



# 1995 BUILDERS



**GORDON HOSELTON**  
MULTI SPORTS

Gordon Hoselton's love of sports had an impact on several areas of the Lethbridge sports scene over many years.

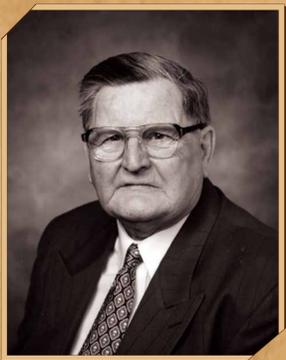
He was involved in swimming from 1962 to 1975, first serving as an assistant coach and on the executive of the Lethbridge Amateur Swim Club from 1962 to 1968. From 1969 to 1973 he was head coach of the Lethbridge YMCA Singing Swim Club.

In 1973, Hoselton was one of the five local sportsmen who worked together to bring the city an Alberta Junior Hockey League franchise, the Lethbridge Longhorns.

Hoselton was also involved with the pastime of thoroughbred horse racing at the Lethbridge Exhibition Grounds in 1975.

Hoselton also contributed to the Lethbridge bowling scene, sponsoring the Stan McDonald Memorial Trophy presented annually to the city men's five-pin bowling champion.

In 1973, Hoselton was named winner of the Tom Foley Memorial Trophy as Lethbridge's Sportsman of the Year.



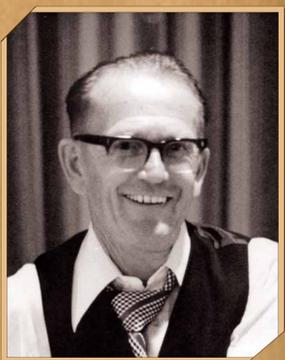
**LEWIS KENNEDY**  
FOOTBALL

No sport has ever had a more devoted volunteer than Lewis Kennedy, who was a familiar face on the Lethbridge minor football scene for 25 years.

Committee Lethbridge youth benefited from Kennedy's hard work and dedication to the game he loved. He went to great lengths to help ensure that the young athletes' minor football experience was a positive one.

Involved in minor football from the program's early days, Kennedy served in various capacities through the years, including president and coach. He kept busy on the sidelines during games and was involved in equipment acquisition.

Kennedy helped the minor football program grow from a four-team league into one that spanned Southern Alberta, including teams in Coldlake, Taber, Raymond, Stargard, Cardston, Blood, Reserve, and Brooks. Kennedy also served as organizer of the league's annual awards banquet for 15 years.



**ELWYN "BOSS" WILLIAMS**  
GOLF

Elwyn "Boss" Williams loved golf, and he loved working for the betterment of the game.

Williams served on the Henderson Lake Golf Club's board of directors from 1973 to 1981, spending the last two years as president, before turning his attention to helping the game on a wider scale.

In 1981, Williams became a director with the Alberta Golf Association, soon becoming involved with the course rating committee. His diligent efforts led to his being elected chairman of the committee in 1986.

Williams enjoyed rating courses and in his quest to improve the rating system, investigated the slope course rating system developed by the United States Golf Association. Convinced the slope system would eventually be used in Canada, he took advantage of vacation time to learn as much as he could about the system, then incorporated several slope rating concepts into the traditional course rating system in 1991. Alberta was ahead of the game, thanks to the foresight of Williams.

Williams was also instrumental in the development of the Alberta Golf Program in Alberta, and in Lethbridge specifically, the Boss Williams Junior Golf Camp is named in his memory.



# 1995 ATHLETES

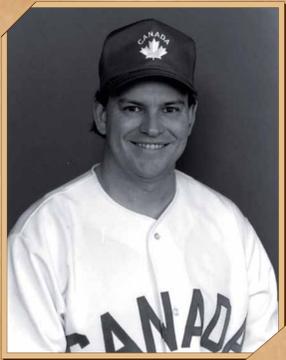


**JACK HERBERT**  
BASEBALL BOWLING

Jack Hebert had a knack for throwing a ball, whether it be a fastball or a bowling ball. That talent made him one of the best fastball pitchers and bowlers in Southern Alberta in the 1940s and early 1950s.

His pitching led his fastball teams to many city and district championships during his playing days. The value of his strong throwing arm was illustrated in the 1947 Southern Alberta Senior Men's Baseball playoffs, when he lifted the Tigers into the finals by pitching a two-hitter, 10 inning shutout, winning 3-0. In the second game of the best-of-three semifinals, they came back to win a 2-3 victory in the deciding game. Hebert was a first team all-star on two occasions in the Lethbridge Senior Men's Baseball League, and a second team all-star election twice.

