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Newsletter

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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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 fall edition of our newsletter.

Now that October is here the annual Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies and dinner is just around the corner. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 at TCU Place.

This is our 30th Induction proceedings and we extend an invitation to all past inductees and board members to attend and honour the inductees for 2015 and to celebrate our 30th year. During our 30 years we have inducted close to 300 individuals and more than 80 teams into our Hall of Fame.

As in the past, 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 as we honour their accomplishments and contributions to the Saskatoon sporting community.

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

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

Special connection

Sports facilities in city named after 13 inductees into Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Ed Bryant

ED BRYANT
Inducted as a builder,
baseball
Bryant diamond

Henk Ruys

HENK RUYLS
Inducted as a builder,
soccer
Henk Ruys Soccer Centre

Gordie Howe

GORDIE HOWE
Inducted as an athlete,
hockey
Howe Arena

Mark Tennant

MARK TENNANT
Inducted as a builder,
and with three teams,
volleyball
Mark Tennant courts

Ron Atchison

RON ATCHISON
Inducted as an athlete,
football
Atchison Field

Bob Van Impe

BOB VAN IMPE
Inducted as a builder,
softball
Van Impe Stadium

Joe Zeman

JOE ZEMAN
Inducted as a builder,
baseball, hockey
Zeman diamond

Clarence Downey

CLARENCE DOWNEY
Inducted as a builder,
speed skating
Downey skating oval

Harry Bailey

HARRY BAILEY
Inducted as a builder,
swimming
Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre

Spero Leakos

SPERO LEAKOS
Inducted as a builder,
baseball
Leakos diamond

Glenn Reeve

GLENN REEVE
Inducted as a builder,
softball
Glenn Reeve Fields

Dave Newsham

DAVE NEWSHAM
Inducted as a builder,
soccer
Newsham Fields

Joe Griffiths

JOE GRIFFITHS
Inducted as a builder,
swimming, track and field
Griffiths Stadium

Saskatoon's Chris Traeger, who had been defeated by Lynne Desjarlais of Quebec two times earlier in the competition, defeats Desjarlais 2-1 in games in the final for the gold medal in under-22 table tennis in the 1987 Canada Winter Games in Cape Breton, N.S.

"The best moment of my life," Traeger said.

Also winning gold at the Games are Liz Kecki of Regina in under-17 table tennis, Jeff Hill of Saskatoon in boxing, wrestlers Justin Abdou of Moose Jaw and Jeff Thue of Regina and the Saskatchewan men's volleyball team.

Saskatoon's Catriona Le May, a silver medallist in speed skating, leads the team into the closing ceremonies.

Saskatchewan finishes with six gold, 10 silver and 13 bronze, rising to fourth in the medal standings from sixth in the 1983 Canada Winter Games.



Chris Traeger

Jack Covey, a 6-foot-3 forward, scores 12 points in two games as the Saskatoon Hilltops defeat the Regina Dales to win the Saskatchewan junior men's basketball championship in 1950.

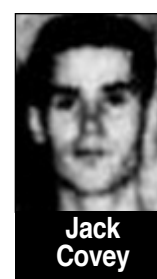
Guard Oscar Breher is the leading scorer for Saskatoon with 37 points in the total-point series.

Bob Arn and Lorne Wills are the Hilltops' coaches.

Winnipeg Stellers defeat the Hilltops in a Western quarter-final at the new University of Saskatchewan gym.

The Stellers go on to defeat the host Cardston Cougars in a semifinal in Alberta and the host Vancouver YMCA 2-1 in the three-game Western final.

Covey becomes a teacher and coach in Chilliwack, B.C. He has been honoured with a Life Member Award from the B.C. Football Conference. He served as president of the B.C. junior football league.



