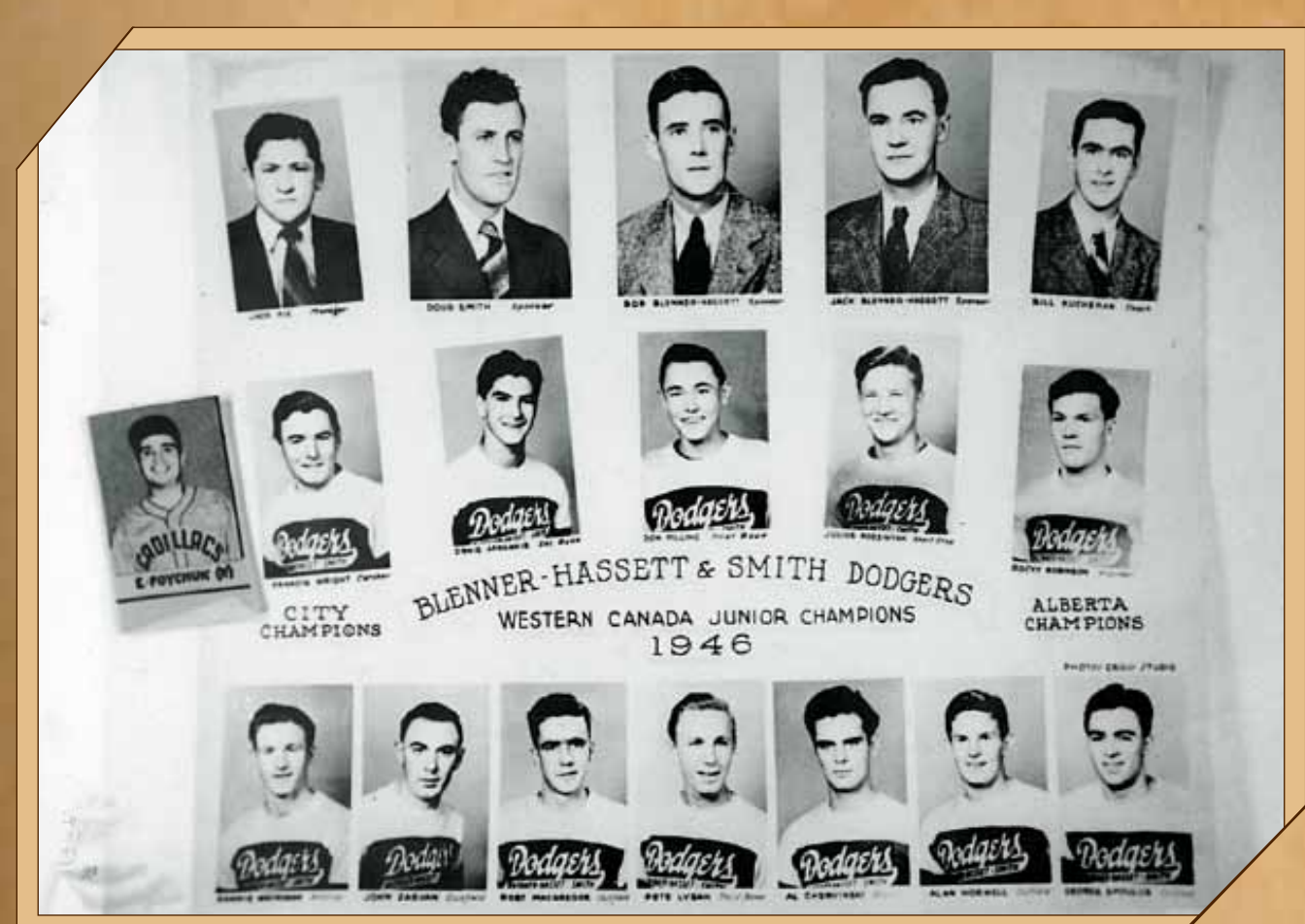


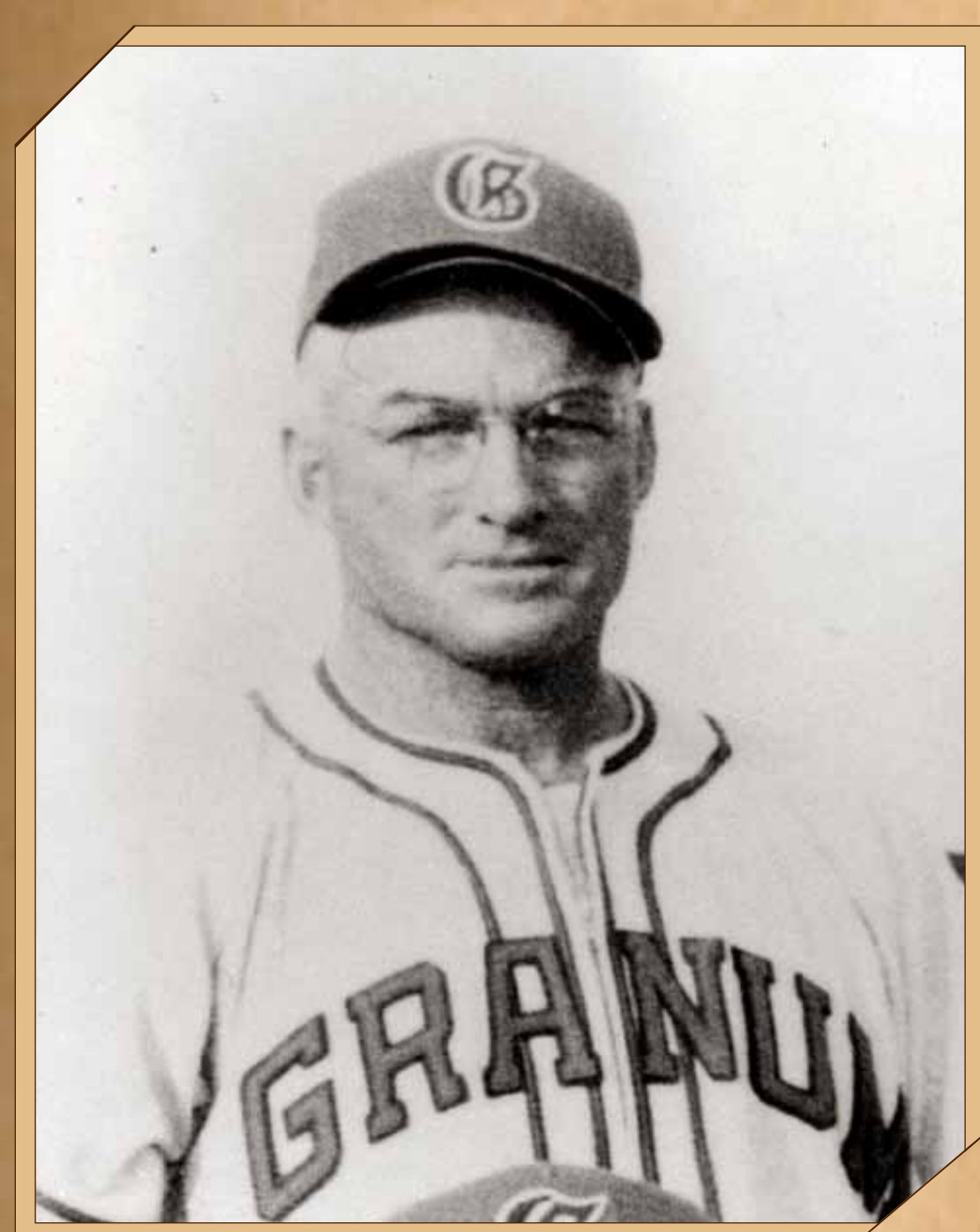


1991 TEAMS



BLENER-HASSETT AND SMITH DODGERS

FASTBALL
Few Lethbridge teams have ever enjoyed the kind of dream season put together by the Blenner-Hassett and Smith Dodgers in 1946.
That year, the junior football squad, managed by Jack Fix and coached by Bill Kuchera, captured the Lethbridge Championship, then swept to the Alberta title. The team capped its banner season by winning the Western Canadian Championship, becoming the only junior football team from Lethbridge to win the Alberta and Western Canadian crowns.
The roster included pitchers Eddy Foychak, Doc By Robinson and Don Wainwright, catcher Francis Wright, first baseman Don Pulling, second baseman Ernie Afagiani, shortstop Julius Rodzinski, third baseman Peter Lyak, rover Al Charvinski, and outfielders John Zovena, Bob McGregor, Alan Horwell and George Spiesler.
The team was sponsored by Doug Smith and Bob and Jack Blenner-Hassett.
In the seasons leading up to the championship year, the team featured players such as Joe Chulak, George Rodzinski, Johnny Kerish, Nick Owsyryshak, Steve Mikitka, John Ontko, and Pat Tompkins.



