



MANITOBA HOCKEY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Cribbs New President

Gary Cribbs is the new president of the Manitoba Hockey Foundation Inc. He was elected Oct. 10 at the annual meeting held at the Canad Inns Polo Park. Cribbs played and coached minor hockey in Winnipeg before serving two terms as president of the St. James Canadians of the MJHL. He also was MJHL commissioner from 1988 through 1991. Cribbs takes over from George Depres, who served as president for 10 years.

Jerry Kruk moves into the vice-president's chair and will be in charge of finance. He also will head the committee responsible for the 2007 Hockey Hall of Fame induction dinner, which will be held at the Canad Inns Polo Park on Oct. 6.

A round table discussion on "Where We Have Been and Where We May Be Going" was held at the December 5 board meeting. Sam Fabro, the first chair of the Foundation, provided an overview on the early mandate and programs of the organization. Board members then had the opportunity to comment on present activities and suggest how they might be changed or improved and offer ideas for new initiatives. Discussion also took place on how the Foundation can celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2007.

Rick Brownlee reported that the Hall of Fame walls in the MTS Centre now have game sweaters from the HOF collection hanging above the plaques. The game sweaters of Babe Pratt – Maple Leafs, Andy Bathgate – Rangers, Bobby Clarke – Flyers, Kevin McCarthy – Canucks, Mike Keane – Canadiens, Butch Goring – LA Kings and Bill Masterton – North Stars were placed above the players plaques. Sweaters of Manitoba champion teams and the Winnipeg Jets also are in place.

Frank McKinnon advised that new material has been added to the Hall of Fame website, which can be accessed at www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca. He also said that members will receive the 2007 membership roster by mail early in the new year. Annual memberships are due for renewal by April 1, 2007.

Depres enters Sports Hall of Fame



George Depres

George Depres is now a member of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame. The Foundation past-president was inducted as a builder in the all round category on Nov. 4 at the hall's 27th annual induction dinner held at the Canad Inns Polo Park. His contributions to hockey included serving as a board member and president of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association. Depres also was a part owner of the St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL and a member of the organizing committee that brought the World Junior Championship to Manitoba.

From 1979 to 1994, he held the position of general manager of Winnipeg Enterprises. In his acceptance speech, Depres delighted the crowd with his comments about dealing with such diverse personalities as Michael Goboty and John Ferguson of the Winnipeg Jets and Earl Lunsford and Paul Robson of the Blue Bombers.

Boxer Pete Kawulia, who was born in Gardenton and lives in suburban Chicago, also was inducted. After his professional boxing career ended, the featherweight played pro hockey for the Chicago Reed's Hornets of the IHL. "I tried to stay away from fighting in hockey," he said. "But sometimes it follows you around."

The other athlete inductees were golfer Ted Homenuik, paddler Don Starkell, swimmer Joanne (Mucz) Vergara, Blue Bomber Chris Walby and basketball/volleyball star Rick Watts. Along with Depres, Kathy (Ursell) Stoesz from artistic gymnastics and athletic therapist Chuck Badcock were inducted as builders. Badcock joined the Jets staff when the team entered the NHL in 1979 and spent the next decade in pro hockey.





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Sam is the Man of Action

By Ed Sweeney



For over forty years R.A. (Sam) Fabro has been involved in the Manitoba sports scene serving on a legion of committees as either president or chairman. He has proven over the years that strong leadership and dedication are keys to success.

The year of 1967 was especially busy and hectic for Sam Fabro. He served as a board member and chairman of the Manitoba Enterprise Corporation as well as the chairman of baseball for the Pan Am Games. He was a founding member

of the Manitoba Hockey Players Foundation and served as its first Chairman. Fabro was honoured in 1974 for all of his hard work with the Order of Canada and was awarded the Order of the Buffalo in 1986.

Fabro was instrumental in the formation of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1985 and served as its first chairman. He served on the board of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum for several years and was the president in 1999-2000. Fabro was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 1990. The Fort Whyte Centre and the Misericordia Hospital are just two of the many organizations that have benefited from the talent and dedication of this outstanding member of our community.

