



## The Final Face-Off

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Since the Fall 2016 newsletter, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans as well as people with a connection to the sport in our province. Also included are any earlier deaths not mentioned in previous newsletters or brought to our attention. Information below has been compiled from newspaper obituaries and other sources such as the Internet and the Society for International Hockey Research. Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame (MHOF) are noted with an asterisk\*.

Jan. 20, 2016 - **Tom Paterson, 85** - Coached several city and provincial minor championships at Isaac Brock Community Club with his longtime friend Jim Walker from 1957 to 1964.

Aug. 2016 - **Clare Wakshinski, 80** - Played junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens and Winnipeg Monarchs from 1953 to 1956 of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) followed by 11 years of pro primarily in the EHL.

Dec. 29, 2016 in Winnipeg - **Dr. Mark Young, 75** - Played for the Winnipeg Monarchs of the MJHL in 1959-60 and 1960-61 and served as assistant team physician for Team Canada at the 1974 Summit Series with Russia.

Jan. 16 in Winnipeg - **Kent Coleman** - Served as GM of the St. James Flames seniors, director of the St. James Canadiens juniors and scouted for the Vancouver Grizzlies, Saskatoon Blades and Moose Jaw Warriors of the WHL and Winnipeg South Blues of the MJHL.

Jan. 19, 2017 in Winnipeg - **Jerry Brasko, 85** - First executive vice-president and honorary life member of the River East Royal Knights of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League (MMJHL).

Jan. 21 in Winnipeg - **Barry Wilcock, 70** - A founding member of the Fort Garry North Hockey Association.

Jan. 25 in Winnipeg - **Don Shanski, 70** - Goalie who played many years with the River Heights Wednesday night rec group and travelled to Germany with the Winnipeg Buffaloes.

Feb. 4 in Winnipeg - **Ray Hayes, 86** - Played for the juvenile Winnipeg Canadiens in 1948 and in England in 1949 after his father was transferred there. Later played in the Winniboine Intermediate League with Orioles and Elmwood Millionaires.

Feb. 6 in Kamloops, B.C. - **Don Busch, 85** - Brandon native who played junior with the Flin Flon Bombers from 1949-50 to 1951-52 followed by nine pro seasons in Scotland and North America. Also coached in Italy and ran the Don Busch Hockey School in Kamloops for 15 years.

Feb. 6 in Winnipeg - **Ken Kronson, 76** - Served as president of the Winnipeg South Blues and as an executive member of the 1999 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Feb. 22 in Winnipeg - **Del Crewson, 74** - Served as chair and board member for the Winnipeg Jets interim steering committee.

Feb. 26 in Winnipeg - **Carl Mattson, 89** - Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher who played hockey for the Warren team that won the provincial intermediate championship in 1956.



Feb. 28 in Beausejour - **Jody Brown, 43** - Played for the Pineview Saints and junior B for the Beausejour Comets.

April 10 in Winnipeg - **\*Bill (Sudsy) Sutherland, 82** - Played junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens from 1952-53 to 1954-55 followed by a 19-year pro career that included time with five NHL teams. Spent his final two seasons with the WHA Winnipeg Jets and later was a Jets coach. Inducted into the MHHF in 1989.

April 12 in Kelowna, B.C. - **Roy Forbes, 95** - Rorketon native who played junior for the Portage Terriers and was a member of the RCAF Flyers team that won Olympic gold in 1948.

April 26 in Winnipeg - **Len Ariano, 95** - Refereed junior hockey in the 1940s and 1950s.

May 1 in Winnipeg - **Ralph Erickson, 73** - Played junior C for Norberry Royals in 1962-63 and junior B in 1963-64.

May 5 in St. Anne's - **Dusty Durston, 93** - Played for the Trail Smoke Eaters and was the coach of the 1956-57 Poplar Point Memorials intermediates that were inducted into the MHHF in 2009.