GEORGE WESLEY

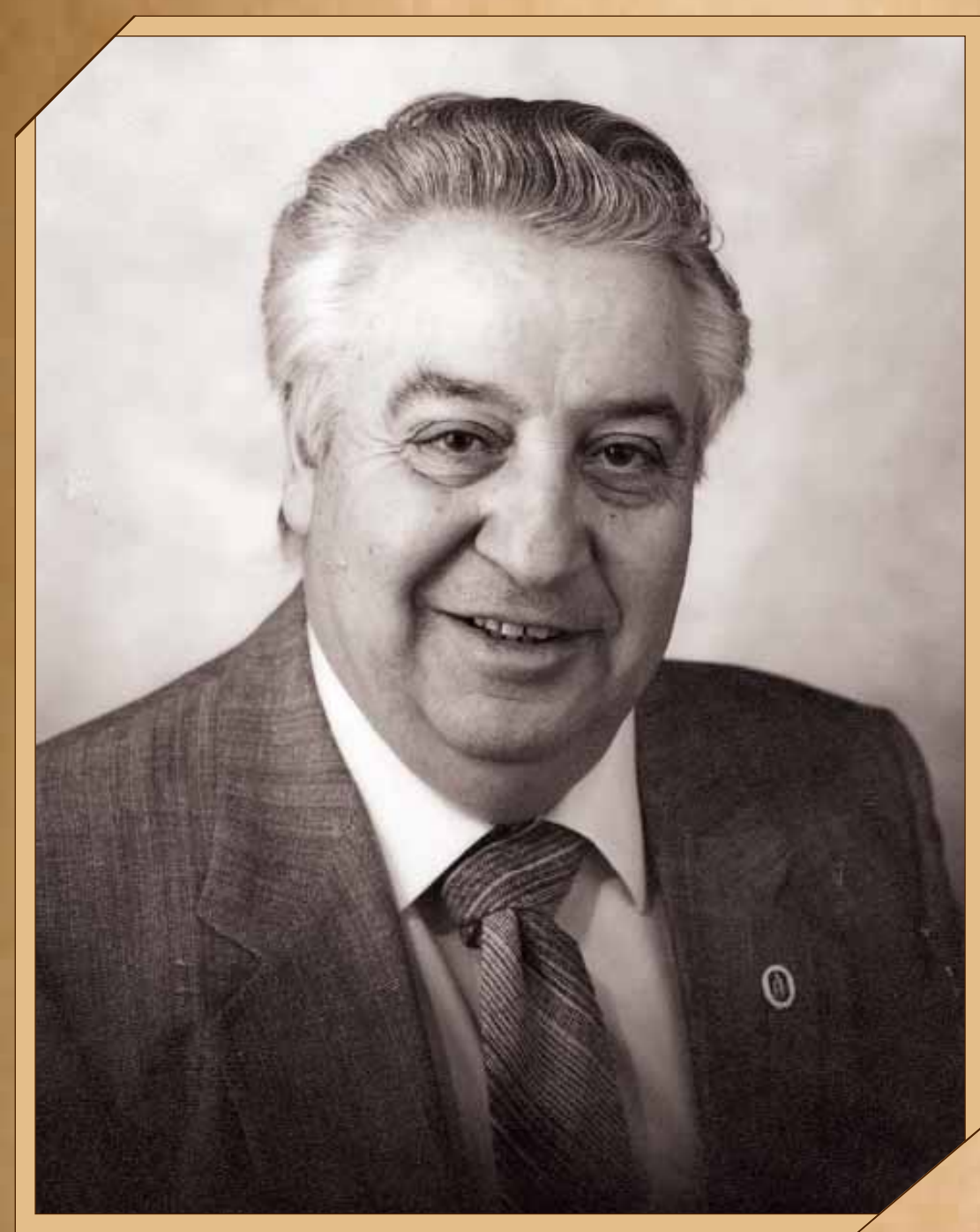
SPECIAL AWARD
During the 1950s and early 1960s, George Wesley, though he hailed from Graman, was the baseball in Lethbridge.
His involvement with the Lethbridge White Sox set the stage for the city's eventual entry into the professional baseball ranks.
In the 1960s, Wesley managed the White Sox to numerous Alberta senior baseball championships. Then in 1969, he teamed with I. Harper Parry to bring semi-professional baseball to Lethbridge by forming the Southern Alberta League.
The White Sox captured the league title in their initial semi-professional 1970 season and many other tournament titles and championships to their list of accomplishments in the seasons to follow. They also provided local ball fans with a top-caliber brand of entertainment featuring future major leaguers such as pitcher Ray Washburn and Toronto Blue Jays general manager Pat Gillick.
Wesley was also instrumental in bringing lights to Henderson Stadium, paving the way for Pioneer League baseball in Lethbridge.



