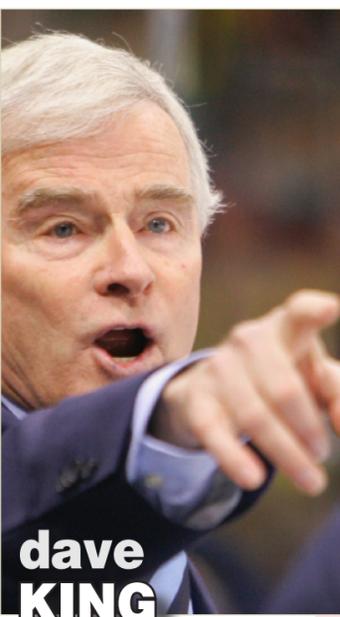


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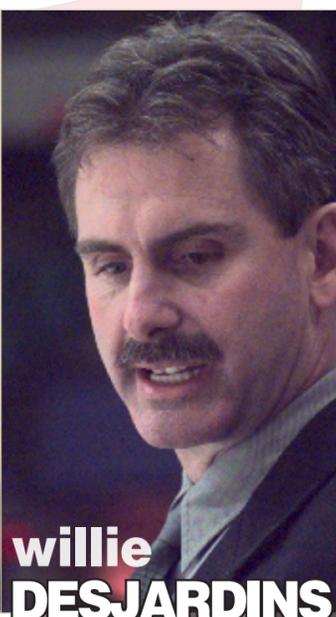
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Touching base

About 20 members of the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team (team inductee 1999) had a reunion in Saskatoon this summer on the 25th anniversary of their Canadian championship season. Interesting to note many members of the team are still active in hockey, including head coach **Dave King**, who is coaching Adler Mannheim in Germany, while also coaching are former Huskies players **Willie Desjardins** (Medicine Hat Tigers, WHL), **Marc Chartier** (Saskatoon AAA midget Contacts) and **Dave Adolph** (Saskatchewan Huskies). **Kevin MacNaught** is president and general manager of the Fayetteville, N.C., FireAntz of the Southern Professional Hockey League . . . **Kerry Preete**, a defenceman with the Huskies in 1982-83, is based in St. Louis where he is vice-president of international operations for the agriculture company Monsanto . . . **Gord Chouinard** (team inductee 1986, Saskatoon Hilltops) coached the Whitecourt Cats to the semifinal round in the 11-team Mighty Peace Football League in Alberta this season . . . **Keith Russell** (builder inductee 2002) was among 21 gymnastics experts from around the world who gathered in Copenhagen, Denmark in September to design a training course in the fundamentals of gymnastics.

Saskatoon Mayor **Don Atchison** announced at the 25th annual **Bob Adams** Foundation banquet in October that a park in Saskatoon will be named after Adams. Adams, a native of Alsask now living in Victoria, competed in decathlon in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, was head coach of the Canadian track and field team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and was a pole vault official at the 1976 Games in Montreal. The Bob Adams Foundation supports track and field in Saskatchewan . . . **Joyce (Senyk) Gamborg** (team inductee in 1992 with the University of Saskatchewan volleyball team) was named an all-star at the U.S. Open volleyball championships this year. Gamborg finished second at the championships in the 45-and-over division with a Canadian team called the Fog. Also on the Fog was Gamborg's former Huskies teammate **Sherry Saxton-Richards**. Gamborg, a native of Melville, is now based in Sulphur, La. Saxton-Richards lives on a farm near Assiniboia . . . **Teresa (Hlady) Schlachter** (team inductee 2003, University of Saskatchewan women's track and field team) is working in Calgary as a high performance adviser for Canadian teams in biathlon, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, nordic combined and ski jumping in the leadup to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Schlachter made the All-Canadian team in all five of her seasons with the Huskies track and field team, competing in pentathlon and the 800 metres, and she won two Canadian Interuniversity Sport team championships with the U of S, in 1984-85 and 1985-86. She went on to be a brakeman with the Canadian bobsled team for four years, then got into coaching. She was head coach of the Canadian skeleton team which won three medals at the 2006 Turin Olympics.

Know a Hall of Fame inductee who is making news? Submit items for Touching Base to Bob Florence at bflorence@sp.canwest.com

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Keith Russell

Schlachter, a native of Pincher Creek, Alta., was named one of the most influential women in sport in 2007 by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity and has three times received a Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence award . . . **Dale Hazell** (builder inductee 2002) is in his 40th season as a pro figure skating instructor, the last 30 with the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club.

