

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Sport's Hall of Fame president's message by Ed Bryant



I bring you greetings from the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and welcome you to this addition of our newsletter. I welcome new board member Ian Mirtle and returning board members Don Cousins, Ken Gunn, Noreen Murphy, Jacki Nichol, Bob Reindl, Bill Seymour, Ralph Schoenfeld, Jerry Shoemaker and Phyllis Wilson for the year 2011.

Plans are underway for our 26th induction ceremonies and dinner set for Saturday, Oct. 29 at TCU Place. We are now accepting nominations for team, builder and athlete categories. Submission deadline is April 1. Nominations forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame office at the Field House or on the website saskatoonsportshalloffame.com



The sports program at the University of Saskatchewan turns 100 this year. From Olympic athletes to national team coaches, Canadian champions to international officials, the U of S has a colourful connection to sports.

Basil Hughton is the athletic director of Huskie Athletics and played on the U of S football team.

"We have the Wall of Fame banquet Sept. 10, plus three other major events planned (for the centennial year)," Basil Hughton said. "When I think Huskie Athletics, I think of faces, of people. "Last fall, when we honoured the Huskie (men's) basketball team that won the national championship, alumni presented rings; there was Don Fry, Paul Jacoby, Paul Humbert, John Cleland giving rings. . . . "That's what want to do. reach out to the alumni."

- HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FROM THE U OF S WHO ARE DOCTORS**
Hilary Clayton, equestrian
Cyprian Enweani, track and field
Brian Gamborg, volleyball
Walter Hader, football, hockey team doctor
Peter Spafford, hockey
- HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FROM THE U OF S WHO HAVE BECOME THE UNIVERSITY'S CHANCELLOR**
Sylvia Fedoruk, curling
Vera Pezer, curling, softball

- MAJOR UNIVERSITY AWARDS FOR HUSKIES**
Darcey Busse, Canadian men's volleyball player of year 1984, 1986
Sarah Crooks, Nan Copp Award Canadian women's b-ball player of year, 2006, 2007
Adam Ens, BLG Award Male athlete of the year in Canadian university for all sports, 2004.
Men's volleyball player of the year, 2004
Dave Pickett, Hec Crighton Award, Canadian football player of year, 1973



GREAT DISTINCTION for Lyle Sanderson

Lyle receives the Geoff Gowen Award from the Coaching Association of Canada, honouring lifetime achievement.

Lyle and Edmonton field hockey coach Dru Marshall join an elite list for the award, first presented in 1886. Lyle is an inductee in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, first going in as a builder and then five more times as a coach with University of Saskatchewan Huskies track and field teams. Raised in Piapot, he has gone on to coach the Huskies for 39 years and 10 times been named the Huskies' coach of the year, which covers all U of S sports. Lyle has coached in the Olympics three times, which included guiding Diane Jones Konihowski to the 1972 and 1976 Games in both pentathlon and long jump and Joanne McTaggart in the 1976 Games in sprints.

Winning combination

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees from Huskies who married

- Listing person, induction category and sport
- **Charlene Butler**, team, volleyball & **Doug Archibald**, team, hockey
 - **Cindy Crow**, team, volleyball & **Darcey Busse**, athlete, volleyball
 - **Diane Jones**, team and athlete, track and field & **John Konihowski**, athlete, football and track and field, team, track and field
 - **Vanessa Monar**, athlete, track and field & **Cyprian Enweani**, athlete, track and field
 - **Gail Oliver**, team, volleyball player & **Mark Tennant**, team, volleyball coach
 - **Maureen Rever**, athlete, track and field & **Dick DuWors**, builder
 - **Sherry Saxton**, team, volleyball & **Bruce Richards**, team, volleyball
 - **Janet Scott**, team, track and field & **James Gattinger**, team, hockey trainer
 - **Joyce Senyk**, team, volleyball & **Brian Gamborg**, team, volleyball
 - **Bobbi Thoen**, athlete, track and field & **Bruce Waldner**, athlete, wrestling



Huskie father and son in Hall of Fame

- Father: **Clarence Garvie**, builder, football, track and field
Son: **Gord Garvie**, athlete, football, wrestling
- Father: **Val Schneider**, team, football
Son: **Brent Schneider**, team, football



Huskie mother and son in Hall of Fame

- Mother: **Ennis Waldner**, builder, swimming
Son: **Bruce Waldner**, athlete, wrestling
- Mother: **Ginger Alcorn**, team, track and field coach
Son: **Kerry Alcorn**, team, volleyball coach

Huskie brothers in Hall of Fame

- **Dan Farthing**, athlete, football and **Jon Farthing**, team, football
- **Chris Flory**, team, football, **Joel Flory**, team, football and **Scott Flory**, team, football
- **Rod Lessmeister**, team, football and **Scott Lessmeister**, team, football
- **Dan Stewart**, team, football and **Mike Stewart**, team, football