While growing up in Winnipeg's Wolseley area, Fabro was very active in sports and was a better than average hockey player when he played for the Elmwood Maple Leafs in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League in 1938-39. Sam played his final junior season with Winnipeg Rangers who went on to capture the Memorial Cup as Canadian champions in 1941. In 1942 he had a brief stint with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers football team before joining the Canadian Army. Sam still found time to play hockey during World War II in Winnipeg with the Army team in the Service League. After the war ended, he played senior hockey in Winnipeg and was a key figure as his teams reached the Western Canada Allan Cup finals three times (1946-48). Fabro was offered a contract to play pro-hockey but decided to enter the business world instead. He began as an office-boy with W.G. McMahon Company and retired as chairman of the board.

Sam Fabro is one of the hardest working individuals that this writer has ever known and it's been a distinct pleasure and honour to have been associated with him on a few hockey committees these past twenty years. The 85-year-old elder Fort Garry statesman still remains an active member of various hockey committees, namely the Manitoba Hockey Foundation and the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. He also continues to serve on the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame veterans selection committee.

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.

While digging through his archives, **Sam Fabro** found a few interesting items related to the early days of the Foundation. A ticket for the 1st annual hockey dinner held at the International Inn on Jan. 18, 1969 cost \$6.00. Minutes of the Foundation meeting held in the Arena boardroom on Apr. 28 with Sammy in the chair showed **Noel Filbey, Ed Mazur, Joe Mathewson, Bill Mosienko, Percy Downton, Tod Thurston, Al Vickery** and secretary-treasurer **Jimmy Dunn** were in attendance. Agenda items included the hockey golf tournament, the oldtimers team, stag plans and the trust fund. **Alex Kurceba** was to receive a letter thanking his firm for a donation of three dozen hockey sticks for the oldtimers game on Jan. 17. A clipping of a *Winnipeg Tribune* story by **Fred Collins** described the game won by the East 7-6 over the West. **Kenny Mosdell** had a hat trick for the winners while **Max Bentley** and **Dunc Fisher** scored twice in defeat. Two-thirds of the famous Canadiens Punch Line, **Rocket Richard** and **Elmer Lach**, combined with **Connie Broden** in a head-to-head battle with the Black Hawks Pony Line of Mosienko and the Bentley brothers. **Gerry McNeil** manned the nets for the East while **George Allard** and **Julian Klymkiw** shared the West job...When former Winnipegger **Bob Joyce** put a Bobby Orr game-used sweater up for grabs in an October Internet auction, it sold for \$83,544.90. A family friend gave Joyce the 1968-69 Boston Bruins white road sweater after he broke his leg playing baseball in Winnipeg as a teenager. This Bob Joyce played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs in 1972-73 and briefly at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1974-75. He should not be confused with the **Bob Joyce** who starred at UND from 1984 to 1987 and later played in the NHL including a couple of games with the Jets...Winnipeg-born **Ike Hildebrand**, who passed away Aug. 27, played pro hockey for 10 years, but was an even better lacrosse player. In his 17-year career between 1943 and 1960, he was honoured 13 times as an all-star. Hildebrand has been inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the national lacrosse HOF as well as sports halls of fame in Peterborough, Belleville and Oshawa...The Winnipeg Falcons mural on the Foster's Shoes building at 613 Portage Ave. near Furby St. is this year's winner of the Murals of Winnipeg award. The mural was unveiled June 27. A few weeks earlier during the North American Summit in Gimli, **Premier Gary Doer** presented a Falcons jersey signed by Wayne Gretzky to Prime Minister **Stephen Harper**... In September, **Bruce Diduck**, a Winnipeg High School Hockey League official, won \$1 million by scratching a Set For Life lottery ticket...Stonewall oldtimers won two games and lost to a hometown team in a 70+ tournament in Calgary during October. The Stonewall lineup included **Barry McQueen, Murray Wilkie, Jim Nykoluk, Al Ford, Ken Blight** and **Dick Friesen**. Security expert **Bob Martel** and **Vic Krahn** were in the nets. **Friesen**, who played in the South Interlake League well into his forties, said Calgary had a pool of about 250 players to draw from for its 65+ and 70+ teams. Stonewall added a few from Regina...The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame announced its 2007 inductees in November and as usual **Gladwyn Scott** reports that several have hockey connections. **Pat Angers** of Neepawa helped Winnipeg Braves win the Memorial Cup in 1959, **Gord Hunter** played goal for the Brandon Wheat Kings and the Souris Elks, and **Doug Lund** and **Bill Chappelle** of the 1959-64 Elkhorn Blue Sox teams officiated in the Westman area...Coffee was the co-MC of the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame induction dinner held in Brandon on May 6. Ex-pros **Bob Ash, Jim Murray** and **Ron Huston** were among the hockey players there in support of inductee **Bill Huston**. Coffee also visited with HOF member **Specs Chorley**, who was trying to find **Ray Charambura** in the crowd of 650...The hockey community was well represented when the lacrosse alumni got together the next afternoon at the LaSalle Hotel in Winnipeg for their 30th reunion. **Ralph Lyndon** won a golf bag in the rainbow auction and **George Sykes** speculated that Ralph will put it to good use when they golf in Arizona in the spring. Foundation board member **Len Morrow** helps organize the annual event with **Butch Wozniak** and **Dick Paulley** had the job collecting for memberships at the door. Former Monarch **Bob Currie** came in from Texas. **Dewar Thomson, Mickey Kaiser, Bryan Derrett, Scotty Wales, Ray Hoskins, Laurie Langrell, Mark Flynn, John Schillinger** and **Keith McLennan** were spotted in the crowd along with Winnipeg Arena fixture **Bill Vielhaber** and veteran timekeeper **Danny McClure**...HOF historian **Ed Sweeney** was re-elected as vice-president membership (Canada West) of the Society for International Hockey Research at the 2006 annual meeting.



