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Sask. athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



Isabel Sarty
Swimming

Isabel Sarty, 20, a neuroscience student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, is the female swimmer of the year for the second consecutive year in Atlantic University sport.

Sarty won the 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-metre freestyle in the conference championship this year. Her best event at nationals was the 50 free, placing third.

Her older sister Julia is also on the Dal swim team.

Their mother Diane MacKenzie is an associate professor in the School of Occupational Therapy at Dal. Their father Adam Sarty is a professor in Astronomy and Physics at St. Mary's University in Halifax.

Adam was a Saskatchewan high school champion in the 1,500 and 3,000 metres and in cross-country running when he was a student at Evan Hardy Collegiate in the early 1980s.



Mark Jesney
Speed skating

Mark Jesney, a native of Saskatoon, was the physiotherapist on the Canadian team at the world junior long track speed skating championships in Poland in February.

Jesney works at the University of Calgary Sport Medicine Center.

Jesney's start in the sport was as a skater in the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club. He finished third in the 10,000 metres at nationals in 2007 and competed on the Canadian team at the World Cup from 2004-05 to 2006-07.

Timeout

Because of the pandemic in the world,
the Hall of Fame cancels induction for 2020

As our everyday reality has been altered by COVID-19, the health and safety of everyone is our top priority. What the future holds for having ceremonies such as ours is uncertain. Thoughtful decisions had to be made regarding 2020.

The board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 induction ceremony and banquet scheduled for Nov. 7, 2020. We anticipate our event will again take place November 2021. As no inductees were picked for the class of 2020, we will simply pick for the class of 2021.

The decision is based on our concern for what is best for our



Dana Kidd
Hall of Fame president

Athlete inductee, golf, 2014

inductees. We have no wish to deprive them of their big night and the chance to reconnect with friends and family, reunite with fellow team members and be feted by their local sporting communities. We feel that they would be better served by holding an event when limitations on mass gatherings do not prevent the opportunity to celebrate with friends and families.

Unfortunately, we are not able to give definite answers at this time of what the future will look like, but we will keep everyone updated.

Keep up the good work of hand washing and social distancing Saskatoon.

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Adam Byblow
Hockey

Adam Byblow of Saskatoon received a WHL Milestone Award in 2019-20 for outstanding achievement.

Byblow has been a referee in the Western Hockey League for 16 years, including doing nine series in the WHL conference championships and the CIBC Canada-vs.-Russia Series in 2009 and 2012.

Byblow was also an official in the U SPORTS Canadian men's hockey championship in 2013 and Hockey Canada's national junior championship in 2000 and 2013.

Byblow is a high school teacher.



Laurie Meschishnick
Multi-sports

Laurie Meschishnick of Saskatoon finished first in the women's 55-59 age class at the 2019 World CrossFit Games in Wisconsin.

The four-day event included running, swimming, rope climbing, sled pushing and weightlifting.

Meschishnick was a finalist for SaskSport master athlete of the year.

She has ranked first in Canada in her division four times in the last five years.



Nicole Ostertag
Track and field

Nicole Ostertag of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies finished second in pentathlon at the U SPORTS national track and field championships in March in Edmonton.

She won the Canada West conference title in February. Ostertag is in her second year in the College of Kinesiology.

She has trained in dance at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

Nicole's mother, Lesia, competed for the U of S in track and field and cross-country. Her father, Dave, was a Huskie in track and field and football. Dave is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a track and field athlete.

Nicole's brothers, Daniel and Evan, played Huskies basketball.



Bjorn Markentin
Diving

Bjorn Markentin of Saskatoon was named freshman diver of the year in the Pac-12 conference in the Western United States.

Markentin is a student in biomedical engineering at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He won the Pac-12 conference title in platform, was third in one metre and eighth in three metre.

Markentin began diving in 2007. He competed in the Canada Games in 2013 in Sherbrooke and 2017 in Winnipeg. In 2014 he switched from the Saskatoon Diving Club, where he was coached by Mary Carroll, to the Regina Diving Club, coached by Laura Desautels, so he could attend Martin Academy, a high school that offers programs for high performance athletes.

Passings

Allan Few, 1933-2020, age 87 Builder inductee, judo

By age 6, Allan Few could already command a crowd. That was 1939 when he was invited to a bridal shower at a house in the Nutana neighbourhood. With everyone gathered in the living room, young Allan Few — who was dressed as the groom — pulled in a wagon loaded with wedding gifts.

At 13, he was in the cast for a new weekly series on CFQC radio called Adventures in Scouting.

At 22, he was awarded a yellow belt after he passed instructor Gene Traynor's preliminary test at the new Saskatoon YMCA Judo Club, the first judo club in the province.

Few's impact on the sport continued for decades, from athlete to coach, referee and administrator. He promoted judo with demonstration shows in school gyms. He encouraged beginners and developed black belt achievers.



