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Hall of Fame director  
Builder inductee 2019  
multiple sports

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# Taking wing

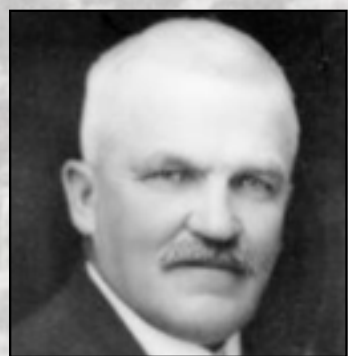
## McNab Park near Saskatoon airport no longer a residential neighbourhood; last houses were levelled in 2021

In 1940, the airfield in Saskatoon became a training centre for Commonwealth pilots and crew in the Second World War. The centre closed when the war ended, then reopened in 1952, now as a neighbourhood with military housing known as PMQs.

The area was named McNab Park in 1955 in honour of Archibald Peter McNab, Saskatchewan's Lt-Governor from 1936-45. A woman on the base, Mrs. C. McCarthy, received \$25 for submitting the name in a contest.

McNab was first elected to provincial office in 1908. During the campaign, he said if the government didn't select Saskatoon as the site for Saskatchewan's university he would resign. He led a city parade when it was official. He served in the legislature for 18 years. He helped to form SaskPower.

Many training personnel at McNab Park relocated to Manitoba in 1962. McNab Park closed as a base in 1964.



—Saskatchewan Archives Board R-B3697  
**Archibald McNab**

—Saskatoon Public Library QC-215-2

All four McNab brothers go to war — Spencer and Edgar in the First World War, Jack and Ernie in the Second World War.

Ernie leads a squadron of 12 fighters as the pilot of a Hawker Hurricane during the Battle of Britain. He said that during operations, German planes had a superior range in altitude than his squadron.

"So I got the boys together and we evolved a couple of evasive plays of our own."

Ernie is the first member of the Royal Canadian Air Force to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He retires from the RCAF in 1957.

Archibald and Edith McNab have six children: Daughters Verna and Edith and sons Spencer — also known as Shorty — Edgar, Jack and Ernie.

Ernie, called PeeWee by his friends, is an outside winger on the Saskwanis, a forerunner of the Saskatoon Hilltops football club.

In 1922, their first year, Saskwanis defeat Calgary YMCA in the Western Canadian junior rugby final at Cairns Field. In their second and final year, Saskwanis is defeated in the Western final by Winnipeg St. Johns College.

Ernie is a forward on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team that wins the Western Canada interuniversity title in 1922-23 and is defeated by the Toronto Granites in the Allan Cup for Canada's senior amateur championship.

Throughout the 1960s, McNab Park has teams in the Playground Softball League, the Playground Hockey League and the Minor Soccer Association.

McNab Park has a curling rink.

Although McNab Park School closes in the 1980s, the neighbourhood is in the game for at least 20 more years.

Wayne Strandquist, a father of three, and Robert Gagnon make sure McNab Park has an outdoor rink. Constable Larry Lockwood starts a youth activity centre in former officer quarters for the RCAF. ASL Paving builds an outdoor basketball court.



—Saskatoon StarPhoenix  
**Sam Wall**

Sam Wall, who resides in McNab Park with his wife Dot and daughters Paulette and Rozanne, is a big leaguer in softball.

He is a manager of teams from squirt boys to the Cavaliers in commercial men, winning a provincial girls title in 1961 with the Kinsmen Park midgets, coached by **\*Muriel Coben**.

Wall is named vice-president on the first board of directors of Softball Canada in 1965. He and

**\*Ed Chynoweth** lead the way in Saskatoon getting a new diamond in Holiday Park in 1966 that's dedicated to softball.

Wall is the commissioner of Softball Canada when it selects Saskatoon to play host to the Canadian senior men's championship in 1967. The four-day event draws 15,000 spectators, more than doubling the previous high for paid admission to the event.

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# Passings

## \*David Abraham, 1973-2021, age 48 Team inductee, 1991 Hilltops

For David Abraham being a Hilltop meant being best on the block.

Abraham played for the Hilltops for five years. A graduate of Walter Murray Collegiate, he played on special teams for the first two years. He gained 35 pounds, but still with quick feet he became a starter on the offensive line in his third season. He was a selected an all-star guard in the Prairie Football Conference in his senior year.

The Hilltops were in the PFC final in all five of Abraham's years with the club. The team won a Canadian championship in his rookie year in 1991, in four playoff games scoring 21 touchdowns to their opponents' seven.



