



\*Enshrined in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

## The Classics

### Five big-time players in sports in Saskatoon

**Jean Littlejohn** was a swimmer, winning the city championship in 1932 in breaststroke and finishing second in freestyle sprint.

She played third base and catcher in softball. In the 1939 provincial championship, before a crowd of 1,500 at Cairns Field, she went 3-for-4 in the deciding game as the Saskatoon Trojans defeated the Moose Jaw Royals.

She was named the MVP in the Saskatoon Basketball League in 1941, playing forward for the Shasta Black Hawks team sponsored by **Ted Gardiner** that won the provincial senior title.

Littlejohn was a diver. She finished second at northern in Emma Lake in 1933. She won the provincial springboard title at the Avenue H Pool in 1936.

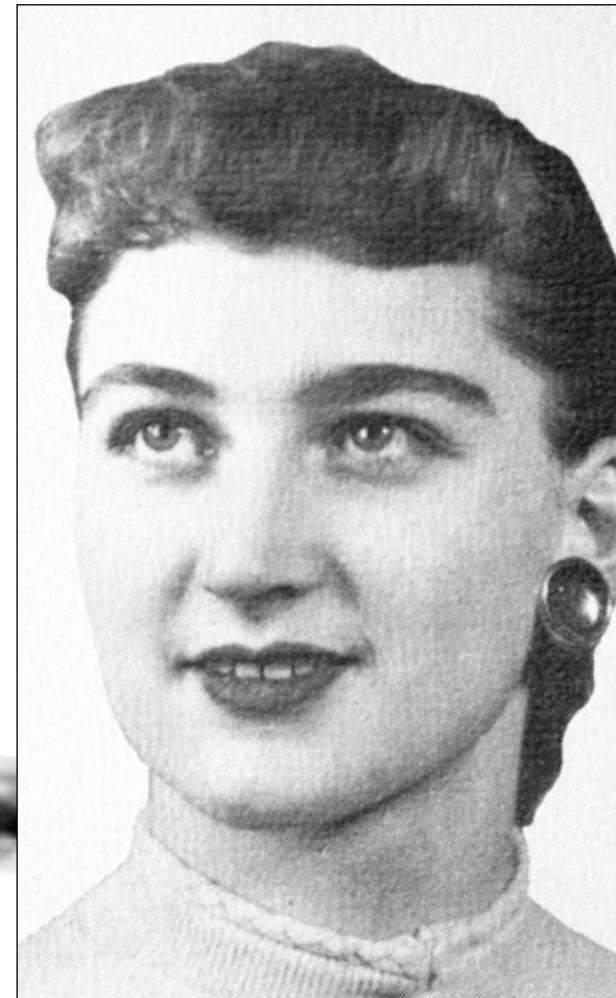
In 1949, married and the mother of two daughters, age 2 and 7, she won the provincial diving title again.

Jean's husband, **Mel Hill** of Saskatoon, won the Allan Cup Canadian senior hockey title with the Sudbury Froid Miners. He won the Calder Cup in the American Hockey League with the Providence Reds. Mel won the Stanley Cup three times, twice with the Boston Bruins and once with the Toronto Maple Leafs, scoring four overtime goals in the playoffs.



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**Jean (Littlejohn) Hill**



— University of Saskatchewan Greystone Yearbook

**\*Grace Jasper**

**\*Grace Jasper**, 21, received the Governor General's Gold Medal as the outstanding graduate at the University of Saskatchewan in 1957. She completed her bachelor degree in Arts & Science with great distinction. That's part of her story.

When she was going to Bedford Road Collegiate, she won the **\*Hugh Tait** Trophy with Bedford's team as champions in the high school league in the Saskatoon Five-Pin Bowling Association. She twice won the title with Saskatoon's girls team at the Western Canadian high school championships.

Although she was only 17 at the time, Jasper played wing and centre on the Adilman Aces senior basketball team in semifinals at Westerns in 1953.

She led the senior women's aggregate in the Saskatchewan track and field championships at Griffiths Stadium in 1954, finishing first in discus, javelin, shot put and softball throw.

At university, Jasper was on the Huskiettes volleyball team that won the Western Intercollegiate championship three times. She twice won the West with Huskiettes basketball. She won the Western Intercollegiate title with the U of S in badminton and in tennis.

Jasper had three singles and relieved **\*Beth Britton** on the mound in the sixth inning for the **\*Saskatoon Hub City Ramblers**, who defeated the host Winnipeg Ramblers 8-7 to clinch the title in Game 4 of the best-of-five Western Canadian senior women's softball championship in 1955.

**\*Archie Edwards**, 20, pitched a no-hitter for Normal School in the Saskatoon interscholastic league in May, 1928. In July, he was invited to Boston for a tryout with the major league Braves. Although that didn't pan out, he was in sport for a long run.