1991 SPECIAL



1992 BUILDERS



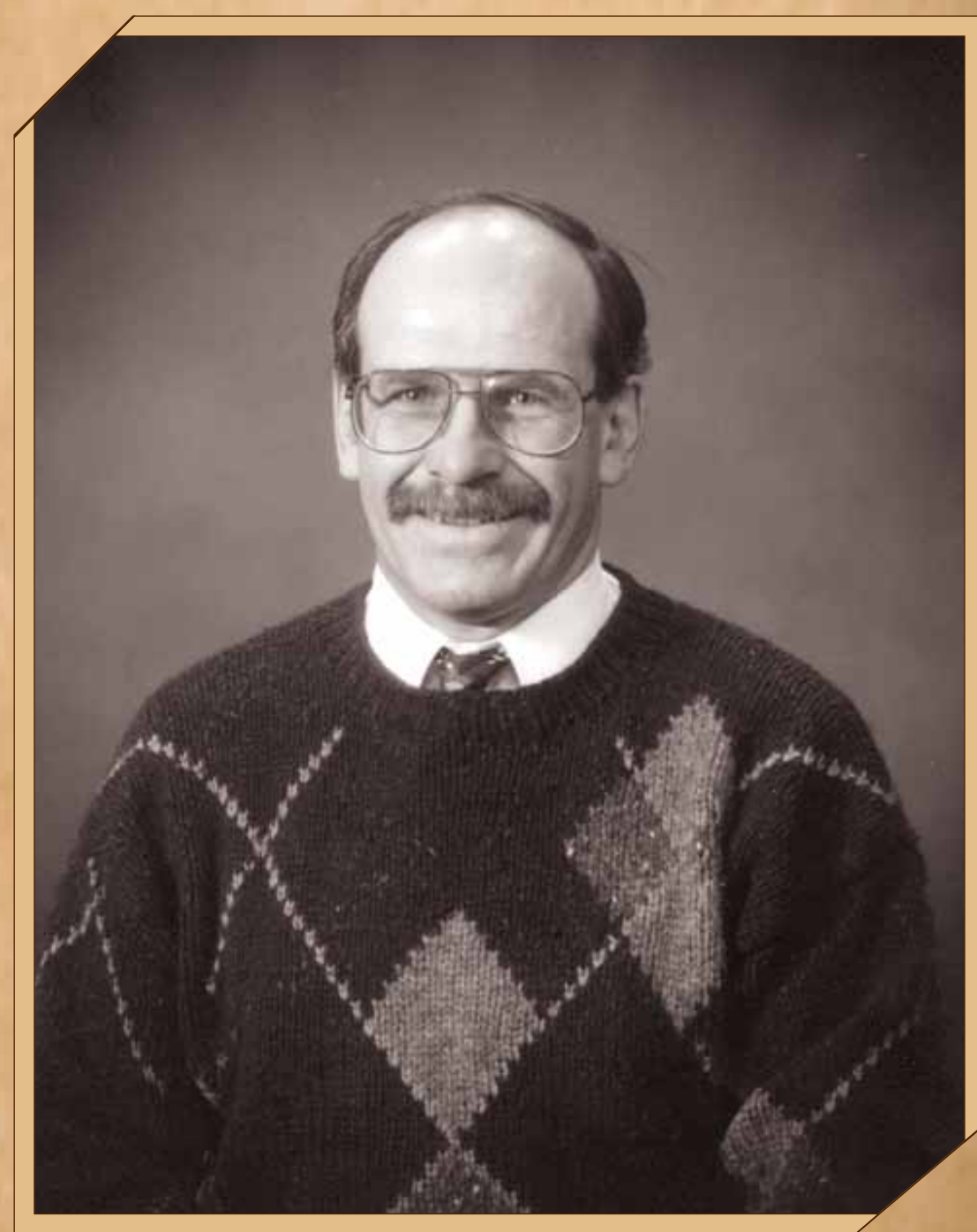
RALPH GZATI

Ralph Gzati was active in hockey, golf, and football circles.
In hockey, Gzati coached Lethbridge's juvenile team for three seasons, guiding the squad to the Alberta title each year.
He was instrumental in forming the Lethbridge Hockey House, an organization that promotes hockey in the city, particularly junior hockey. He has served as president of the Hockey House for three separate terms and he was a key participant in bringing junior hockey back to Lethbridge in 1987.
Gzati sat on the Henderson Lake Golf Club board of directors for 12 years, serving as president in 1969 and 1970, during which time he helped bring several major changes and renovations to the club.
He is the originator and chairman of the Sutter Celebrity Golf Classic which has raised thousands of dollars for southern Alberta charities.
In football, Gzati was an assistant coach with the Lethbridge Miners Library Pro-A Pop team that won the Alberta Championship in 1976 and he went on to the national finals.
He also coached the Ladies All-Star football team for two years.



DR. RICHARD KING-BROWN

The sport of squash in Lethbridge owes a great debt to Dr. Richard King-Brown, who was instrumental in the birth and growth of the game in the city.
King-Brown, along with Keith Driver, Gerry Wright, George Gray, Barrie Silwell, and Saw Tong Leung, introduced squash to the old YMCA in Lethbridge in 1960.
An accomplished player, King-Brown won several city championships, the last at the age of 80. But it was his dedication to the game that the players he taught remember. Dr. King-Brown, squash was more than a competition, it was a game of fairness and camaraderie.
"He taught the honour of the game, and that's still reflected in today's play in Lethbridge," says Klaus Jerichow, who passes on King-Brown's legacy to the players he teaches.
King-Brown began playing squash in England in 1937 and he remained active in the sport until age 65 when a knee injury forced him off the courts.

