



1986 TEAMS



1947-48 LETHBRIDGE NATIVE SONS HOCKEY

Provincial Champions 1947-48
Left to Right: Lawrence Bruchet (coach), Bill Hill (Equipment Manager), Ron Masson, Loren Lewis, Don Whitley, Rod Stafford, Jack Yacutus, Steve Raz, Walter Cochr, Ed Malacko, Joe Zuhak, Richard Pustaravko, Jack Rullington, Bill Martin, Joe Wood, John Zaslavsky, Ken Atkinson.

1947-49 LETHBRIDGE NATIVE SONS JUVENILE HOCKEY TEAMS

The Lethbridge Native Sons Juvenile Hockey Team compiled a remarkable record from 1947 to 49. The team was undefeated in 1947-48, capturing the Southern Alberta League and Alberta Provincial Championships. In 1948-49, the Sons, coached by Lawrence Bruchet and sponsored by Catell Foods, again won local and provincial honors, going undefeated. They then advanced to the Western Canada semi-finals to face the Trail Smoke Eaters. Lethbridge won the first game of the series, but were then dropped 10 - 5 by the Smoke Eaters in an upset and final game. Lethbridge trailed by three goals but fought back to earn a 6-4 victory. The Native Sons defeated Winnipeg Monarchs two games to none in the Western Canadian Final. The deciding game was played before 1600 fans at the Lethbridge Arena, the largest crowd ever to attend a juvenile game in Lethbridge.

