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Editor's Message

WELCOME TO SALUTE—The Official Magazine of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame. Salute is a unique publication, as it not only profiles our honoured inductees each year, it also recognizes our scholarship athletes and provides stories about people, places and events throughout Etobicoke.

This year, we are pleased to highlight our inductees, all of whom have had significant success in their sport, or contributed to sport in the community.

Paul Laurent—Athlete Category
Michael Burns Jr.— Media Category
Paul Dennis—Builder Category
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Nav Bhatia—Honorary Member Category

As in every year, the highlight of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame is the presentation of scholarships. The number of Etobicoke High School scholarships has been expanded to a record high five awards. As customary, four student-athletes and two students in media related fields from Humber College will receive $1,000.00 scholarships. Of course, one of the highlights of the night continues to be the presentation of scholarships to two Special Olympians.

I would like to extend a sincere welcome to our special guest, Mr. Nav Bhatia. Nav, better known in sport circles as the Toronto Raptors superfan, continues to be a strong supporter of sport.

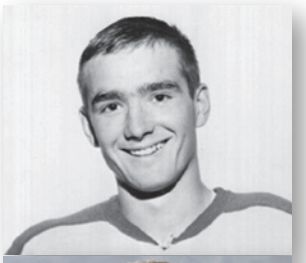
A special thanks to our profiles writers, Steve Buffery, Brian Lepp and a tip of the hat to graphic artist Joseph De Gregorio, whose artistic talents continue to produce this exceptional magazine, now in his tenth year with Salute Magazine.

This past year, Covid has brought us all incredible challenges, and for some, great loss. The Board of Governors extend their condolences to all in our community who have been adversely affected by the virus. Sport has played a back seat, but in many instances has also given many hope. We have been able to witness the return of professional sport, which has entertained us in a time when we needed it most.

Be well. Be safe. And, Game On!

Jim Bialek
Editor

















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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

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Malik Metivier who specializes in the grueling 400 meter hurdles will be running in the NCAA National Championship Meet in Eugene Oregon representing Auburn University (Alabama) this month.

Malik started his track career in elementary school running at Our Lady of Peace. He also played rep basketball for the Etobicoke Thunder and rep soccer for Etobicoke Energy. Malik started to focus on track at Father Redmond in grade 10. He later went on to train with the Etobicoke Track and Field Club under Godfrey James. Malik finished 6th in the 400m hurdles at OFSAA in grade 11 and was injured for the season in grade 12.

Due to the injury in his grade 12 season, he only received one NCAA Division 1 scholarship offer from Drake University, which he accepted. By his second year at Drake, Malik had qualified for the NCAA West Regionals and had broken the school record. But the end of the 2018 season was bitter sweet. He went on to win his first Ontario Championship, his first Canadian Championship and qualify for his first National team but also realized that because of the coaching changes at Drake, he would need to transfer schools. Malik decided to transfer to Auburn University in Alabama.

The transfer came with challenges. Another injury and the decision to stay in Alabama to train alone during the pandemic was difficult. But it became obvious that it was the right choice because in his senior year at Auburn he won a bronze medal at the SEC Conference Championships. He then went on to compete at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

In Oregon, he ran a personal best time of 49.26, earning the title of "All-American" by finishing 5th overall.

Currently, Malik Metivier is ranked #1 in Canada in the 400m hurdles and 7th in the NCAA which is an amazing feat given the injuries that he has had to endure.

With all of his accomplishments on the track, Malik's proudest moment came in May when he graduated from Auburn University, Magna Cum Laude with a degree from the College of Liberal Arts (Communications).

"Congratulations Malik!! Your perseverance, dedication and commitment has not only paid off but it has set a high standard for other elite athletes trying to pursue their athletic dreams and careers. Something tells me that you're not done yet" says Joanne Noble, President and Chair of the Board of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame honours, for all-time, those individuals and organizations who achieve the highest standard of distinction in sport, inspiring and supporting the pursuit of excellence by student and Special Olympics athletes within our community.

VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to make a positive impact on young people's lives by providing opportunities to further their education through scholarship programs and fostering participation in competitive sports to maintain active and healthy lifestyles while achieving academic success.

President's Message

It has been an extraordinary year no doubt. And I first want to express my unconditional gratitude to all of the front line workers who have not only put their own lives at risk, but have saved so many lives by doing so. I would also like to express my sincerest condolences to those we have lost to this deadly virus.

If someone were to tell me last February that a pandemic is about to take place and shut the world down, I would have believed one to be not of sound mind. Wow, fourteen months later, we are still living through a pandemic.

With the cancellation of all of our events in 2020, the induction of the 2020 inductees was deferred to 2021. I would like to congratulate the 2020 Inductees into our Hall of Fame. Each of them has had an enormous impact on sport through their accomplishments, passion and dedication. It is astounding to see the growing list of inductee names on our Wall of Fame and is certainly a true reminder Etobicoke remains to be a great community for sports to so many people.

I would also like to congratulate the Humber College and High School scholarship recipients. This past year has proven to create new stresses for students who are usually able to rely on summer jobs to help pay for school expenses and student loans. Our Hall made it a priority to continue to honour and award theses students with a scholarship through these difficult and challenging times even though our fundraising efforts came to a halt. Our Student Scholarship Program is one of our ways of staying connected to our Etobicoke community and we are very proud to be able to give each of these amazing student-athletes a $1,000 scholarship to help further their education.

I am very proud of our affiliation and long existing commitment with the Special Olympics, and that our Hall of Fame is able to provide two $1,000 scholarships each year to a Special Olympics male and female athlete from the Etobicoke community. These special athletes rely on organized sports teams for their recreational activities and this past year, they have been sitting patiently on the sidelines for the restart of their teams and sports. Their undeniable commitment and contagious positive energy are values that have surely helped this past year. It's their drive, dedication and enthusiasm that make them great athletes and amazing role models. Congratulations to the 2020 scholarship recipients on your outstanding accomplishments!

There are several positives that we can all take from this pandemic. Although, the sports organizations and fitness facilities have been closed, many people and families have been able to spend much more quality time together and have been able to enjoy the outdoors by walking, running or other forms of activity. We have certainly learned the importance exercise has on our mental wellness, and I hope that everyone can remain active in their own ways and continue to live a healthy lifestyle through these unprecedented times.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Governors and Advisors and our Executive Director, Paul Borg who continually volunteer their time and make this Hall arguably the best of its kind.

Let's all hope that 2021 brings safer, healthier and happier times.

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Joanne Noble
President & Chair of the Board



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Dear Neighbour,

This has been a difficult year for everyone, and our sports world has been no exception.

Despite the struggles of this past year, the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame (ESHOF) has found a way to persevere and continue the incredible work they do. The ESHOF showcases the legacy of the people from Etobicoke who have made a significant impact on the sports world both near and far. The ESHOF found a way to continue to provide funding for the Student Scholarship and Special Olympics Scholarship Program for 2020, which goes to assist Humber College and Etobicoke high school student athletes and Etobicoke Special Olympics athletes, with the scholarships that they have been working hard for.

I'd like to congratulate the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame for their work, and thank them for their ongoing commitment to our community.

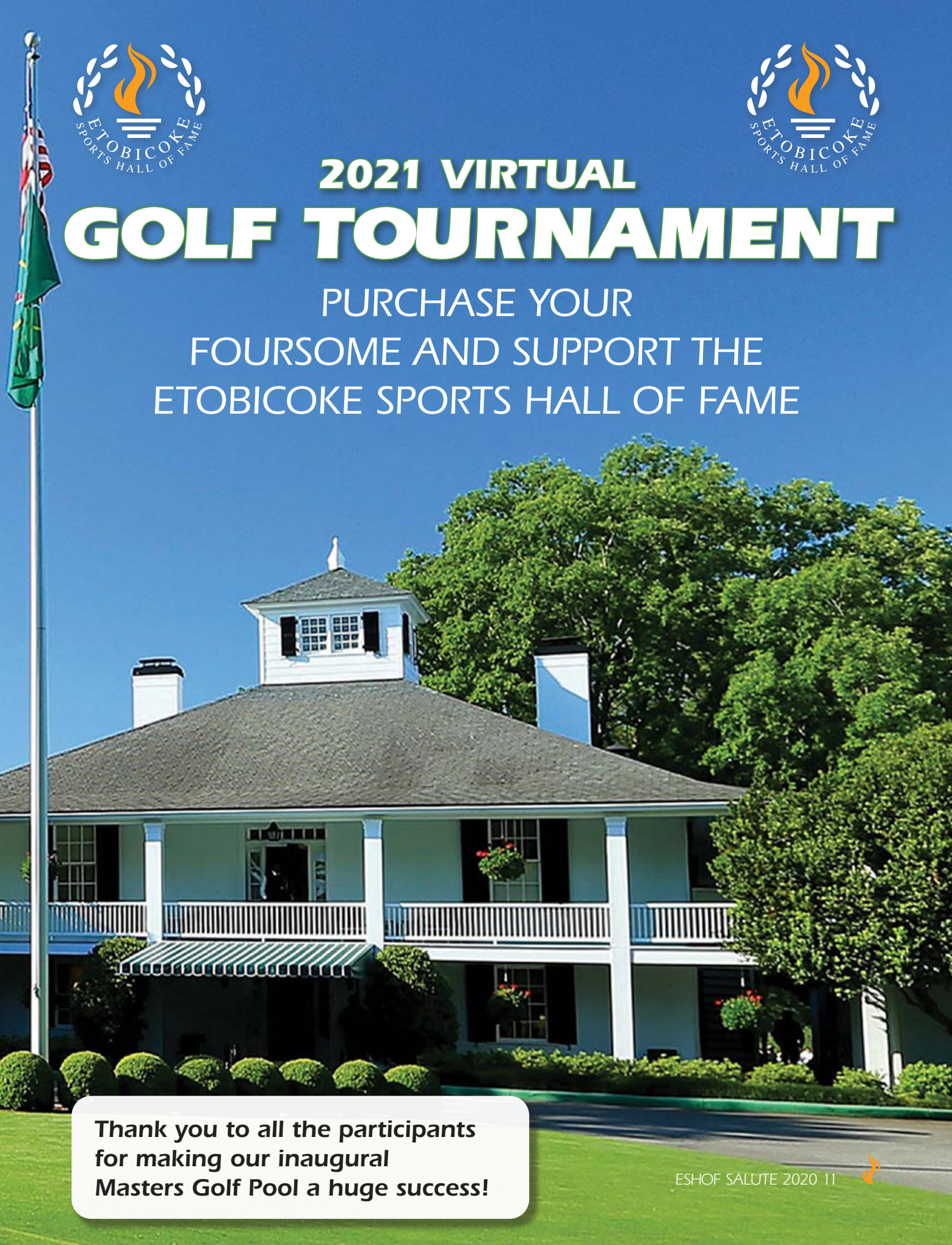
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PAUL LAURENT ATHLETE



Former Toronto Maple Leafs coach Tom Watt remembers a story from the late 1960's when he was coaching the juggernaut University of Toronto Varsity Blues hockey team.

It was early in the fall and Varsity Arena wasn't available as of yet so Watt managed to convince the Leafs to allow his team to practice at Maple Leaf Gardens, even though they were painting the inside of the Gardens at the time. One of his players, Paul Laurent, picked the story up from there:

"We'd be on the ice at six in the morning and they put us in a dressing room at the back," said Laurent, a 2020 Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame inductee. "Well, we noticed there was a pile of banners on the floor. I think they were using them as paint drops. I saw one of them and said, 'Holy crap, that's the year my dad won the Memorial Cup.' It had been hanging from the rafters. And so I took the damn thing home and my dad was happy to see it."

The banner commemorated the West Toronto Nationals, 1936 Memorial Cup champions. Paul Laurent's father, Bobby, was on that team, a talented club that defeated the Saskatoon Wesleys in two games for the title. Future Maple Leafs owner Harold Ballard was GM of the Nationals.

"I think we probably used it as a paint drop too (at home)," Paul said with a laugh.

In 1964, the Toronto Marlboros won the Memorial Cup, defeating the Edmonton Oil Kings in four games. Paul Laurent was a rookie on that team—marking one of the very few times in history that a father/son both won Canada's most prestigious junior hockey championship.

