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Sports Hall of Fame president's message by Jerry Shoemaker



As the newly elected president of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame it is my pleasure to bring you greetings from our board of directors.

I would especially like to thank Ed Bryant our outgoing president for the great job he has done for the past three years. Thank you Ed and I look forward to working with you in your new role as past president.

I would also like to thank our retiring board members Bob Reindl, Jacki Nichol, Ken Gunn and Don Cousins for their contribution.

I welcome new board members Allan Few, Mary Green, Heather Kuttai, Keith McLean and Ron Woodley. I would also like to welcome returning board members Ian Mirtle, Noreen Murphy, Ralph Schoenfeld, Bill Seymour and Phyllis Wilson.

Plans are now underway for our 27th induction ceremonies and dinner Saturday, Nov. 3 at TCU Place. We are accepting nominations for team, builder and athlete categories. Nomination forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame office at the Field House or on our website: Saskatoonsportshalloffame.com



Bill Seymour played football and hockey for the U of S Huskies in the 1960s and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame as a coach and builder

He scores

Bill Seymour is Saskatoon's Sportsman of the Year.

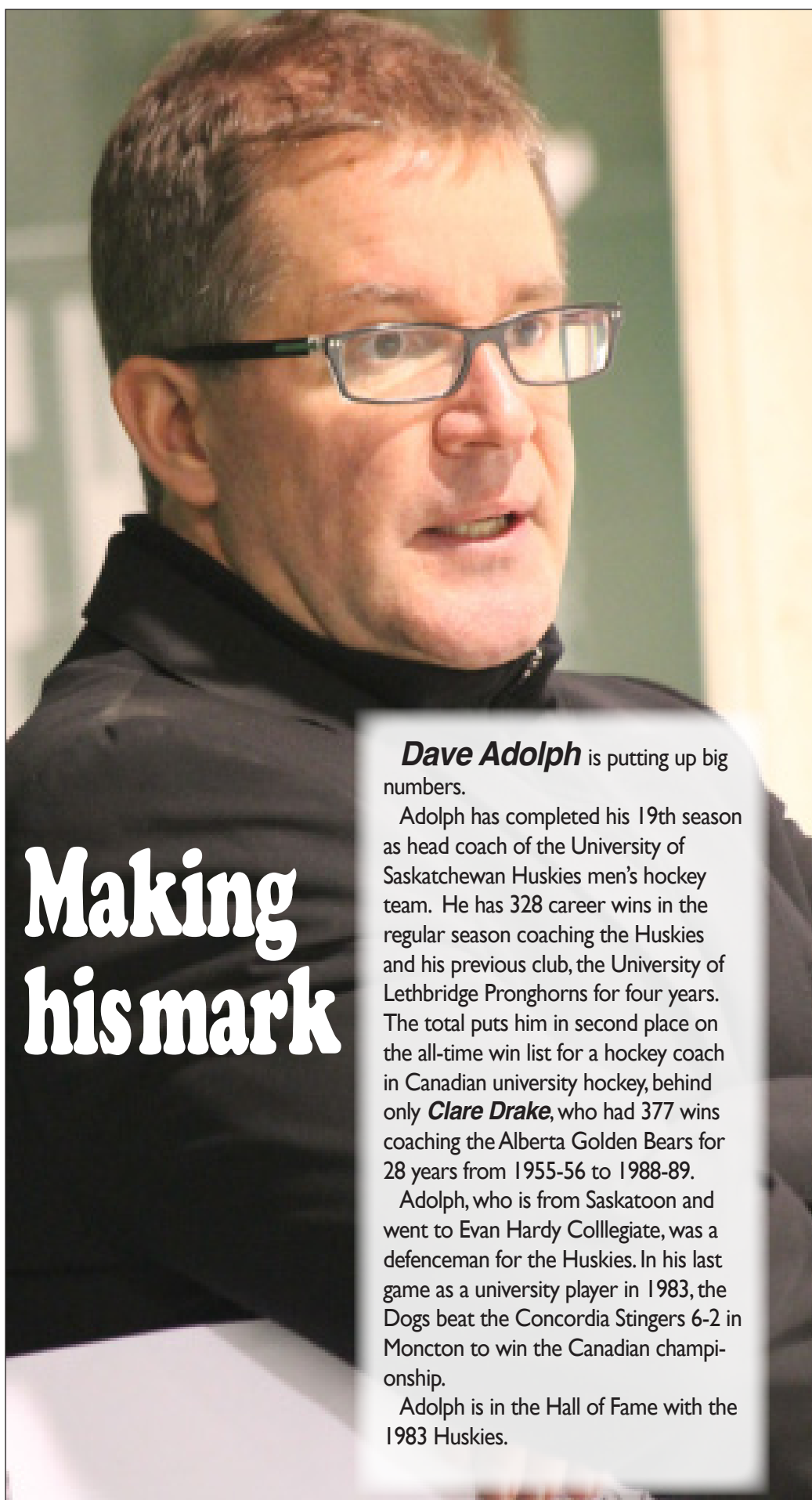
Seymour received the honour at the annual Kinsmen Sports Celebrity Dinner in February.

