University of Guelph

Cheryl is one of the first five people at universities in Ontario, and eight in Canada, to receive a Master's Degree in landscape architecture.



Roy Thiessen

On the evening before the playoffs, sitting in their room in the Palliser Hotel, Schoenhals makes a long-distance call to **Roy Thiessen**. A math and phys ed teacher at Central Collegiate, he is on sabbatical, pursuing a Masters in Administration at Michigan State University.

Thiessen has schooled Dorenda and Cheryl in the game. He's taught them groove sliding and shot-making, finesse and weight control, conditioning and strength training. Dorenda was skinny as a teen. When she first started lifting in the school gym, all she could lift was the bar, forget the weights.

On the phone from Michigan, Thiessen tells them to just play their game.

On playoff day at the Corral Centre, their parents are there: **Alice & Herluf Andersen**, **Jessie & George Burnham**, **Bernice & Al Stirton**.

Their chaperone, ***Sylvia Fedoruk**, is there.

Schoenhals had made a double-angle, double-raise takeout to score three in the round-robin game against Buhr. The semifinal doesn't have the same wow factor, but what counts is the score. Schoenhals wins 8-6.

In the final against Clark, Schoenhals scores three in the sixth and has steals for singles in the seventh, eighth and ninth.

Schoenhals wins 8-4.

Take it from a pro



*Kerry Preete



*Tim Hodgson

Taylor Leier played in the NHL for three seasons, all with the Philadelphia Flyers. Now a resident of Boston, hometown of his wife Nicolette, he's become a Bruin.

The Bruins Alumni Association asked him to join the team. Sure, he said. He's game. The club of former NHL players, some in their 50s, plays games to support youth hockey, charities and the community.

Last year, his first with the team, Leier was on a line with **Joe Mullen**, who won the Stanley Cup three times, and 6-foot-3 **Bob (Swoop) Sweeney**, whose job as a checking centre in the NHL included shadowing **Mario Lemieux**.

In junior, Leier played three seasons in the Western Hockey League for the Portland Winterhawks, now co-owned by former University of Saskatchewan Huskies defenceman ***Kerry Preete**.

In his second junior season, the Winterhawks won the WHL title and finished second at the Memorial Cup in Saskatoon.

In his third season, 2014, Leier was on the Canadian team that won the world U20 championship in Sweden.

He was drafted by Philadelphia in the fourth round in 2012. With lawyer and former Huskies centre ***Tim Hodgson** as his agent, he signed with the Flyers.

Leier had two goals and seven points in 55 games as a left-winger with the Flyers from 2015-18.

He played for teams in the Czech Republic, Germany and Sweden from 2020 to 2025.

Taylor Leier's father ***Tim Leier** was a defensive back for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, a forward on the Huskies hockey team that won the Canadian championship in 1983 and an outfielder with the Saskatoon Miazga Nationals senior baseball team.



Taylor Leier wore a Bruins jersey as a kid. Now he's wearing one again.



*Willie Desjardins

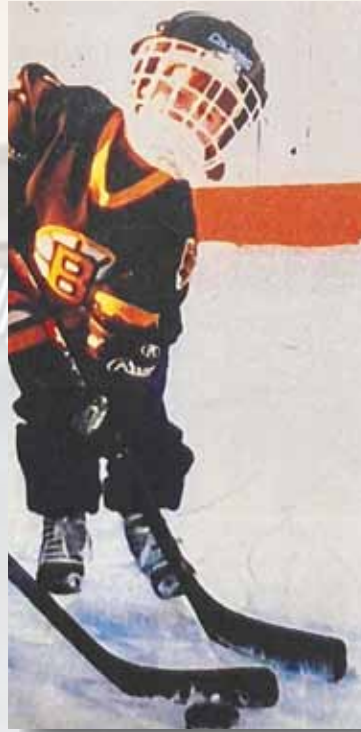
with the Saskatoon Blades and Boston with the Medicine Hat Tigers and Regina Pats.

*Willie Desjardins was the head coach in Boston Leier's rookie season in Medicine Hat.

Taylor Leier, 32, of Saskatoon played pro hockey for 11 years; six in North America and five in Europe

Taylor's wife Nicolette has a Super Bowl ring as a cheerleader with the NFL's New England Patriots. She's been the cheerleader coach for four years with the NHL's Florida Panthers, who won the Stanley Cup in 2024 and 2025.

