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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 the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I thank all those who attended our 34th annual dinner and induction ceremony on Nov. 2. To all of our past inductees who attended, a very special thank you for your continued support.

For 2019 we recognized five amazing builders: Lawrence Beatty, softball; Dale Clancy, wrestling; Dave King, hockey; Johnny Marciniuk, multi sports; and Allen Mitchell, football. The four impressive athletes representing a multitude of disciplines in the world of sports are Fiona Cribb, triathlon; Terry Lehne, football; Donna Saworski, fencing, and Jake Wetzel, rowing. We were also pleased to induct the 2012 and 2014 Merle Kopach Canadian masters curling teams and the 2005 Optimist Twirling Connection baton world team. The sport organization of the year is the 1989 Jeux Canada Summer Games Foundation, who do so much for sports.

I congratulate the 2019 inductees into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and once again thank them for their contributions to the sporting community of Saskatoon. It is important that we recognize these contributions and I encourage

all of you to consider nominating someone. We are always accepting nominations for the team, builder and athlete categories. Submission deadline for each year is the beginning of April. Nomination forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame website: saskatoonsportshalloffame@com

Special thank you to Kevin Waugh and Simon Hiatt for being the voices of the night and to Bob Florence and Mark Tennant for the great work they do for the Hall of Fame. Thank you TCU Place for helping to make the evening a smooth time for all. Thank you to all honoured guests for your encouraging words. To our sponsors and supporters thank you for assistance in making this a successful event.

If you haven't heard our Hall of Fame will be located in the new indoor training facility at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex grounds on Avenue P. Our planning is headed into Phase Two and we will be reaching out for your involvement.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I extend to you and your families, happy holidays and best wishes for 2020.

Power moment 2019 induction

AL MITCHELL
Builder: Football official



DAVE KING
Builder: Hockey coach



LAWRENCE BEATTY
Builder: Softball coach



FIONA CRIBB
Athlete: Triathlon

DONNA SAWORSKI
Athlete: Fencing



JAKE WETZEL
Athlete: Rowing



TERRY LEHNE
Athlete: Football

DALE CLANCY
Builder: Wrestling official



JOHNNY MARCINIUK
Builder: Multiple sports



“I think of all the people who helped us along the way.
Those people made a lot of sacrifices to allow us to be successful.”
— Dave King, inductees responder

Power moment 2019 induction



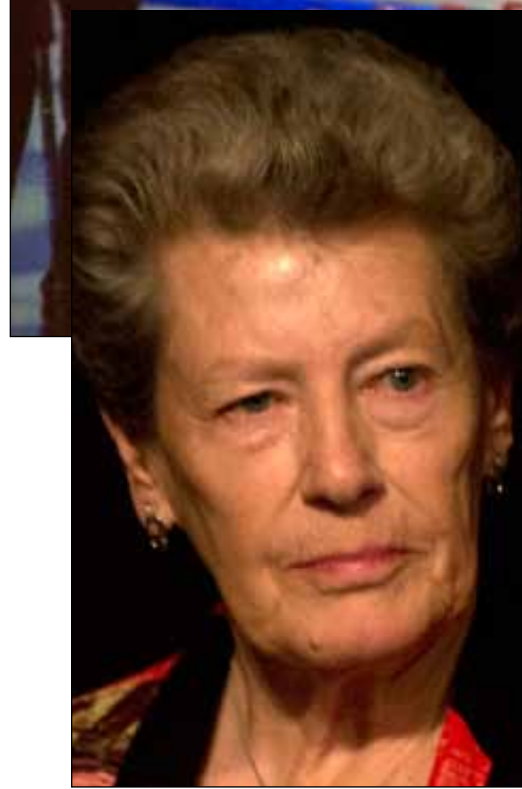
2005 OPTIMIST TWIRLING CONNECTION

Team: Once Upon a Time baton team

Back: Sydney Condon representing Charnalle Skjeie, Kellie Towriss, Breanne Tennant, Stephanie (Hart) Hall

Front: Haylee Olver, coach Brenda Bennett, Casey (Berry) Napper

Not shown: Beth Kostur



MERLE KOPACH RINKS

Team: Canadian masters champions, 2012

Audrey Crosson, Linda Delver,
Merle Kopach, Rae Wilson

Team: Canadian masters champions, 2014

Audrey Crosson, Linda Delver,
Merle Kopach, Janet Rooks

MERLE KOPACH

1989 JEUX CANADA GAMES FOUNDATION

Sports organization of the year



Johnny Marciniuk

Jake Wetzel



Lawrence Beatty



Dale Clancy



Dave King



Al Mitchell



Donna Saworski



Terry Lehne



Fiona Cribb



Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame family

- **Craig Mackay**
Athlete inductee 1986, speed skating
- **Henrietta Goplen** Craig's sister
Builder inductee 1988, speed skating
- **Gary Goplen** Henrietta's son
Athlete inductee 1999, speed skating
- **Gord Goplen** Henrietta's son
Athlete inductee 1999, speed skating
- **Ned Powers** Henrietta's partner
Builder inductee 1997, journalist, author

