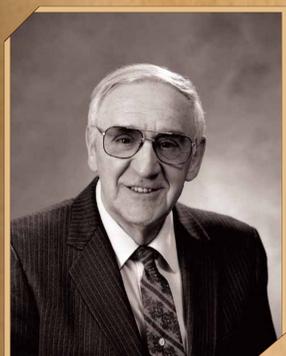




# 1994 BUILDERS

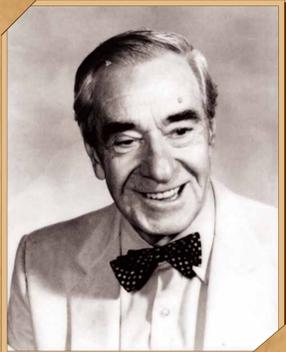


**JAKE VAN DYK**  
MULTI-SPORTS

No matter what the sport was, Jake Van Dyk has given his full dedication over the years.

Van Dyk was involved with the Letbridge Amateur Swim Club from 1967-73 and Winston Churchill High School water polo from 1973 to 1975, as well as the Letbridge Soccer Association from 1973-75 and Letbridge Minor Hockey Association from 1976-87.

As a coach, Van Dyk took 23 swimmers to Provincial Finals and 9 winter swimmers to the Canadian Finals. In soccer, one of his teams advanced to the National Finals in Laval, Quebec, while in hockey he coached Tiny Ming, Peo Wee Butnam, and Midget teams. The rep team he coached advanced to the Provincial Finals in Red Deer, placing second. Van Dyk attained his Level 4 in hockey coach, but his biggest asset was his love of the game. He passed that love onto his athletes, no matter what the sport. In hockey, he stressed to the players to enjoy the game while doing their best, with every game given the opportunity to play. As a swimming coach, he increased swimmers' confidence and self-esteem, while going out of his way to help athletes improve their skills. It was never too early or too late for Van Dyk to coach, and he was never one to pass up the opportunity to look for time if it was available.



**JOE LAKIN**  
MULTI-SPORTS

Joe Lakin's involvement in the Letbridge sports scene dates to the 1930s. He was a member of the Supina's soccer team that was previously mentioned in the Letbridge Sports Hall of Fame. He was also involved in local football, as a player, coach, manager, and umpire. He served as chief umpire in football for 15 years of both men's and women's leagues, and also umpired at the provincial level. In addition, he served on the football executive as president for six years. Lakin was a force behind the building of a football stadium at Henderson Park, which was built with volunteer labour. He was later honoured for his contributions to football in the city with a lifetime membership in the Letbridge Association. Lakin taught at The Woodlands School for 40 years and played a key role in the organization of school sports, including inter-school competitions in soccer, football, and track and field. As a coach, he was admired for not only teaching the fundamentals of the game but for also stressing fair play and enjoyment of sports.



**Fritz Heinrich**  
SOCCER, BROOM-BALL

Fritz Heinrich was active year-round on the Letbridge sports scene for more than 25 years. Summers kept him busy on the soccer pitches, while his winters were occupied with the sport of broomball.

Heinrich was active as a soccer referee from 1969, spending many years as a top-level referee with several international matches to his credit. Starting in 1980 he has also served as a referee instructor-assessor, not only locally but on the provincial level as well, and initiated the Junior Referee Development Program within the Letbridge Soccer Association. Heinrich also served as president of the USA in the early 1970s when the association was in its infancy.

In addition, Heinrich was involved for many years in broomball. As a player, he was twice a member of city championship teams, and was a provincial-level referee in the sport, while also serving as a referee instructor. He was president of the Letbridge Broomball Association in the early '70s and was one of three founding members of the Alberta Broomball Association.



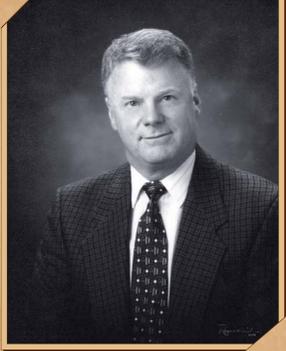
# 1994 ATHLETES



**KATHY MCCUNE**  
SOFT-BALL

Letbridge native Kathy McCune was a superb all-around athlete, but it was in softball that she achieved her greatest success.

As a member of the Canadian women's softball team from 1983 to 1987, she played left field on the gold medal-winning team in the 1983 Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela. Her time with the national team also took her to Auckland, New Zealand, where Canada finished fourth at the 1986 World Championships, and to Los Angeles where the team placed fifth in the 1984 International Cup. McCune was accustomed to playing on winning teams. Added to the Calgary team representing Alberta at the junior women's National Softball Championships in 1979, she helped the team to a silver medal. At the Senior A level, she competed in the national championships every year from 1980 to 1984 and again in 1987, winning silver medals with the Southern Bluebirds in 1982 and 1983 and a bronze medal with the Bluebirds in 1984. In 1989, McCune served as a coach with Team Alberta at the 1989 Canada Games. McCune was also a key member of the University of Letbridge women's volleyball team in the early 1990s.



