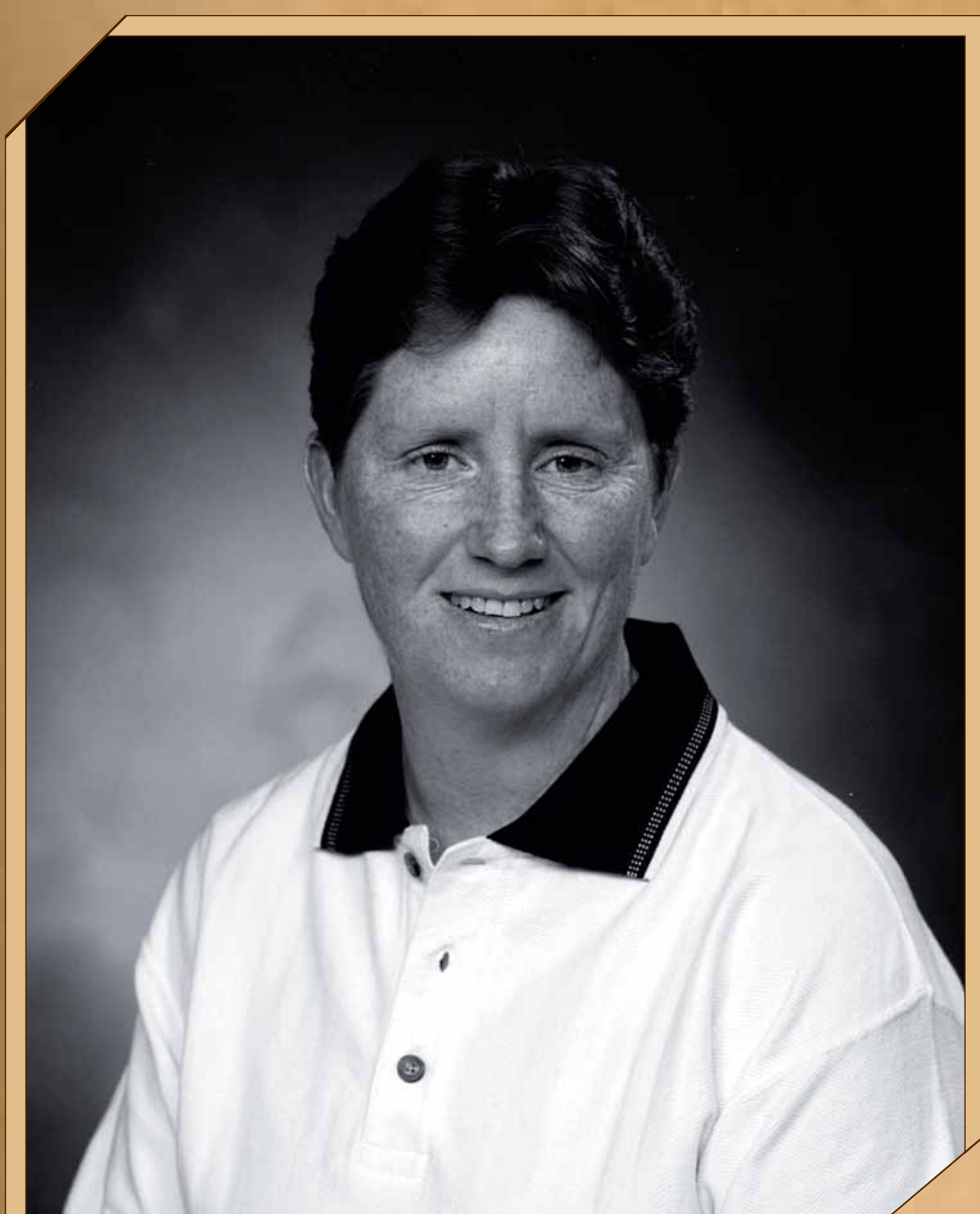




# 1999 ATHLETES



### BARB HALLADAY

#### MULTI SPORTS

Long before women's hockey had the international profile it now enjoys, Barb Halladay was helping to pioneer the sport. She was a member of the Letbridge Labour Club Saints team which competed in the 1978 Alberta Winter Games in Medicine Hat. This marked the first time women's hockey was included as a sport in the Winter Games.