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Touching base

With Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees

**Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame*



Jim Wilson

***Jim Wilson** is vice-president of CurlSask, the provincial governing body of the sport. CurlSask received the Governors' Cup from Curling Canada for 2018-19. The Cup is awarded to the provincial association which has the best average improvement in results from one year to another... Skip **Kirk Muyres** of the Saskatoon Nutana Curling Club is featured in the Men of Curling calendar for the second consecutive year. The calendar has photos of curlers from Canada, Japan, Scotland and the United States... ***Jamie Epp, *Sylvia Fedoruk, *Brent Schneider** and the 1980-81 to '82-83 men's hockey teams led by head coach ***Dave King** are among the University of Saskatchewan Huskies being inducted into the Canada West conference Hall of Fame. Epp won four Canadian university titles in distance running, two in cross-country and was on a Huskies team that won a U SPORTS championship. Fedoruk competed in basketball, golf, hockey, track and field and volleyball at the U of S in the 1940s and was president of the Women's Athletic Board on campus. Schneider was quarterback of the Huskies football team which was defeated in the Vanier Cup national final in 1994 and won the Canadian title in 1996. The hockey teams won the conference title for three consecutive years, reached the Canadian final three times and won the national title in 1983... Although this is the first year that the Canada West conference has had a golf championship, golf was a university sport through the 1940s to 1960s before the Canada West conference started. Among the golfers for the University of Saskatchewan were **Doug Mader, Murray Osborn, Keith Rever, *Jim Scissons** and ***Geri (Evans) Street**, who are all enshrined in the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame. The U of S didn't enter the conference championship this year... Former Saskatoonian ***Ziggy Szelagowicz** coaches high jumper **Django Lovett** of Surrey, B.C., who competed in the world championships this fall in Doha, Qatar. Lovett did not qualify for the 12-man final. **Lynn Kanuka** is a native of Regina and an alumnus of the U of S track and field and cross-country teams. Kanuka coaches distance runner **Natasha Wodak** of North Vancouver, B.C. Wodak finished 17th in the 10,000 metres at worlds in Doha. She won gold in the 10,000 earlier this year at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

Double honours for Bourgonje

***Colette Bourgonje** was enshrined this fall in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame. Bourgonje has been a medalist internationally in wheelchair racing and sit-skiing. This is the 64th year that Canada's Sports Hall of Fame has held an induction. Bourgonje and the Hall's Class of '19 are the first to receive an Order of Sport, Canada's highest sporting honour... The Saskatchewan Horse Federation is starting a hall of fame. Individuals, families or horses can be nominated, with the inaugural inductees scheduled to be announced in March. Nomination forms are on its website: <https://saskhorsehalloffame.ca/>. The Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame honour roll features eight people from equestrian: ***Dr. Hilary Clayton, *Lou Hough, *Russ McQuarrie, *Wynona Mulcaster, *Joan Phipps, *Ray Remmen, *Gina Smith** and Justice ***Cathy Wedge**... **Kelly Parker** of Saskatoon has been enshrined in the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame with the national women's soccer team that won a bronze medal in the 2012 Olympics in London... ***Keith Russell** was one of the speakers at an International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) seminar this year in Portugal. The annual Gymnastics for All conference draws people from throughout the world to talk about recreational and competitive gymnastics. Russell later travelled to New Zealand to lead a week-long gymnastics coaching course.



HALL OF FAME

Carries the big stick

Don Atchison, who served on city council in Saskatoon for 23 years, including 13 years as mayor, is a 2019 recipient of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, called the province's highest honour. Atchison has hands-on experience in sports. He was a hockey goalie. He played for Queen Elizabeth and Brevoort Park in the Saskatoon Playground League; the pee wee Saskatoon Bruins; Walter Murray midgets and juveniles; the Saskatoon Macs, which won the title in the North Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and were eighth in the 1971 Canada Winter Games in Saskatoon; the Saskatoon Blades, coached by ***Jack McLeod** and quarterfinalists in the Western Canada Hockey League in 1971-72; and won the Turner Cup league title with the Fort Wayne Komets in the International Hockey League in 1972-73. Atchison went on to be head coach of the junior B Quakers and an assistant coach with the Blades... **Morris Mott** of Creelman, SK, was a forward on the Canadian hockey team coached by ***Jack McLeod** that finished third in the 1966 and '67 world championship and won bronze in the 1968 Olympics. Mott also played baseball on the Prairies. Now a resident of Brandon, he will be inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020... **Bert Gardiner**, a native of Saskatoon, played in the NHL's first playoff that took seven games. When New York Rangers goalie **Dave Kerr** injured his shoulder in Game 1 in a semifinal against the Boston Bruins in 1939, Gardiner took over in net. The Bruins won the series 4-3, with 'Sudden Death' **Mel Hill** scoring on Gardiner in Game 7 in triple overtime. Boston defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs for the Stanley Cup title. Gardiner later played for the Montreal Canadiens, the Chicago Blackhawks and the Bruins... ***Hubert Buydens** has played 59 games for Canada in international rugby, most recently in the World Cup this fall in Japan. Buydens, 37, was an offensive lineman with the Saskatoon Hilltops and the U of S Huskies. Also on Canada's team at the World Cup was former Huskies running back **Jeff Hassler**. Canada, ranked 22nd in the world, had an 0-3-1 record at the World Cup.



