



FOR THE RECORD

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The majority of the 2021 and 2022 Induction classes gathered for a pre-event photo before the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame's 2022 Induction Ceremony on September 24, 2022.

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Many happy returns

After a three year absence, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame was overjoyed to induct 13 new members during the 2022 Induction Dinner & Ceremony on September 24, 2022.

The Induction Ceremony featured a double class as the members of the 2021 Class and the 2022 Class were inducted at the same time. With these new additions, there are now 540 inductees – 247 athletes, 166 builders, and 127 championship teams – in the Hall of Fame. With the addition of bobsledder Lyndon Rush, there are now 53 sports represented. In addition, with Porcupine Plain, Rosthern, and Vawn new this year, there are now 160 different Saskatchewan communities represented in the Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2021 features athletes Justin Abdou (Moose Jaw – Wrestling), Rod Boll (Fillmore – Trapshooting), Colette Bourgonje (Porcupine Plain – Athletics and Cross-Country Skiing), Kaylyn Kyle (Saskatoon – Soccer), and

Lyndon Rush (Humboldt – Bobsleigh). Shannon Miller (Tisdale – Hockey) joins the 2021 class as a builder and the 2000-01 University of Regina Cougars Women's Basketball Team and the 2013 Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club are being inducted in the team category.

There are five members of the Class of 2022: Kelsie Hendry (Saskatoon – Athletics), Harry Jerome (Prince Albert – Athletics), Rueben Mayes (North Battleford – Football) in the athlete category plus Antonia "Toni" Beerling (Rosthern – Athletics) and William "Bill" Brownridge (Vawn – Hockey) in the builder category.

The evening was emceed by Darrell Romuld from CTV Morning Live in Regina. Hendry and Christine Stapleton – head coach of the 2000-01 University of Regina Cougars women's basketball team – each gave a response from their respective classes. Stapleton took time to have the audience pause

for a moment of reflection for all the inductees who had passed away.

Before the ceremony, Bourgonje, Kyle, Mayes, and Rush took part in a hotstove panel discussion with Pete Paczko from Access Communications. The hotstove as well as the ceremony itself was broadcast on Access and will re-air in the coming months.



New inductees Kelsie Hendry and Bill Brownridge talk before the ceremony.

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Never Give Up wins a pair of awards

The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame won a pair of awards 10 days apart for their *Never Give Up* educational program. The SSHF claimed the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage's Award of Excellence for a second straight year.

The Hall of Fame was then honoured with the Museums Association of Saskatchewan's Award of Merit – Institution (under \$50,000.00) for 2022. The award was bestowed on *Never Give Up* during the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) Conference and Banquet in Estevan on June 10.

Led by SSHF Education Coordinator Vickie Krauss, *Never Give Up* is an education program targeting at-risk students in Grades 4-8 which focuses on answering the question: what makes a person a "hero"? By discussing the concept of a hero, *Never Give Up* allows the students to understand that heroes are different for everyone and often they take the form of positive role models throughout each person's community. *Never Give Up* is administered virtually and involves SSHF inductees who have overcome obstacles and hardships to achieve their own personal goals in sport and life.

Inductees Arnold Boldt, Lisa Franks, Ted Jaleta, and 2022 inductee Colette Bourgonje shared their inspiring stories with students across the province. *Never Give Up* completed its spring run with 13 different communities and 1,134 students across the province taking part over the 14 sessions. The fall offering of *Never Give Up* began on October 18 with all 10 sessions being filled quickly.

In 2021, *Prairie Pride: A History of Saskatchewan Football* won the Canadian Association for Sport



The SSHF won the CASH Award of Excellence, left, and the MAS Award of Merit in June.

Heritage (CASH) Award of Excellence. The CASH Award of Excellence was created to recognize and celebrate the achievements of CASH members. Projects were eligible to be nominated from four categories: museum, events, communication and collection. CASH is comprised of 70 members and is a national association of institutions, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the preservation of Canada's rich sports heritage.

The SSHF had also previously won a MAS Award of Merit – Institution (budget over \$100,000) in 2018 for the mobile exhibit trailer project. MAS was founded in 1968 and is a non-profit, collective organization of over 250 member museums.

Touch table project features 3D images of artifacts

Twisted Pair from Regina spent weeks at the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame photographing more than 500 artifacts from the SSHF's permanent collecting. After capturing these artifacts, Twisted Pair has been manipulating these images to create a three-dimensional image of the artifacts for the SSHF's new virtual display case.

This new feature will allow visitors to rotate and inspect a large number of significant artifacts within the SSHF's collection. Because there is finite space to display artifacts within the Hall of Fame's galleries, this new 3D display case will allow more artifacts to be always available to the public. Having these significant artifacts permanently viewable will better allow the SSHF to share the history of Saskatchewan sport.



