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Newsletter

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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Dana Kidd
Hall of Fame president

Athlete inductee, golf, 2014

On behalf of myself and the board of directors, let me introduce you to another engrossing edition of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame newsletter.

On June 26th we announced the inductees who will be enshrined into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame for 2019. We extend congratulations to those individuals and teams selected for induction into our hall this year. For 2019 we are inducting five builders, four athletes and two teams. We are also recognizing a sport organization that is being honoured for its commitment to the Saskatoon sporting scene.

Each and everyone of these people have contributed great things to the Saskatoon sporting community. They have represented our city at all levels of competition and have made the impossible possible. They are most deserving of the honour that is to be bestowed on them.

Our banquet and induction ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 2 at TCU Place. The Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame extends an invitation to all past inductees, past board members and sports fans to attend the induction ceremonies to honour these 2019 inductees and to celebrate the 34th anniversary of our Hall of Fame's beginning. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you all there.

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BUILDER INDUCTEE



LAWRENCE BEATTY
Softball coach in five nationals

BUILDER INDUCTEE



DALE CLANCY
Wrestling official for 40 years

ATHLETE INDUCTEE



FIONA CRIBB
Triathlon world championships;
Pan Am Games medallist

BUILDER INDUCTEE



DAVE KING
Hockey coach in world
championships, Olympics, NHL

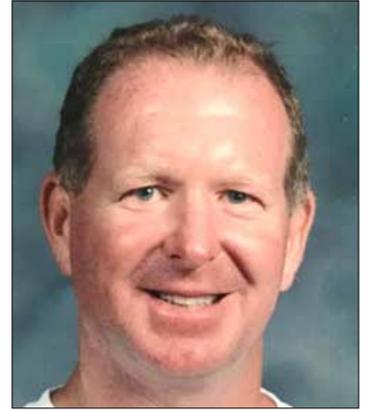
Top of the city

2019 inductees into Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame
34th annual banquet Saturday, Nov. 2, TCU Place



BUILDER INDUCTEE
AL MITCHELL
Football official since 1990

ATHLETE INDUCTEE



TERRY LEHNE
Grey Cup champion

BUILDER INDUCTEE



JOHNNY MARCINIUK
Sports co-ordinator in school
system for more than 30 years

ATHLETE INDUCTEE



DONNA SAWORSKI
World champion in sabre fencing

ATHLETE INDUCTEE



JAKE WETZEL
World rowing champion;
gold, silver in Olympics

TEAM INDUCTEE



2005 OPTIMIST TWIRLING CONNECTION

Once Upon a Time team

Third in world championships

Clockwise from left

Beth Kostur
Breanne Tennant
Kellie Towriss

Charnalle Skjeie
Haylee Olver
Stephanie Hart

Right

Casey Berry Napper



Brenda Bennett, coach

TEAM INDUCTEE



Merle Kopach, Audrey Crosson, Linda Delver, Rae Wilson

MERLE KOPACH 2012 RINK

Canadian masters champions

Rae Wilson.....lead
Linda Delver.....second
+ Deceased

+ Audrey Crosson.....third
Merle Kopach..... skip

TEAM INDUCTEE



Merle Kopach, Audrey Crosson, Linda Delver, Janet Rooks

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SPORTS ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR



1989 JEUX CANADA GAMES FOUNDATION



Heather Kuttai, executive director
1989 Jeux Canada Games Foundation
Kuttai is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as an athlete

The 1989 Jeux Canada Games Foundation started in 1990. Funded by interest on profit from the 1989 Summer Games in Saskatoon, it awards annual grants to sport throughout Saskatchewan.

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Sask Sport 2018 awards

Volunteer awards

Derek Rope.....SaskatoonAthletics
Richard Smith.....Fort Qu'Appelle...Golf

Female official award

Loretta Lyons.....OutlookAthletics

Male official award

Al Theede.....SaskatoonNordic skiing

Master athlete of the year

Ted Rowan.....Martensville.....Athletics

Other finalist

Women's master relay team...ReginaSwimming

Coach of the year

*Tom Sargeant.....SaskatoonFootball

"Sport will give you more than you will ever give to sport."

— Andrea Wolf, recipient Sask Sport coach dedication award

Female athlete of the year

Shelby Newkirk.....SaskatoonPara swimming

Other finalists

Brittany Hudak.....Prince Albert.....Para nordic skiing
Marie Wright.....Moose JawWheelchair curling

Team of the year

Team Sask. U19 women.....ReginaWater polo

Other finalists

HilltopsSaskatoon.....Football
Sundown Optimist Buffalo Gals...ReginaBaton twirling

Female coach dedication award

Andrea WolfWapellaSoftball

Male coach dedication award

Udo BaeckerReginaSoccer

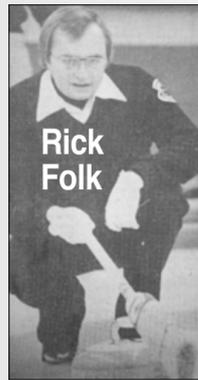
Kaspar Wirz.....SaskatoonPara nordic skiing