Winning the Memorial Cup in the 1963–64 season would be the pinnacle for almost anybody. But for lifetime Long Branch/Etobicoke boy Paul Laurent, lifting the Memorial Cup Trophy was just one highlight of many. Laurent enjoyed a career in hockey that was incredible and unique, and it all began with the Faustina House League in 1954. From there, the young Laurent climbed the ladder, joining the Marlboros system in 1958, where he spent three seasons before switching over to the Swiss Chalet midgets, an unaffiliated team, to avoid the "C" Form requirements. For $100, any NHL club could get your rights handed over to them and the Leafs offered to sign Laurent, who wasn't prepared to sign.

"I still have the ($100) cheque that (Leafs owner) Stafford Smythe signed for me to sign the C Form," said Laurent. "It's framed in my basement."

Laurent signed a junior deal with the Leafs the next year and in 1962–63, played for the Lakeshore Goodyears Jr. B team, where he was named Rookie of the Year. From there, he joined the Jr. A Marlboros and played two seasons, winning the Memorial Cup in his first year and then leading the club in scoring with 43 goals with 57 assists for 100 points in 54 games, in his second year.

Before the start of his third year of junior eligibility, Laurent met with Watt, who invited him to come play with the Varsity Blues. Though he had a tremendous second year with the Marlboros, Laurent—already a very serious student—elected to join UofT for the 1965–66 season—the start of an incredible journey with the Blues. Under Watt, Laurent helped guide the UofT to five consecutive Ontario league titles and four CIAU national championships. He received five First Colours and a Bronze "T", earned the Dafoe Trophy as team MVP in 1968–69 and 1969–70, was team captain in 1968-69 and won the Biggs Trophy in 1969–70. He was named a league All-Star in each of his five seasons, and amassed 186 points, and is in the UofT Sports Hall of Fame.

"I was fortunate to get him," said Watt, who joined UofT as head coach in Laurent's first season. "He was great right from the start. He was a big scorer. And I was fortunate that when I came, Steve Monteith was a big star and had scored a lot of points and Hank Monteith, his younger brother, was in his second year, so I put them together as a line with Paul between them and they were pretty good right from the start."

Not only did Laurent leave UofT with numerous records and championships, as well as a law degree, he finished his career with a bang, scoring the winning goal in the 1970 CIAU Gold Medal match in the last minute of regulation time over Saint Mary's Huskies.



"I remember it was an old barn there (in Charlottetown, PEI), and they were allowed to smoke at that time. It was so bad, if the game had got into overtime, I think it would have been called," said Watt, with a laugh. "But Paul scored the winning goal and we won 3–2 with 14 seconds left. Not a bad way to go out."

Watt remembers Laurent's discipline, drive and the dedication to his studies—the way he would rush home to work at his family's pub at the old Eastwood Park Hotel, located on the Lakeshore just at the end of Brown's Line—often working until 2 a.m. and then getting up the next morning to go back to school.

"I started working in the kitchen when I was 11 or 12 years old. And almost got the placed closed down when I was 20," Laurent said with a laugh.

The legal drinking age in Ontario was 21 at the time and the liquor control board showed up one night and shut the bar down for a couple of weeks.

"I was working behind the bar because I was the only boy in the family and my dad was in the hospital," Laurent explained.

One other UofT highlight for Laurent was when the Blues travelled to Innsbruck, Austria in 1968 to represent Canada at the World University Games. They almost didn't make it. The day the Blues were supposed to fly out of Toronto, a major snowstorm hit southern Ontario and the team had to take a train to Buffalo and then on to New York. From there they flew to Zurich, caught some sleep in the afternoon, and flew on to Innsbruck.

"It took us 2 1/2–3 days to get there," said Laurent. "We got one night sleep and put us on another train and sent us to a little town in western Austria called Feldkirch. The first game, we played the Czechs and we were so tired, we were down 3–0 after the first three shifts.

"But it was a wonderful experience," said Laurent, who remembers scoring a memorable goal against the Russians.

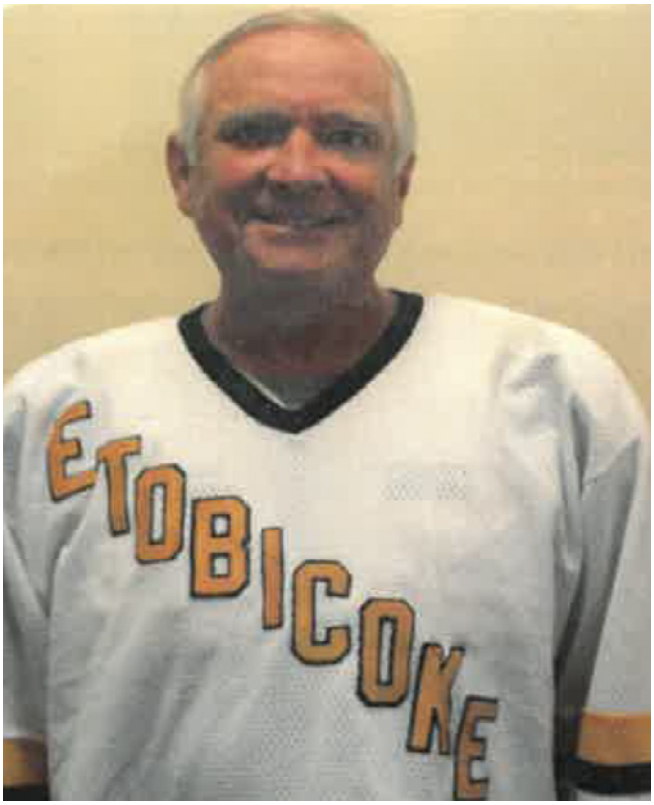
"The Russians were older and many were in the army. They were definitely the team to beat," he said. "We were losing 5-4 with a minute to go, Ward Passi went down the ice, gave me a pass, And I took a backhand shot from just inside the blue line, and I knew it went in. It hit the boards in the back. The referee went to check and said it's a goal. The puck went right through the net. So that was another one that was pretty good."

Paul continued to play hockey, mostly with the Lakeshore and Etobicoke Oldtimers clubs until he was 69.

"The one regret I have is, I was in law school and we were preparing for exams, in April. I was 22–23 at the time," he said. "Jim Gregory called me and said, 'We (the Leafs) need somebody tonight. Chicago's in town. Do you want to come down and sit on the bench?' I said, 'Jim, I'd love to. But I can't do it. It will just throw me completely out of whack.' What happened in that game was, (Punch) Imlach brought his son Brent to play. In retrospect, I should have said, 'Yeah, I'll go down.'"

Laurent is still practicing law after 48 years and is a partner with McBride Wallace Laurent & Cord LLP in Etobicoke. He still sees some of his Blues teammates from time to time.

"We still get together for our golf games in the summertime. The only problem now is, we're comparing replaced knees and hip operations," Laurent said with a laugh.



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PAUL DENNIS BUILDER

One of the best moves Floyd Smith made as the General Manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs was bringing in Paul Dennis to the storied franchise.

Dennis never scored a goal nor recorded an assist for the Leafs, but the Etobicoke native made an indelible mark on the club nonetheless, for 20 years in fact, as a highly-respected player development coach, mental skills coach and video coach.



"Here's a guy who stayed with the club during the most difficult time in Maple Leafs history—and they had some pretty dreadful years in the 80's and 90's and around the turn of the century—the longest-serving employee through all of the Cliff Fletcher, Brian Burke, John Ferguson, Ken Dryden, and Pat Quinn years," said Jim Nicoletti, Dennis' long-time friend, co-coach and former high school football teammate at Scarlett Heights Collegiate. "What does that tell you?."

Dennis' career in sports didn't begin and end with the Toronto Maple Leafs. To say the former high school star quarterback has left his mark on Canadian sport-pro and amateur—would be a vast understatement. Dennis' resume is remarkable and his inclusion into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame long overdue. One of nine children, Dennis began his professional career in sports as head of the physical and health education department at Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School in Etobicoke, as well a hockey coach at the school. (His captain of the high school team was Mike Futa, the former assistant GM with the Los Angeles Kings). While at Carr, Dennis was hired by the legendary Frank Bonello to coach the Toronto Marlboros' OHL team and he later became president of the Marlboro organization. That led to his move to the Leafs. Toronto head coach Pat Quinn made Dennis the team's video coach in 1989, the beginning of a close relationship that lasted until Quinn's death in 2014.

"He was one of the best individuals I ever worked with in pro hockey," said Dennis. "If he believed in you, if he had confidence in you, he let you do what you do best and he didn't micro-manage. You always knew what to expect. You asked him a direct question, you always got a direct answer."

Dennis was also involved in the international game. He was the video coach for the host country at the 1991 Canada Cup and later the sports psychologist to Canada's World Junior hockey team in 2002 and 2003. Dennis has also been heavily involved in Canadian university sport and the Greater Toronto Hockey League and was instrumental in helping to establish the Ontario Hockey League's "exceptional athletes status" program in 2005 for draft eligible players. The very first applicant was a 14-year-old from Oakville, current Maple Leafs captain John Tavares.



"I knew this boy will have no issues whatsoever being amongst players that are 3–4 years older than he," said Dennis, looking back. "He was highly mature and certainly had leadership qualities. You could see he was such an insightful young man and that this boy was going to have no trouble in dealing with obstacles. He had the mental toughness and wisdom as a 14 year old to handle tough situations."

Education has always been a major part of Dennis' life, at least as he got older.

"Paul wasn't a great student in high school," said Nicoletti with a laugh. "I don't think his principal and guidance councillor thought he would amount to very much. Paul was going to drop out of high school. But Hugh Bolton, who was our coach and mentor (at Scarlett Heights), basically grabbed him and put him up against the wall and said, 'You are not dropping out of school. You better get your ass back in there.' And Bolton had him graduate."

From there, in terms of his education, Dennis took the bull by the horns. He obtained a degree in physical and health education and a Bachelor in Education and later a Master of Arts PhD in Sports Psychology. With those credentials and a wealth of experience in sports, Dennis moved on to become the sport psychology consultant to the Toronto Raptors (NBA) and Toronto FC (MLS), taught sports psychology at the University of Toronto and York University and became a published author as well as a much sought-after lecturer and speaker.

"It's been a busy life for sure," said Dennis. "Very rewarding."

His professional credentials aside, Dennis is also incredibly well liked.



"Coach Dennis was not only a tremendous high school phys-ed teacher, he was an incredible role model and I am a much better person to have him as a friend," said Futa. "His passion and work ethic is contagious—and his ability to listen, analyze and provide authentic advice to his student athletes was, and is, second to none. (And) his guidance is not limited to athletics. Be it a crisis or celebration, he is the first person that I call to share and solicit his beyond-professional thoughts and views. To this day, I cannot refer to him by his given first name. The level of respect I have for him defies words or awards. He will always and forever be Coach Dennis or Mr. Dennis."

"During the 90's, we'd be in each other's backyards having barbecues and his phone would ring off the hook," added Nicoletti, the current president of the Marlboro organization. "Mats Sundin would call, Curtis Joseph, Tie Domi, Doug Gilmour... to this day, those guys will call him and ask him for advice. Wendel Clark too."

Even media guys liked and respected Dennis.

"I've got all the time in the world for Paul Dennis," said long-time Toronto Sun sports columnist Steve Simmons. "Not only does he know sports, but he thinks sports with a clarity few can match. He understands the games, but more importantly he understands the people playing those games."

Dennis treasures the many close relationships he's built over the years—including legends like Quinn, Gilmour, Clark and former Leafs player and coach George Armstrong.

"When I began my relationship with the Marlies organization and subsequently the Leafs, I became really, really close to George and I learned so much from him about dealing with young players whose goal was to play in the NHL," said Dennis. "He was so influential in my life."

Dennis also has special praise for Sundin, the former Leafs captain.

"He was quiet by nature, not really a verbose captain, but the typical expression, 'Leading by example'... well, that was Mats. I never met an athlete that worked harder than him, on and off the ice," said Dennis. "He was just so dedicated and obsessed with maintaining his level of conditioning. When other players came into the training room, they didn't want to disappoint him, so they would work equally as hard for sure."