Twisted Pair captured images of more than 500 artifacts earlier this year.

The SSHF's new touch table will feature timelines of inductees as well as the history of Saskatchewan sport. The

touch table and 3D display case will be unveiled in the SSHF's Hall of Fame gallery in the coming months.

Sharing stories to aid reconciliation

On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) marked the day by highlighting two Indigenous inductees who achieved their great success and achievements after enduring the residential school system.

The federal holiday was created to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. In the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 87th Call to Action, the SSHF reflected on some of the ways the residential school system affected our inductees.

Fred Sasakamoose was born in the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation and when he was seven years old, he and his brother Frank were taken from their parents by Indian agents from the Canadian government and driven with 30 other children to the St. Michael's Indian Residential School in Duck Lake more than 100 kilometres away.

In his autobiography *Call Me Indian: From the Trauma of Residential School to Becoming the NHL's First Treaty Indigenous Player* Sasakamoose speaks candidly about his experiences in residential school. He relates how his grandfather – his Moosum, Alexan – carved his first hockey stick out of a long willow branch and Fred learned to skate on a frozen lake while his Moosum – who was deaf and did not speak – would ice fish and keep an eye on him. When Fred and Frank were taken, Alexan was knocked to the ground and cried in anguish at the sight.

Despite all that he suffered as a child, Sasakamoose excelled as a hockey player and reached the National Hockey League as a 19-year-old in 1953 with the Chicago Black Hawks. In doing so, Sasakamoose became the first Indigenous



Fred Sasakamoose at the opening of the SSHF's Indigenous sport exhibit at the University of Saskatchewan.

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person with Treaty status to play in the NHL.

Sasakamoose also returned to his home and stayed. He spent 35 years as a Band Councillor of the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, including six as Chief.

The SSHF currently has 10 individual athletes who identify as Indigenous and have been inducted. Those athletes and builders are: [Paul Acoose](#), [Colette Bourgonje](#), [Tony Cote](#), [Alex Decoteau](#), [David Greveyes](#), [Jacqueline Lavallee](#), [Jim Neilson](#), [Claude Petit](#), [Fred Sasakamoose](#), and [Bryan Trottier](#).

In addition to the individual

Indigenous inductees, the SSHF also has inductees who were members of an inducted team.

Kenneth Moore, from the Peepeekisis Cree Nation, was inducted into the SSHF as a member of the 1930 Regina Pats hockey team that won the Memorial Cup. Moore is also the first Indigenous athlete to win an Olympic gold medal.

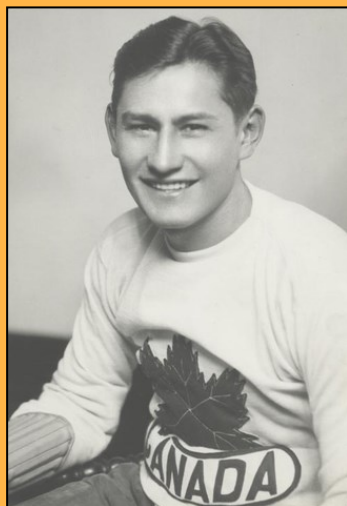
Moore was the third of eight kids born in 1910. His two older brothers

had been taken to the Brandon Indian Residential School in Manitoba – more than 300 kilometres away. The two older Moore brothers died at the Brandon Indian Residential School with no details or cause provided to the family. Kenneth would have been forced to attend the school when he turned seven. Instead, the Moore family fled the Peepeekisis Cree Nation in the middle of the night.

The family settled in Regina, which was still more than 100 km from their home reserve, but the younger Moore children were able to avoid the residential school system.

Ken Moore starred for the 1930 Regina Pats hockey team and scored the Memorial Cup-winning goal for the Pats. He later won the 1931 Allan Cup with the Winnipeg Hockey Club. As national amateur hockey champions, Winnipeg represented Canada at the 1932 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid where they were victorious.

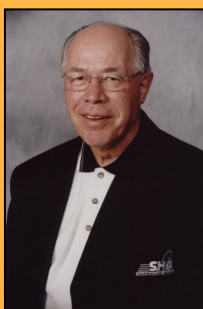
In sharing these stories, the SSHF looks to reflect on the enduring history of the residential school system and to continue to listen to and learn from the First Nations as we commit to moving towards reconciliation.



