

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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## Sports Hall of Fame president's message by Jerry Shoemaker



I bring greetings from the board of directors and welcome you to this edition of our newsletter. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the summer season.

It is once again time to think of fall activities and that includes the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and dinner. This year's event will be held Saturday, Nov. 3 at TCU Place.

This is our 27th induction proceedings and we extend an invitation to all past inductees and board members to attend

and honour the new inductees.

These inductees have made significant contributions to their sports at many levels including local, provincial, regional, national, international and Olympic levels.

The induction proceedings are a special event for the inductees, their family members and friends. Please join us in making this an evening for them to remember.

Tickets can be obtained at Al Anderson's Source for Sports, Olympian Sports Excellence or the Saskatoon Field House.

## Grey Cup connection

When you say **Gordon Barwell** and **Ted Dushinski** you're talking champions.

Barwell and Dushinski were in the lineup in 1966 when the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders defeated the Ottawa Rough Riders 29-14 in Vancouver's Empire Stadium to win their first Grey Cup.

They were also Grey Cup finalists for the Riders against Ottawa in 1967 and in 1969 and 1972 against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

**Gord Barwell**, a receiver, went from the Saskatoon Hilltops to the Riders. He was in the CFL from 1964 to 1973. He led the Riders in receiving in 1968 with 40 catches in 16 games.

A 102-yard pass-and-run play between Ron Lancaster and Barwell in a game against the B.C. Lions in 1965 was the longest pass play by the Riders for 25 years.

Barwell was a student at City Park Collegiate.

He played hockey for City Park in the juvenile division of the Saskatoon Minor League and was skip of the City Park rink that was defeated by Robert Fedosa of Tech in the city B final of the high school curling league.

In track and field, Barwell was the city high school champion in the senior boys 100- and 220-yard races in 1962 and third in the 100-yard hurdles. He was provincial champion in the 100 that year and runner-up in the 220. Barwell was also on Saskatoon's high school team for the 1963 provincial meet. The championships were cancelled due to rain.

He died in 1988 at age 43.

**Ted Dushinski** was a linebacker on the Hilltops. He was with the Roughriders from 1965 to 1975. He led the Riders in interceptions in 1970 with five and is fourth on the club in career interceptions with 33. He was twice named to the Western Conference all-star team.

Dushinski was with the B.C. Lions in 1976 and 1977.

Dushinski went to Nutana Collegiate. When he was in Grade 12 in 1960-61, the Blues went 5-3 to finish third in the regular season. Nutana scored two late touchdowns to beat second place City Park 13-1 in the semifinal and dropped a 15-14 decision to first place Bedford Road in the city final. Dushinski was the leading rusher for Nutana against Bedford.

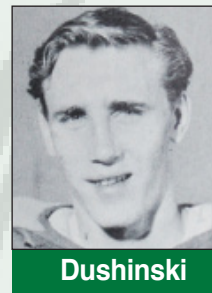
Besides being on the Blues football team, Dushinski played hockey with the Black Hawks in the Kinsmen Pee Wee League, for Victoria in both the Saskatoon Public School League and Saskatoon Minor League and senior hockey with Turner Insurance in the Saskatoon Commercial League.

He set a Saskatoon high school record in senior boys pole vault with Nutana in 1961 at 3.15 metres or 10 feet, 4 1/4 inches.

He died in 2005 at age 61.