Nicolette has a Masters in Education and started her own business, The Prep Talk, a coaching and consulting service.



Nicolette Leier

—StarPhoenix photo by Jeff Vinnick

—Tim Leier

Touching base

With inductees in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*

***Andrew Busby** was named an all-star outfielder in the 2026 Canadian master men's softball championship for players age 40 and over. Busby played for the Saskatoon Brewers, who defeated Cobourg Force of Ontario 2-0 in the final on **Joe Gallagher** Field in Saskatoon. Cobourg won the title in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Busby was a wide receiver with the Hilltops from 2004-08. He holds the Canadian Junior Football League record for receptions in a game, 19, career receptions, 199, and career yards receiving, 3,109 ... ***Lawrence Beatty**, ***Bryan Kosteroski**, ***Mark Loehndorf**



this year. Presented since 1960, the award is the SHSAA's highest honour and is in recognition of leadership and service in high school athletics. Benson has been a high school coach and principal. She played basketball for the Evan Hardy Souls and the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes. Emmerson has been a high school coach, principal and superintendent. As an athlete, he was a tight end for the Prince Albert Carlton Crusaders and a defensive and offensive tackle with the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Coach King in Hall of Fame lineup

***Dave King** was inducted into the Canada West Universities Hall of Fame this year as a builder. In King's four years as coach of the men's hockey program at the University of Saskatchewan, the Huskies won the conference title three times and the University Cup as Canadian champions in 1983 ... Despite limited opportunities to train together,

Prairie Peaks and Tracks

A History of Para Adaptive Snow Sports in Saskatchewan



Prairie Peaks and Tracks is a new book by Saskatchewan authors **Mary Harelkin Bishop** and **Deanna J. Driver** about para adaptive snow sports in the province.

Among the people featured in the book are cross country skier ***Colette Bourgonje** and downhill skier ***Stan Holcomb**.

The book is available at McNally Robinson in Saskatoon

Kash Tarasoff of the Saskatoon Diving Club and **Samuel McCaffrey** of Pointe-Claire, QC., won gold this summer in the synchronized three-metre event for ages 14-18 at the world junior diving championships in Croatia. Tarasoff was fourth in individual platform, eighth in mixed team springboard & platform and ninth in synchronized platform ... Saskatoon's **Logan Campbell** was inducted into the Canadian Sailing Hall of Fame in October. Campbell was a bronze medallist in the Sonar (keelboat) class with **Paul Tingley** of Halifax at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil ... Sprinter **Williams Ogunnubi** and sprinter/long jumper **Michael Tetrault** of Saskatoon were in Toronto in October among the Top 100 athletes in Canada for the RBC Training Ground National Final.

The program, now in its 11th year, identifies potential national team athletes age 14 to 25 on endurance, power, speed and strength ... Hockey is Canada's favourite sport. In a survey by Abacus Data of 1,500 people in July, 32% picked hockey. Soccer is second at 12%, baseball third at 11%, basketball fourth at 9% and football fifth at 8%. The favourite men's teams are 1) Toronto Blue Jays 2) Toronto Maple Leafs 3) Montreal Canadiens.

The favourite women's teams are 1) Hockey Canada's national team

2) Canada's national soccer team 3) Montreal Victoire hockey.

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Look at them now Sports people in the news



Jeff Harvey

Hockey

Jeff Harvey of the WHL's Saskatoon Blades was the goaltending coach on the Canadian U18 men's hockey team that won the Hlinka Gretzky Cup in Edmonton in August.

Canada defeated the United States 8-1 in the final.

Earlier, Canada defeated Switzerland 7-3, Slovakia 6-1, Sweden 7-4 and Finland 6-3.

Harvey has been a coach with the Blades since 2020-21.

Blades head coach **Dan DaSilva** will be the head coach of Canada's Team Red at the U17 World Challenge in November in Oakville, ON.



Elizabeth Chapman

Wrestling

Elizabeth Chapman of Saskatoon won a bronze medal in the women's 55-kg class at the U20 Pan American wrestling championships in July in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Chapman won her quarter-final against **Sofia Luna Ortega** of Mexico by pin, was defeated in a semifinal by **Marlee Solomon** of the U.S. on superiority and in the medal round defeated **Alejandra Serrano Roa** of Colombia on points.