May 15 in Calgary - **Stan Kaluznick, 85** - Played minor hockey for Norwood and the St. Paul's Crusaders with whom he was a juvenile all-star. Moved to Calgary to play in the backfield for the football Stampeders. In 1966 bought the Calgary Buffaloes of the WCJHL, renamed the team Centennials and served as the GM.

May 20 in Winnipeg - **Jack Senchuk, 88** - The Pas native who played for the Brandon Wheat Kings of the MJHL in 1947-48 and for the Flin Flon Bombers of the SJHL in 1948-49.

May 28 in Winnipeg - **Don Collins, 85** - Goalie for the junior Winnipeg Monarchs from 1949 to 1952 and then for the senior Winnipeg Maroons winning the Allan Cup in 1964. Played for Canada's National Team in the 1965 World Championship and was the backup goalie for the 1956 Edinburgh Cup winning Winnipeg Warriors. Both the 1956 and 1964 teams are in the MHHF.

June 2 in Warroad - **Gord Christian, 89** - Member of the famous Warroad, Minn. hockey family, who played for University of North Dakota (UND), the US National Team and played and coached the Warroad Lakers. Family owned the Christian Bros. hockey stick company.

June 4 in Winnipeg - **Joe Malcolm, 69** - Connected to many teams including the Winnipeg Tobans, Sandy Bay Feathermen, Southeast Golden Bows, Sagkeeng Oldtimers and Canada's first aboriginal junior A team, the Southeast Thunderbirds.

June 15 in Winnipeg - **Ivan Berkowitz, 80** - Served on the Save the Jets campaign and as volunteer VP of Marketing for community-owned Jets.

June 21 in Morden - **Jim Mutcheson, 91** - Played goal for the junior Portage Terriers and for intermediate teams from 1942 to 1962 including provincial championships with Portage and the Miami Rockets. Inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

June 17 in Portage la Prairie - **Vic Pidhirny, 82** - Served as the Portage committee chair for the 1999 World Junior Championship and served as a trainer for the Terriers.



June 19 in Abbotsford, B.C. - **Grant Schettler, 57** - Plumas native who played junior for the Portage Terriers from 1968 to 1970.

June 29 in Edmonton - **\*Dave Semenko, 59** - Played junior in Brandon for the Travellers and Wheat Kings followed by nine pro seasons primarily with the Edmonton Oilers in the WHA and NHL. On two Stanley Cup winning teams. Inducted into the MHHF in 2001.

July 8 in Beaconsfield, P.Q. - **Don Johns, 79** - Played nine pro seasons including his first two in 1958-59 and 1959-60 with the Winnipeg Warriors of the WHL.

July 11 in Winnipeg - **Gus Bohunicky, 84** - Midget and juvenile all-star on defence with the Black Hawks and then played junior for the Hawks in 1951-52. Member of the 1953-54 Dauphin Kings intermediates that were inducted into the MHHF in October 2017.

July 16 in Winnipeg - **Ted Homenuik, 83** - Manitoba Sports HOF golfer who played junior B for Yorkton, and junior for the Prince Albert Mintos of the SJHL and the Winnipeg Barons of the MJHL.

July 17 in Winnipeg - **Ralph Bagley, 89** - Sports reporter for the *Winnipeg Tribune* and *Winnipeg Free Press* who also broadcast play-by-play in Dauphin for the Kings.

July 20 in Winnipeg - **Tom Hannesson, 85** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Black Hawks in 1950-51 and 1951-52 and was a member of the 1952-53 Dauphin Kings intermediates that were inducted into the MHHF in October 2017.

July 28 in Winnipeg - **Ron Sprague, 82** - Involved with St. James minor hockey and the St. James junior Canucks between 1967 and 1980.

July 28 in Campbell River, B.C. - **Bill Moffat, 67** - Played high school for the St. Paul Crusaders, junior for the Fort Garry Blues and at UND.

