



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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INDUCTION DINNER SELL-OUT

Ed Belfour came from his ranch in Texas to be inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame on Oct. 3. The goalie, who won a Stanley Cup with Dallas Stars, was the first inductee to speak at the induction dinner at the Canada Inns Polo Park and he set the tone with his comments about playing hockey in his home province. He spoke about growing up in Carman, playing in small communities in the area, and mentioned Ernie Sutherland and Frank McKinnon as just two of the people who helped him on his way to hockey success.

Murray Williamson, who is a member of the US Hockey Hall of Fame, the Massachusetts Hockey Hall and the U of Minnesota Athletic HOF, was thrilled by his induction. The Fort Rouge native travelled from his home in the Twin Cities.

"This is where it all started," Williamson told the crowd of more than 850. "This is the Crown Jewel."

Brandon product Fred Creighton, who coached professional hockey for 19 years including six years in the NHL, came from Sacramento, Cal. despite not being in the best of health. His former Flin Flon Bombers teammate Bob Kabel, a 2001 inductee, spoke on his behalf. Twenty-six members of Canada's national team from 1965-1969 participated in the team's induction.

Marshall Johnston, who is now the director of pro scouting for the Carolina Hurricanes, responded for his teammates. Among those returning to Winnipeg where the team was based were Fran Huck, Gary Begg, Barry MacKenzie, Terry O'Malley, Herb and Gerry Pinder, goalie Ken Broderick and the team's other goalie, Wayne Stephenson, who got his start between the pipes at River Heights Community Centre. Herb Pinder and assistant trainer and occasional backup goalie Ken Esdale were in good enough shape to wear their bright red Canada blazers from 40 years ago. Team members were in PEI a week earlier for a reunion at the home of Billy MacMillan.

A host of people came from the Winkler area to honour Ray Neufeld and many of them bore the "Neufeld" name. The Winkler Flyers ad in the dinner program called him a "Hometown Hero." Murray Wilkie, the ultimate journeyman player who played pro in more than a dozen locations, was congratulated by the Neepawa



L-R: Player inductees Bruno Zarrillo, Gary Cribbs representing Ken Wregget, Murray Wilkie, Ray Neufeld, Ed Belfour and Bill Lesuk

Natives oldtimers for "71 consecutive years of playing hockey." Former Winnipeg Jet Bill Lesuk and Bruno Zarrillo, who had an outstanding career in Europe after starring for the River East Royal Knights, also were inducted as players as was NHL goalie Ken Wregget, who did not attend. HOF president Gary Cribbs accepted on his behalf.

Creighton and Williamson were inducted as builders along with Greg Lacomy and Jill Mathez, the first woman to enter the Hall. Both Lacomy and Mathez have lengthy coaching resumes in our province. Heavy Evason and Pat Ginnell were inducted posthumously as builders. Bobby Clarke, who played for Ginnell when he coached the Flin Flon Bombers, sent an ad that read, "Thanks Paddy, From Clarkie." Kevin Ginnell spoke about his father while Evason's widow Roz and his nephew Austin Beavis read a tribute to Heavy whose impact on hockey was felt in several Manitoba communities.

Along with the Nats, the 1956-57 intermediate Pine Falls Paper Kings and Poplar Point Memorials and the 1952-53 junior St. Boniface Canadiens were inducted in the team category.

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Hockey Hall of Fame News

A Message from President Gary Cribbs

This year, 2009 is coming to a fast close and reflecting back, it has been a busy year, and a most successful year. We want to thank all the Board members for their outstanding contribution in making the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame a real presence in the province and the country as a whole.



The Hall of Fame was very instrumental in placing and making aware the need for Automated External Defibrillators in arenas in Manitoba. This was an enormous task for Kent Morgan and his committee, and they are to be congratulated. The number of AEDs in Manitoba has increased by over twice the number previously in place.