*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Touching base

With Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees

***Pat Lawson** is being inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame. She is the first athlete from Saskatoon to receive the honour. Lawson played basketball for Bedford Road Collegiate, the University of Saskatchewan, the Adilman Aces senior club and the Canadian national team ... ***Colette Bourgonje** will be inducted as an athlete into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in October. Bourgonje has won medals internationally in Para-Nordic skiing and wheelchair racing ... ***Marliese Kasner** of Saskatoon was an alternate on **Robyn Silvermagle's** rink from North Battleford that finished third at the 2019 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Sydney, N.S. ... ***Steve Laycock** was third on **Jim Cotter's** rink from the Vernon Curling Club in B.C., that placed eighth at the Tim Hortons Brier in Brandon, MB. ... Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings is a competition to decide the men's and women's rinks from Canada that play in the Olympics. The 2021 Roar of the Rings will be at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5. The Winter Olympics are in Beijing, China in February, 2022. ... ***Cyprian Enweani** of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies held the oldest record in the men's division at the Canada West conference university track and field championships. He ran 33.56 seconds in the 300 metres in 1984. This year, 35 years later, **Austin Cole** of the University of Alberta broke Enweani's record with a time of 33.44 seconds. ***Gwen Wall** of the Huskies is the longest-standing record holder in the women's division. Wall ran a time of one minute, 29 seconds in the 600 metres in 1984. **Jenna Westaway** of the University of Calgary tied the record in 2014. ... ***Jacki Nichol**, who competed in softball in the world championships and the Olympics, will be enshrined in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in Regina in September. The 2019 class of inductees also includes Kelvington's **Wendel Clark**, who played for the Saskatoon Blades and in the NHL; Moose Jaw's **Marg (Sihvon) Curry**, who played basketball, field hockey and volleyball for the University of Saskatchewan and on the Canadian national basketball team; and Saskatoon's **Kelly Parker**, who played on the Canadian women's soccer team ... ***Don Saxton** was enshrined into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in June with the Canadian national team that competed in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Saxton was a middle blocker on the team that finished fourth, the best ever finish by Canada in the Olympics ... ***Gisele Kreuger** was enshrined in the Sask Volleyball Hall of Fame in April with Team Sask, gold medalists in women's volleyball at the 1989 Canada Games in Saskatoon. Kreuger was an assistant coach on the team ... ***Melanie Sanford** was named coach of the year in University of Regina Cougars Athletics. Sanford led the Cougars women's volleyball team to its best regular season in team history in 2018-19, going 16-8. ... The late ***Dwayne Andreen** of Saskatoon will be enshrined in the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in August. ... ***Erin Cumpstone** is coach of the Saskatoon Blazers, who finished 15th among 18 teams in the under-19 division at the Canadian ringette championships in April ... ***Brian Towris**, who was head coach of the U of S Huskies football team for 33 years, is the 2019 recipient of the Jean-Marie De Koninck Coaching Excellence Award in U SPORTS ... ***Evelyn Nesdole** was a recipient this year of a YWCA Nutrien Women of Distinction Award ... Athlete ***Kris Odergard** of Saskatoon and builder **Roald Thomson** of Regina were enshrined into the Racquetball Canada Hall of Fame in May ...



Rick Folk



Vera Pezer

—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photos

Rock stars

Skips ***Rick Folk** and ***Vera Pezer** of Saskatoon were on the short-list in a recent TSN poll that named Canada's greatest curlers.

Other Sask. curlers who were in the mix

Women: **Marcia Gudereit**..... Regina
Women: ***Lee Morrison**..... Saskatoon
Men: **Wes Richardson** Stoughton

Women: **Joan McCusker** Regina
Women: ***Joyce McKee**..... Saskatoon
Men: **Garnet Richardson**..... Stoughton

Women: ***Sheila Rowan** Saskatoon
Men: **Arnold Richardson** Stoughton

Women: **Sandra Schmirler**..... Regina
Men: **Ernie Richardson**..... Stoughton

Best curlers in Canadian history

Selected by a panel of 31 curlers, broadcasters and

Lead
Women: **Dawn McEwen**..... Winnipeg, MB
Men: **Ben Hebert**..... Regina, SK
Hebert has played for Saskatchewan and Alberta rinks

Second
Women: **Jill Officer** Winnipeg, MB
Men: **Marc Kennedy**..... Edmonton, AB

Third
Women: **Jan Bektar**..... Regina, SK
Men: **Randy Ferbey**..... Edmonton, AB

Skip
Women: **Jennifer Jones** Winnipeg, MB
Men: **Kevin Martin** Edmonton, AB

***Scott Farmer** and ***Ken Hodson** are both enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with Hilltops football teams. Farmer and Hodson received Coaching Merit Awards from the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD) at its 24th annual Coaches Appreciation awards luncheon in June ... ***Brian Thorstad** is returning to teaching after four years as the sports consultant with the SSSAD. Thorstad will be on staff at Walter Murray Collegiate.

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Lead

Second

Third

Skip



Lee Morrison



Joyce McKee



Sheila Rowan

Passings

Donn Clark, 1962-2019, age 56

Donn Clark, a defensive defenceman, scored a hat trick. He played, coached and was a general manager in junior hockey for almost 30 years.