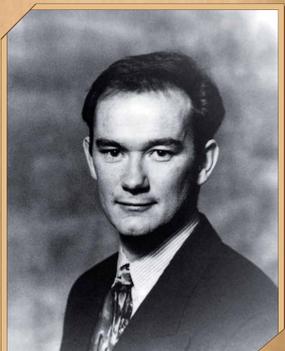
**GARY TUNBRIDGE**  
BASEBALL, BOWLING

Gary Tunbridge was a standout when it came to throwing balls - baseballs and bowling balls.

As a pitcher with a blazing fastball, he fired a perfect game in 1958 in Letbridge Little League play and helped the Letbridge Braves to the Provincial Pony League Championships in 1959. In 1960, still in Pony League, he tossed a no-hitter while striking out 19 batters in a seven-inning game. His strong right arm earned him a pro baseball contract in 1962 with the Chicago Cubs, who assigned Tunbridge to Peoria of the Pioneer League.

Though his pro baseball career was short-lived, Tunbridge continued to shine in his other sport, bowling. He placed second in boys singles competition at the provincial high school championships in 1960, and in 1960 rolled a perfect 450 game. He was the Southern Alberta zone men's singles champion in 1966 and the next year was a member of the Western Canadian and Canadian men's team champions. In 1970, he captured another zone men's singles title and won the Hob Potters Trophy for City of Letbridge high average (160) bowler he won again in 1972. He was the Letbridge men's singles champ in 1971 and 1972 and a member of the Canadian men's team champions in 1972 as well.

Tunbridge moved away from Letbridge in 1973, but continued to capture provincial and national honours while bowling out of Northern Alberta.

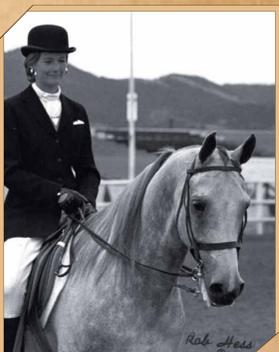


**SCOTT MCGEECH**  
SOCCER

Scott McGeech's skill with a soccer ball helped put Letbridge on the national soccer map.

Born in Scotland, McGeech came to Canada at 14, but had already been scouted by professionals from the time he was 10. Playing for the Letbridge Royals, he collected honours as rookie of the year, most skilled player, top goal scorer and most valuable player.

In 1984, at age 20, McGeech was chosen for the Under-21 select team, and he also served as captain. During a tour of England with the Under 21s, he was top scorer on the trip and later helped the team win the gold medal at the 1985 Canada Games in New Brunswick. McGeech later played for the Cleveland Force of the Major Indoor Soccer League and starred for the Calgary Kickers in the Canadian Soccer League from 1986 to 1988. He also played in the Alberta Major Soccer League.



**LORI MCARTHUR (PARSONS)**  
EQUESTRIAN

Lori McArthur has been on horses on the back of a horse since the age of five, and despite an allergy to horses, she put together an impressive array of honours during a competitive riding career from 1982 to 1989. Her awards during that period included 21 championships in English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Native Costume, Show Hack and Halter competitions; 25 reserve championships in the aforementioned categories; in addition to Park Hesse nine high-point awards; two reserve high-point awards and 85 first place trophies, along with hundreds of second, third, and fourth place ribbons. She took part in numerous national and international competitions, earning two Canadian National Top Ten honours, a Canadian Top 20 and a U.S. National Top 20.

The highlight of her riding career was the distinction of taking two of her horses (Dewlan in 1973 and Showing Silver in 1979) to their Legion of Merit awards, a prestigious honour established by the International Arabian Horse Association. At the time of receiving her first Legion of Merit award, only 500 horses in the U.S. and Canada had received this distinction.



**KEN MOORE**  
FOOTBALL

Ken Moore's combination of athletic talent and determination took him from the high school football ranks in Letbridge to two Grey Cup rings in the Canadian Football League.

Moore played his high school football at Winston Churchill High School, earning the league's most valuable player honour for his senior season in 1977. He went on to play one season at University of Alberta, where he was named a Canada West all-star. In 1979 he transferred to University of Hawaii, where he played tight end and was named team captain in his senior year.

From Hawaii it was on to the CFL's Calgary Stampede, where he saw action at offensive tackle, defensive line, and fullback in the 1983 and 1984 seasons. In 1985 he was traded to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, with whom he spent five seasons as a starting offensive tackle. He capped his stint with the Roughriders by helping them to the 1989 Grey Cup.

Traded back to the Stampede in 1990, Moore played in the Grey Cup game again in 1991 and 1992, picking up another championship ring in '92, this time as captain.

In his youth, Moore was also a 4A basketball all-star in high school and played in the Senior Little League World Series in 1975.



# 1994 TEAMS



**1969 CHARGERS** — The 1969 Provincial & Western Canadian Champions, Canadian Finalists  
Back Row (L-R): Jennifer Whimster, Brent Thorburn (coach), Susan MacLean, Charlotte Ward, Christina deValle, Darla Shipley, Beth Coward, Alex Ann Mulner, Nancy Thorburn (coach).  
Front Row (L-R): Shelby Krackovich, Elaine Barry, Lisa Hennehoff, Heather Ann Thorburn, Cindy Chilton, Sue Bouma, Suzanne Fellner.