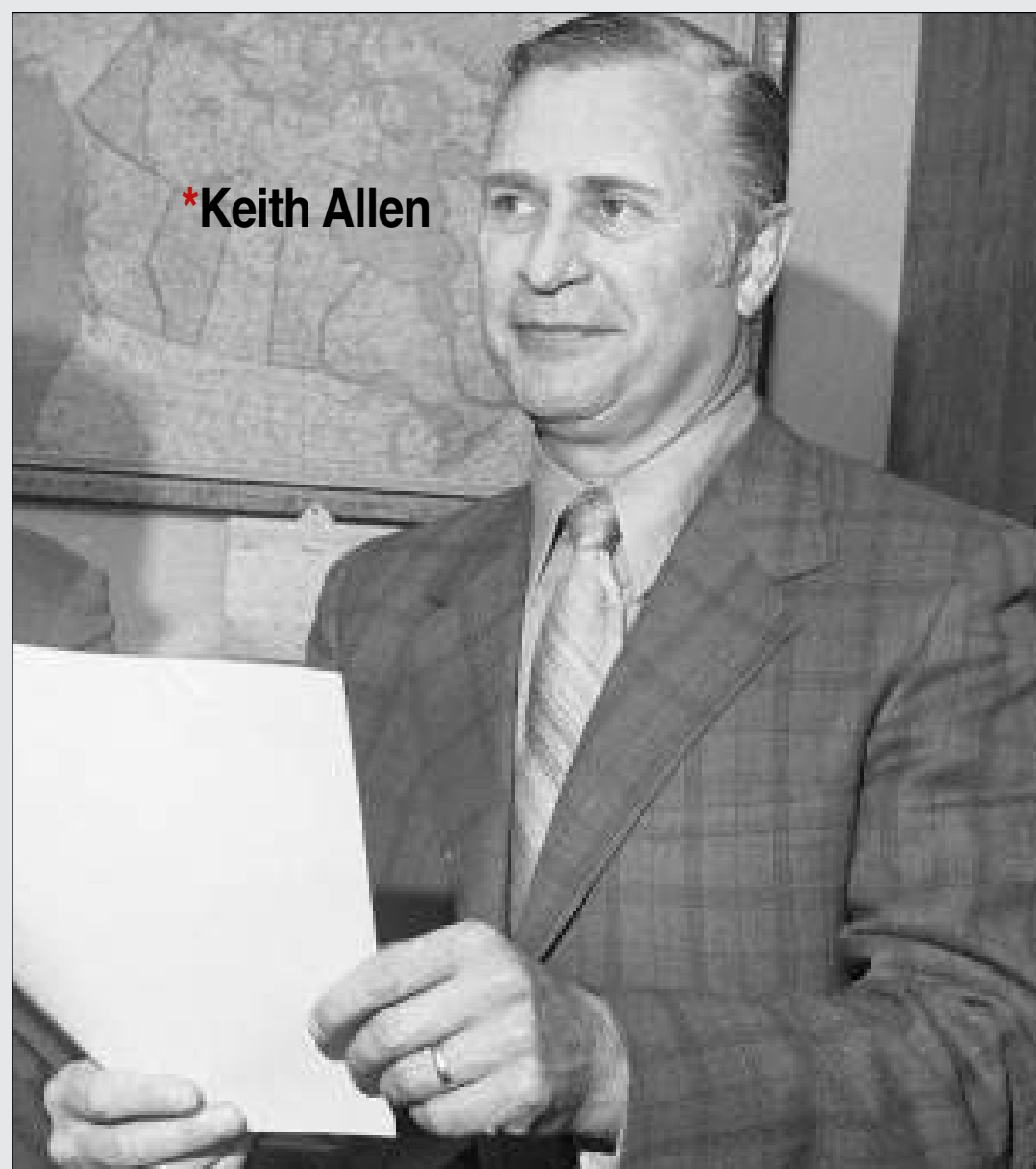
Don Atchison



Reggie Leach

"(Keith Allen) referred to me as the Riverton Rifle and the nickname stuck."

—Reggie Leach



*Keith Allen



Bill Hunter

Reggie Leach of Riverton, MB., played in the NHL for 13 years, winning the Stanley Cup with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1975. His book, *The Riverton Rifle*, was published in 2015.

In the book, Leach mentions these people who have Saskatoon connections:

***Bill Hunter**, who was the owner and general manager of the Edmonton Oil Kings junior team, Flyers general manager ***Keith Allen**, Flyers teammates ***Orest Kindrachuk** and ***Ed Van Impe** and California Golden Seals teammate ***Gerry Pinder**.

Excerpts from Leach's book:

"(As a kid) I followed the NHL, listening to radio broadcasts of the games with my father, who was a big sports fan. I idolized ***Gordie Howe**. All the kids in town knew 'Mr. Hockey,' not just because he was an NHL star, but also because he was a fixture in advertisements in the department store catalogues. I met Gordie many years later and discovered he was a mere mortal, but when I was a kid, I thought of him as a superhero. Actually, I still think of him as a superhero!"

Leach played junior for the Flin Flon Bombers. He was the leading scorer in the Western Canada Hockey League in the 1968-69 season with 36 goals through 22 games when Flin Flon played the Saskatoon Blades.

"Skating around the net, a Blade from other direction clipped me. I spun around and one of his teammates clipped into my right shoulder."

Leach was sidelined for months, but returned for the playoffs. Flin Flon defeated the Edmonton Oil Kings to win the WCHL title and the St. Thomas Barons of Ontario to win the **James Piggott** Trophy as Canadian junior champions.

When Leach was 32, he played one season in the Central Hockey League for the Montana Magis.

A teammate was former Saskatoon Blade **Perry Ganchar**.

"A speedy little guy who played part of the season wearing a pair of skates I lent him after he busted his own pair and couldn't afford to replace them."



Ed Van Impe

Passings

Gerard 'Rusty' Chartier, 1933-2019, age 86

Team inductee, 1953 Hilltops football

Rusty Chartier, 19, is an alum of St. Mary's School and Tech Collegiate who has never played organized football. He joins the Saskatoon Hilltops in 1952. The season ends on a Saturday in November when Syd Berco punts a single on the last play of the game to lift the Edmonton Wildcats to an 8-7 win over the Hilltops in the Western junior final.