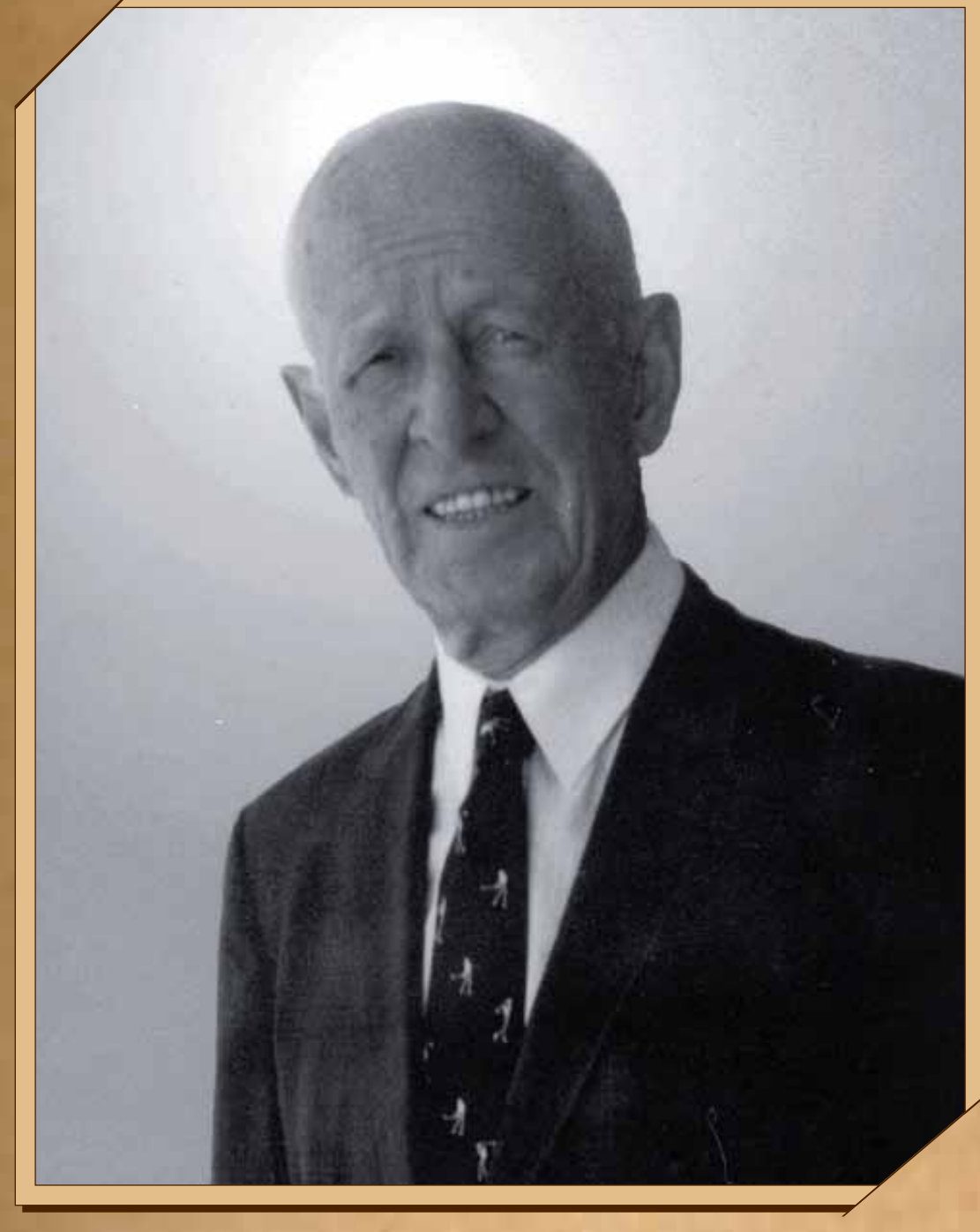


BERNIE ONTKEAN

The growth of rugby in southern Alberta can be traced back to one man—Bernie Ontkean.
A founding member of the Lethbridge Rugby Club in 1972, Ontkean has built the club into one of the best in the province, while also introducing the sport to the Lethbridge high schools.
Ontkean was a player with the Lethbridge club from 1972 to 1981, and he was player-coach from 1982 to 1985. He has coached the club since that time, and in 1987 had his hands full by coaching three teams—the Lethbridge Rugby Club, C.I. Rams, and the University of Lethbridge Trolls.
Ontkean reached his coaching highlight in 1989 when the Lethbridge Rugby Club won the provincial Division 2 championship and he was named Elite Sport coach of the year.
He coached Lethbridge to the provincial finals in 1982 and 1988, and in 1988 he coached the Rams to the southern Alberta high school championship.
Senior selector for the Alberta Rugby Union in 1989, Ontkean has also held a variety of posts with the Lethbridge club, from treasurer to vice-president and president.

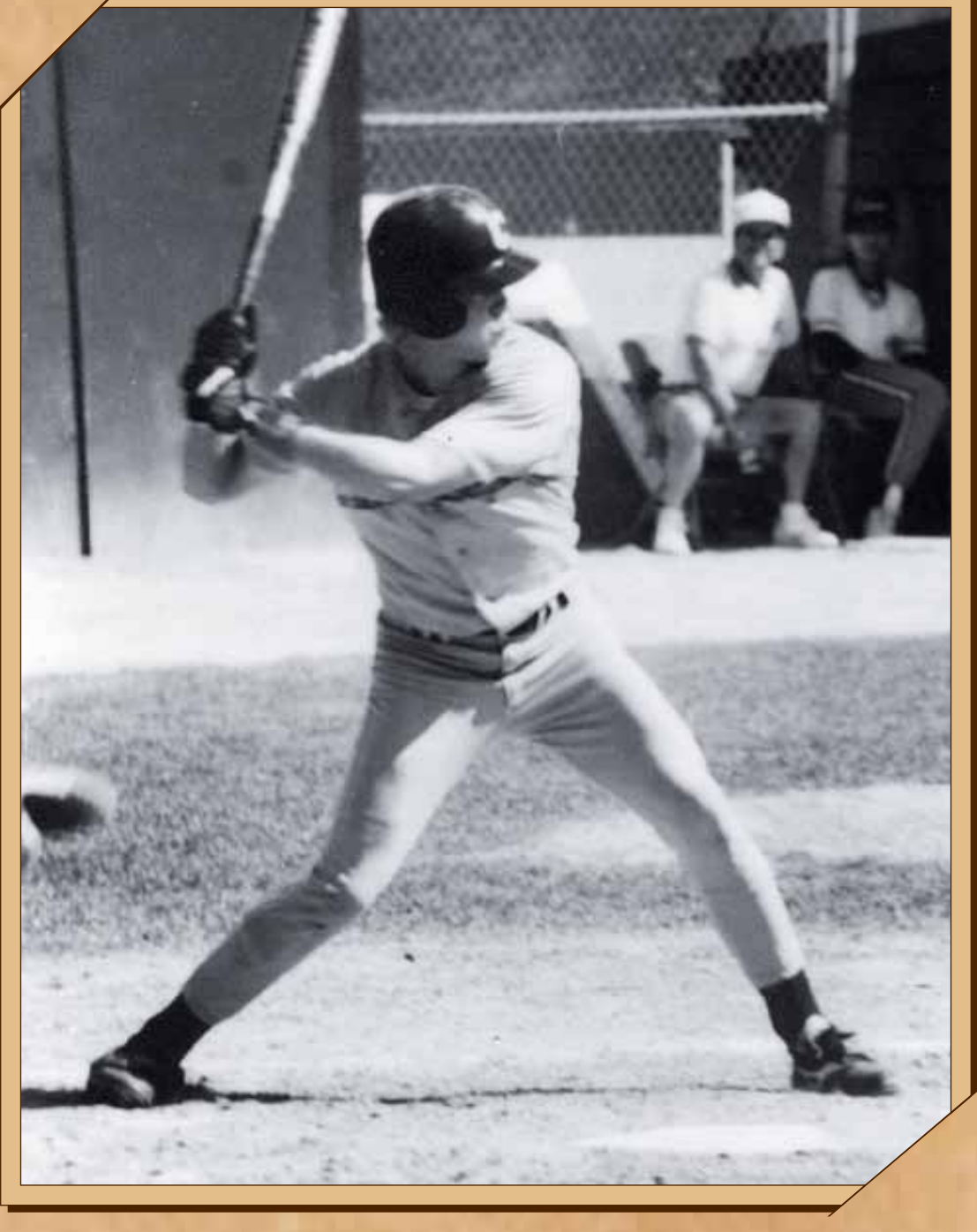


1992 ATHLETES



STAN HOWARD

MULTI SPORTS
Stan Howard was a triple threat, starting in three sports as one of Lethbridge's outstanding athletes from 1927 to 1940.
He was a forward and one of the leading scorers on the Lethbridge Y Aces which won three provincial men's basketball championships in 1927, 1929, and 1930. Howard's 15 points led the Aces to a 48-36 triumph over Calgary in the 1929 provincial final. The next year, he scored 13 points in a 37-37 tie with Edmonton's Alberta Varsity which clinched the two-game total point final for the Aces.
In the 1933-34 season, Howard was named to the Alberta basketball all-star team.
Howard was also a member of the Lethbridge Cubs baseball team from 1927 to 1933. He also excelled at golf, winning the Cowan tournament three times as well as two Waterloo Lakes tournaments, four city championships and numerous Henderson Lake club championships from 1930 to 1940.
The highlight of this golf career came in 1939 when he won the Alberta Willingham Cup title. Howard put together rounds of 70 and 71 on the challenging course at Banff to capture two gross honors in the prestigious tournament.