Allan Few

Craig Mackay, 1927-2020, age 92 Athlete inductee, speed skating

Speed skating meant good times for Craig Mackay.

He was given a wristwatch after winning the three-mile race at the 1947 Canadian speed skating championships in Sudbury, ON., held outdoors at Queen's Athletic Field on an ice oval built over a ball diamond.

He received an engraved gold watch in Montreal from the Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Association en route to the 1948 Olympics in Europe.

Mackay's time in the 10,000 metres at the 1948 Games placed him 13th, the best Olympic finish by a Canadian in the long-distance event for 40 years. Quebec's Ben Lamarche finished 10th in the 1988 Calgary Olympics. Saskatoon's Gord Goplen, Cam's nephew, was 20th in 1988.

It was Goplen's mother, Henrietta, who encouraged Craig, her brother, to try speed skating in 1942. Craig, a student in Bedford Road Collegiate, ran road races. He played hockey. Henrietta, who was already a speed skater, got Craig to come to the neighbourhood rink and skate with coach Clarence Downey.

By 1944, Craig was a city champion.

Mackay became Saskatchewan's first speed skater to compete in the Olympics, doing the 500, 1,000 and 10,000 metres at age 20 in the 1947 Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland and the 500, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 at age 24 in the 1952 Olympics in Oslo, Norway. He went to the world championships in Sweden.

Just getting overseas was an adventure. One summer his family received the licence to run the concession at Cairns Field ballpark. The Mackays sold pop and peanuts, hot dogs and hamburgers, giving the money they made to Craig so he could afford to travel. Staff and students at Saskatoon Technical Collegiate donated a canvas sack of money. Dr. Bill Turnbull, who was treasurer of the Hilltops football club, led a fund-raising drive.

In the winter of 1948, Craig caught a train to Montreal and continued to New York. He crossed the Atlantic on board the Queen Elizabeth ship, running on deck for five days to keep the muscle tone and endurance he had developed by carrying scaffolding and mortar in working as an assistant to his father Robert, a plasterer. Being an athlete is only a part of the story.

The 1955 Canadian speed skating championships were at Griffiths Stadium.

Mackay used his own time and equipment to make the oval.

He coached with the Saskatoon Lion's Speed Skating Club.

He was president of the Saskatchewan Speed Skating Association.

He was a referee at worlds.



Craig Mackay

Larry Plenert, 1953-2020, age 66 Volleyball athlete, coach

Larry Plenert had a career of firsts in volleyball.

A native of Vancouver, he was versatile, playing setter, middle and left-side.

He played for the Winnipeg Wesmen, which in 1974 became the first university team, and the youngest team ever, to win the Canadian senior men's volleyball championship.

After being recruited to Canada's first full-time training centre for volleyball, he played on the first Canadian national team to compete in the world championship, placing 20th at worlds in Mexico City in 1974.

He was on the first Canadian team that went to the Olympics, turning 23 on the day of the opening ceremonies at the Montreal Olympics in 1976. Canada finished ninth.

He then spent two seasons in the International Volleyball Association, a co-ed professional league in the United States.

Other highlights included placing 15th with the Canadian team at the 1973 FISU World University Games in Moscow, and sixth at the 1975 Pan American Games in Mexico City.

Plenert moved into coaching. In 1979-80, his first of three seasons coaching the University of Saskatchewan men's volleyball program, the Huskies were the host team for the Canadian championship for the first time. The Huskies went undefeated in the regular season, won the Canada West conference title and finished second at nationals in the Education Gym. Plenert was named Canadian university men's volleyball coach of the year.

In 1999-00, he was the first coach of the women's university volleyball team at Trinity Western in Langley, B.C.

Earlier, he had coached at Rosstern Junior College.

Plenert is enshrined in the Manitoba Volleyball Hall of Fame, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and the Canada West Hall of Fame with the Winnipeg Wesmen teams, which twice won the Canadian university men's championship, and in the Volleyball BC Hall of Fame as an athlete.



Larry Plenert

Peter Zakreski, 1939-2020, age 80 Builder inductee, multiple sports

Peter Zakreski played it big.

He was on the team that brought Saskatoon the Field House, the city's first indoor centre for year-round sports training and competition. The first event in the Field House was team handball at the 1979 Western Canada Summer Games, a quadrennial sporting festival that Zakreski helped to organize.

In 1989 Saskatoon made history. It became the first city to hold both the Canada Winter and Summer Games, with the Winter Games in 1971 and the Summer Games in '89 when Zakreski was senior vice-president of the national event.

The world came to Saskatoon in 1991. The International Ice Hockey Federation world junior men's championship was at SaskPlace. Zakreski got the assist. He was president of host committee.

Saskatoon welcomed the world again in 2002, this time for the International Softball Federation women's championship. Zakreski had a hand in making it happen.