Though largely retired now, Dennis still does consulting work with Dave Branch and the Ontario Hockey League as well as guest lecturing at various universities across Ontario. For all of his accomplishments, Dennis said none of it would have happened without the support of his wife of 45 years, Lynn, a highly-respected teacher for years in Etobicoke.

"I can't overstate it enough," Dennis said. "I have two boys, one of whom is coaching in the AHL, he's an assistant coach with the Chicago Wolves (Chris). And the other one, Steve, played at Miami University in Ohio on a scholarship. And I say that because I was never around to be involved in their hockey. My wife Lynn did everything. She took them to every practice, every game, every tournament and never complained. Without her support I wouldn't have been able to spend as much time doing the things that I love."

"Paul is a Renaissance man," said Nicoletti. "He's built bridges throughout his whole life."





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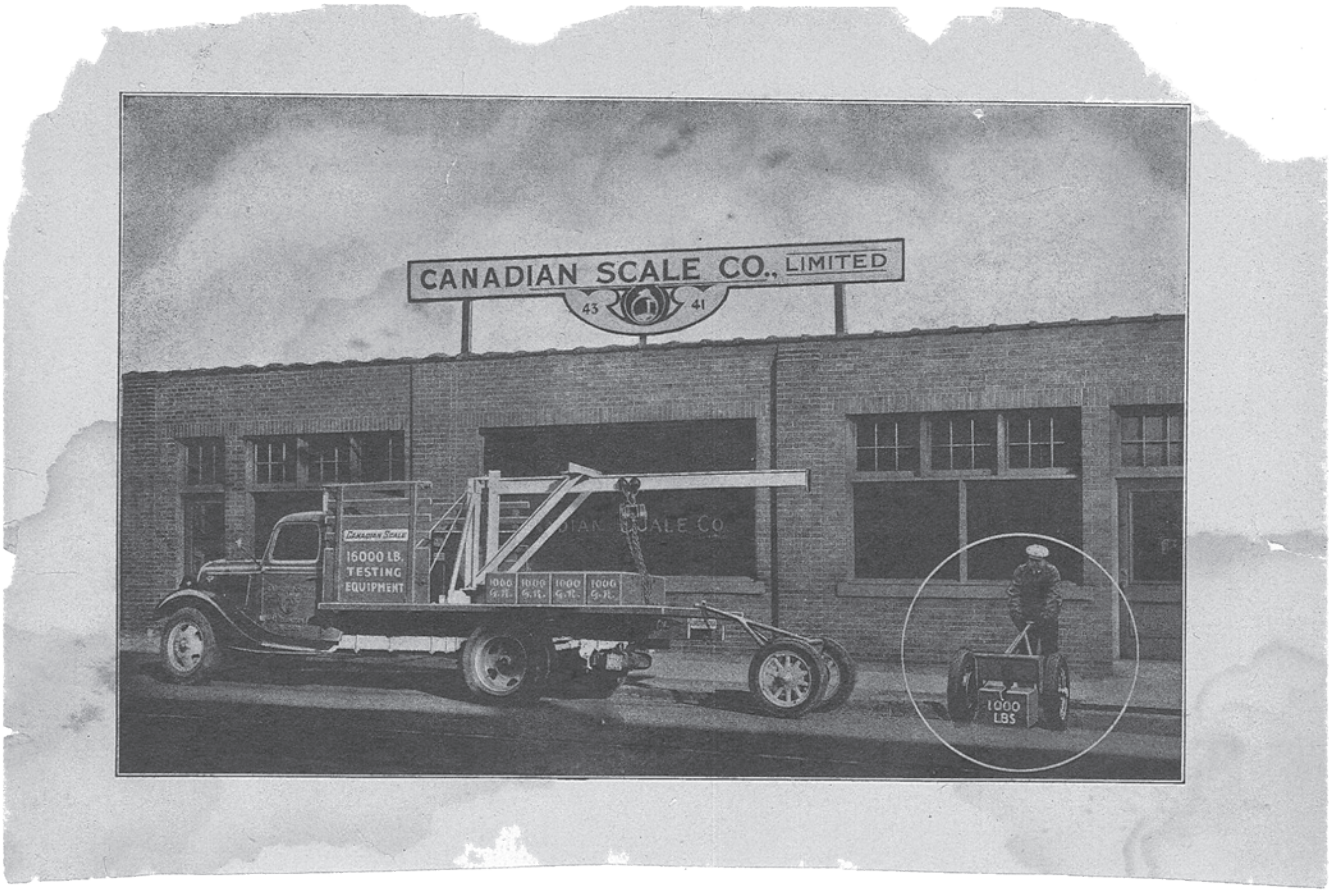
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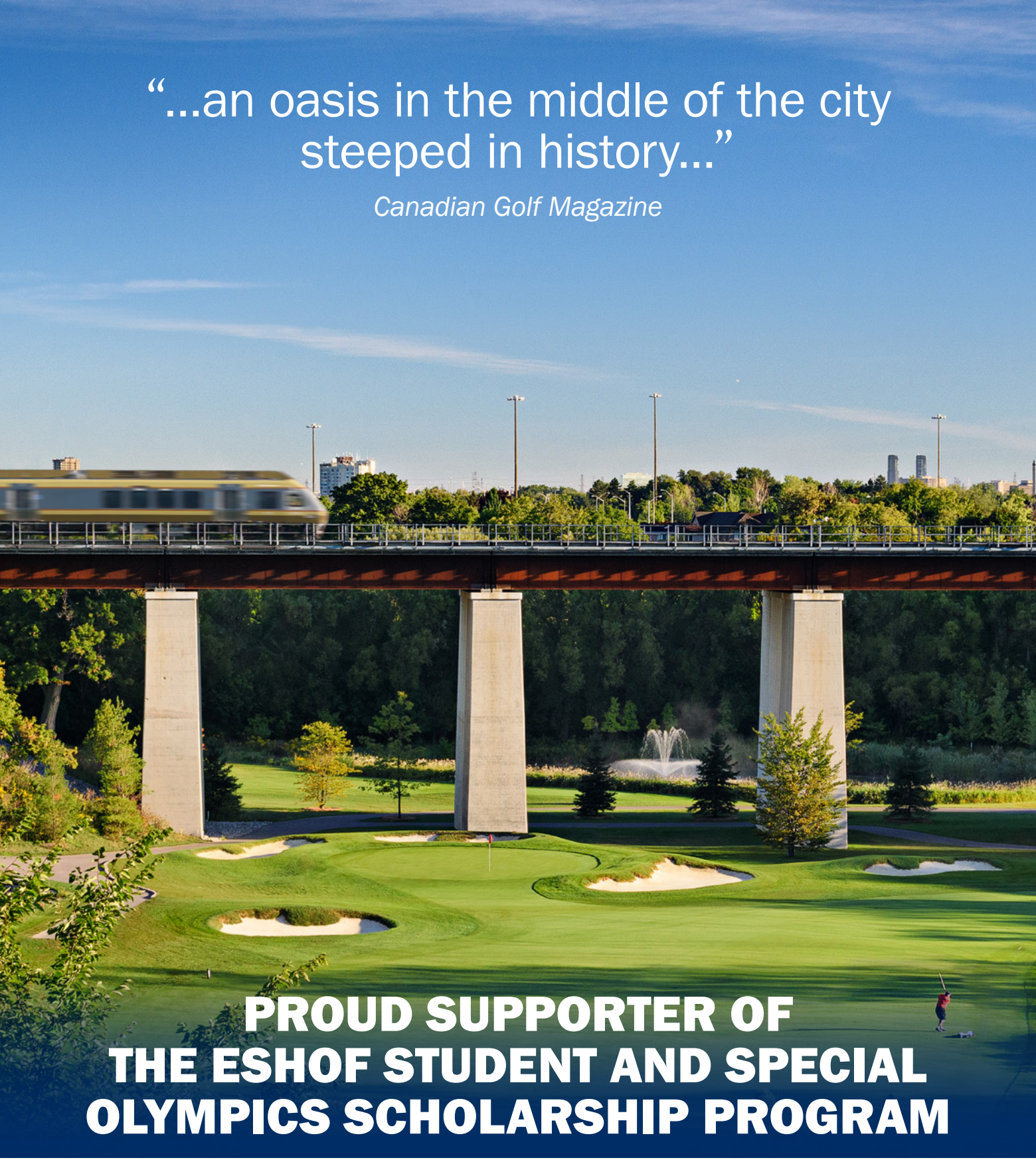
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A four-time national sprint champion, she competed in the Olympic Games in 1984 and 1988, bringing home a silver medal, as well as winning gold twice at the Commonwealth Games, silver at the Pan Am Games and the World University Games. In international competition she has won 16 golds, 13 silvers and 7 bronzes at the 200 and 400 metre distances.

Far from hanging up her track shoes after the Olympics, she continued her passionate involvement in her sport as a sprint/relay coach, including coaching the Canadian Men's Gold Medal relay team (4x100m) at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Her dedication and her abilities have earned her more awards than can be listed here: among others, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award in 2002, York University's athlete of the year, and athlete of the year of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union; and the International Amateur Athletic Federation Merit Award. She has also been an inductee to the York University Sport Hall of Fame.

Her involvement with Etobicoke and its surrounding communities goes back to her childhood. As a school athlete from York District, she competed with Etobicoke schools; later she moved with her own family into south Etobicoke.

In addition to the work she does for all Canadian athletes, Molly has continued to enrich the life of the community of Etobicoke through generous gifts of her time, knowledge and skills—everything from an ongoing commitment to the James S. Bell Community School Advisory Board to participation in programs at Christ the King Catholic Church, which she, her husband Liam O'Connor and son Quinn still attend, and taking part in volunteer programs in the schools aimed at helping kids enjoy an active lifestyle.

QUESTIONS:

ESHOF—What is your occupation?

MK—Lead, East Hub—Athletics Canada (AC). In essence, director for the High Performance Centre. Home for the members of AC's Canadian Athlete Performance Pathway (CAPP).

MK—The East Hub is the national training centre for speed and power athletes (sprints, jumps, throws and combined events.

ESHOF—Which strengths do you believe you have that make you a great athlete, and which of these do you apply in your day to day life?

MK—I believe I was blessed to have great coaches and teammates, as well as the support of friends and family that allowed me to achieve my sport goals. One of my strengths was self confidence that grew as I succeeded at every level in sport from grassroots to international podium success, commitment preceded my success. It's important to set goals.

ESHOF—What are your favorite non-athletics activities, hobbies, interests?

MK—My favourite non-sport is activity shopping, or more specific—bargain hunting. I love to shop and find great deals. This includes clothes, shoes, fancy hats, purses etc. I love to dress up as well. The thrill of finding fancy dresses and fine jewelry and finding events to wear them. I like to shop for antique furniture as well.

ESHOF—Rank the top priorities currently in your life?

MK—My top priorities are living an active lifestyle and giving back to the community.

ESHOF—What piece of advice would you have for current student-athletes?

MK—Focus on sport goals and use skills and take the time to pursue an education.

MK—"Labour for learning before you grow old, for learning is better than silver and gold. Silver and gold will vanish away, but a good education will never decay".

ESHOF—What do you believe is the greatest challenge most athletes are facing today?

MK—The biggest challenge for most athletes during normal times is having access to world class competitions in Canada; most have to travel overseas for high level competitions and the high costs associated with travel expenses. The COVID-19 Pandemic has presented a new set of challenges which range from one region to the next based on the level of restrictions posed by local authorities. Fortunately, Ontario High Performance national team athletes training for the Tokyo or Beijing Games (Olympic/ Paralympic) have been granted an exemption to train and/or compete during the different stages of the lockdowns.

ESHOF—Other than the many victories, what is the fondest memory of your time in sport?

MK—One of my fondest sport memories is marching into the Los Angeles Coliseum with team Canada for the 1984 Summer Olympic Games, At that moment—it wasn't about competition, it was an acknowledgment of being in the stadium with over 6000 of the world's best athletes. On that day all athletes were equal; we weren't judged on "faster, higher or stronger"—we were simply our nation's best on July 28, 1984!

ESHOF—You are an athlete that many admire and look up to. Who was the person that you looked up to and tried to emulate in sport?

MK—Wilma Rudolph—she overcame childhood disabilities and several health related issues to become one of the best sprinters in the world because she believed she could. "The triumph can't be had without the struggle". Like her, I enjoyed the feeling of freedom in running and always knowing regardless of the outcome of each race I was competing against the clock and took pride in believing I gave it my best. Also recognizing for every goal I achieved someone helped me.