A native of Kelvington, Clark hit the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League in 1979 with the Yorkton Terriers. A season later, he won the club's award as the Terriers' most improved player.

He moved to the Western Hockey League, playing 100 games for the Saskatoon Blades, Nanaimo Islanders and Prince Albert Raiders. Clark's best year as a WHL player was 1981-82, with four goals and 18 points as a Blade.

Clark went behind the bench, coaching the SJHL's Humboldt Broncos and Melfort Mustangs. In the WHL, he was an assistant coach with the Tacoma Rockets and head coach of the Raiders and Blades.

Clark was the Director of Hockey Operations and General Manager in Prince Albert from 2001 through 2008. His 2003-04 Raiders set the franchise record for fewest goals against.



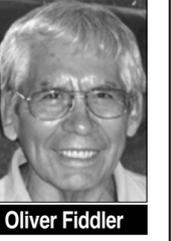
Donn Clark

Oliver (Ollie) Fiddler, 1933-2019, age 85

Oliver Fiddler was armed and dangerous. A softball pitcher since age 8, he threw 42 no-hitters in his career. Two of his wins were against Eddie (The King) Feigner and a four-man touring softball team from the United States. Fiddler had more than 14,000 career strikeouts, including two strikeouts at a softball tournament in Grand Forks, N.D., on Phil Jackson, who went on to be player and coach in the NBA.

Fiddler won a provincial junior title with the Prince Albert Lumberjacks in 1951, a provincial senior B title with the Lumberjacks in 1953 and provincial senior titles with the Saskatoon Westside Merchants in 1961 and '62.

After moving to Minot in 1968 and becoming a U.S. citizen, he added four state titles in North Dakota. Fiddler used a slingshot style of pitching instead of a windmill. He was known especially for his change-up.



Oliver Fiddler

Rob Trotchie, 1955-2019, age 64

Team inductee, bowling

Rob Trotchie was on a mixed bowling team from Saskatoon that won 24 consecutive games at provincials and nationals to win the Canadian five-pin title in 1976.

Trotchie also won a Canadian high school boys title in 1973 with a Saskatoon team and was the coach of a team that won the national high school mixed title in 1981.



Rob Trotchie

Ennis Waldner, 1925-2019, age 94

Builder inductee, aquatics

A swimmer and diver in her early teens, Ennis Waldner became a big part of aquatics in Saskatchewan.

When she was working at Hollywood Studios in Saskatoon in 1947, retouching and finishing photos, she took a Red Cross water safety instructor course. That summer at the lake she showed kids the way to stay safe in water at a camp for Canadian Girls In Training.

Waldner went on to conduct Red Cross swim exams in northern Saskatchewan. She helped to start the Saskatchewan branch of the Royal Lifesaving Society and served on its national executive.

She taught swimming to married women at the Saskatoon YMCA and to students in Saskatoon elementary schools. She saw potential in *Martha Nelson when Nelson was in Grade 4. She encouraged Nelson to pursue speed swimming. Nelson went on to compete in swimming in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Waldner became the co-ordinator of swimming and diving programs at the University of Saskatchewan and started the university's synchro program. She gave high school girls the chance to train with the U of S synchro team on Saturday mornings. When the U of S dropped synchro, one of its swimmers, *Karen Clarke, started the Saskatoon Aqualenes, an age-group and high performance club.

Waldner played basketball at Nutana Collegiate and with the Adilman Aces senior team and senior softball with the Grey Cab Ramblers.

*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame



Ennis Waldner

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

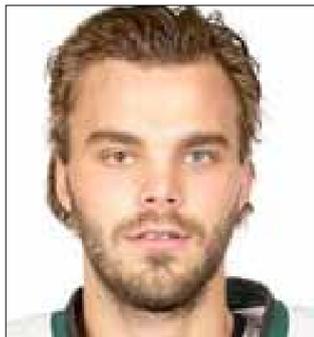


Alix Pierce
Gymnastics

Alix Pierce, 18, of the Saskatoon Marian Gymnastics Club won a silver medal in floor at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, AB. She was sixth on beam and 12th all around.

Pierce finished fifth in uneven bars and 18th all around in the 2018 Canadian championships in Waterloo, ON. She has been Gymnastics Saskatchewan's national athlete of the year.

Pierce's coach is Chris Baraniuk, who is enshrined as a builder in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.



Taran Kozun
Hockey

Taran Kozun of Nipawin was named goaltender of the year and a first-team All-Canadian in U SPORTS men's hockey.

Kozun also won the E. Kent Phillips Trophy as male athlete of the year at the University of Saskatchewan.

Kozun posted five shutouts and was in net for a conference record 20 wins for the Huskies, who finished first in the regular season in the Canada West conference. The Huskies were fourth at nationals.

This was Kozun's second season with the Huskies and his first as the club's No. 1 goalie.



Mel Brockman
Ringette

Mel Brockman of Saskatoon was an assistant coach on Saskatchewan's ringette team that finished eighth at the 2019 Canada Games in Red Deer, AB.

Brockman was in a national apprenticeship program that pairs women with mentor coaches at multi-sport games.