Peter Zakreski

• IN THE BIG LEAGUE

Spero Leakos goes to New York in 1956 to see the World Series. By arriving early at Ebbets Field and Yankee Stadium, Leakos makes sure he can get a ticket to the show. For seven afternoons he watches **Billy Martin** and **Jackie Robinson**, **Don Newcombe** and **Don Larsen**. He sees homers by **Yogi Berra** and **Mickey Mantle** of the Yankees. He sees **Duke Snider** and **Jim Gilliam** of the Dodgers walk, walk and walk again.

Spero catches another World Series. He takes a holiday to California in 1966 to see a pair of games between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Baltimore Orioles.

Leakos's best Big League experience happens in 2011. Spero and his wife Georgia are invited by **Pat Gillick** to join Gillick as special guests in Cooperstown, N.Y. for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Gillick has won the World Series three times, twice as the general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays and once as the GM of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Glove story

"I was surprised to find someone a way up here who knew so much about the major leagues. That fellow, Spero, knew all about our Cubs, and a lot about other major league teams, too."

— **Chicago Cubs** first baseman/shortstop **Ernie Banks**
guest speaker 1966 Saskatoon Kinsmen Sports Celebrity Dinner

*Spero Leakos 1927-2020

*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

• SPERO'S LINE-UP

Baseball

Coach, manager Saskatoon Optimists.....	Saskatchewan junior championship: First place 1957
Owner, manager Saskatoon Commodores.....	Western Canada Baseball League, semi-pro, 1958-1961, 1963 League final: Second place 1960; first place 1961, 1963
Owner, manager Saskatoon Commodores.....	Northern Saskatchewan Baseball League senior ball 1962, '64-70, 1973 League final: Second place 1967, 1969; first place 1973 Canadian senior championship: Second place 1970; semifinalist 1973
Owner, manager Saskatoon Commodores.....	Southern Saskatchewan Baseball League senior ball 1971-72
Coach, manager Saskatoon Royals.....	Saskatchewan junior championship: First place 1974
Coach, manager Saskatchewan Major Baseball League all-stars.....	Game vs. touring team from Japan 1975
Coach, manager Saskatoon Raiders.....	Saskatchewan junior championship: Second place 1979
Coach, manager Saskatoon Cubs.....	Saskatchewan junior championship: First place 1982
Assistant coach Saskatoon Yellow Jackets.....	Western Major Baseball League 2002

Basketball

Coach University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes.....	Western Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union 1954
President Saskatchewan Amateur Basketball Association.....	1955-59
Coach University of Saskatchewan Pups.....	Saskatoon Basketball League 1960-62
Coach Saskatoon Empires.....	Saskatchewan junior basketball championship: First place 1962
Coach Nutana Collegiate senior boys.....	Saskatoon High School Basketball League 1961-62
Sponsor Saskatoon Commodores.....	Saskatoon Senior Men's Basketball League 1966-69 Saskatchewan senior men's championship: First place 1970
Sponsor, promoter Walter Murray Invitational Tournament.....	1980s

Hockey

Partner, manager Saskatoon Quakers..... Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League 1957-58

Soccer

Athletic director Saskatoon Ahepa..... Saskatchewan senior championship: First place 1949

Softball

Manager Osler Monarchs..... Saskatchewan senior championship: First place 1953
Sponsor Saskatoon Commodores..... Saskatoon Senior Men's League 1955

• TO CALIFORNIA AND BACK

Spero Leakos first meets **Georgia Skarpelos** of San Pedro, CA., at a Greek social function in California in 1962 when he is in the States on holiday. He takes her to 14 ball games.

They get married that summer at St. James Anglican Church in Saskatoon. Following a honeymoon in Las Vegas, they move into an apartment at the east end of Broadway Avenue.

Her first winter in Saskatoon has -30 days, biting wind, deep snow. Spero, she said. *Why the heck did you bring me here?*

• PAYS TO PLAY

Spero Leakos says he will pay the \$20 fine after the court rules in 1960 that he has broken the law.

Leakos is general manager of the Saskatoon Commodores, which violated the federal Lord's Day Act by asking spectators to pay \$1 admission for a Western Canada Baseball League game on a Sunday at Cairns Field.

The Act said people can't be charged for entertainment on Sundays except for church organizations and charity.

Defence counsel **Roger Carter** said Leakos had done all he could to keep Sunday games off the schedule drawn up by the WCBL.

In fair weather and foul, two big hitters for Leakos are groundskeeper **Jim Shirley** and trainer **Bobby Reid**.