David Abraham

## Verne Alldred, 1940-2021 Multiple sports

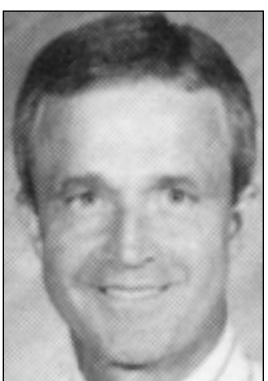
Verne Alldred won two Western Intercollegiate titles as a wrestler with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in the 1960s. He went to the 1973 world championships in Tehran and the 1976 Olympics in Montreal as an official.

Throughout his career as a teacher he was a coach.

Alldred coached high school wrestling and football, volleyball and track and field. He was coach of the boys soccer team at Walter Murray that won the provincial high school title in 1980.

A native of Redvers in southeast Saskatchewan, Alldred was encouraged by his brother to go to university. He completed two degrees at the U of S — B.A. (P.E.) and BEd.

"We sometimes think of leaders as those who stand on the bridge of the ship and command the whole operation," said Jake Ens, a teaching colleague at Walter Murray. "There are also leaders who work behind the scenes to make sure the work gets done. Verne Alldred is the perfect example of the latter kind of leader — working quietly, persistently and effectively to build strong institutions and a better community."



Verne Alldred

## \*Sarah Nykiforuk, 1937-2021, age 83 Team inductee, 1967 women's 5-pin bowling

The 1965 season was the start of a sparkling three-year run by Sarah Nykiforuk.

Nykiforuk was a rookie on the women's five-pin bowling team from Saskatoon that won the Western Canadian championship in Vancouver and advanced to nationals.

Saskatoon finished second at the Canadian championship in Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. Nykiforuk was the only woman on the team to roll 300 in the series that was played in an arena that had an ice surface only a week earlier, making the lanes tacky.

In 1967, Nykiforuk was on the Saskatoon women's team that finished second at the Western Canadian championship in Calgary.

At the 1968 Canadian championship in Winnipeg, Saskatoon was in second place after the first day, trailing a team from Toronto by 34 pins. Saskatoon pulled away on Day 2, winning by 566 pins and setting a Canadian record for total pinfall.

Nykiforuk had the second-highest average on the team. Also on the team were \*Martha Caudle, \*Bunny Hinch, \*Shirley Quayle, \*Marion Taylor, \*Gerry Thompson, coach \*Bob Price and manager \*Mickey Poylack.



Sarah Nykiforuk

### Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

- **Robyn Flaman**  
Team inductee, 1999-2000 U of S women's athletics assistant coach
- **Cory Flaman** ..... Robyn's husband  
Team inductee, 1990 U of S football
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Athlete inductee, softball
- **Brent McWillie** ..... Eugene's brother  
Team inductee, 1969 Hilltops football
- **Gwen Wall**  
Athlete inductee, athletics;  
Team inductee, 1984-85, 1985-86 U of S women's athletics
- **Clara Wall** ..... Gwen's sister  
Team inductee, 1984-85, 1985-86 U of S women's athletics
- **Judy Warick**  
Builder inductee, athletics
- **Randy Warick** ..... Judy's husband  
Builder inductee, multiple sports
- **Jeff Wandzura** ..... Judy's nephew  
Team inductee, 2007 Hilltops

# Going the distance

## Sport highlights, anniversary style

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### ● 1932

\***Eleanor Powley**, who moved to Saskatoon from Regina a few months earlier, sweeps the 220-, 440- and 880-yard races to win the women's title in the 1932 Saskatchewan speed skating championships at The Stadium. Powley competes in North America throughout the 1930s. She coaches. She is also a figure skater and a curler; a bowler and a golfer. Playing softball for the Trojans and Red Caps, she is called the top first baseman in Saskatoon.



—Henrietta Goplen  
Eleanor (Powley) Van Impe

### ● 1942

**Orville 'Buck' Crawford**, player/manager with the Saskatoon Tigers, is the team's leading hitter in the final of the Saskatoon City Baseball League in 1942. Crawford, a first baseman, bats .500 as the Tigers beat No. 4 Service Flying Training School 2-1 in the best-of-three series. The third game draws a crowd of 800, the largest of the season at Cairns Field. Crawford later becomes a ref in the Western Hockey League and is a hockey official at the 1960 Olympics.



—StarPhoenix  
Buck Crawford

### ● 1952

\***George Genereux**, 17, wants to stay home in Saskatoon in the summer of 1952 and pitch for the Moores junior baseball team. His parents talk him into going to the Olympics in Helsinki. Genereux, using an outdated single-barrel rifle, breaks 192 of 200 birds to win the gold medal in trapshooting. After graduating from Nutana Collegiate, Genereux studies medicine at the University of Saskatchewan and is a forward on the Huskies hockey team.