Barwell

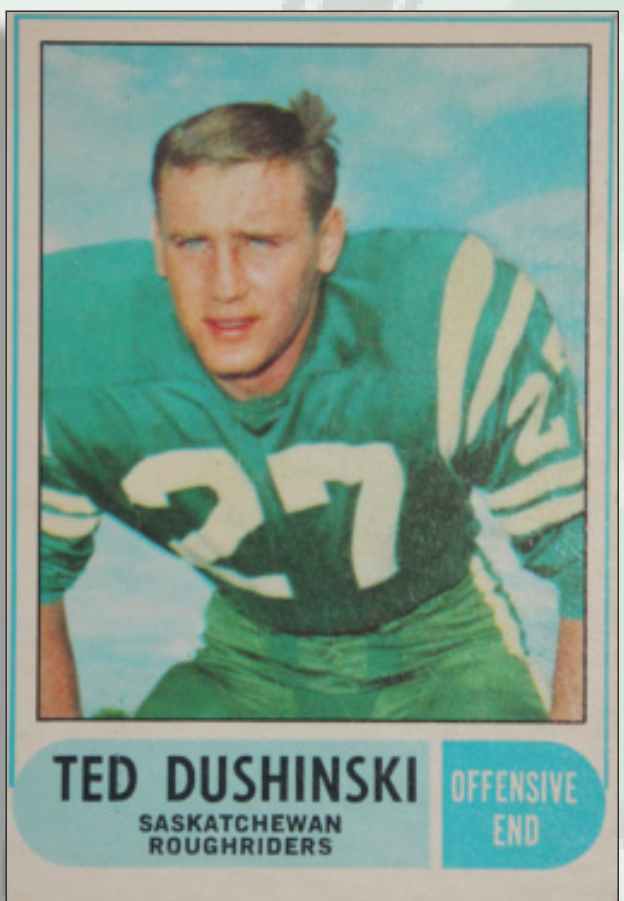


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GORDON BARWELL  
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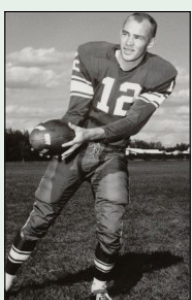


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## Roughriders in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Listing position, years with Riders, high school attended



Dale West

- Ron Atchison DL 1952-68
- Dan Farthing SB 1991-2001 Holy Cross
- Jerry Friesen LB 1981-85 Bedford Road
- Wayne Shaw LB 1961-72 Davidson
- Dale West DB 1962-68 Bedford Road



Ron Atchison



Dan Farthing



Jerry Friesen



Wayne Shaw

## Roughriders eligible for the Saskatoon Hall

- Ron Adam QB, DB 1954-60 City Park Collegiate
- Mike Anderson C 1984-92 Evan Hardy Collegiate
- Paul Anderson TE 1953-58 City Park Collegiate
- Gord Barwell SE 1964-73 City Park Collegiate
- Duane Dmytryshyn SB, FB 2000 Marion Graham Collegiate
- Ted Dushinski DB 1965-75 Nutana Collegiate
- \*Gene Makowsky OL 1995-2011 Walter Murray Collegiate
- Don Seaman OL, LB 1969-72 Aden Bowman Collegiate
- Ray Syrnyk OL 1954-56 Nutana Collegiate

\*Eligible for Hall of Fame in 2016



Ron Adam



Mike Anderson



Paul Anderson



Duane Dmytryshyn



Gene Makowsky



Don Seaman



Ray Syrnyk

## Join the party

You're invited to the annual induction dinner Nov. 3 at TCU Place. Tickets are \$60. They're available at Al Anderson Source for Sports, Olympian Sports Excellence, The Field House or phone 979-0684.

### Hall of Fame 2012 Inductees

#### Athletes

Curtis Leschyshyn, hockey  
Duk Sang Ha, taekwon do

#### Builders

Mark Tennant, volleyball  
Judy Warick, track and field  
Dale Yellowlees, track and field

#### Teams

1968 U of S men's cross-country running

1998-99 U of S men's volleyball

#### Sports organization

BRIT, Bedford Road basketball

## Field of green

The Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association says its game over at Kinsmen Park.

The downtown diamonds have been home to softball since the 1950s, from the minor leagues to senior women. The last games were played in July this year. Moving the diamonds is part of a new look for Kinsmen Park.