ESHOF—Is there a coach or athlete that you look up to as a role model and why?

MK—Glenroy Gilbert, Athletics Head Coach. He was a leader as an athlete and has developed into a world class coach. I had the opportunity to work with him as an athlete, mentored him when he ventured into his coaching career, he continues to be an exemplar on and off the field of play.

ESHOF—What's the best piece of advice you've gained from your coaches?

MK—Integrity should be at the core of every decision.

ESHOF—What message would you give to all women athletes?

MK—Be your best… same message for all athletes.



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MARGOT WHEELER BUILDER



Margot Wheeler, born and raised in Mimico, still lives on the street she grew up on with her 3 siblings Will, Donna and John. Giving back to her community was instilled in her early in her life, observing her parents Dorothy and Ken Wheeler doing just that. Both parents volunteered at their local church, teaching Sunday school and acting as church wardens. The church sadly burned down but Dorothy was instrumental in constructing a memorial garden on site of the church. Fondly known as Do-Do, she was also a founding member of LAMP which offers a variety of programs, including community based health services.



Margot attended Mimico High School and was named co-athlete of the year in her graduating year. She was very active in student life and played all varsity sports. Margot was also president of the ski club and organized school ski strips to Old Smokey and Mount Tremblant. Margot promoting sport even back then, convinced her high school "wing man" Diane Henderson (nee Leane) to take up the sport which they still enjoy doing to this day.

Mimico had a long tradition of producing great basketball teams and Margot was hooked. She went on to play regionally for Central East and attended the Ontario Summer Games. At training camp she was billeted with an arch-rival school star player Barb Nosella (nee Whibbs), resulting in a life-long friendship. Barb and Margot went onto play basketball at York University. Highlights included road trips to away games and even a tournament in Mexico. Ironically Margot and Barb had daughters a year apart in age, Emma and Kara. The next logical step was to coach their daughters, participating in the same road trips and attending the Ontario Summer Games as coaches for their daughter's team.

She is still active in the sport of basketball as a certified referee for the Toronto Association Basketball Officials and part of the stats crew for Raptors 905. Margot also volunteers her time by refereeing the annual Stingers Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.



In 2015, Margot volunteered for the Pan Am games and witnessed the Women's National team winning gold. She was recognized by Basketball Ontario for her contribution to the sport as a volunteer.

While Margot was attending school she worked for Etobicoke Parks and Recreation, teaching swimming and fitness at Gus Ryder Pool and Health Club. She worked alongside Cliff Lumsdon, who was inducted into ESHOF in 1994. Margot still swims competitively, holding the provincial records for her age group in the freestyle event, and has won the Stony Lake Mile swim since 2007. While swimming for Norseman Masters, she was coached by Kim Lumsdon, another ESHOF inductee, class of 2006. Margot served on the executive for 15 years in various positions.

Always open to new challenges in sport, Margot took up the triathlon. With her back ground in swimming, it was an easy transition. Margot was named long distance triathlete of the year by Ontario Association of Triahletes in 2004. She has raced locally, and on the world stage representing Canada at the World Triathlon Championships in Spain, Italy and Montreal. Margot has completed in four Ironman competitions, with the highlight being competing in the World Ironman Championships in Kona Hawaii in 2004.

After watching her son Cameron play rep hockey for Faustina and the Humber Valley Sharks, Margot decided she wanted to give it a go. The logical league was with the Etobicoke Dolphins Association. She organized the year end banquet for several years at her beloved Blue Goose, and was instrumental in recycling the jerseys to help save the planet and keep registration costs down.

Returning to tennis after a 35 year hiatus, Margot loved the thought of jumping on her bike and riding to Mimico tennis club. After only 1 year at the club, Margot found herself on the executive as Vice President. She succeeded in having the antiquated lights replaced to new state of the art lights in a collaboration with the City of Toronto and the club.

Further to her community involvement, she was recognized as the 2017 Humber Lakeshore Athletics Community Member of the Year. For those not in the know, Humber College Athletics opened one of the most vibrant Fitness and Wellness Centres in south Etobicoke in that same year of 2017.

With many letters of support for her nomination, the quote from long-time friend Donna Hamill stands out. "I feel Margot's accomplishments have transcended coaching, refereeing and organizing", said Hamill. "She has been an inspiration to many athletes and has taught values and behavior through her example. These gifts are immeasurable."



Margot is a current governor with the ESHOF and has been on the board since 2014. She heads up the Athlete of the Month portfolio. It is really rewarding to source out the young athletic talent in Etobicoke, meet the athletes and write the story which is featured in the Etobicoke Guardian. Margot not only thinks of the Hall's motto often: Promoting, Supporting and Developing Sport in Etobicoke, she lives it.

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ETOBICOKE SPORTS HALL OF FAME
HISTORY

In 1994, Mayor Bruce Sinclair and Tom Riley, Director of Parks and Recreation and Bill Channing of the Recreation Department formed a steering committee with the responsibility of establishing an Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame. The steering committee was made up of the Mayor, Tom Riley, Scotty Morrison, Frank Selke Jr., Dennis Flynn, George Gross, Jack Dominico and Bill Channing.

The Founding Board of Governors was established and were Bob Bendera, Scott Creighton, Bill Rest, Colin Lorimer, Bob Moir, Leif Petterson, George Gross, Paul Dyon, Barbara Berezowski-Ivan, Dr. Anthony Galea, Elfi Schlegel, Scotty Morrison, Frank Selke Jr., Dennis Flynn and Murray Dryden.

Barb Berezowski-Ivan became the first Chair followed by Colin Lorimer, Jim Sturino and currently Joanne Noble who has been President and Chair of the Board since 2013.

During the Hall's initial years, the City of Etobicoke and the Parks and Recreation Department in particular were extremely helpful offering leadership and administrative assistance. We were fortunate to have seven corporations step forward to fund the launch of the Hall. They were Centennial Park Golf Centre, Royal Woodbine Golf Club, Shoppers Drug Mart Corporate, McDonalds Corporate, Canada Bread, Eatons and Sherway Gardens.

The Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame was initially housed in Sherway Gardens Shopping Centre and when the Hall outgrew the allocated space, a move was made to the Woodbine Shopping Centre in north Etobicoke where it remained until the move in 2009 to the MasterCard Centre now the Ford Performance Centre where there is now a permanent home for the Hall and its 167 Honoured Members.

The ongoing funding of the Hall is covered by two major fundraising events—the Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament held each spring at Royal Woodbine Golf Club and the Induction Dinner, which is held in the fall at the historic Old Mill. Both of these fundraisers combined attract several hundred supporters. The current Board of Governors is working diligently to develop corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities. The current Board of Governors also created an outstanding Community Donor Wall in the lobby of the Ford Performance Centre where the public can purchase a name plaque to support the scholarship program.

The Student and Special Olympics Scholarship Program has grown to thirteen scholarships a year each for $1000. This is the Hall's way of encouraging young people to stay active, live a healthy lifestyle and get an education. All of the recipients have worked tirelessly to excel both academically and athletically and deserve the financial support to further their education.

The Hall has been tactful to create awareness within the Etobicoke community and the GTA by launching the Athlete of the Month initiative eight years ago which continues to be a huge success as does the Annual Beer, Wine and Cheese event held each year at the Ford Performance Centre.

The Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame is very much an important part of the social core and the community should be proud of the Hall, which has lived up to its Mission and Vision Statements and has earned the ongoing support required to continue with its endeavours.



BACK ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT:
Bob Bendera, Scott Creighton, Bill Rest, Colin Lorimer, Bob Moir, Leif Petterson

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Frank Selke Jr., Scotty Morrison, Elfi Schlegal, Tony Galea, Barbara Berezowski-Ivan, Paul Dyon, George Gross

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Dennis Flynn

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HONOUR ROLL

1994
Johnny Bower
Ken Dixon
Jerome Drayton
Ken Dryden
Bill Fry
Avelino Gomez
Paul Henderson
Cliff Lumsdon
Phil Marchildon
Gus Ryder

1995
Dick Beddoes
Leo Cahill
George Chuvalo
Hank Goldup
Kemp Scott

1996
Al Balding
Sandra Bezic
Ellen Burka
Hans Fogh
Trent Frayne
Lucille Gamble
Loreen Passfield
Ed Sandford
Hilda Young

1997
Michael Burns
Dave Dryden
Walter H. "Pete" Jackson
Jocelyn Lovell
Mark Napier

1998
George "Red" Duddin
Carol-Ann Duthie-MacDonald
Sandy Hawley
Donald K. Smythe
Marijane & Louis Stong

1999
Barbara Berezowski-Ivan
Archibald Dixon
George Gross Jr.
Ron Hewat
Glenn Michibata
Father John Redmond
J. Thomas Riley
Linda Tripney

2000
David Murray Dryden
Jerry Howarth
Michael Pelyk
Elfi Schlegel
Norm Stoneburgh
Jane Wright

2001
Murray Dowey
Mel Hawkrigg
Danny Lewicki
Ian "Scotty" Morrison
Joe Primeau
Earl Walls

2002
Pete Conacher
Ken Cox
George Gross
Colin Lorimer
Marnie McBean
John "Peanuts" O'Flaherty
Leif Pettersen

2003
Marilyn Bell
Morley Kells
Jack Stafford
Wally Stanowski
Warren Sye

2004
Jack and Lynne Dominico
Red Kelly
Dennis Maruk
Frank Orr
Dave Reid
Frank Selke Jr.

2005
Frank Bonello
Louis Cauz
Zeke O'Connor
Mark Osborne
Tom Watt
Erin Woodley

2006
Jack Blasutti
Carmen Bush
Lou Cavalaris Jr.
Glenn Goldup
Eddie Litzenberger
Kim Lumsdon

2007
Freddie Black
Helen Doberstein
Bruce Driver
Pat Flatley
Pat Hughes
George Kapasky

2008
Molly Killingbeck
Tom McBroom
Doug McNichol
Colin Patterson
Bob Pulford
Clarke Pulford

2009
Sheilagh Croxon
John David D'Amico
Doug Gilmour
Gerry Organ
Steve Ludzik
Peter Zezel

2010
Brendan Shanahan
Bob Harris
Brian Hoskins
Jim Bannon
Gerry Meehan
Ken Gibb
Ted Toogood

2011
Laura Konantz
Ron MacNeil
Ralph Mellanby
Scott Mellanby
Keith Pelley
Warren Reynolds

2012
Tom Anselmi
Bob Bendera
Lisa Bentley
Claude Lemieux
Craig Ramsay

2013
Reade Baker
Doug Fox
Bob Nadin
Gerry O'Flaherty
Sami Jo Small
James Sturino

2014
Dan Brown
Mike Walton
Bob Weeks
Joey Votto

Legends
Turk Broda
Annis Stukus
Ben Kern

2015
Dan Loiselle
Barbara Underhill
Paul Martini
Scott Stoneburgh
John Doig

2016
Kelly Gruber
Adam Oates
Jim Nicoletti
Gord De Laat
Mike McCarron

2017
Dave Bolland
Eurico Rosa da Silva
Steve Buffery
Mark Grimes

2018
Gino Reda
Terrill Samuel
Bruce Boyd
Humber Valley Hockey Association

Legends
Bud Fowler

2019
Judy Ilcio
Dave Poulin
Brian Shanahan
Alan Waffle
West Mall Minor Hockey

Honorary Member
Walter Gretzky

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
2013–18

Ceejay dominated the hardwood for the Hawks, becoming the first player to be selected the CCAA National Player of the Year, three times. Her dominance in the CCAA, provided Ceejay the opportunity to become the first college player to represent Canada on the international stage, showcasing her talent at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

The Toronto native is now living out her dreams, playing professional basketball in Sweden for Högsbo, where she was recently named the Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.







JAKE THOMSON
CROSS COUNTRY
2013–18

Recipient of the 2016 Jerry Howarth award, Jake was easily recognized around campus as the voice of the Hawks. He was the in-game public address announcer for Humber basketball and volleyball, consistently putting his unique skillset on display to keep the home crowd engaged at the North Campus Gym.