George Genereux

### ● 1962

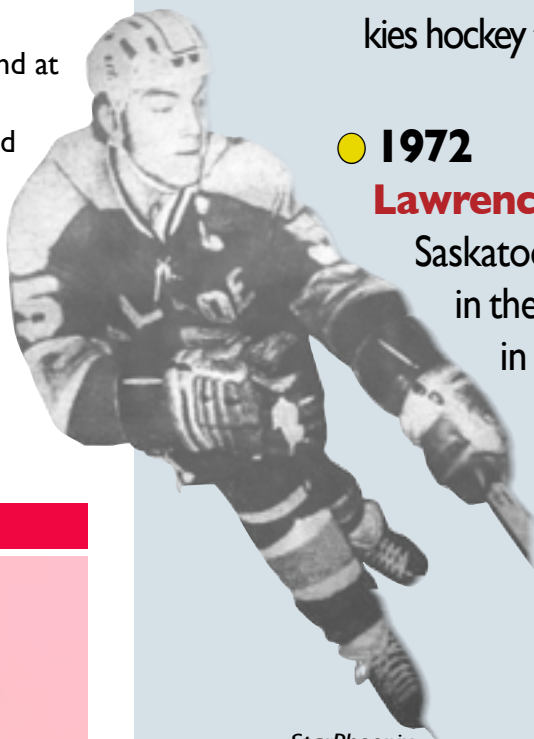
\***Peggy Robb**, 20, wins the Saskatchewan senior women's diving title in 1962, held in conjunction with the provincial swimming championships at Mayfair and Lathey Pools in Saskatoon. As a student at Nutana Collegiate, Robb won the city high school title in midget girls ball throw and broke the school record in senior javelin. She competed in speed skating in the 1960 Olympics. In university, she is on the Huskiettes swimming and synchro swimming teams and is captain of the Huskiettes basketball team.



—Greystone Yearbook  
Peggy Robb

### ● 1972

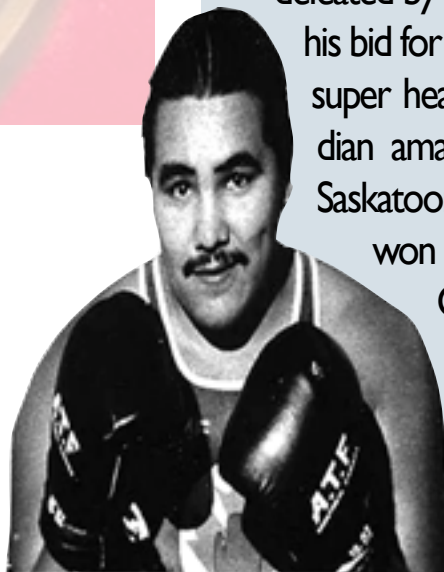
**Lawrence Sacharuk** of the Saskatoon Blades scores late in the third period in a game in 1972 at the Arena against the Brandon Wheat Kings, becoming the first defenceman in major junior hockey in Canada to score 50 goals in a season. He still holds the record. Including **\*Jack McLeod**, go on to the NHL or the World Hockey Association.



—StarPhoenix  
Lawrence Sacharuk

### ● 1992

**Vernon Linklater** of Thunder Bay, ON., is defeated by Tom Glesby of Welland, ON., in his bid for a fourth consecutive title in the super heavyweight division at the Canadian amateur boxing championships in Saskatoon in 1992. In 1990, Linklater won bronze at the Commonwealth Games. Linklater is now a resident of Saskatoon and has served as a trustee with Saskatoon Public Schools.



—Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame  
Vernon Linklater

### ● 1982

\***Irene Kokotailo** of Saskatoon is a second baseman on the Lashburn Bluebirds, who are defeated by Vancouver Alpha 1-0 in the final at the 1982 Canadian senior women's softball championship. In her career as an athlete, Kokotailo also competes nationally in broomball, cross-country running, mountain biking, speed skating and triathlon. She was named to the Canadian team in field hockey and was in the running for the national team in the marathon leading up to the 1996 Olympics.



—StarPhoenix  
Irene Kokotailo

### ● 2002

Melfort's **Nicole Watt**, 16, who trains at the Saskatoon Figure Skating Club with coach **\*Dale Hazell**, finishes fourth in the senior women's division at the 2002 Canadian championships. Watt was also fourth at nationals in 2000, her first year in seniors, and second in 2001. In the history of nationals, Watt is the only Saskatchewan singles skater with three top-five finishes in seniors.