July 31 in Winnipeg - **Curt Roseborough, 78** - Defenceman who played junior for the Winnipeg and Brandon/Transcona Rangers from 1957 to 1959 and at UND from 1959 to 1962.

Aug. 2 in Winnipeg - **Bill Thomas, 66** - Fort Garry product whose family moved to Woodstock, Ont. when he was 16. In 1969 won an Ontario provincial junior championship with the Woodstock Navy Vets.

Aug. 16 - **Eddie Marchant, 89** - Played for the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs, then in the PCHL and senior in Eastern Canada.

Aug. 17 in Winnipeg - **Ted Nowicki, 86** - Volunteer in many sports including the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association.

Aug. 24 in Winnipeg - **Marty Roy, 79** - Played for the junior Winnipeg Braves in 1957-58 and for the Transcona Turbos.

Aug. 25 in Winnipeg - **Scott Turnbull, 49** - Played for the Winnipeg Monarchs, Winnipeg South Blues and the Prince Albert Raiders and Moose Jaw Warriors in the WHL followed by pro in Germany.

Sept. 18 in Winnipeg - **Doug Slobodian, 60** - Served on the Winnipeg AAA executive.



Sept. 23 in Winnipeg - **Bob Goring, 90** - The father of Butch Goring (MHHF 1989) played junior in Ottawa and Brandon in 1946-47 and in Wembley, Eng. the next season. Coached minor hockey for several seasons.

Sept. 23 in Winnipeg - **Jim Gibbs** - Served as a statistician for the U of M Bisons and the Winnipeg Warriors for many years.

Oct. 3 in Winnipeg - **Merv Brown, 79** - Coached the West Kildonan North Stars of the MJHL.

Oct. 13 in Regina - **Ted Knight, 78** - Charleswood product who played for the 1959 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Braves and for the Monarchs the next season. Was part-owner of the Regina Pats of the WHL from 1986 to 1995.

Oct. 16 in Winnipeg - **Gary Selley** - Played on several Isaac Brock minor city and provincial champions in the late 1950s and early 1960s, for the Boeing Jets, and for Isaac Brock in the Inner City Oldtimers League.

Oct. 18 in Winnipeg - **Dunc Rousseau, 72** - Bissett product who played junior for the Winnipeg Braves from 1962-63 to 1964-65 and then pro in the CPHL, IHL and the AHL as well as with the Winnipeg Jets in the team's first two WHA seasons.

Oct. 25 - **Kelly Kabernick, 44** - Coach of the Sanford Sabres high school girls team who died in a vehicle accident near La Salle. His twin daughters played for the team.

Nov. 3 in Calgary - **Raymond Huot, 86** - Played for the Detroit Heche of the IHL in 1950-51 followed by four seasons at UND.

Nov. 6 in Emerson - **Guy Robert, 84** - Goalie with the senior Letellier Maple Leafs in 1951-52 and for teams in Emerson, St. Jean and La Broquerie.

Nov. 9 in Winnipeg - **Rob Frame, 52** - Retired RCMP inspector who had served as president of the Estevan Bruins of the SJHL and VP of the Dauphin Kings.

Nov. 11 in Winnipeg - **Irv Snyder, 87** - Officiated in the MJHL.

Nov. 23 in Selkirk - **John Buffie, 91** - Original board member of the Selkirk Steelers of the MJHL who served for more than 20 years.

Nov. 25 in Winnipeg - **Ernie Gaudreau, 84** - Retired phys-ed supervisor for the St. Vital School Division who volunteered for the St. Vital Hockey Association and Norberry Community Club.

Dec. 10 in Edmonton - **Mike Burstow, 76** - Had served as a statistician for the CASH League.

Dec. 25 in Winnipeg - **Earl Oliver, 80** - Played for many years with the Coyotes in the Inner City Oldtimers League and latterly with the 55-plus groups at the Keith Bodley Arena and MTS Iceplex.