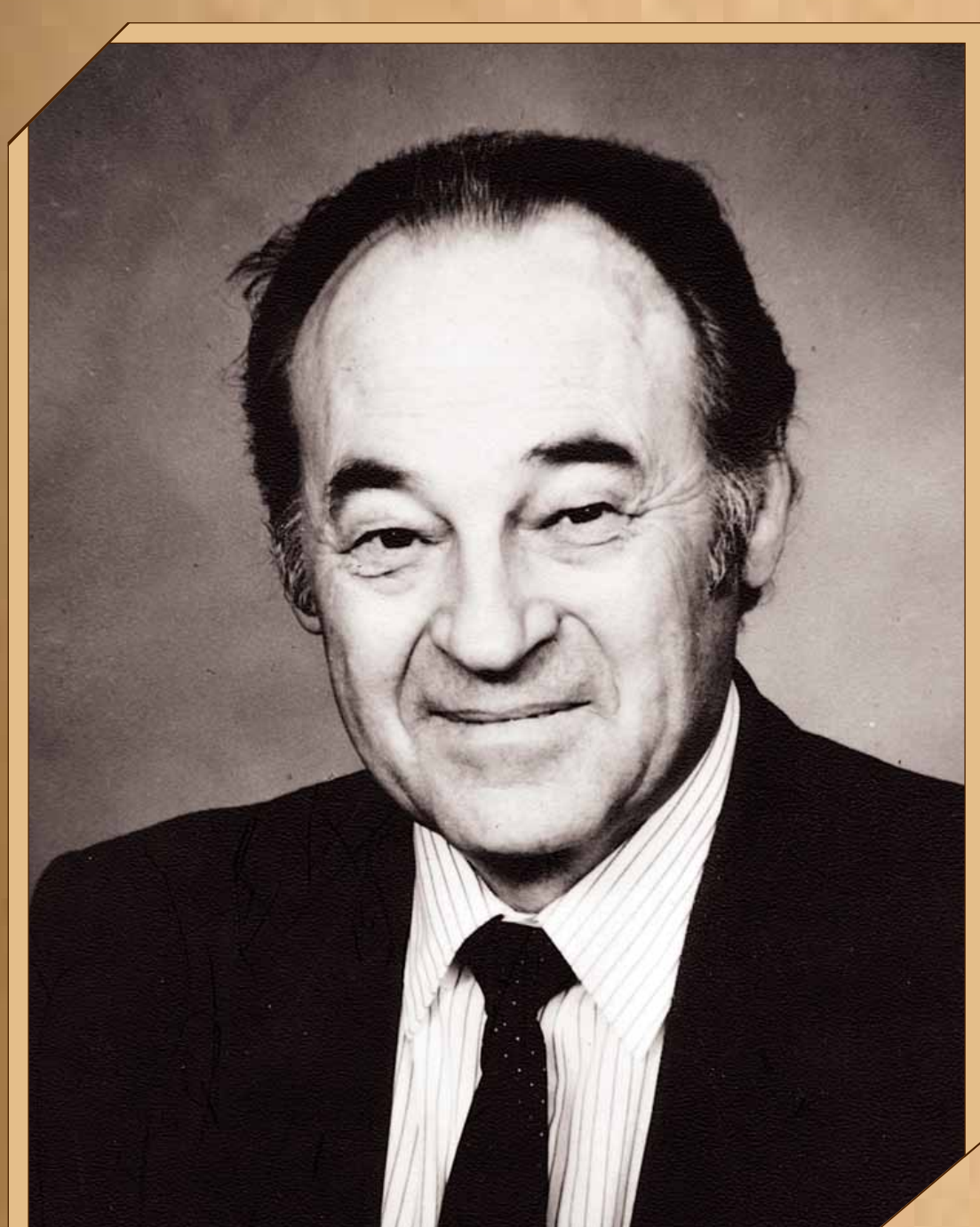


1948-49 LETHBRIDGE NATIVE SONS HOCKEY

Western Canadian Champions 1948-49
Back Row (L-R): Don Tomlin, Steve Arisman, Roy Ellis.
Middle Row (L-R): Steve Young (manager), Steve Raz, Rod Stafford, Loren Lewis, Cal Hockey, Norm Hyson, Walter Cochr, Dale Lusk, Lawrence Bruchet (coach).
Front Row (L-R): Victor Smith (stick boy), Jack Rullington, Jack Yacutus, Tommy Harrod, Ed Malacko, Ted Labolita, Bob Brown (equipment manager).



1987 BUILDERS



SAM SERBO

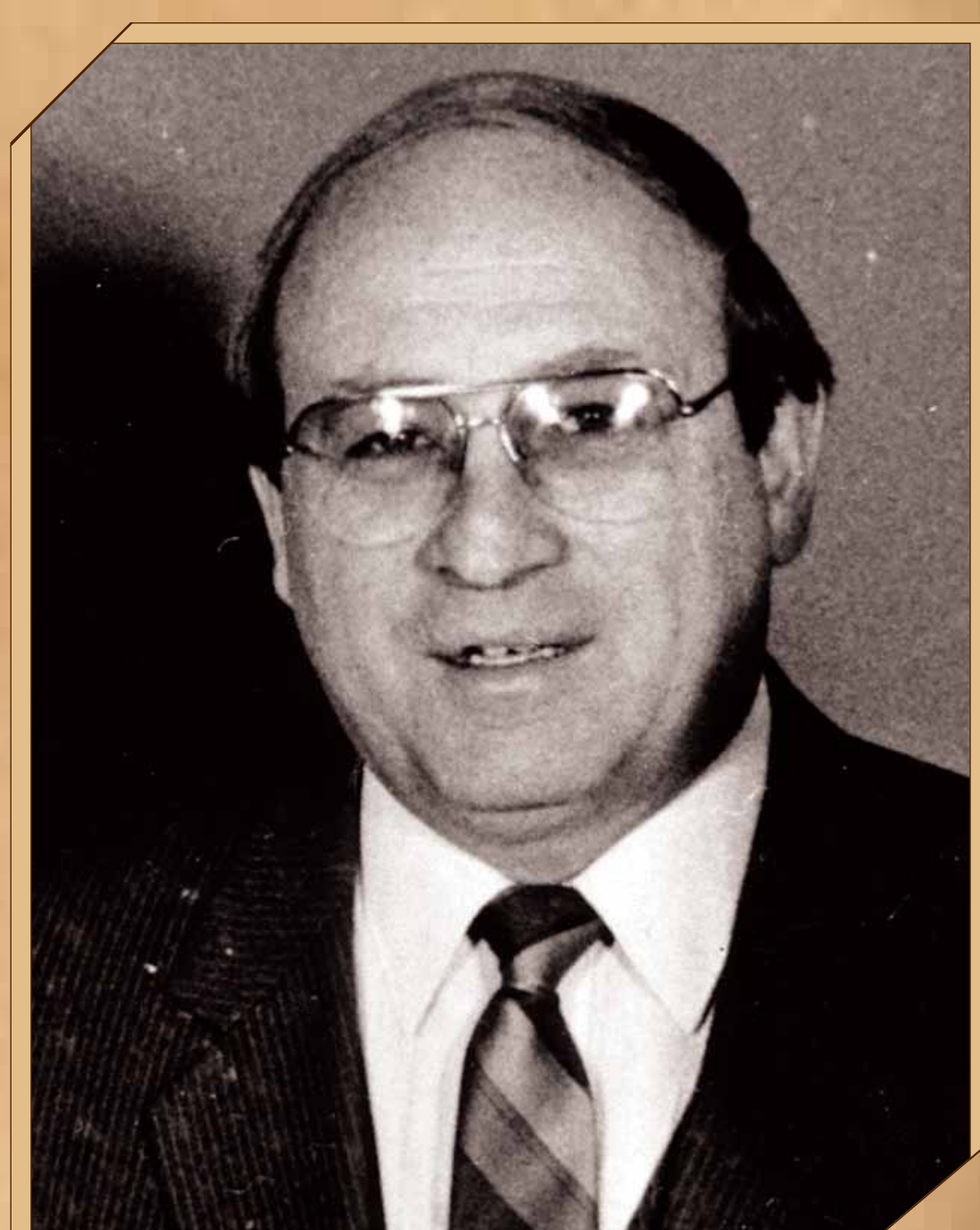
BASEBALL
Not many people in Canada have contributed as much to Little League Baseball as Sam Serbo. Serbo has organized and administered Little League in Lethbridge for over 30 years. During his 15 year tenure as District Administrator, Serbo directed nine Provincial, four Western Canada and four Canadian Championships. Six Lethbridge teams have won Canadian Tournaments, during Serbo's time as District Administrator. Lethbridge is often referred to as the "Little League Baseball Capital of Canada." Without a doubt Sam Serbo deserves a great deal of the credit for our city's reputation.