—Canadian Press  
Nicole Watt

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# Touching base

With Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame inductees

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## Home cooking for Molle

The late **Gene Kiniski** was inducted into the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame this year. When **\*Bob Molle** was added to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame 28 years



**Gene Kiniski**

ago, he credited Kiniski for helping to make it happen. Kiniski was a defensive lineman with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos in the 1950s. As a pro wrestler, Kiniski fought Whipper **Billy Watson** in the main event on a card that drew a crowd of 5,500 at the Saskatoon Arena. Molle was an offensive lineman with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and a silver medallist in wrestling as a super heavyweight in the 1984 Olympics. One of Molle's wrestling teammates in college at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., was **Nick Kiniski**, Gene's son. In the summers leading up to the Olympics, Molle stayed at Gene Kiniski's home in Blaine, Wash. "He's a great cook and he's been a great influence on me," Molle told Canadian Press reporter **Grant Kerr**. "He helped me with weight training and extended my knowledge of wrestling." ... **\*Tom Schnitzler** was on the roster of the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats this season as a long snapper and for punt and kick coverage ... **\*Kevin Garinger** is the director of education for the Horizon School Division in east central Saskatchewan. The Horizon Division is the 2021 recipient of the Premier's Board of Education Award, a grant from the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation to promote and develop instruction for Indigenous students. George Gordon First Nation Education Centre in Punnichy is planning to have an outdoor classroom for land-based learning and ceremony.

## In the long run with Yellowlees, Christ, Epp

The 2021 Canada West university cross-country running championships at Victoria Park in Saskatoon in October was a field day for the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. **\*Dale Yellowlees** was the announcer at the meet, **\*Louis Christ** did photography and **\*Jamie Epp** was a coach for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Yellowlees competed for the Huskies in cross-country almost 60 years ago, Christ 40 years ago and Epp 20 years ago ... **\*Judy Warick** and **\*Randy Warick** of Saskatoon were among 1,704 people who entered the 8-km event at the annual Royal Victoria Road Race in B.C. in October. A weekend later, Waricks' granddaughter **Annie Beveridge-Warick** of Aden Bowman Collegiate won the junior girls title in the Saskatchewan high school cross-country championships at Dixon Hills near Humboldt ... **Todd McClements** received a Coaching Excellence Award at the annual Petro-Canada Sports Leadership Gala in November. McClements, a native of Saskatoon, has been a coach with the Canadian long track speed skating team based in Calgary since 2012 ... **\*Scott Flory** of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies was named football coach of the year in the Canada West conference this season ... **\*Jody Kerr** is the head coach of the Weyburn Eagles, who won the 5A 12-aside title in the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association provincial football championship in November. Holy Cross Crusaders won the Saska-

## Kathy Tough of the University of Calgary volleyball team hit the heights in Saskatoon



toon 6A title and were defeated by the Regina Miller Marauders in the provincial final. The coaching staff of the Crusaders includes **\*Dave Elder**, **\*Michael Fuller**, **\*Scott Hundseth** and **\*Dale Solie** ... **\*Darcey Busse** of the Huskies was named player of the year in U SPORTS men's volleyball in 1983-84 and 1985-86. He was enshrined in the Moose Jaw & District Sports Hall of Fame in November. Two other University of Saskatchewan athletes were inducted into the Hall in Moose Jaw. **Marg (Curry) Sihvon** played for the Huskiettes basketball team from 1963-64 through 1966-67. **Levi Steinhauer** was a defensive lineman on the Huskies football team from 2009 through 2012 ... **\*Loren Prentice** is the uncle of Macrorie's **Cassie Prentice** and **Tanner Prentice**, who have been named to the Canadian national elite racquetball team ... **Ron St. Clair** of Prince George, B.C., has been enshrined in the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame as a builder and contributor. St. Clair is a native of St. Mary's, ON., who has been an announcer at drag racing and stock car tracks throughout Canada and the United States. He was a co-founder of the CASCAR West series. St. Clair got his start as a track announcer in Saskatoon in 1982 when he lived in Moose Jaw and worked as a radio sportscaster. He was the voice of the Prince George Cougars in the Western

## Launching pad

The Education Gym at the University of Saskatchewan is a special place for Calgary's Kathy Tough.

Tough was enshrined as an athlete into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame this year. In March of 1989, she was the MVP as the University of Calgary defeated the University of Victoria 3-0 (15-12, 15-6, 15-5) to win the Canadian university women's volleyball championship in Saskatoon.