Jack Covey

Great balls of fire

Saskatoon a leading player in Softball Canada's 50-year history



PAT WEGNER
Harmony Centres catcher

JAY SIM
Hall of Fame catcher

ROB GUENTER
Hall of Fame pitcher

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Diane Lynn

Softball athletes in the Saskatoon Sports Hall

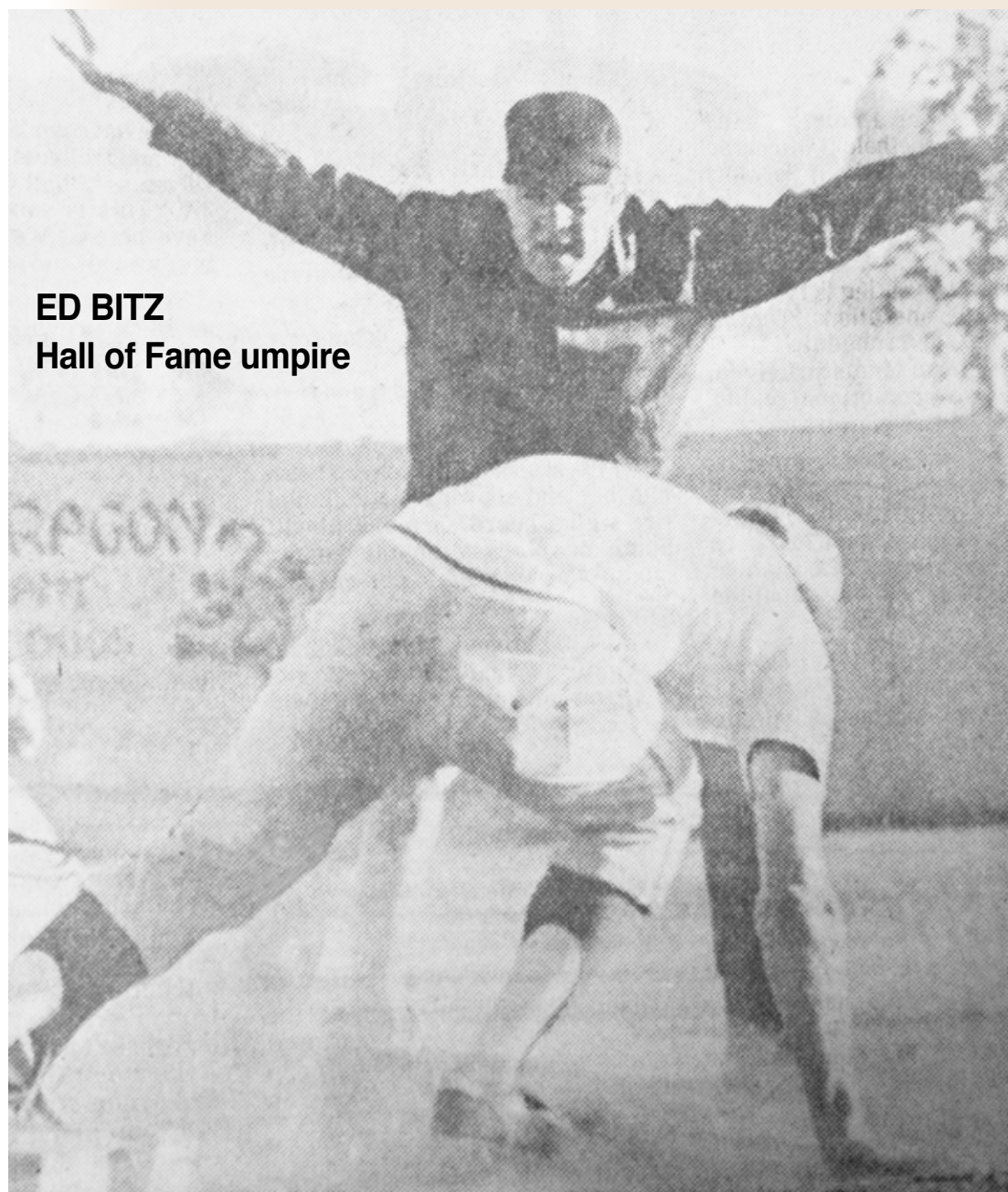
Len Breckner
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Gene McWillie
Jacki Nichol

