

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Winter Olympians

Leading LIGHTS

Five inductees into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame participated in the Olympic Torch relay as the flame travelled coast to coast



Jacqueline Lavallee (top), who was inducted into the Hall in 2008 for her accomplishments in basketball and soccer, carried the torch in Saskatoon and lit the cauldron in a ceremony in Kiwanis Park that drew more than 5,000 people.

Corrina Kennedy, (above left) an athlete inductee in 1999 and an 1996 Olympian in kayaking, was featured in the relay in Okotoks, Alta. Kennedy lives in Calgary.

Catriona Le May Doan (bottom left), an athlete inductee in 1998 and a four-time Olympian in speed skating, had the distinction of running both at the start of the relay in Victoria in Oct. 30 and at the finish in Vancouver on Feb. 11.

LeMay Doan, who lives in Calgary, will be working as a speed skating colour commentator for TSN/CTV during the Vancouver Games. (Canwest News Photo)

Maureen Rever DuWors, (inset left) an athlete inductee in 1986, reunited with other members of the track and field team that represented Canada at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, to run a leg of the relay in Trail, B.C.

"It was absolutely fantastic," said DuWors, who lives in Saskatoon. "I hadn't seen some of these people in 53 years, but when you're an Olympian you just have that bond I don't think you ever lose.

"In Melbourne, the most exciting thing was walking into the stadium (for the opening ceremonies) in front of 60,000



people. Every time I see the torch it brings back those memories."

DuWors competed in the 100 and 200 metres and 4x100 relay in Melbourne as did **Eleanor Haslam Jensen**, who is also inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Jensen lives in Denmark and was unable to make it back for the Torch Run/reunion in Trail.

Marg Tosh, a native of Mervin who lives in Saskatoon, joined DuWors at the relay. She competed in javelin at the 1956 Olympics. (Photo of DuWors by Doug Clement)

Diane Jones Konihowski, (left) an athlete inductee in 1986 and a three-time Olympian in track and field, ran a leg of the Torch relay through the main street of Beiseker, Alta. "It doesn't really hit you until you hand the torch to someone else and see the tears in their eyes," said Jones Konihowski, who also ran in the torch relay in the leadup to the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

Jones Konihowski, who lives in Calgary, has been invited to several Olympic functions in Vancouver, including an exhibition and reception by artist Gord Milne. Milne has been commissioned by the Canadian Sport Centre in Calgary to do large scale portraits of Canadian Olympic athletes. The collection includes works featuring Jones Konihowski and Le May Doan.

● Robin Bartel

hockey
1984 Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
Fourth

● Colette Bourgonje

Paralympic sit-ski
1992 Albertville, France
Sixth 5 kms, Sixth 12.5 kms
1994 Lillehammer, Norway
Fourth 2.5 kms, Fourth 5 kms,
Fourth 10 kms
1998 Nagano, Japan
Silver 2.5 kms, Silver 5 kms
2002 Salt Lake City, U.S.
Fourth 2.5 kms, Sixth 10 kms,
Ninth 5 kms
2006 Turin, Italy
Bronze 5 kms, Bronze 10 kms,
Sixth 2.5 kms



● Gord Goplen

speed skating
1988 Calgary
20th 10,000 m, 34th 5,000 m

● Bob Hodges

speed skating
1968 Grenoble, France
23rd 10,000 m, 26th 1,500 m,
29th 5,000 m, 41st 500 m
1972 Sapporo, Japan
23rd 1,500 m



● Dave King

coach, hockey
1984 Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
fourth
1988 Calgary
fourth
1992 Albertville, France
silver

● Catriona Le May Doan

speed skating
1992 Albertville, France
14th 500 m, 31st 1,000 m
1994 Lillehammer, Norway
17th 1,500 m, 19th 1,000 m,
33rd 500 m
1998 Nagano, Japan
Gold 500 m, Bronze 1,000 m,
13th 1,500 metres
2002 Salt Lake City, U.S.
Gold 500 m, Ninth 1,000 m

● Craig Mackay

speed skating
1948 St. Moritz, Switzerland
13th 10,000 m, 14th 5,000 m
1952 Oslo, Norway
15th 500 m, 16th 1,500 m,
23rd 5,000 m, 24th 10,000 m



● Jack McLeod

coach, hockey
1968 Grenoble, France bronze

● Gerry Pinder

hockey
1968 Grenoble, France
bronze

● Herb Pinder Jr.

hockey
1968 Grenoble, France
bronze

● Peggy Robb Mueller

speed skating
1960 Squaw Valley, U.S.
16th 3,000 m, 17th 500 m,
19th 1,000 m, 20th 1,500 m



● Johnny Sands

speed skating
1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
45th 1,500 m
1960 Squaw Valley, U.S.
27th 500 m, 43rd 1,500 m

AL ANDERSON

SASKATOON'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



—StarPhoenix Photo by Richard Marjan

Al Anderson was nominated for the award by his granddaughter Annelise Jahnke

Al Anderson, a longtime sponsor of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and supporter of amateur sports in the city, is CTV's Saskatoon Citizen of the Year for 2009.

