



MANITOBA HOCKEY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Memberships Due April 1

Memberships are due for renewal by April 1. The annual fee is \$15.00. More than 150 members have purchased lifetime memberships and you can join that list for a one-time fee of \$100. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in promoting the aims and objectives of the Foundation so let's try to recruit new members. Payment should be made to the Manitoba Hockey Foundation Inc. and sent to the office at 13-677 St. Anne's Road, Winnipeg R2N 4C4.

The membership roster is being updated so please renew as soon as possible so current contact information can be included. Lifetime members and members who have already renewed should advise secretary Pat McKinnon at 253-6982 or e-mail fpmckinnon@shaw.ca about any changes to their information. Members are asked to provide an e-mail address if they have one.

Manitoba Hockey Foundation Reunion April 6 at Canad Inns Windsor Park

Enter Thursday, April 6, from 7-11 p.m. in your Blackberry. Or in your date book. Or on the "To Do" list on your refrigerator. Just mark it down somewhere so you will remember to attend the annual hockey reunion.

What's new is the spring date rather than the fall along with a move from the Canad Inns Polo Park to the Windsor Park location, 1034 Elizabeth Rd. just off Lagimodiere Blvd. What hasn't changed is the price of a ticket, \$10. You can pay at the door for the opportunity to meet old and new friends and tell and listen to hockey stories, old and new.

The Foundation board of directors hopes the spring date will attract more people. The date also coincides with the annual Sam Tascona Oldtimers Hockey Tournament being played at the Notre Dame Arena in St. Boniface so Sammy has promised to promote the reunion as a place for players to gather.

Anyone with an interest in hockey is welcome to attend. The board encourages each Foundation member to contact one or two of your hockey friends and invite them to join the regular crowd. By doing that, the annual get-together will move towards becoming a true Hockey Night in Manitoba as long-time Foundation member Sam Fabro hopes.

The Manitoba Connection at the AHL All-Star Classic



With the 2006 American Hockey League skills competition and all-star game being held in Winnipeg Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, it was natural that there would be a number of Manitoba connections.

Former Winnipeg Jets GM John Ferguson and Ab McDonald, the Jets first captain, were named honorary coaches for the game. Ferguson played in the AHL with the Cleveland Barons and McDonald was with the Rochester Americans before they reached the NHL. Serge Savard, who had an outstanding NHL career with Montreal and Winnipeg, was presented with a special award as honoured guest.

On the ice, Canada has an easy time downing Planet USA 9-4 in front of an all-star record crowd of 15,105 at the MTS Centre. Jimmy Roy, who captained Canada, and starting goalkeeper Wade Flaherty represented the Manitoba Moose. Flaherty was the top goalie in the skills competition and co-MVP in the all-star game. German-born Sven Butenschon of the Moose played defense for the Planet USA team.



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The Manitoba Connection (continued)

Eric Fehr and Dustin Penner from Winkler were named to the Canada team, but Penner couldn't participate because the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim called him up to the NHL before the game. Kirby Law from McCreary, the AHL's leading scorer, played for Canada as did Junior Lessard, who is not a Manitoban, but was named Canadian Junior A Hockey League Player of the year in 1999-2000 while with Portage Terriers.

Two bantam AAA players were assigned to each squad to take part in the skills contest. Canada had Cody Eakin of Winnipeg Monarchs and Derek Whitehill of Warriors. Adam Hughsman of Sharks and Jesse Paradis of Hawks competed for Planet USA. Eakin amazed the fans as well as the pros by winning the shooting accuracy event. Keith Aucoin of Lowell Lock Monsters and Norfolk Admiral Martin St. Pierre picked off four targets in eight shots, but Eakin nailed four in five shots.

The AHL named the first seven members of its Hall of Fame and the inductees included the late Frank Mathers of Winnipeg. Mathers, a five-time all-star defenseman with the Pittsburgh Hornets and later a player, coach, GM and president of the Hershey Bears, was represented by his wife Pat. Also selected were league executive Jack Butterfield, goalie Johnny Bower, who had a long AHL career before moving up to the NHL, defenseman Eddie Shore and top scorers Jody Gage, Willie Marshall and Fred Glover. Former Winnipeg Warrior Howie Glover represented his brother at the ceremony.