He is inducted into the Hall as a builder for his impact on hockey.

Seymour coached Evan Hardy to the provincial juvenile championship in 1972, both the Blazers and Contacts in the midget league, then was an assistant coach and head coach with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He has been an education consultant with the Blades.

Seymour was a high school teacher and guidance counsellor in Saskatoon. He then became the athletic director at the U of S.

Internationally, he was manager of the Canadian team at the World University Games in Italy in 2003, was a visiting coach in China for more than a month and managed ticket sales for the 2010 world junior championship in Saskatoon and Regina.



Making his mark

Dave Adolph is putting up big numbers.

Adolph has completed his 19th season as head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's hockey team. He has 328 career wins in the regular season coaching the Huskies and his previous club, the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns for four years. The total puts him in second place on the all-time win list for a hockey coach in Canadian university hockey, behind only **Clare Drake**, who had 377 wins coaching the Alberta Golden Bears for 28 years from 1955-56 to 1988-89.

Adolph, who is from Saskatoon and went to Evan Hardy Collegiate, was a defenceman for the Huskies. In his last game as a university player in 1983, the Dogs beat the Concordia Stingers 6-2 in Moncton to win the Canadian championship.

Adolph is in the Hall of Fame with the 1983 Huskies.

Artistic touch

Barbara Milanese, inducted into the Hall as a swimmer, is coach of the novice program with the Pine Crest Swim Club in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton, Fla.

Swimmers in Canada now compete in races measured in metres, not yards as they did when Milanese was a member of the Saskatoon Goldfins. She still holds five provincial age class and senior records in Saskatchewan, the oldest one from 1976.

Milanese, whose best event was the 800 freestyle, represented Commonwealth Games in Edmonton and the 1979 Pan-American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico where she won a bronze medal. She went on to receive a swim scholarship at the University of Miami. For years she has competed in masters swimming, ranking 10th in the U.S. in 2010 for distance freestyle in the age 45-49 division.

Milanese is a professional artist with a master's degree in art teaching. She teaches at Pine Crest middle school in Florida and has received an award from the Florida Art Education Association for her work developing art students.



Barb Milanese

Sky high

Paul Leier, who is in the Hall of Fame with the 1985 Hilltops when he was a defensive back, is part of the partnership of the development team for River Landing in Saskatoon.

Leier is president of Cavalier Enterprises, which runs the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel on Spadina Crescent as well as The James Hotel, located next to the Cavalier.

Cavalier Enterprises, Tonko Realty Advisors and Victory Majors Investment Corporation plan to build a hotel, condominium complex and office tower on the River Landing site downtown near Persephone Theatre.

Hotels have been in the Leier family for three generations.