Edwards was a player/manager with the Tech Aeronauts in the City Baseball League in the 1940s.

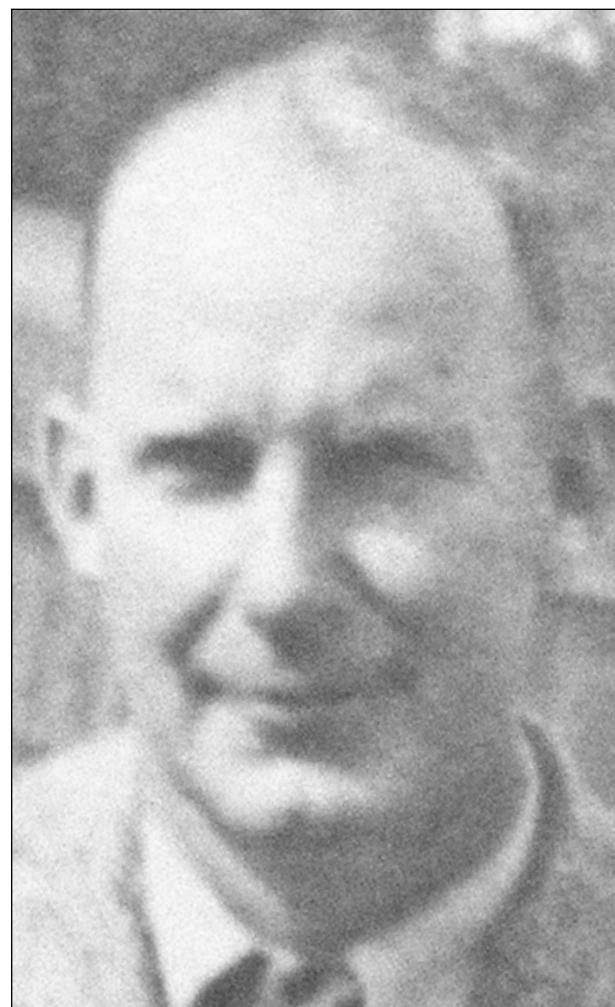
He was a coach of the Saskatoon Grey Cab Ramblers women's softball team that won the Western Canadian championship in 1946 and 1947.

A math teacher at Technical Collegiate for 25 years, he was coach of the Tech football team that won the E.A. Hardy Trophy as city high school champions in 1943 and 1944.

He was a coach of the Tech hockey team that was defeated in the Saskatchewan intercollegiate final in 1950.

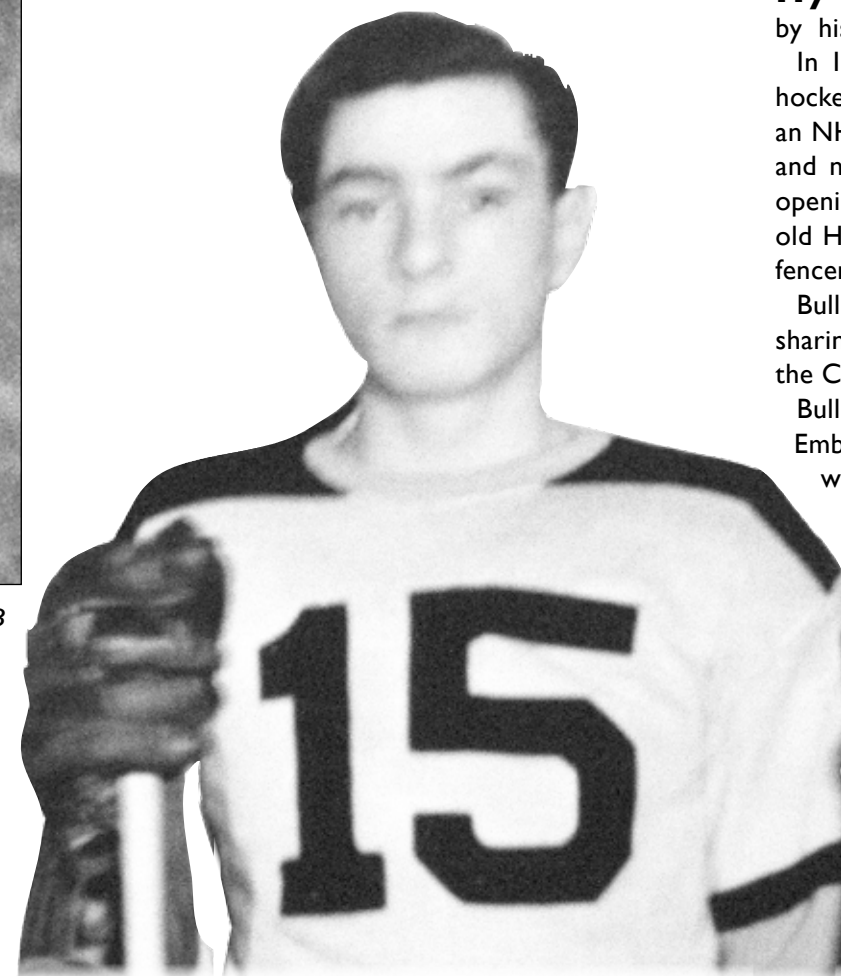
Edwards golfed in the Lobstick.