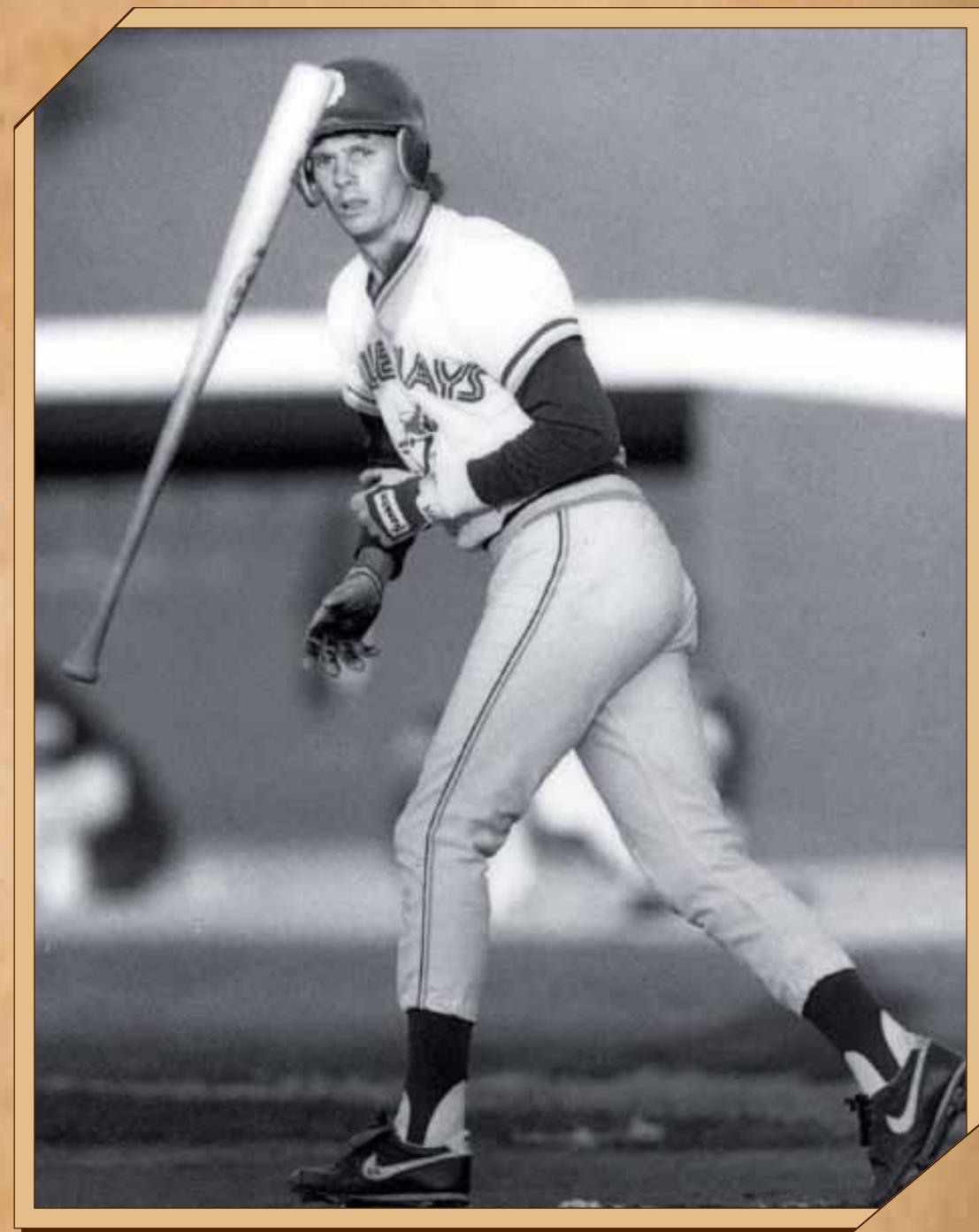
JIM KOTKAS

BASEBALL
For Jim Kotkas playing on championship teams became a habit during an outstanding baseball career that took him from the Little League level to the heights of international competition.
Kotkas was a member of the Norwest Little League squad that won the Western Canadian title in 1976 and the Canadian championship in 1977. He started on the Lethbridge team that won the 13 year old Little League Western Canadian championship in 1976, then as a member of the Lethbridge Senior Little League All-Stars, he played on the Canadian championship team in 1979 and the Western Canadian champions in 1980.
Going on to the Lethbridge Elks program, Kotkas was instrumental in the Elks winning the Montana State American Legion title in 1981 and 1983.
Kotkas then went on to the College of South Idaho, where he played in the College World Series in 1983 and 1984. The South Idaho Eagles won the national championship in 1984, after which Kotkas returned to Lethbridge in time to help Great West-Tire win the Canadian senior men's slo-pitch crown.
A member of Canada's national team for eight years, Kotkas competed in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.