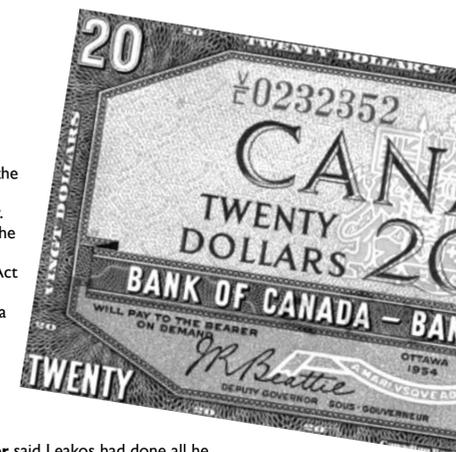
Shirley manicures Cairns Field on Avenue A, Saskatoon's ballpark a few blocks north of the Commodore Cafe. He is called one of the best in the business.

Shirley is better known as an athlete. He was a goalie for **Russ McQuarrie's** Legion junior hockey team in Saskatoon and for more than a decade in senior and semi-pro hockey, including with the Saskatoon Quakers and Omaha Knights and Boston Olympics. Shirley was a catcher in baseball for the junior Saskatoon Saints and the senior Delisle Gems. In softball, Shirley was a teammate of **Vic Howe** and **Gordie Howe** on the Saskatoon Dorns, which reached the semifinals at the western Canada senior championship in 1949.

Reid moved to Canada from Hamilton, Scotland in 1913.

In Saskatchewan, Reid has been a boxing promoter, matchmaker and judge. He was the coach of the Saskatoon Thistle team that won the provincial soccer championship. He has been a trainer in Saskatoon with the Sheikhs and the HMCS Unicorn hockey teams, the Grey Cup Ramblers senior women's softball team and the Hilltops football team.

"I don't know how we would ever get along without Bobby," said Leakos.



• SCHOOL DAYS

The season never ends for Spero Leakos at Nutana Collegiate.

He scores three goals in the opening game of the high school soccer season in 1943 as Nutana defeats Tech 3-0. Spero, his brother Jim and Nutana go on to win back-to-back titles in the league, going undefeated and with no goals-against in 1944.

Spero and Jim are on the Nutana team that wins the Saskatoon high school basketball championship the following spring. Among the other players on Nutana's basketball team are **Ross Wheaton**, who graduated from Nutana at 15, studied biology and medicine at the University of Saskatchewan and became a general physician; **Wilf Godfrey**, who for years served as president of the South West Athletic Association that sponsors minor hockey in Calgary; and **Cliff Wright**, who became mayor of Saskatoon.

At the 1945 provincial high school track and field championships at Griffiths Stadium, Jim Leakos finishes second in the junior boys 880 yards. Spero Leakos, the Senior Watch at Nutana, is first in senior high jump.



Spero Leakos
Nutana Collegiate basketball 1944-45

• BENCH STRENGTH

In the spring of 1972, Spero Leakos is the manager and **Nick Patola** the coach on the first all-star team from the Saskatoon Minor Basketball League to compete internationally. Playing on Saskatoon's team in the under-12 event in St. Lambert, QC are **John Amundrud**, **Robert Fitzgerald**, **Greg Meldrum**, **Steve Reesler** and **Greg Schuck** of Holliston, **Randy Kearney**, **Baljit Lalli** and **Greg Love** of South Nutana Park, **Mike Patola** and **Brian Schoenfeld** of Mount Royal, and **Gord Hathaway** and **Ian MacPherson** of John Lake.

Saskatoon is defeated in the quarter-final by a club from Long Island, N.Y., which wins the tournament.

• LEAKOS SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a student at Nutana for academic achievement

Recipients include:

***Eleanor Haslam**
Jane Wentz
Bruce Davis
John Richards
Ronald Shore



• MEETING PLACE

In 1906, **Steve Leakos** leaves Kyparissia, a village in southern Greece at the corner of sea turtle and olive grove.

He emigrates to the United States, first going to St. Louis and then north to Alaska to help build the state's railroad as a grading contractor. He starts a restaurant in San Francisco.

Steve becomes a Canadian citizen in Vancouver. He meets and marries **Agatha Kortes**, who is also from Greece. Steve and Agatha move to Moose Jaw. They have three children — **Evangelina**, **Spero** and **James**.

In 1931 the Leakos family settles in Saskatoon. Steve opens the Commodore Cafe, adding to a Prairie downtown that is wall-to-wall in Greek hospitality. There's **Jim Chronis** at the Gem Cafe and **Tom Manos** at the Paris Cafe. There's the **Girgulis brothers** Bill, Jim and Sam at the Elite Cafe and the **Kortes brothers** Bill, Chris, Gus, Paul and Tom at the Paragon Cafe. **Gus Golf** is at Golf's Chocolate Shop. **Ted and Joseph Gardener** are at the Shasta Cafe. **George Chitsas** and **George Karabelis** are at the Commercial Cafe. **James Green**

and **John Mirras** are at the Embassy Cafe.

Tony Pelehos has a popcorn stand on the sidewalk on 2nd Avenue.