Halladay helped the Saints win a silver medal at the International A Women's Hockey Provincials in 1980. That same year, the Saints earned silver at the Alberta Winter Games in Grande Prairie.

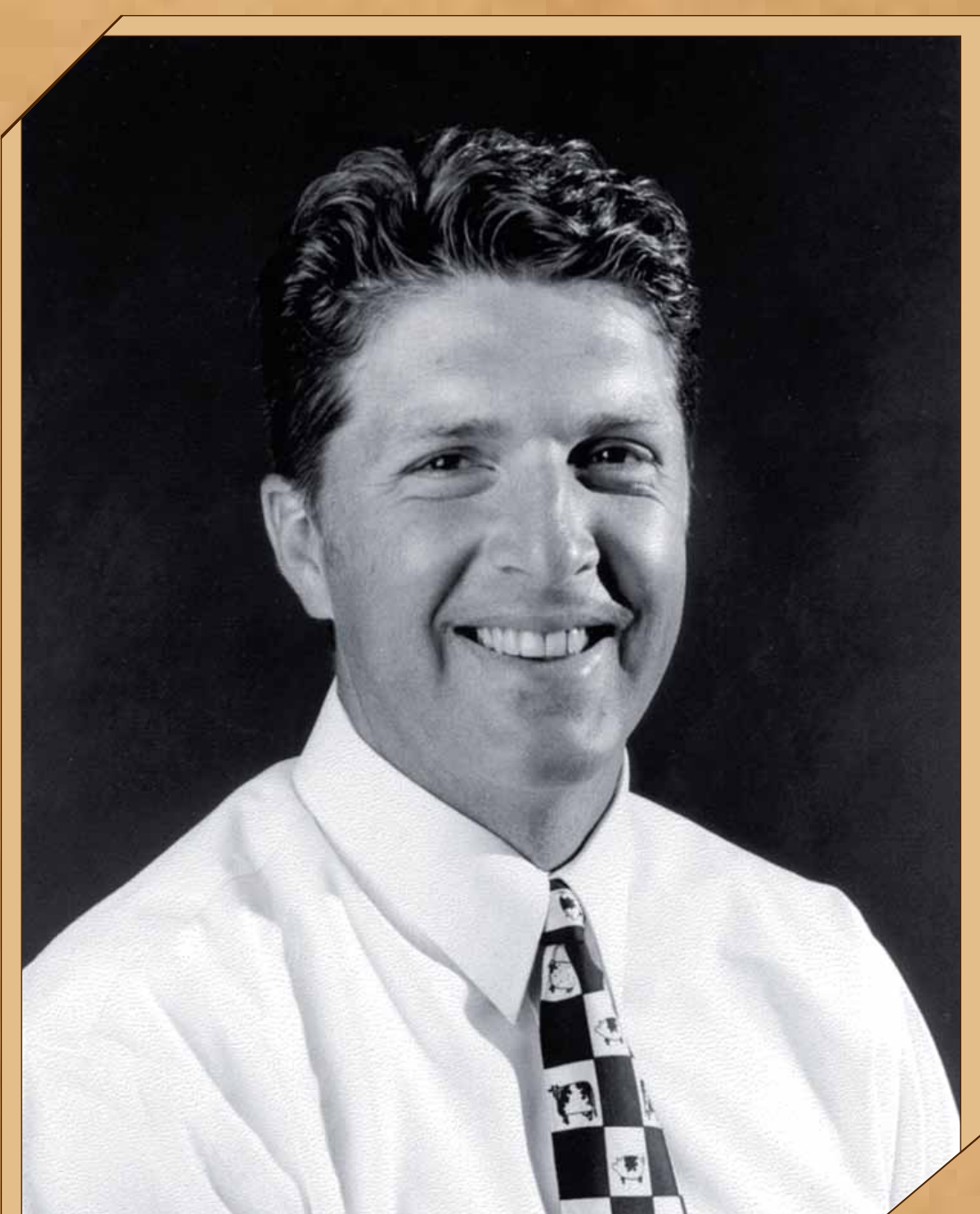
The Saints continued to pick up medals at competitions in the following years, and while Halladay wasn't able to lead the Saints into a national tournament, she had the opportunity to compete nationally with other western Canadian teams. In 1981, the Vancouver West Coast Stingers added Halladay to their roster for the Canada Post National Hockey Championships, where they won the gold medal.