She has competed in ringette for 27 years, playing on the Saskatoon team that won bronze in the 1999 Canada Games, and on the Canadian national team in 2004 and 2007.



Nigel Lendsay
Ultimate

Nigel Lendsay of Saskatoon is on Canada's under-24 mixed team for the World Ultimate championships in Heidelberg, Germany in July.

Lendsay began playing ultimate four years ago and has made four consecutive appearances at nationals, placing second in the Canadian championships last year. He was also second at the 2018 Australian national championships.

Lendsay is finishing a Kinesiology degree at the University of Saskatchewan.

Madison Ong of Saskatoon is on Canada's under-24 women's team.



Alex Schell
Wrestling

Alex Schell of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies won the title in the women's 48 kg division at the U SPORTS Canadian wrestling championships in Calgary.

Kiera Prior was first at 82 kg and Berit Johnson second at 72 kg.

The Huskies were second in team standings, won by Brock University of St. Catharines, ON.

Daniel Olver of the Huskies was named the Fox 40 women's coach of the year.

Exceeding & Excelling

***Bob Adams, 1924-2019, had impact on sport as an athlete and coach, official and organizer**

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*

Bob Adams played hockey and baseball growing up on the family homestead in Alsask. But beyond ball tournaments on the long weekend in late May and early July, summer sport was as fleeting as prairie wind.

He found track and field.

"The sport was basic to my temperament," he said.

He knew basics.

He made a shot put out of melted scrap lead. His landing pit was a pile of sand that one of his friends hauled to the schoolyard in a truck. In *Life* magazine, Adams saw a photo spread on Cornelius (Dutch) Warmerdam, the son of a Californian orchardist and holder of the world record in pole vault. Inspired, Adams bought a bamboo pole for \$6.50 by mail.

On Saturdays, Adams listened to Lloyd Percival's Sports College of the Air on radio. He bought Percival's training booklets. Adams and Percival corresponded by mail.

*Clarence Garvie, a native of Saskatoon who was starting his teaching career in Alsask, schooled Adams in track and field through high school. Adams enrolled in education at the University of Saskatchewan.

"*Joe Griffiths, (the university's track coach) showed me a closet and said if there's anything you can use, take it,"



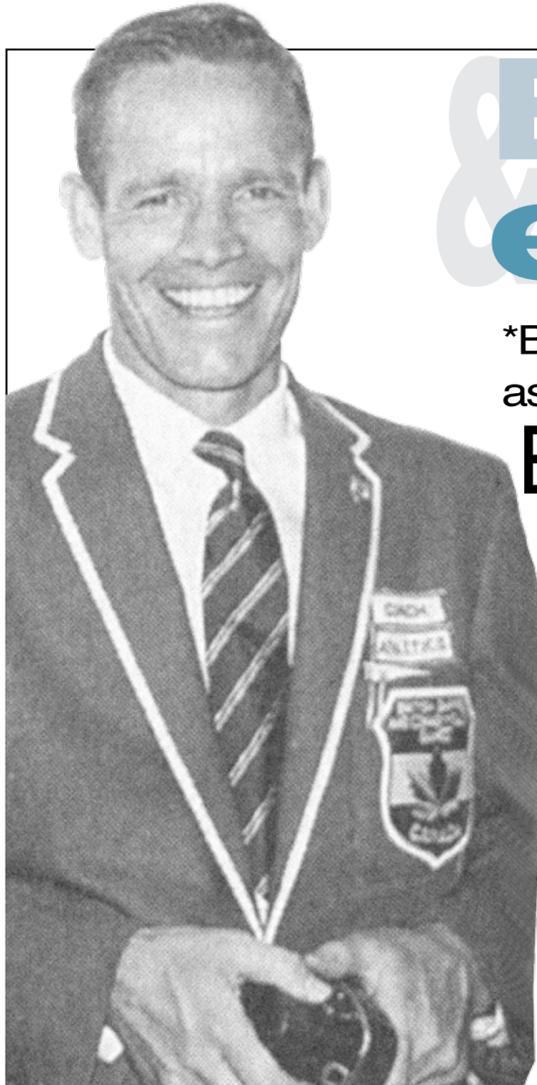
Bob Adams, back row, second from left, home in Alsask with three of his four brothers — Frank, John Jr. and Jim — three sisters — Edith, Winnifred and Irene — and parents Elizabeth and John. Not shown is brother Harry. Two sisters died in infancy



John Adams, Bob's father

Adams said. "There was an old pair of track spikes, a broken javelin, an old aluminum discus."

Adams's breakout event was the Western Canadian university championships in 1946. He was first in discus, high jump and pole vault. He was second in hammer, javelin, long jump and shot put. The universities made a new rule. Seven events is too many, they said. Starting in 1947, they limited how many events an athlete could enter in the championships.



A knee injury playing basketball sheared his career as an athlete at age 31. Bob Adams became a coach. He was head coach of the Canadian track and field team in the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales. Three Saskatchewan sprinters — Stu Cameron and *Eleanor (Haslam) Jensen of Saskatoon and *Maureen (Rever) DuWors of Regina — were on the Canadian team in the Games.