On a rink with **Hi Green, Walter Hobbs** and **Jack Heywood**, he won the Grand Challenge in the 48th annual Saskatoon bonspiel. Edwards later served as president of the Nutana Curling Club.



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**\*Archie Edwards**



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**Hy Buller**

The Bullers lived in Riversdale. Nathan Buller ran a second-hand store. His wife Goldie baked and sold pumpernickel and rye bread. One of their sons, **Hy Buller**, liked to skate on a nearby rink made by his uncle, Max Sharzer, who flooded the vacant lot.

In 1937 Kinsmen started Saskatoon's first pee wee hockey league. Each of its four teams bore the name of an NHL club. Every pee wee player wore the number and name of big leaguers. On the pee wee league's opening night in the new downtown Arena, 12-year-old Hy was there. He was No. 2 Reg Hamilton, a defenceman with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Buller played pee wee with the Leafs for three years, sharing the league scoring title with Billy Jacobson of the Canadiens in his third season.

Buller, 14, was the youngest player on the Saskatoon Embassy team that went undefeated in 1940-41 and won the Saskatchewan midget championship. His teammates included **\*Bobby Dawes**, **\*Vic Lynn** and **\*Lorne Richardson**.

Buller played for **\*Russ McQuarrie's** Junior Quakers, a semifinalist in the Saskatchewan junior championship in 1941-42.

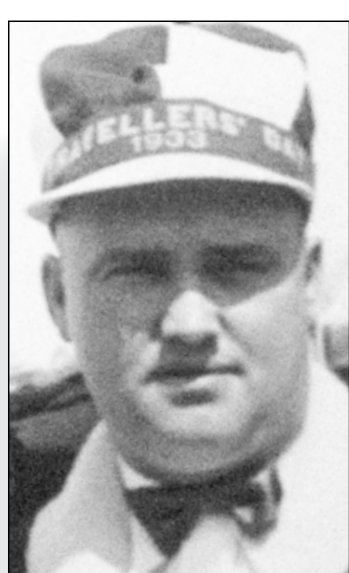
He won the Calder Cup as champions of the American Hockey League with the Hershey Bears in 1947 and the Cleveland Barons in 1948 and 1951.

As a defenceman with the New York Rangers, Buller was named the team's MVP in 1951-52 and was a runner-up to Bernie Geoffrion of the Montreal Canadiens as the NHL's rookie of the year.

Buller returned to Saskatoon to play for the Quakers senior team in the Western Hockey League for half the season in 1953-54.

Buller is enshrined in the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame

Source: David A. Schwartz, Jewish Historical Society of B.C.



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**Fred Pinkney**

### An eye on the game

As electrician by trade, **Fred Pinkney** put the light on others.

He was on the committee that arranged a parade through the streets of downtown in the spring of 1933, honoring the Quakers hockey team after it returned home by CN train from Vancouver; Saskatoon defeated 2-0 in games by the Moncton Hawks in the Allan Cup final for the Canadian senior title.

Pinkney was the official timekeeper at the Arena, not missing a game in almost 25 years.

He booked an exhibition baseball game at Cairns Field in

1939 between North America's famous touring teams, the House of David and the Kansas City Monarchs, featuring pitcher **Satchel Paige**.

Pinkney was the prairie scout for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. Among the local pros who got an assist from Pinkney were goalies **Ralph Almas** and **Glenn Hall** and forwards **\*Gerry Couture**, **\*Vic Lynn**, **\*Gordie Howe**, **Pat Lundy** and brothers **Don Morrison** and **Rod Morrison**.

The Morrisons went on to own the Omaha Knights franchise in Nebraska in the Central Hockey League.

Pinkney went the extra mile with **Max McNab**, a young forward from Watson.

In May of 1947, the Red Wings said McNab had to bulk up. They asked Pinkney to spend the summer with McNab at Waskesiu. Feed him, they said. Keep his supper plate crowded. Whatever the food costs, the Red Wings told Pinkney they'd pay.

"I don't know how I'll make out as a dietitian, but I think I can put five to 10 pounds on McNab,"

Pinkney told The StarPhoenix.