JACK KERR

BASEBALL HOCKEY

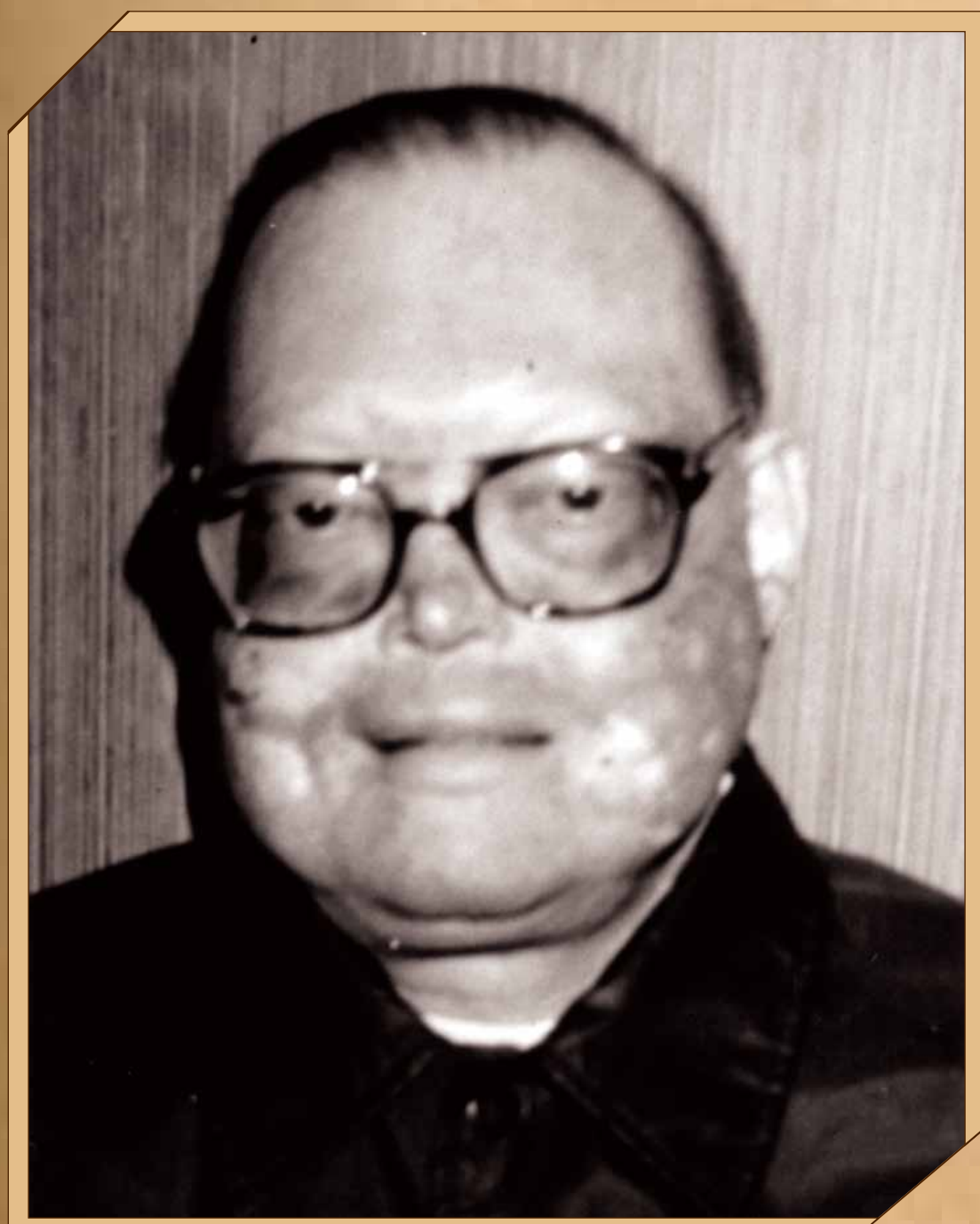
Jack Kerr was one of Lethbridge's leading sportsmen throughout his life, contributing as a coach, organizer and trainer. Kerr began working with minor baseball in 1960 and served for many years as manager of the Lethbridge Little League Giants. Jack later took over the Lethbridge Minors, leading the team to the 1970 and 71 Alberta Junior Titles earning them the right to represent Alberta at the Canadian Junior Baseball Championships. In hockey, Kerr served as trainer for the Junior A Lethbridge Sage Kings for a number of seasons including 1968-69, when the team won the Alberta Championship. Jack Kerr won many awards for his contributions, including the Kinsmen Lethbridge Sportsman of the Year in 1967.