Julian Klymkiw



Dakota Grad Moving Up Coaching Ladder

Danielle Bilodeau is a name to watch in women's hockey coaching circles. In September, the Dakota Collegiate graduate was hired as an assistant coach at Cornell University. A position on the staff came open when head coach Melody Davidson took over as the full-time coach of Canada's national women's team.

Bilodeau interviewed for the head position, but the job went to Cornell interim head coach Doug Derraugh, a 1991 graduate of the Ithaca, NY institution. The athletic department then convinced Bilodeau to leave Princeton University where she was an assistant for four years and return to her alma mater.

Bilodeau starred for the Big Red from 1997 through 2001 and was co-captain in her senior year. The communications graduate then played a season with Beatrice Aeros of the NWHL. After an injury ended her playing career, Bilodeau turned to coaching at Princeton. In addition to scouting and recruiting, she headed the Princeton summer camp for three seasons. Princeton won the Ivy League championship in 2005-06 and made its first-ever NCAA appearance.

Recruitment is a major element in Bilodeau's new position. In early December she scouted at the Notre Dame, Sask. midget tournament and in Calgary. After the holidays, her first stop is Minnesota. She's not ignoring her home province and confirmed that Balmoral Hall star Samantha Wauer of Oakbank is one Manitoba player expected to attend Cornell next fall.

Name-Dropping by Toast and Coffee (continued)