MARLA LAWLOR

EQUESTRIAN
Marla Lawlor began riding at the age of eight. Through the 1980s, she established herself as a standout in equestrian events, winning a wealth of honours in youth and senior competitions at the provincial, national, and international levels.
Lawlor, who grew up on a farm two miles east of Lethbridge, qualified three different horses for the Junior Quarter Horse World Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1984 to 1988.
In 1984 and 1985, she qualified for Quarterman, Canada's largest quarter horse show, held in Toronto, and she brought home Reserve Overall High Point Champion and Canadian Youth Team Tournament Champion honours.
Lawlor was a two-time Canadian champion in the Senior Western Riding and Senior Hunter Under Saddle events in 1985 and 1986. She placed 10th in North America in Western Riding in 1987 and she was invited to take part in the Senior World Championship Quarter Horse show in Oklahoma City.
In 1989, she was the Alberta Junior Horse Riding Champion.

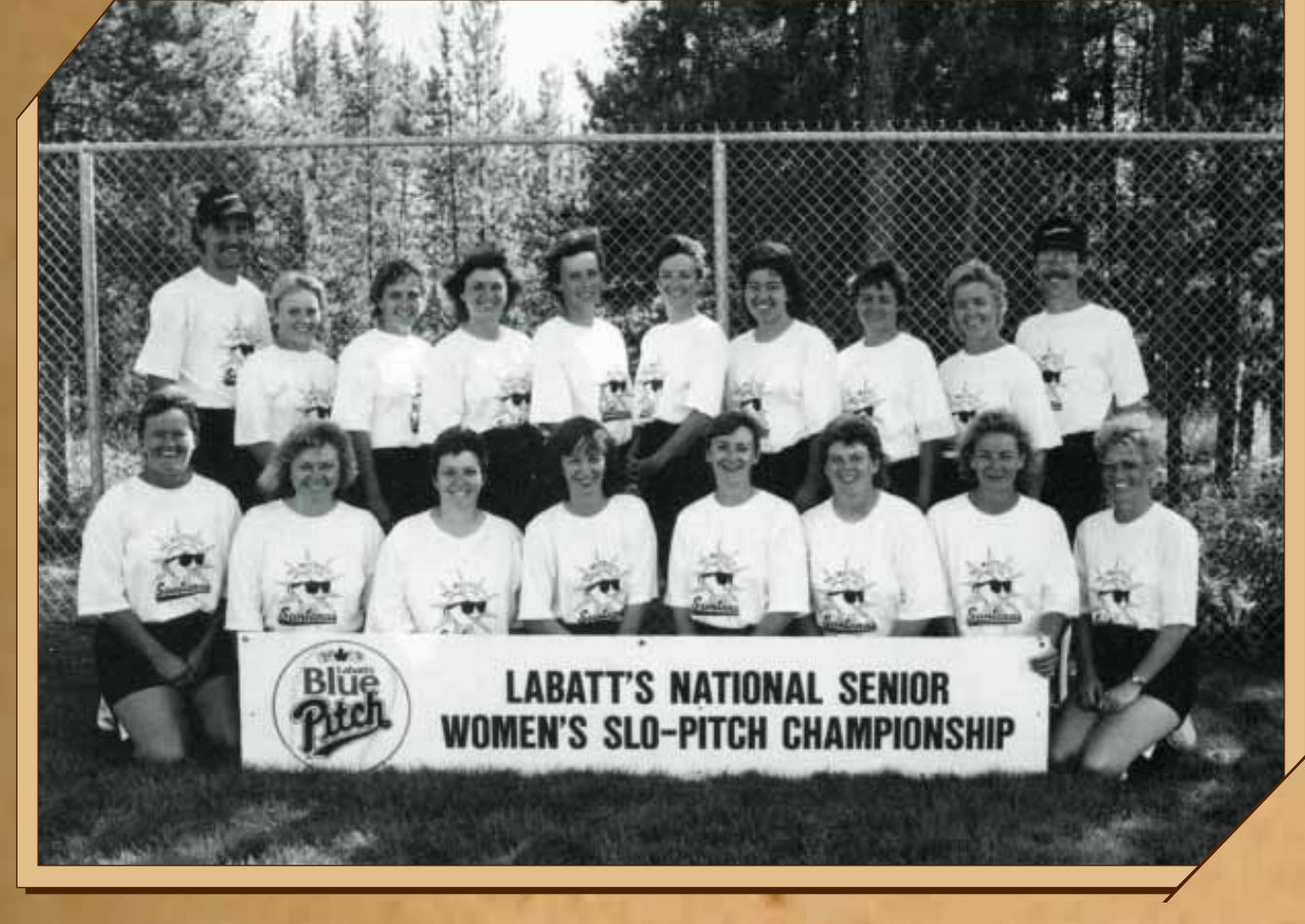


SCOTT MAXWELL

BASEBALL
Lethbridge has long been recognized as a hotbed of baseball talent, and one of the area's proudest players is Scott Maxwell.
The youngest in a sports-minded family in which two brothers went on to professional sports, Maxwell helped Lethbridge to the Canadian Senior Little League championship in 1979 and the Western Canadian Senior Little League championship in 1979 and 1983.
Maxwell went on to the College of Arizona, earning second-team all-conference honours in 1983. In 1984, he was named first-team all-conference and first-team all-region while also winning honourable mention on the All-American squad.
Maxwell was a member of the Canadian national team that competed in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.
In the winter of 1985, Maxwell was drafted by the New York Yankees, but he did not sign with the team. However, in 1986 he signed with the Toronto Blue Jays and played a season with the Pioneer League's Medicine Hat Blue Jays.
He was also a member of the Lethbridge Super Sun team which won the Canadian senior men's slo-pitch title in 1984 and 1985.