Anderson has lengthy association with the sporting community in Saskatoon, from being a basketball coach with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies to serving as the inaugural chair of the Saskatchewan Horse Racing Commission.

Anderson was actively involved in the 1971 Canada Winter Games in Saskatoon and the 1979 Western Canada

Summer Games.

He has also been associated with Special Olympics and was a leading player in PartipAction.

"I admire the Joe Zemans and Murray McKees of this world," Anderson said in a 1984 profile in The StarPhoenix. "They are the kind of people who really make a commitment without any big title or anything. They are out at the ballpark six nights out of the week and as soon as the snow flies they are at the hockey rink. Those are the silent volunteers which are still the key to our society."



President's message Ed Bryant

On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I bring you greetings.

We have a busy year ahead of us as planning is underway for our 25th annual dinner and induction ceremonies to be held Nov. 6 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 Saskatchewan Athletics office, the Field House or on the website www.saskatoonsportshalloffame.com.

A reminder to everyone, our annual general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Saskatoon Field House. You are invited to attend.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ed Bryant was named Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year for 2009 at the 50th annual sports celebrity dinner Feb. 5. The dinner drew a crowd of 1,200 to TCU Place and featured Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** in conversation on centre stage with hockey stars **Wayne Gretzky** and Gordie Howe.

"I look at the list of previous winners of the Kinsmen Award and I'm pleasantly surprised and deeply honoured," Bryant said in an interview with Ned Powers of The StarPhoenix.

Bryant was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder in 2005 for his contributions to baseball as a coach, umpire and administrator.



—StarPhoenix Photo by Gord Waldner
Gordie Howe (left), Stephen Harper and Wayne Gretzky

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



Willie Desjardins (above), inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team in 1999, led the Canada to a silver medal at the world junior championship this year in Saskatoon. The final, won 6-5 by the United States, drew an audience of 5.3 million viewers, an all-time record for TSN. Hall

of Fame inductees Joe Bloski and Bill Seymour were members of the organizing committee for the tournament at Credit Union Centre in Saskatoon and Brandt Centre in Regina. Total attendance was 333,000, the third highest in championship history. (Reuters Photo by Shaun Best)

CATCHING UP

with GLEN HAWKER

Hawker was an assistant coach with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team that won the national championship in 1982-83 and was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1999.

Fill us in. Where are you now and what are you doing?

Long story short, after getting out of hockey I went into the natural gas marketing business, grew the company, sold the company and retired to the Barbados when I was 38. But I was bored silly. So I went into banking, then came back here in 2001.

Now I'm vice-president of sales for Long View Systems (in Calgary); it'll be two years in March. We're into computers and the associated services. One of our major clients is Shell.



Are you still in hockey?

My 10-year-old son plays. But me? No. (Hawker's playing career ended after he sustained a back injury working on an oil rig in the Beaufort Sea.)

You are in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with 1983 Canadian champion University of Saskatchewan Huskies, but that is not the only hockey title you won.

I had a good run actually, starting in '68 when Brock won pee wee provincials. Brock is where I'm from.

The next two years the I won pee wee (provincials) with Rosetown, then two more in bantam in Rosetown.

I moved to Saskatoon to play for the (midget) Blazers and we went to the Air Canada Cup.

You left home at 15 to come to Saskatoon and play for the midget Blazers. Was that a tough call for your parents?

Not really. I'd gone to summer hockey school in Humboldt — actually that school was where I first met Dave King and Bill Seymour (who he later coached with on the Huskies) — so no, being away was no big deal.

Rutherford Rink: Barn or shrine?

Shrine, said Glen Hawker.

"They used to have that area upstairs in the corner where I did the video(taping) of the Huskies game. Hawk's Nest, we called it.

"I just have real good memories of the place.

"Rutherford is still there, right? And they're still using it? Man, it was old even then."

When you played with the Saskatoon Blades in 1976-77, the team had six players with more than 100 penalty minutes and three others who were close to triple digits. You guys must have worked on penalty killing a ton in practice.

We had a tough team, but that was a tough league — Paddy Ginnell (coaching) in Victoria, Punch McLean in New Westminster. We had brawls all the time.