Jensen and DuWors are enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as athletes. Eleanor's sister, *Judy Peddle, is enshrined in the Hall as a builder. Judy is a founding member and longtime director of the Bob Adams Foundation.

*Eleanor (Haslam) Jensen



*Diane Jones Konihowski Olympian 1972, 1976 & 1980, pentathlon gold medallist 1975 & 1979 Pan Am Games, 1978 Commonwealth Games

"Bob Adams introduced me to weightlifting."

"I had to desegregate the University of Saskatchewan weight room. I was the first female to use it. I definitely had invaded these guys' territory. It took them awhile, but they realized I was just an athlete coming in to do her workout."

"Later they became my workout partners and spotters."

A man of firsts

*Bob Adams and *Clarence Garvie were part of the group that started Saskatchewan's first track and field club, the Saskatoon Hilltop Club, in 1948. It was later called the Saskatoon Track and Field Club. Adams coached in the Saskatoon club until 1968.

Adams was a charter member of the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association.

In 1967, Adams became the first co-ordinator of physical education and high school athletics with the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD). From soccer and football, cross-country running and volleyball in fall, to curling and basketball and wrestling in winter, through to track and field and badminton in spring, Adams led high school sport in Saskatoon for 15 years.

Running the SSSAD was a marathon.

Consider the city track and field championships. The meet is held in late May when it's light at Griffiths Stadium until late in the evening. As the SSSAD's boss, Adams didn't leave the track until dark. He waited until he had all the day's results, then got in his car and made the rounds, delivering the goods to Saskatoon TV, radio and newspaper.

Reaching higher, going further

The Bob Adams Foundation, which started in 1983, is a charitable organization that supports, develops and recognizes athletes, coaches and officials in track and field in Saskatchewan. Recipients of the Award of Excellence include the following 17 inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame:

Bob Adams Foundation Athlete Award of Excellence

- *Angela Collinge
- *Deanne Mengel
- *Lisa Soron
- *Jaime Cruickshank
- *Max Muzzolini
- *Adrienne Vangool
- *Marcel Gallays
- *Caren Reindl
- *Judy Warick
- *Shannon Leydon
- *Katie Rooks
- *Lee Wolfater



*Angela Collinge



*Lisa Soron

Bob Adams Foundation Coach Award of Excellence

- *Todd Johnston
- *Susanne Petrucha
- *Rick Petrucha
- *Ivan Tam

Bob Adams Foundation Official Award of Excellence

- *Harvey Weber

Twelve athletes from Saskatchewan who have competed in the Olympics, Paralympics and/or world championships have received an Award of Excellence from the Bob Adams Foundation:

*Jaime Cruickshank

- Ladonna Antoine
- Simon Bairu
- *Jaime Cruickshank
- Lisa Franks
- Keira Lyn-Frie
- Clayton Gerein
- Cory Harrower
- Lesla Mayes-Stringer
- Becky Richter
- Taryn Suttie
- Brianne Theisen-Eaton
- Marg (George) Tosh



*Bob Adams

Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate consultants since 1967



- *Bob Adams
- *Lee Reimer
- Ed Lepp
- *Kelly Bowers
- *Blaine Knoll
- Jeff Colquhoun
- Basil Hughton
- Brad Smith
- *Gil Wist
- *Brian Thorstad

Class act

From The Hermes, Nutana Collegiate's yearbook

Class 3C:
Our teacher and also an athletic guy
There doesn't come nicer
between here and the sky

Class 3C congratulates Mr. Adams
on his double success in '52 —
Olympic participation
and the acquisition of a lovely wife.

Marge & Bob Adams, 1952



Whole new world

The 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland were Bob Adams's first taste of international track and field. He was 27. Earlier that summer he'd competed in the 10-event decathlon for just the third time, going to a meet in Toronto where he beat his previous best in long jump by more than a foot and in the 1,500 metres by more than 20 seconds. A week later he broke the Canadian record in decathlon at the Canadian Olympic trials in Hamilton.



He finished 19th in the Olympics. His best events in the Games were discus, placing third in a field of 28 decathletes, and pole vault, placing sixth.

Adams went to three Olympics. He was the head coach of the Canadian track and field team at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo and a pole vault official at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Adams was on the organizing staff in 1960 when Saskatoon held the national track and field trials to select Canada's team for the upcoming Rome Olympics. The meet drew international attention after Harry Jerome, a native of Prince Albert, set the world record in the 100 metres on the cinder track at Griffiths Stadium.



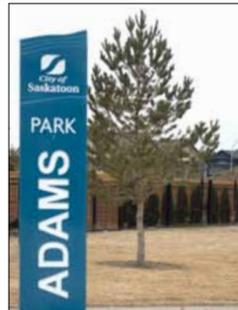
*Ralph Schoenfeld

*Bob Adams

*John Stuart

Honours, awards

- F.N.A. Rowell Trophy
- Canada's outstanding field athlete
- Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame
- Commonwealth Games of Canada Award of Merit
- Athletics Canada Hall of Fame
- Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame
- Sask. High Schools Athletic Association Merit Award
- U of S Athletic Wall of Honour
- Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame
- Ralph Coates Award
- Longstanding service as official in B.C.
- Dave Coupland Award
- Inspiring member BC Athletics
- National Officials Committee Wall of Honour



—Photos from Captured Memories: A history of Alsask and surrounding school districts; Diane Jones Konihowski; Saskatoon StarPhoenix; Nutana Collegiate yearbook



*Judy Warick

"Two farm girls keen on track, without coach or club — Ruby (Hickie) Neumann, age 15 and me, Judy (Hickie) Warick, age 13.