Halladay joined the Stingers again in 1986, 1987 and 1988 for silver-medal trips to the nationals, then in 1989, the Stingers, with Halladay's help, captured another national title before winning silver again in 1990.

Halladay also found time during the winter for basketball, earning numerous all-star honours with the Letbridge Basketball Association. In 1986 and 1987, she was the league's Most Valuable Player and top scorer, and both years she helped the Edmonton Selects claim the Canadian Championship.

In 1991 she played with the Letbridge L.A. Fossils when they won gold at the Canadian Master Athlete Federation Basketball Championships. Halladay kept busy during the summer playing football and showjumping, earning numerous medals, including the gold at the Alberta Summer Games in Letbridge with the Letbridge Kingsrow Knights.

She also starred on Slowpitch Provincial Champions with the Letbridge Rebels in '87, '90, '91 and '93, and again in 1997 with Letbridge XS.



### GREGORY DUCE

#### BASEBALL

Few Letbridge athletes can match the accomplishments of Greg Duce in the sport of baseball.

Though an all-around athlete in high school, where he won Most Valuable Player honours in football and basketball as a senior, it was on the baseball diamond that Duce really excelled.

His baseball success started early. As an 11-year-old, he helped Letbridge capture the 1976 Western Canadian Little League Championship in Moose Jaw, Sask. The next year, Duce was one of the stars of the Letbridge Norcrest squad which claimed the Canadian Championship in Surrey, B.C. and represented Canada at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. The LDS Church named him the Junior Athlete of the Year.