Among the inductees in the Hall of Fame who have played at Kinsmen Park are **Beth Britton**, **Muriel Coben**, **Shirley Coben**, **Sylvia Fedoruk**, **Grace Jasper** and **Joyce McKee**, who won the Western Canadian championship in 1955 with the Hub City Ramblers, and **Chris Gervais**, **Brenda Staniforth**, **Ann Tkachuk**, **Pat Wegner**, **Irene Wallace** and **Ardice Walter**, who were on the Harmony Centre. The team won the Canadian women's title in 1978 and 1980.



Grace Jasper



Ann Tkachuk

## Cool idea

Saskatoon has a new Mayfair Pool.

The 25-metre outdoor pool on Avenue F and 32nd Street opened in August. It has five lanes and a one-metre diving board.

Mayfair Pool first opened in 1959. Among the Saskatoon swimmers who won medals in provincial championships at Mayfair were **Barb Hodges** and **Carl Waterer**, both of the Saskatoon Optimist Club. Hodges went on to coach Bedford Road in girls basketball, volleyball and track and field, winning two provincial high school championships with the Redmen. Waterer was a Canadian university champion in swimming with the University of Saskatchewan. Hall of Fame builder inductee **Harry Bailey** was a coach in the Optimist Club.

The Mayfair Muskies competed in the city water polo league against the Riversdale Nads, George Ward Growlies and Lathey Gators. **Kelly Bowers**, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, played in the league.

**Gail Daley** and **Irene Haworth**, who were two of Canada's top gymnasts and are also in the Saskatoon Sports Hall, performed at the Mayfair Aquacade.



Harry Bailey

If you would like to nominate a Rider, an athlete in another sport, a builder or team to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, please do.

The nomination form is available at the Field House or on the Hall of Fame website at [saskatoonsportshalloffame.com](http://saskatoonsportshalloffame.com)

**We hope to hear from you**

45  
years ago

Golfer Barb Turnbull is named Saskatoon Sportswoman of the Year for 1967 in the inaugural banquet held by the Nutana Lions Club at the Sheraton Cavalier.

Turnbull, whose surname is now Danaher, was a quarter-finalist at the 1967 Canadian Open golf championship.

Also considered for the award are Marion Taylor in bowling, Darlene Hill in curling, Gail Hopkins in softball, Marg Curry in basketball and Valerie Johnson in equestrian.



Barb Turnbull

30  
years ago

Sheryl Kleckner and Shannon Miller are on the Saskatoon North 40 Phillies softball team that wins the Western Canadian senior B championship.

Miller, who is from Melfort, is later head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team, silver medalist in the 1998 Olympics. She has led University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs to the NCAA women's hockey title five times.

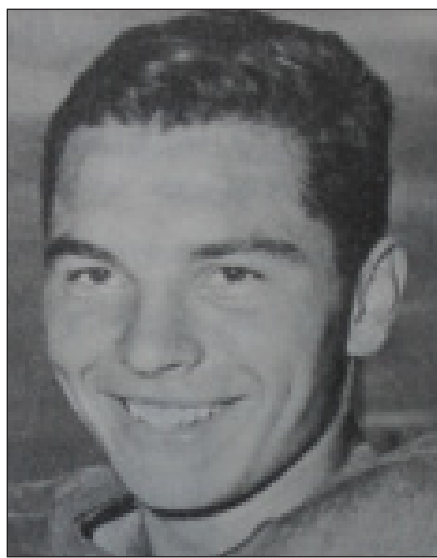
Kleckner is fifth in career rebounds with the U of S women's basketball program.



Sheryl Kleckner

# Bright ideas with Belak

**Bob Belak** was a quarterback on the Saskatoon Hilltops when they won Canadian championships in 1958 and '59. He calls himself a small town hick from Dundurn. He played for the CFL's B.C. Lions for two years in the 1960s. Belak has been in Phoenix the last 30 years in real estate development/syndication, management and financial consulting, investment banking and money management. He is inducted into the Saskatoon Hall with the Hilltops.



