

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



29th annual induction program and banquet, Saturday evening, Nov. 1, TCU Place



**Jerry Shoemaker**  
Hall of Fame president

Builder inductee, 2009

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I hope everyone had a great summer. Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter.

Now that September is here the annual Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and dinner are just around the corner. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 at TCU Place.

This is our 29th Induction proceedings and we extend an invitation to all past inductees and board members to attend and honour the inductees for 2014.

These inductees have made significant contributions to their sports

at 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 as we honour their accomplishments and contributions to the Saskatoon sporting community.

Please remember that your support of our induction dinner also ensures that we will be able to continue to honour in the future our athletes, builders and teams. I hope to see you all there.

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

CAIRNS FIELD 1914 – 1962

## Biggest game in town

**100 YEARS AGO**

There are 6,422 fans in the stands as the Saskatoon Quakers baseball team plays the visiting Regina Red Sox in the first game at Saskatoon's new park in May 1914.



With the game starting at 4:30 p.m., city merchants close their shops at 4. Tickets for bleachers seats are 50 cents, for the grandstand \$1.

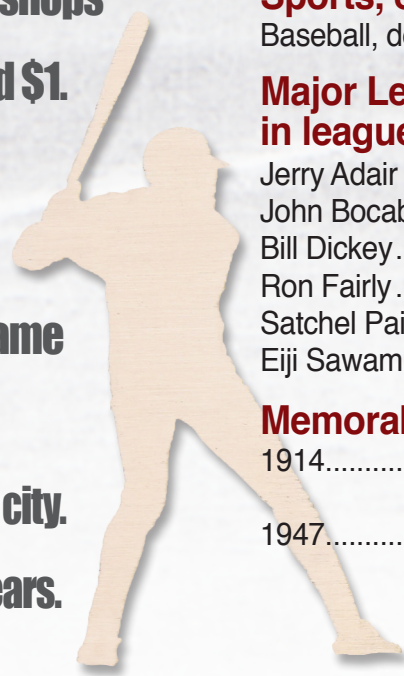
People at the game submit 27 different names to call the park.

The majority pick the name Cairns Field.

John Frederick Cairns is a native of Lawrenceville, Que., who came to Saskatoon with his wife in 1902.

Cairns opened a bakery. He added a bigger store in the centre of the city.

Cairns built this baseball stadium that stood in Saskatoon for 48 years.



### Sports, events at Cairns Field

Baseball, dog races, football, rugby, softball, track and field.

### Major Leaguers who played at Cairns Field in league or exhibition games

Jerry Adair ..... Major League infielder  
John Bocabella..... Major League catcher, infielder and outfielder  
Bill Dickey..... Major League catcher and manager  
Ron Fairly..... Major League infielder and outfielder  
Satchel Paige..... Pitcher in Baseball Hall of Fame  
Eiji Sawamura..... Pitcher in Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame

### Memorable

1914..... A dance floor is part of the Cairns Field site at the start, but is soon removed.  
1947..... Johnny Sofiak pitches for the Saskatoon Merchants at Cairns Field on Friday on Labor Day weekend. He plays for the Hilltops against Regina in a football game in Regina on Saturday afternoon, then goes to Moose Jaw on Saturday night to play in a ball game.  
1950..... Frst game under the lights at Cairns Field.

—Cairns Field photo courtesy Archie Edwards/Saskatoon Public Library Local History 2558

### Saskatoon Sports Hal of Fame inductees who coached or played at Cairns Field include:

Len Breckner.....Saskatoon Gems, Commodores baseball	Spero Leakos.....Manager Saskatoon Gems baseball, Saskatoon Commodores baseball	Jules Swick.....Saskatoon Legion baseball
Muriel Coben.....Saskatoon Ramblers softball	Jack McLeod.....Saskatoon Gems baseball	Delisle Thompson.....Saskwanis football team
Bobby Dawes.....Saskatoon Legion, Saints baseball	Ken Rowley.....Saskatoon Merchants softball	Art Walecke.....Saskatoon Merchants softball
Sylvia Fedoruk.....Saskatoon Hub City Ramblers softball	Jim Shirley.....Colonsay Merchants, Saskatoon Gems baseball	Walecke watched his first baseball game at Cairns Field through a knothole in the fence.
Dorothy George.....Saskatoon Ramblers softball	Gil Strumm.....Played Saskatoon Merchants softball, coached Saskatoon Ramblers women's softball	
Gordie Howe.....Intercon Packers softball		

**4**  
years ago

Joanne Jones of Churchill School breaks the city record by a foot in winning the girls' age 12-13 long jump in the 1969 Saskatoon public schools track and field meet at Griffiths Stadium.

Jones long jumps 16 feet, three inches. She also wins the high jump.