Chartier returns in '53. Working in the Riversdale neighbourhood at R.J. Fyfe Equipment, selling parts and being a heavy-duty mechanic for the company that deals in farm and highway construction vehicles, he walks across the bridge to the Hilltops' practice field on 4th Street every day. Chartier is 175 pounds; Ken McMurtry the only player on the club who weighs more than 200. Chartier becomes a starter on the six-man defensive line.

The Hilltops go 7-1 in the regular season. They meet the Weston Wildcats of Manitoba in a two-game, total-point league final. Chartier, who has been hobbled since the start of the '53 season, is taken off the field on a stretcher in the third quarter of the first game of the playoff in Winnipeg because of a knee injury. Although he can't practise the next week, he plays in the second game of the playoff against Winnipeg at Griffiths Stadium. He recovers a fumble that leads to a single. Saskatoon wins the series 60-5.

Saskatoon beats the Vancouver Blue Bombers 50-6 in the West final at Vancouver's Empire Stadium. Chartier tackles fullback Ted Duncan in the end zone for a safety touch.

The Canadian final is in Saskatoon. The Windsor AKO Fratmen take a 54-hour train trip to get here. Because Windsor and Saskatoon both have dark team colours — Windsor black and gold, Saskatoon blue and gold — the Hilltops wear green and white instead, with the jerseys on loan from the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Before a crowd of more than 7,000 people at Griffiths Stadium, the Hilltops defeat Windsor 34-6 for their first Canadian title.



Rusty Chartier

Garth Hilderman, 1947-2019, age 71

Team inductee, 1971 U of S track and field

Garth Hilderman's firsts are lasting.

When he was a student in Aden Bowman Collegiate, he competed in the first Saskatchewan high school cross-country running championships in 1961, placing second to Regina's Charlie Simpson in the midget division. Hilderman won the provincial junior title in 1963.

Hilderman raced in Saskatchewan's first indoor track and field meet in 1964, running the wooden corners in the phys ed gym at the University of Saskatchewan. That was the start of his big year.

He went to Canada's first national indoor age-class championships in 1964, finishing third in the juvenile 1,000 yards in Kitchener, ON. He was the first person ever in the Saskatoon high school track and field championships to run the junior boys' half-mile in less than two minutes, setting the record in the '64 meet at Griffiths Stadium. He then added the provincial title, bucking a strong headwind at Regina Douglas Park as well as the stiff challenge of Charlie Simpson and Bill White.

Hilderman hit the boards in the Saskatoon Arena for the first Knights of Columbus Indoor Games in the winter of '65.

At the 1966 Canadian cross-country championships in Port Arthur, ON., Hilderman was second for most of the race. He kicked with 250 yards left. He finished first, winning the national junior title.

The 1971 Canadian university championships in Winnipeg added an exclamation point. The University of Saskatchewan trailed the University of Manitoba in the men's team standings entering the last event, the 4x400 relay. Gord Waldner gave Saskatchewan the lead on the opening leg and passed to Hilderman. Lorne Tarasoff was next. Murray Woodbury ran anchor. They won the race. The Huskies won the Canadian team title.

Born in Yorkton and raised for a while on the family farm near Rhein, Hilderman received honours in his youth for how he decorated floats for Yorkton's annual kiddies parade and for the quality of his piano recitals in the Saskatchewan music festival.



Garth Hilderman

Pat Lawson, 1929-2019, age 89

Athlete inductee basketball, golf, speed skating, swimming, tennis, track and field

Team inductee 1959 Adilman Aces basketball

In the summer when she is 16, Pat Lawson is the top female in the province in the Saskatchewan swimming championships at the Avenue H pool in Saskatoon.

At 17 and a student at Bedford Road Collegiate, she breaks records in senior long jump and javelin in the Saskatchewan high school track and field championships at the Exhibition grounds in Regina.

In the deep of winter when she is 19, Lawson wins the senior title in the Canadian speed skating championships at Westfield Park in Saskatoon Riversdale.

At 24, she wins provincial tennis titles in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. A Canadian title in basketball with the Saskatoon Adilman Aces soon follows, as well as competing on the Canadian basketball team in the 1959 Pan American Games.

Lawson is prominent in golf for years, from winning the annual Flostick tournament in Waskesiu in 1968 to sharing the team title with Saskatchewan at the 1985 Canadian senior women's championship at the Elm Ridge Country Club in Ile Bizard, QC.

She coaches Nutana girls' basketball team when she is a teacher in the high school, winning provincials in 1954. As an assistant professor in the College of Physical Education at the University of Saskatchewan, she coaches the Huskiettes basketball team for nine years; her athletes call her The Queen. In 1966, she is named the coach of the Canadian national team.

Lawson serves as president of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, president of the Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union and chair for the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport. She is a founding member of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport.



Pat Lawson

Sherri Roberts, 1949-2019

Badminton, basketball, cross-country running, field hockey, softball, track and field

Sherri Roberts of Yorkton gets noticed in the K of C Indoor Games in Saskatoon in December of 1966 when she breaks the provincial record in the juvenile girls high jump. Two months later, she scores 20 of her team's 21 points in a provincial high school basketball playoff game. That July she breaks the ribbon to officially open Century Field, a new multi-sport facility in Yorkton.

Roberts goes on to compete in cross-country and field hockey for the University of Saskatchewan. She is captain of the Huskiettes basketball team for three years and with the Canadian basketball team for two years. She finishes second with the Saskatoon Imperials in the Canadian senior softball championship and third with the Baldwinettes.



Sherri Roberts

Look at them now

Sask. athletes, coaches, officials make news



Daulton Sinoski
Volleyball

Daulton Sinoski is the Prince Albert Kinsmen male athlete of the year.