Oldtimer players will enjoy *Midnight Hockey*, the new book from University of Victoria professor **Bill Gaston**. It's subtitled "all about Beer, the Boys and the Real Canadian Game." In an e-mail, Gaston, who lived in Winnipeg from age five to 13, said he played pickup on the outdoor rink at Winakwa Community Club with **Butch Goring** and his good friend **Steve Craft**, who went on to play junior with St. Boniface Saints and the Jets. Gaston made a trip east with **Stan Bradley's** Winnipeg Colts and his first indoor game was a peewee final in the Winnipeg Arena...The movie, *Hockey Brawl: Battle on Thin Ice*, won this year's Gemini Award for best sports program or series. Produced by Winnipeg-based Numan Films, it covers **Darryl (Beef) Wolski's** struggle to get his dream show into an arena. The colourful Beef once served as commissioner of the Northwest Junior B League. The top-grossing Canadian movie *Bon Cop, Bad Cop* is worth catching for the hockey references plus the putdown of **Gary Bettman**...Former Winnipeg Clubs coach and GM **Gerry Brisson** is now operating a hotel in Brandon...The Canada Senior Games in Portage la Prairie turned out to be a disaster for the Ontario hockey team. The squad lost all its equipment in a fire that destroyed the 105-year-old Portage Hotel on Aug. 31. Rather than continue to play with borrowed gear, the players elected to default the balance of games and return home. Alberta #1 won the competition for players 55-plus while Manitoba represented by Portage finished out of the medals...Foundation director **Walter Mueller** of Manitou has retired after spending 39 years in municipal politics...Former Flin Flon Bomber **Kenny Cunningham** has played oldtimers for years in Winnipeg with the Flin Flon Kanooks. He recently retired and says he and several of the close-knit group have bought winter homes in the McAllen, Texas area near a couple of nice rinks. They are taking their equipment south, which proves that you can take the boys out of Flin Flon, but you can't take hockey out of the Flin Flon boys. Cunningham's late father **Walt**, who grew up in Weston, played in England in the late 1930s before travelling north to play senior and work for HBM&S... Hall of Fame member **Mike Ridley** claims to be finished with competitive hockey after helping Powell River Regals win the Allan Cup in the spring. Ridley hadn't played anything but rec hockey since he suited up for four games with the Moose in 1997. He now lives in Kelowna... **Del Tinsley**, who works for the Nashville Predators, sent us a First Tennessee bank calendar that includes a photo of **Jordin Tootoo** in a suit and tie. A big Tootoo supporter, she is happy that Jordin has been assigned sweater number 22 this season now that the veteran **Greg Johnson** has moved on. Del proudly wears a *Winnipeg Free Press* Tootoo pin to home games...A new hockey paper based in Winnipeg titled *Windtalker Hockey News* is scheduled for distribution this month to First Nations communities across Canada. **Garry McLean** is the publisher and **Philip Paul-Martin** is in charge of editorial. No doubt lawyer **Kenny (Loophole) Young**, who used to hack around with his boss **Phil Fontaine** on the Sagkeeng oldtimers, will be hoping for a future profile. Young claims to hold the record for goals in one game in the Media League that operated at River Heights Community Centre for about 20 years. Last year he claimed nine; earlier this fall he told Toast the number was 11. Clearly, he's hallucinating.

**MANITOBA HOCKEY
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\$1,000.00 Final Score – W 25- E 14

Elizabeth Willcock - 28 –126 Ports-
mouth Blvd, Winnipeg R3P 1B6

\$200.00 Third Quarter - W 19 – E 12

Angie Klassen - Box 627, Manitou R0G
1G0

\$200.00 Half Time - W19 – E 3

Jen Irvine - 35 Baffin Cres., Thompson
R8N 1A3

\$200.00 First Quarter - W 9 – E 0

Bill Smyth - 82 Morton Bay, Winnipeg
R3R 2C4

Reverse Scores

\$100.00 Final E 25 – W 14

Brian McKenzie - Brandon

\$50.00 Third Quarter - E 19 – W 12

Laurie Langrell - 79 Franklin Bay,
Winnipeg R3K 2G5

\$50.00 Second Quarter - E 19 – W 3

Ward Smith - 44 Wyndstone Cres.,
E. St. Paul R2E 0L8

\$50.00 First Quarter - E 9 – W 0

Dale Hale - Souris,

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Margaret Woolley - Box 28, Sandy
Hook R0C 2W0

\$25.00 29 – 29 Score

Dave Still - 1081 Parker Ave, Winnipeg
R3T 0T3

\$25.00 Score Changes

0 –3 Wayne Cline - #14 – 1865 Sar-
gent Ave., Winnipeg R3H 0E4

0 – 6 Paul Platz - 205 – 140 Ferry
Rd., Winnipeg R3J 1V7

0 – 15 Donna Smalley -107 Neepawa
Dr., Brandon R7B 3M6

0 – 16 Terry Germscheid -136 Clare-
mont Ave., Winnipeg R2H 1W3

3 – 16 Dave Curry - Box 361, Arnes
R0C 0C0

5 – 19 Jack Kisil -18 Claus, Winnipeg
R2G 2A1

11 – 19 Gerry Nolette - 311 Brunet,
Winnipeg R2J 4K4

12 – 22 Chris Turner - Box 546,
Neepawa R0J 1H0

12 - 25 Dave Negus -11 Driscoll Cres.,
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Yaworski Speaks at Hockey Night in Manitoba

Jim Yaworski, who is the majority owner of the Belfast Giants hockey club, was the featured speaker at Hockey Night in Manitoba, Apr. 6, at Canad Inns Windsor Park. Yaworski is a former Winnipegger who heads up a software company in Calgary.