McNab played for the Wings for three years. He was a general manager or executive in the NHL from 1975 to 1994.



36th annual

# Induction ceremony and banquet

*"Every (inductees) table has a story; stories of different details, but similar substance."*

Kathy (Rollo) Seaman, speaking to the banquet audience on behalf of the 2023 inductees into the Sports Hall of Fame



**Kathy (Rollo) Seaman**



**Kelly Parker**  
Athlete: Soccer

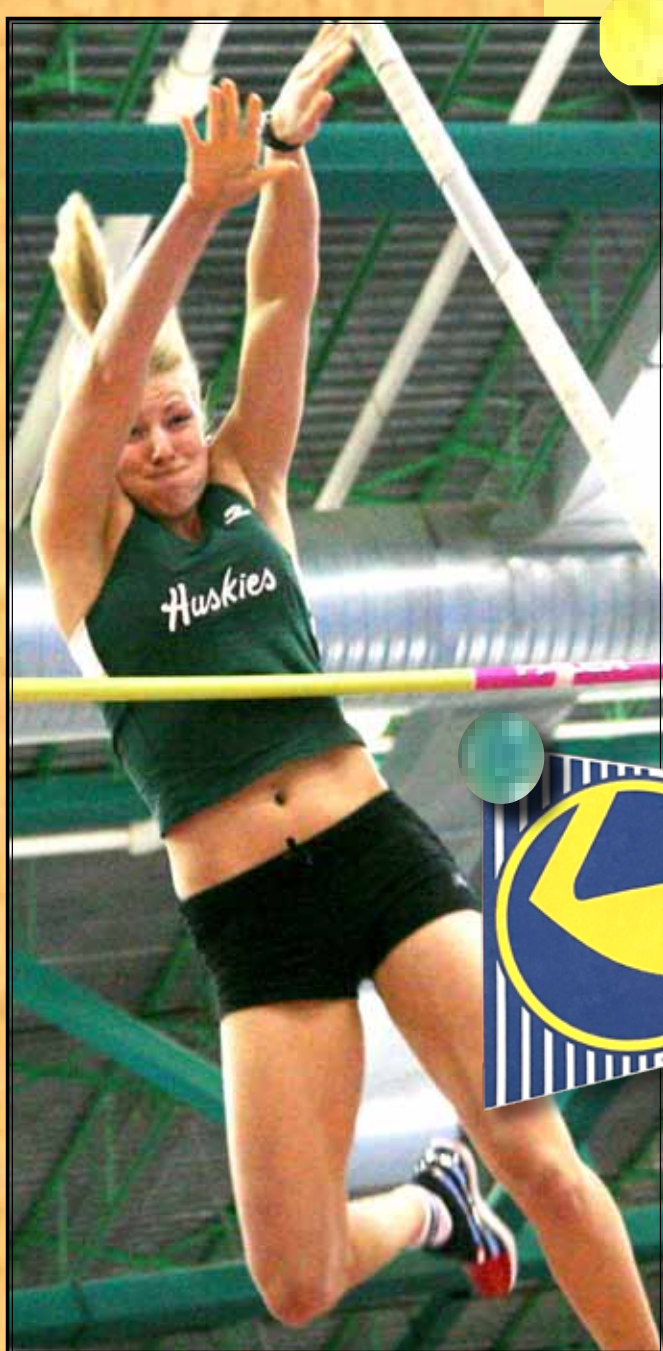


**Outlaws**

Team: Junior softball 2008, 2010, 2011



**Dave McCullough**  
Builder: Softball coach



**Adrienne Vangool**  
Athlete: Athletics



**Blades**  
Sports organization



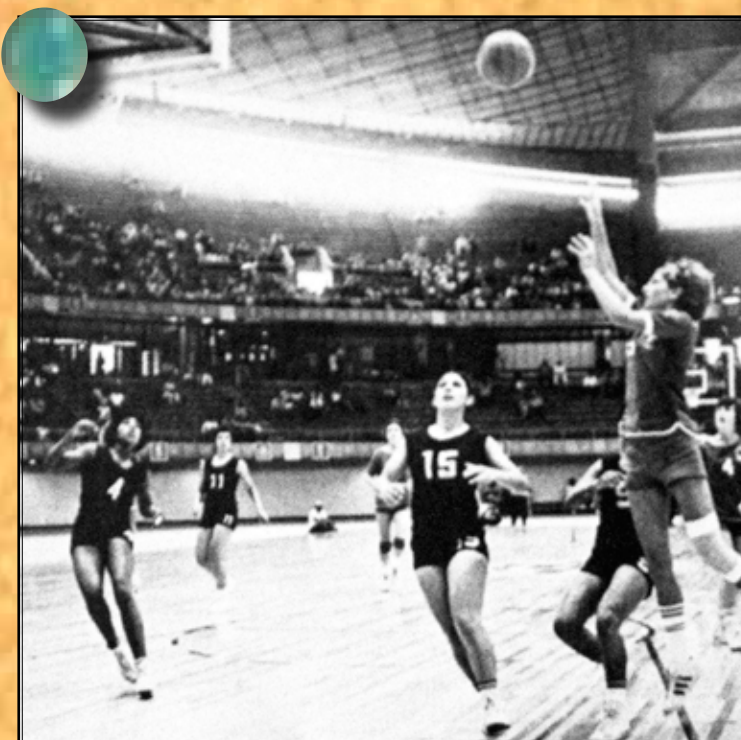
**Kathy (Rollo) Seaman**  
Athlete: Diving