Huskie sisters in Hall of Fame

- **Eleanor (Haslam) Jensen**, athlete, track and field and **Judy (Haslam) Peddle**, builder, track and field
- **Clara (Wall) Lee**, team, track and field and **Gwen (Wall) Ridout**, athlete, team, track and field



Huskie brother and sister in Hall of Fame

- **Greg Mamer**, team, football and **Sue Mamer**, team, football trainer, team, volleyball trainer

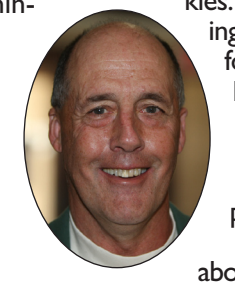
Hall inductees from the U of S with awards/scholarships named after them

- **Bob Adams** (athlete inductee in 1986) competed in decathlon at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, was coach of the Canadian track and field team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and was a pole vault official at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. He travels to Saskatchewan each year from Victoria for the Bob Adams Foundation banquet as Saskatchewan Athletics awards scholarships and presents awards to age-class track and field athletes in Saskatchewan.
- The **Dick DuWors** Trophy for men and **Eleanor Haslam** Trophy for women go to the team champions at the Canada West conference university track and field championships. DuWors (builder inductee in 1995) was coach of the University of Saskatchewan track and field team and Haslam (athlete inductee in 1986) was a sprinter at the U of S who competed in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne and the 1960 Olympics in Rome.
- The late **Gord Garvie** (athlete inductee in 1986) wrestled in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and coached at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. He was a coach at both Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont., and the University of Saskatchewan. The Gord Garvie Memorial scholarship is awarded each year to a student in the College of Kinesiology at the U of S.
- **Pat Lawson** (athlete inductee in 1986, basketball, golf) has been called one of Saskatoon's all time top athletes, excelling in a variety of sports. The Pat Lawson Trophy goes to the female rookie of the year in Huskie Athletics, covering all sports on campus.
- The late **Dan Marisi** (team inductee in 1986, linebacker with Saskatoon Hilltops) was a player with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team and its head coach for two years. The Marisi scholarship is awarded each year to a graduate student in kinesiology and physical education at McGill University in Montreal. Marisi was a professor at McGill from 1971 to 1998. He became internationally respected for his research and development in Formula One racing. He is an honourable member of the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame.
- **Howard Nixon** (builder inductee in 1986, general sports) developed sports as a coach and educator at the U of S and established the Department of Youth, Culture and Recreation in Saskatchewan. The Howard Nixon Trophy goes to the male rookie of the year in Huskie Athletics.
- **Mark Tennant** (team inductee in 1992 as head coach of Huskiette women's volleyball) coached the U of S women to three straight Canadian university volleyball championships from 1978 to 1980. The Mark Tennant Award goes to the national rookie of the year in Canadian university women's volleyball. The Manitoba Volleyball Association also has a Mark Tennant Award, for the outstanding male player under-20 in the province.



Touching base

Ross Wilson (builder inductee 2008) has more than 40 years experience in sports administration and is still at it. "(Canadian Interuniversity Sport) has contracted me on a few occasions to do some research/writing work for them," said Wilson, a former athletic director at the University of Saskatchewan. "Canada West Universities employee me in a number of tasks. I received a grant from the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame to sort and catalogue all Huskie Athletic photographic materials stored at the University of Saskatchewan Archives dated between the beginning of CIS in 1962 to the present."



Ross Wilson

also was a receiver with the Hilltops and University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He is now in Calgary working full time with the HART foundation, a Humanitarian Aid Response Team he started in 1996 to help people, especially youth in the Ukraine. He does everything from building playgrounds to starting soup kitchens. "This isn't about us building things, it's not so these people depend on us," he said. "We empower them to do their own thing." HART lifts a community, then moves to another project.

Keith Russell (builder inductee in 2002, gymnastics) has received the Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Saskatchewan, voted on the U of S Students' Union. Russell is a professor in the College of Kinesiology. Russell was recently selected as Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year for 2010.



Keith Russell

Brenda Atchison has set up the True Grit Award with the Saskatoon Hilltops in memory of her husband and Hall of Fame athlete inductee **Ron Atchison**. Ron played for the Hilltops and went on to be a lineman with the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders for 17 seasons. The True Grit Award goes to a current Hilltop in recognition of commitment and performance. Receiver **Clayton Garnett** is the first recipient.