Other record setters are Brian Hodgkinson of Montgomery in boys' 14-15 high jump, Rod Wright of King George in boys' 12-13 high jump, Warren Schmidt of Churchill in boys' 12-13 triple jump and Diannan Hoffa of Brevoort Park in girls' 12-13 75-yard dash.

Jones and Marjorie Nyseen of Alvin Buckwold, in the girls' 11-12 division, are the only athletes to win two events.



Joanne Jones

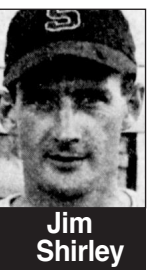
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Bill Ens pitches a no-hitter into the ninth inning as the Merchants defeat the Royals 1-0 to win the best-of-seven Saskatoon Senior A Men's Softball final in four games at Cairns Field in 1957.

Al Sokalofsky has a single in the ninth for the Royals. With the bases loaded and two out in the ninth inning, Ted McKenzie of the Royals pops out to Merchants catcher Jim Shirley to end the game.

The Merchants' run is scored by Bucky Bowers in the top of the ninth. He triples and scores on a hit down the third base line by Maurie Houle.

Other top hitters for the Merchants in the series are Howard Birnie, Don Holtzman, Porky Hulme and Gil Strumm.



Jim Shirley





The Spirit of '89 is a new book about the Jeux Canada Summer Games held 25 years ago in Saskatoon. Written by Hall of Fame inductee **Ned Powers**, the book tells more of the story about every Saskatchewan team in the 1989 Games. Among the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees who were in the 1989 Games are coaches **Jim Baba**,

**Brian Clark, Frank Enns, Nick Patola** and **Zbigniew Szlagowicz** and athletes **Vince Ashmeade, Tracy Duncan, Shannon Kekula, Vanessa Monar, John Neufeld**, who was a coach in the Games, **Jacki Nichol** and **Bobbi Thoen**.

Book available at McNally Robinson for \$19.89

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Passings

**Joanne Goulet, 1935-2014, age 79**  
Joanne Goulet is a native of Sinataluta, a town near Indian Head, Sask. Her family moved to Regina when she was six. She began golfing at age 14. She went on to win the Saskatchewan junior women's championship twice, the provincial amateur title nine times from 1952 to 1985 — seven times being the runner-up — and the senior championship six times. Goulet was on the Saskatchewan team that won the Canadian senior women's team title in 1985 and 1990. Three inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame won national titles with Goulet: Barbara Dana-har in 1985 and 1996, Pat Lawson in 1985 and Gerry Street in 1990. The Joanne Goulet Golf Course in Regina honours her name. Goulet is enshrined in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame and the Regina Sports Hall of Fame.



Joanne Goulet

**Dr. Lloyd Probert, 1921-2014, age 92**  
Lloyd Probert is a native of Moose Jaw who earned his medical degree at the University of Saskatchewan. While going to university in Saskatoon, he was on Huskies football team for two years, the swimming team for three years and the basketball team for four years. The Huskies won the Rugby Cup as champions of Western Intercollegiate basketball in 1939-40. Probert was awarded the highest honour an athlete can receive on campus, winning the McDonald Cup in 1943. He is enshrined in the U of S Sports Wall of Fame.



Lloyd Probert

**Sheila Rowan, 1940-2014, age 74**  
**Team inductee, curling, softball**  
Sheila (Stretch) Rowan won Canadian titles in two sports. She played first base for the Saskatoon Imperials, who won the Canadian women's softball championship in 1969 and 1970. The Imperials represented Saskatchewan at the first Canada Summer Games in Halifax in 1969 and in the world championship in Osaka, Japan a year later. Rowan was third on the rink skipped by Vera Pezer of Saskatoon that won the Canadian women's curling championship in 1971, 1972 and 1973. She was the skip of the Saskatoon Nutana rink that won the provincial women's title in 1983 and 1985 and the Canadian senior women's title in 1992. A native of Young, she moved to Saskatoon with her family in her early teens in 1955.



Sheila Rowan

**Ken Rowley, 1931-2014, age 81**  
**Builder inductee, curling, softball**  
Ken Rowley was a member of the Hub City Curling Club from 1958 until it closed in 2008. He was chair of many committees with the club, including the annual Bond Bonspiel, and was the Hub's secretary-treasurer. In softball, Rowley played on the Saskatoon Merchants, who were provincial champions in 1961 and 1962. He was later coach and executive member of the Merchants as well as being a coach in minor softball and a volunteer with the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association.