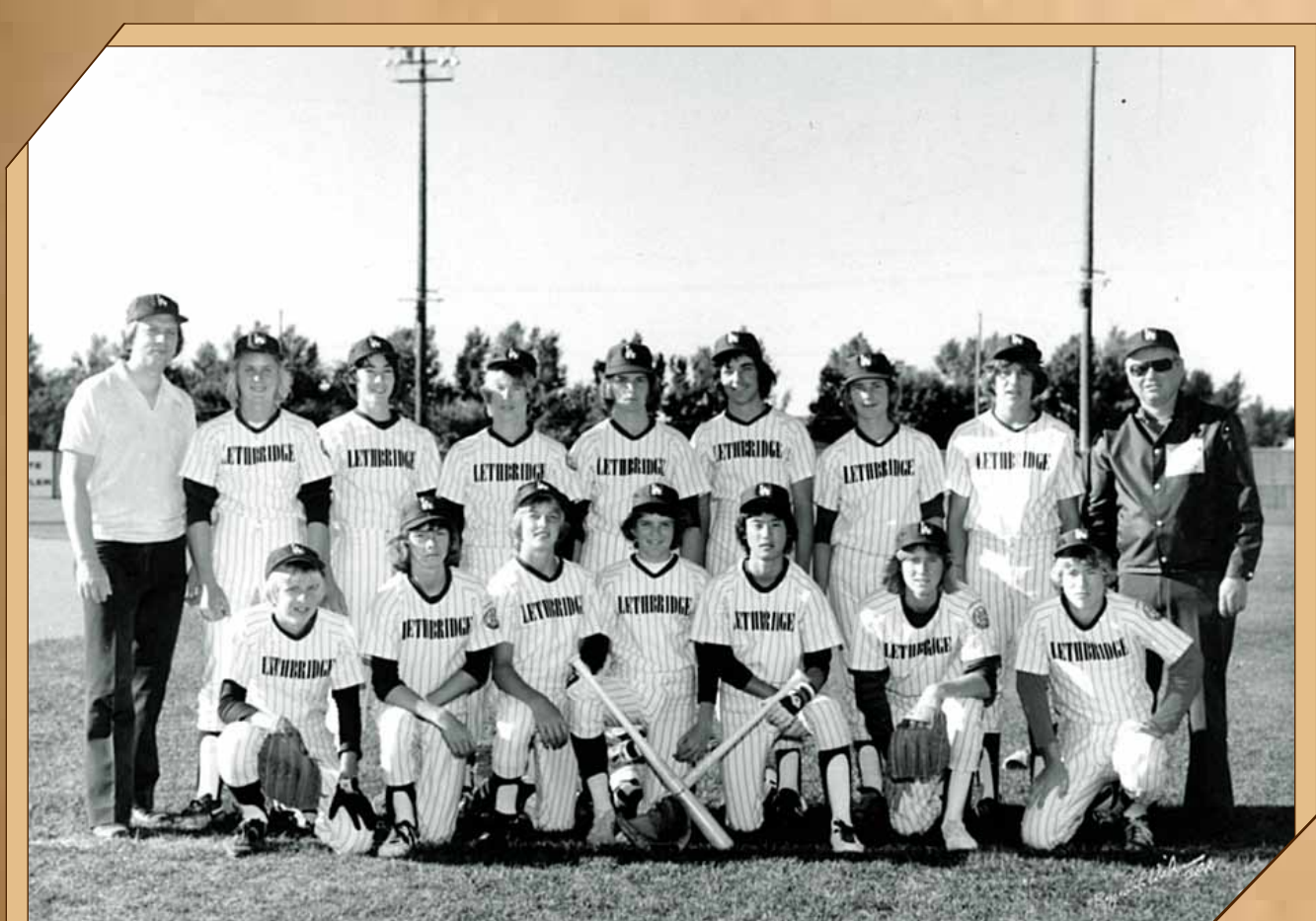
After two more Canadian Little League titles in the 13-year-old and Senior divisions in 1978 and 1979 respectively, Duce graduated to the American Legion program, where he started with the Letbridge Elks. The Elks won the Montana State Championship in 1981, then repeated in 1983 as Duce was named tournament MVP. Later that summer he played on the Canadian Junior Team which competed in the World Friendship Series in Johnstown, Pa.

Duce headed south in 1984 for the first of two seasons at Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz. He was named an All-Region First Team all-star in '84.

In 1985, Duce spent his summer break helping his Letbridge squad to the Canadian Slowpitch Championship. Then in '86, playing with Grand Canyon College in Arizona, he was named NAIA College World Series MVP as the Antelope won the NAIA title. Duce was also a Golden Glove recipient at first base.

He added to his international resume in 1987, playing with Canada's Senior Men's Team at the Intercontinental Cup in Cuba and the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis. Then in 1988, he was a member of the Canadian Olympic Baseball Team in Seoul, South Korea.

Duce later turned to coaching and was named Coach of the Year among AA schools in Arizona in 1992.



### 1977 LETBRIDGE NORCREST SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

#### BASEBALL

One of the teams that helped build Letbridge's reputation as a baseball hotbed was the 1977 Norcrest Senior Little League All-Stars.

The Norcrest squad went through Regional and Western Canadian Championships, finally claiming the Canadian title and earning a berth in the Senior Little League World Series in Gary, Indiana.

Coached by Gary Osberg and managed by Bert Bosch, Letbridge breezed unopposed through the Western Canadian Tournament in Calgary, clinching the title with a 5-0 win over Moose Jaw in the final. Barry Coghlin threw the shutout, his second of the tournament. Barry's twin, Jamie, tossed another shutout earlier in the tournament.