Sinoski is a fifth-year middle blocker with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies volleyball team. Last season, he was fifth in the Canada West conference in blocks and 25th in points.

He was named Sask Volleyball's U21 male athlete of the year in 2018.

Sinoski, who is Metis, is in the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education (SUNTEP) Program and has been on the Huskie Athletics All-Academic team three times. Earlier this year he received the U of S Indigenous Student Achievement Award.



Terry Klein
Softball

Terry Klein of Saskatoon is the first woman in Saskatchewan to achieve Level V in Softball Canada's national officials certification program.

Level V is the highest level in Canada for a softball official. It requires and recognizes knowledge, skill and ability.

Klein has been in softball as a player, coach and an official. An umpire since 2009, she has been to eight Canadian championships.



Nathan Reis
Soccer

Forward Nathan Reis scored five goals in five games for the Saskatoon Revolution, which finished eighth in the annual Challenge Trophy to decide the Canadian senior men's soccer champion.

Only one player scored more goals than Reis at the Toyota national championship in St. John's, NL., in October.

Reis is pursuing a Ph.D. in the College of Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan.



Olivia Woo
Football

Olivia Woo of Saskatoon is on the Canadian team for the first flag football championship at the International Bowl in Texas in January.

Woo was named the MVP on defence for Saskatoon which won the Canadian title last July.

Twelve athletes from Saskatoon are on the Canadian women's team and four Saskatoon athletes on the national men's team.

Men
Drew Burko
Mitch Friesen
Taylor Rein
Kyle Siemens
Women
Ashley de Sousa Martins
Kaitilyn de Sousa Martins
Alex Eyolfson
Blake Geier
Kenzie Ginther
Haley Girolami
Reserve:
Chris Friesen
Mitch Hillis
Katie Miyazaki
Cori Thorstad
Reed Thorstad
Lauren Whyte
Olivia Woo
Sarah Wright



Matthew Johner
Rowing

Matthew Johner and Johnathan McLeod of the Saskatoon Rowing Club finished second in junior men's pair at the Canadian championships in September on Burnaby Lake in B.C.

Earlier in the summer, Johner and McLeod won gold at the Western Canada Games in Swift Current.

A step ahead

Distance athletes from Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan keep a demanding pace

Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

Jack Wahlberg

Jack Wahlberg is king of the road. Born in Sweden and trained by Edvin Wide, a runner who won four bronze and one silver in the Olympics, Wahlberg moves to Canada in 1927 when he is 21. He settles in Saskatoon in the spring of 1928.

Conversant in eight languages, Wahlberg works in the CNR Colonization Department in the day and takes a business course in the evening.

He wins the annual Calgary Herald Christmas road race in 1928 and again in '29, an event won twice earlier by Saskatoon's Fred Halliwell. Wahlberg finishes third in the Calgary race in 1930 and later that same day marries Alma Mackay, a woman whom he had met in Calgary two years earlier.

Wahlberg wins the Edmonton Bulletin race and the Prince Albert Herald race. He wins the three-mile race at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. He is runner-up in the Quebec marathon for two consecutive years.

In 1935, he finishes second in the three-mile race at the Canadian track and field championships in Winnipeg. He wins the six-mile race at nationals the next day.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

Doug Kyle

Doug Kyle twists his ankle when he is triple jumping for Nutana Collegiate in Grade 10. He switches to running. Good thinking.

He breaks the record in winning the junior boys mile at high school provincials in 1949. He adds the senior boys mile record a year later.

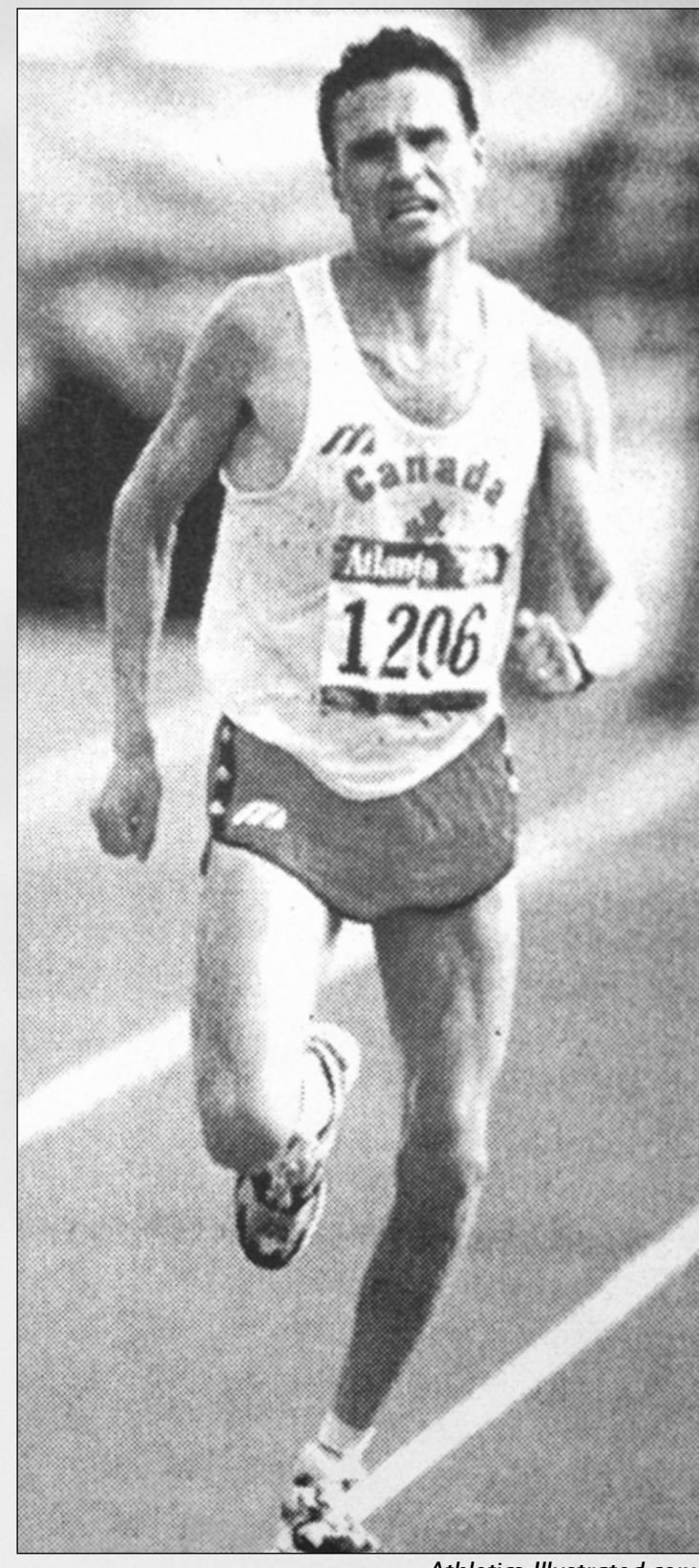
Kyle, who weighs 55 kgs (128 lbs), becomes a heavyweight in Canadian running.