Roy Hufsmith (team inductee 1989, 2008) tells the story about **Orest Hryniuk**, who played second on their Saskatoon Tech rink which won the Canadian school boys curling championship in 1951. "He was very superstitious," Hufsmith said. "He wouldn't change his socks as long as we were winning. As it happens we went on an extended streak. One night at nationals in Nelson, B.C., after he'd washed his socks and hung them outside the hotel room to dry, it was rainy and cold all night. When he got up in the morning his socks were frozen, so he had to change to another pair. That was the only game we lost all week." . . . On Nov. 16 from



Teresa Schlachter

12 noon to 2 p.m. the Saskatoon Kinsmen/Henk Ruys Soccer Center celebrates the 10th anniversary of the first soccer game ever played in the Soccer Center. **Henk Ruys** was inducted into the Hall as a builder in 1990 . . . **Roy Kemp** (team inductee in 2005 with the Saskatoon Liners 1982 and 1983 baseball teams) and his old buddy from high school, **Steve Nase**, took in the final three games played at the famed Yankee Stadium before it closed in September. "One of the seats we had was right behind the Yankees' dugout, that was really nice and close," Nase told the Saskatoon Sun. "But the most fun we had was in section 39, out in the bleachers with the bleacher creatures." . . . **Brennan Fobel** (team inductee in 1995 with the Saskatoon Hilltops' 1991 Canadian championship team and team inductee in 2004 with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies' 1996 Canadian champions) is the owner/operator of The Workout fitness studio in Huntington Beach, Calif. Fobel played slotback for both the Hilltops and the Huskies and has the two longest touchdowns in Huskies' history — returning a missed field goal 120 yards at Griffiths Stadium in 1996 and another missed field goal



Brennan Fobel

113 yards in Calgary in 1995. He went to California 10 years ago to attend graduate school at Cal State-Long Beach, worked in Beverly Hills for a while, then 5½ years ago started his own fitness club. "What I enjoy most is the challenge of running a business," said Fobel, who has staff of 16. "The fitness industry is very large here in Southern California." And being in California, his fitness studio draws celebrity clients, actress Sandra Bullock being one. "Right now we have an NFL ref who works out at the place," Fobel said. "That's the neat thing; you never know who will come in next." Fobel returns to Saskatoon frequently. "Still love the city," he said. He has a business interest here as well. Nutana Bakery on Broadway has been in the Fobel family since 1951 and with Brennan has now extended to the third generation.



Don Cousins

President's message

From all reports and comments my committee and I received pertaining to this year's annual dinner and induction ceremony Nov. 1, it would have to be classified as a huge success. Approximately 580 people attended the event and the inductees, along with their guests, thought it was terrific. They felt the facility, dinner and the induction ceremony was a classy event.

Sporting personalities mingled and exchanged stories from the past and present. The atmosphere was one of enjoyment.

I thank our sponsors and special guests for their support, encouragement and their involvement in the dinner and induction ceremony.

It was extremely nice to see the number of past inductees present. If you missed this one, you missed a good one.

As this is my last year as president I wish to express my gratitude to the board of directors. Each director works on a piece of the giant puzzle, thereby lessening the burden on my shoulders. It all came together to form a beautiful picture.

If you know a person or team deserving of recognition in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, please get a nomination form from the Field House or from our website, fill it out and get it back to us for consideration.

Our AGM is coming up in February. If you have any suggestions at improving the dinner and ceremony, or the process by which inductees are selected, please come to the meeting and make them be known.

If you wish, you could even let your name stand as a nominee for the board of directors.

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Hall of Fame nomination forms available at the Field House online at saskatoonsportshalloffame.com



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Athlete inductee Brian Skrudland (left) with Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame president Craig Adam and Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame president Don Cousins in the 2008 induction ceremony at TCU Place

Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame annual general meeting

● Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. Field House

COMING ATTRACTIONS in Saskatoon

2009

● BMO Canadian figure skating championships, Jan. 14 to 18

● Canadian senior broomball championships, March 29 to April 5

● Canadian five-pin bowling championships, June 3 to 9

● World men's softball championship, July 17 to 26

2010 (Dec. 2009-Jan. 2010)

● World junior hockey championship