Chapman wrestled in high school at Holy Cross. She was a first-year Huskie at the University of Saskatchewan last season.

Shane Bradley of the Saskatoon Wrestling Club was the lead coach of the Canadian team at the U20 world championships in August in Bratislava, Slovakia.



Chris Kent-Rodgman

Archery

Chris Kent-Rodgman, 41, of Saskatoon won bronze in men's barebow, the best finish by a Canadian male or female in the 12 individual events, at the world archery field championships in September in Yankton, S.D.

Rodgman was eighth in barebow mixed team and ninth in men's team.

Andrea Wiens of Raymore won bronze in women's compound at the world 3D championships in October.

Three archers from Saskatchewan competed in both the field and 3D world championships:

Jovica Djukic.....Battleford
Blair St. Amant.....Edam
Sarah St. Amant.....Edam

Two other Saskatchewan athletes competed in field worlds:

Sydni Keichinger...Lloydminster
Grace Trevena.....Pilot Butte



Katie Seto

Athletics

Katie Seto of the Saskatoon Track & Field Club finished fourth in U18 pole vault at the Legion National Youth track & field championships in Regina in August.

Seto cleared 3.45 metres.

She was the Legion National champion in U16 pole vault in 2025 and second in U16 pole vault in 2024.

In Grade 9 in St. Joseph High School in 2024-25, Seto was first in intermediate 80-metre hurdles, pole vault and javelin at the ***Bob Adams** Saskatoon High School Track & Field championships. She won junior hurdles and pole vault in Grade 10.

She was provincial high school champion in pole vault the last two years and first in hurdles this year.



Brian Zulkoskey

Cycling

Brian Zulkoskey of Saskatoon and the HPL Cycling Club finished fifth in the 70-kilometre road race for men 65-69 at the Canadian masters cycling championships in August in Calgary.

Zulkoskey was two minutes and 12 seconds behind the winner, **Brian Countryman** of Edmonton.

Gaylene Halter of Saskatoon had two firsts in the women's 70-74 age class: Time trial and 58.3 km road race. Halter was third overall for 65+ in the time trial and fourth in the road race.



Etta Love of Saskatoon won bronze in women’s weightlifting in the +86 kg class

—CBC Gem

Raising the bar

Saskatchewan makes a difference at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland



Jordan Carroll of the Saskatoon Taiso Gymnastics Club won two gold medals. Competing on pommel in the team event, he had the best apparatus score by a Canadian. Canada won gold. Carroll also had the best score by any gymnast from any country in the six apparatus finals with 15.000 in pommel. Carroll is the only male from the Prairie provinces on the Canadian national senior team. He is at the world gymnastics championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands in October.

—CBC Gem



Garrett Ostepchuk (left) of Regina and Kyrell Sopotyk (centre) of Aberdeen played on the 3x3 wheelchair basketball team coached by Jared Sajtos of Saskatoon. The team won bronze.

—CBC Gem

Maitlan Knoke of the Saskatoon Track & Field Club finished eighth in men’s Paralympic shot put



Savannah Sutherland of Borden, who has trained with the Saskatoon Track & Field Club, won bronze in the 400-metre hurdles



Claire Norek of Gerald and the Saskatoon Track & Field Club finished sixth in women’s Paralympic shot put



Monty Churchman of Saskatoon was a massage therapist on the Canadian swim team



Chris Dornan of Saskatoon did media relations



Graham Olson of Regina did video analysis for the Canadian swim team

—Shahid Irfan



—StarPhoenix

***Joyce (Senyk) Gamborg**
played on the Canadian national
volleyball team for 10 years

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1976 Replay

Taking the floor

Joyce Senyk, 15, finished third in the midget girls 3,000-metre race at the Prairie cross-country running championships at Tor Hill near Regina in the fall of 1976.

She was fast on the track, too.

In the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association track and field championships at Griffiths Stadium in June of 1977, Senyk finished third in the senior 1,500. **Leroy Starkes**, a high school teacher in Lumsden, noticed. He saw the race.

