



1990 TEAMS

1984-86 GREAT WEST TIRE/SUPER SAM TEAMS

Notion had repeated as Canadian Senior A Men's Slowpitch Champion until Lethbridge's Super Sam rec'd off three straight national titles in the mid-1980s.

The team, featuring a mix of players from football and baseball, won their first Canadian title in 1984 when sponsored by Great West Tire. The team became known as Super Sam the next year and repeated as champs again in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Super Sam made it three national crowns in a row in 1986, winning before a hometown crowd at Henderson Stadium.

The Maxwell brothers, Randy, Bryan, Greg, Brent and Scott; Brent Broadway, Parry McDonald, Jim Kotkas, Glen Novak and Rod Tomita were members of all three Canadian Championship teams. Brian Haggie, Kevin Retter, Barry MacLennan and Barry Coghlin played in 1985 and 1986. Other team members included John Christiansen, Darren Klovansky, Wayne Pallett, Ray Diamond and Brad Peckle in 1984; Greg Duce in 1985 and Jesse Wilde, Dale Neelin, and Roger Wallace in 1986.



1984 NATIONAL SLOWPITCH CHAMPIONS
Back Row (L-R): Scott Maxwell, Greg Maxwell, Randy Maxwell, Brent Broadway, Parry McDonald, Jim Kotkas, Glen Novak, John Christiansen, Brent Maxwell.
Front Row (L-R): Darren Klovansky, Wayne Pallett, Bryan Maxwell (bat-boy), Reg Osmond, Brad Peckle, Rod Tomita.



1985 NATIONAL SLOWPITCH CHAMPIONS
Back Row (L-R): Bryan Maxwell, Brent Broadway, Greg Maxwell, Jim Kotkas, Randy Maxwell, Ryan Haggie, Kevin Retter, Parry McDonald, Glen Novak, Brent Maxwell.
Front Row (L-R): Scott Maxwell, Barry MacLennan, Rod Tomita, Barry Coghlin, Greg Duce.



1986 NATIONAL SLOWPITCH CHAMPIONS
Back Row (L-R): Glen Novak, Brent Broadway, Jim Kotkas, Kevin Retter, Ryan Haggie, Parry McDonald, Dale Neelin, Greg Maxwell, Rod Tomita.
Front Row (L-R): Barry MacLennan, Jesse Wilde, Barry Coghlin, Roger Wallace, Bryan Maxwell, Randy Maxwell, Erin Dudley (Sponsor), Brent Maxwell.
Bat-boys: Tyler Johnson and Nolan Johnson.



1990 SPECIAL



LETHBRIDGE HOCKEY HOUNDS SPECIAL AWARD

For 20 years, members of the Lethbridge Hockey Hounds have been a familiar sight at Junior Hockey events.

The organization had its beginnings in 1971 when the Lethbridge Sugar Kings played in the Alberta Junior Hockey League. The group started out with five members and soon boasted 25 active members who devoted their time to promoting hockey and other sports in Lethbridge.

In 1978, the Hockey Hounds introduced their 50/50 draws, which have raised more than \$350,000 for the junior hockey scholarship program.

Junior hockey isn't the only group to benefit from the financial contributions of the Hockey Hounds. Minor hockey, football, and the Lethbridge Handicapped Riding Association have also been recipients. The organization assists with the annual Salvation Army White Gift Night, and it is also involved in organizing and running the annual Senior Celebrity Golf Classic, which raises money for charitable causes.



1991 BUILDERS



MARGE CLARK BASKETBALL

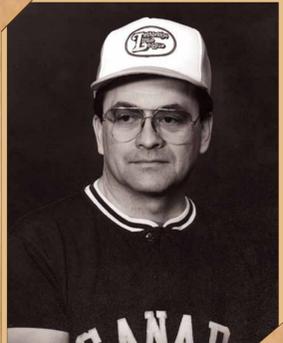
Lethbridge Collegiate Institute has a great winning tradition in high school athletics, and one of the contributors to its success was Marge Clark.

As the women's basketball coach from 1953 to 1967, Clark made winning a habit for the Clipper Queens. Under Clark's guidance, the Queens captured numerous Southern Alberta titles and won provincial crowns in 1954, 1963, and 1964.