As a geological engineering student at UBC he receives the Fred Tees Award as the outstanding track and field athlete in Canadian university after breaking national distance records.

A prairie dog, he sets a bushel of Canadian records. He wins 14 Canadian titles, from 5,000 metres to the marathon to cross-country.

He competes in the 1954 British Empire Games in Vancouver, the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, the 1959 Pan Am Games in Chicago, the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Italy and the 1963 Pan Ams in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Kyle is a coach on the Canadian team for the 1967 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg and the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.



—Athletics Illustrated.com

*Carey Nelson

Carey Nelson of Bedford Road Collegiate has had only a few hours of sleep after his Grade 12 grad banquet in 1981. He dances to a 1,500-metre record in the provincial high school track and field championships in Regina Douglas Park, the first guy ever to go under four minutes.

He chops 18 seconds off the record in the 3,000. He rocks. It turns out the longer he runs, the further he goes. Nelson wins gold in the 10,000 in the 1985 Canada Summer Games.

When he is a student at the University of Victoria, Nelson is a medalist in the Canadian university cross-country and indoor championships.

He goes to the world cross-country running championships in Italy and New Zealand, in France and Belgium.

Nelson competes in the 5,000 in the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, the '87 worlds in Rome, Italy and the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

He runs the marathon in the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Back to the beginning. When Nelson first started running in 1978, he was noticed by Don Gillman, a coach with the Saskatoon Riversdale Track & Field Club. Speed and endurance can do great things together, Gillman thought.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix photo

*Tracy Kelly

The wind in Vancouver's Jericho Park is gusting. The rain is pouring. No sweat, said Tracy Kelly. "That made it nice for me," she said.

Kelly, a native of Regina who is studying physiotherapy at the University of Saskatchewan, is the first runner ever from Saskatchewan to win the senior women's title at the Canadian cross-country championships.

The race in November 1981 is a highlight piece in her breakthrough season.

Earlier that fall Kelly is the first Huskiette to win the Canada West university conference championship, front-running up and down the hills in Edmonton.

She finishes third at the Canadian university championships in Lethbridge.

In February of '82, she qualifies for the Canadian national team at a race in Victoria. In March she jets overseas, competing in the world cross-country championships in Rome, Italy and the world university cross-country championships in Domstadt, Germany.

John Cronick

John Cronick has never run in a race, not even a sprint. "The only times I had run was when I kid, playing baseball," he said.

Cronick is a native of Emerson, MB, a town on the border with North Dakota. He has three brothers and two sisters, their Irish mother a widow after their Irish dad died in 1920. John is working on a farm in Asquith when he reads a newspaper story in early spring of 1927 about a new footrace being planned in the United States. The transcontinental race, promoted by theatre owner and sports agent Charles C. Pyle, will follow the new Route 66 highway, still largely unpaved, that stretches from Los Angeles to Chicago. The runners will continue past Chicago on to New York City. "I'm in, Cronick said. "It would be a good chance to see the country."

In December of 1927, he travels to California and on Jan. 5 he goes to the Legion Ascot Speedway, a dirt rnotortrack south of Los Angeles, for his first workout. He runs eight miles. He is stiff for a week.

He meets Tom Young, a high school track coach and former boxer from Miami. Young becomes Cronick's fitness trainer for two months.

The intercontinental race, called the Bunion Derby, starts in the afternoon of March 4, 1928 in the Ascot Speedway. Cronick is with 198 other men — seven are Canadians — who have each paid a \$125 entry fee for a chance to win the \$25,000 first prize.

They run each day. They run through the desert and through pouring rain, sleeping on cots in tents and receiving \$1.50 every day to buy food.