Again the HOF was happy to assist in the Hockey Manitoba's referees program by awarding plaques to deserving referees. And we awarded scholarships to University of Manitoba men's and women's hockey team personnel. Also, we were happy to award similar scholarship awards to deserving high school student athletes.

We held our biennial induction dinner in October of this year, and through the efforts of dinner chair Jerry Kruk and the various committees, we had a record crowd of over 850 in attendance. It was a wonderful evening honoring some great hockey people from our province.

Now we look forward to a year ahead of furthering our mission statement of dedicated service to the Manitoba hockey heritage, its past, present and future. In order to do so, we appeal to our Patrons to further our efforts by suggestions; and spreading the word of our work by asking those who you know to join our organization. One donation of \$100 makes one a Patron for Life of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.

To all of you, may 2010 be smooth skating and good health.

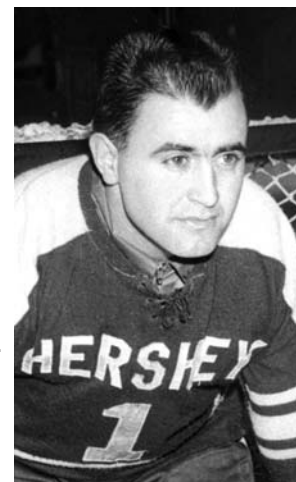
Name Dropping by Toast and Coffee

Editors Ted and Kent were first labelled **Toast and Coffee** when they wrote a sports column under that title for the *Winnipeg Sun*. In December they began writing a bi-weekly T&C column for the *Canstar Community News* weeklies (*Headliner, Herald, Lance, Metro, Sou'Wester, Times*) and will continue to write a column on alternate weeks for the *Prime Times* newspaper.



Steve Christie

Steve Christie and **Erica Holmes** of the U of M Bisons are this year's winners of the Sam Fabro Scholarships presented annually by the HOF. Sam and Prez Cribbs took part in the presentations at the Bisons– Lethbridge game on Oct. 10. Christie immediately went back into the nets and shut out the visitors 4-0...On Nov. 29 in Altona, Police Sgt. **Perry Bachelor** had a heart attack and collapsed on the ice while refereeing. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) machine was used to revive him. Bachelor, who is recovering from heart surgery, told CBC Radio One in a Dec. 15th interview that he was shocked three times and the machine saved his life. What makes the story particularly ironic is that Bachelor took the lead role in the fundraising effort to get an AED for the Altona arena and he was the first person to benefit from it. In addition to officiating, Bachelor, 49, played for the Maroons oldtimers in a league with players age 18 to 50-plus...The Society for International Hockey Research has confirmed that it will hold its annual meeting, May 15, in Brandon during the 2010 Memorial Cup. HOF associate director **Morris Mott** and **Robert Kirk** are the Brandon contacts. Director **Ed Sweeney** is the long-time SIHR vice-president for Western Canada...The new rink in Cartwright that officially opened in October has been named the **Mac Robinson** Community Arena. Robinson, who passed away in January, was described in a *Winnipeg Free Press* article as "the point man in the arena rebuilding committee and painstakingly supervising every little detail... right down to the janitor's room."...At an antiquarian book sale in St. Petersburg, FL last spring, we came across a 1939-40 Philadelphia Ramblers program of interest to Manitobans. The line-up included two people who went on to coach Memorial Cup championship teams, **Bobby Kirk** with the 1957 Flin Flon Bombers and **Bill Allum** of the 1959 Winnipeg Braves as well as **Hugh Gustafson**, an outstanding all-around athlete who was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. The team played in the International-American Hockey League. Kirk was inducted into the Hockey HOF in 1999 and Allum in 1990...Who better than a homicide detective to try to figure why the Seven Oaks Raiders were dead (last) in the MMJHL this season. After a group of former players took over the franchise, they put **Murray Allen** behind the bench and at press time the retired Winnipeg police officer had led Raiders to a couple of wins. In a previous life, Allen served as president of the league...Goalie **Bill Tibbs**, who we lost Sept. 18, felt the highlight of his hockey career was being part of the 1952 Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup championship team. He was in the team photo, but had played the 1951-52 season with Detroit Hettche of the IHL. **Terry Sawchuk** was in the Red Wing nets for all eight playoff games as well as the 70 games during the regular season so Tibbs didn't see game action with the big club...There are countless stories about **Eddie (Pistol) Dorohoy**, who died in June, but one of the funniest happened in Oct. 1967 at the Winnipeg Arena when he was coaching the junior Jets. Dorohoy didn't like the way the calls were going in a game against the Flin Flon Bombers and while loudly voicing his opinion his dentures fell onto the ice. Referee **Bud Ulrich** ejected Pistol for coming onto the ice, but according to the *Free Press*, "a friendly linesman pointed out that Eddie was only retrieving his dentures" so Ulrich allowed him to stay behind the bench. In a photo accompanying the game story, Coffee aka Kent is seen trying to break up a fight between **George Forgie** of the Jets and **Keith Tomasson** of the Bombers. **Note from Kent:** I never would have saved Dorohoy from ejection; it had to be the other linesman, likely **Len Cowie** or **Earl Ormshaw**, a 2005 HOF official inductee.