**Ivan Tam**  
Builder: Athletics coach



**Derek Bloski**  
Builder: Hockey official, softball coach



**Heather Witzel (r)**  
Athlete: Basketball



**Jeff Adamson**  
Athlete: Wrestling

# SASKATCHEWAN SPORT AWARDS

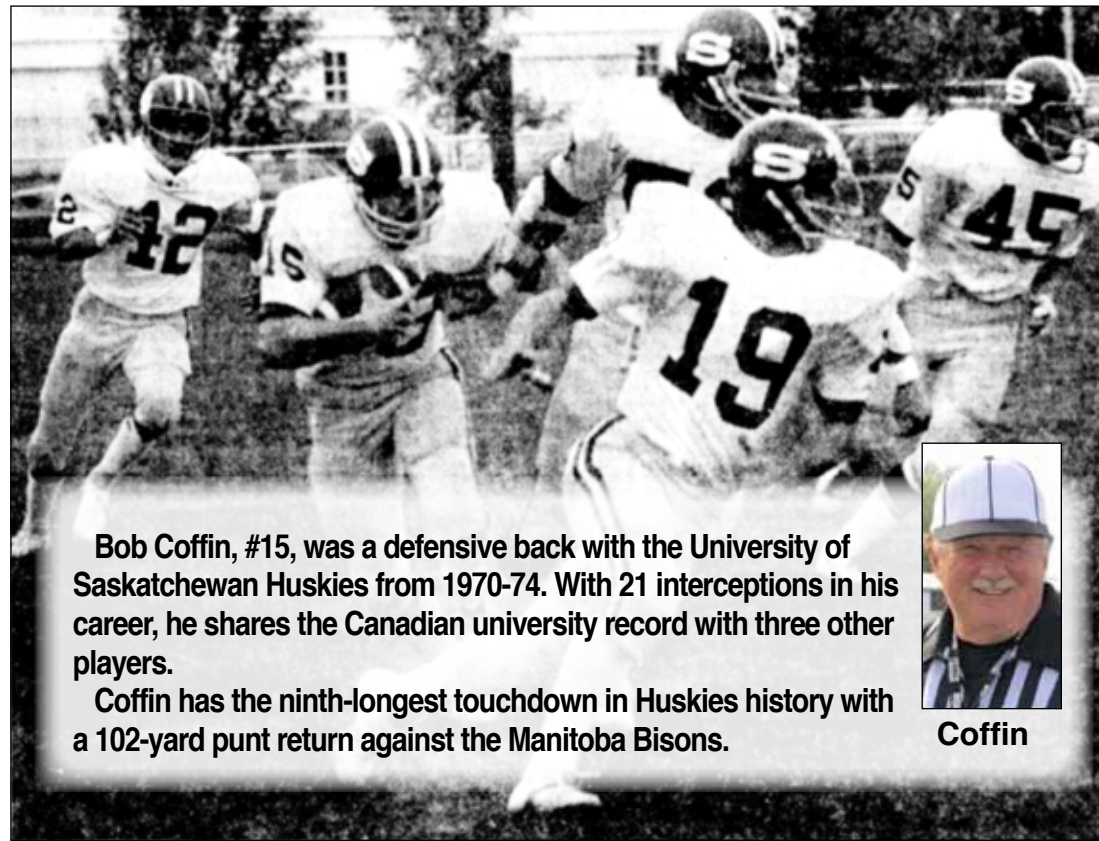
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\***Bob Coffin** received a Volunteer Dedication Award at the annual Saskatchewan Sport Awards, presented in Regina in February.

Coffin has been making an impact in football for more than 50 years, first as a university athlete, later as a high school coach and more recently by promoting minor football and being an official.

In addition to football at the University of Saskatchewan, Coffin competed in track and field with the Huskies.

A high school teacher in Saskatoon at Mount Royal, City Park, Marion Graham



Bob Coffin, #15, was a defensive back with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies from 1970-74. With 21 interceptions in his career, he shares the Canadian university record with three other players.