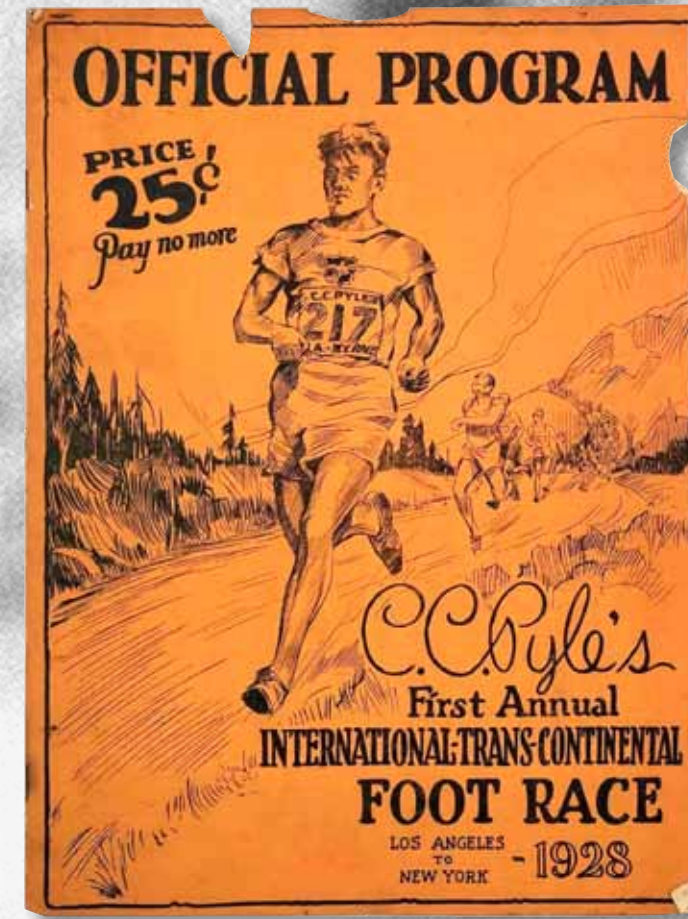
"After running all day I could \$1.50 worth in one meal," said Cronick. "I had to buy my other meals with my own money."

On May 26, 84 days after they started, they end in New York, running a 32-km route around Madison Square Garden to reach the finish line; 199 had started the three-month race, 55 finished.

Andy Pyle, a Cherokee Indian who has also been trained by Tom Young, wins the \$25,000 first prize. Pyle said he will use the money to pay the mortgage on his father's farm in Oklahoma.

John Cronick places 10th — only the top 10 get money — and wins \$1,000.

Once is enough, Cronick said. He said he will not race again.



—Photo of Cronick from Solomon Sir Jones Collection

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Bring on the world

Athletes from Saskatoon and University of Saskatchewan in International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) world cross-country championships

Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Glenn Charanduk

1983 England Under 20 men 38th
1984 United States Under 20 men 33rd



Mark Cutts

1983 England Under 20 men 61st

*Jamie Epp

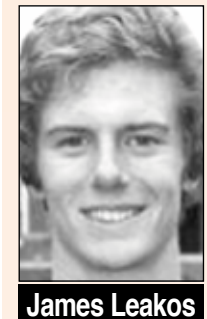
1999 Northern Ireland Under 20 men 86th
2003 Switzerland Senior men 89th

Lynn Kanuka

1979 Ireland Senior women 90th
1980 France Senior women 25th
1981 Spain Senior women 17th
1982 Italy Senior women 15th
1983 England Senior women 23rd
1984 United States Senior women 18th
1989 Norway Senior women 3rd
2015 China Coach
2017 Uganda Coach
2019 Denmark Coach

*Tracy Kelly

1982 Italy Senior women 104th



James Leakos

2009 Jordan Under 20 men 93rd

James Leakos

*Carey Nelson

1982 Italy Under 20 men 79th
1985 Portugal Senior men 86th
1988 New Zealand Senior men 106th
1990 France Senior men 34th
1991 Belgium Senior men 48th



Adam Sarty

1983 England Under 20 men 65th

Canadian university cross-country

U of S Huskies who have finished in the top 15 at the U SPORTS national championships

Name	Year	Rank
Harold Annundson	1966	5th
Jen Bell	1997	11th
	1998	11th
Glenn Charanduk	1983	9th
Albert Christ	1979	15th
Wendy Chrusc	1997	13th
*Carolyn Crabtree	1984	7th
Mark Cutts	1983	8th
*Jamie Epp	1999	2nd
	2000	1st
	2001	2nd
	2002	1st
*Mickey Graham	1970	10th
*Garth Hilderman	1966	12th
	1970	13th
Ashley Hinker	2005	6th
*Stu Hooper	1968	11th
Courtney Hufsmith	1987	11th
*Tracy Kelly	1980	6th
	1981	3rd
*Bob Kochan	1968	5th
	1969	3rd
	1970	5th
	1971	6th
*Ken Loewen	1968	14th
Jorgen Lorenzen	1979	9th
Steve MacIntyre	2003	6th
	2002	9th
*Logan Rodgers	1968	4th
*Edyta Sieminska	2001	12th
	2003	7th
*Charlie Simpson	1968	4th
	1969	7th
	1970	7th
Jodi Souter	2009	7th
	2011	13th
Caitlin Warkentin	2010	4th
*Bill White	1968	7th
	1966	10th
Erik Widing	2015	6th
*Rodger Williams	1966	13th
*Dale Yellowlees	1966	11th

They do run, run, run, they do run, run They go the distance

Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

Joi Belyk — Joi Belyk, who was a sprinter on the University of Saskatchewan team, graduates to marathons. In her first marathon, the Richmond Marathon in B.C., in 1984, she wins the race. Two years later she wins the Vancouver International Marathon and earns a trip to the Lake Kowaguchi Marathon in Japan, finishing second.

Tim Berrett — Tim Berrett is the best race-walker in provincial history. A native of England who lives in Edmonton, he was based in Saskatchewan for a stretch. Berrett competed in five Olympics and eight world championships from 1991 to 2008.