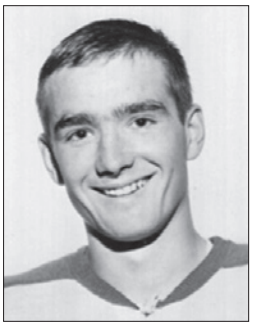
Upon graduation, he worked at the 2018 G League Showcase which led to an opportunity as the PA announcer with the Raptors 905.

He has also announced home games for the Toronto Football Club and championship meets for Athletics Ontario.

JAIME VIEIRA
SOFTBALL
2013–16

A leader and captain for Humber softball, Jaime found a way to combine her love for the sport and her proficiency in biomechanics into a position with the Toronto Blue Jays in Baseball Operations. She is specifically focused on the Amateur and Pro Scouting Departments, assisting with the Rule 4 draft. Her goal is to use biomechanics to help progress the department, exploiting her knowledge to help prospects and big leaguers reach their full potential.

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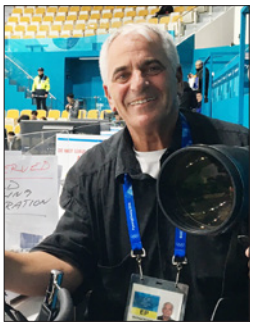
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Reade Baker, Jim Bannon



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MICHAEL BURNS JR. MEDIA



Woodbine Entertainment executive John Siscos was reached at his home on a warm spring afternoon and asked what he thought of his friend and colleague Michael Burns Jr. being inducted into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.

"I think it's the greatest thing of all time," said Siscos.

The greatest thing of all time? Siscos laughed when asked to expand on that rather bold statement.

"Hey, there's no better person who has chronicled sport in Etobicoke, in Toronto and in Ontario than Michael Burns, " Siscos continued.



Siscos, the Director of Marketing, Communications and Stakeholder Relations at Woodbine Entertainment Group/ORM/Ontario Racing, has a point. Michael Burns IS a legend, not only at Woodbine Racetrack, where he took over fulltime from his father in the mid 1990's as the track's official photographer, but also in Canadian curling, golf and tennis. His awards and accomplishments are varied and impressive. As the official photographer at Woodbine, Burns is known for his outstanding action shots and stunningly beautiful training photographs. His responsibilities at Woodbine include having to shoot the finish line of every race and each winner's circle presentation as well as providing the media with vital promotional shots of leading contenders for important upcoming races—always at a consistently high level of professionalism.

Outside of horse racing, Burns is also the chief photographer for the Canadian Curling Association and has worked four Olympic Games, 23 Olympic trials and 275 Canadian and world championships of curling. His list of awards includes: Nine Sovereign Awards for outstanding achievement in thoroughbred racing, the 2011 TSN Paul McLean Award for contributions to the world of curling, the 2012 O'Brien Award (Standardbred Canada) for outstanding photography and the 2016 and 2018 Dan Patch Award for excellent in photography from the United States Trotting Association.

As part of his duties at Woodbine, he also organizes multi-photographer coverage for the big races at the Etobicoke track, including The Queen's Plate, The Breeders' Stakes, Pattison Canadian International, Woodbine Oaks, E.P. Taylor Stakes and the Ricoh Woodbine Mile.

"His abilities are substantial and his turn shots are the best in the industry," said Siscos. "When he used to go the Breeders' Cup (in the U.S.), they would put him on the turn because they knew of his abilities at the turn. So anytime you see a good turn shot in horse racing, that's Michael.

"His pictures have been a part of the Toronto cultural landscape for decades," Siscos added. "There's nobody that's been better at chronically the sport, and chronically sports in general, than Michael Burns. He's the greatest. We're blessed to have him."



Michael Burns Photography has been synonymous with excellence in sports for nearly 80 years, starting with Michael Burns Sr. in 1943 and continuing with his son Michael Jr. and daughter Patricia, who has shared duties with her brother over the years.

Michael Burns Jr. grew up in the Markland Wood section of Etobicoke and was heavily involved in sports as a boy, taking part in baseball, football and, especially, hockey, finishing his organized hockey career with De La Salle College. Growing up, Woodbine Racetrack, and sports in general, was always a big part of Burns' life.

"My dad would take me on assignments when I was a kid," said Burns. "I went to the track all the time and I carried my dad's camera bags at the Canadian Open in golf. I also spent an awful lot of time at Mosport Park with my dad because we did all the auto racing as well. I was taught real well."

Burns looks back at his days as a young man learning the trade from his dad with great fondness.

"I would go in with my dad in the darkroom (at Woodbine) and he would process the prints for the newspapers and I would sit there and dry them and identify them for him. And then I'd rush out to the east gate (at Woodbine) and there was a taxi driver my dad used and he'd drop them off at the Sun, Star and Globe," said Burns. "And the day after I finished high school, I started working (full-time) with my dad."

Taking over for his dad represented some rather large shoes to fill. But Michael Burns Jr. has done so admirably. His late father would be proud.

"The only way I could gage myself whether I had the ability to carry my father's camera bag, quite frankly, was my work at the Olympics," said Burns. "That's the only measuring stick. And it was really awkward because my dad shot for the Canadian government and he shot 16 sports, and I shot only one sport at the Olympics, curling, but I had 15 different clients, all these countries to look after."

Burns has wonderful memories from both horse racing and curling, starting with the 1985 Labatt Brier at the Moncton Coliseum when Al Hackner of the Northern Ontario rink pulled off the famous "Hackner double" to eventually defeat Pat Ryan of Alberta in the final.

As for horse racing, the 1996 Breeders' Cup world championship at Woodbine is right up there, particularly the Breeders' Cup Classic when the great Cigar—in his final career race—was upset by Alphabet Soup (who set a track record in winning the race) and Preakness winner Louis Quatroze. Burns said that year's Breeders' Cup, held in Canada for the first time, was a huge success.

"It was probably the greatest thing that's ever happened to racing in Canada since Secretariat (who ran his last race in 1973 at Woodbine). It was the talk of the town the year before until the year after," said Burns.

As for his own all-time favorite shot, Burns points out to the 1985 Breeders' Cup at Aqueduct Racetrack in New York.



"I was working for Sports Illustrated and had taken this shot and it was the motion of the muscles in the horses and the way the light had exposed the muscles, it was just a real cool shot," he said. "Working for Sports Illustrated as a sports photographer, that's your Mount Everest."

Burns has had many 'Mount Everest' moments in his career, with many more to come.

Getting ready for the 2020 thoroughbred racing—a late start because of the COVID-19 pandemic—Burns was champing at the bit. Not only does he miss the action and the chance to shoot some great action photos, Burns was missing his many friends at the track, and over the years he's made a great many of them though he's reluctant to offer up names because there are so many.

"Frankie Merrill, Jim Bentley, Art Warner, Sandy Hawley. Avelino Gomez, Bruce Walker... Bill Wellwood and John Burns, legendary horsemen from the standardbred side... the lists goes on," said Burns. "I hate to leave anybody out."

Hardly a race finishes and another begins at Woodbine when someone doesn't pop by Burns' racetrack-side office to order a picture or to just chat.

"He touches people's lives," said Siscos. "He has been the guy when a particular owner, trainer or jockey (want a picture), they go to see Michael. He's made it a point to be an ambassador for the sport. He knows everybody.

"He's here for horse racing, he's here for the sport, he's been here for the industry," Siscos added. "He's here for Woodbine, frankly."

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

MELODY MCBROOM

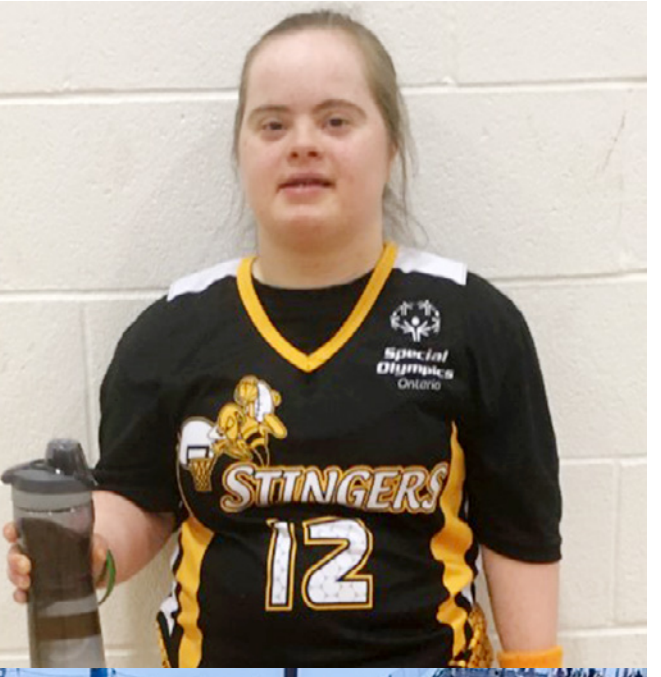
Melody McBroom is 28 years old and lives with her parents in Etobicoke, with frequent visits from her two doting sisters. She is funny, determined and fiercely independent. Her not-so-secret talent is in all things electronic and computer-related.

Melody's day program is at CORE where she learns life skills and job training and where she has made many caring and loyal friends.

Melody is an active participant in Stingers Basketball and has been a member since its inception. Melody suffered a serious injury seven years ago. Coach Marty of the Stingers visited frequently and would sit and hold her hand while she recovered in the ICU.

Melody began skiing at the age of five and continues as a member of her adaptive ski team. She is an accomplished skier and helps instruct other students and she also coaches ski racers. Melody is a frequent participant in the Toronto Challenge through which she raises money for charities. She is also a participant in the Stony Lake Challenge.

Being at home in lockdown for almost a year and a half has not dampened Melody's spirits. She has adapted well and fills every day with her many Zoom activities such as dancing, singing, song-writing, social skills, sketching, fitness and of course Stingers Basketball. She is looking forward to the day she can resume her sporting activities and reunite with her friends at CORE.





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JULIAN MASCETTA





Julian is a fun-living and caring 32 year old born and raised in Etobicoke, Mimico specifically. He loves music, trains and everything sports and often says "I love my life." Julian has worked with Corbrook Centre, an organization that provides support to adults and youth with developmental disabilities in Toronto and York Region. He also volunteers as an assistant coach with his Special Olympics team, the Etobicoke Stingers. Along with all this, Julian has been a recipient of the Wes Dempster Award, which recognizes and honours members of the Etobicoke/ York Adapted and Integrated recreational programs who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and improved their recreational abilities.

If you can't find Julian out on the court or swimming in the pool, chances are you'll find him working on his musical abilities. Julian loves to sing and play the guitar. He has been in a band for the last two years where he performs as the lead singer. He has three brothers, two older and one younger. For Julian it's hard to pick just one favourite team, but you can never go wrong with anything Toronto, be it the Jays, Raptors or Argos.

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ANASTASIJA GAVRIC did something that few student-athletes have been able to do when she arrived at Etobicoke Collegiate Institute. She made the Senior Girls Volleyball Team, and even more impressive, stepped on the court as a starter. Her athletic and leadership skills became evident immediately, and she was named captain of the squad in her second year, another rarity. In the classroom she earned a mark of 97% in the challenging Grade Twelve Leadership class on her way to securing a spot on the honour roll. Her leadership abilities crossed borders, as she became a mentor and coach of the Junior Boys Volleyball Team.



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TRC Academy

BENNETT GRUMBACH excelled at many sports, including hockey, soccer, track & field, and volleyball at school, but basketball is his passion, and the sport that he has embraced more so than any other over the last number of years. His move to be a member of the Etobicoke Basketball Association was a fruitful one in 2017, as he led the squad to the provincial championship. His volunteer service is vast, and as you would expect is centered around the sport of basketball.



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HUMBER VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Bishop Allen Academy

MICHAEL DODARO, a graduate of Bishop Allen Academy, was an all-around athlete, competed for his school in five sports, excelling at both baseball and swimming. His exploits on the diamond and in the pool went well beyond that of his school environment, finding incredible success with the community based Etobicoke Rangers Baseball Club and the Lakeshore Swim Club. His commitment to his school and fellow students was further witnessed as he was involved with the athletic and student council, providing leadership over many years. He is also proud to state that he was a proud member of Bishop Allen's Youth Ministry.