LES COLWILL

BASEBALL

Les Colwill made outstanding contributions to baseball and hockey in Lethbridge as a player, coach, official and organizer. Les played baseball for many good local teams, including the powerful Lethbridge Cubs. Colwill began his administrative career as a Director of the Lethbridge Minor Baseball Association. He was a founding member of the Lethbridge Big League Baseball Association and served as General Manager of the association's teams in 1952 and 56. Les was a tremendous hockey player playing Junior A with the Native Sons, then in the pro Western League and in the NHL with the New York Rangers. Colwill refereed and coached for many years in the Lethbridge Minor Hockey system, he also spent many years instructing at hockey schools.



RON BOYCE

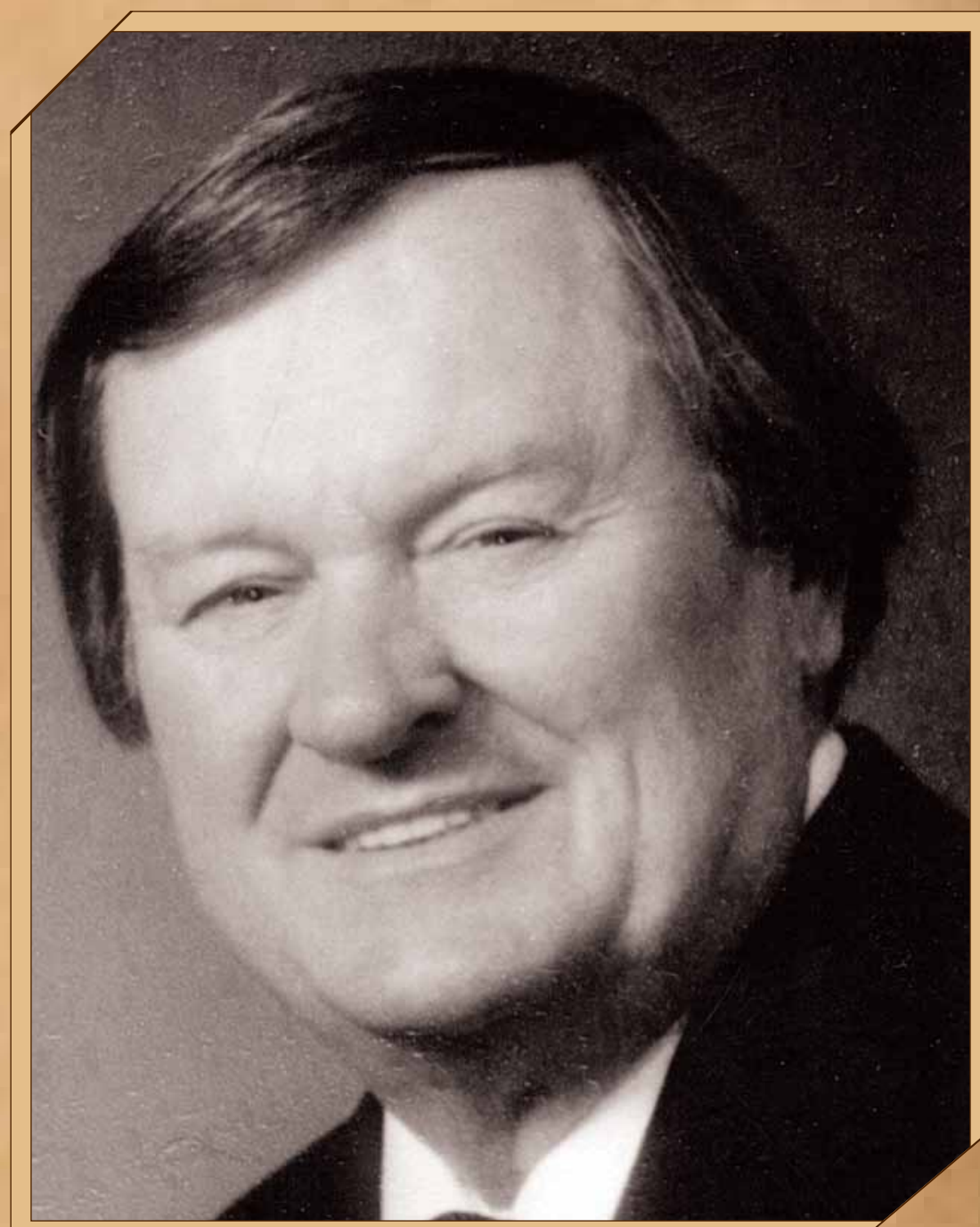
MOTOR SPORTS
Ron Boyce spent 30 years competing in, organizing and sponsoring motor sports in Lethbridge. Boyce won the 1951 11 and 12 mile Alberta Junior Motorcycle Title, before turning to stock car racing. Ron was the 1960 Alberta Gas Kart Champion, the 1961 Chinook Club Champion, the 1966 Alberta Modified Racing Association Class B Champion and the 1971 Southern Alberta Auto Racers Class B Champion, winning literally hundreds of races over a 20 year span. Boyce was also an outstanding administrator, serving on the board of many motor sports organizations. His leadership was a vital cog in the chain of events, which made stock car racing Lethbridge's leading spectator sport in the late 1960's and early 70's.