Paul's grandfather Jack owned a hotel in Loon Lake starting in 1935, then the Marlboro Hotel and the Lobstick Hotel in Prince Albert. In Saskatoon, Jack Leier owned the King George Hotel and started the Sheraton Cavalier in 1960.

Paul's father, Joe, and his uncle Don followed Jack in running the Cavalier.

Paul continues the family tradition, leading the Cavalier.

Paul and his brothers Mark and Scott all went to Holy Cross High School and played for the Hilltops together in 1986.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Three brothers who have been teammates on the Saskatoon Hilltops

Mark, Paul and Scott Leier, 1986
Shaun, Ty and Vince Ashmeade, 1987
Aaron, Jared and Joel Haight, 2010, 2011



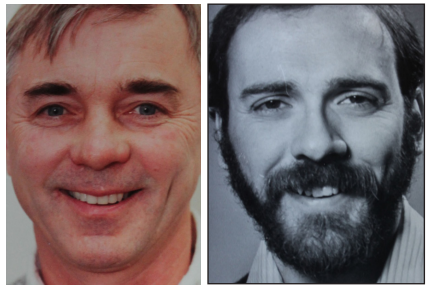
Paul Leier

The top 100 in Huskie history

The University of Saskatchewan capped the centennial year for Huskie Athletics by selecting the top 10 moments in the 100-year history of sports.

No. 1 on the list is the U of S women's volleyball team winning three consecutive national championships in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

The team, led by head coach **Mark Tennant**, is inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Also in the Hall and making the top 10 chart are the 1979 Huskies men's volleyball team coached by **Murray Hill**, the 1983 men's hockey team coached by **Dave King**, **Bill Seymour** and **Glen Hawker**, and track and field coach **Lyle Sanderson**.



Mark Tennant

Murray Hill

Good times for Tastad

For the fifth time in seven years, Innovation Place is rated as a Best Small and Medium Employer in Canada. Innovation Place manages technology parks in Regina and Saskatoon plus the Forest Centre in Prince Albert.



Doug Tastad
in 1968

Doug Tastad is the president and CEO of Innovation Place in Saskatoon. He has been with Innovation Place since 1979. Tastad is inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1968 Hilltops, when he was a rookie quarterback with the club. He was on the basketball and football teams in high school at Walter Murray Collegiate.

Allan Few, Mary Green, Heather Kuttai, Keith McLean and Ron Woodley are new board members with the Hall of Fame.

Kuttai is in the Hall as an athlete for shooting, while Few and McLean are inducted as builders, Few in judo and McLean in softball. Green, for bowling, and Woodley, as a manager with the Hilltops, are in the Hall with teams.

Touching base: With Hall of Fame inductees

Gene McWillie, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a dominating softball pitcher, inspired basketball player **Roger Ganes**. In pick-up basketball games at Mount Royal Collegiate during noon hours when he was in high school, Ganes often played against McWillie, who was a few years older. Ganes said McWillie's go-hard attitude rubbed off on him. Ganes went on to play five seasons with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and held the Canadian university record for career rebounds for 30 years. He was a league all-star four times ... **Jim Baba** is the director general of Baseball Canada and a builder inductee into the Saskatoon Sports Hall. For five consecutive years Baba has made the top 100 list of the most influential Canadians in baseball, as selected by baseball writer **Bob Elliott** of the Toronto Sun.

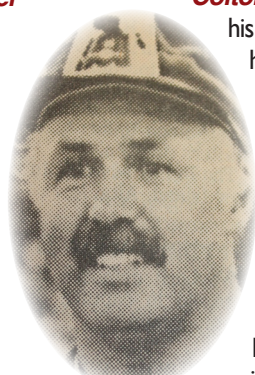
Yves Belanger, in the Hall in the builder category, had three big international assignments this season as a speed skating official. Belanger was at the world single distance championships in Heerenveen, Netherlands. Earlier, he did a World Cup competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a qualifying event in Calgary for the world championships ... Hall of Fame distance runner and 1996 Olympian **Carey Nelson**, 48, is now a coach in Vancouver. Nelson is a regular contributor to a training tips feature that Forerunners, a running store in Vancouver, posts on its website at www.forerunners.ca/resources/coaches-corner ... **James Rozon**, inducted into the Hall as an Olympic gymnast, has become the acting chief financial officer of Gran Tierra Energy in Calgary. The oil and gas exploration company is producing and developing in South America. When he was with the Taiso Gym Club in Saskatoon, Rozon represented Canada in the 1988