"After begging our parents to get to bigger summer meets, we were noticed by Bob Adam's keen eye, and through his mentoring got to our first nationals and medalled that same year. It was 1962."



John Mooney

"He was one of my Nutana teachers, and he coached me in football, basketball and track.

"I had the good fortune to stay connected to him through my life. As physical educators we pursued the same goals. We were coaching rivals in my early years, and SSSAD founders and colleagues.

"I had the good fortune to continue our friendship after he moved to Victoria and had visits with him and Marge.

"One of Bob's dreams was to find a way to specifically honour Saskatoon's Olympians."

"I would like to dedicate this prestigious award in the memory of Bob."

— Martensville's Ted Rowan, named Sask Sport master of the year for 2018 in March 2019

Making a name for himself

A new athletic venue in Burnaby, B.C. with seating for more than 5,000 people is named Swangard Stadium in honour of **Erwin Swangard**.

Erwin is a wheeler and dealer in sports, helping Vancouver get the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games and the Vancouver Mounties, a Triple A baseball club. He was one of the seven founders of the B.C. Lions of the Canadian Football League.



Erwin Swangard

Swangard was a sports reporter with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix in the 1930s. A native of Germany, he returned to his homeland in 1936 as a reporter for the Vancouver Sun and the Toronto Globe at the Winter Olympics in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Summer Olympics in Berlin. He married Doris Clarke of Saskatoon in 1937.

Erwin Swangard goes on to become the sports editor of the Vancouver Province and the managing editor of the Vancouver Sun.



Mount Blackstrap

Snow business

One of the challenges in Saskatoon's bid to hold the 1971 Canada Winter Games is where to hold skiing. One of the ideas is to enlarge a hill used by the Saskatoon Ski Club, but the riverbank is too unstable.

"They don't tell you how to build a mountain in college," said **Paul Machibroda**, a soil engineer who graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1960.

Blackstrap works, Machibroda said. **Dennis Adkin** and **Ed Sebestyen** of the Games bid committee recruit Robertson Construction, a road building contractor from Prince Albert led by **Laurie Robertson**.

Using soil excavated from a pit next to the site — the dirt is packed, hardened and shaped — Mount Blackstrap towers above the Prairies a half hour south of Saskatoon, reaching a 2,080-foot peak.

Snap decision

It's a season of change for the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders. Leaving — 17-year defensive lineman

***Ron Atchison** and seven-year defensive back ***Dale West**.

Arriving — Rookie fullback **Steve Molnar** and rookie linebacker ***Don Seaman**.

Atchison and West, who both played junior football with the Saskatoon Hilltops, were on the first Riders team to win the Grey Cup, in 1966.

Molnar and Seaman are grads of Aden Bowman Collegiate.

"I think my wrestling experience has helped me here because it was such an individual sport and you had to do it yourself," said Seaman.

The '69 Riders are defeated in the Grey Cup by Ottawa. At tight end for Ottawa is **Tom Pullen**, the son of **Harry Pullen**, who was a quarterback and coach of the Saskatoon Quakers football team in the 1920s and '30s, taught at Bedford Road Collegiate and became the first Canadian to earn a doctorate degree in education.

In junior football, the visiting Hilltops defeat the Ottawa Sooners in Lansdowne Park for the 1969 Canadian title.

Prime time players for the Hilltops are fullback ***Archie Thompson**, quarterback ***Dave Pickett**, defensive back ***Bob Korpan** and linebacker ***Jim Seaman**, Don Seaman's brother. Jim Seaman had his nose crunched and broken in a pileup in the Canadian semifinal a week earlier.

Football makes '69 a season to celebrate for the Remmen family.

***Gord Remmen** is a starting running back for the Hilltops. His younger brother, **Larry Remmen**, of the Aden Bowman Bears breaks a record in the Saskatoon High School Football League, rushing for 1,515 yards, and ties the league scoring record of 114 points with 19 touchdowns.



***Don Seaman**



Harry Pullen



Larry Remmen

Bet on it

Marquis Downs is the name, horse racing the game. Exhibition Park has a new track and grandstand. It's a few furlongs west of the track which has been a big part of the city's Summer Fair week from 1928 to 1968.

Saskatoon has been a bonanza of horse racing people, before 1969 and since.

Denny Birley — Birley was a visiting jockey during Exhibition Week. He went on to ride Archworth to two of its three wins in capturing the Canadian Triple Crown in 1939.

Hugo Dittfatch — Dittfatch, a resident of Calgary, was the leading rider in a Saskatoon meet in the 1950s. He was named Canada's top jockey in 1975.

John Longden — Longden, who grew up in Alberta, won races during Exhibition Week. He won the Triple Crown as the jockey on Count Fleet in 1943. Longden was the trainer of Majestic Prince, which won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes in 1969.