At the request of the Moose, the Manitoba Hockey HOF and the Manitoba Sports HOF developed an exhibit featuring hockey players from Manitoba. A map showing the birthplaces or the Manitoba communities where our future NHLers learned the game was part of the display. Over its 70-year history, the AHL has played an important role for our Manitoba professionals and nearly two-thirds of the 190 players (plus four builders) in the provincial hockey hall played in the league. While many went on to long careers in the NHL, some veterans played there when there was no longer a spot for them at the top level.

Manitoba HOF & Museum Website

Development continues on the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum website and the plan is to officially launch it in March. The site, which is sponsored by the Hockey Foundation, includes bios and photos of 296 honoured members and teams. When it's completed, the website will include a photo and video gallery, history and statistics and a news section where members and the public can keep up-to-date on HOF and Foundation activities. The site also will have links to other hockey and sports websites. You can reach the website at www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca and view the various sections by clicking on the puck icons.

Name-Dropping by Toast and Coffee

Editors Ted and Kent were labelled Toast and Coffee when they wrote a sports column under that title for the *Winnipeg Sun* from 1997 to 2001. They now write the twice-monthly *The Sporting Life* column for *The Prime Times* newspaper.

In our Jan. 15 column in *The Prime Times*, a call was issued to the sports community to preserve our sporting heritage with markers at various locations around the city. The Winnipeg Arena played an important role in the province's sporting history so we suggested that the Hockey Foundation and the Manitoba Curling Hall of Fame might take the lead in making it happen. Inside the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., visitors can stand where home plate in Metropolitan Stadium was located and remember Harmon Killebrew hitting the ball into the left-field stands from that exact spot. Wouldn't it be great to have a marker placed where centre ice was located in the Winnipeg Arena?...Did you know that the Olympic Rink is commemorated by a plaque? It can be found inside an apartment building that stands on the Charles St. and Church Ave. site of one of the city's first indoor rinks...Rob Holland (Dutch's son) has developed a website where people can write about their personal memories of the Winnipeg Arena. The site, www.members.shaw.ca/winnipegarena also includes photos of the demolition...The Canadian Olympic Committee has announced that the 1920 Winnipeg Falcons will be inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in Quebec City in April. Falcons won the hockey gold medals at the 1920 Winter Olympics in Antwerp...Good to hear from Gary Whyte, who was the long-time voice of the MJHL on Shaw TV. He and wife Shirley (the mother of former St. Boniface Mohawk Gerry Pion) relocated to Nanaimo, B.C. Jan. 1, but he'll be in Winnipeg every three months to service his insurance clientele. During a first trip back, he had time for lunch with Brian Gunn, his colour partner on Shaw. Whyte said the Vancouver Island region has a large hockey contingent with Gerry James and retired NHL referee Lloyd Gilmour in Nanaimo and Aggie Kukulowicz a ferry ride away on Gabriola Island. He also ran into Jim Dorman at a Nanaimo arena. Jim is the brother of the late George Dorman, who coached the 1974 Selkirk Steelers to the Centennial Cup... Howie Meeker lives in Parksville north of Nanaimo and that's where former Monarch and referee Bud Ulrich has been recuperating after suffering a shoulder injury playing with the 55-plus oldtimers at Keith Bodley Arena. Ulrich sent word via e-mail that he'll be at Hockey Night in Manitoba April.6... Whyte reminded us that Swiss Olympic hockey coach Ralph Krueger played in the MJHL with the Winnipeg Monarchs under Gerry Brisson and then with the Winnipeg Clubs. Whyte was the manager and Harry Bueckert aka The Gretna Garbage Man was the coach. Following his WHL career that included stints with New Westminster and Calgary, Krueger, 46, played in Germany for several seasons. In 2002, he authored a German best-selling book titled *Team Life: Over Losses To Success*...Krueger's son Justin is a member of the Penticton Vees of the British Columbia Hockey League and played for Germany in the World Junior Hockey Championship. In the Vees bios, the 19-year-old defenseman lists Winnipeg as his hometown...Former Winnipegger Murray Williamson was inducted into the US Hockey Hall of Fame on Nov. 5. A West All-America selection at the University of Minnesota in 1959, Williamson coached the US Olympic team in 1968 and led the team to a silver medal in Sapporo in 1972. The Hobey Baker Foundation in the US named Williamson as its 2005 Legend of College Hockey Award winner...Brandon-born Brady Murray, who played two years at UND, turned pro