Clark was also a founding member of the Health and Physical Education Council and she was instrumental in the development of high school athletics for girls. She was also an organizer of girls' sports at the provincial level as a member of the Alberta Schools Athletic Association, where she served as vice-president in charge of girls' sports for Southern Alberta and the province.

In 1985, she was named City of Lethbridge Citizen of the Year.

Clark's playing experience included stints with the University of Alberta and University of Calgary basketball teams.



REED SPENCER BASEBALL

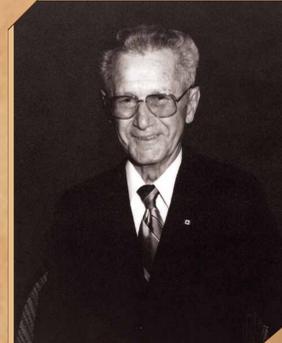
Reed Spencer has built winning baseball programs wherever he has coached, beginning at the Little League level with the old American League in Lethbridge in 1967.

He coached the Lakeside Little League All Stars until 1977, taking the team to numerous titles. Then in 1978, Spencer and Jim Sices formed the Lethbridge Elks Big League squad which won three straight Western Canadian championships and two Canadian championships.

Spencer guided the Elks to two Big League World Series, where the club finished higher than any previous Canadian entry.

In 1981, Spencer was instrumental in securing a Montana State American Legion franchise for Lethbridge. The Elks achieved tremendous success in the league.

Spencer, meanwhile, moved on to build a solid American Legion baseball program in Fort MacLeod. He was also involved in high school baseball.



GEORGE SWEDISH MULTI-SPORTS

Few individuals can boast as varied a sports career as George Swedish has enjoyed.

The list of sports he has played and/or coached includes middle-distance track and field, hockey, swimming, boxing, gymnastics, softball, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, and curling.

He has also been involved in a baseball umpire and a basketball referee.

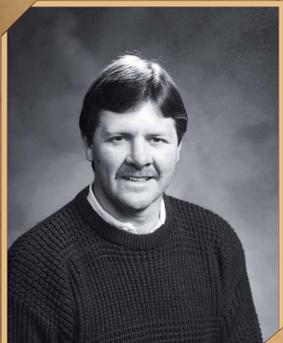
Swedish began playing with the Lethbridge Minors baseball team at the age of 15, then he was a member of the St. Pat's junior baseball team which captured the Alberta junior title.

He also played softball; he was a member of the St. Pat's hockey team and he played quarterback on the Maroons football team.

Swedish spent 12 years as an instructor in YMCA and provincial recreation physical education programs. During that period he taught young people in swimming, life saving, boxing, and gymnastics.



1991 ATHLETES



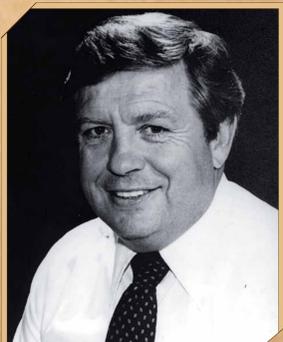
LEN FYFE HOCKEY

Lethbridge has a rich tradition of being a training ground for hockey talent and Len Fyfe is a key part of that tradition.

Born in Lethbridge, Fyfe rose through the ranks in the Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association and later starred with the Lethbridge Sugar Kings of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. He spent three seasons with the Sugar Kings, playing right wing during most of that time. Midway through his third season, coach Don McLean switched him to defense, and he moved full-time to Fyfe.

He went on to the Calgary Centennials of the Western Hockey League, then he was drafted in the third round of the 1970 amateur draft by the National Hockey League's Chicago Black Hawks.

He was a regular on defence for the Black Hawks in 1973-74, then he was traded to the California Golden Seals, where he spent two seasons before following the franchise to Cleveland for another season. He played parts of two other seasons with the St. Louis Blues.



EDDY LEBARON BOXING

Winning was a habit for Edward Earl "Eddy" LeBaron, who lost just 12 times in more than 100 amateur and 15 professional boxing matches.

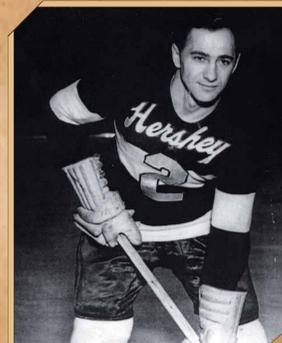
Taking up the sport at age 10, LeBaron captured four straight Golden Gloves titles and won the Golden Boy Award as Alberta's outstanding fighter. During one stretch in his amateur ring career, he won 30 consecutive bouts, beating along the way such notable boxers as Norbert Fox, Ken Yu, and David Duncanson.