***Joan Phipps** — As an 8-year-old in Saskatoon, Phipps frequented the stables at the Exhibition, sitting and watching for hours. She raised her own horse from a foal. She joined the Saskatoon 4-H Club. By 18, she was a jockey. She raced in Toronto and Chicago and New Orleans. She became the first pro female jockey in New Zealand. She broke two-year-olds at Calumet Farms in Kentucky. She has been a race steward.



***Joan Phipps**



Viola Thomas



John Longden

John (Red) Pollard — Pollard, a native of Edmonton, was the leading jockey at Exhibition Week in 1930. He went on to post 18 wins in the United States aboard Seabiscuit, named the thoroughbred Horse of the Year in 1938.

***Ray Remmen** — Remmen is a native of Saskatoon and a brother of football's Gord and Larry Remmen. Ray drove Shaway St. Pat to win the first Hambletonian harness race at The Meadowslands in New Jersey in 1976. Remmen also has more than 1,000 wins as a trainer.

Viola Thomas — A native of Calgary, Thomas was the first female jockey licensed to ride in Saskatchewan.

Going long distance

Bob Anderson, who has been active in curling in Saskatoon since 1912, is the first winner of the Scottie Richardson Memorial Trophy in 1969 for service to the sport in Saskatchewan.

Anderson has been president of the Granite Curling Club and the Hub City Club. He was on the organizing committee for the 1946 Brier in Saskatoon.

***Scotty Clark** has been on the sports scene for decades, from playing soccer and hockey to coaching the boys soccer team at Bedford Road Collegiate to two city high school titles to being an athletic trainer, a job he'll continue doing until 1975. His service with the Canadian Army in the Second World War is sandwiched in between. Clark has been a trainer on ***Russ McQuarrie's** Jr. Quakers hockey club, the Elks hockey team, the Hilltops football team and with coach ***Jack McLeod** on the Canadian national hockey team.

***Rene Marleau** is named president of the Canadian Speed Skating Association in 1969. His connections to the sport are extensive. Marleau becomes a Level 5 official, working international competition. He is the chef de mission on the Canadian speed skating team for its tour in 1975 in the Peoples Republic of China. He is on the support staff for speed skating at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.



Bob Anderson ***Scotty Clark** ***Rene Marleau**



Sandra Nase

Canadian champions in 1969 from Saskatoon

- Ron Friesen.....diving..... One-metre and three-metre board, Canadian university
- *Gord Garvie.....wrestling..... 152-lb class, Canadian senior and Canadian university
- *Larry Giles.....track and field..... Junior long jump, Canadian outdoor
- *Diane Jones.....track and field..... Senior pentathlon, Canadian outdoor and Canada Games
- *Joyce McKee rink.....curling..... Canadian women's championship
- Sandra Nase.....speed skating..... Bantam division, Canadian outdoor
- *Logan Rodgers.....track and field..... Junior 3,000-metre steeplechase, Canadian outdoor
- *Lorne Tarasoff.....track and field..... Junior 300 metres, Canadian indoor
- Dave Tosh.....speed skating..... Junior division, Canadian indoor
- *Saskatoon Hilltops.....football..... Shrine Bowl Canadian junior championship
- *Saskatoon Imperials.....softball..... Canadian women's championship
- *Saskatoon Merchants.....softball..... Canadian men's championship

1969

Ten great hits in sports 50 years ago

*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame



Peanuts and crackerjack

The Exhibition Week baseball tournament, a Saskatoon tradition since 1922, goes out swinging. **Larry Haylor** is the winning pitcher as the Unity Cardinals defeat the Eston Ramblers in the final of the last tournament that has drawn senior teams from throughout Saskatchewan.

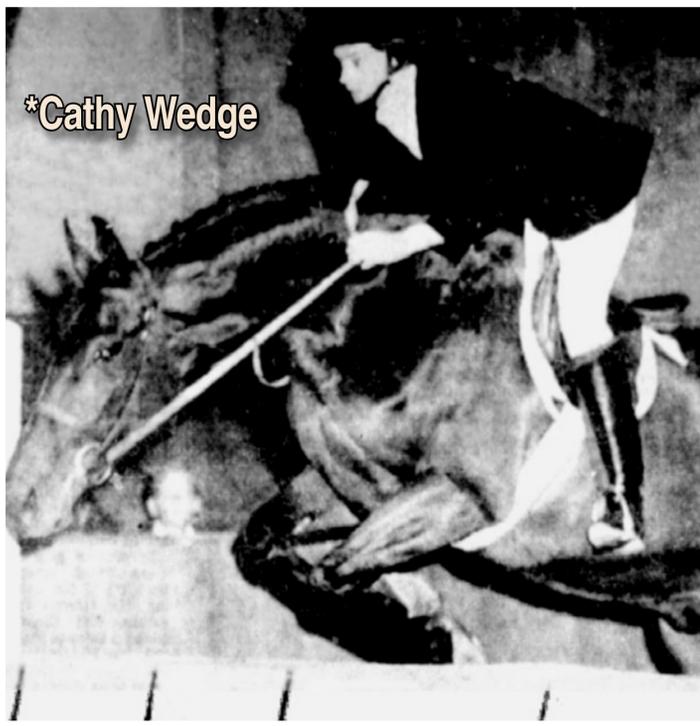
Haylor, a native of Prince Albert, is a quarterback with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. He goes on to be head coach of the Western Ontario Mustangs, twice leading the team to the Vanier Cup as Canadian university football champions.