Ian Mirtle is a new member of the board of directors with the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Mirtle is a former high school teacher in Saskatoon and coached the City Park Cowboys boys basketball team to first in the league in 1973 and to the city title in 1974. He is inducted into the Hall as a builder and has run the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association for years.

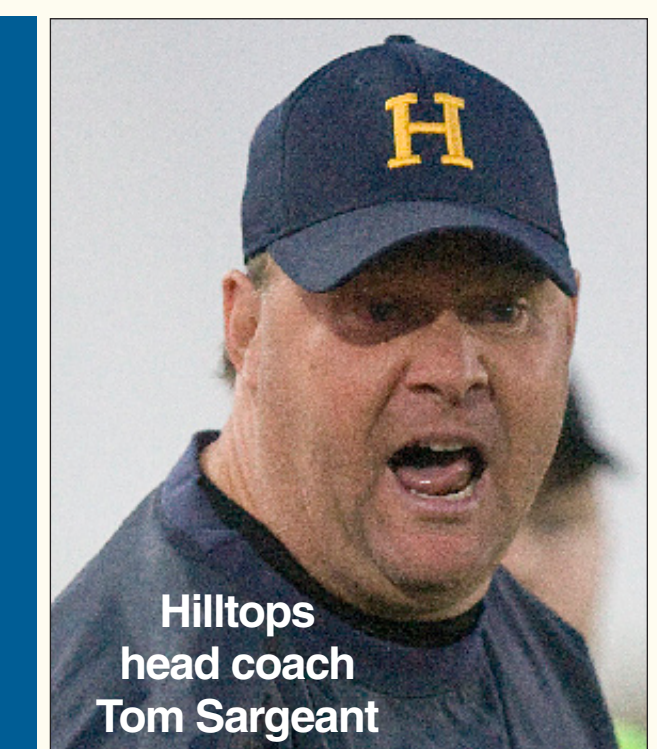


Ian Mirtle

Lloyd Cenaiko was a trainer and assistant coach with the 1978 Hilltops who were one of the first inductees into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1986. Cenaiko, who is from Wakaw,



Lloyd Cenaiko



Hilltops head coach Tom Sargeant
—Photo by Gord Waldner of The StarPhoenix

DOING A NUMBER
Hilltops' Canadian titles: 14
Hilltops' Canadian titles with Tom Sargeant on team: 8
Sargeant was inducted into the Hall of Fame with Hilltops teams in both 1995 and 2002. He is the principal at Bedford Road Collegiate.
Tom Sargeant's national titles with Hilltops
1985: Player, tight end
1991: Defensive line coach
1996: D-line coach, special teams co-ordinator
2001: Head coach
2002: Head coach
2003: Head coach
2007: Head coach
2010: Head coach



Tom Sargeant and his coaching staff of Sheldon Ball, Donnie Davidson, Warren Muzika, Jack Nepluk, Brent Steven, Brent Turkington and Jeff Yausie are returning to the club for 2011.

CATCHING UP

with Spero Lealos

● **Spero Lealos** is inducted as a builder into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. *Lealos Field* is a ball diamond near Cairns Field that is named after him, honouring the influence he has had on baseball, from age class to pro. *Lealos*, raised in Saskatoon and here in the city for 70 years, has also been involved in basketball, soccer and hockey, from age class to high school to university. *Spero* and his wife *Georgia* make their home in Calgary.



The story goes you gave *Georgia* an engagement ring near *Dodger Stadium* in Los Angeles.

Lealos: Yes. She is from southern California. I told her we're going to God's country, Saskatoon. I remember one day when she went shopping. This was before we had Sunday shopping and night shopping up here, not like where she is from. 'No,' she said, 'it's a nice bright sunny day, I'll take the bus.' She learned in a hurry — when it's minus 30 you better cover your ears. We'll have been married 49 years this August, *Georgia* supporting everything I do. I don't know what I'd have done without her.

What is your skill as a coach; what is the talent you bring?

Lealos: I put everything into what I did. (Coaching) basketball, hockey, any sport, I tried to let everyone play as much as they can. I think they need equal time to play to improve their skills. As far as winning and losing, you learn more from failure than you do from success. In life you're going to run into setbacks. Sport takes you through that and prepares you for life after sport.

Pretend you're picking a team, any sport. Who are a couple of athletes you want on the team?

Lealos: **Ernie Banks**. **Gordie Howe**. Not only are they good athletes, but are respectful of people. They're great athletes, but didn't gloat about it. **Banks** was in Saskatoon for a sportsman's dinner. We took him to my house and he played with my kids on the floor. **Gordie** and I played ball together. I have a picture of him holding my oldest son **Steve**. **Gordie**, any time he was in Saskatoon, always looked me up and came by to see me. **Gordie**, **Ernie**, I just like their attitude.