Jim Yaworski and Theo Fleury

“I collect hockey jerseys, and I was on a plane flying over the UK when I mentioned that I really wanted to get a Belfast Giants jersey,” Yaworski said. “My seatmate told me to look no further. He was former Brandon Wheat King Shane Johnson and he said he was the captain of the team.”

After talking with Johnson, Yaworski wanted to see the Giants play. The chance meeting led to him buying 40 per cent of the team. Earlier this year he bought an additional 40 per cent. Yaworski, who played for the Seven Oaks Raiders and the U of Winnipeg, became a hockey owner.

Russell product Theo Fleury was the Giants top player during the 2005-06 season. The former NHL star led the British Elite League in scoring and was named Player of the Year by the British Ice Hockey Writers' Association.

The biggest impact the Giants have made might be off the ice. For every home game, 100 tickets are given to an organization called Cooperation Ireland. Young Protestant kids get 50 tickets and the other 50 go to young Catholics. The fans intermingle and they are not allowed to wear Rangers (Protestant) or Celtic (Catholic) soccer colours or bring in flags other than the Canadian flag. Yaworski calls this plan “hockey inclusive.”

A loonie has been placed at centre ice, and before each game, rather than kiss the blarney stone, a young fan gets to kiss the Canadian coin.

Fleury is not back with Belfast this season, but the Giants have two Manitobans in the lineup. Yaworski said former Brandon Wheat King Mark Dutiaume joined the team this season while Curtis Huppe, another former WHL player, is back for a third year.

The Final Face-Off

Since the last edition of our newsletter in the spring of 2006, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans and others with a connection to hockey in the province. Information below was compiled from obituaries and other sources. Complete obituaries for many of the following can be found in the *Winnipeg Free Press* by searching the online archives at www.passagesmb.com/. Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk*. Please let us know about any 2006 deaths that have been omitted.

Feb. 24 in Hawaii – **Laurie Thompson, 76** – North Ender who played junior for the Winnipeg Canadians.
March 5 in St. Albert, Alta – **Paul Ridd, 74** - Wolseley-area product who played several sports in Winnipeg, coached minor hockey and served as director of the St. Albert Merchants junior team in Alberta.
March 6 in Winnipeg – **Fred Miller, 80** – Played for the St. Boniface Athletics juniors and for Holy Rosary in the Knights of Columbus League and won a provincial intermediate championship with the Boston Clothing Alouettes.

March 21 – **Gerry (Tex) Ehman, 73** – Cudworth, Sask. native who was a first-team all-star for the Flin Flon Bombers of the SJHL in 1952. Played in the NHL with Boston, Detroit, Toronto and Oakland. Worked in scouting and management for the NY Islanders for 30 years.

March 27 in Winnipeg – **Sam Tascona*, 78** – Inducted into the Manitoba Hockey HOF as a builder in 2001. Officiated for many years and was the founder of the annual Sam Tascona Oldtimers Tournament. Also a member of the provincial baseball HOF.

March 29 in Winnipeg – **Ken Hiebert, 60** – Goalie known as Stretch or D'Hieb played for the Carman Beavers of the South Eastern Manitoba Intermediate League and the St. Boniface Mohawks.

April 1 in Springfield, Mass. – **Gary Dineen, 63** - Played for Canada's National Team during the 1960s when it was based in Winnipeg.

April 7 in Winnipeg - **Gilbert (Gib) Burch, 79** – Commercial artist who completed the famous painting of Queen Elizabeth II that hung in the Winnipeg Arena.

April 20 in Spokane, Wash. – **George (Wingy) Johnston, 85** – Winnipeg native who played for the Chicago Black Hawks, Tacoma Rockets and Spokane Flyers during the 1940s and 1950s.



Wingy Johnston

May 10 in Winnipeg – **Wayne Skorodenski Jr., 49** – Officiated at all levels of hockey for 39 years and also refereed inline hockey.