TORONTO MARLBOROS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Kipling Collegeiate

OKELA SYLVESTER may well be the most modest winner of an Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame High School Scholarship. Although a three-sport star at Kipling Collegeiate, she always deflected the limelight that should shine on her and her two Athlete of the Year awards, on to her teammates and class mates. In her own journey and progression as an athlete, she states that it has never been about the wins and losses, but more of skill development she has learned in each match. Away from the court, she applies this same all-for-one approach to her efforts in the community.



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Father Redmond

Basketball has always been **NICOLE CHATEAU'S** first love, both by playing the game and instilling this love of the game to others by way of her commitment to supporting youth sport in the Etobicoke community. She has excelled at every level of play, including making significant contributions to the community based Etobicoke Basketball Club and her school team at Father Redmond. Her accomplishments were recognized by a number of university and colleges across Ontario, ultimately landing her a spot with the University of Toronto Blues. Moving forward, Nicole will continue to be a terrific role model and advocate for women in sport.

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Annually, the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame selects male and female athletes from Humber College who have showed excellent athletic success, tremendous academic achievement, and superb leadership skills. Kia Watt, Alex Petronis, Rady Kim, and Alex Bartmann all proved to be worthy recipients of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame scholarships.

ALEX BARTMANN

Alex, a 2020 OCAA league all-star, is a third-year setter for the Humber volleyball. She has helped the Hawks remain as a top offensive program in the province, highlighted by her program record 1,093 career assists.

She helped lead the Hawks back to the conference championship, winning an OCAA silver medal and garnering all-tournament recognition. She finished the year on the honour roll and was named an OCAA All-Academic.

Alex, an Uxbridge native, is currently enrolled in the Justice Studies program at Humber.



RADY KIM

A third-year libero for Humber volleyball, Rady plays a position that isn't normally glamorized. He defensive skillset is tops in Ontario, and was recognized by his OCAA all-star selection in 2020.

He helped lead the Hawks to its best season since 2012, finishing the OCAA season with a perfect 18–0 record, and the program's seventh provincial championship.

At the national championship in New Brunswick, Rady and the Hawks captured the CCAA silver medal—only the third national medal in program history.

Rady, a Toronto native, is currently enrolled in the Health Sciences program at Humber.



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ALEX PETRONIS

Alex, a third-year guard for Humber basketball, played in his first season with the Hawks after transferring from George Brown College. He immediately brought leadership to a young Humber roster, helping the Hawks win eight of their last nine regular season games.

In front of 1,500 fans at the North Campus Gym, Alex displayed his two-way intensity, throwing down highlight dunks while taking charges on the defensive. He played an integral role in helping Humber return to the conference finals, where the Hawks won the OCAA silver medal.

Alex, a Toronto native, is currently enrolled in the G.A.S. program at Humber.

KIA WATT

Kia, a first-year guard made an immediate impact with Humber basketball. She was named to the OCAA All-Rookie team after finishing third in scoring and leading her team in steals.

She helped the Hawks return to the conference playoffs, bringing home the OCAA bronze medal from Windsor.

As a rookie, she was one of the few players who are as effective on both the defensive and offensive ends of the floor.

Kia, a Toronto native, is currently enrolled in the Justice Studies program at Humber.

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Adam Lucier, a graduate of the Radio Broadcasting Program at Humber was a key member of the Hawks Sports Network, as the "on-air" play-by-play voice. Adam became the voice that everyone tuned in to hear when watching their favourite Humber varsity teams. From outdoor sports, including baseball and soccer, to the high-flying gym sports of basketball and volleyball and everything in-between, Adam brought the action to you no matter where you were. As with the best in the business, he had a delivery that was calm and informative.

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Alyssa Turner, a player on the Humber women's hockey extramural team, brought an enthusiasm and unique skillset to Humber Athletics' social media team. She enhanced fan engagement, while highlighting the accomplishments of Humber's student-athletes.

For those who were unable to watch the Hawks play live, Alyssa kept fans updated with current scores of all 20 Humber varsity teams.

Alyssa went on to become the social media manager for the National Women's Hockey League and played a vital role in the league and the Toronto Six social media growth.

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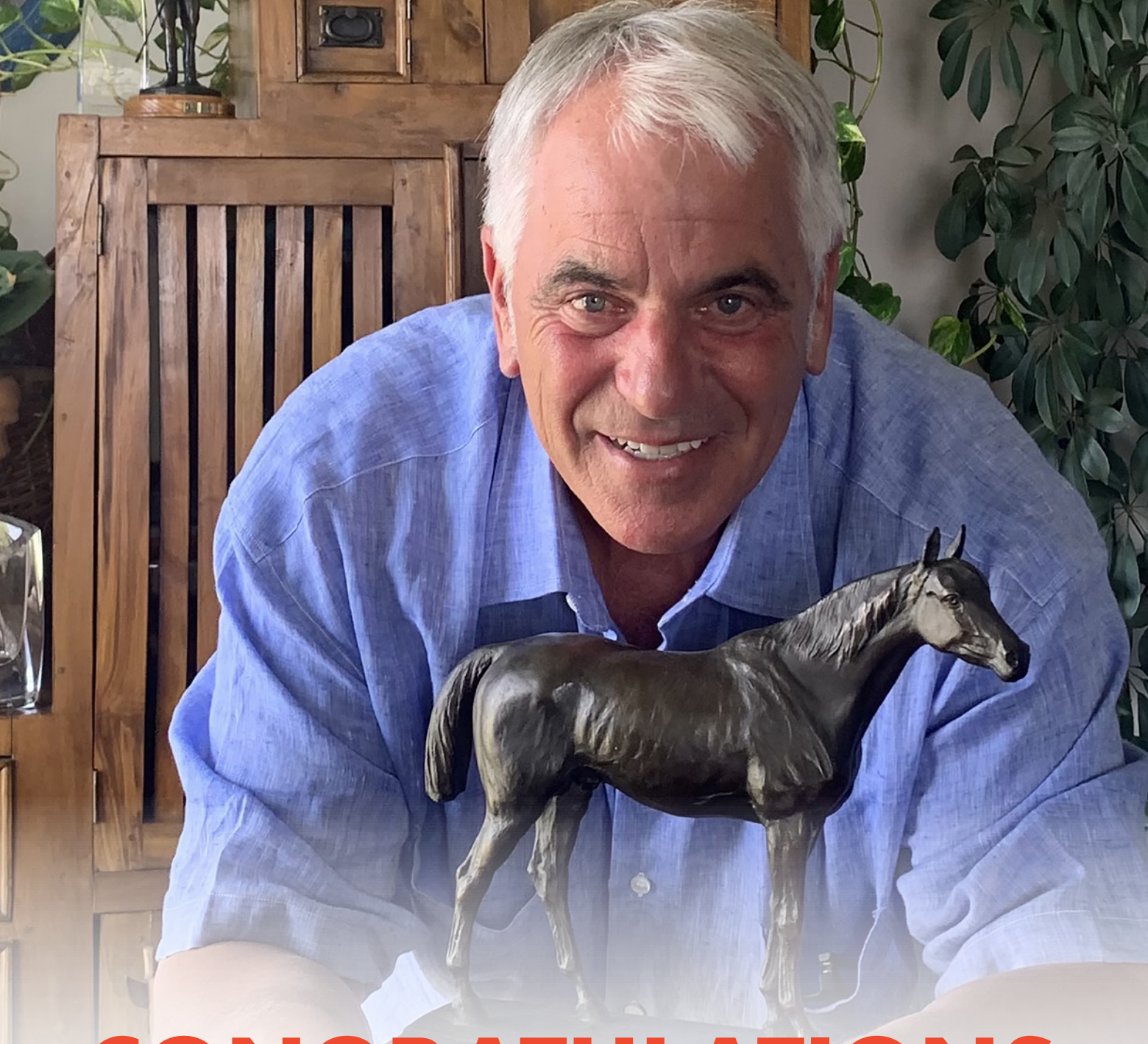
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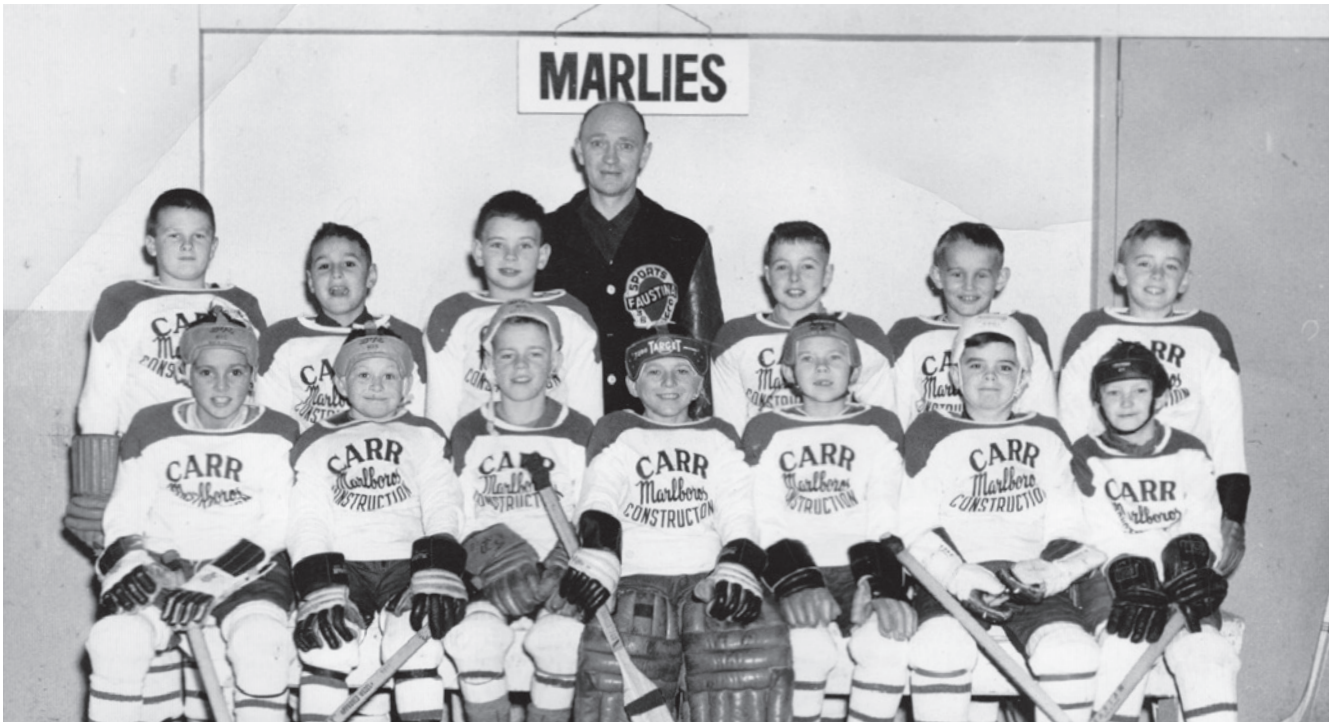
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In 1935, a young man named Ken Cox, with the help of fifteen other local teenagers, started the Faustina Club. Their main objective was to raise money through dances for charitable purposes. World War II interrupted these activities as they were called to serve their country.

Under Ken's direction the club was reorganized in 1947, expanding their membership and dedicating themselves to the promotion of minor hockey in the Lakeshore area in south Etobicoke.

Ken Cox was inducted into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame in the Builder category in 2002.

In 1951 the Lakeshore Memorial Arena was built. On February 14th of that year, the Faustina Sports Club started and became the first occupant for providing affordable minor hockey for young people in the Etobicoke Lakeshore area. Many original members assisted in laying the concrete blocks of the arenas.

In 1968 Faustina extended its House League programming by offering competitive Select programming as part of the North York Hockey League. As of 2021/2022, Faustina will be offering GTHL AA program as it assumes control of the York Toros AA Organization.

The Faustina Sports Club has 60 active members and over 130 volunteers who provide coaching, training, equipment, ice time, officiating and administrative support throughout the year.

Faustina has always been a fully volunteer run organization and throughout the past 85 plus years every volunteer member of Faustina has dedicated their time and effort to provide an enjoyable and fun environment for children who play minor hockey, while providing pathways for hockey development.

