

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

December 2012  
to February 2013  
Newsletter

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are in the Field House

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## Sports Hall of Fame president's message by Jerry Shoemaker



On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I want to thank all those who attended our 27th annual induction ceremony and dinner on Nov. 3. To our 66 past inductees who attended, a very special thank you for your continued support.

I congratulate the 2012 inductees and thank them for their contributions to the sporting community of Saskatoon. It is important we recognize these contributions. I encourage all of you to consider nominating someone to our hall. We are now accepting nominations for team, builder and athlete categories. Submission deadline is April 1. Nomination forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

office at the Field House or on our website at [Saskatoonsportshalloffame.com](http://Saskatoonsportshalloffame.com).

A special thank you to Kevin Waugh, Simon Hiatt and Bob Florence for the great work they do for the Hall of Fame. To our sponsors and supporters thank you for assistance in making this a successful event.

On behalf of all the board members of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I extend to you and your families a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2013.

A reminder that our annual general meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Saskatoon Field House. You are invited to attend.

## 2012 Induction



**DUK SANG HA**  
athlete inductee, tae kwon do



**CURTIS LESCHYSHYN**  
athlete inductee, hockey

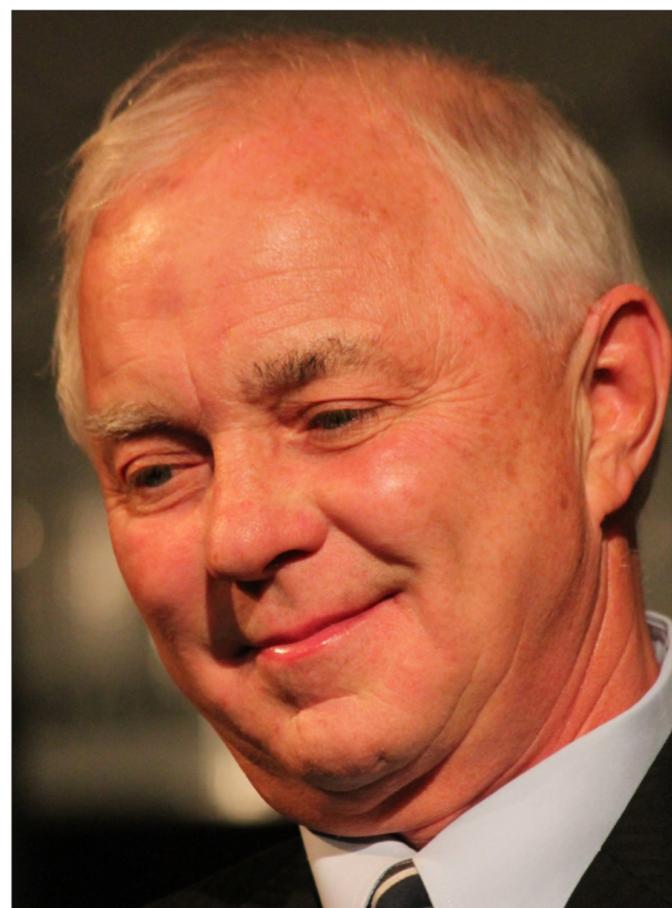
*The happiness, fulfilment, satisfaction we feel comes from two things: our work and our relationships.*

Having our work on the ... track ... road ... mat ... ice ... court ... noticed and appreciated makes us feel good. It is nice to be recognized by others for a job well done. The honour awarded us tonight is an incredible gift we will always treasure.

But the real enduring satisfaction we get is from our relationships — the impact our actions have had on people.

Nothing means more to us than the love of our families and friends and the sense that they are really and truly proud of us.