May 19 in Portage la Prairie – **John Dzikowski, 40** – Played for Brandon and Seattle in the WHL. Drafted by Philadelphia Flyers in 1984 and played pro in the AHL, IHL and ECHL.

May 20 in Canmore, Alta, - **Annis Stukus, 91** – Canadian Football and Sports hall-of-famer who served as the first GM of the Winnipeg Jets of the WHA.

May 23 in Winnipeg – **Keith Graham, 30** – Lorette native who played for several provincial championship teams and with the Iles des Chenes Jr. Elks.

May 28 in Winnipeg – **Tony Tascona, 79** - Prominent Manitoba artist who played goal for the junior St. Boniface Athletics, Winnipeg Rangers and Brandon Elks and for Holy Rosary of the Knights of Columbus League.

May 28 in Winnipeg – **Jim Brown** – Refereed for more than 25 years in RCAF and civilian leagues.

June 6 in Winnipeg – **Jerry Hart** – Coached minor hockey and a championship Fellowship Hockey League team.

June 9 in Winnipeg – **Rick (Rocky) Kolisnyk, 78** – Played junior for the Winnipeg Canadians and in Morden, Edmonton and Scotland.

June 10 – **Ray Puro, 77** – Sudbury, Ont. native and long-time INCO manager in Thompson whose ability in hockey, football, basketball and track at Michigan Tech earned him induction into the school's Hall of Fame in 2004.

June 4 in Winnipeg – **Ernie (Buzz) Letain, 69** – Laurier native who organized and played for the CN team in Winnipeg and the Knights of Columbus in Brandon, then played for the Silver Foxes and the 55+ groups at Keith Bodley Arena.

June 14 in Truro, N.S. – **Mike Demchuk, 82** – Selkirk native who played for the Montreal Royals and Navy and then for 10 years with Moncton and Saint John in the Maritime senior leagues. Coached the junior Moncton Bruins.

July 5 in Winnipeg – **George Crostwaite, 76** – Played junior for the Winnipeg Black Hawks and Monarchs.

The Final Face-Off (continued)

July 7 in Winnipeg – **Al (Pappy) Vickery, 89** – News and sports reporter with Canadian Press and Winnipeg TV stations who served as commissioner of the MJHL.

July 20 in Victoria, B.C. – **Jeff McCannell, 48** – Pilot Mound native who played in his home community and later with the No-Stars senior team in Neepawa where he also coached minor hockey.

Aug. 3 in Winnipeg – **Siggi Goodbrandson, 81** – Known as “The Lamplighter” for his goal scoring prowess when he played for the Selkirk Fisherman. Coached Fisherman, Carman Beavers and Winnipeg South Side Nationals.

Aug. 5 – **Richard Delbridge, 31** – Poplar Point native who played for Oakville for many years and won a silver medal in the 1990 Manitoba Games.

Aug. 11 in Gimli – **Joe Laxdal, 66** – Played goal for the Winnipeg Barons of the MJHL.

Aug. 24 in Winnipeg – **Ron Johnstone, 77** – Played junior for the Winnipeg Canadians and Black Hawks and served on the executive of the Assiniboine Park Hockey Association.

Aug. 25 – **Bernie Blanchette, 59** – Played for the provincial RCMP team and in Manitoba communities where he was posted.

Aug. 27 in St. Albert, Alta. – **Ike Hildebrand, 79** – Winnipeg-born playing coach of the 1959 world champion Belleville McFarlands. Played junior for Oshawa Generals and Toronto Marlboros and pro for 10 years including stints in the NHL with Chicago and Detroit.

Aug. in Winnipeg – **Arnie Monk, 78** – North End product who played in the “tough” outdoor CAKS League, junior for Winnipeg Canadians and Black Hawks and for the Hibbing Saints.

Sept. 9 in Winnipeg – **Harry Campbell, 82** – Volunteer for the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association.

Oct. 9 in Winnipeg – **Kaz Gacek, 77** – Played on the junior Winnipeg Black Hawks “Kid Line” with Borden Semenchuk and Steve Witiuk.

Oct. 13 in Glenboro – **Ray Taft, 94** – Played for Glenboro from 1931 to 1938 and for the Carman Beavers in the 1938-39 season when the team reached the Western Canadian intermediate final.