Ken Rowley

Touching base  
With athletes, coaches,  
officials in Hall of Fame

Adolph, Desjardins in the news

**Dave Adolph** and **Willie Desjardins** are enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team, winners of the Canadian championship. Adolph has been head coach of the Huskies for 22 years. This season, Adolph will coach the Canada West conference all-star team in the Universiade in Granada, Spain, Feb. 4-14. Desjardins has signed a four-year contract as head coach of the NHL's Vancouver Canucks. Among Desjardins's coaching jobs was head coach of the Saskatoon Blades in the WHL in 1997-98 and head coach of the Canadian team at the world junior championship in Saskatoon in 2010. The Texas Stars coached by Desjardins won the Calder Cup as champions in the AHL last season. Fomer Huskies hockey player and coach **Brent McEwen** had a hand in the Stanley Cup won this year by the Los Angeles Kings. McEwen, who lives in Whitewood, is a scout for the Kings of Canadian amateur players. McEwen also won the Cup with the Kings in 2012. Five inductees in the Hall received awards this year from the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association. Service awards went to **Sharon Tkachuk** as an athletics official and **Scott St. Pierre** as an athletics commentator, while coaching merit awards were given to **Jeff Balzer, Dean Faris** and **Dwight Harnish**. Superannuates this year in the Saskatoon Teachers' Association are Harnish, who is enshrined in the Hall with the 1978 Hilltops football team, **Sheryl (Kleckner) Ens**, who is enshrined with the 1980 Harmony Centres softball team, and Faris, enshrined as an athlete in multiple sports.

Bob Miller heavy hitter

**Bob Miller** of Shellbrook is being enshrined in the Saskatoon Hall this year with the rink skipped by his daughter **Marliese Kasner**. Bob was coach of the team that won the world junior women's curling championship in 2003. He is Hall of Fame calibre as an athlete himself. Bob was skip of the Saskatchewan rink that won Pepsi-Cola national schoolboy title in 1969. He played third on **Eugene Hritzuk's** rink that won the Saskatchewan Tankard in 1985 and was runner-up in 1984 and '86. Kasner is on the Saskatoon rink skipped by her sister **Stefanie Lawton** that has qualified for the 2014-15 Canadian national team program. Also on the rink are **Sherry Anderson** and **Sherri Singler**. By being in the NTP, the rink receives money to cover some costs of training and competing. Hall inductee **Kyle Stroeder** was head coach of Saskatchewan Green that finished second to Ontario at the Football Canada Cup under-18 male event in Saskatoon in July. Hall inductee **Travis Serke** was an assistant coach on the club and inductee **Mike Humenny** the general manager. Saskatchewan White finished sixth. Hall inductees **Jeff Yausie** and **Pat Barry** are coaches with the Saskatoon Valkyries, who won the title in the Western Women's Football League this season. Yausie is head coach of the Valkyries and Barry coaches defensive backs. Yausie is also an assistant coach on the Hilltops. Hall inductee **Brian Guebert** was the defensive line coach on Canada's national team that finished second this summer at the International Federation of American Football world under-19 male championship in Kuwait. Canada defeated Kuwait 91-0, France 56-0 and Australia 36-7 and was defeated by the United States 40-17 in the final. University of Saskatchewan Huskies on the



Dave Adolph

Willie Desjardins is the new head coach of the NHL's Vancouver Canucks

national team were receiver **Mitch Hillis**, running back **Kayden Johnson**, defensive lineman **Evan Machibroda**, defensive lineman **Garrett Meek** and linebacker **Gabriel Simons**. Guebert is an assistant coach with the Huskies.

Jim Jones coaches national softball team

**Jim Jones** of Leduc, Alta., is inducted into the Hall with the 1987 Rempel Bros. senior men's softball team. Jones is coach of the Canadian team that finished seventh in the 10-team International Softball Federation world junior championship in July in Whitehorse. Saskatchewan athletes on the team were **Justin Boyer**, a shortstop from St. Louis, Prince Albert shortstop **Josh Elliot**, third baseman **Curtis Piecowye** of Saskatoon and outfielder **Matthew Pilon** of Duck Lake. **Jerry Shoemaker**, a builder inductee in the Hall and its current president, has been elected to the board of Sask. Sport. **Kevin Dickie**, who led the Melfort Mustangs to two titles when he was head coach of the hockey team, has been enshrined in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Hall of Fame. Dickie was later head coach of the Saskatoon Blades. A native of Shaunavon, he is now the athletic director at Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S.

McClements honoured

**Jim McClements** received the John Hurdis Outstanding Volunteer Award at Speed Skating Canada's annual general meeting in Ottawa. McClements, who is in the Hall as a builder, has been a speed skating official in national, World Cup and Olympic competition. Hall of Fame inductee **Judy Warick** was enshrined into the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame this summer in Toronto. **Brad Close**, who is coached by Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductee **Rick Reelie**, competed in the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation World Junior Games in Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom in August. Close was fourth in the wheelchair 1,500 metres and fifth in the 100, 200, 400 and 800. **Michelle Young** of Saskatoon competed but did not finish the women's 100-metre hurdles in the North American, Central American and Caribbean under-23 athletics championships in Kamloops, B.C., in August. Young is coached by Hall inductee **Ivan Tam**. Saskatoon played host to the 37th annual Canadian ball hockey championships in August. **Montreal Red Lite** won their 10th title in the men's division. **Ottawa Vanier Mooseheads** won the women's championship. Three Saskatoon racquetball players have been selected to the Canadian national program. **Tim Landeryou** is on the national elite team, while **Danielle Drury** and **Nathaniel Husulak** are on the development team.