Gopher Murray Williamson with Winnipeggers Tom Rendall, Gary Starr and John Rendall of Michigan.

this season and is playing for the Rapperswil-Jona Lakers in the Swiss Elite League. His father, Los Angeles Kings head coach Andy Murray, once coached in that league...Doug Stokes, who coached the Winnipeg South Blues and the Selkirk Steelers of the MJHL, is now the coach and GM of the Flin Flon Bombers of the SJHL. Brian MacDonald, who worked with Stokes in the MJHL, is an assistant coach. We wonder if Doug's father Bill has traveled north of 54 to assess the SJHL officials in the manner he critiqued MJHL officials from behind the Blues bench in the Century Arena...It's hard to believe, but the Bombers have only one local boy, centre Richard Dupre, on the 23-man roster. That's from a town that may have produced more juniors and pros per capita than any other community in our province. Goalie Zane Kalemba even found his way to Flin Flon from Saddlebrook, NJ.

Name-Dropping by Toast and Coffee (continued)

Iris Chrol of the *Winnipeg Sun* did an excellent photo spread of the 2005 Hockey HOF induction dinner in her Out & About column. Photos of several inductees with their families added a nice touch. She also caught up



Wayne Larkin

with inductee Cliff Pennington of St. Petersburg, FL. partying with Dan Allen, Bob Dawson, Brian Beatty and Doug Reid, who played with him on the Queenston School playground team in 1951-52. Beatty travelled from North Carolina and Reid from B.C. for the dinner. Brian is the brother of Hy Beatty, who was honoured with the 1946 Monarchs. Hy, a past Hockey Foundation vice-president, recently moved east to be closer to his grandchildren...Dawson, who later played goal for Sir John Franklin, is famous in the folklore of the River Heights Blossom Park boys for an incident in a midget game against Weston. Dawson got mixed up with tough guy Wayne (Keeper) Larkin, which caused an incredulous Max Pilous, the Weston coach, to shout out, "He's not fighting Larkin?" Larkin went on to captain the 1959 Winnipeg Braves to the Memorial Cup and gain a reputation as one of the toughest players in pro hockey...Eric Fehr, who starred for the Brandon Wheat Kings of the WHL during the 2004-05 season, was named Manitoba male athlete of the year by the Manitoba Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association at its 50th annual dinner Jan. 29. U of M Bisons athlete of the year and Canada West hockey MVP Paul Deniset was one of the five finalists. Hockey player turned speedskater Cindy Klassen won the female athlete award. Bill Mosenko was the Association's first athlete of the year way back in 1956. Bobby Clarke (1975), Butch Goring (1981), Ed Belfour (1991) and Jennifer Botterill (2001) are the other winners from the hockey world. Rob Giesbrecht was honoured for his softball and hockey accomplishments in 2003...Moe Cartman, who covered the Portage Terriers during his lengthy sportswriting career with the Portage Graphic, was inducted posthumously into the MSSA Media Roll of Honour. Wheat Kings PR director Rick Dillabough received the Dallis Beck Memorial Good Guy Award for exceptional service to the provincial sports media (Note from Kent: Dutch was elected president of the MSSA at its annual meeting in December.)...Former U of M Bison Stu Grimson, who recently completed law studies at the University of Memphis, has joined the NHL Players' Association staff. Nicknamed The Grim Reaper during his NHL career from 1989 to 2002, Grimson will be working in the labour department... HOF member Gladwyn Scott, who has been a driving force with the Manitoba Baseball HOF, provided a list of 2006 inductees who will be honoured June 3 in Morden. Those with ties to hockey include Al Evason of Dauphin, Bruce Gullett of Wawanessa, Denny Smith of Hamiota, and Winnipeg North End product Barry Swanton, who lives in Surrey, B.C. HOF member Allan Lee, Barry Edgar and Glen Murray, who played for the Pierson Bruins, will be inducted into the baseball shrine with the 1955-60 Lyleton teams...Scott said he recently spoke with Al Johnson, who lives in Vernon, B.C. In 1955-56, Johnson scored 26 goals for Souris Elks of the Big Six League playing on a line with Frank McKinnon. The next season he played a couple of games in the NHL with Montreal and in 1960-61 potted 16 goals on a line with Gordie Howe in Detroit. McKinnon or Howe - no further comment seems necessary...Scott also mentioned that Lynda (Kidd) Chorley, the wife of Hockey HOF member Elliot (Specs) Chorley, will be inducted into the Manitoba Softball HOF on May 6 in Brandon as a member of the Lenore ladies team. The Chorleys live in Killarney...Chorley's brother Bob, who lives in Sechelt, B.C., called Foundation director Gary Cribbs to say how much he enjoys reading about familiar names in the newsletter. Bob played junior for the Flin Flon Bombers and pro with Brandon Regals of the Western Hockey League... Vincent Massey Collegiate graduate Deena Caplette, who is a senior at Yale University, was named to the All-Ivy League second all-star team. Her 23 points during the regular season tied her for the team lead... Martin Zellig, who writes for the *Winnipeg Free Press* Neighbours section, produced a nice piece on 14-year-old Katie Wilson. Wilson, a centre with the Shaftesbury Titans of the Winnipeg High School Girls League, has the good hockey genes. Grandfather Gerry Wilson was a junior star whose pro career was shortened due to injuries and uncle Carey Wilson played in the NHL for many years. Her coach and father Gerry Jr. played in the WHL and at the University of Wisconsin and mother Marina is a former field hockey player...A submission in writing crossed our desks so we feel obligated to mention the following golf item. HOF historian Ed Sweeney scored his second hole-in-one of the 2005 golf season on Nov. 1 at Fantasy Lake Par 3 Golf Club. With brother Mike looking down the fairway, Ed aced the 105-yard 1st hole with an 8-iron. Fantasy Lake owner Jamie McCreedy, a relative of HOF member Johnny McCreedy, witnessed the feat. Ed's earlier ace happened in August...Your columnists have joined Sweeney and Brandon's Morris Mott as Manitoba members of the Society for International Hockey Research. Another member, Stephen Harper, is now undertaking his research at 24 Sussex Dr. in Ottawa...Please keep us informed if you hear from members of the hockey community who have left for greener pastures or if you have any hockey news. E-mail tkmorgan@shaw.ca or call Dutch at 489-2218.