**Bob Belak went from Dundurn and Radisson to the CFL**

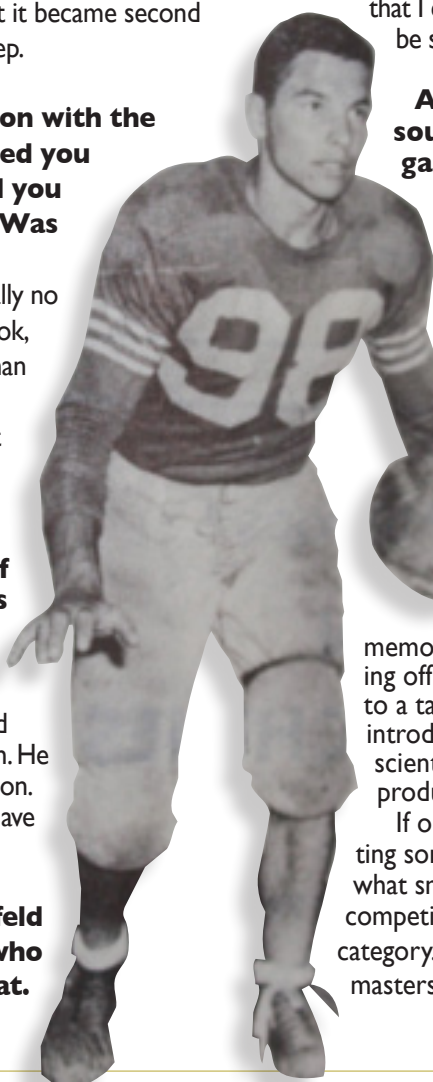
After Hilltops, I never really had any great ambition to play pro, it was only because a set of circumstances including the fact that UBC had a top grad school I'd applied to and we'd got some visibility after we beat the crap out of their overrated touted Vancouver team in the western finals scouted by the (B.C.) Lions brass. I earned a bit of extra money playing the next two years with the Lions while going to grad school, then packed it up.

**Besides football, you competed in the Saskatchewan amateur golf championships. Rate your game.**

I started playing golf on the old 8th Street sand green course when we moved from Dundurn to Radisson. At that time (Ed) Ross, (Jim) Scissons, et al were regularly around par and in the 60s on their good days. I had a decent game from tee to green, but didn't have much of a short game. I've only had three scores in the 60s in my life. If there is one sport (recreation?) that I could have become a bum at, it would probably be skiing.

**Although your body was in sports, it sounds like your head is in a different game.**

After completing my third-year engineering — the summer after we had won our second Canadian title — I was lucky to get selected for a plumb summer research assistant job with the Atomic Energy Commission at Chalk River and again the next summer after graduating from engineering. AEC selected about 30 to 40 science students across Canada for research internships. My first of two research stints was doing fuel testing work in two of the six reactors on site. My golf game, such as it was, got me in a regular foursome with my AEC mentor and his buddy Norm Grey, who was chairman and chief peddler worldwide of the CANDU reactor. The memory above all else during that period was coming off the putting green for a beer, being motioned to a table by my mentor and Norm Grey to be introduced to Robert Oppenheimer, who was the scientist that ran the WWII Manhattan Project that produced the A-bomb. If one had any notion they were bright and getting somewhere, you got a whole new yardstick for what smart means and how far you had to go to be competitive. In my book that fell into the breakout category. You had the privilege to sit at the feet of the masters.



**Can you give us some of your football background?**

My heroes growing up from about age 10 or 11 were scientists. My gradually forming ambition from an early age was to be either an aeronautical engineer or do nuclear/particle research physics.

Other than reading a book on being a QB by one of the early pro stars, Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, my only other athletic role model in high school was Frank Ryan, then QB at Rice University in Houston who played pro with L.A. Rams and Cleveland Browns. Ryan went on while playing to get his doctorate in math.