Starkes, a volleyball coach, was looking for players for the team he was building for the 1979 Canada Winter Games in Brandon.

"I could see in Joyce that this wasn't just another tall athlete," Starkes said. "There was a sense of determination."

Although Senyk had been cut when she tried out for the volleyball team at Melville Comprehensive in Grade 10, she forged ahead.

Starkes talked with Senyk. You have the right stuff, he told her. He mailed her a training program.

"Basically what it amounted to was playing with a ball against the wall," he said. "I'm sure she spent hours passing to the wall, serving to the wall, spiking to the wall; 1 to 1½ hours a day, four days a week, hitting a ball against the wall."

Senyk made the Project 79 program for the summer of 1977. So did ***Charlene Butler** of Saskatoon and ***Sherry Saxton** of Plenty. Coached by Starkes and ***Grant Gudmundson**, managed by **Marilyn Truscott**, the team played in the Canadian juvenile championships in London, ON.

Two years later, Senyk played in the 1979 Canada Games. Saskatchewan's team included five athletes from Saskatoon: Butler, ***Cindy Crow**, ***Gisele Rongve**, ***Cindy Shepherd** and **Laura Simonson**.

Senyk, Crow and Shepherd won three Canadian university titles with the Saskatchewan Huskiettes coached by ***Mark Tennant**; Rongve and Butler two. Gudmundson won one Canadian title as a setter with the Huskies and two with the Huskiettes as an assistant coach.

Senyk went on to be a middle blocker on the Canadian national team for 10 years.

Her husband, ***Dr. Brian Gamborg**, won a Canadian university men's volleyball championship with the Huskies in 1979. He was on the Canadian team that finished 13th at the 1977 World University Games in Sofia, Bulgaria.



Joyce on Canadian national volleyball team

1981 World University Games Bucharest, Romania — 9th

Also on Canadian team from the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes: Athletes ***Gisele Rongve**, ***Melanie Sanford**
Assistant coach ***Grant Gudmundson**
Manager ***Dovona West**

1982 World championship.....Lima, Peru — 11th

Also on Canadian team from the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes: Athlete ***Dorothy Schwaiger**

1983 World University Games Edmonton, AB. — 4th

1983 Pan American Games Caracas, Venezuela — 5th

1984 Olympics Los Angeles, CA. — 8th

1985 World University Game Kobe, Japan — 6th

1987 World University Games Zagreb, Yugoslavia — 7th

1987 Pan American Games Indianapolis, IN. — 5th

Also on Canadian team from Saskatoon:
Athlete ***Eileen Kramchynsky**

Passings

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*Stan Flegel 1950-2025, age 75 Team inductee: 1987 Rempel Brothers senior men's softball trainer

Stan Flegel led the team in saves in 1987, the year the Saskatoon Rempel Brothers won the Canadian senior men's softball championship. Tape a wrist. Ice a shoulder. From jammed finger to tight hamstring, trainer Flegel kept his guys in the game.

Sponsored by brothers ***Jake** and ***John Rempel**, the third-year ball club went long in 1987. On the team bus, the Blue Goose, Rempel Brothers went to tournaments or exhibition games in Iowa and Montana, Manitoba and B.C. For league play, Rempels played in the Canada West Softball Congress and in the Special Men's Division in the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association.

"When we had a rare weekend off, you could find the team camping at a Regional Park that had a golf course," said pitcher ***Don Bates**. "Stan consistently schooled the rest of us in golf."

At provincials, Rempel Brothers defeated Saskatoon All-O-Matics and Regina Capital Office Systems to win the Saskatchewan senior title.

Nationals were in late August at Renfrew Park in Calgary. Left fielder ***Jim Jones**, pitcher ***Rob Scheller** and catcher ***Jay Sim** rejoined the club after winning gold on the Canadian national team at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis. Centre fielder Don Capon got a custom haircut, with a lightning bolt on one side of his head and three stripes on the other. Rempels manager ***Larry Besse** was the voice of experience. He'd been in softball since 1960.

In the Rempels dugout was smiling Stan Flegel. He made sure, as always, that every player's equipment was ready. He gave an encouraging word to any of them if they were struggling.

Rempel Brothers defeated Calgary Brake & Clutch, the two-time defending champions, in the A final.