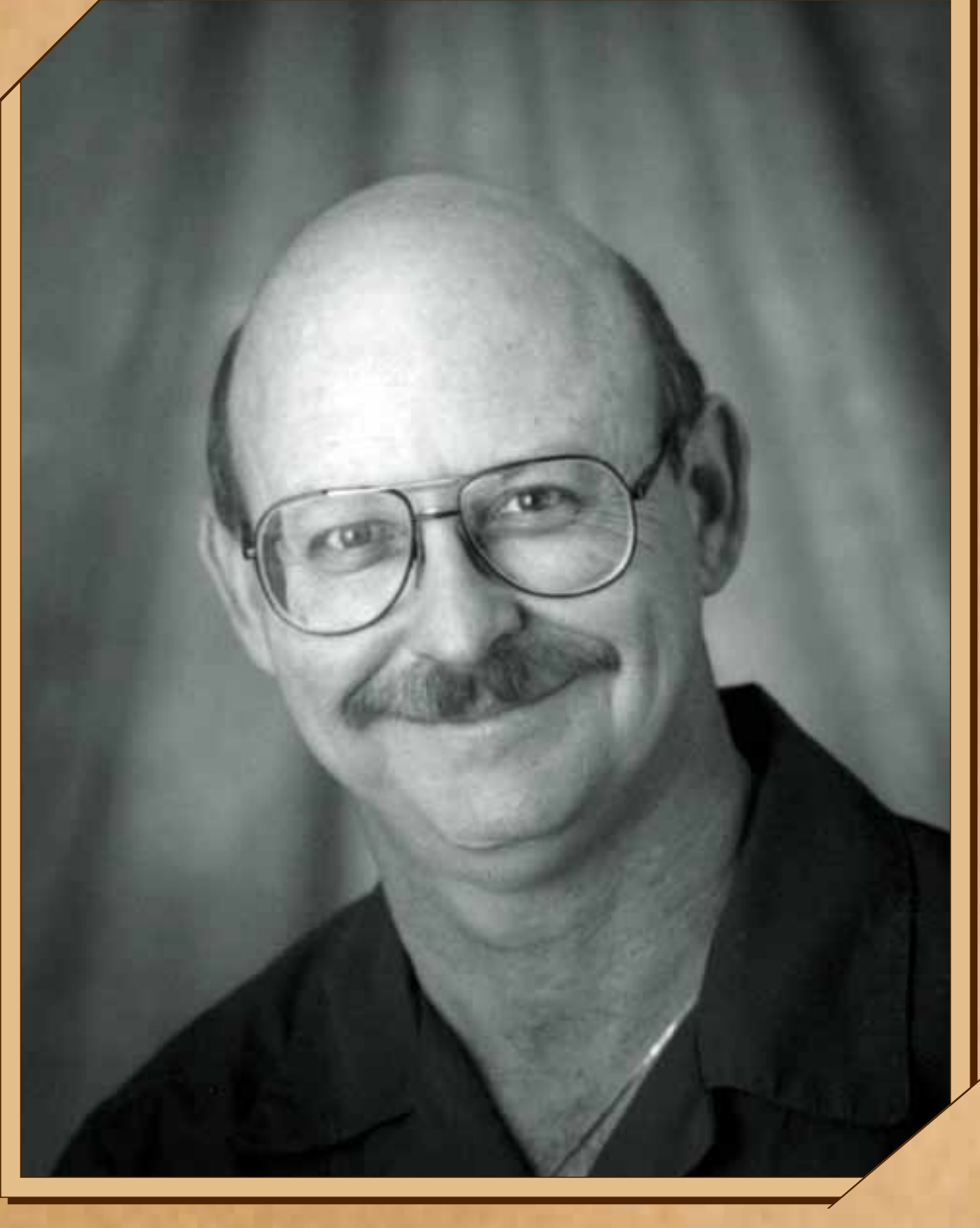


1992 TEAMS



VAL MATTEOTTI SULTANAS

Lethbridge has shone in the sport of slo-pitch, provincially and nationally.
One of the city's outstanding slo-pitch teams was the 1989 Val Matteotti Sultanas, which captured the gold medal at the Canadian women's championships in Whitehorse, Yukon.
Coached by Harvey Pomeroy and Mike Haroff, the team's player roster included Lesma Anderson, Sheila Butler, Jennifer Cleland, Val Cooper, Carol Ess, Tara Furukawa, Jackie and Kelly Kress, Shirley Kulgen, Crystal Nordin, Wendy Pomeroy, Susan Riddell, Shari Stensrud, Barb Thomsen, Linda Wilmut and Jackie Wilson. Manager was Tom Atwell.
The Sultanas ran up a 12-1 record during round-robin play at the 1989 nationals, then beat Quebec 10-6 in the final to clinch the title. The Sultanas were an amalgamation of two of Alberta's strongest women's slo-pitch teams of the late 1980s, the Bow Island Silver Sage Bullets and the Lethbridge Yamada Imperial As. Between them, the two teams earned four silver and two bronze medals at the Canadian championships from 1985 to 1988.



GREG & MARY LAZARUK

DARTS
The family that plays together, wins together.
At least, that's how it applies to Greg and Mary Lazaruk, who have been collecting trophies in darts since 1974.
The husband and wife duo has combined for a Canadian mixed team championship (won in Vancouver) and represented Canada at the Pacific Cup competition in Vancouver, finishing second in the mixed team event.
Greg teamed with Tony Holyvack to win a pair of Canadian men's doubles titles, in Montreal and Toronto.
Greg represented Alberta at the nationals for eight years in a row, ranking among the top six in the country, while Mary represented the province for five straight years, ranking a top-10 ranking.
Mary is the only competitor to win the Edmonton Ksoudie Ladies singles title three years in a row.
Greg represented Canada in the team event against the United States in 1989 in Las Vegas.



Lacrosse Match Calgary - vs - Lethbridge September 26, 1907

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