Mark Tennant  
speaking on behalf  
of the 2012 inductees



**MARK TENNANT**  
builder inductee, volleyball



**JUDY WARICK**  
builder inductee, athletics



**JAE YELLOWLEES**  
representing her husband Dale Yellowlees at banquet  
builder inductee, athletics



**JOSH JANZEN, BROCK PAVIER**  
representing 1998-99 University of Saskatchewan Huskies  
men's volleyball, team inductee



**BRAD CLAUSON, NICOLE POIER**  
chairs of BRIT  
annual high school boys  
basketball tournament  
Hall of Fame  
sports organization  
of the year

### Special guests

Mayor Don Atchison  
Kevin Doherty  
Minister of Parks,  
Culture and Sport  
Kevin Scott  
Sask Sport Inc. past president  
Hugh Vassos  
president Saskatchewan Sports  
Hall of Fame

### Master of ceremonies

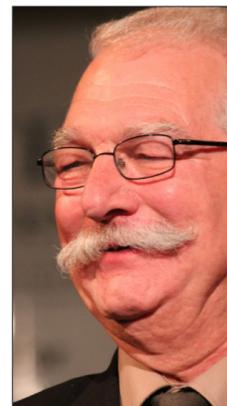
Kevin Waugh

### Citation reader, video

Simon Hiatt  
Piper Don McDonald, escort Sgt. Ernie Fast  
Shaw TV producer Eric Steiner



**LOGAN RODGERS, BILL WHITE**  
representing 1968 University of Saskatchewan  
Huskies men's cross-country running, team inductee



**4**  
years

Goalie Don Atchison makes 26 saves for the shutout as the Saskatoon Blades defeat the Brandon Wheat Kings 8-0 at the Arena in the opening game of their playoff series in the Western Canada Hockey League in 1971-72.

Brandon wins the deciding game 4-3 in overtime in the first-round series.

Among Atchison's teammates are Bob Bourne, Pat Price, Fred Williams and Dave Lewis, who all go on to the NHL. Lawrence Sacharuk of the Blades sets a Canadian junior hockey record that season for goals by a defenceman with 50, breaking the mark of 38 goals set by Bobby Orr in 1965-66.

Atchison has been elected this year to his fourth term as mayor of Saskatoon.



Don Atchison

**7**  
years

Edmonton Grads defeat Saskatoon Grads 116-15 in a women's exhibition basketball game that draws a crowd of more than 1,500 people to Exhibition Stadium in 1934.

Noel MacDonald scores 32 points for Edmonton. MacDonald was born in Mortlach, Sask., and lived in Estevan and Moose Jaw. She was named Canada's female athlete of the year in 1938.

Nettie Thompson leads Saskatoon with six points. Edmonton Grads had a record of 502-20 in domestic and international competition from 1915 to 1940. They won the world championship four times. Grads were named Canada's basketball team of the first half century in a media poll by Canadian Press, receiving half the total votes.

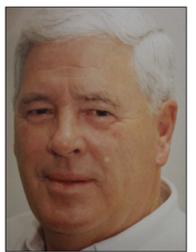


Noel MacDonald

Curtis Leschyshyn, who played defence with the Blades, was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame this year.

Blades in Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame

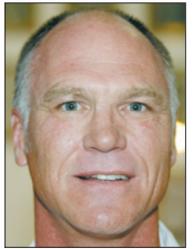
<b>Brent Ashton</b>	centre	1975-79 Blades WCHL/WHL
<b>Ed Chynoweth</b>	assistant GM	1971-72 Blades WCHL
<b>Orest Kindrachuk</b>	centre	1967-71 Blades WCJHL/WCHL
<b>Curtis Leschyshyn</b>	defence	1985-88 Blades WHL
<b>Keith Magnuson</b>	defence	1964-65 Blades SJHL
<b>Jack McLeod</b>	coach/GM/owner	1970-80 Blades WCHL/WHL
<b>Jim Piggott</b>	owner	1964-1976 Blades SHL/WCHL/CMJHL/WHL
<b>Gerry Pinder</b>	right wing	1965-66 Blades SJHL, 1966-67 Blades CMJHL
<b>Herb Pinder Jr.</b>	forward	1964-66 Blades SJHL 1966-67 Blades CMJHL
<b>Bob Schmutz</b>	right wing	1963-65 Blades SJHL
<b>Brian Skrudland</b>	centre	1980-83 Blades WHL
<b>Marshall Toner</b>	forward	1981-82 Blades WHL five games



Jack McLeod



Herb Pinder Jr.