Bill Tibbs

The Final Faceoff

Since the last newsletter in the early summer of 2009, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans and others with a connection to the sport in our province. Information below has been compiled from obituaries and other sources such as the Society for International Hockey Research and the Internet. Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk*.

May 16 in Winnipeg - **Hal Lacey, 90** - Played with the Flin Flon senior Bombers during the early 1940s.

May 19 in Winnipeg - **George Bryson, 74** - Flin Flon native who played with the Bombers and later for many years in the Winnipeg Police Officers League.

May 22 - **Craig Lennox, 62** - Coached in the Assiniboine Park Rangers organization and took a minor team to Sweden. Played oldtimers in the Charleswood league and with Tuxedo Colts of the Metro league.

May 27 in Winnipeg - **Don Barton, 65** - One of the founders of the Winnipeg High School Hockey League. Played juvenile at Norberry, junior with the Braves and oldtimers with the Red River Wings and the Keith Bodley 55+ groups.

May 29 in New Zealand - **Jack McCarthy, 75** - Played with the Brandon Wheat Kings juniors in 1952-53 and 54-55. Brother-in-law of HOF member Bob Kabel.

May 31 in Winnipeg - **Joe Lamarche, 85** - For 25 springs he took the Winnipeg Colts/Mustangs 9 to 11-year-old teams to tournaments in Goderich and Brampton, Ont.



Bun Nicholson

June 3 in Winnipeg - **Bill Ducharme, 70** - Served on the executive of the Manitoba Senior Hockey League, covered senior hockey as a freelancer for the *Free Press* and handled publicity for the St. Boniface Mohawks in the 1960s.

June 9 in Victoria - **Eddie Dorohoy, 80** - Coached Brandon Wheat Kings of the MJHL and Winnipeg Jets of the WCJHL after a lengthy pro career.

June 19 in Winnipeg - **Bun Nicholson, 86** - Goalie who played for the junior Monarchs, the senior Maroons and Regina Caps, pro with Troy of the IHL plus three exhibition games with the New York Rangers. Later coached at Weston Community Club where he served as sports chair.

June 21 - **Murray Shuster, 81** - Beausejour native who was involved with minor hockey, the junior B Comets and the BAPR team.

July 1 in Winnipeg - **Warren Remple, 56** - Member of the 1972-73 Centennial Cup champion Portage Terriers junior team that was inducted into the Hockey HOF in 2003 and the Manitoba Sports HOF in 2008.