Allan Lee at the 2005 HOF Dinner

The Final Faceoff

The hockey community has lost a number of members since Fall 2005. Information below was compiled from obituaries and other sources. Complete obituaries on many of the following can be found in the *Winnipeg Free Press* by searching the online archives. Please let us know about any deaths since late September 2005 that have been missed.



Bill Glennie

March 11, 2005 in Longriddry, Scotland - **Bill Glennie, 80** - Portage native who was an all-star right winger and player-coach with Harringay of the English National League. Member of the British Ice Hockey HOF tallied 513 goals and 527 assists in 637 games .

March 12, 2005 in Monticello, MN – **Gordon (Moose) Sherritt, 85** – Oakville native who played junior for the Portage Terriers and pro in England, the AHL and USHL. Played eight games for Detroit Red Wings in 1943-44.

Sept. 26, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Jack Ellis, 88** – Long-time volunteer and coach at Crescentwood Community Centre and manager of a playground A championship team.



Moose Sherritt

Oct. 5, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Jack Thompson, 86** – Long-time sports volunteer

in St. James who was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2004 as a builder. Son Tom is the assistant GM/player personnel for the Minnesota Wild.

Oct. 19, 2005 in Saskatoon – **Elmer (PeeWee) Wiebe, 70** – Played for a Winkler Royals intermediate A championship team. Inducted into the Manitoba Baseball HOF in 2002 with the 1959 Plum Coulee Pirates.

Oct. 24, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Merranda Abas, 15** - Played for the Stony Mountain girls hockey team.

Oct. 29, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Brian Fraser, 45** – Minor coach who played oldtimers for the Pylons.