Brian Skrudland



Brent Ashton

Curtis Leschyshyn

For the second time in the 95-year history of the Memorial Cup, the junior hockey championship tournament is in Saskatoon. The 2013 MasterCard Memorial Cup is at Credit Union Centre May 17-26

- Blades are in the 2013 Memorial Cup as the host team.
- At the 1989 Memorial Cup in Saskatoon, the Swift Current Broncos defeated the Blades 4-3 in overtime in the final. Blades goalie Mike Greenlay and defenceman Ken Sutton were named Memorial Cup all-stars.

50-goal season with Blades

Gerry Pinder	1966-67	78 goals	Marc Habscheid	1981-82	64 goals	Larry DePalma	1985-86	61 goals
Bernie Blanchette	1967-68	52 goals	Todd Strueby	1981-82	60 goals	Rod Matechuk	1985-86	57 goals
Ron Fairbrother	1967-68	57 goals	Perry Ganchar	1982-83	68 goals	Troy Volhoffer	1985-86	55 goals
Laurie Yaworski	1970-71	73 goals	Lane Lambert	1982-83	59 goals	Ryan Fujita	1992-93	56 goals
Lawrence Sacharuk	1971-72	50 goals	Roger Kortko	1982-83	62 goals	Andy MacIntyre	1993-94	54 goals
Bernie Federko	1975-76	72 goals	Doug Kyle	1983-84	55 goals	Mark Deyell	1995-96	61 goals
Blair Chapman	1975-76	71 goals	Ron Dreger	1984-85	54 goals	Frank Banham	1995-96	83 goals
Brent Ashton	1978-79	64 goals	Randy Smith	1985-86	60 goals			

# Touching base with Hall

The new Remai Art Gallery on River Landing in Saskatoon will include the **Olivia** and **Greg Yuel** Family Community Studio. Greg and Olivia donated \$500,000 to the gallery scheduled to open in late 2014 or early 2015. After graduating from Mount Royal Collegiate, Greg played linebacker and receiver for the Hilltops for five years from 1987-91. He is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the Hilltops, who were Canadian junior football champions in 1991. Greg was an assistant coach on the Walter Murray Marauders high school team and has competed in the 10 km event in the Saskatchewan Marathon. Olivia coaches at running clinics. She was a three-time provincial high school junior champion for Holy Cross in the 200 and 400 metres and has competed in road races in Western Canada, including the 10 km in the Vancouver Sun Run ... Olivia's running partner in daily workouts is Hall of Fame athlete **Irene Kokotailo** ... Hall inductee **Keith Russell** is president

of the scientific commission with the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG). Russell is also on the editorial board of the gymnastics journal that FIG puts online three times a year, giving information specific to gymnastics. Last summer, Russell was the course leader and taught theory courses to 30 coaches from the Caribbean at a gymnastics academy in Bridgetown, Barbados ... **Don Bjarnarson**, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as an offensive lineman and punter with the 1968 Hilltops, finished second in purse winnings by a trainer in the 2012 thoroughbred meet at Marquis Downs with \$63,600. Horses trained by Bjarnarson finished in the top three 41 times in 66 starts including 19 wins.

**Peter Anholt** has joined the scouting staff of the WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds. Anholt is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1982-83 University of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey team when he played defence. He went on to be a head coach in the WHL with Seattle, Red Deer, Kelowna and Prince Albert. Anholt is general manager of the Wasquesiu Golf Course ... Anholt is 10th in the WHL in career coaching wins. **Lorne Molleken** of the Saskatoon Blades is jockeying with **Don Hay** of the Vancouver Giants for second place in career wins. **Ken Hodge** of the Edmonton Oil Kings and Portland Winterhawks holds the record with 742 wins ... **Owen Felske** is in the Hall as a teammate of Anholt's with the 1982-83 Huskies when he played goalie. His daughter **Kassia Felske** is a rookie this season on the U of S volleyball team ... Wasquesiu Golf Club's chair of the board is **Howard Truscott** of Saskatoon. Truscott played defensive line for three years with the Hilltops and was team president in 1982 ... For the first time since Saskatoon started a high school football league, Bedford Road doesn't have a team. Bedford dropped its football program this season, but talks about having a team again. Nutana defeated Bedford 2-1 in the league's first game in 1924. Bedford has won the provincial championship three times, beating Regina Balfour in 1967, Moose Jaw Peacock in 1968 and Regina LeBoldus in 1998. Among Bedford's football players in the Hall are sprinter **George Short**, speed skater **Bob Hodges**, figure skating coach **Dale Hazell**, basketball builder **Ian Mirtle** and from the CFL, defensive back **Dale West** and linebacker **Jerry Friesen**. Bedford Redmen who won a Canadian championship with the Hilltops and are in the Hall of Fame include **George Calder**, **Axel Fischer**, **Jim Gabert**, **Larry Giles**, **Keith Zokak**, **Ron Morris**, **Glenn Ponomarenko**, **Henry Strelloff** and **Rick Wakeman** ... Hall inductee **Kelly Bowers** coached the Redmen to the provincial high school title in 1998 as well as being an assistant coach on the Hilltops when they won the 1991 Canadian championship ... **Walter Mudge** has been a director with the Hall and was a teacher at Bedford. Mudge was the trainer on Bedford's 1968 provincial football champs ... **George Rathwell**, who served as director of education with Saskatoon Public Schools from 2008-12, was an assistant coach with the Redmen when he taught at Bedford.