In the final against Sarnia Ranson of Ontario,

***Doug Hildebrand** of the Rempels scored in the second inning on a single by ***Dave Hoffman**. Rempels went ahead 2-0 in the third on infield singles by Jones, ***Ray Tilley** and ***Randy Dutiaume**, who led the team that season in average, RBIs and home runs.

Against pitchers Scheller and ***Jim Cowdrey**, Sarnia never got on the board. Rempel Brothers, undefeated in seven games, were the first Saskatoon team to win the Canadian senior men's championship since the 1969 Merchants.

Flegel worked for Macdonalds Consolidated, a wholesale grocery company. After its local warehouse closed, he stayed in the food business, now with Scott-Bathgate, which made and distributed salted nuts, popcorn, toffee and sweets. He was called the Candy Man.

When he retired, Stan and wife **Myra** migrated in winters to Arizona. In his new sport, bocce, a lawn game similar to bowls, he was a medallist at the Arizona Senior Olympics in Sun City.

Rennie McQueen 1944-2026, age 82 Football, track & field

Look at him go, staff and students at Nutana Collegiate said of Rennie McQueen in the school's track and field meet at Griffiths Stadium in 1961.

McQueen broke the school and city mark in the junior boys 100 yards, clocking 10.4 seconds.

He set a new standard for Nutana in the 440 at 54.0.

He won the 220.

I thought I had him, said McQueen's opponents in the Saskatoon High School Football League.

In 1960 the Nutana Blues were led by first-year coach **Neil Sherlock**. McQueen scored on a 67-yard run in a regular season game against Aden Bowman. No one touched him. In a semifinal, Nutana upset the No. 2 City Park Maroons. In the city final, Nutana had the ball on the 14-yard line with less than a minute left. Bedford Road snuffed a field goal attempt by ***Gord Garvie** to win 15-14.

McQueen and the Blues were defeated by Bedford again in the 1961 city final.

Stop that guy, said **Bert Ianonne** and **Paul Anderson** and **Bill Ciz**. As coaches of the Regina Rams in the Manitoba Saskatchewan Junior Football League, they saw a lot of McQueen.

In 1962, 1963 and 1964 he played for the Saskatoon Hilltops, coached by ***Al Ledingham**. Three of the five touchdowns that McQueen scored in his Hilltops career were against Regina.

McQueen played one season of university football with the Saskatchewan Huskies, coached by **Bill Bolonchuk**. The Huskies, Alberta Golden Bears and Manitoba Bisons tied for first in 1965. Based on points for and against, Alberta was picked to represent the West in the College Bowl, Canada's first national final for university football. McQueen's new sport in the 1980s was swimming. He served as president of the Saskatoon Goldfins Club. Call it family allowance. Rennie and wife **Joan Bannister's** son **Rennie McQueen Jr.** was a provincial champion in breaststroke. Daughter **Catherine McQueen** has 16 Goldfins age-class records that still stand 40 years later.



***Stan Flegel**

*Frank Kurenda 1944-2026, age 82 Athlete inductee: Trapshooting

Frank Kurenda took an eight-year timeout. He came back better than ever.

He had already been a Canadian champion in trapshooting. He'd finished third in national team trials for the Olympics. With his wife **Rhonda**, he'd travelled to summer meets in the U.S. He'd competed in the annual Benito Juarez international in Mexico. He'd gone to a World Cup in Moscow. By his mid-40s, he'd had enough. Family time, he said. Time for more time with Rhonda and their young daughter **Leah**.

Frank returned to the shooting range at 51.

"Success in this game is fleeting," he said. "You're only as good as your last meet."

He looked forward. He moved up.

Kurenda was on the national team in 1998 for World Cup meets in Egypt, Italy, Spain and the U.S. He went to the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.

He was also at the next Commonwealth Games, in 2002 in England. He competed in worlds in 2005 in Italy. He was elected president of the Canadian International Shooting Association.

Raised on a farm near Radisson, Kurenda plinked with a .22 as a kid. He hunted ducks in the fall. At 12, he moved with his mother **Frances**, father **Stanley** and brothers **Stan** and **Ron** to Saskatoon.

Frank won the city public school junior boys softball title with a Pleasant Hill team coached by **Mervyn Murray**. In high school at Tech Collegiate, he broke the school's record in junior boys javelin. He was an offensive guard, linebacker and captain on the Toilers football team; Rhonda a cheerleader.