I remember the first time I got called up. We flew back then. Jim Piggott (the owner of the Blades) flew the team out west on NORCANAIR. I remember flying out to New West for my first game. Wes George, our tough guy was out, and I was replacing him. I had to wear his gloves, too, and he had hands like boulders. I get out on the ice for warmups and there's Barry Beck and Harold Phillipoff (the Bruins' big, bad goons). I'm 5-8. They're spitting on my shoulder pads. I just kept my eyes straight ahead.

I remember a night in Brandon. I cross-checked Dave Semenko. He turned around and was ready to drop me. Then Wes George skates over and throws me out of the way. 'I'll take care of this,' he said.

For three winters you rode the bus as a head coach in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League with the Lloydminster Lancers and then in the WHL with the Lethbridge Hurricanes. How did that prepare you for a career in banking in the Barbados?

I probably shouldn't be saying this, but I didn't only ride the bus, I drove it. We had an old driver in Lloydminster and driving the Hanson Lake Road to Flin Flon I didn't trust him. So I took the wheel. That's a rough road. When I think about it, that road was about as rough as the ones in Barbados.

Go down the roster from that 1983 Huskies team: Dave Adolph, Willie Desjardins, Kevin MacNaught, Marc Chartier — all are still active in hockey, and successful at it, plus Peter Anholt, who was a coach in the WHL for years. What do you make of that?

We didn't have great hockey players, but we had a special team. Look at the academics that were on team, too — Peter Spafford, Larry Gaucher.

Anholt said something the night we won: Champions, he said, will walk together forever. He's right. We had a 25-year reunion last year and everyone picked up right where we left off.

(At the reunion) Anholt said to (Greg) Chudiak: "And we'd have won it the year before, too, if you hadn't taken that penalty."

The stories, the ribbing, started up again.

You and your wife Colleen made a generous donation to the U of S alumni fund. Why is that important to you?

My wife got a degree from the U of S, I didn't. I was never going to amount to anything as a student, that's just me. But I've always believed in giving back to those who have encouraged me. You start up where you left off, right? The U of S means a lot to me. I still have all my Huskie everything.

Complete this sentence: The next thing I'd like to accomplish is:

To make sure my second two children have the opportunities the first two did. One went to MIT, the other to Stanford. They've done well for themselves. I hope the next two can be motivated to do the same.

I'm turning 52 this year. I hope that when this over it can be said 'He did the best he could with what he had.'

And I hope to break 80 in golf.

Touching base

Don Bates, inducted with the 1987 Rempel Brothers softball team in 1997, is the new head coach of the Canadian national men's team. Bates has been an assistant coach with the national program since 2006 and also served as an assistant with the women's team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Bates, a retired principal at Montgomery Elementary School, now runs Saskatchewan's first High School Softball Academy at Tommy Douglas Collegiate . . . **Shan McDonald**, inducted with the 1980 Harmony Centre softball team in 1991, is in the national coaching pool with the Canadian women's softball program. McDonald, a native of Scarborough, Ont., was an assistant coach with the national under-16 team last summer. She led China to a fourth-place finish at the 2004 Athens Olympics. She was head coach of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels for 17 years.

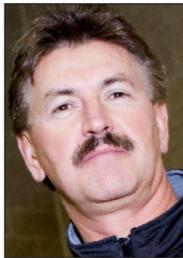
Louis Christ (athlete inductee, 2005, track and field) is demonstrating his ability on the saxophone as the leader of The Stone Frigate Big Band, a 16-piece unit which plays arrangements of the swing band era from the 1930s and 1940s. Stone Frigate played to a full house in December at the Saskatoon Jazz Society's Bassment. Future bookings include a Spring Fling at the Legion

downtown branch on March 26 and an appearance at the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival late in June. . . . **Darrell Burko**, a team inductee as a coach in two different sports (the 1996 University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team and the 1984-85 Huskies women's track and field team), is also



Darrell Burko

a musician. He and **Roy Anderson** recently released their first album, titled Enjoy the Show. "I play guitar, harmonica and mandolin," Burko said in an interview with **Stephanie Classen** of The Star-Phoenix. "Roy is a guitar player and plays harmonica as well on the disc



Don Bates



Laurie Wachs

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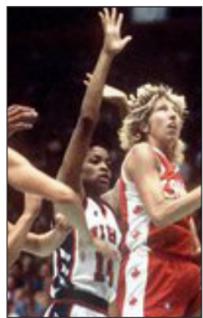
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—Canadian Press Photo

Alison Lang Robertson

TOP SHELF

Bill Seymour, who was inducted as a builder into the Hall in 2009 for his contributions to hockey, is compiling a library of hockey books. At last count his total had reached 470 volumes. Seymour is also in the Hall of Fame as an assistant coach with the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies.



The 25th annual Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner is scheduled for Nov. 6 at TCU Place

Nomination forms are available on the website or at the Field House. Nominations must be filed by April 1.

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