July 6 in Thunder Bay - **Ron Talakoski, 47** - Played with the U of M Bisons in the early 1980s before turning pro where his career included a few games with the New York Rangers. Later played in the CASH League with Thunder Bay Twins.

July 20 in Winnipeg - **Craig Petryna, 41** - Played with Charleswood Hawks of the MMJHL and St. James Flames of the MSHL. Also an amateur boxer.

July 28 in Cambridge, Ont. - **Don Rope, 80** - Played junior for Winnipeg Monarchs and St. Michael's College, won the Allan Cup with Toronto Marlboros in 1950 and Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen in 1953, and was member of the Canadian teams that won bronze at the 1956 Winter Olympics and silver at the 1960 Games.

Aug. 22 - Kelowna, B.C. - **John Negladiuk, 78** - Winnipeg Black Hawk junior who also played with St. Michael's College.

Sept. 11 in Regina - **Dr. John McGoey, 92** - Chief medical officer of the Winnipeg Jets of the WHA and one of the original funders of the indoor rink at River Heights Community Club.

Sept. 12 in Winnipeg - **Matt Vigier, 15** - Notre Dame de Lourdes youth who played minor hockey with the Pembina Valley Hawks and high school with the Mountain Mustangs; drafted by Moose Jaw Warriors (WHL) and Swan Valley Stampeders (MJHL).

Sept. 12 in Arborg - **Herman Vigfusson, 74** - Played several years for the Arborg Falcons.



Don Rope

Sept. 18 in Winnipeg - **Bill Tibbs, 78** - Goalie with junior Winnipeg Canadians who played pro between 1950 and 1960 primarily in the IHL. In 1955-56 with Troy Bruins was the first winner of the James Norris Memorial Trophy for allowing the fewest goals in the IHL.

Sept. 29 in Steinbach - **Fred Howell, 72** - Minor hockey coach and referee who was a founder of the Steinbach Puckers oldtimers club in the early 1970s.

Oct. 9/10 - **Ross Caisley, 24** - Assistant coach of the AAA Winnipeg Thrashers midgets who died in a car accident. Played junior for the Winnipeg South Blues and Winnipeg Saints of the MJHL.

Oct. 22 in Winnipeg - **Henry Litschke, 55** - Played several years of pro with five teams in the German first and second divisions.

Oct. 30 in Winnipeg - **Gerry Patterson, 86** - Rainy River native who played goal for UND and later coached, refereed and played oldtimers while working in Arborg.

Nov. 16 in B.C. - **Harry Taylor, 83** - Member of the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs, the 1949 Stanley Cup champion Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1951 AHL champion Cleveland Barons.



Harry Taylor



Pinky Melnyk

Nov. 17 in Winnipeg - **Sam Brown, 78** - Cape Breton native who played many years with the RCAF Flyers before moving to Winnipeg.

Nov. 21 in Winnipeg - **Walter (Pinky) Melnyk, 88** - Played junior for St. Boniface Seals, Kenora Thistles and Portage Terriers followed by several pro seasons primarily with the Minneapolis Millers of the USHL. Finished career with Letellier Maple Leafs and Killarney Shamrocks.

Nov. 22 in Portage la Prairie - **Harry (Ellis) Bird, 82** - Served on the executive of the Portage junior Terriers for several years.

Nov. 24 in Winnipeg - ***George Allard, 79** - The Pas native who played goal for the junior Winnipeg Black Hawks and the Brandon Wheat Kings and for the Manitoba Oldtimers. Served as recreation director in Flin Flon where he also played and coached before joining the MAHA where he spent 24 years as executive director.

Dec. 7 in Winnipeg - **Geoff Burman, 82** - Played centre for the 1946-47 MJHL champion Brandon Elks followed by several seasons in the PCHL with San Francisco and Victoria. Also played two seasons in England with Harringay Racers.

Dec. 8 in Cleveland - **Wayne Schultz, 68** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Braves and pro for 12 season primarily in the AHL. Called "Aggie Kuk" because of his likeness to the late Aggie Kululowicz, a former player, who was a translator for the Russian national team.

MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME 2009 GREY CUP POOL WINNERS

Final Score: \$1000. E28 W27
 Bob Kuryk 428 Dunrobin Ave., Winnipeg
 Reverse Score: W27 E28
 Jim Anderson 107-140 Ferry Road, Winnipeg

First Quarter Winner: \$200. W10 E0
 Shawn Finnegan 122 Polson Ave., Winnipeg
 Reverse Score: \$50 E 0 W10
 Brian Evenson Box 1875, Minnedosa

Half-Time Score Winner: \$200. W 17 E3
 Vera Chernecki 433 Aldine St., Winnipeg
 Reverse Score: \$50. E3 W17
 Ralph Borger, 101 Surfside Cr., Winnipeg

Third Quarter Score Winner: \$200 W20 E10
 A. J. Mathews 219-2730 Ness Ave., Winnipeg

Reverse Score Winner: \$50. E 10 W20
 Jack Sangster 48 Red River Road, Thompson
 Tie Score Winners: \$25.
 Graham Jones, Winnipeg 0 - 0
 Ron LaTourelle 4A-2366 Portage Ave., Wpg 29 - 29

Score Changes: \$25.
 Freida Liske Site 421, RR4, Box 1, Beausejour
 Jack Grobb 313-45 Leveque St., Winnipeg
 Shirley Langrell 79 Franklin Bay, Winnipeg
 Tony Iannone 539 Waterloo St., Winnipeg
 Gord Cooke 211 Queensbury Bay, Winnipeg
 F.D. Kawiuk 13 Lethbridge Ave., Winnipeg
 Bob Tremmer Box 486, Manitou
 Luc St. Mars 832 Buckingham Rd., Winnipeg
 Rob Almeida 100 Uxbridge Rd., Winnipeg
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 Rick Brownlee Box 1898 Stonewall
 M. Paryniuk 103 Dayton Dr., Winnipeg

2009 Hall of Fame Photo Gallery



Ed Belfour and Sam Fabro



Bill Lesuk



Ray Neufeld



Murray Wilkie



Bruno Zarrillo



Greg Lacomy



**Roz Evason with Heavy's
nephew Austin Beavis**



**Fred Creighton with
Sam Fabro**



**Kevin Ginnell spoke for
his father Pat**



Jill Mathez



Murray Williamson



**Marshall Johnston for
Canada's National Team**



**Bob Seguin for
Pine Falls Paper Kings**



Sid White for St. Boniface Canadiens



**Orille Hogue for Poplar Point
Memorials**

Induction Dinner Recollections

Dinner chair Jerry Kruk did an incredible job of squeezing in the crowd even though a few people had to eat in an overflow room. Bob Picken was excellent as the dinner MC in what he says will be his swan song. The original HOF chair Sam Fabro presented the inductees with their awards. Name tags with the HOF logo made it easier to identify the inductees who may have matured a little since their playing days. It cut down on the number of "who's that?"...The US team that won silver in the 1972 Olympics sent a congratulatory letter to coach Murray Williamson. Toronto Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke sent a video to congratulate the inductees...Ted Hampson, a 1986 inductee, came in from the Twin Cities to honour his former Flin Flon Bomber linemate Pat Ginnell. Hampson is on the scouting staff of the Vancouver Canucks. Another ex-Bomber Bob Kabel (2001 inductee) spoke on behalf of Fred Creighton and ex-pro Bill Dobbyn came in support of his Flin Flon defence partner...Jill Mathez joked that she wasn't nervous speaking to the large crowd when as principal of Dakota Collegiate she often has to face more than 1,200 teenagers...A thank you goes to the advertisers whose support allows the HOF to produce the 36-page dinner program. And a special thanks to director Don Kuryk who coordinated the ad effort and to Eric Molyneaux of the Sport Manitoba print shop who again pulled everything together right at deadline. And finally who can forget how moving it was to hear each and every one of the inductees or their representatives speak about their connection to hockey in our province and the impact it made.