Coffin has the ninth-longest touchdown in Huskies history with a 102-yard punt return against the Manitoba Bisons.



Coffin

— Saskatoon StarPhoenix/Donna Perkins

and Aden Bowman Collegiates, and wrestling and is currently an official in track and field.



Stewart

### Youth female athlete of the year

**Lila Stewart** Regina Diving

#### Finalists

Teah Chavez Regina Tennis  
Sophia Magus Saskatoon Volleyball



Barry



Hussein



Sleeth

### Cocher dedication

\*Pat Barry Saskatoon Football  
Jason Cawkwell Regina Swimming  
Hazem Hussein Saskatoon Swimming  
Maureen Johnson Regina Baton twirling  
Don Larson Regina Box lacrosse  
Rob Sleeth Saskatoon Canoe/kayak dancing



Prokopchuk



Tanton

### Volunteer dedication

\*Bob Coffin Prince Albert Football  
Pat Prokopchuk Saskatoon Adaptive ski  
Mike Tanton Saskatoon Basketball

### Team of the year

**North Regina Little League All-Stars** Baseball  
**Finalists**  
Saskatoon Hilltops Football  
University of Regina Cougars 4x200 men's relay Athletics



Crozon

### Female athlete of the year

**Paige Crozon** Humboldt Basketball

#### Finalists

Sydney Carroll Saskatoon Artistic swimming  
Shelby Newkirk Saskatoon Para swimming



Rice

### Youth male athlete of the year

**Keegan Rice** Regina Tennis

#### Finalists

Luca Veeman Saskatoon Speed skating  
Storm Zablocki Prince Albert Athletics

### Male athlete of the year

**Rylan Wiens** Pike Lake Diving

#### Finalists

Taylor Carter Regina Special Olympics golf  
Jonathan Podbielski Regina Athletics



Jones

### Cocher of the year

**Ryan Jones** Saskatoon Para swimming

#### Finalists

David Calam Regina Lawn bowls  
Igor Nikitovic Regina Canoe/kayak

### Inspire Through Sport Award

Jessica Frotten Regina Para athletics  
Blake Lamontagne Wawota Adaptive waterskiing  
Team Sask Gymnaestrada Gymnastics, powwow

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- Phyllis Wilson
- Dale Yellowlees

#### Members at large

- Mary Green
- Keith McLean
- Jerry Shoemaker
- Jacki Nichol
- Bob Florence

## Look at them now Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff make news



### Timi Adelugba

Athletics

Timi Adelugba of Saskatoon finished seventh in the invitational women's 60-metre hurdles at the 54th Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games at the Field House in January.

Earlier in January, Adelugba was first in the 60-metre hurdles and fourth in the 60 metres at the annual Sanderson Classic in Saskatoon. She set a personal best of 1.66 in high jump at the Golden Bears Open meet in Edmonton.

Adelugba, a graduate of Saskatoon Christian School, is in her third year with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies team.

She was 11th in the 60-m hurdles at U SPORTS nationals in Saskatoon last year.



### Blake Tierney

Swimming

Swimmer Blake Tierney of Saskatoon won one silver and four bronze at the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile last fall.

He won bronze in the 100-metre backstroke; the other four medals were in relays.

At the recent world aquatics championships in Doha, Tierney was fourth in the men's 4x100 medley relay, ninth in the mixed 4x100 medley relay, 10th in the 4x200 freestyle relay and 18th in the 100 backstroke.

Tierney is a graduate of Walter Murray Collegiate and from the Saskatoon Goldfins Swim Club. He is a third-year engineering student at UBC and is on the Thunderbirds swim team.



### Amanda Trenchard

Soccer

Amanda Trenchard of Edmonton received a Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Award in 2023.

Trenchard was head coach of the Canadian national women's soccer team that won a bronze medal at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany.

Trenchard, who works as a police officer, has been active in Special Olympics for 22 years.

Trenchard competed in college soccer and badminton for the Kelsey Amaruks in Saskatoon. She was on the Saskatchewan field hockey team that finished 10th in the 1985 Canada Summer Games. She's been a soccer referee in Canada West university.



### David Bédard

Diving

David Bédard of the Pointe-Claire Diving Club in Quebec is Diving Plongeon Canada's recipient of the Coach Impact Award for 2023.

Bédard is an assistant coach with the club. He competed in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, 1988 Games in Seoul, 1992 Games in Barcelona and 1996 Games in Atlanta.

Bédard came to Saskatoon in 1990 with the Pointe-Claire Club for nationals at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre. He finished first in three-metre and second in one-metre and tower.