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Commodore Cafe

in a Northern Saskatchewan Baseball League game at Cairns Field, teams go the Commodore Cafe to unwind after the game. Whether it's **Babe Pratt**, **Lester Patrick** and **Hop Day** in town with the NHL's New York Americans and New York Rangers to play an exhibition double-header to open the new Arena or it's the Kindersley Klippers scoring a 10th-inning win over Saskatoon

After the Hilltops win the Canadian junior football championship in 1958, Steve and Spero invite the club to a complementary dinner at the Commodore. Same thing happens in 1959 when the Hilltops win the title again.

Said Spero: "Win, lose or draw, the Commodore Cafe wants you back for another dinner in 1960."



Savannah Sutherland, Ryan Wiens, Keely Shaw, Jarret Kenke

Saskatchewan Sport Awards 2019

- Youth female athlete of the year**
Savannah Sutherland.....Borden.....Athletics
Finalists: **Payton Allan**, Warman softball; **Isabella Brown**, Saskatoon wrestling; **Aida Lissel-DeCorby**, Saskatoon, rowing; **Lila Stewart**, Regina, diving; **Tia Zimmerman**, Englefield, Special O swimming
- Youth male athlete of the year**
Ryan Wiens.....Saskatoon.....Diving
Finalists: **Ryder Hardy**, Saskatoon, athletics; **Jayden Hingley**, Saskatoon, canoe; **Colby Kosteniuk**, Regina, Special O swimming; **Carson Lee**, Saskatoon, wrestling
- Female athlete of the year**
Keely Shaw.....Midale, Saskatoon.....Para cycling
Finalists: **Delaney Aikens**, Briercrest, rugby; **Kali Christ**, Regina, speed skating; **Natasha Fox**, Saskatoon, wrestling; **Daphne Ann Hodgson**, Regina, weightlifting; **Courtney Hufsmith**, Saskatoon, athletics; **Krystal Shaw**, Regina, swimming; **Julee Stewart**, Regina, baton
- Male athlete of the year**
Jarret Kenke.....Saskatoon.....Kayak
Finalists: **Hubert Buidens**, Saskatoon, rugby; **Graeme Fish**, Moose Jaw, speed skating; **Danny Klughart**, Prince Albert, golf; **Hunter Lee**, Saskatoon, wrestling; **Neison Lokombo**, Nelson, B.C./University of Sask, football; **Payne Wylie**, Elstow, athletics
- Master athlete(s) of the year**
Mike Vincent and Ivan English.....Regina, Saskatoon.....Marathon canoeing
Finalists: **Laurie Meschishnick**, Saskatoon, weightlifting; **Syrcota rink**, Elfros, curling
- Team of the year**
Team Sask 19U men.....Based in Regina.....Water polo
Finalist: **Saskatoon Valkyries**, women's football
- Coach of the year**
Jason Reindl.....Saskatoon.....Athletics
Finalists: **Eric Kramer**, Pointe-Claire, QC/Saskatoon, swimming; **Jeff Stusek**, Regina, football
- Coach dedication**
Russell Martin.....Grand Coulee.....Softball
- Coach dedication**
Sherry Pasloski.....Yorkton.....Special Olympics
- Official Award**
Dennis Rennie.....Saskatoon.....Tennis
- Official Award**
Deanna Rindal.....Prince Albert.....Curling
- Volunteer Recognition Award**
Margaret Auringer.....Maidstone.....Figure skating
- Volunteer Recognition Award**
Ken Trofimuk.....Prince Albert.....Weightlifting



Mike Vincent



Ivan English



Jason Reindl



Sherry Pasloski



Deanna Rindal



Ken Trofimuk



Mike Vincent



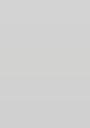
Ivan English



Jason Reindl



Sherry Pasloski



Deanna Rindal



Ken Trofimuk



Team Sask U19 water polo

Shoemaker wins Kinsmen Sportsman award

***Jerry Shoemaker** has been promoting and organizing curling since the 1980s. Shoemaker is Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year for 2019.

