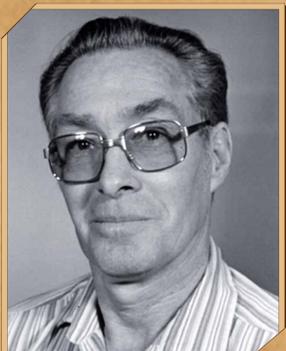




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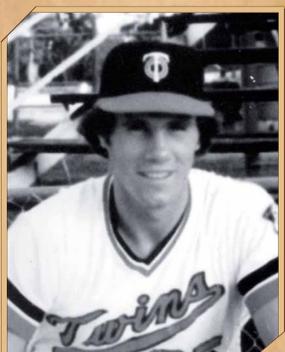
ALLAN "CHICK" MACINTOSH
MULTI SPORTS
Allan (Chick) Macintosh was a tremendous all round athlete excelling at a variety of sports for three decades. Macintosh was a member of the 1954 and 1956 Provincial Champion L.C.I. Rams basketball team. He later contributed to the powerful Lethbridge Aces and starred in the Lethbridge Commercial League. A phenomenal softball pitcher, Chick headed the local Hinton Electric team to the Holman Cup before moving on to Vancouver where he continued playing. Following his tenure on the west coast, Macintosh returned to Lethbridge and pitched in the Commercial League. In later years, Chick turned to curling, excelling on a number of local rinks. In addition to his athletic prowess, Macintosh contributed greatly to Lethbridge sports as an administrator, coach and official.



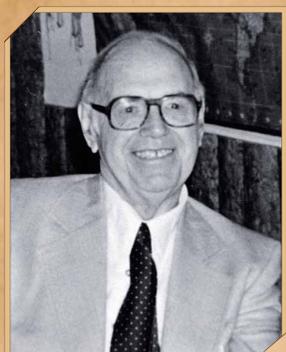
MARVIN KIRCHNER
MULTI SPORTS
One can hardly think of tennis in Lethbridge, without Marvin Kirchner's name coming to mind. Marvin was a founding member of the Lethbridge Tennis Club in the early 1950's and has been a dominant force on the local tennis scene ever since. In total, Kirchner has won over 30 Lethbridge Tennis Club singles and doubles titles, as well as numerous Southern Alberta Open and Southern Alberta Games crowns. Kirchner's athletic prowess is not limited to tennis. He was a fine basketball player in the 1940's, 50's and 60's, playing on a number of championship teams and earning many all star awards. As well, Marvin displayed his racket skills on the badminton court in the 1960's and 70's, emerging with seven Lethbridge mixed doubles championships. In addition to his court performance, Kirchner has contributed to the local tennis scene as an administrator and coach, serving the Lethbridge Tennis Club for over 30 years. He was named a life member in 1982.



LAVERN DRUREN
RAQUETBALL
Lavern Druren dominated senior women's racquetball in Lethbridge for a decade and has made her presence known throughout Canada and Northern United States. Druren was an outstanding basketball player in her youth and later helping Lethbridge win the 1951 Provincial Senior Ladies' Basketball Title. In the 1960's Druren took to competitive racquetball. She immediately showed potential in open competitions and began to win an impressive array of senior titles. Lavern's list of accomplishments include a great number of events won in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana. Perhaps Druren's greatest racquetball triumph came in 1982, when she captured the Canadian Senior Women's Championship.



MARTY MAXWELL
BASEBALL
Marty Maxwell is undoubtedly one of the finest baseball players Lethbridge has ever produced. A product of the Lethbridge Minor Baseball Program, Maxwell graduated to the Alberta Senior Champions, the Lethbridge Lakers. From the Lakers Marty joined the Washington State Cougars, where he started for three seasons and served as captain in 1977. Maxwell spent four summers with the Canadian National Team, while touring the world, representing Canada. In 1977 he signed on with the Minnesota Twins organization eventually reaching AA pro baseball. At the conclusion of his playing career, Maxwell returned to Lethbridge and coached the Legion Elks to their first Montana State Title.



CHARLES "BUD" MCKILLOP
MULTI SPORTS
Charles (Bud) McKillop was one of Lethbridge's outstanding athletes in the 1920's and 1930's, excelling in a variety of athletic endeavors. McKillop was a standout in basketball, softball, rugby, golf and wrestling. At 6'7" he was one of the biggest and best shooting guards in the province, helping the Lethbridge Aces to two Alberta Intermediate Championships. Bud played rugby and softball well enough to help his teams to multiple city titles in both sports. As well, he won the District Golf Championship in 1935. As a wrestler, McKillop was among the toughest and best in Southern Alberta.



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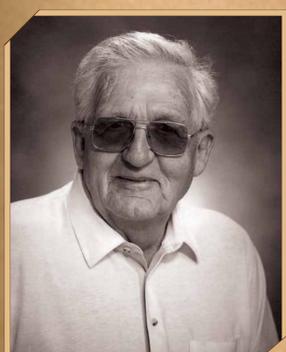
1974-1975 LETHBRIDGE Y'S MEN'S NATIVE SONS HOCKEY
The 1974-75 Lethbridge Y's Men's Native Sons had an incredible season, topped by a Canada Winter Games Gold Medal victory before over 5000 fans, at the Sportplex, on February 23, 1975. The Native Sons overall season record was 66 wins, six losses and one tie. In addition to their Canada Winter Games triumph, the Native Sons other accomplishments included winning the Central Alberta Junior B Hockey League and the Alberta Junior B Championships. Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the club's Canada Games success, was the fact they refused to add players from other areas of Alberta for the tournament, feeling their team was more important than additional talent.