Also during the 1990 nationals, **Mary DePiero** of Thunder Bay, ON., had a rip entry in the final round, scoring her first ever nine on a dive, to win the women's one-metre title. Mary (DePiero) Carroll has been a coach with the Saskatoon Diving Club since 2008.



### Haley Scott

Ringette

Haley Scott of Lacombe, AB., has been in ringette for almost 25 years as a player, coach and official.

When she was a student at the University of Saskatchewan in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, she was active in the Ringette Saskatchewan association.

Scott received an Agnes Jacks Scholarship Award for post-secondary education from Ringette Canada in 2017.

Scott has been an official at provincial ringette championships in Alberta and is a Level 1 officials instructor.

# Touching base

With inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

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**\*Patti Rowley** was a recent addition to the Wall of Honour at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Education. Rowley was a high school teacher in Saskatoon at Bedford Road, Mount Royal and Walter Murray Collegiates. Rowley had a run-scoring single for Saskatoon Harmony Centre when it defeated Agincourt Shamrocks of Ontario in the final at the Canadian women's softball championship in 1980. She competed in gymnastics at the 1975 Western Canada Games and was the only athlete from Saskatoon on Saskatchewan's basketball team that finished sixth in the 1979 Canada Games . . . The Saskatoon Hilltops won their 23rd Canadian junior football title in November. **\*Tom Sargeant** has had a hand in 17 championships, one as a tight end, two as an assistant coach and 14 as head coach. Sargeant was head coach when the Hilltops were defeated in the Canadian final in 2000 . . . The Hilltops defeated the host Westshore Rebels 17-10 in the 2023 final in Langford, B.C. Rebels head coach **Dexter Janke** was a running back with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies for four years, 2010-13 . . . Two of the officials in the CFL's 110th Grey Cup in Hamilton in November are from Saskatchewan: **\*Tim Kroeker**, a teacher in Saskatoon, was in the Grey Cup for the sixth time, his first as the head referee. Umpire **\*Troy Semenchuk**, a teacher in Prince Albert, was in the Grey Cup for the second time.



**Patti Rowley**

## Taking charge

**\*Katie Spriggs** is the Interim Director of Athletics at the University of Alberta. Spriggs was the equipment manager with the Huskies when they won the Vanier Cup as Canadian university football champions in 1996 and 1998 . . . **Bob Strumm**, a native of Saskatoon, was inducted as a builder into the Regina Sports Hall of Fame in October. Strumm was general manager of the WHL's Regina Pats for six seasons and Pats coach for two years. He was the general manager of the Canadian team, coached by **\*Dave King** of Saskatoon, that won the world junior title in 1982 . . . The Huskies are the host team for the U SPORT women's hockey championship March 14-17 at Merlis Belsher Place. The Huskies have been to nationals three times since **Steve Kook** became head coach in 2005-06 . . . **\*Bryan Kosteroski** is Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year for 2023. Diver **Rylan Wiens** is Athlete of the Year. **Sherry Anderson** and her seniors rink with lead **Anita Silvernagle**, second **Brenda Goertzen** and third **Patty Hersikorn** is Team of the Year. Recipients of the Kinsmen **\*Lloyd Saunders** Scholarship Awards are wrestler **Myah Clatney** from Bishop Mahoney High School and football receiver **Datiel Fountain** from Walter Murray Collegiate . . . **Jim Little** was inducted into the Moose Jaw & District Sports Hall of Fame in October as a hockey athlete and builder. Little, a defenceman, twice won the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League title with the Moose Jaw Pla-Mors. He played for the Saskatoon Quakers in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League in 1965-66 and for the Quakers in 1970-71 in the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League.



**Katie Spriggs**

## Sports stories, good times

**\*Henrietta (Mackay) Goplen** was a forward with the Huskiettes basketball team when the University of Saskatchewan won the Cecil Race Trophy as intercollegiate champions in 1951 and 1952.

She was on the Huskiette volleyball team that won the Landa Trophy as intercollegiate champions in 1952 and 1954.

In speed skating, she rode the train to Sudury, ON., in 1947 for her first nationals, finishing second overall.

In 1975, she was the first woman in Canada to be a speed skating coach. She went on to serve as a coach or official at seven Canada Games.

She was a finish line judge at the world short track championships in Montreal in 1987 and at the Calgary Oval for the Olympics in 1988.