Kenneth Moore

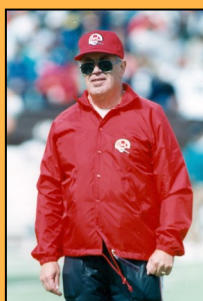
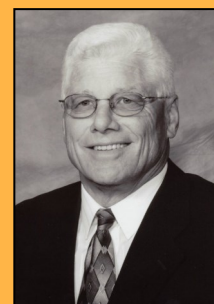
IN MEMORIAM

The SSHF Board and staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Wayne, Bob, Don, Lori and Emile.



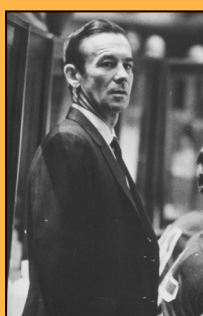
Wayne Kartusch (Hockey Builder – 2007) filled many roles in a long involvement with hockey, but it is his 26 years as the President of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) for which he is best remembered. In addition to his role with the SJHL, he became Chairman of Junior Hockey for the Saskatchewan Hockey Association. Wayne was a Director for the Canadian Hockey Association and served on the Hockey Development Council. There he was instrumental in the creation of the Canadian Development Model a pathway for developing players from a young age up through junior hockey and beyond. This model has been adopted by almost every hockey nation to encourage growth of their hockey programs. He spent two seasons playing junior hockey with the Regina Pats before attending the University of Michigan on a hockey scholarship. After returning to Saskatchewan he played senior hockey, worked as an official and became a head coach in the SJHL, earning coach of the year honours in 1974, before becoming league president in 1977. Wayne passed away on July 28, 2022 at the age of 82.

Robert “Bob” Sawatzky (Softball Builder – 2011) spent more than 27 years involved in softball. His abilities as a player took him from his hometown of Hague to Calgary where he won six Alberta provincial titles and a silver medal at the Canada Summer Games in 1969. That same year, he was the all-star second baseman and batting champ at the Canadian Senior Men’s Championships. He began coaching and led with Saskatoon’s All-O-Matic A’s to four straight provincial senior men’s championships between 1980-83. The A’s also won two silver medals and a bronze at the national championships during that time. Bob would coach with the national men’s team that won gold at the 1983 in Caracas, Venezuela and again in 1987 as Canada defended their gold medals in Indianapolis, U.S.A. He was with the team again in 1988, winning a bronze at the International Softball World Men’s Championships in Saskatoon. Bob passed away on February 7, 2022 at the age of 71.



Donald “Don” Kent (Football Builder – 2010) played football in high school and in 1959 he began coaching with Queen City Minor Football. After a few years, he picked up a whistle to become a football official. From 1962 to 1988 Don officiated in several football leagues and led clinics for rules and field mechanics. Don established the Regina Football Officials Association and in 1977 became president of the Saskatchewan Amateur Football Association. He was also involved with Football Saskatchewan serving as president several times. In 1974 Don was invited to become an official in the Canadian Football League. He became part of the CFL’s Regina timekeeping crew in 1981 and spent 30 years as an assistant timekeeper for Saskatchewan Roughriders home games. He also worked at the 1995 and 2003 Grey Cup games in Regina. He has officiated in the Canadian Junior Football League championship game five times and has presented at Canadian Football Officials Association National Clinics on four occasions. Don passed away on June 8, 2022 at the age of 89.

Lori Ebbesen (Triathlon Builder – 2017) was involved in triathlon as a volunteer, official, board member, builder, ambassador and competitor and she took on those roles at the provincial, national, and international level. Lori served as Secretary General on the Triathlon Canada board for five years. She was also a voting delegate at the International Triathlon Union Congresses. There she led the development of annual seminars to improve conditions for women in triathlon and launched an Award of Excellence to recognize outstanding contributions to advance women in sport. Simultaneously, she played a leading role in triathlon’s debut in the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games and was the head referee for triathlon’s debut in the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games. Her passion for volunteering, policy and governance led to her serving on the SSHF board for a term and Chairing the SSHF Governance Committee. Lori passed away on December 26, 2021 at the age of 62.



Emile Francis (Hockey Builder – 1989), broke into the National Hockey League with the Chicago Black Hawks when he was only 20. After earning the nickname “The Cat” for his reflexes, the goalie earned the starting job in net in his second season in Chicago. In 1948 he moved on to the New York Rangers where he spent four seasons. Emile would play the next nine seasons in the Western Hockey League and the American Hockey League and earned all-star honours five times. After retiring in 1960, Francis would coach the North Battleford Beavers baseball team to six Western Canada championships. He became the head coach with the New York Rangers in 1965 and coached them for 10 seasons. He spent seven years with the St. Louis Blues as executive vice president, general manager and coach. In 1983, he moved to the position of president and general manager of the Hartford Whalers, where he stayed until 1988. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1982 for his 33 years of involvement in the NHL. Emile passed away on February 19, 2022 at the age of 95.