

Broomball team sweeps into Hall

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They made history

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum 2005 Inductees

Athletes

Ted Jaleta: Canadian Masters 10-km road race champion 1995-97; between 1986-20 placed first in 43 of 50 local races while living in Regina; competed in distances throughout North America from 5,000m to full marathons; Saskatchewan senior 10,000m champ in 1989; Saskatchewan 10,000m champ and Timex Road Series champ in 1994

Bob Reindl: Won Saskatoon high school championships with records at 400m, 800m, 1,500m and 3,000m in 1974-75; held provincial records in 15 indoor and outdoor events; 1975 Canadian 10-mile road race winner; undefeated through 12 straight 800m races in 1977 national and international events.

Caren (Rathie) Reindl: Saskatoon high school champion in 100m, 200m and 400m, aggregate winner 1974-76; won 400m and was on winning 4x100 and 4x400 teams at 1976 North American junior championships in Mexico City; continued winning awards since becoming masters athlete in 1994.

Ed Staniewski: Began hockey career in Moose Jaw, winning 1970 provincial midget championship; spent 1971-75 as goaltender with Western Canadian Junior Hockey League's Regina Pats; Pats MVP 1973-75, including Memorial Cup championship season of 1973-74; played 10 NHL seasons with St. Louis Blues, Winnipeg Jets and Hartford Whalers.

Builders

Allan Few: On Judo Saskatchewan's grading board for 26 years; spent four years as provincial coach; referee at Western Canada Games and Jeux Canada Games; developed judo programs at Saskatoon YMCA; Level 2 technical instructor and theory A and B facilitator.

Peter Jmaeff: Started shooting career in Royal Canadian Air Force; from Kamsack; served as president of rifle clubs in Winnipeg and Regina, Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association (1976-85) and Saskatchewan Small Bore Association (1985-93); conducted level 1 and 2 instructional courses; officiated at numerous international events and five times attended competition in Bisley, England in various roles.

Shirley (Shockey) Kowalski: A top-rated pitcher,

final, and their first three games during the Canadian championship in Calgary.

Representing Saskatchewan, the Bruins lost twice (including a defeat against Ontario) before rebounding with back-to-back playoff victories.

"We combined our teams after the provincials," said Duff. "Bruno's team was exactly like ours: We both worked so hard that it was easy to play together. "When we won the nationals it was a good feeling for the younger guys. For some of the older guys who had been playing 20 years or so — guys like Allan Duff, Grant Stahl, Jeff Nostadt and Tony Kalaman — it was a great feeling

Broomball may be disappearing from the provincial scenery, but its legacy has been insured by the first induction of a broomball team into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

The Regina Silver Screen Bruins, winners of the 2001 Canadian men's championship, were among three teams, four builders and four athletes presented as this year's inductees during simultaneous media conferences held Wednesday in Regina and Saskatoon.

They will be officially honoured during the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum's 2005 induction weekend, which includes a dinner June 11 at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts and a fund-raising golf tournament June 10 at Deer Valley Golf and Estates.

"Broomball's a dying sport," said Mike Duff, a member of the Regina Silver Screen Bruins who attended the media conference at the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in downtown Regina.

"About 10 or 15 years ago there were tournaments every weekend all across the province. Now it's slowing down and there's only one big tournament. This (induction) is a pretty big thing for our sport."

Also being feted will be the 1991 Saskatoon Hilltops junior football team and Janet Perkin's 1953 curling rink.

"About 30 years we remembered all the details," said Perkin, whose rink marched through the Caledonian Curling Club, Regina, southern Saskatchewan, provincial and — the ultimate crown in the 1950s — Western Canadian championships. "We had to keep winning because we didn't get three or four chances like they do now. And all I remember are the shots I missed."

"She remembers the shots she missed," said Joyce Miller, the lead on Perkin's rink. "But I remember the one she made. When we won the Western Canadians here in Regina she had to make her last shot.

"I called it her \$400 shot because after she made it we each got \$100 gift certificates. That was a lot of money back then."

The athletes being inducted are distance runner Ted Jaleta, former Regina Pats goaltender Ed Staniewski and sprinter Caren (Rathie) Reindl and her husband Bob Reindl, a middle-distance runner.

The builders are Allan Few (judo), Peter Jmaeff (shooting), Marta Kroupa (rhythmic gymnastics) and Shirley (Shockey) Kowalski (softball).

Duff was his team's most valuable player in the national championship game four years ago, when the Bruins — an amalgamation of players from Odessa, Bruno and Regina — upset a powerhouse squad from Ontario 3-2. The Bruins had been unbeaten in 12 league games before winning five straight games in the provincial championship, including an overtime win over the Bruno Axemen in the

played in five Western Canadian softball championships and four senior A Canadian championships; coached teams to city championships in Regina and home town of Saskatoon; also coached internationally; conducted coaching and skills clinics; created "Learn to Play" soft-ball program and rewrote course conductor manuals for Softball Saskatchewan; director of Coaching Association of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Games Council.

Marta Kroupa: Introduced rhythmic gymnastics to Saskatchewan after arriving in Esterhazy from Czechoslovakia; worked with Sask Sport to found Saskatchewan Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Association in 1979; established Challenge Cup for participants from across Western Canada; coached Saskatchewan teams at Western Canada Games, regional championships and European gymnastades; elected in 2004 as coaching representative for Gymnastics Canada Technical Committee for Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Teams

1991 Saskatoon Hilltops: Dave Hardy-coached team finished regular season of Prairie Football Conference with 7-1 record; beat Edmonton Huskies 52-6 and Regina Rams 32-9 in playoff games; defeated visiting Okanagan Sun 42-27 in Western Canadian final; playing national junior championship in Saskatoon, they beat Ottawa Sooners 48-7 as quarterback Brent Schneider passed for 472 yards and four touchdowns.

2001 Regina Silver Screen Bruins: Undefeated (11-0-1) in regular season of Regina Broomball League; won four straight games in provincial championship before beating Bruno Axemen 3-2 in overtime; after winning three and losing two at national championship in Calgary, team upended Quebec 4-1 and Ontario 3-2 to win title; Mike Duff was MVP of the final game and Jason Bender was the tournament's most valuable player.

1953 Janet Perkin rink: Perkin, Phyllis Day, Jean Graham and Joyce Miller began trek to Western Canadian women's curling championship by winning the Caledonian Curling Club, city of Regina, southern Saskatchewan and provincial playdowns; won best-of-three provincial championship in North Battleford; went 3-1 in round-robin portion of Western championship in Regina, then beat Alberta 12-11 in an extra end, days after losing 22-4 to Alberta in a round-robin game that was their first on artificial ice.

because they had never won a Canadian championship. It was the first time any team other than Ontario or Quebec had won, and that (Ontario) team had won something like 15 of the first 25 championships."

This year's inductees bring the total to 390 members since the hall was formed in 1966.