Victoria had defeated Calgary a week earlier in the Canada West conference final.

"I remember going into the CIS championship and being the underdog and ending up beating our rival and winning the championship," Tough said at the Volleyball Canada induction. "I can see it clearly to this day."

The host University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes, coached by **\*Mark Tennant**, finished seventh.

Tough went on to be captain of the Canadian national team at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, finishing ninth.

She then played beach volleyball and was Volleyball Canada's Western regional manager of beach volleyball in collaboration with **\*Don Saxton** and **Mylene Camu-Saxton**, husband and wife founders of the Volleymore in Calgary.



**Mark Dacey**

Skip Mark Dacey and his Halifax rink with lead Andrew Gibson, second Rob Harris, third Bruce Lohnes, fifth Mat Harris and coach Peter Corkum have been inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame.

Dacey defeated Randy Ferbey of Alberta 10-9 to win the Brier in Saskatoon in 2004, 53 years since Nova Scotia last won the title.

Dacey's rink was second at the 2003 Brier.

Dacey, a native of Saskatoon, also finished second at the 1995 Brier on Brad Heidt's rink from Kerrobert, SK.

Hockey League from 2003 to 2010 ...

**Logan Tom**, who played on the U.S. team that finished eighth at the 1999 world junior women's volleyball championship in Saskatoon, is being inducted into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. Tom competed in the 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics, twice winning silver ... **\*Arley Olson** is an assistant coach with the Saskatoon Contacts in the Saskatchewan AAA Midget Hockey League. Olson was a defenceman on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in 1982-83 when they won the Canadian title in Moncton ... **Bernie Sparkes**, a native of Claresholm, AB., has been enshrined in the World Curling Federation Hall of Fame as a builder. Sparkes competed in the Brier 12 times from 1966 to 1987, winning the title three times. He was skip of the rink that won \$10,000 in the first Labatt's Classic in 1976 at the Saskatoon Nutana Club.

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## Look at them now

Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



### Carson Hindmarsh

Baseball

Carson Hindmarsh of Saskatoon was on Canada's national junior baseball team for a Friendship Series against the United States last September.

Canada had one win, five losses and one tie in the seven-game series in Florida.

Hindmarsh, a 6-foot-5 left-handed pitcher, made one start, allowing one earned run and striking out three in three innings.

Hindmarsh had a 2-1 record and a 2.38 earned run average for the Okotoks Dawgs in the Western Canada Baseball League in the summer of 2021.

A high school student at Aden Bowman Collegiate, he plans to continue his education at the University of Tennessee.



### Avery Pearson

Athletics

Avery Pearson of Meadow Lake finished seventh in the 800 metres at the world athletics U20 championships in Nairobi, Kenya last August.

Pearson ran a time of two minutes, 6.42 seconds, more than two seconds faster than her personal best prior to 2021.

Pearson is a first-year student-athlete with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. She plans to major in kinesiology.

She was on the Huskies cross-country running team that finished third in the 2021 Canada West conference championships and fifth in the U SPORTS national championships.



### Jordan Hudson

Softball

Jordan Hudson of Saskatoon is a pitcher on the Canadian softball team for the U23 men's Pan American championship in 2022.

Hudson was on Canada's team that finished third in the World Baseball Softball Confederation world championship in Michigan in 2016.

Also on Canada's team are Troy Kosmyka of Warman, Josh Montana of Regina, James Shirley of Delisle, Brant Wiebe of Delisle and assistant coach Dean Holoien of Melfort.

Hudson, Montana and Shirley play for the Saskatoon Jr. Diamondbacks.



### Moyca Stoffel

Speed skating

Moyca Stoffel has three national assignments as an official this season with Speed Skating Canada.

She is an assistant at the Canadian long track championships in Calgary and at the Canadian junior long track championships and Canada Cup 2 in Quebec. She is the chief referee for the Canadian youth long track championships in Halifax.

She has served on the technical committee in speed skating with the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

Stoffel has a BSc in Kinesiology from the University of Saskatchewan.

She competed in the Canada Cup series in 2007.



### Logan Sloan

Wrestling

Logan Sloan finished eighth in the 57 kg division at the U23 world wrestling championships in Belgrade, Serbia in November.

Sloan, a native of Calgary, is an Arts & Science student in his third season with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Hunter Lee of the Huskies was seventh at worlds in the 86 kg division. Huskies head coach Dan Olver was on the coaching staff of the Canadian team.

Also this year, Natasha Fox of the Saskatoon Wrestling Club finished 12th in the women's 55 kg division at the world championships in Oslo, Norway.