LETHBRIDGE E.B.K.S. LODGE #37

MULTI SPORTS

For more than three decades the E.B.K.S. Lodge has given financial support to many sports related projects. Of special note is the fact that the Lodge was the initial and sole supporter of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame, allowing the Hall of Fame to come into existence. They continue to provide ongoing funding and support. The Lethbridge E.B.K.S. Lodge recently made a \$22,000 donation towards a B.M.X. track and clubhouse facility known as the E.B.K.S. Park. This provides a top quality race track for local the B.M.X. talents to develop skills and test races. Lethbridge E.B.K.S. Lodge has contributed, on a continuing basis, to sports of all kinds, including speedskating, minor football, big league baseball, Lethbridge Athletic Association, junior curling, hockey, ringette, and others. In addition to direct financial support for sports, the Lodge has purchased a 40 passenger bus, which has been used to provide much needed transportation for sports groups.



DOUG FRIER

SOFTBALL BASEBALL

Doug Frier put over 40 years of his time and talents into playing and promoting softball and baseball in Lethbridge. Doug was an outstanding fastball player for two decades, playing on such clubs as the Commercial Printer Juniors, Squires Dodgers, Native Sons and Huston Electric. For more than a quarter century Frier coached and organized softball in Lethbridge. He coached a number of provincial champions including the 1960 Lethbridge Larks, the 1967 Alexander Hotel Monarchs, the 1976 Lethbridge Minors and the 1982 Val Martucci Aces. Frier was the backbone of the men's softball league for many years and gave freely of his time to youth and women's slow pitch leagues. As well in the late 1960's and early 70's he turned his interests to baseball and managed the Lethbridge Cubs to a provincial crown.