Adam Machart of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team is Saskatoon Kinsmen athlete of the year. Machart set a Huskies team record in 2019 with 1,330 yards rushing. He was the Canada West conference nominee for the Hec Crighton Trophy as the football player of the year in U SPORTS. **Saskatoon Valkyries** won the ***Bill Hunter** Award as Saskatoon Kinsmen team of the year. The Valkyries, 9-0, won the title in the Western Women's Canadian Football League. **Ojamalie Attah** and **Brandon Davidsen** received ***Lloyd Saunders** scholarships from the Kinsmen. Attah, a graduate of Tommy Douglas Collegiate, is a sprinter and hurdler with the Huskies. Davidsen, a graduate of Bishop Mahoney High School, is a running back with the Hilltops ... ***Dave Elder** has redesigned the website for the ***Bob Adams** Foundation, which has supported Saskatchewan track and field athletes, coaches and officials for going on 40 years. Check it out: bobadamsfoundation.com ... The annual indoor track and field meet held by the U of S Huskies is now called the Sanderson Classic. ***Lyle Sanderson** was the head coach of the track and field program at the U of S for 39 years ... With the Saskatoon Hilltops soon to start their 74th football season, a quick note about ***Evan Kyba**, 79, and ***George Werezak**, 80, who died in 2019. Kyba and Werezak, grads of Nutana Collegiate, won Canadian titles with the Hilltops in 1958 and '59. Kyba's highlights included scoring a touchdown as the Hilltops defeated the North York Knights in the Canadian final in 1959. Kyba went on to be a professor in chemistry at the University of Texas. Werezak had 39 touchdowns in the regular season and playoffs in four years with the Hilltops. Werezak worked for Dow Chemical in Sarnia, ON, for 33 years ... ***Brian Thorstad** was the head coach of Team Canada Red, a flag football team that was defeated in the quarter-finals in the women's division at the International Bowl in Arlington, TX., in January. The players on the team were from Saskatoon. **Chad Palmer** of Saskatoon was head coach of Team Canada Grey that finished fifth in the men's division ... **Brendan Taman** of Saskatoon has returned to the CFL. Taman will scout universities and NFL camps for the Montreal Alouettes. Taman, a graduate of Aden Bowman Collegiate, joined the CFL in 1987, helping with player personnel on the Saskatchewan Roughriders. He went on to become general manager of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 2004 to 2008. He was Saskatchewan's GM from 2010 to 2015, with the Riders winning the Grey Cup in 2013.



Evan Kyba



George Werezak

There's more to Wist than wrestling
***Gil Wist** had a rare doubleheader 49 years ago. Wist, 17, won a silver medal in the 114-pound weight class in wrestling at the 1971 Canada Winter Games in Saskatoon. That same season he played for the Andy's Auto broomball team that won the title in the Moose Jaw League ... "As a youngster, I had great coaches in every sport," said **Barb Hodges**. "Many of those people have been recognized by the Hall for their lifelong commitment. I loved them all and sincerely appreciated the time they spent with me and my friends. However, I was inspired mainly by my teammates, starting with my brother, ***Bob Hodges**. Frigid temperatures make me think of walking to the Optimist Park oval from our house on Avenue I South. My brother was the leader of a ragtag group of neighbourhood kids who were invited to join the Lions Speed Skating Club. It didn't matter whether we could only skate for 15 minutes at a time because of the cold. It did matter that we were a team and we were all in it together. I think my brother became an Olympian because through thick or thin, he had the self-discipline to exploit every opportunity to train. Success starts with going to rink, tying up your skates and just doing the work. In high school (1963-67), I was privileged to be part of a great group of Bedford Road athletes that more or less turned around the athletic program in all sports. We were inspired by our beautiful new gym and we would practise



Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

- Ginger Alcorn**
Team inductee, assistant coach 1985 U of S Huskiettes women track & field
- Kerry Alcorn**
Ginger's son
Team inductee, athlete 1988 U of S Huskies men's volleyball
Team inductee, assistant coach 1999 U of S Huskies men's volleyball
- Rick Capon**
Team inductee, coach 1978 Imperial 400s junior men's softball
- Don Capon**
Rick's son
Team inductee, athlete 1978 Imperial 400s junior men's softball
Team inductee, athlete 1987 Rempel Bros. senior men's softball
- Chuck Sebestyen**
Builder inductee, gymnastics
- Patti Sebestyen**
Chuck's daughter
Athlete inductee, gymnastics
- Glenna Fairbrother**
Chuck's daughter
Athlete inductee, gymnastics

morning, noon and night. Whatever sport was in season, we pushed ourselves to the limit and we got results. Most importantly, we developed friendships that last to this day." ... **Stefanie Lawton's** father ***Bob Miller** and her sister ***Marliese Kasner** are enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame for curling. This year Lawton won the Saskatchewan women's curling title for the sixth time, playing third on a rink with lead **Kara Thevenot**, second **Jessie Hunkin** and skip **Robyn Silvernagle**. Kasner is an alternate on the rink. The Silvernagle rink finished fifth at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts national championship in Moose Jaw ... ***Steve Laycock** had a 2-5 record in pool play and did not advance to the championship pool this year at the Canadian men's curling championship in Kingston, ON. This was Laycock's ninth appearance in the Tim Hortons Brier, representing Saskatchewan seven times and B.C. the latest two times ... Curler **Matt Baldwin** has joined the Order of Canada. Baldwin, a native of Blucher, SK, was the youngest skip to win the Canadian Brier, when, at 27, he led a rink from Edmonton to the title in 1954. He won the Brier again in 1957 and '58. Baldwin had a 1-3 record with his rink from the University of Saskatchewan at the first Western Interuniversity curling championship, held at the Saskatoon Nutana Curling Club in 1947 ... Two athletes who had distinguished university careers with the Saskatchewan Huskies are being enshrined into the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame. **Dalyce Emmerson** played post for the Huskies basketball team for five years, winning the Canada West conference title twice and the U SPORTS national championship in her final season, 2015-16. **Dwayne Gareau** was a midfielder on the Huskies soccer team for four years, finishing third in the conference championship in 1999-00 ... The late **Elaine Partington** of Saskatoon is one of the first inductees in the new Saskatchewan Horse Federation Hall of Fame Partington was the owner and manager of Ebon Stables Riding Centre. She coached the Saskatoon Pony Club, the oldest riding club in Western Canada ... ***Willie Desjardins** and ***Kelsie Hendry** of the Huskies are charter inductees into the Canada West university sports Hall of Fame. Desjardins was a centre on the Huskies hockey team that won the conference title for three consecutive years and the national title in 1982-83. Hendry was the U SPORTS champion in women's pole vault three times ... ***Jacque Lavallee** is an assistant