Sheila Rowan
Jay Sim
Ed Swiderski
Donna Veale
Pete Zacharias



Gene McWillie



ED BITZ
Hall of Fame umpire

MERCHANTS TAKE WESTERN TITLE

They Finished Off Narrows in Hurry



SASKATOON MERCHANTS, western Canada men's senior softball champions for 1948 are shown above. The Merchants defeated Vancouver Narrows in straight games in the three-and-a-half series, which terminated here Saturday night. Reading from left to right: Merchants in the picture are: Back row, Dave Livingston, Jerry Webster, Percy Hulme, Ernie Fink, Joe Thompson, Dan Funncliffe, Cliff Aikens, Doug Dinsley, Ralph Alms, Frank van, Harold Daljour, Ken McIsaac, Glenn Richardson, Jack Herrell, Maxwell, Bobby Smith, Art Dehanka, Jack Miller. Missing from picture, Gil Strumm.

Defeat Vancouver In Straight Games

Saskatoon Merchants scored to the pinnacle of western Canada softball Saturday night when they defeated Vancouver Narrows 4-3 to win the three-and-a-half men's senior title series in straight games. The Saskatooners won the first two games at Cairns Field by scores of 4-3 and 5-2 and the entire series was played to capacity crowds.

Outstanding figure in the Merchants' western triumph was their 41-year-old pitcher, Joe Thompson, who tossed the first and third victories and anchored the final personal touch to both his wins. In the playoff opener old Joe drove in the deciding run in the bottom of the sixth inning and Saturday he struck out the last man of the ball game just when Narrows looked as though they might break into a scoring rally.

Softball teams in the Saskatoon Sports Hall

- 1946, 1947 Grey Cab Ramblers senior women
- 1948 Merchants senior men
- 1955 Hub City Ramblers senior women
- 1969, 1970 Imperials senior women
- 1969 Merchants senior men
- 1978 Imperial 400s junior men
- 1979, '80 Harmony Centres senior women
- 1973 Blue Angels junior women
- 1987, 1994 Rempel Brothers senior men
- 1991 Eagles under-18 men

Imperials finally beat old nemesis



Imperial 400s Canadian champs



Canadian champions eligible for the Saskatoon Sports Hall

*You can nominate a team. Nomination forms posted on website: saskatoonsportshalloffame.com

- 2000 DBJ Leasing senior women
- 2001 Black Sox under-23 men
- 2004 Black Sox senior men
- 2006 Aspen Selects under-18 men
- 2007 Mike Oak Selects under-18 men
- 2008 Outlaws under-23 women
- 2008 Aspen Interiors senior men
- 2010 Outlaws under-23 women
- 2011 Outlaws under-23 women
- 2013 Selects under-18 women

Saskatoon plays host to the 2016 Canadian softball championships in under-14 boys and under-18 men next August.

Softball builders in the Saskatoon Sports Hall

Dennis Beerling
Larry Besse
Ed Bitz
Ed Chynoweth
Lisa Down
Terry Forbes
Don Funk



Ken Gunn

Ken Gunn
Keith McLean
Dave Moore
Noreen Murphy
Glenn Reeve
Ed Reimer
Ken Rowley



Keith McLean



Gil Strumm

Bob Sawatzky
Peter Sereda
Bob Stayner
Gil Strumm
Wayne Talbot
Bob Van Impe
Art Walecke

APPRECIATION DAY



Lynn Allardyce, front center, retired in October after 41 years of service as an administrative assistant with the Saskatoon Public School service. Her job included working with the consultant to the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate. The nine people who have been the SSSAD consultant are shown here. They recently met to thank Allardyce for all she has done. Back row, left to right, Gil Wist, Basil Hughson, Bob Adams, Blaine Knoll, Jeff Colquhoun, Lee Reimer and Brad Smith. Front row, Kelly Bowers, Lynn Allardyce and Brian Thorstad. Wist, Adams, Knoll, Reimer, Bowers and Thorstad are all enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.