He was also an outstanding bowler, capturing a number of city and Southern Alberta titles. Hebert was skilled at golf as well, winning the Jenkins Greco-Roman Tournament one year at the Bonanza Golf Course.



**CLARK BOUSCH**  
SOFTBALL

Clark Bousch didn't have to join the navy to see the world—he played softball instead. Between his years playing top-level 'N' softball and his experience on the international circuit with Canada's national team, Bousch made 11 world championship appearances and played on five Canadian championship teams. In 1992, he helped Canada to its first ISF World Championship in 20 years in Manila, Philippines, and in 1993, he was a member of the ISF World Champion Toronto Gators.

He was also instrumental in Canada's winning the gold medal at the Pan American Cup in Panama, Argentina, in 1989, and the gold medal at the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba in 1991.

Bousch was the batting champion at the World Championships in 1988 and 1992 and was named to the All-World team in 1992. He was also honored as the Alberta softball player of the year in 1991 and 1992 and received an Alberta Lifetime Achievement Award in 1989.

He also played on a Canadian Senior League baseball championship team in 1972 and was a member of the Alberta Junior Men's curling champions in 1981.

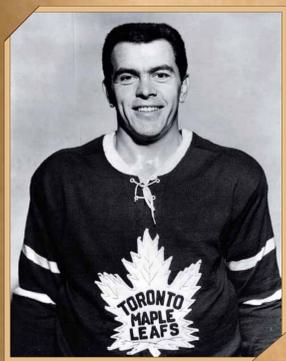


**NAN IWASAKI**  
SOFTBALL

Nan Iwasaki devoted more than 20 years of her life to softball in Lethbridge, and the game benefited from her involvement. Starting in 1972, she was one of the area's outstanding softball pitchers and started on numerous championship teams through the years. It's a habit she continued.

Iwasaki helped lead the Redroom Bullets to Lethbridge Ladies Football League titles from 1990 through 1992. In 1990 and 1991, the Bullets captured the Intermediate C provincial championship. Then in 1992, the Bullets moved up to the Intermediate A level and claimed a silver medal at the provincials.

In recent years, the Lethbridge Ladies Football League featured Nan Iwasaki and her teammates, and Iwasaki, with her skill and sportsmanship, served as an excellent role model for the younger players.



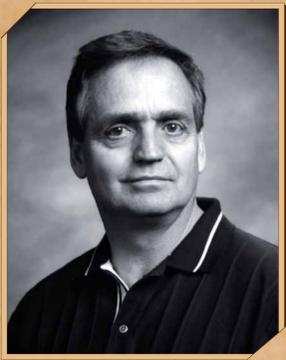
**JOHN MACMILLAN**  
HOCKEY

John MacMillan grew accustomed to playing on championship teams during a hockey career that took him from minor hockey in Lethbridge to the National Hockey League.

Born in Lethbridge in 1935, MacMillan graduated from minor hockey to playing these seasons with the Junior B Lethbridge Natives Stars. He then received a scholarship to the University of Denver, where he played on two NCAA championship teams, captaining the Pioneers to the title in his final season.

From there it was on to the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs, where he was a member of two Stanley Cup winners, in 1960-61 and 1962-63. He was added to the Detroit Red Wings the next season and came within an eyelash of a third straight Stanley Cup when the Red Wings lost to Toronto in a seven-game final.

In all, MacMillan spent five seasons in the NHL, before playing a season with the Memphis Wings of the Central Hockey League. He then moved on to the San Diego Gulls of the defunct professional Western Hockey League, playing five seasons with the Gulls and serving as captain in his final two years.



**CLIFF STROTH**  
GOLF

For more than 20 years, Cliff Stroth ranked as one of the top amateur golfers in Southern Alberta.

Stroth took to the game at a relatively late age. He made up for lost time from that point on. He joined Henderson Lake Golf Club in 1964 and went on to capture nine Henderson Lake Club championships, in 1973, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, and 1989. He also captured the Southern Alberta Amateur title at Henderson Lake five times, in 1974, 1975, 1982, 1984, and 1985, while winning the Lethbridge City Amateur Championship in 1967, 1970, and 1985.

Stroth was a two-time winner of the Lethbridge Country Club Invitational, in 1977 and 1985. His list of triumphs also includes the Faber Open in 1981 and 1982, the Picture Butte Tournament in 1988 and 1989 and the first Laird O'Leary Golf and Country Club Championship in 1988. He was named the Golfer of the Year on the Southern Alberta Tour in 1988.

Stroth won the southern Alberta district championship at the Earl Grey and 1976 and claimed the provincial championship at the Earl Grey course in Calgary in 1973.