BETTY LOCO RINK
CURLING
The 1973 Betty Loco St. Lad's Curling rink was the first Lethbridge ladies' rink of any age to win an Alberta championship. The Loco rink captured the Southern Alberta title in Calgary, advancing to the Alberta Championship in Valdivia where they were undefeated. 1973 was the first year a National St. Lad's Curling Championship was held. The event took place in Ottawa with the Loco foursome, representing Alberta, finishing in third place. The Loco rink included lead Helen Johnson, second Gladys Redfern, third Kay Redding and skip Betty Loco.



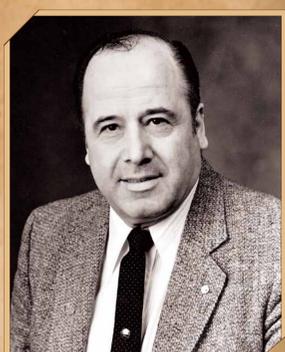
1988 BUILDERS



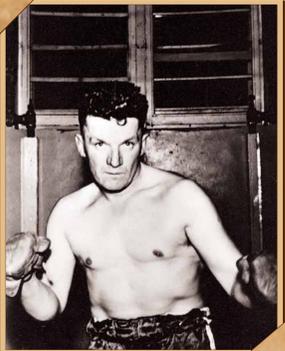
JIM GUNN
MULTI SPORTS
In the spring of 1957 Jim Gunn took his two sons to a Little League mass practice. At that time, he did not realize that this trip would lead to many years of coaching and organizing minor sports. Gunn worked with Little League baseball from 1957 to 63, serving as a coach and administrator. He also worked with Pop and Midge ball in the 1960's, as well as Junior and Senior teams in the late 1960's and early 70's. From 1960 to 67, Gunn was heavily involved with the Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association as a coach and administrator. He was also in charge of officials from 1960-63. Jim found time to help the Lethbridge Amateur Sports Club from 1965-71. After taking time off from sports in the 1970's to pursue business interests, Jim Gunn returned as the instigator in forming the Stirling Baseball Association and the Stirling Ladies Snow Rink team in the 1980's.



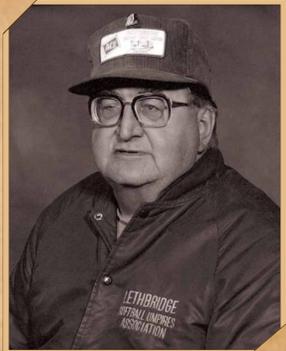
GORDON KAY
WEIGHT-LIFTING
Gordon Kay has been a leader in local weightlifting circles for over 40 years. Kay himself was an avid weightlifter and he taught classes in weightlifting for many years at the Y.M.C.A. Gordon organized many weightlifting events in Lethbridge and as well conducted of-foasting clinics throughout Alberta. As an organizer, Kay served on the Provincial Weightlifting Executive and on the National Officials Committee. Gordon Kay served as Chairman of weightlifting at the 1975 Canada Winter Games in Lethbridge. Perhaps Kay's biggest achievement in weightlifting has been in officiating. He worked the World Weightlifting Championships in Sophia, Bulgaria, November 8-15, 1986, after many years as an official, working local, regional and national competitions.



ALDO NECHICK
SOCCER BROOMBALL
Aldo Nechick moved to Lethbridge from his native Zara, Italy, in 1932. For the next 30 years he was a leader in the Lethbridge soccer community. As well, in the 1960's and 70's, Nechick was a stalwart in organizing the local broomball league. Aldo was an outstanding soccer goalie in his youth, while playing semi-professional in Italy. After arriving in Canada, he led his Lethbridge team to the 1953 Alberta Provincial Championship and continued as an active player into his 40's. Nechick laboured many years, organizing and coaching soccer and broomball in the city, working with leagues and teams ranging from youth to adults. Aldo was instrumental in the return of top level senior soccer to Lethbridge with the entry of the Labour Club Royals into the Alberta Major Soccer League in 1974. He served as coach of the Royals, as well as organizing the team. Nechick was chosen as Lethbridge Citizen of the Year by the Jaycees in 1980.



JOHN PAKARA
BOXING
From 1937 to 1957, John Pakara was one of Canada's top boxing coaches. Early in Pakara's career he combined boxing with coaching, winning three Provincial titles and a silver medal at the 1941 Dominion Championships, boxing as a 12 Heavyweight. While coaching, John worked out of the Lethbridge Airport Hangar and later the Lethbridge Civic Centre. Over the years, Pakara coached many local boxers to Provincial and Canadian titles including Dave and John Curtis, Tony and Alex Rogusky, Eddie Lebranon and Kai Yip. The Lethbridge Boxing Club continues to this day under the direction of Kai Yip.



MIKE WYROSTOK
SOFTBALL
When it comes to organizing softball, few men have matched the local impact of Mike Wyrostok. Mike was involved with the organization of softball teams throughout his playing days. In 1959 he became Secretary of the Commercial Men's Softball League and the following year he was a founding member of the Major Men's League. As well, in the 1960's Wyrostok was heavily involved with Junior and Juvenile softball, leading teams to four Provincial titles. In 1971, he was a founding member of the Lethbridge Minor Softball Association. Throughout the 1970's and 80's Wyrostok continued to work in executive positions with local and provincial softball associations, as well as becoming a top umpire. In 1987 Mike Wyrostok was accepted into the Alberta Softball Hall of Fame.



Broder's Chinooks Homecoming after winning Canadian Championship April 21, 1959

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