Nov. 12, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Gerard Tetrault, 81** – Original member of the La Broquerie senior hockey team and a player, coach and manager of the La Broquerie Habs.

Nov. 20, 2005 in Calgary – **Fred (Gus) Collins, 65** – Winnipeg Free Press and Tribune sportswriter who covered hockey for many years before moving to Calgary in 1977 where he worked for the Herald until he retired.

Nov. 25, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Dave Bell, 40** – Played for the Midland Flyers, St. James Canucks of the MMJHL and the St. James Flames senior team.

Nov. 25, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Eugene Waskin, 79** – Played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs.

Nov. 30, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Joe Tribula, 70** – Retired Winnipeg police staff sergeant who was involved with the Police Officers Hockey League for many years.

Dec. 2, 2005 in Winnipeg – **Tod Thurston, 80** - Played for the Wembley Lions in England, several teams in North America and the Manitoba Oldtimers. Inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame in 2005 as a coach of the Morden Whiz-Bangs girls team.

Dec. 16, 2005 in Cartwright – **Delmer Haight** – Played for the Cartwright Clippers intermediates that were both SWHL and provincial champions. Sons Hal and Clint also played for Cartwright.

Dec. 29, 2005 in Carman – **John Hallick, 41** – Starbuck native who played hockey for the Starbuck Black Sheep and Oldtimers.

Jan. 9, 2006 in Brandon – **Cam DeVos, 73** – Former coach of the CPAC senior women's hockey team.

Jan. 18, 2006 in Winnipeg – **Wil Holmberg, 84** – Played hockey for Sudbury Technical College before moving to Thompson where he was general foreman of the INCO smelter and involved in sports.

Jan. 18, 2006 in Winnipeg – **Hugh McKinnon, 75** – Star athlete in several sports including hockey at McGill University who taught in Leaf Rapids, Winnipegosis and Cross Lake.

Jan. 25, 2006 in Winnipeg – **Larry Kilmister, 60** – Played for the Grandview Comets and with the Pacemakers and Firemen in Dauphin commercial leagues.

Jan. 29, 2006 in Carman – **Gilbert Cretton, 84** – Sperling resident who played several sports including hockey and managed Sperling to a provincial junior B championship.

Feb. 2, 2006 in Dayton, Ohio – **Pat Rupp, 63** – Detroit native who played goal for the Flin Flon Bombers in 1961-62 and 62-63 and for the USA in the 1964 and 1968 Winter Olympics.

Feb. 11, 2006 in Portage la Prairie – **Blaine Beaulieu, 21** – Member of the Long Plains Fire of the Tiger Hills Hockey League who played in the MJHL with the Southeast Blades and Waywayseecappo Wolverines. Also played for the Regina Pats and Mississauga Ice Dogs.

Feb. 15, 2006 in Winnipeg – **Rolly Couture, 89** – Received a CAHA award for 40 years of service to minor hockey at Roblin Park Community Club, Winnipeg South Monarchs and Assiniboine Park Rangers.

Feb. 26, 2006 in Winnipeg – **Bob Duff, 75** – Played for minor hockey for Vince Leah and played in Scotland in 1953. Coached at Vince Leah Recreation Centre.

March 7, 2006 in Winnipeg - **Reyn Davis, 62** - Winnipeg Free Press sportswriter and HOF media member who covered hockey including the Winnipeg Jets for many years.

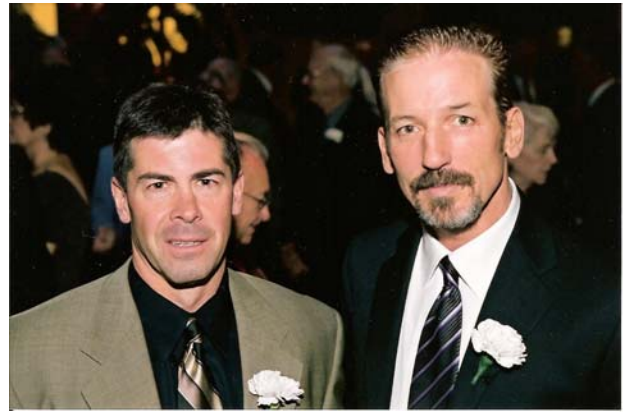
Hall of Fame Induction Dinner attracts crowd of more than 600

The banquet room at Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg was packed Oct. 21, 2005 when the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame honoured its latest group of inductees. Players Jordy Douglas, Randy Gilhen, Grant Ledyard, Steve Patrick, Cliff Pennington and Thomas Steen, builders Ralph Borger, Ray Frost and Jim Mann, officials Earl Ormshaw and Joe Vinet and historian Ed Sweeney all attended the induction ceremony. Players Dean Evason and Dale Hawerchuk were unable to attend while veteran player Bill Heindl Sr. and sportswriter Dallis Beck were inducted posthumously.