Skating Down Memory Lane With Ted Holland

MANITOBA OLDTIMERS IN GERMANY 1972

It's true, there was another international series in 1972 that may have got a little more publicity but the Manitoba Oldtimers visit to Germany was hard to beat in the goodwill and fun categories. The trip was arranged through the office of the Minister of Supply and Services, James Richardson and Earl Dawson, an advisor to the federal Department of Fitness and Health. The average age of the team was 42.

Four players had NHL experience, Bill Mosienko, the Chicago Black Hawk three goals in 21 seconds man, Bill Juzda, who won two Stanley Cups with Toronto, former Detroit Red Wing Al Johnson and Eddie (Spider) Mazur, a Stanley Cup champ with Montreal Canadiens.

The balance of the team was composed of minor pros and outstanding senior performers. In the line-up were Father Elmer MacGillivray who attended the New York Ranger camp in 1948 following his junior and senior days with Halifax St. Mary's; Ron Castelane, a minor pro in Boston and Johnstown; Keith Campbell, a veteran Manitoba player and hockey executive; and Nick Hill, a junior with Winnipeg Black



Vic Shettler

Hawks and Port Arthur Bruins who later went on to furniture fame. Also on the trip were Alex Kurceba, who won an Allan Cup with Fort Frances Canadians in 1952 before his long CCM career; Bruce Ward from the Nipigon Flyers, who was at the time the left-hander's golf champion of Canada; Vic Shettler, who along with Mosienko and Juzda had seen birthday number 50 go by and who had played for Baltimore Clippers and Wembley

Lions; Don Wilkinson, former St. James junior; Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Director Bryan Derrett, the youngest of the group at 35, who won two IHL play-off scoring titles with St. Paul Saints before his back gave out; Buddy McCormick who skated for Harringay Racers; and Tod Thurston, who played in Toledo and across the pond for Earl's Court Rangers. The goalkeepers were long-time MAHA exec George Allard, who played in Flin Flon, Brandon and Winnipeg (See The Final Face-Off), and Ray Charambura. "Shampoo" was with Warroad Lakers, played football for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and won a world silver softball medal with Molson Canadians. He can still be spotted in the southwest corner at Manitoba Moose games. Jack Muir went along as a replacement when Chuck Lumsden, Ralph Lyndon and Brandon's Jack Matheson were unable to make the trip.

"Moanin Joe" Mathewson was the coach, Alf Senebald was the manager and trainer and Al Vickery handled publicity. Recording the proceedings were Ed Dearden for the *Winnipeg Tribune* and Dallis Beck for the *Free Press*, from whose accounts most of this material has been lifted. The man making all the pre- and post-game speeches (and he's still doing it for a number of organizations) and handing out Golden Boys and Red River carts on behalf of the Manitoba Hockey Foundation was Reno Fabro aka Sam. At one stop, Fabro was showing off his linguistics by ordering a complete breakfast in Italian-Canadian. He was given a helping of 'brochwurst."

The Manitoba Oldtimers easily defeated Lahr Canadians 9-5 but everyone was talking about the powerful Baden-Baden Raiders who were 18 and 1 and had defeated the Czech A" team and also Austria. With the line of Mazur, McCormick and Derrett chalking up 15 points, Manitoba downed the Raiders 9-6. They then played a 5-5 tie with Zweibrucken Warriors.

The Oldtimers were well received by the local population and by many Canadians who were in the area such as Mike Daski, who drove from Garmisch Partenkirchen where he was coaching. He said that the problem with driving was that gasoline had shot up to 80 cents a gallon. The warm hospitality meant that the schedule between games was a full one. Because of this, Coach Mathewson imposed a stiff curfew of "about 4:30 a.m."