As a shooter, he hit it big.

"You'll never see a trap shooter walking around telling people how good he is," he said.

Enough said.

*Cedric Gillott 1940-2026, age 86 Builder inductee: Soccer

Whether the soccer field or the classroom, be it playing or studying, from coaching to teaching, Cedric Gillott had a plan: Learn it. Show it. Give and receive. Together we grow.

A native of Sheffield, England, Gillott earned a BSc and a PhD in the Department of Zoology at the University of Nottingham, England. His mentor was **Sir Vincent Wigglesworth** — V.B.W. to students. Wigglesworth was a giant in the land of insects.

Gillott put his education to work.

He joined the biology department at the University of Saskatchewan in 1965.

He hit the pitch, too.

In 1966 he played for Saskatoon City in the Western Canada Soccer League, scoring a goal in a game late in the season that denied Regina Concordia the chance to finish first.

1966 was also the year Gillott won the Saskatchewan Shield as the provincial senior champion with the Saskatoon Spartans.

1966 is when he went to Winnipeg for the Canadian championship. **Lorne Harron** was supposed to be on Saskatchewan's all-star team for nationals, but Harron couldn't go because he was busy packing and moving from Saskatoon. Gillott took his place.

Gillott coached.

He coached the University of Saskatchewan in 1968 in the new Western Canadian Athletic Association. The Huskies finished second in the six-team league.

Gillott coached the university program for eight seasons.

He coached Brunskill, Express and Titans to provincial club titles in youth soccer.

He went coast-to-coast as a provincial team coach for the Canada Summer Games, from St. John's, NF, in 1977 to Kamloops, B.C., in 1993.

He was coaching director for Saskatchewan soccer.

He served as president of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association, then later as president of the Saskatoon & District Soccer Association.

He played doubles in tennis. He swam three times a week.

Big on home brewing, he championed fresh yeast and dissolved sugar. He won a gold medal at an international cider competition in 2007.

He worked. Such buzz. Such flexibility.

"When teaching a senior undergraduate class in general entomology I realized there was no suitable text for the class I intended to give," he said.

Gillott wrote *Entomology*, a textbook plumper than beetle larvae. His revised Editions 2 and 3 are even bigger.

He returned to the University of Nottingham to get a Doctor of Science. He was the editor of the bulletin of the Entomological Society of Canada for more than a decade.

From writing a paper on the lesser clover leaf weevil to helping researchers in Canberra, Australia with their study of the reproductive physiology of metallic blowflies, Gillott had a mind for science.

Umut Toprak, who is a professor in the Molecular Entomology Lab at Ankara University in Turkey, was Gillott's last doctoral student.

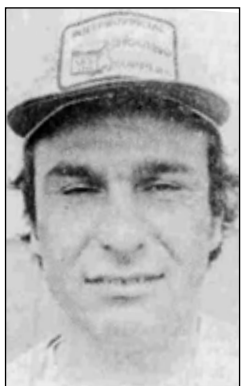
"The world is full of the noise of ruthless people,"

Toprak said. "They shout louder, make themselves more visible and imagine themselves to be more powerful. But they are not the ones who keep the world turning."

"The world keeps turning because of those who welcome a timid student at their door."

"Because of those who do not keep their knowledge to themselves."

"Because of those who give a young person confidence."



***Frank Kurenda**

*Joe Morrissey 1942-2026, age 83 Team inductee: 2000, 2001, 2003 U of S Huskies women's track & field assistant coach

Michael Morrissey ran the lead-off leg for his family in track and field.

As a student at Marion Graham Collegiate, Michael won the senior boys 100 and 200 metres in the

***Bob Adams** Saskatoon High School track and field championships in 1987. A year later, he was the Saskatchewan junior champion in sprints.

He set a Games record at the Saskatchewan Summer Games in Melfort in the 4x1 with **Bill Delainey**,

***Darryl Isbister**

and **Carey Newfield**.

Outdoor and indoor, summer through winter, Michael ran. His father Joe Morrissey went longer in track. Joe went further.