**What high school did you play for?**

In the final year at Nutana we won the provincial. We'd installed an Oklahoma Sooner split-T belly ride option series; system was adapted by the Eskimos. Nutana coach Clarence Garvie got Eskimo game films and we installed the system over the winter and perfected it by the time the season started. We drilled the backfield so much — with some of the later Hilltops like George Werezak, Evan Kyba and Anson Finlay — that it became second nature like a ballet. We could do it in our sleep.

**In the playoffs in your rookie season with the Hilltops in 1957, coach Bob Arn called you off the bench in the second half and you led the team to three touchdowns. Was this your breakout game?**

We had a well oiled machine and it was really no big deal. Thanks to sportswriters like Jack Cook, backfielders and myself got far more credit than we deserved for doing some rather ordinary things facilitated by teammates that never got their proper share of the credit.

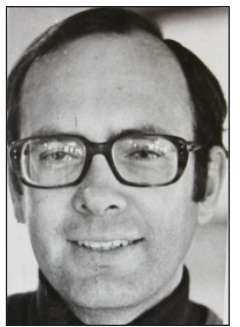
**Is there anyone on the Hilltops who maybe didn't have the profile of other players, but earned the team's respect?**

There were two I played with who didn't get as much press as they could have. Bob Myers; what an athlete. I'm convinced he could have played in the NHL. And Howard Kellough. He could throw the ball. He had great co-ordination. He could hit, was smart. If he was a pro he'd have been an all-star.

**You, Ron Adam and Ralph Schoenfeld are the three Hilltop quarterbacks who have played in the CFL. Touch on that.**

# Touching base

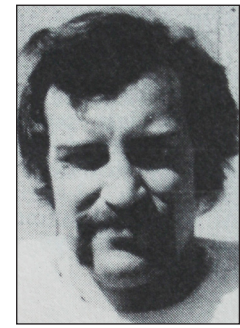
Cheers to **Don Campbell** and **Ed Ross**. Both are in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and are being inducted this year into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame. Campbell is honoured as a builder for his contributions to the sport, including being the manager and greens superintendent at the Riverside Country Club as well as promoting the development of course grass and course design. Ross is joining the Saskatchewan Golf Hall as an athlete. Ross was twice the Saskatchewan junior champion and 11 times competed on the four-man provincial team for the Willingdon Cup at the Canadian amateur golf championship ... The **Jay Sim** Memorial golf tournament has raised \$41,800 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in two years. Sim was a catcher on the Canadian softball team. He is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall both as an athlete and with the 1977 Imperial 400s junior team and the 1987 Rempel Bros. senior team ... Regina's **Daisy Junior**, who is in the American Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., died this year at age 92. Junior is also in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. Junior was an outfielder for four years in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League which is featured in the 1992 movie *A League of Their Own* ... The **Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association** turns 50 this season. But they have been racing in Saskatoon every summer since 1954. Before it became an association, the Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Club had races at the Motordrome on Eighth Street. The track moved to the Exhibition grounds, then to Bridge City Speedway east of Saskatoon. Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Corman Park opened in 2006.



**Ed Ross**

**Logan Rodgers** was a rookie with impact. Rodgers led the University of Saskatchewan Huskies to their first Canadian championship in any sport when he finished fourth at the 1968 Canadian university cross-country running championships in Halifax. Rodgers and the Huskies team is being inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in November. Rodgers went to Walter Murray Collegiate, which had its 50th anniversary reunion this summer. Other Walter Murray grads in the Hall include: **Mike Harrington** — Harrington went to Walter Murray after his family moved to Saskatoon from Ottawa. He won four track and field events as well as running on two winning relay teams at the 1971 Saskatchewan high school track and field championships. He has been an assistant coach on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team since 1987. **Dave King** — King was a quarterback for the Walter Murray Monarchs who upset Aden Bowman and reached their first final in the Saskatoon High School Football League in 1965. King was head coach of the Canadian hockey team at the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Olympics and has been both a head coach and assistant coach in the NHL. **Alison Lang Robertson** — Lang, a high-scoring centre, considered playing for Walter Murray in the boys division in Grade 12 in the Saskatoon High Basketball League. She was on Canada's team in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