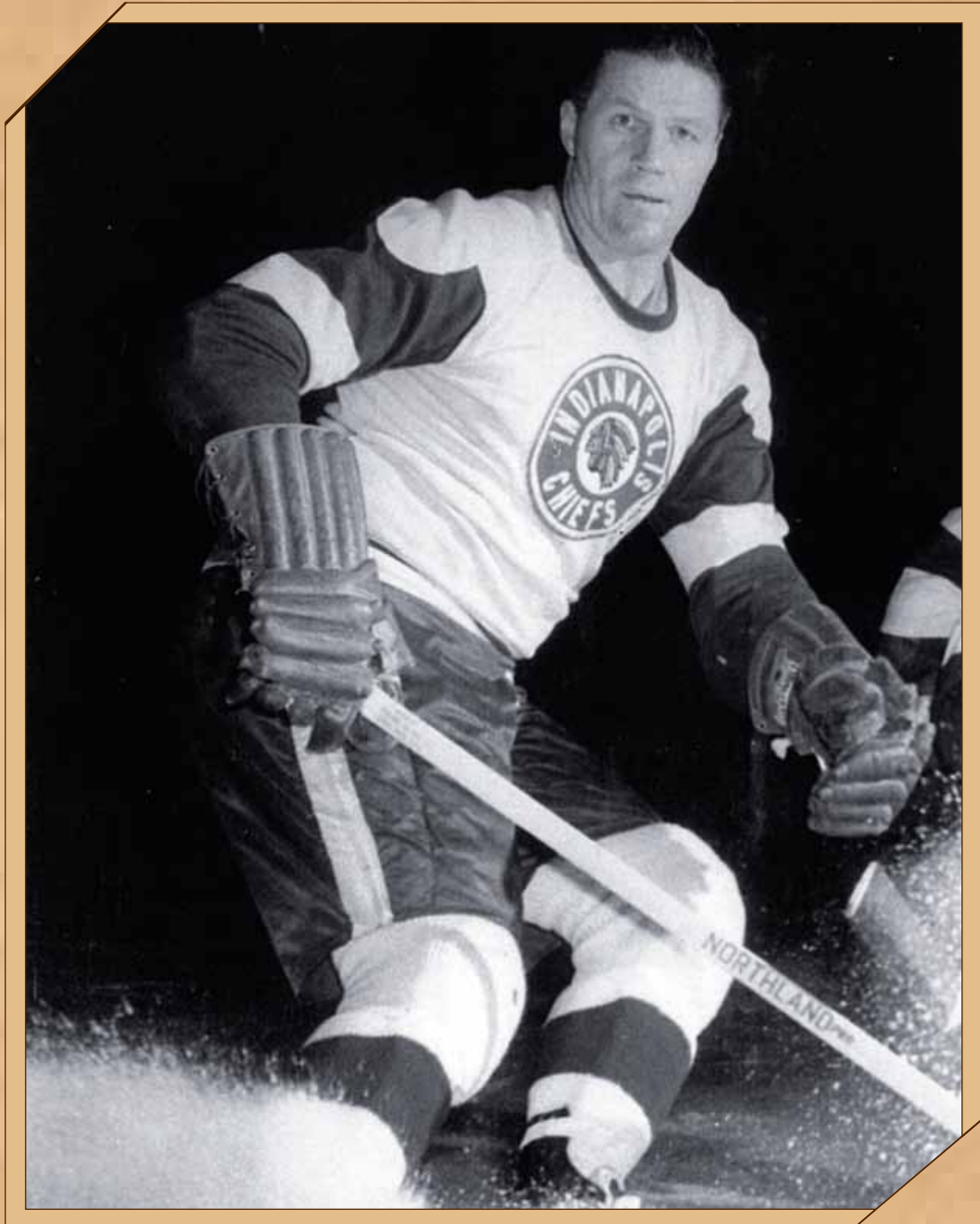
1987 ATHLETES



EVELYN LEFTINGWELL

SHOOTING

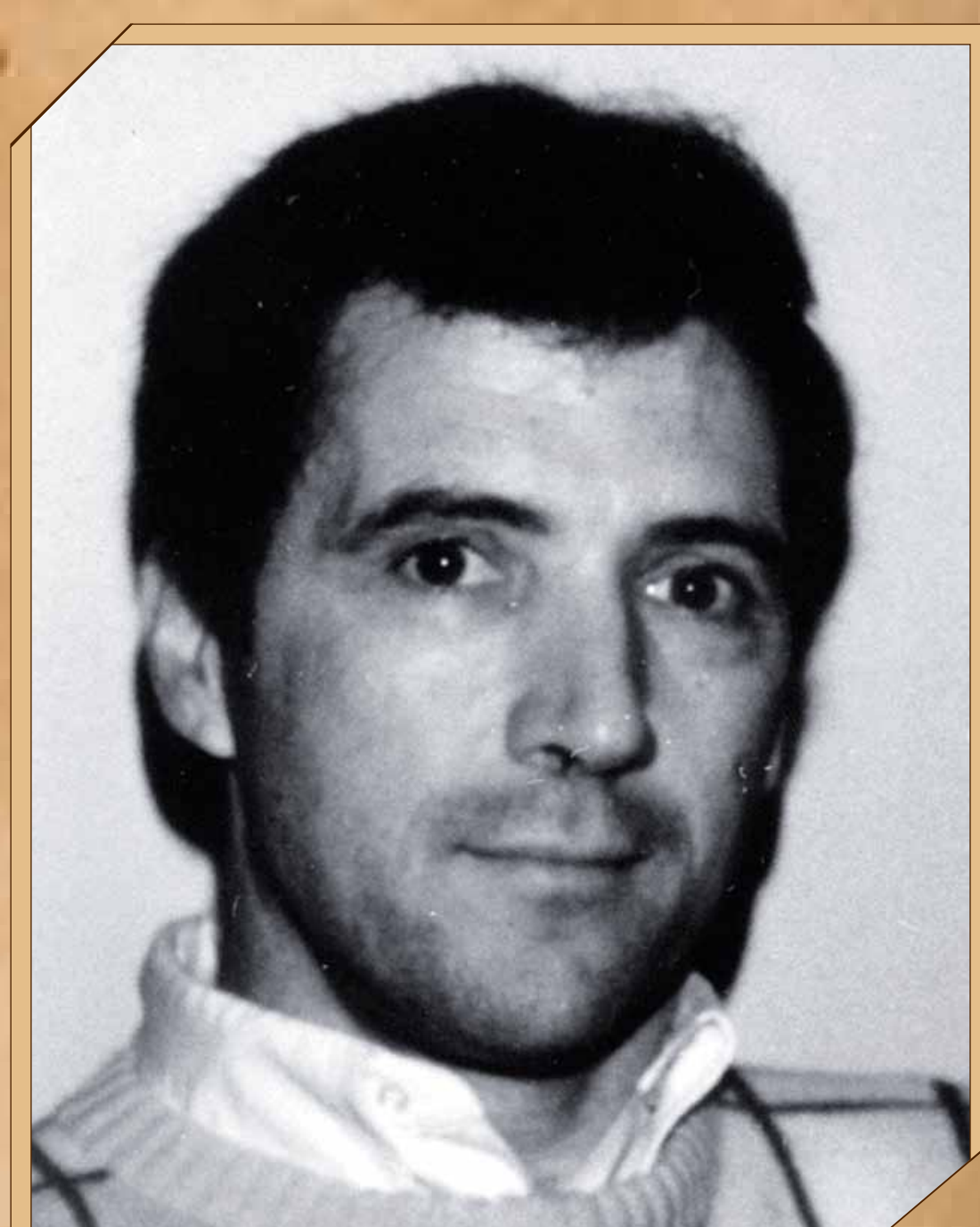
Evelyn Leftingwell has been extremely important to the development of shooting sports in Lethbridge. She has competed, organized and coached for over 25 years. Leftingwell is a national calibre shooter and has won many trophies and medals throughout Alberta, as well as the Lethbridge Fish and Game Grand Aggregate Trophy. In 1968 she captured the National Women's 22 calibre Championship, in 1983 and 84, Leftingwell set Benchrest Canadian records. She has organized and coached shooting at the Lethbridge Fish and Game Range and for the Green Acres Sharpshooters.