The 1974 Centennial Cup champion Selkirk Steelers had a large contingent in attendance to see the team honoured. Dick Kowcinak represented the 1937 Canadian junior champion Winnipeg Monarchs while Hy Beatty, Cam Millar, Tom Rockey and George Robertson attended from the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Monarchs.



Jordy Douglas responds on behalf of the player inductees.



Randy Gilhen and Steve Patrick



Dick Kowcinak
1937 Monarchs



Lt. Gov. John Harvard with Tom Rockey, George Robertson, Hy Beatty and Cam Millar of the 1946 Winnipeg Monarchs



Grant Ledyard



Cliff Pennington



Thomas Steen



Ralph Borger



Ray Frost



Jim Mann



Earl Ormshaw



Joe Vinet



Ed Sweeney

Skating Down Memory Lane With Hockey Historian Ed Sweeney

Manitoba hockey had a championship season in 1931 when three Winnipeg-based teams claimed major amateur titles. The University of Manitoba was selected to represent Canada in the World Championships in Krynica, Poland in February. After shutting out France 9-0 and Poland 3-0 and edging Czechoslovakia 2-1, the Manitoba Grads battled Sweden to a scoreless draw. The Canadian squad then hammered Austria 8-0 and recorded a 2-0 triumph over the United States to capture the world hockey title.



Team captain Blake Watson led the team with eight goals and Frank Morris scored six. George Hill, Gord MacKenzie, Sammy McCallum and Jack Pidcock all scored twice while Ward McVey and Gus (Weary) Williamson had singles. Art Puttee was the Grads top performer allowing just one goal while posting five shutouts. Grads played a total of 40 games during their European tour, winning 38 and tying two.

Elmwood Millionaires won the Canadian junior title defeating Ottawa Primroses in a best-of-three final. The teams split the first two games in Toronto and then travelled to Ottawa for the deciding game. Millionaires recorded a 3-0 triumph and were now the proud holders of the Memorial Cup. Elmwood goaltender Art Rice-Jones was brilliant in the nets while team captain Bill McKenzie, Don (Duke) McDonald and Kit Massey tallied the goals.

Millionaires had won the Manitoba junior hockey crown for the fifth straight season in 1931 by defeating Kenora Thistles and Winnipeg Monarchs. In the next playoff round, they got by Fort William Westfort Maroons and then edged Regina Pats 4-3 in a two-game total-series on a dramatic overtime goal by Albert (Spunk) Duncanson. That put Elmwood in the Canadian final for the second time in three years. Millionaires lost to Toronto Marlies in 1929.

The third championship team was Winnipeg of the Manitoba Senior Hockey League, winners of the Allan Cup. The Canadian senior championship was played at the Winnipeg Amphitheatre with Hamilton Tigers meeting Winnipeg in a best-of-three series. The home team won the first two games by identical 2-1 scores with Romeo Rivers scoring the cup-winning goal in game two.

Winnipeg won the Manitoba senior crown by eliminating Elmwood, Native Sons of Canada and Brandon. Victories over Port Arthur Bear-Cats, North Battleford Beavers and Edmonton Superiors earned the team its berth in the east-west final. Key playoff performers were team captain Bill Cockburn, who had six shutouts and a 0.80 GAA over 17 playoff games in the Winnipeg net, and future Manitoba Sports and Manitoba Hockey hall-of-famer Vic Lindquist, who led the team in scoring with 16 points.

Jack Hughes, who coached both Millionaires and Winnipeg, would go into the CAHA record books as the only coach to pilot the Memorial Cup and Allan Cup champions in the same season.

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