Elaine Partington

coach on the Huskies women's basketball team that won the U SPORTS national title this season ... **Kelsey Lalor** of Red Deer played guard for the Huskies women's basketball team from 2016-19. This season she joined the Broncos softball program at Boise State University in Idaho as a right fielder. She was hitting .302 through 25 games with four home runs when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) cancelled the season in all sports due to the Covid-19 virus. In April this year, Lalor was selected as the MVP on Baseball Canada national women's team for 2019. She batted .563 and scored eight runs for Canada, which finished in third place at an event in Mexico to qualify for the 2020 World Cup. Lalor has been on the national baseball team for six years.

McClacklin sisters, McTaggart back at the track

Two endowment awards were presented to student-athletes on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies track and field team at the Canada West conference championships this year in the Field House. The McTaggart Award is named after ***Joanne McTaggart**, a sprinter with the U of S in the 1970s who later became the head coach of the Huskies track and field and cross-country programs. **Louis Tapper**, a sprinter who was a teammate of McTaggart, started the trust fund. The **Mary Jo** and ***Susan McClacklin** endowment is made possible by their father ***Tom McClacklin**, who is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1953 Hilltops. Mary Jo and Susan were middle distance runners with the Huskiettes in the 1980s ... Tapper was on Saskatchewan's volleyball team at the 1971 Canada Winter Games in Saskatoon. One of Saskatchewan's matches was against Prince Edward Island. P.E.I.'s coach at the Games, **Phil O'Neill**, was enshrined as a builder into the Volleyball P.E.I. Hall of Fame in April this year. "We split the match as the matches were two games," O'Neill said in a recent interview with a reporter from the *Summerside Journal Pioneer*. "At that time, it was a complete round-robin (format), there were 12 teams, so you played 11 matches over the week" ... ***Cliff Koroll** are being inducted into the **Ted Knight** Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame. The formal induction for 2020 has been rescheduled until 2021. Koroll, a forward, played minor hockey in Saskatoon with the midget and juvenile Westleys, in college with the University of Denver Pioneers and in the NHL for 11 years with the Chicago Blackhawks from 1968 to 1980. He was a Blackhawks assistant coach for six years ... Since 1985 the Saskatchewan Soccer Association has presented the ***David Newsham** Award to a volunteer official, coach, manager or administrator for their contribution to the sport. Newsham was active in soccer for almost 40 years. The recipient of the award this year is **Hung Tan Duong**, an official in Saskatoon. Previous recipients include nine inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame: **Henk Ruys** (1985), **Doug Knott** (1986), **Cedric Gillott** (1987), **Raymond Jones** (1988), **Ross Wilson** (1992), **Dr. Klaus Post** (1993), **Andy Sharpe** (1997), **Percy Hoff** (2004) and **Huw Morris** (2012) ... **Jared Andreychuk** of the Saskatoon Hilltops is the favourite pick of fans in a poll by the Canadian Junior Football League to select the All-Decade team of the past 10 years. Andreychuk, a quarterback, received 54% of the votes. Six other Hilltops are on the team: Linebacker **Justin Filteau**, defensive lineman **Matt Kozun**, offensive linemen **Mason Ochs** and **Kirk Simonsen** and running backs **Logan Fischer** and **Andre Lalonde** ... ***Peter Anholt** has been awarded the ***Lloyd Saunders** Memorial Trophy as the executive of the year in the Western Hockey League. Anholt is general manager of the Lethbridge Hurricanes. Anholt also won the award in 2015-16 ... The late **Roy Taylor** of Visalia, CA, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame this year. Taylor was playing-coach of the Saskatoon 55s in the Northern Saskatchewan Baseball League in 1951 and the manager of the Saskatoon Commodores in the Western Canada Baseball League in 1958. Also being enshrined is Saskatoon's **Allan Fitzsimmons**, a director with Baseball Canada.