STAN MAXWELL

HOCKEY FASTRALL

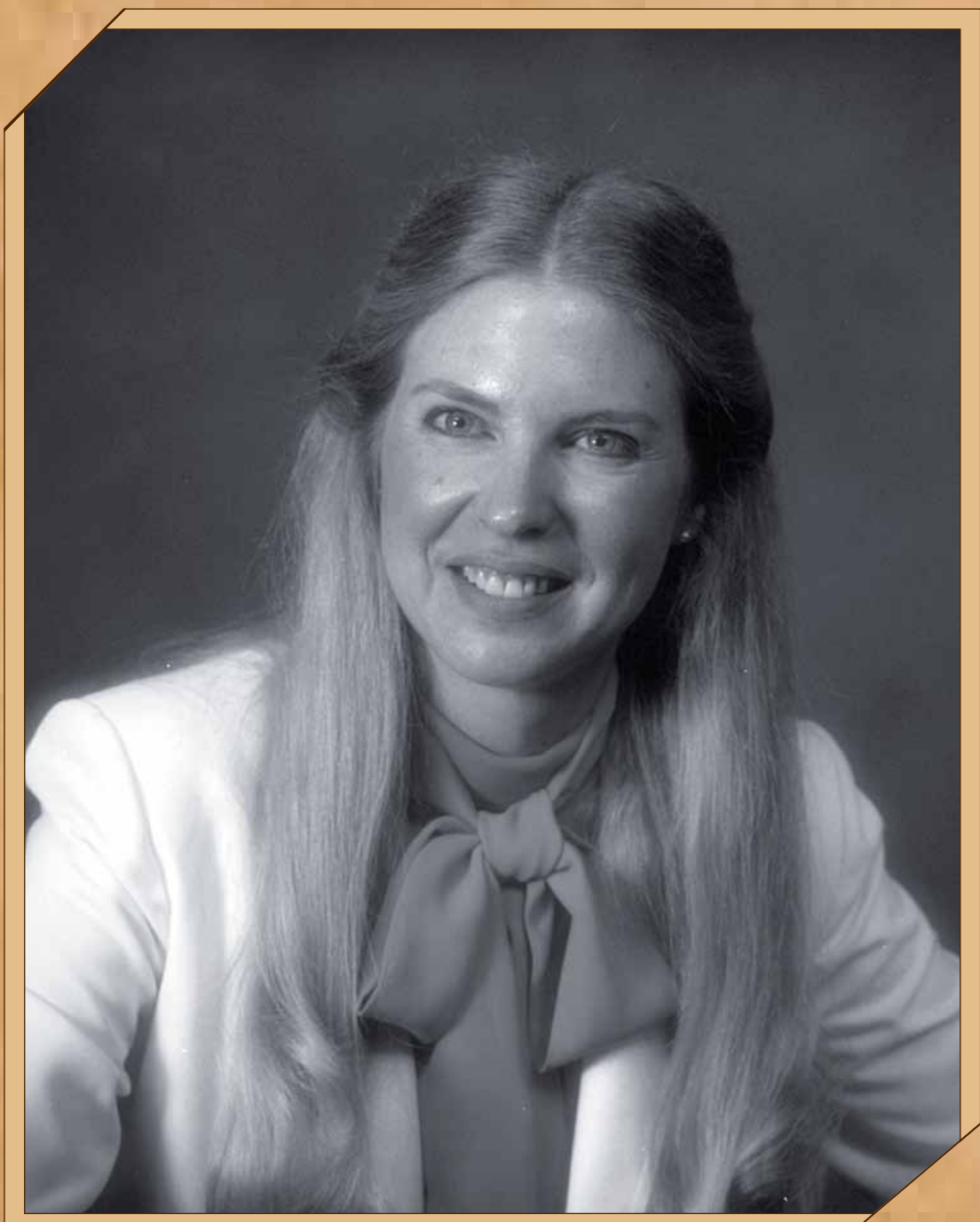
Stan Maxwell is one of the most outstanding hockey and fastball players ever to reside in Lethbridge. A native of North Bay, Ontario, Maxwell moved to Lethbridge to play hockey for the Lethbridge Maple Leafs. His hockey career included stints in the Ontario Junior and Senior Leagues, the Western and American Pro Leagues and a short stint with the Montreal Canadiens, before returning to finish his career in Southern Alberta. As a fastball pitcher, Maxwell's power was legendary. Locally he played on a number of outstanding teams including the Lethbridge Larks, Lethbridge Merchants and Shagbushes Cadillacs. Maxwell has been active on the local hockey scene as a coach and instructor for over twenty years. Perhaps Maxwell's greatest gift to local sports include his family, they have rightly earned the title "First Family" of sports in Lethbridge.



JOHN ECCLESTON

TRACK & FIELD

John Eccleston is one of the finest long distance runners Lethbridge has ever produced. George Gomer first trained Eccleston while he was in high school at L.C.I. From Lethbridge, Eccleston moved on to the U of A, becoming a top 4,000 and 10,000 metre runner. After university Eccleston went to England where he spent two years competing on a consistent basis with some of the best distance runners in the world. Upon returning to Alberta he dominated the Western Canada track scene at distances ranging from 5,000 metres to the marathon. Included in his list of accomplishments were three Edmonton Journal Road Race Championships and qualifying for the 1967 Pan American Games.