"As a grassroots community organization for over 85 years, our #1 priority has been to create a "Fun First" experience where kids can develop a life-long love for this great game, and while here create lasting memories and join us in giving back to make a positive difference in the community that we are a part of" said Charles Chaytor, President of the Faustina Hockey Club. "Along this journey, we have also been able to cheer on many players who have come through our doors who have excelled at the highest level of hockey in the GTHL, Province, Nationally and even in the NHL."

Giving back to the community has been an important part of Faustina's mission supporting causes such as the Daily Bread Food Bank, SickKids Hospital, and the Toronto Firefighters Toy Drive.





FAUSTINA HAS HAD A NUMBER OF LONG STANDING TRADITIONS OVER THE YEARS SUCH AS:

- Sportsman Night (which was started by Ken), where outstanding athletes with roots in the South Etobicoke area are presented with the "Faustina Sportsman Of The Year" award. Past recipients have included sporting legends Elfi Shlegel, Brian Shanahan, Ken Hodge, Mike Pelyk, Brendan Shanahan and more recently Matt Stajan and Dave Bolland.
- The annual Carl Gordaneer Christmas Tournament
- The annual Future Starz hockey school (which is the on-ice first touch point for countless kids in the community)

"Faustina provided myself and a number of friends the opportunity to play hockey." said former Toronto Maple Leaf great and Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Mike Pelyk. "From that point on, it transmitted into my loving of every minute in all sports, not just hockey".

Faustina continues to be a strong presence in the Etobicoke community, with their program registration numbers typically exceeding their ability to ice teams. With the focus on fun first hockey and development, practicing and playing out of the Ford Performance Centre (Toronto's marque hockey complex) and adding the Toros AA hockey into their program offering, the future looks bright well into the future for the organization.




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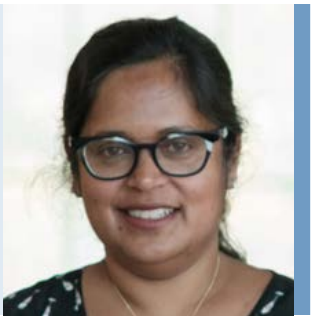


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JOHN SPENCE LEGENDS BUILDER

With over twenty five letters of support for his nomination into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame, the love and respect from friends, family, colleagues and former students overflowed.

Born and raised in Mimico Ontario in 1937 was a gifted athlete, John Spence. His baseball teams where he played first base won provincial championships in Peewee, Bantam and Midget. As a high school athlete attending Mimico High School, he starred in basketball, football, and track and field where he ran the 100,200 and 400 sprints. He was named Athlete of the Year in 1956, ironically, 31 years after his father won that same honour. He then went on to play football for the University of Toronto Varsity Blues in 1956/57.



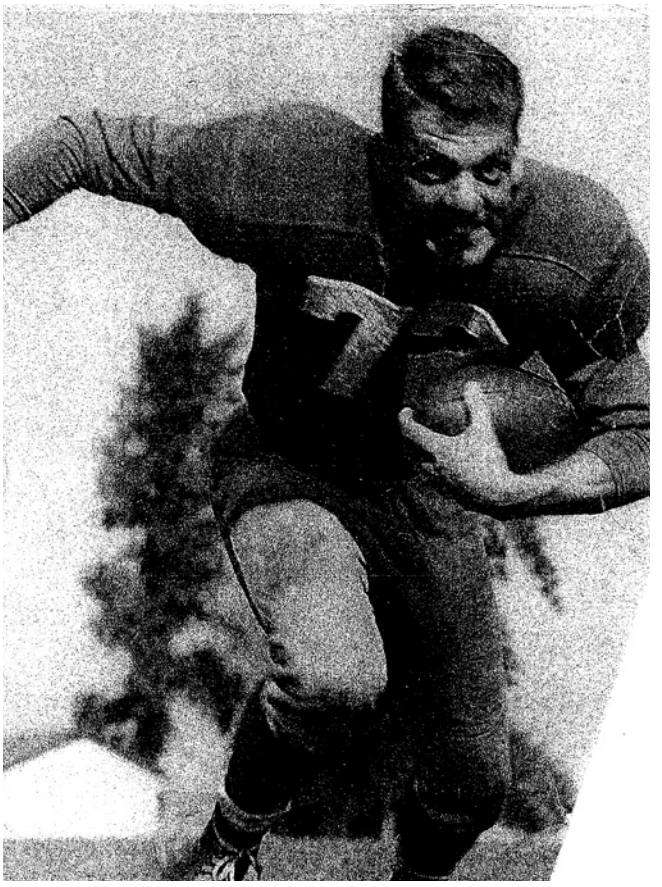


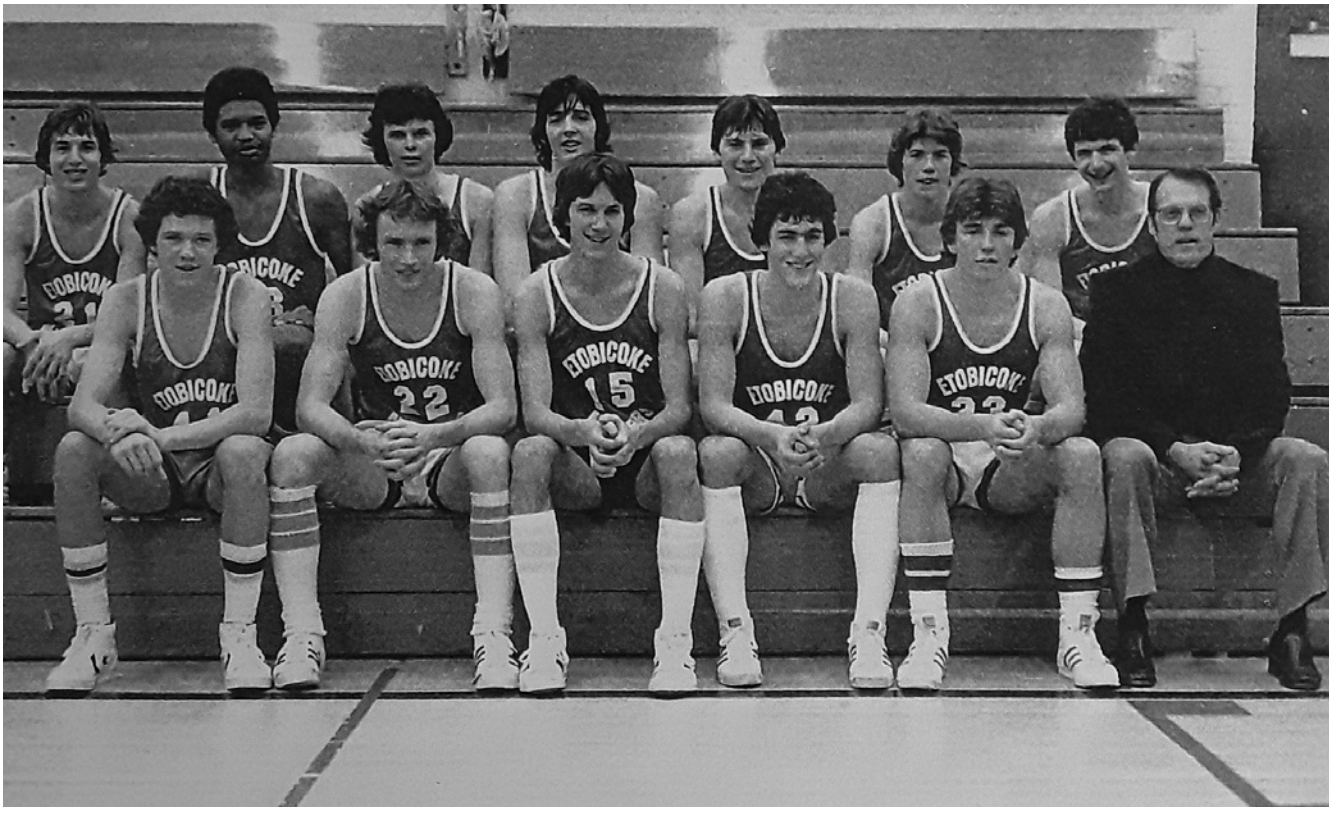
After graduating from U of T, Spence began his illustrious thirty-five year teaching career, thirty of those spent at Kipling Collegiate Institute. John became "Mr. Kipling". He was a builder of winning teams, a builder of a sports program which dominated the Etobicoke High School sports landscape, and a builder of the Etobicoke and Toronto High School Sports associations, which provided the structure for sport in the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

He was a founding member of the Etobicoke Athletic Association and served on its executive as President in 1970. He also served on the executive of the Toronto District Athletic Association and was President in 1980. His significant contribution and dedication to high school sports earned him recognition by the Ontario OFSAA governing body in 1994.

Most importantly, he was a role model and mentor who made a positive and lasting impact on the thousands of students and student-athletes who played and were taught by him. The many letters of support speaks volumes about John's impact as a coach of winning teams, and a coach who prepared young men and women for a life of purpose and contribution. Spence says "his own personal athletic accomplishments and success made him a better coach".

Former student Ian Troop quoted "John has certainly shaped my character. He encouraged discipline, hard work and a competitive spirit which has served me well in sport and business. I count him as one of my most influential mentors. We attended Kipling and were proud to wear the double blue of the Wildkats. No team was better prepared. No team was more disciplined. No team played harder, yet won or lost with composure and dignity. We were simply the mirror of our coach".





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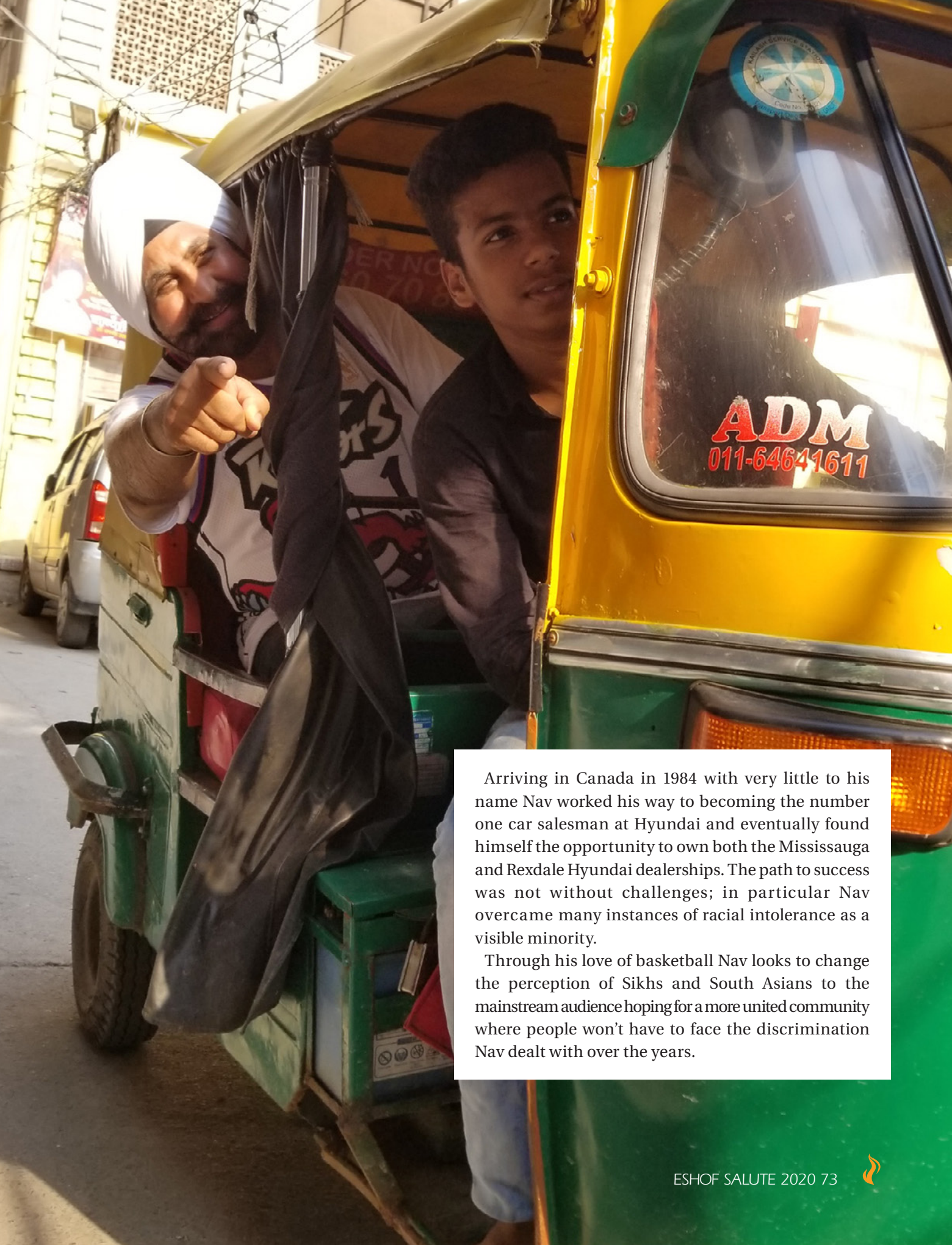
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NAV BHATIA
HONORARY MEMBER



Nav Bhatia is best known as the Official Toronto Raptor's Superfan. He has not missed a home game since the inception of the team in 1995. He can be seen at the ScotiaBank Arena and quite a few road games sitting in his now famous courtside seat A12 next to the basket. In 2015 Nav was also appointed the role of Raptor's Community Ambassador and asked to report to the Global Ambassador, Drake, as they look to spread the love of Basketball and the Toronto Raptor's.