At the Canadian Championships in Saint John, New Brunswick, Barry Coghlin fashioned a no-hitter, striking out 15 batters, in a 3-0 win over Rosemead, Que., in Letbridge's opener. Second baseman Rod Tomita had two hits and scored two runs for Letbridge while first baseman Clark Bosch preserved the no-hitter with a spectacular diving catch in the fifth inning.

Tomita paired the All-Stars with three hits in their next game, a 1-5 rout of host Saint John that put Letbridge into the final. Letbridge captured the national crown by edging Rosemead 1-0 as Barry Coghlin pitched a three-hitter and struck out 14. Tomita scored the game's only run after walking, stealing second and coming home on a double by Todd Fisher.

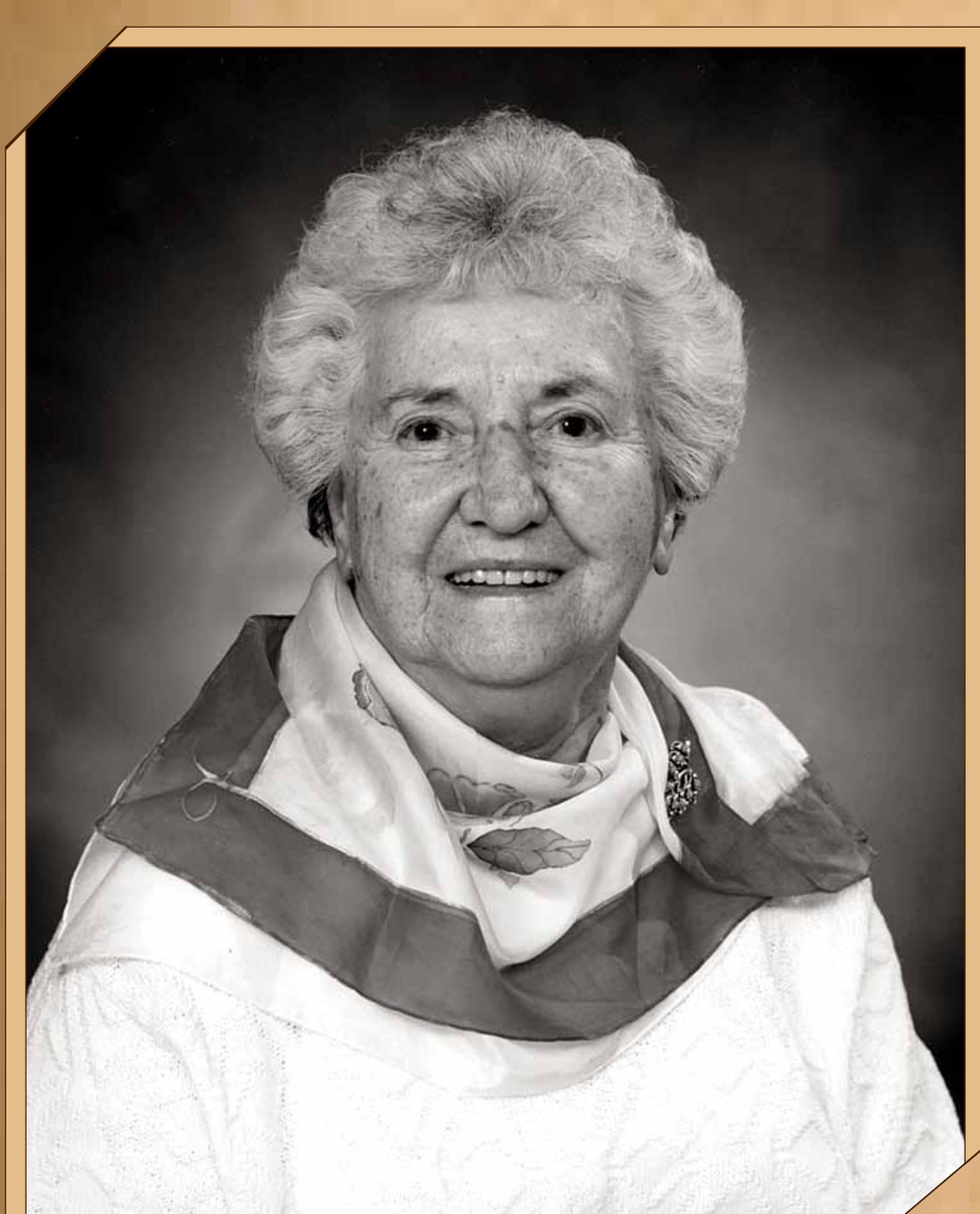
Back Row (L-R): Gary Osberg (Coach), Tim Matzak, Warren Kothe, Jamie Coghlin, Bruce Lyon, David Schneider, Perry Osberg, Mark Sues, Bert Bosch (Manager). Front Row (L-R): Craig Nyrene, Mervyn Bunnago, Gordon Melnyk, Clark Bosch, Rod Tomita, Todd Fisher, Barry Coghlin.