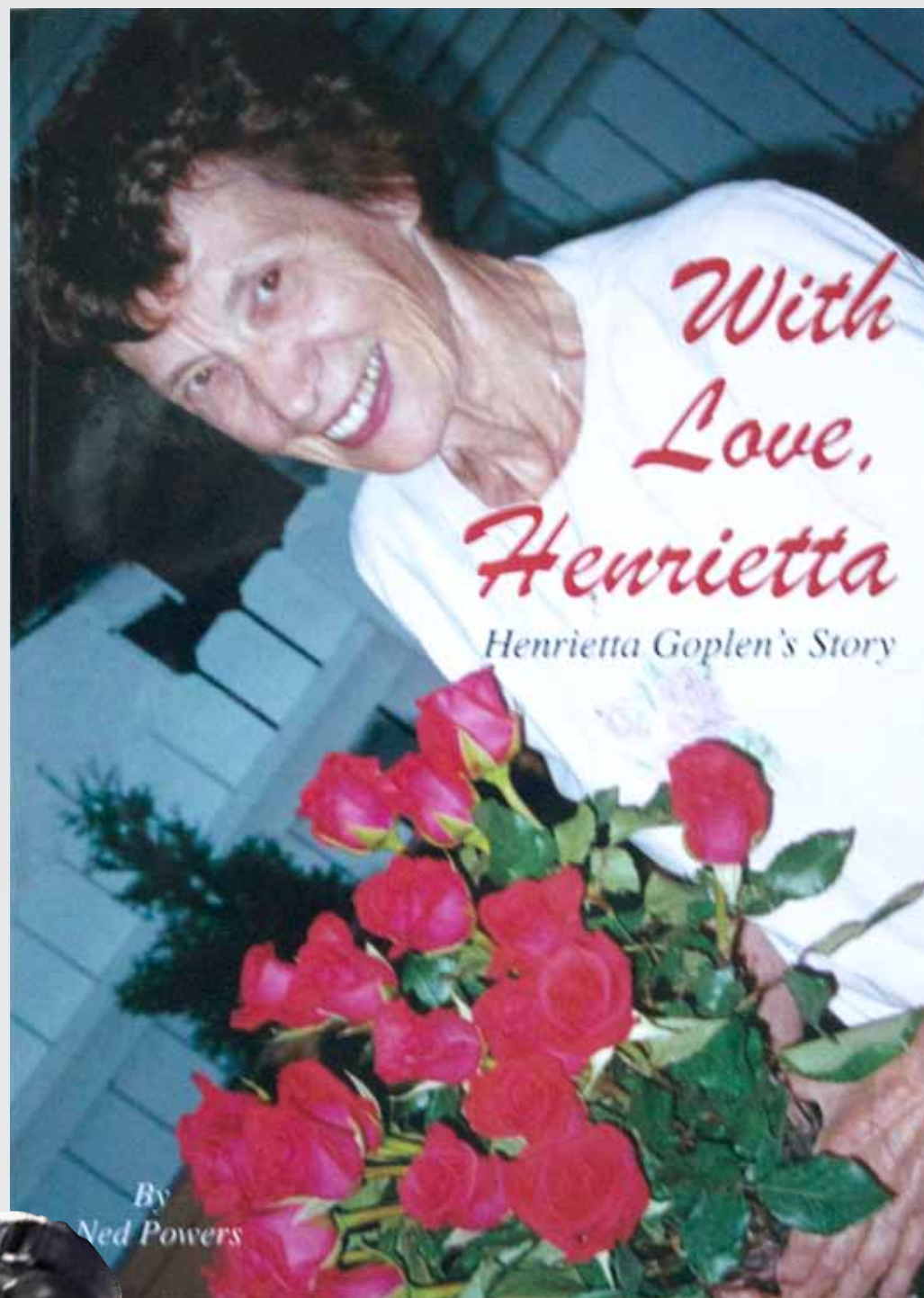
You could write a book about Henrietta. **\*Ned Powers** did.

Powers, an author and journalist, is Goplen's partner. *With Love Henrietta* is a biography and memoir he started in 2022, with the encouragement of her son **\*Dr. Gordon Goplen**.

Henrietta and Ned live in Kelowna, B.C. They returned to Saskatoon on a weekend last November for the annual Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet.

Another one of Henrietta's sons, **\*Dr. Gary Goplen**, is married to **Nancy (Durnin) Goplen**.

Nancy is a coach with the Kelowna Speed Skating Club. She received a Coaching Award of Excellence from Speed Skating Canada for 2022-23.



**Ned Powers**



## A concept of the new ring for the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

**\*Jim Wilson** was the skip of the rink from Aden Bowman Collegiate that won the Saskatchewan school boys title in 1972 and finished second at school boy nationals.

He was lead on **\*Rick Folk's** rink from the Nutana Curling Club that in 1980 won the Canadian Brier and the world Silver Broom.

He was second on **\*Eugene Hritzuk's** rink

from Nutana that was runner-up at Canadian senior nationals in 2005 and was third on Hritzuk's rink that won the Canadian masters title in 2014.

Wilson continues to rock. Check out the new bling for the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. It's Wilson's idea.

Athletes, builders and teams inducted in the Hall can buy the custom ring.