Arriving in Canada in 1984 with very little to his name Nav worked his way to becoming the number one car salesman at Hyundai and eventually found himself the opportunity to own both the Mississauga and Rexdale Hyundai dealerships. The path to success was not without challenges; in particular Nav overcame many instances of racial intolerance as a visible minority.

Through his love of basketball Nav looks to change the perception of Sikhs and South Asians to the mainstream audience hoping for a more united community where people won't have to face the discrimination Nav dealt with over the years.

Nav believes integrating our youth at a young age is truly the path to help change this perception and build a more tolerant society. Each year he purchases tickets and brings thousands of kids of all backgrounds together to watch the NBA's Toronto Raptors play at home.

With the start of the Superfan Nav Bhatia Foundation, he recently has accepted ambassadorship roles with World Vision and Canada Basketball; helping Nav and his Foundation bring kids together through the game of basketball by building basketball courts across the world.



In 2020 it was announced, the Basketball Hall of Fame will be honouring Nav in their new Superfan Gallery as part of the class of 2020 which includes stars such as Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan and the late great Kobe Bryant.





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San Remo Bakery has been a long time and avid supporter of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame. They have provided delicious fresh pizzas for our annual Beer, Wine and Cheese Event held each April at the Ford Performance Centre. This event showcases the upcoming class of inductees to the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Natale Bozzo, owner of San Remo Bakery passed away February 18th 2021 at the age of 75, losing his six week battle with COVID-19. Royal York Road was lined with family, friends, well-wishers and supporters when a drive by procession of the “humble baker” proceeded onto his burial services.



Natale immigrated from Italy at the age of fifteen years old. He learned his baking skill from a bakery in "Little Italy" in the Dufferin and St Clair area. Along with his three brothers Giuseppe, Peter and John they opened San Remo Bakery and Cafe in 1969. In 1990, Natale became the sole owner of the bakery along with his three sons Rob, Nick and Eddie.

Even though Natale was retired he would come to the bakery and help his beloved sons because it was his passion. In 2019, the Bozzo family was able to celebrate 50 years of operation with Natale and his wife Nicoletta.

The resilient Bozzo family has adapted well to health measures resulting from the pandemic. The bakery is a buzz of activity and very much a family affair with all three brothers pitching in, and the new generation of the Bozzo family (Rob's son Adriano) cutting his teeth in the bakery business.

Rob Bozzo stated: "Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame is an important part of the Etobicoke community. It is important that we celebrate our community and support each other. My late father Natale, thought it was integral we be productive members of the Etobicoke community and have worked closely with the "Hall" over the years to celebrate Etobicoke. We hope to continue this tradition and help to see Etobicoke flourish"

"On behalf of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame, we extend our deepest condolences to the entire Bozzo family on the passing of Natale. He will be greatly missed.

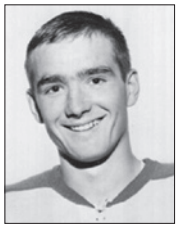
San Remo Bakery is an Etobicoke landmark and is certainly part of the fabric of the community, specifically Mimico. We have sincerely appreciated their generosity over several years as a sponsor of our Hall providing delicious prepared food and baked goods for our events" said Joanne Noble, President of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.

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GEORGE ARMSTRONG



Born in Bowland's Bay, Ontario on July 6, 1930 to an Irish father and an Iroquois mother, George Armstrong honed his natural athleticism and focused on his hockey skills in Falconbridge near the Sudbury nickel mines, where his father worked.

The Toronto Maple Leafs put him on their protected list while he was playing with the Copper Cliff Jr. Redmen of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association in 1946–47. He was the league leading scorer with Stratford the following season, and was awarded the Eddie Powers Memorial Trophy as the OHA's leading scorer. The Leafs then sent him to the Toronto Marlboros, which was their junior affiliate team.

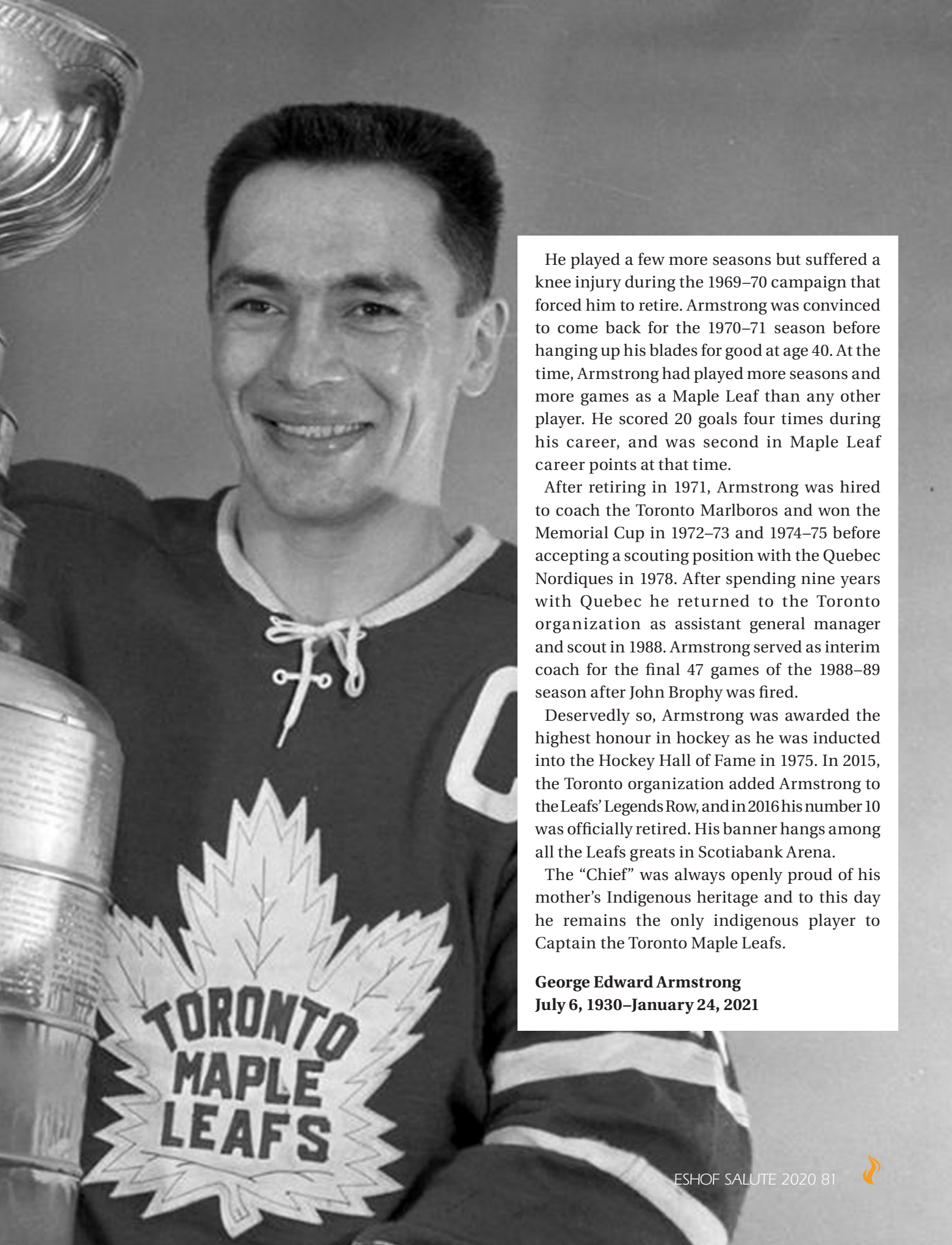
He was called up to play for the Senior Marlies in the Allan Cup playoffs in 1949, and helped the team win the title over Calgary the following year.

Armstrong made a visit to the Stoney Indian Reserve in Alberta during the Allan Cup. When the band learned of his partial Indigenous ancestral background, they made him an honorary member, presenting him with ceremonial headdress and giving him the name "Chief Shoot-the-Puck".

The nickname stuck and was shortened to "Chief", and Armstrong was one of the first players of Indigenous decent to play professional hockey, and the first Indigenous player to score in the NHL.

Conn Smythe, Toronto Maple Leafs owner and GM at the time, named Armstrong the captain before the 1957–58 season. Smythe would later call Armstrong "the best Captain the Leafs have ever had."

Armstrong went on to Captain the Leafs for 12 seasons, winning three straight Stanley Cups in 1962, 1963 and 1964 and finally the stunning 1967 win over the rival Montreal Canadiens. His empty-net insurance goal with 47 seconds remaining, clinched the 3–1 Game 6 win, and proved to be the final goal of the Original Six era. "Chief" was 36 years old when the Leafs won their last championship.



He played a few more seasons but suffered a knee injury during the 1969–70 campaign that forced him to retire. Armstrong was convinced to come back for the 1970–71 season before hanging up his blades for good at age 40. At the time, Armstrong had played more seasons and more games as a Maple Leaf than any other player. He scored 20 goals four times during his career, and was second in Maple Leaf career points at that time.

After retiring in 1971, Armstrong was hired to coach the Toronto Marlboros and won the Memorial Cup in 1972–73 and 1974–75 before accepting a scouting position with the Quebec Nordiques in 1978. After spending nine years with Quebec he returned to the Toronto organization as assistant general manager and scout in 1988. Armstrong served as interim coach for the final 47 games of the 1988–89 season after John Brophy was fired.

Deservedly so, Armstrong was awarded the highest honour in hockey as he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1975. In 2015, the Toronto organization added Armstrong to the Leafs' Legends Row, and in 2016 his number 10 was officially retired. His banner hangs among all the Leafs greats in Scotiabank Arena.

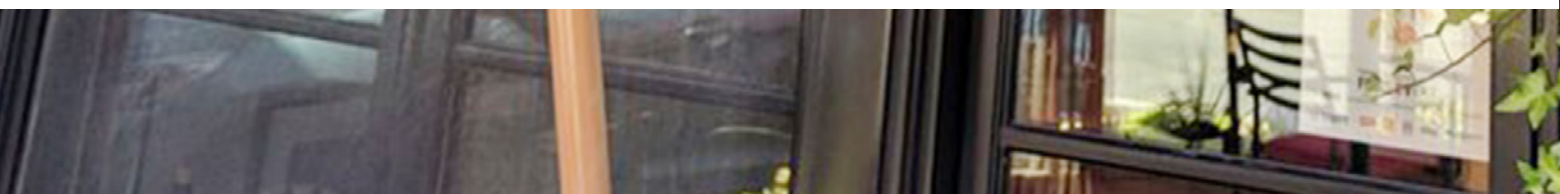
The "Chief" was always openly proud of his mother's Indigenous heritage and to this day he remains the only indigenous player to Captain the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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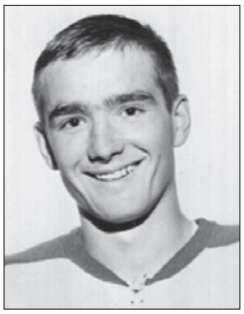
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