The **Lealos** name is associated with the **Commodore** restaurant you had on **Second Avenue**. Do you have a **Commodore** story?

Lealos: 'I met my wife in your restaurant.' You know how many times I've heard that. That's nice. Dad, he ran the restaurant 24/7. Both he and my mom gave me all kinds of encouragement in sports. All the teams that used to come to Saskatoon went to the restaurant. They wanted to be there.

You're known for baseball, but it's said your favourite sport is basketball. True?

Lealos: I coached the JV (men's) team for the Huskies. One year I had the chance to coach the **Adilman Aces** (women's team); easy for me and a thrill. That was one of the best teams in Canada. All I had to do was sit on the bench. I was a timekeeper at Huskie games for I don't know how many years.

Did you see the Huskies last year? The men won the Canadian championship. I remember talking to **Jocko** (coach **Greg Jockims**) the season before. We talked about the year's leave he could take. He said he wanted to hang around for another year. 'I want to stay with these kids,' he said. 'I have a hunch about them.' He was right. They won. And look at (women's coach) **Lisa Thomaidis**. There are nothing but good things to say about her.

You were in **Yankee Stadium** to see **Don Larsen** throw a perfect game in the 1956 **World Series** in **New York** . . .

Lealos: The last pitch to (**Dale Mitchell** (of the Brooklyn Dodgers) was a high pitch (but was called a third strike). Maybe the umpire wanted to get out of there. Saying that, **Lealos** laughed.

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Passings



Vic Lynn 1925-2010
Athlete inductee Hockey
Vic played in the NHL from 1942-43 to 1953-54 and won the Stanley Cup three times, playing for the Maple Leafs on a line with **Ted Kennedy** and **Howie Meeker**.

Mollie Hough, the wife of Hall of Fame inductee **Lou Hough**, died in December at 86. Like **Lou**, **Mollie** played a prominent role with the Horse Federation in Saskatchewan. **Mollie** came to fame as a pin-up girl during the Second World War. **George Powell**, who was with a Canadian army newspaper called the **Maple Leaf**, said **Mollie** was a favourite among the Canadian troops in Italy. "One of the most wholesome-looking, Canadian-girl-next-door types who was not only pretty, but had a smile that made your heart skip a beat," **Powell** told the **Edmonton Journal**.



Audrey Coben 1932-2010
Team inductee Adilman Aces basketball
Audrey won the 1959 Canadian basketball title with the Aces and a Western Canadian title in softball with the **Ramblers**. She competed in the 1959 Pan-Am Games in basketball.

Thanks coach

Pat Barry (team inductee in 1995 with 1991 Hilltops football) has received \$2,000 in athletic equipment for **Mount Royal Collegiate** as one of two national runners-up for the Home Depot NFL Youth coach of the year. The program is run through NFL-Canada.com. **Barry** also gets a \$500 gift card from Home Depot.



Pat Barry

He was nominated for the award by **Brandon Leatherdale**, who is a colleague of **Barry's** as well as being a teacher and coach at **Mount Royal**. Before graduating into teaching, **Barry** played defensive back for the Hilltops and University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Keeping with high schools . . . **Dean Faris** (athlete inductee in 2001, multiple sports) was an assistant coach this season with the **Evan Hardy** Souls in high school girls soccer. **Hardy** won silver behind the **St. Joseph Guardians** in both the city and provincial high school soccer championships.

Dave Fisher (team inductee in 1995 as an offensive lineman with 1991 Hilltops) coached the Centennial Chargers to their first city 4A high school football championship this season. Centennial was runner-up to **Regina Campbell** in the provincial final, which went to overtime.



—Photo by Liam Richards/The StarPhoenix

Dean Newton, principal at **Mount Royal Collegiate**, has received national recognition, winning an Outstanding Principal Award.

Newton was one of 32 national individuals given the award at a banquet in Toronto in February.

Earlier, **Newton** was selected a Distinguished Administrator in Saskatchewan. The honour came from the Saskatchewan School Based Leaders group, a special council of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

Newton, a graduate of **Aden Bowman**, played defensive back for the Hilltops and was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1985 team that won the Canadian championship.

Among **Newton's** accomplishments at **Mount Royal** include starting the **Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre**, as well as the addition of post-secondary programs at **Mount Royal**. He has been principal of the school since 2005. He helped **Mount Royal** celebrate its 50-year anniversary at a special event last fall. The event drew alumni back to the school for a magic weekend.

"Mount Royal has been a great school, is and will continue to be," said **Newton**. "Leadership comes from many places — secretaries, caretakers, parents, the students themselves. A lot of the ideas come from students. If you ask (them) questions, you'll be amazed at the answers you get back."

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Hall of Fame inductee plaques, exhibits

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