Also at the Exhibition tournament in 1969 are Unity's **Ivan Gutfriend**, ***Bob Coffin** of the Colonsay Monarchs and ***Randy Munch** of the Asquith Braves. Gutfriend goes on to be the athletic therapist of the Saskatchewan Roughriders for almost 40 years. Coffin sets the record in Canadian university football for career interceptions (21) with the Huskies. Munch, a shortstop, plays for Canada at the world baseball championship in Cuba.



***Bob Coffin**

Neilburg's **Pete Prediger**, who made his first appearance in the Saskatoon Exhibition tournament in 1934, has returned every year, but his equipment doesn't arrive by game time in 1969. The Monarchs are eliminated after their only game.



***Cathy Wedge**

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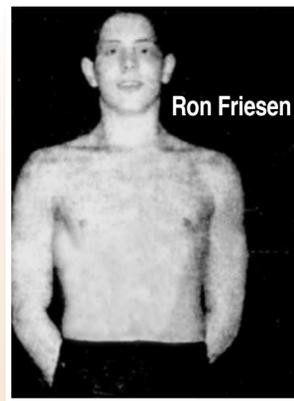
Horse power

***Cathy Wedge** began riding at age 8 in the Saskatoon Pony Club, instructed by ***Wynona Mulcaster**. In 1969, at age 18, Wedge enters the international arena. She and her horse Cloud Nine (above) win three events in

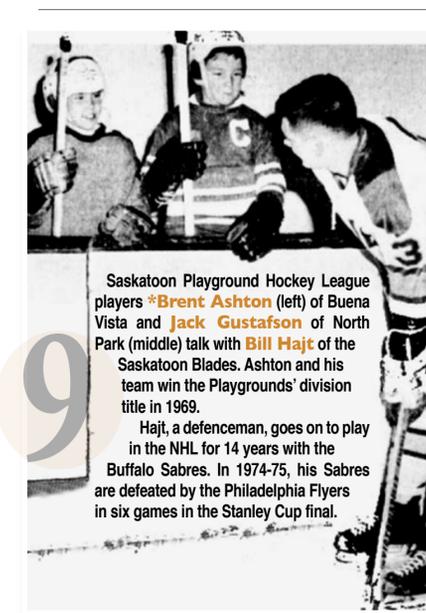
Washington State Hunter and Jumper Show. Wedge has bigger things to come. She wins a gold medal on the Canadian team in the three-day event at the 1971 Pan-American Games in Cali, Colombia. She is in the running for the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany, but is sidelined by a broken ankle.

Wedge places fifth on the Canadian team in the three-day event at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. In 1978, she wins gold with the Canadian team in the three-day event at the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY.

Hon. Justice Catherine Wedge is appointed to the B.C. Supreme Court in 2001.



Ron Friesen



Saskatoon Hockey League players ***Brent Ashton** (left) of Buena Vista and **Jack Gustafson** of North Park (middle) talk with **Bill Hajt** of the Saskatoon Blades. Ashton and his team win the Playgrounds' division title in 1969.

Hajt, a defenceman, goes on to play in the NHL for 14 years with the Buffalo Sabres. In 1974-75, his Sabres are defeated by the Philadelphia Flyers in six games in the Stanley Cup final.

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Saskatchewan pipeline

Defenceman and captain ***Keith Magnuson** of Saskatoon has three assists as the University of Denver Pioneers defeat the Cornell Big Red, with **Ken Dryden** in net, 4-3 to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) hockey title in 1969.



University of Denver Pioneers Hockey

***Keith Magnuson** & **Tim Gould**

Also in Denver's lineup are defencemen **Tim Gould** and **Dale Zeman** and forward **Don Thiessen**, all of Saskatoon. Magnuson, who was born in Wadena, moved to Saskatoon with his family when he was 8-years-old and went to Churchill School. One of his neighbourhood friends was

***Dave King**, who in 1969 is the only veteran forward on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team. Magnuson goes on to an 11-year career in the NHL with Chicago. His teammates on the Blackhawks include ***Cliff Koroll** and ***Gerry Pinder**.

Hockey returns to Exhibition Stadium in 1969.

Built in 1929 for the Winter Fair in Saskatoon, the Exhibition Rink soon became the big barn for top junior and senior hockey. In 1939, the rink was taken over by the Army. The Canadian government kept the lease until 1960.



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Saskatoon Arena

Curling ice was installed three years later, in 1963. Minor hockey has wanted for years to use Exhibition Rink. Drop the puck. Let 'em play.

The winter of 1968-69 is a farewell, sort of, for Saskatoon's main rink. This is the last year that the Arena on 19th Street, home of the Saskatoon Blades, has wire above the boards behind the nets. The Arena uses plexiglass starting the next winter.