Seoul Summer Olympics ... The Minnesota Wild of the NHL have a Saskatoon connection. Left-winger **Colton Gillies**, a product of the Blades, is in his first full season with the team. When he played in Saskatoon, Gillies's billet was his grandmother **Arleen Diduck**. She is in the Hall as a player with the Adilman Aces, who won the Canadian women's basketball championship in 1959 and competed in the Pan-American Games in Chicago.

Dale Yellowlees, in the Hall as an assistant coach with the 1985 and '86 Huskies women's track and field team, spent six weeks this winter in China. Yellowlees travelled on assignment as the marketing coordinator for the Language Centre at the U of S ... Volleyball is a moving experience for **Cindy Pischke**, in the Hall with the 1979, '80 and '81 University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes volleyball teams. Cindy's daughter Taylor is returning to Winnipeg and will play for the Manitoba Bisons next season after her rookie year at the University of California-Santa Barbara ... **Eileen Nelson**, in the Hall for her career in volleyball, watches her two daughters becoming impact players. Both **Alexis** and **Katie Nelson** were on Saskatchewan provincial volleyball teams last summer ... **Don Steponchev**, a builder inductee, has been named by the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation as the referee supervisor for the London Paralympics this summer. Steponchev officiated at the Paralympic Games in 2004 and 2008 ... **Gordie Howe**, **Ed Chynoweth**, **Bill Hunter** and the **1982-83 Huskies hockey team**, who are all in the Saskatoon Hall, are among the inaugural inductees into the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame. The banquet is July 20 in

Swift Current ... **Ron Zerr** and his son **Ron Jr.** are both in the Hall, the older Ron as a sprinter on the U of S Huskies track and field team in the 1970s and the younger Ron as a linebacker on the Hilltops who were Canadian champions in 1996. Ron Sr. helped to add another national title for the Hilltops last season, serving as president of the team.

Terry Eisler, who is in the Hall as an assistant coach with the 1996 U of S Huskies football team, has returned to the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos. Eisler is the Eskimos' defensive and special teams assistant coach. He was with the club from 2007 to 2009 coaching running backs, a position he played for the Huskies ... **Bob Coffin** is also in the Hall as an assistant coach with the 1996 Huskies. He was head coach of high school teams at City Park, Marion Graham and Prince Albert Carlton. Now he is into officiating. For the last two seasons Coffin has been a high school football official in P.A. As a defensive back with the Huskies from 1970-74, Coffin had 21 career interceptions. That is the Canadian university record with two other players ... **Kelly McNairn**, who is in the Hall as a receiver with the 1996 Hilltops and 1998 U of S Huskies, married former U of S basketball player **Sharlene Cooper** in December ... A teammate of McNairn's on the Huskies was defensive back **Olatunde Olatunbosun**. He is on the research team at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, helping the faculty of medicine provide continued education ... **Marshall Toner**, inducted as an athlete, continues to be a go-to player for the Huskies football team. Toner played slotback with the Huskies and in the CFL with the Calgary Stampeders. He later became the agent for Calgary quarterback **Jeff Garcia**, who went on to the NFL. Through its connection with Toner in Calgary, the Huskies Football Foundation lined up Garcia as the guest speaker this year for the annual Dogs Breakfast on May 3.