**BRIT**, the high school boys basketball tournament at Bedford Road, is the Hall's sports organization of the year this year. **Robert Sacre** of Vancouver Handsworth Royals is the only two-time MVP in the 44-year history of the tournament. Sacre,

23, a seven-foot forward, is a rookie on the roster of the NBA Los Angeles Lakers this season ... **Terry Forbes** is in the Hall for broomball and softball. He has some thoughts on softball at Kinsmen Park, which is removing its diamonds. "I know that Kinsmen Park holds many memories for ladies fastball," Forbes said. "Many memories were created for men's softball on South Kinsmen when the SASA (Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association) had men's games on the south diamond. I played against **Ken Gunn**, **Jay Sim**. How could I forget **Gene McWillie**?" All are in the Hall. Among other Hall inductees who played at Kinsmen are first baseman **Ed Chynoweth**, pitcher **Porky Hulme**, second baseman **Harvey Hildebrandt** and pitcher **Pete Zacharias**, the MVP at the 1969 Canadian championship with the Saskatoon Merchants ... Pitcher **Ollie Fiddler** played at Kinsmen. Fiddler was the MVP in the Saskatoon Senior Men's League in 1965 ... **Donna Veale**, who is in the Hall as a player with the Harmony Centre softball team, received a coaching merit award from the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate at its 17th annual coaching luncheon. Builder inductee **Yves Belanger** received a service award. **Scott Hundseth**, who is in the Hall as a defensive lineman with the Hilltops and Huskies, was given a coaching award. Hundseth coaches football and girls basketball at Holy Cross ... Hundseth led the Crusaders to the provincial 4A final this season. They were defeated by Regina LeBoldus 41-14 in the final. Hall inductee **Kirby Frey** coached the Bishop Mahoney Saints to the 3A title, defeating Regina O'Neill 44-14.