**Bedford Road Collegiate** has a new name and logo for its teams. Bedford Road's teams were called the Redmen for 91 years. They're now the Redhawks. The school sold jerseys and pins with the former name and logo at a memorabilia auction in June. Sections of bleachers in Bedford the gym were also sold. Among the inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame who were teachers at Bedford Road or are student alumni of the school

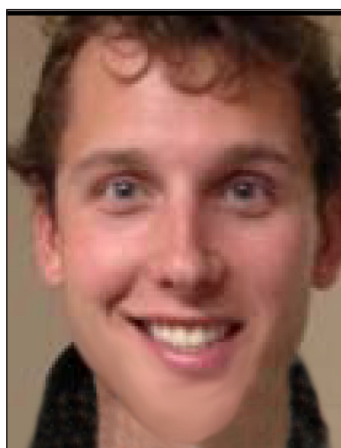
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Len Bell	Carl Hoath	Murray Richardson
Kelly Bowers	Bob Hodges	Rick Ruzesky
George Calder	Merv Komarnicki	Melanie Sanford
Ethel Catherwood	Keith Kozak	Tom Sargeant
Dale Clark	Pat Lawson	Ralph Schoenfeld
Don Cousins	Justin Loshack	George Short
Dean Dickson	Mike Lukian	Rob Sotnikow
Sheryl Ens	Ian Mirtle	Terry Stopa
Dr. Cyprian Enweani	Ron Morris	Henry Strelieff
Jerry Friesen	*Walt Mudge	Rick Wakeman
Larry Giles	Served on Hall board	Dale West
Henrietta Goplen	but not an inductee	
Dale Hazell	Carey Nelson	

Look at them now  
Sask. athletes, coaches, officials making news



**Candace Bloomquist**  
Football

Candace Bloomquist passed for two touchdowns and was named the team's MVP as the Saskatoon Valkyries defeated the Lethbridge Steel to win their fourth consecutive title in the Western Women's Football League. Bloomquist is a native of Wausa, Neb., who has a PhD in kinesiology from the University of Saskatchewan. She has played for the Valkyries for four years.



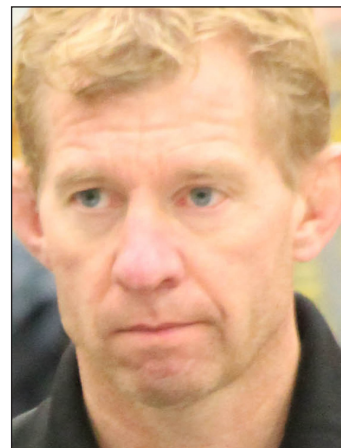
**John Haver**  
Rowing

John Haver of the Saskatoon Rowing Club was a coach on the Canadian team for the world junior championships in August in Hamburg, Germany. As an athlete, Haver competed in the world under-23 championships three times and the 2007 Pan-Am Games. Alissa Wverbicki of Saskatoon won a silver medal in pairs at the world juniors this year and also a silver at the Youth Olympics.



**Lisa Down**  
Softball

Lisa Down was team leader on the Canadian women's softball team at the International Softball Federation's 14th world championship in August in Haarlem, Netherlands. Canada finished fourth. Down has been involved in international competition for Softball Canada since 2001.



**Shane Bradley**  
Wrestling

Shane Bradley was a coach on Canada's national team for the Pan-Am wrestling championships in July in Mexico. The competition is part of the qualifying process leading to the 2015 Pan-Am Games in Toronto. Bradley has coached wrestling for 27 years.



2014 Commonwealth Games  
Saskatchewan results

- Aerial Arthur**  
Shooting Saskatoon 10m women air rifle  
21st qualifying, did not advance
- Ewan Beaton**  
Judo coach Saskatoon Canadian judoka won 3 bronze
- Alex Dupont**  
Athletics Bradwell wheelchair 1,500 m, bronze  
Coached by Sktn. Sports Hall of Fame inductee Rick Reelie
- Jillian Gallays**  
Wrestling Saskatoon 53 kg, bronze
- Anderson Loran**  
Gymnastics Saskatoon team, bronze  
pommel, seventh  
horizontal bar, eighth
- Mike Mason**  
Athletics Nanoose Bay, B.C. high jump, bronze  
Coached by Sktn. Sports Hall of Fame inductee Zbigniew Szlagowicz
- Brianne Theisen-Eaton**  
Athletics Humboldt heptathlon, gold