J.F. Cairns — J.F. Cairns sponsors the annual Cairns Steeplechase, an annual three-mile road race in Saskatoon in the 1920s that draws as many as 350 high school athletes from across the province. Cairns makes a point of walking around the gym at Nutana Collegiate to meet the runners before the race. He even fires the starting gun.

***Louis Christ** — Louis Christ is a front-runner in the early 1980s, from cross-country to road races, indoors and outdoors.

***Dick DuWors** — Dick DuWors, a native of Bos-

ton, runs for the cross-country team at Bates College in Lewiston, ME in the 1930s. He is appointed as a professor of sociology at the University of Saskatchewan in 1958. DuWors is in Saskatoon for 10 years. As a track and field coach, he creates an indoor training program which includes making banked, wooden corners so athletes can run in the gym.

DuWors is a co-founder of the annual K of C Saskatchewan Indoor Games. He helps organize national meets in Saskatoon that decide Canada's track and field team for the 1960 Olympics and 1967 Pan Am Games. He campaigns for Saskatoon to build the Field House.

DuWors and ***Doug Knott** lead U of S cross-country almost from the start, the program a foundation for coaches such as ***Lyle Sanderson**, ***Jim McClements**, ***Dale Yellowlees**, **Dave Harder**, **Jim Holmstrom** and **Murray McCormick**.

***Jamie Epp** — Jamie Epp, a native of Clavet, is the most decorated athlete at the U SPORTS national cross-country championships from 1999 to 2002, recording two firsts and two seconds with the U of S Huskies.

Jim Jasieniuk — Jim Jasieniuk wins the Saskatchewan Marathon twice. He knocks 10 minutes off his personal best to finish second in the 1979 Western Canada Games. He no longer has the fastest time in the marathon ever done by someone from Saskatchewan, but his influence as a cross-country and distance coach endures.

Lynn Kanuka — A Huskiette alum, Lynn Kanuka finishes third in the 3,000 metres at the 1983 World Universiade in Edmonton. She wins bronze in the 3,000 in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, the first time in Olympic history that women run that far. In 1989 she goes to the world cross-country championships in Stavanger, Norway. On a hilly and muddy course that is called the most

challenging route at worlds in 20 years, Kanuka finishes third. Say no more.

Brian Michasiw — Brian Michasiw wins the Saskatchewan Marathon for the first time in the early fall of 1992. He wins it again in late spring of 2007. Michasiw has won the race on the streets of Saskatoon six times. With Brainsport, his Saskatoon business, he sponsors and supports rec running throughout the province. Brainsport also presents the annual Ric Hanna Leadership Award to someone in Saskatoon who promotes running.

***Ray Risling** — Ray Risling has 55 pair of running shoes. He has run 100 marathons. "Go out and run," said Risling, a member of the Saskatoon Road Runners Association. "A short run of six or seven miles ... you'll lose your frustration. You're refreshed."

***Charlie Simpson** — Charlie Simpson of Regina hits the highway in his teens in the '60s, hitchhiking to meets.

When Simpson is a medical student at the U of S, he hits the trail with ***Stu Hooper**, ***Bob Kochan**, ***Ken Loewen**, ***Logan Rodgers**, ***Bill White** and ***Rodger Williams**. Huskies coach ***Lyle Sanderson** has them running the hills on the riverbank on campus. They race each other to the Forestry Farm. They win the team title at the 1968 Canadian university cross-country championships in Halifax.

Hylke van der Wal — Hylke Van der Wal wins the Canadian steeplechase title five times in the 1960s when he is a resident of Hamilton. He moves to Saskatchewan, first to Dalmy and more recently to Radisson. He no longer runs the steeplechase, but continues to train on grass and dirt trails, winning running and jumping events at the Canadian Masters Athletics championships.



Bourgonje



Cribb

Jason Warick — Jason Warick is ranked in the top 10 in Canada in the marathon for a decade. He competes internationally, going to the Francophone Games one year in Niger and in another year in Ottawa. He runs the Chicago Marathon and Houston Marathon, the Vegas Marathon and Boston Marathon, the London Marathon and Rotterdam Marathon. Since 2001, Warick has held the best marathon time run by someone from Saskatchewan.

***Judy Warick** — Judy Warick is the director of road races. She sets

Changing course

Cross-country medallists enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame for another sport

Athlete	High school	Provincial high school cross-country running championships
• Colette Bourgonje	Porcupine Plain School	2nd midget girls 1976, 2nd senior girls 1978, 3rd senior girls 1979
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame sport —	Sit-skiing, wheelchair racing; Canadian national team	
• Fiona Cribb	Saskatoon Nutana Collegiate	3rd midget girls 1972, 2nd midget girls 1973
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame sport —	Triathlon; Canadian national team	
• Gary Goplen	Saskatoon Evan Hardy Collegiate	2nd junior boys 1972, 2nd senior boys 1973, 1st senior boys 1974
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame sport —	Speed skating; Canadian national team	
• Val Jensen	Swift Current High School	1st senior girls 1962
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame sport —	Softball; Saskatoon Imperials senior women	
• Joyce Senyk	Melville Comprehensive	3rd senior girls 1977
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame sport —	Volleyball; University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes, Canadian national team	

national records in masters steeplechase. She coaches seniors. She is a founding member of the Saskatchewan Masters Track and Field organization. In the long run she delivers.

***Dale Yellowlees** — Dale Yellowlees does drama when he is a student at Mount Royal Collegiate in the '60s. "It gave me a sense of timing," he said. He is a class act in track, first as a middle-distance runner in high school, later as a cross-country runner in university and for years as a coach.



Goplen



Jensen



Senyk