Touching base With Saskatoon Sports Hall inductees

Kelly Bates is the new man in charge of the Simon Fraser Clan football program in Burnaby, B.C. Bates, a native of Humboldt, is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1998 University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He played offensive line for both the Huskies and Hilltops. Bates became head coach at Simon Fraser this season after three seasons on the staff of the CFL's B.C. Lions ... The University of Alberta Golden Bears football team has a Saskatchewan accent this season with assistant coaches **Jordy Burrows**, **Wade Dupont**, **Terry Eisler** and **Ryan David** and recruiting co-ordinator **Jason Sulz**. Burrows, Dupont, Eisler and Sulz are alumni of the Huskies. David is enshrined in the Hall with the 1996 Saskatoon Hilltops ... Hall inductee **Todd Johnston** coached **Brianne Theisen-Eaton** from Humboldt when she was an aged-class athlete who trained in Saskatoon. Theisen-Eaton, 26, who lives in Oregon, was second in heptathlon at the world championships in August in Beijing. She set the Canadian record in heptathlon earlier in the season. Theisen-Eaton held an autograph session and talked with young athletes in Saskatoon in September at Griffiths Stadium. "(My wife) Kim and I didn't raise Brianne to be an athlete," said **Cal Theisen**, Brianne's father. "We've always encouraged our kids to be humble, considerate and to appreciate the gifts/talents they are blessed with." ... **Sandra Voitka**, who is enshrined in the Hall with the 1980-81 University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes volleyball team, ran a leg in Oshawa, Ont., in June in the torch relay for the Pan-Am Games in Toronto.

Tony Gagnon is enshrined in the Hall with the 1985

Hilltops. He was the quarterback and punter on the team. He finished 22nd at the annual Saskatchewan Mid-Amateur golf championship this season at Elk Ridge. Gagnon's best round was a 77 in the final round, highlighted by birdies on the first and last holes ... Inductee and Hall of Fame director **Dana Kidd** of the host Riverside Country Club competed in the Canadian women's amateur golf championship this summer. She didn't make the cut after the first two rounds. Anna Young of Saskatoon was 23rd overall and sixth among Canadians ... **Barb Wilson** of the Riverside Club was inducted into the Golf Saskatchewan Hall of Fame in September. Wilson has won the title in the Saskatchewan women's amateur three times and the provincial senior championship five times. Also inducted into the Hall as a builder is the late **Bud Johns**. Johns was the superintendent at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club from 1980 to 1996. He previously was the superintendent at Regina Vascara and Estevan Woodlawn, where he started work in 1966,

Don Gallo, triathlon, and **Elva Taylor**, baton, will be enshrined in November, becoming the first inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame from their sport ... **Gordie Howe** of Saskatoon is the first player to score 700 goals in pro hockey. **Dick Roberge** is the second. Roberge played right wing for the Johnstown Jets of Pennsylvania in the Eastern Hockey League from the mid-1950s to the early '70s. He lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Roberge makes a cameo appearance as a ref in the movie Slap Shot ... Canada has seven teams in the NHL. The head coaches of three of the teams are former Saskatoon Blades. Maple Leafs coach **Mike Babcock** was a defenceman with the Blades in 1980-81. Oilers coach **Todd McLellan** played centre on the Blades from 1983 to 1987. Canucks coach **Willie Desjardins** was the Blades' head coach in 1997-98.

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Passings

Stan Green, 1928-2015, age 87
 Inductee, builder

Born and raised in Regina, Stan Green played football for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He went on to be a professor at the U of S and the head of recreation technology at Kelsey Institute. Green was the executive director of the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association. His volunteer work in sports included being the registration chair with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada for seven years and officiating in boxing, speed skating, swimming and track and field. He was starter when Harry Jerome tied the world record in the 100 yards in 1960 at Griffiths Stadium in Saskatoon. Green was the sports co-ordinator for the 1971 Canada Winter Games and the 1979 Western Canada Summer Games, both in Saskatoon. He started the Dairy Producers Fitness Foundation awards in Saskatchewan to honour people's achievements in sports, a program that continued for 29 years. Green was named Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year in 1995.