**Curtis Leschyshyn** has turned cowboy. Leschyshyn is being inducted into the Saskatoon Hall this November as a hockey player. In August, he sponsored the inaugural Curtis Leschyshyn Professional Bull Riders Invitational. The competition drew 30 top bull riders on the tour. Leschyshyn is giving money from the event to Langham's ball diamond, curling rink and arena. He is on the coaching staff of the WHL's Saskatoon Blades this season. Leschyshyn was a defenceman for the Blades and played in the NHL for 13 years, winning the Stanley Cup in 1996 with the Colorado Avalanche ... Hall inductee **Martha (Nelson) Grant** made her mark in swimming. She competed in the 1972 Munich Olympics, finishing third in her heat in the individual medley and placing 18th overall. An interesting footnote is the presence she had on another sport — volleyball. **Mark Tennant**, the coach of the women's volleyball program at the University of Saskatchewan, added Grant to the Huskiette team in 1975. Tennant said in a newspaper article: "She added a lot, too, her work ethic, her attitude, her way of impressing on the other players not to be worried so much about the short term." ... **Zbigniew (Ziggy) Szelagowicz** is in the Hall as an assistant coach with the 1985-86 U of S women's track and field team. Szelagowicz, who was in Saskatoon in the 1980s, is now a coach with the Valley Royals Club in Abbotsford, B.C. This summer two of his high jumpers represented Canada in international competition. **Michael Mason** was eighth in the London Olympics and **Django Lovett** fifth at the North American, Central American and Caribbean under-23 track and field championships in Mexico. Mason's training program included carrying Szelagowicz by piggyback through deep snow in Whistler, B.C. ... There are changes at the top as a new year begins in university sport in Canada. **Val Schneider** has retired as executive director of the Canada West conference for universities in Western Canada. "The position gave me an opportunity to stay involved in university sport which I thoroughly enjoyed," said Schneider, who was head coach of the Saskatchewan Huskies football team from 1973-83. "Although, at times, it was challenging working with so many different personalities, it was a great run." Schneider is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as an assistant coach with the 1990 Huskies who won their first Vanier Cup national championship.



**Mike Harrington**

## WORLD CLASS

**Kaylyn Kyle**, 23, and **Kelly Parker**, 31, are the eighth and ninth Saskatoon athletes in the history of the Summer Olympics to win a medal.

Kyle and Parker were on the Canadian soccer team that won a bronze medal in the London Games in August. This is the first Summer Olympic medal by Canada in a team sport played with a ball since the Canadian men's basketball team won a silver medal in the 1936 Games in Berlin.

**Other Saskatchewan results in London**

- Carla Nicholls**, 44, Regina, coach, athletics
- Cory Niefer**, 36, Saskatoon, 10-metre air rifle, 581-600 points, 46th in qualifying, did not advance
- Krista Phillips**, 24, Saskatoon, women's basketball athlete, 2-4 record Canada made Olympic quarter-finals for first time
- Reuben Ross**, 26, Regina, synchronized springboard diving, sixth with Alexandre Despatie, Montreal, 421.83 pts
- Gina Smith**, 54, Saskatoon. Smith is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Chef d'Equipe Canadian team, equestrian dressage, 10th
- Brianne Theisen**, 23, Humboldt, athletics, heptathlon, 11th, 6,383 pts
- Lisa Thomaidis**, 41, Saskatoon, women's basketball assistant coach, 2-4 record, Canada made Olympic quarter-finals for first time
- Rachelle Viinberg**, 33, Regina, rowing, women's eights, silver, 6:12.06