# 1999 TEAMS



# 1999 SPECIAL



### VIVIEN GOODRICH

#### SPECIAL AWARD

Vivien Goodrich has two great loves, horses and people, and she has devoted close to a half century combining these two loves while furthering the cause of horsemanship in southern Alberta.

A member of the Whop-Up Saddle Club for 45 years, Goodrich organized the club's first Musical Ride and also helped bring about the club's initial horse show. In 1963, she became a founding member of the Chinook Arabian Horse Association, and two years later she began a riding school and training centre in Letbridge to give young riders an opportunity to learn equitation skills.

Goodrich teamed with Geoff Hardy of Pincher Creek to form the 4-H Light Horse Council for Zone 1 in 1967, and organized the first ever 4-H Light Horse Camp and Horse Show at Pincher Creek. A year later she played a key role in the first official Regional 4-H Light Horse Show in Letbridge.

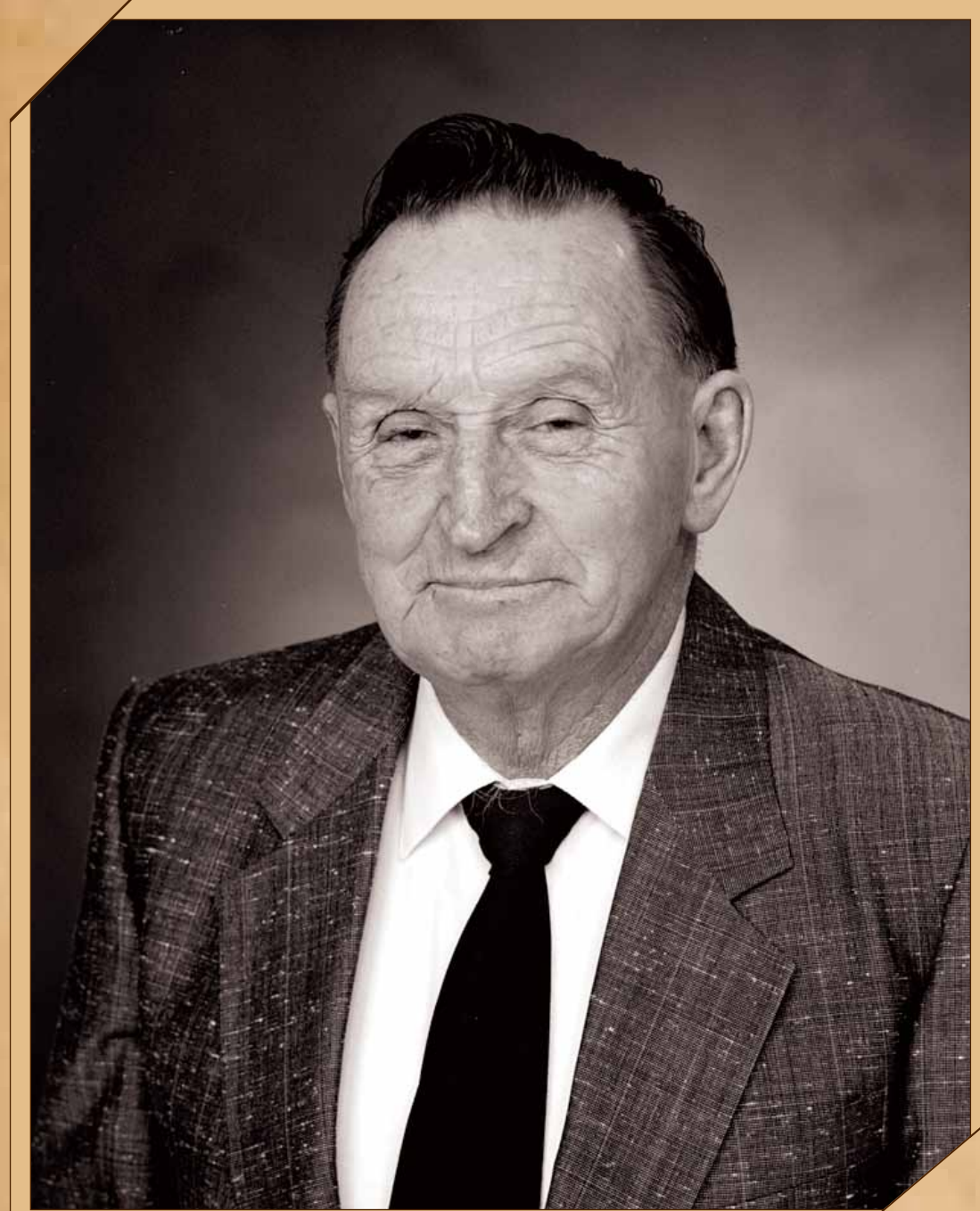
She founded the Alberta Horsemans' Council in 1973, and in 1974 was the driving force behind the organization of the Southern Alberta Equestrian Council. She filled many roles with these organizations through the following years.

Goodrich played founding member again, in 1975, this time creating The Old Man Pinto Club, with which she served as President. In 1979 she organized and participated in equestrian events at the Alberta Summer Games in St. Albert, and served as Equestrian Chairman when the Games came to Letbridge in 1981. She began the Southern Alberta Trail Riders Association in 1984 while also serving as President of the Golden Age Equestrian Club and the SAEC.

Goodrich's efforts have earned her numerous local and provincial awards through the years.