Inspired by Michael's commitment to the sport, Joe became a coach, first with the Riversdale Track Club, then the Saskatoon Track Club. He was president of Saskatchewan Athletics when the Canadian senior indoor championships were held in the Field House. He served on the board with Athletics Canada.

Joe coached at the Western Canada Summer Games in B.C., and the Canada Summer Games in Ontario. He coached Saskatchewan athletes at the Special Olympics.

The 1997 Canada Games show what track and field meant to the Morrisseys. Joe was head coach on Saskatchewan's team at the Games that summer in Brandon. His wife **Marian** was manager. Married in 1964, they first met when he was in the military. His service included a peacekeeping mission with the Royal Canadian Engineers in the Congo

The Canadian university championships were vintage Joe.

At the 2000 nationals, ***Lindsay Boyd**, ***Kim Moffatt**, ***Karlyn Serby** and ***Deanne Mengel** of the Saskatchewan Huskies won the 4x200 relay with a meet record. They were coached by Morrissey. He'd been coaching Mengel since she was 17, faxing her a training program every Sunday to her family farm near Holdfast. He'd coached Serby since she was in Grade 7.

The 2001 nationals were a photo finish. The University of Saskatchewan edged Western by two points to repeat as women's team champions. Morrissey's Fab Five — sprinters Moffatt, Serby, and ***Nicole Buchholz** and hurdlers ***Lisa Soron** and ***Sarah Junkin** — got it done.

In 2003, Serby, Buchholz, Mengel and ***Shannon Leydon** advanced to sprint finals. The Huskies went on the win the Canadian women's team championship for the third time in four years.

Morrissey coached age-group and university, developmental and competitive, achievers and believers.

"They are wonderful representatives of the rural and urban social fabric [of Saskatchewan]," he said.

Dr. Bob Racine 1944-2026, age 82 Multiple sports

Being a team dentist in hockey made Bob Racine an automatic for sports' Most Wanted list. At the rink teeth are chipped by the dozen. Racine was with the Saskatoon Blades and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He was on call at the world junior championship in Saskatoon.

He was also the team dentist in football for the Hilltops and Huskies and in basketball for the Huskies.

Racine was involved in sports for decades. He scored the first goal of the game in the annual Cub pack all-star hockey game in 1956 at Rutherford Rink. In 1957, coaches in the Kinsmen Pee Wee Hockey League named him a first team all-star. One of his teammates on the pee wee Black Hawks was ***Ted Dushinski**, who went on to win the Grey Cup as a defensive back with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Racine was a pitcher for the Braves in the Optimist Senior Sandlot Baseball League. He kicked a convert in the 1958 final in the Saskatoon Minor Football Association, his Roughriders defeating the Tiger-Cats to win the ***Delisle Thompson** Trophy.

At City Park Collegiate in the 1960s, he finished second in junior shot put in the school's annual track and field meet, was co-captain of the Maroons football team and played guard on the City Park basketball team that won the **Bill Stacey** Trophy as city high school league champions.

Racine was president of the Kinsmen Club in 1978 when Los Angeles Dodgers manager **Tom Larsorda** and Minnesota Vikings defensive end **Carl Eller** were the feature speakers at the Kinsmen Sports Celebrity Dinner.

Racine was on the committee to organize a big Saskatchewan Blades reunion in the summer of 1987.

He golfed in the Senior Lobstick in Waskesiu in 2005.

He cycled, not competitively, but riding the best set of wheels in the neighbourhood after he won a new CCM bike when he was 12 in a contest sponsored by Quaker Cereal.

He performed a piano recital with his sister **Barbara**. He sang in a City Park boys choir directed by ***Don Wilson** on **Jack Brower** Night at the Nutana Curling Club. Brower, active in curling for 50 years, competed in five Briers.

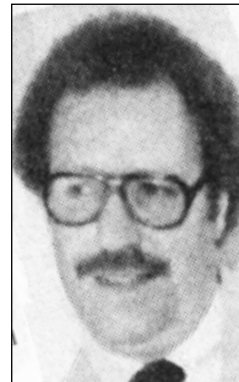
Racine was president of the Students' Council at Brunskill elementary school and Senior Watch at City Park. He was president of the Saskatoon Dental Society.



***Joe Morrissey**



***Cedric Gillott**



Dr. Bob Racine



Rennie McQueen