**1969 CHARGER SOCCER CLUB**  
SOCCER

The forerunner of the Charger soccer clubs which have brought glory to Letbridge on the soccer pitch, the 1969 Chargers were, as the name implies, made up of players born in 1969.

In 1979, then known as the Supersonic Chargers, they became the first girls' team from Letbridge to win a provincial soccer championship. Two years later they were provincial champs again, and a year after that, known as the Army and Navy Chargers, they repeated and went on to finish second in the Western Canadian Club Championships in Burnaby, B.C. In 1983, as under-16s, they won the Alberta and Western Canadian titles and captured the silver medal at the national championships in Quebec. They were finalists at the International Dana Cup tournament in Denmark in 1985, and from 1983 to 1987, they won the Calgary Invitational tournament. In 1993, still featuring the nucleus of the '69 Chargers but now under the banner of Senior Ladies Chargers, the team won the Senior Ladies provincial championship and went on to finish second at the national championships.

The '69 Chargers consisted of Elaine Barry, Sue Bouma, Cindy Chilton, Beth Coward, Christina deValle, Suzanne Fellner, Lisa Hennehoff, Shelby Krackovich, Sue MacLean, Alex Ann Mulner, Darla Shipley, Heather Ann Thorburn, Charlotte Ward and Jennifer Whimster, and were coached by Brent and Nancy Thorburn.



**MARY OKAWA**  
SPECIAL AWARD

Mary Okawa typifies the term "volunteer" for over 20 years. This Minnie dynamo devoted countless hours to lending a helping hand in a variety of sports, particularly baseball and hockey. Just reading the list of activities in which she has involved herself is enough to tire an ordinary person.

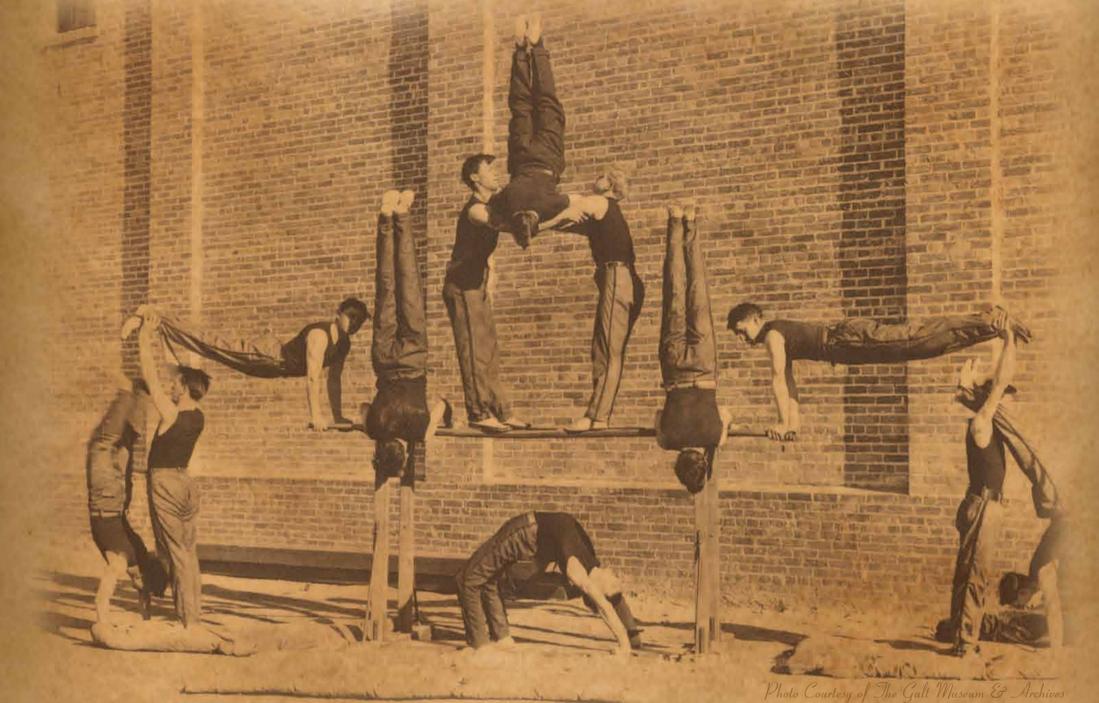
She served as a baseball volunteer and scorekeeper for the Alberta Summer Games in Letbridge in 1981, the Letbridge Senior National Sports Championships in 1988, Letbridge Little League games including district, divisional, prairie and national playoffs, the annual Letbridge Elks Invitational Tournament, annual Letbridge Minors tournaments, high school baseball playoffs, American Legion games since 1982, and Montana State finals in Letbridge in 1988.

Okawa also held executive positions with the Coalville Minor Hockey Association, Speed League, Letbridge Big League Baseball Association, and the Letbridge Hurricanes, and she helped organize minor baseball in Picture Butte.

As if that wasn't enough, she was actively involved with curling, serving on several Japanese Betsuini committees.



# 1994 SPECIAL



U.M.C.A. Gymnasium Class

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