Louis Tapper



David Newsham



In bonus

Women have been competing in university basketball in Canada for 100 years. To mark the centenary, a U SPORTS committee has selected the Top 100. Six student-athletes from the University of Saskatchewan are on the list.

Basketball Huskies of the century

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Student-athlete	Home	Years
* Pat Lawson	Saskatoon, SK	1947-48 to 1950-51
Arlene (Raycroft) McGinn	Saskatoon, SK	1950-51 to 1953-54
Marg (Curry) Sihvon	Moose Jaw, SK	1963-64 to 1967-68
Sarah Crooks	Fife Lake, SK	2002-03 to 2006-07
Lindsay (DeGroot) Sutherland	Theford, ON	2005-06 to 2008-09 McMaster; 2009-10 Saskatchewan
Antoinette Miller	Phoenix, AZ	2013-14 Saskatchewan, 2016-18 Winnipeg

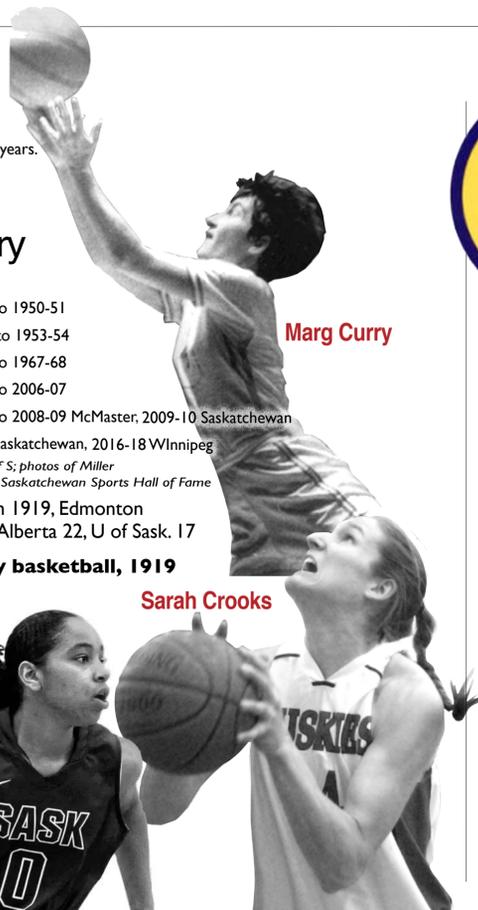
—Photos of Lawson, Raycroft and DeGroot from U of S; photos of Miller and Crooks from StarPhoenix; photo of Curry from Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

- **Saskatchewan's first university game** ... March 1919, Edmonton U of Alberta 22, U of Sask. 17

- **Saskatchewan's first team for interuniversity basketball, 1919**

Lulu BarrHome near Burlington, ON
Beulah BridgemanHome near Lakefield, ON
Marguerite GardinerBorn in Iowa, raised in Exeter, ON
Edith HarttHome Fredericton Junction, N.B.
Nellie RailtonHome in Sinaluta district in SK
Rhoda RussellHome Lunenburg, ON
Christine SintonHome Regina, SK
Bridgeman and Hartt were on the team in 1916-17 when the University Saskatchewan started women's basketball, playing against senior clubs

Lindsay DeGroot
Antoinette Miller



Marg Curry

Sarah Crooks

Antoinette Miller



See you at the rink

Lorne Molleken is the sixth Saskatoon Blade to have his name on the team's builder banner at SaskTel Centre. Molleken was added to the honour roll at a WHL game in March.



Jack McLeod



Jim Piggott



Nate Brodsky



Daryl Lubiniecki

Blades builder banners at SaskTel Centre

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Nate BrodskyBlades owner
Brodsky was the Blades' majority owner and silent partner for 20 years; his sons Bob, Jack and Rick played minor hockey in Saskatoon in the 1960s.

Jerome EngeleBlades player, assistant coach, head coach
As a kid, Engele practised in the summer by taking shots while standing on a piece of plywood on the family farm in Carmel, SK; he started playing for the Blades as a 15-year-old defenceman in 1966.

Daryl LubinieckiBlades head coach, GM
The Blades named Lubiniecki the head coach in December 1980, midway through the season. He doubled the team's wins the next season, going from 22 to 44.

***Jack McLeod**Blades head coach, GM, owner
The Blades were in the WHL final three times in McLeod's eight years as head coach, 1972-73, '74-75 and '75-76

Lorne MollekenBlades head coach, GM
The Blades were in the WHL final twice in Molleken's first three years as head coach, 1991-92 and '93-94; in 2010-11, the Blades had an all-time high 56 wins in the regular season.

***Jim Piggott**Blades owner
Piggott was the owner of the Blades in 1966, the only club that's been in major junior hockey in Western Canada every year since the start in 1966-67; it's a league that Piggott helped to promote and develop.



Jerome Engele



Lorne Molleken