Oct. 22 in Gimli – **George Birtwhistle, 91** - Played for the provincial champion 7th Infantry of the Manitoba Senior Service League in 1940-41.

Nov. 5 in Winnipeg – **Edward Parfeniuk, 74** – Served on the board of the Seven Oaks Minor Hockey Association.

Nov. 7 in Winnipeg – **Mel Fogg, 82** – Captain of the Winnipeg Monarchs juniors who tied for second in MJHL scoring in 1942-43.

Nov. 8 in Portage la Prairie – **John Norton, 57** – School teacher who passed away after collapsing on the ice during a game between Portage teachers and Blight’s Equipment.

Nov. 13 in Winnipeg – **Kenny Ingram, 67** – Played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs and coached AAA for many years.

Nov. 16 in Winnipeg – **Doug Baylis, 85** – Played for the provincial junior B champion Portage Terriers in 1940.

Nov. 18 in Ottawa— **Axel Green, 87**—Played for the Kenora Thistles of the MJHL in 1938-39 and 39-40.

Dec. 2 in Winnipeg – **Todd Davison, 20** – Played for the Regina Pats of the WHL and Lloydminster Blazers of the AJHL. Organized a charity hockey event in Selkirk in the summer of 2006 that raised more than \$50,000 for CancerCare Manitoba.

Dec. 2 in Winnipeg— **Dr. Sam McMorris, 87**—Played junior for Saskatoon Quakers and with the University of Saskatchewan varsity team.



Ike Hildebrand

Skating Down Memory Lane With Hockey Historian Ed Sweeney



The National Hockey League and the Manitoba Junior Hockey League both began operations in 1917-18.. To be accurate, the junior league was known as the Winnipeg & District League from its inception to 1931 and was changed to the MJHL the following season. Over the years, more than 200 MJHL players have gone on to the NHL and exactly 50 have played on a Stanley Cup championship team.

Eleven of those MJHL graduates have been inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Three are goalies, Charlie Gardiner, Walter (Turk) Broda and Terry Sawchuk. Andy Bathgate, Art Coulter, Bobby Clarke, Bryan Hextall Sr., Tom Johnson, Harry Oliver, Babe Pratt and Jack Stewart complete the list. Thirty-two other Stanley Cup winners from Manitoba are members of our provincial hockey shrine.

Johnson, who played on six Stanley Cup winners, leads all MJHL players. Broda and Ted Harris were on five championship clubs. Wally Stanowski, Ab McDonald and Butch Goring along with Sawchuk have their name engraved on the trophy four times. Mud Bruneteau won three Cups with Detroit in '36, '37 and '43 and Bill Ezinicki helped Toronto to three wins in the late 1940s. In post-expansion days, Brian Engblom and Mike Keane have hoisted the Cup three times.

Murray Murdoch was our first MJHL Stanley Cup winner in 1928 and he won one again in 1933, both with the Rangers. Six MJHL grads helped Chicago win in 1934 (see photo below). In 1940, Hextall and Pratt were joined on the Rangers championship team by Alf Pike and Alex Shibicky. Two years later, Ernie Dickens, Pete Langelle, Johnny McCreedy, Broda and Stanowski played on the Maple Leafs Cup-winning squad. In 1949, Toronto captured the Cup with Broda, Ezinicki, Cal Gardner, Bill Juzda and Harry Taylor in the lineup.

Also winning Stanley Cups in the 1930s were Gus Rivers, Nick Wasnie, Andy Blair, Art Somers, Paul Goodman and Bill McKenzie. Terry Reardon, Glen Harmon, Billy Reay, Eddie Mazur, Pete Stemkowski, Chuck Lefley, Ted Green, Reggie Leach, Wayne Stephenson, Cam Connor, Kevin Hodson and Ed Belfour complete the list of 50.



Chicago "Black Hawks"---Stanley Cup Winners, Year 1934

Left to right: *Charlie Gardiner, *Tommy Cook, Roger Jenkins, *Lolo Couture, Paul Thompson, Johnny Gottselig, Lionel Conacher, *Art Coulter, Tommy Gorman, Taffy Abel, Doc Romnes, Louis Trudel, Jack Leswick, Mush March, Don McFadyen, *Bill Kendall, Joe Stark.

Missing: *Johnny Sheppard *MJHL player