DIANNE VIOLINI

BOWLING

There is no question Dianne Violini is one of Canada's finest bowlers. In over 20 years of competition, Violini has compiled an astounding list of achievements on the local, provincial and national scene. As a youth, she captured six City, six Provincial, two Western Canada and two National titles. Dianne has represented Lethbridge for 18 consecutive years in adult competitions, earning eleven City and nine Zone individual championships. As well, she has contributed to thirteen Alberta, six Western Canada and five Canadian team titles. Violini has bested Canada's top bowlers, male and female, in winning seven open cash tournaments. On five occasions, Dianne Violini has been named a Canadian All-Star.



THOMAS GREEN

MULTI SPORTS

During the late 1920's and early 30's, Tom Green was one of Lethbridge's outstanding all-round athletes. Green was a remarkable track performer winning races at distances ranging from 100 yards to one and a half mile. Thomas had a short career as an undefeated high school baseball pitcher, then found his mark in softball where he was an outstanding third baseman. George McKillop taught Green his baseball in the Lethbridge schools. He then went on to play for the 1930 Provincial Senior A Champion Y.M.C.A. Aces. He was a starting forward on an outstanding team.

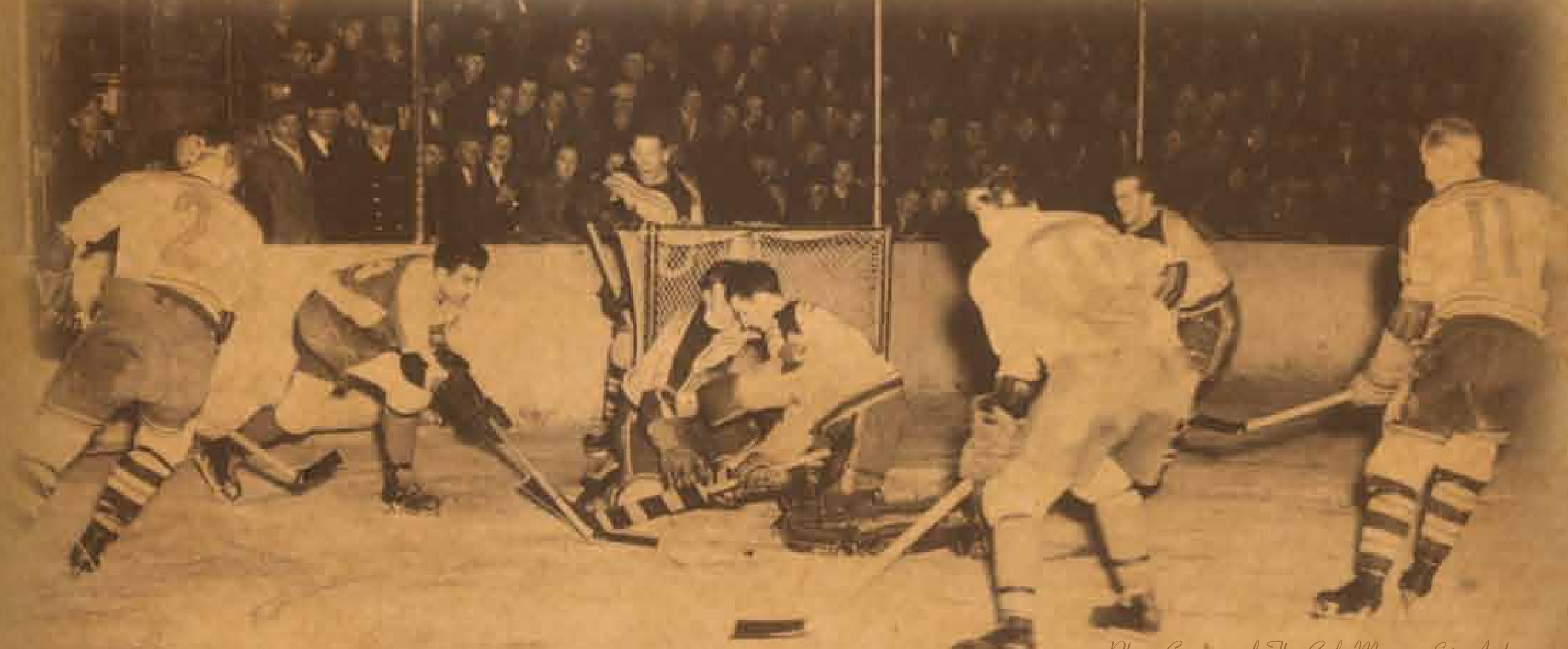


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Calgary Stampeders vs Lethbridge Maple Leafs, 1941-42

L-R: Doug Lane, Vince Germann, Riley Mullen, Mel Lunde, Andy Young, Billy Reay, Don Culley, Whitey Rimstad