He also won Golden Gloves awards in Utah and California before turning professional at 18.

LeBaron excelled in track and field as well and once competed against the U.S. Olympic team, where he beat Bobbys Coons in a 10-mile race.

Later, LeBaron turned his attention to working with youth. He coached Little League baseball in California for nine years, guiding his team to regional championship titles on two occasions.

He also served on the board of directors for Sugar Ray Robinson's Youth Program and on Archie Moore's "No Boy Can" Club.



PETER SLOBODIAN HOCKEY

Peter Slobodian was a fierce competitor in the hockey rink, where he enjoyed success at many levels, including the National Hockey League.

A defenceman, his nose-crushing body checks earned him a reputation as an opponent to be feared.

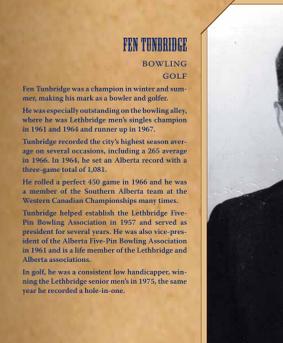
Born in Daughin, Manitoba, in 1918, Slobodian played junior hockey for the Brandon Wheat Kings in 1937-38, then played senior hockey with the Regina Vics Aces in 1938-39 and 1939-40 seasons.

He spent the 1940-41 season with the New York Americans in what was then a seven-team NHL.

After a season with the Lethbridge Maple Leafs, Slobodian joined the Canadian Air Force, playing for Air Force teams before going overseas.

He helped the Calgary Stampede to the Allan Cup in 1945-46, then played the next two seasons with the American Hockey League's Hershey Bears, who won the Calder Cup in 1947-48.

Slobodian returned to Lethbridge as player-coach of the Maple Leafs in 1948-49 and 1949-50 and coached the Lethbridge Native Sons in 1950-51 and 1951-52.



FEN TOMBRIDGE BOWLING GOLF

Fen Tombridge was a champion in winter and summer, making his mark as a bowler and golfer.

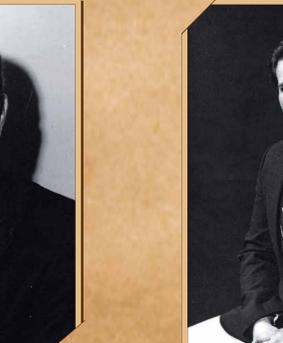
He was especially outstanding on the bowling alley, where he was Lethbridge's men's singles champion in 1961 and 1964 and runner-up in 1967.

Tombridge recorded the city's highest season average on several occasions, including a 360 average in 1966. In 1964, he set an Alberta record with a three-game total of 1081.

He rolled a perfect 450 game in 1966 and he was a member of the Southern Alberta team at the Western Canadian Championships many times.

Tombridge helped establish the Lethbridge Five-Pin Bowling Association in 1957 and served as president for several years. He was also vice-president of the Alberta Five-Pin Bowling Association in 1961 and is a life member of the Lethbridge and Alberta associations.

In golf, he was a consistent low handicapper, winning the Lethbridge senior men's in 1973; the same year he recorded a hole-in-one.



STAN WILLS JR. TARGET SHOOTING

Competing in a sport - target shooting - that doesn't garner many headlines, Wills is one of Canada's top marksmen.

He has been involved in his sport since 1970 and he has won numerous provincial and national awards. He has won five grand aggregate titles at the Canadian championships, including three in a row from 1982 to 1984. At the 1989 championships in Greater, Quebec, Wills took home three titles: free pistol, standard pistol, and five-gun grand aggregate.

He has been a member of the national hand-gun team since 1983, when he competed in the Pan Am Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

Wills was the first recipient of the Lethbridge Shastek Memorial Award, a grant provided by the Shooting Federation of Canada in memory of one of the country's top trap shooters.

In 1989, Wills teamed with Mark Hawkins of Calgary to win the silver medal in the pairs rapid pistol event at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand.



Foot Race
Galt Gardens - circa 1905

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