Gene McWillie



Eileen Nelson



Ron Zerr



Glenn Richardson



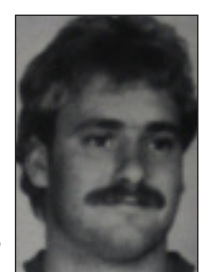
George Peacock



Stan Austman



Carson Tufts



Carl Hoath

Passings

Glenn Richardson, 1921-2011
Athlete-team inductee

Glenn Richardson was a player-coach-manager with the Saskatoon Merchants, who were Western Canadian senior softball champions in 1948. He was three times a runner-up in the Saskatchewan curling championship, in 1954, 1955 and 1960. He was the skip of the rink.

In hockey, Glenn played for the Brandon Elks of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, reaching the western final. He signed with the New York Americans in the NHL in 1940, but was called into service with the navy in the Second World War.

In golf he was president of the Saskatchewan Golf Association and Riverside Country Club in Saskatoon.

Richardson was also involved in baseball, basketball, badminton, bowling, football, soccer, softball, tennis and track and field.

George Peacock, 1938-2011
Team inductee

George Peacock was president of the Saskatoon Hilltops in 1985 when they won the Canadian championship by beating the homefield Ottawa Sooners. Kevin Scott was the head coach.

Peacock, a dentist, was awarded a life membership in the Hilltops.

Ron Crone, 1926-2011
Team inductee

Ron Crone was a goalie on the Saskatoon Quakers, who won the Pacific Coast Hockey League championship in 1951-52. Saskatoon defeated the Victoria Cougars in the final of the eight-team professional league.

Crone was also a forward for the Saskatoon Maymount Rangers soccer team, which beat the Regina Nationals 5-4 in a two-game, total-goal final for the Saskatchewan Shield in 1947. Crone had a goal and an assist for the Rangers in the provincial senior championship.

Crone played on the Saskatchewan all-star soccer team that met the English all-stars in an exhibition game in Saskatoon in 1950 and against the Tottenham Hot Spurs in Saskatoon in 1952.

Stan Austman, 1936-2012
Team inductee

Stan Austman won the Canadian schoolboy curling championship for two consecutive years, in 1954 and 1955, on a rink from Saskatoon Technical Collegiate skipped by Bayne Technical.

Because of Austman the sport introduced the hog line where curlers had to release the rock. He could slide the length of the ice with his hand on the rock and put the stone where he wanted it.

Austman said one of his best curling experiences was being a spare and playing one game on Eugene Hritzuk's team for Saskatchewan in the 1985 Brier in Moncton.

Carson Tufts, 1908-2012
Team inductee

Carson Tufts won the Seagram Stone Trophy as Canadian senior men's curling champions with a rink skipped by Don Wilson of Saskatoon in 1968.

Tufts, who played third, lead Rueben Lowe, second Ivan McMillan and skip Wilson of the Granite Curling Club went 10-0 at the national championship in Edmonton.

Tufts was a member of the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club for 70 years. He also played hockey against the famous Bentley brothers in Delisle.

Carl Hoath, 1967-2012
Team inductee

Carl Hoath won a Canadian Junior Football League championship with the Saskatoon Hilltops in 1985.

Hoath was twice named the league all-star centre in the Prairie Junior Football Conference.

As a student at Bedford Road Collegiate, he won a provincial high school track and field championship in shot put and was second in his weight class as a high school senior in wrestling.

Hoath was a coach in the Saskatoon Kinsmen Football League. His son Tristan plays offensive line for the Hilltops, winning Canadian titles in 2010 and 2011.



Saskatoon Quakers

Best in the world in 1934, the Saskatoon Quakers make a lasting impression on a hockey fan in Saskatoon.

John Vetzal, who lives in North Park, has a scrapbook of newspaper stories and pictures on the Quakers. They won the world championship in 1934 in Milan, Italy, beating the United States 2-1 in the final on goals by Cliff Lake and Jim Dewey.

The Quakers were among the inaugural inductees into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

Vetzal, who played hockey in a men's league in Saskatoon, said his favourite pro team is the Montreal Maroons, who were in the NHL from 1924-38.



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