**BILL PERSLEY**  
MULTI SPORTS

Bill Persley was a champion all-around athlete in Southern Alberta for more than 20 years. As a youngster, he played on Little League and Pure League baseball championship teams, and was a member of the Alberta Junior football champions in 1967. In college, Persley teamed with Harlan Borggaard to win the conference men's doubles crown in badminton. He was the University of Lethbridge male athlete of the year in 1968 and 1969 as a volleyball player, and he also played basketball for the Alberta Senior Men's champion Lethbridge Cubs in 1969. In 1972, he helped Vauxhall to the provincial Senior B men's basketball championship.

Persley also excelled at golf, winning the Henderson Lake Golf Club men's club championship four times, in 1975, 1984, 1991 and 1992. He was honored as the CIBC Southern Alberta Golfer of the Year in 1986 and 1992.

In 1996, Persley served as the director of administration for the 1996 Alberta Winter Games.



# 1995 TEAMS



## 1994 UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE PROMETHONS

**HOCKEY**

After trying unsuccessfully for their first nine years to put together a winning season, the University of Lethbridge Promethons men's hockey team enjoyed a Cinderella season in 1994-95, culminating with the CIAU National Championship.

Under the guidance of head coach Mike Babcock, the Promethons finished first in the Canada West conference with a record of 19 wins, 11 losses, and two ties. Their overall mark, including pre-season and tournament play, was an impressive 34-1-3. At the CIAU Championships in Toronto, the Promethons beat Acadia Axemen to reach the final, then dethroned the Quebec Gryphons 2-1 to capture the national title.

U of L's Trevor Kruger was named the Canada West Most Valuable Player and was a CIAU All-Canadian. Trevor Ellerman was the CIAU National Tournament MVP and was honored as the CIAU's most sportsmanlike player. Jarrett Zukowsky was the Canada West Scoring champion and CIAU Rookie of the Year, while Colin Bantual was a national tournament all-star. Babcock was named the Canada West Coach of the Year, Travis Kells was named to the CIAU All-Rookie team, and Peter Rajcic was chosen as a CIAU Academic All-Canadian.

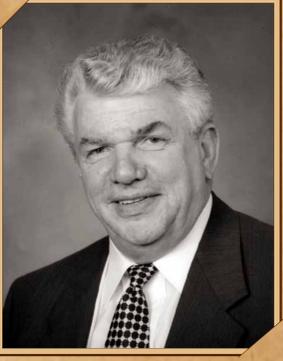
1. Trevor Keeper 2. Jarrett Zukowsky 3. Yataka Uramo 4. Rich Reay 5. Rob Hale 6. Shane Roost 7. Doug Macdonald 8. Dwayne Montanari 9. Craig Nicol 10. Danny Fauson 11. Derek Baker 12. David Legrandeur 13. Rob Barr 14. Mike Babcock 15. Travis Kells 16. Peter Rajcic 17. Mark Woodch 18. James Melloy 19. Perry Newfield 20. Colin Bantual 21. Dana Rieder 22. Trevor Ellerman 23. Trevor Kruger 24. Greg Gera 25. Corey Hartman 26. Dana Nickchuck 27. John Curran



# 1995 SPECIAL



SVEN ERICKSEN



JOHN WICHERS

## SVEN ERICKSEN FAMILY RESTAURANT

**SPECIAL AWARD**

Sven Ericksen was born in Denmark and immigrated to Canada when he was 20 years old. He had worked in a bakery in the late 1930s and later became the bakery manager. In 1946 he came to Lethbridge and established a catering business, coffee shop, dining room, and bakery in the Marquis Hotel. He also operated the concession at the curling club, and consolidated his businesses into the El Rancho. After a tragic accident in 1967 where the El Rancho burned down, he decided not to revive but to open a new operation in the city of Lethbridge, called Sven Ericksen's Family Restaurant. Since 1948 Sven Ericksen, along with his family, has supported many local teams and events, including hockey, baseball, soccer, curling, golf, bowling, rodeo, stock car racing, horse racing, and gymnastics.

Ericksen's also catered the Kinamen Sportsmen Dinners held in the early years.

John and Doris Wichers took over the business, and both found a great deal of satisfaction in operating a successful family-owned business. Following where Sven left off as a sports supporter was another great achievement for the Wichers family. John always had his helping hands in the community, everywhere from tourism to athletics. John donated products and time in cooking food for many fundraising events, and his support has benefited many different sports organizations.

John, as a business person in the community, tried to reinvent some of his good fortune so that the community would be a better place in which to live.



Rugby Game - Civic Centre Field

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