The breakout year for minor football in Saskatoon was 1967 with the launch of the Kinsmen Tackle League. Six teams in the league are named after inductees in the Saskatoon Sports Hall: **Bob Arn**, **John Babineau**, **Blaine Knoll**, **Al Ledingham**, **Paul Schoenhals** and **Ron Tinkler**. Saskatoon started flag football in 1957 ... **Joseph Kanuka**, the first president of the Saskatchewan Amateur Football Association and a founding member of Sask Sport Inc., died in White Rock, B.C., in October. He was 77. Joe is from Regina. Kanuka's son Mike played cornerback for the Saskatoon Hilltops. His daughter Lynn competed for the University of Saskatchewan in track and field and cross-country one season. Lynn won a bronze medal in the 3,000 metres in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics ... **John Bloski** of Saskatoon died in September at age 73. Bloski was a public address announcer at Blades games ... **Jack Adilman** is making impact on sports in Saskatoon. Adilman is inducted into the Hall as a builder, including being coach and manager of the Adilman Aces, Canadian women's basketball champions in 1959. The Jack Adilman Trust Fund is a bequest of his estate. Among recipients of grants from the fund are the Kinsmen/Henk Ruys Centre for new playing floors in the soccer and volleyball facility, the Saskatoon Bridge City BMX Club for its race track in Lakewood, the Marian Gymnastics Club, Saskatchewan Fencing and the Saskatoon Cricket Association ... Riverside Country Club has produced a book to mark 100 years since the golf club started south of Saskatoon. Riverside is designed by **Bill Kinnear**, a builder inductee in the Hall. Among other inductees who are members of Riverside are athletes **Jim Scissons**, a six-time Saskatchewan Amateur men's champion, **Barb Danaher**, winner of the Saskatchewan women's Amateur 10 times and a runner-up 10 times, **Brent Ashton**, **Rick Folk**, **Judy Knoll**, **Pat Lawson**, **Gerry Pinder**, **Herb Pinder Jr.**, **Ed Ross Jr.**, and **Vera Pezer** and builders **Don Campbell**, **Jack Leddy** and **Walt Riddell**. The book is researched and written by **Lori Harvie**, a golfer and curler ... **Don Smith** is in the Hall as an assistant coach with the U of S women's volleyball team that won the 1980-81 Canadian title. Smith was honoured this year as a Friend of Mustang Volley, a high school tournament at Mount Royal. Smith coached Marion Graham Falcons in 1993 and Aden Bowman Bears in 1997 to the provincial high school boys volleyball title ... The Canadian women's soccer team, bronze medalists at the 2012 London Olympics, has been selected Sport Canada team of the year. **Kaylyn Kyle** and **Kelly Parker** of Saskatoon played on the team ... **Mike Babcock** of Saskatoon has joined the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame with the national men's hockey team that won gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Babcock was head coach of the team.



Pete Zacharias



Bedford Road helmet



Jack Adilman

## Passings

**Sylvia Fedoruk, 1927-2012**  
Team inductee, curling, softball

Sylvia Fedoruk of Canora is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in two sports.

Fedoruk played third on Joyce McKee's rink that won the first Canadian women's curling championship in 1961. In softball, she played third base for the Hub City Ramblers coached by Gil Strumm. The Ramblers won the Western Canadian championship in 1955.

Fedoruk competed in basketball, golf, hockey, track and field and volleyball with the University of Saskatchewan. She went on to become the first female Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan and the first female chancellor at the U of S.

In her work in medical physics, Fedoruk helped to develop radiation for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. She is inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, Canadian Curling Hall of Fame, Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and University of Saskatchewan Athletic Wall of Fame. Fedoruk is an Officer of the Order of Canada which recognizes lifetime achievement.

## For the record

The Saskatoon Hilltops won their 16th national championship this season, the most ever for a junior football club in Canada.

Tom Sargeant has a hand in 10 of the titles. Sargeant has been head coach of the Hilltops for seven Canadian titles, an assistant coach for two and played tight end on the team that won the championship in 1985.

Sargeant is in the Hall with six Hilltop teams. Other members of the coaching staff this season who are inducted into the Hall are Sheldon Ball, Warren Muzika, Jack Nepjuk, Brent Turkington and Jeff Yausie. Also serving as assistant coaches this year are Don Davidson and Brent Stevens.

## Thank you Hall sponsors

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## Hall of Fame directors

- Jerry Shoemaker, president
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- Members at large**
- Gerry Heskett, Walter Mudge, Mark Tennant, Bob Florence

## Coming attractions

- 2013
- Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey March 14-17, Credit Union Centre
  - Canadian cadet age 15-16 and juvenile 17-18 wrestling April 4-7, site to be announced
  - Memorial Cup Canadian Hockey League championship May 17-26, Credit Union Centre

- Softball Canada Under-21 International Cup for men July 10-15, Bob Van Impe Stadium, Gordie Howe diamond
  - CFL Grey Cup Nov. 24, Mosaic Stadium in Regina
- 2014
- Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey March 20-23, Credit Union Centre
  - Canadian summer nationals in swimming July 17-20, Shaw Centre

- 2015
- Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball Feb. 27-March 1, PAC at University of Saskatchewan
  - World men's softball championship July, dates to be scheduled
  - Royale Cup Canadian women's amateur golf July 27-31, Riverside Country Club