Stan Green

Sheila (Elliott) McDougall, age 84

Sheila McDougall received the Spirit of Youth, the highest athletic honour for women at the University of Saskatchewan, in 1952. Born in Rockhaven, she grew up in Hudson Bay and Moose Jaw. At the U of S, she became president of Pente Kai Deka, an organization for female students on campus. She was actively involved in intramural sports in university. She graduated from the U of S in Household Science.



Sheila McDougall

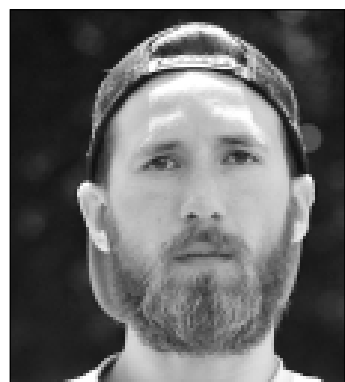
Norma (Munro) Wallace, age 90
 Inductee, Grey Cab Ramblers softball team

Norma Wallace was an outfielder on the Saskatoon Grey Cup Ramblers, who won the Western Canadian title in senior women's softball in 1946 and 1947. The Ramblers defeated the Aces 3-1 in the best-of-five city final in 1946, beat the defending Western champion Regina Caps 1-0 in the fifth and deciding game of the provincial series and defeated the Winnipeg St. Vital Tigerettes 2-0 in the best-of-three Western final in Edmonton. The Ramblers repeated as Western champions in 1947, defeating Winnipeg C.U.A.C. 2-1 in 13 innings in the fourth game of the best-of-five final in Winnipeg. When they returned home, the Ramblers were driven around Saskatoon in a truck, with people in the city applauding the team. Wallace played softball into her 60s.



Norma Wallace

Look at them now Sask. athletes, coaches, volunteers make news



Sean Fortosky

Ultimate

Sean Fortosky of Saskatoon was on the Canadian team that finished second at the world under-23 Ultimate championship last summer in London, England. Canada was 7-0 in the preliminary round, defeated Ireland in the quarter-final, Japan in the semifinal and was defeated by the United States in the 20-team event. Fortosky is the only player from the Prairies named to the national team. Points in Ultimate are scored by passing the disc to a teammate in the end zone.



Shiyli Toni

Hockey

Shiyli Toni of Saskatoon is a first-year left-winger on the UBC T-birds women's hockey team in Vancouver. She is in the College of Arts. Toni played three seasons for the Notre Dame Hounds in Wilcox and was twice named the team's most dedicated player. Prior to joining the Hounds, she played for three years in the Saskatchewan AAA Female League and won the provincial AA pee wee title with the Saskatoon Comets.



Clayton Eisler

Hockey

Clayton Eisler of Edmonton is a first-year defenceman with the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. Clayton's father Terry played running back for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team. His mother Laurie was a setter and coach on the Huskiettes volleyball team. Clayton studied at the St. Thomas More Hockey Academy and the St. Francis Xavier Hockey Academy in high school. St. FX named him the most improved hockey academy student last year. Eisler competed in the annual Mac's midget tournament last season in Calgary.



Holly Murray

Track and field

Holly Murray of the Saskatoon Track and Field Club was honored as the midget female track athlete of the year by the annual Bob Adams Foundation Awards. Murray finished third in the under-16 80-metre hurdles at the Legion national track and field meet in Ottawa in the summer. A student at Bishop Mahoney High School, she broke Michelle Young's seven-year-old record in the midget 80-hurdles in the Saskatoon high school championships and won the title at the provincial high school championships in Yorkton.



Alexander Dewar

Basketball

Alexander Dewar of Saskatoon was named a first team all-star at Basketball Canada's 15U championships in Halifax in the summer. Dewar led the national event in scoring average at 21.4 points per game. Saskatchewan finished fourth. Dewar is in Grade 10 at Marion Graham Collegiate. His uncle Dan Dewar is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the U of S Huskies football team. Dan was a defensive back on the team that won a Vanier Cup. Alexander's father John played for the Huskies basketball team. His grandfather John was the Dean of Kinesiology at the U of S from 1977-86.