**Summer Olympic medalists from Saskatoon**

- \***Stan Glover**, age 20 in 1928 Olympics, track and field, 4x400 relay, bronze
  - \***Ethel Catherwood**, age 20 in 1928 Olympics, track and field, high jump, gold
  - \***George Genereux**, age 17 in 1952 Olympics, trapshooting, gold
  - \***Bob Molle**, age 21 in 1984 Olympics, wrestling, super heavyweight, silver
  - Cam Baerg**, age 31 in 2004 Olympics, rowing, men's fours, silver
  - Jake Wetzel**, age 27 in 2004 Olympics, rowing, men's fours, silver; 2008, men's eights, gold
  - Kaylyn Kyle**, age 23 in 2012 Olympics, soccer, bronze
  - Kelly Parker**, age 31 in 2012 Olympics, soccer, bronze
- \*In Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

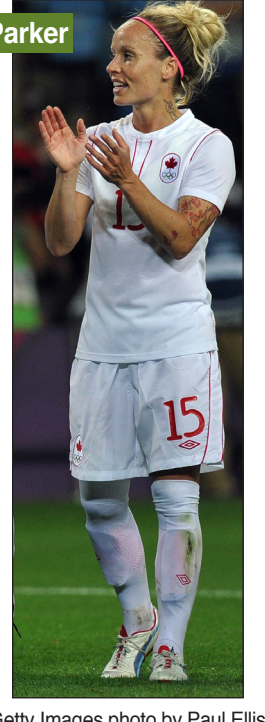
**Sask. in London Paralympics**

- Arnold Boldt**, 54, Moose Jaw, cycling track time trial, 25th, 1:17.304; track pursuit, 12th road time trial, 12th, 27:31.82; road race, did not finish
  - Logan Campbell**, 24, Saskatoon, sailing, three-person keelboat, 10th
  - Earle Connor**, Rosthern, athletics, 100 m, fourth, 12.65
  - Alexandre Dupont**, 27, Saskatoon, athletics 400 m, fourth in heat, did not advance, 51.17 seconds 800 m, sixth in heat, did not advance, 1:39.73 5,000 m, ninth in heat, did not advance, 11:31.10 4x400-metre relay, fifth, 3:17.50, American record
  - Keira-Lyn Frie**, 25, Saskatoon, athletics 100 m, sixth, 17.26 seconds 800 m, fourth in heat, did not advance, 1:57.23 1,500m, eighth, 3:38.58; 5,000 m, fourth, 12:28.86
  - Robert Hudson**, 45, Leoville, archery, def. in first elim. round
  - Marianne Maiboll**, 35, Saskatoon/Denmark, athletics 100 m, sixth in heat, 19.07 seconds, did not advance 400 m, sixth in heat, 1:02.35, did not advance 800 m, fourth in heat, 2:06.88, did not advance
  - Natalie Scott**, 33, Outlook, goalball, assistant coach 3-1 in preliminary round, def. by Finland in quarter-final
- Dupont, Frie and Maiboll are coached by **Rick Reelie**, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame



**Kaylyn Kyle**

—Getty Images photo by Julian Finney



**Kelly Parker**

—Getty Images photo by Paul Ellis



**Lisa Thomaidis**

—Getty Images photo by Christian Peterson



**Keira-Lyn Frie**



**Logan Campbell**

**Frequent flyer**

The London Games were the fifth Olympics for **Al Bodnarchuk** of Saskatoon. Bodnarchuk has been a massage therapist on the Canadian team at the Summer Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta, 2000 in Sydney, 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London and in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Bodnarchuk is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the medical staff on the 1990 and 1996 U of S football teams.

## Passings

**Hal Lackie, 61 Team inductee, football**

Hal Lackie was an offensive tackle on the Saskatoon Hilltops who won the Canadian junior football championship in 1968 and '69. Hal went on to be a coach with the Arns in the Saskatoon Kinsmen Tackle Football League. He was also big into soccer. Hal served on the board with Saskatoon Youth Soccer, Eastside Youth Soccer and helped to launch the SaskTel Sports Centre soccer facility.



**Hal Lackie**

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