# 2000 BUILDERS



### WALLY PICKETT

#### MULTI SPORTS

Wally Pickett spent many years playing recreational and oldtime hockey, but his biggest contribution to the sport came while wearing the striped uniform of an official.

After receiving certification from the National Referees' Certification Program, Pickett devoted a great deal of time to officiating minor hockey in Letbridge and area. From 1981 to 1983, he assigned officials for the Letbridge Minor Hockey Association, and in 1981 he received an appreciation from the Southern Alberta Juvenile Hockey League for his work as an official.

National Hockey League referee Lance Roberts credited Pickett with teaching him valuable lessons about officiating when the two worked together from 1979 to 1981.

Pickett has also served for years as a local representative with the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association, which honoured him with a 25-year service ring in 1999.

Pickett was a key organizer of the Canadian Oldtimers National Tournament in Letbridge in 1976, and has been an instrumental part of the Letbridge Oldtimers Sports Association through the years. The LOSA presented Pickett with an honorary life membership in 1982.

Pickett also found time to coach and umpire Little League baseball from the late 1960's until early '70's. He was a volunteer with the Canada Winter Games in Letbridge in 1975, and he spent a season as general manager of Letbridge's Pioneer Baseball League Club in the mid-'70s.



# 2000 ATHLETES



### ROB ROY

#### BASEBALL

Letbridge has produced many outstanding baseball players over the years, but few could swing a bat the way Rob Roy could.

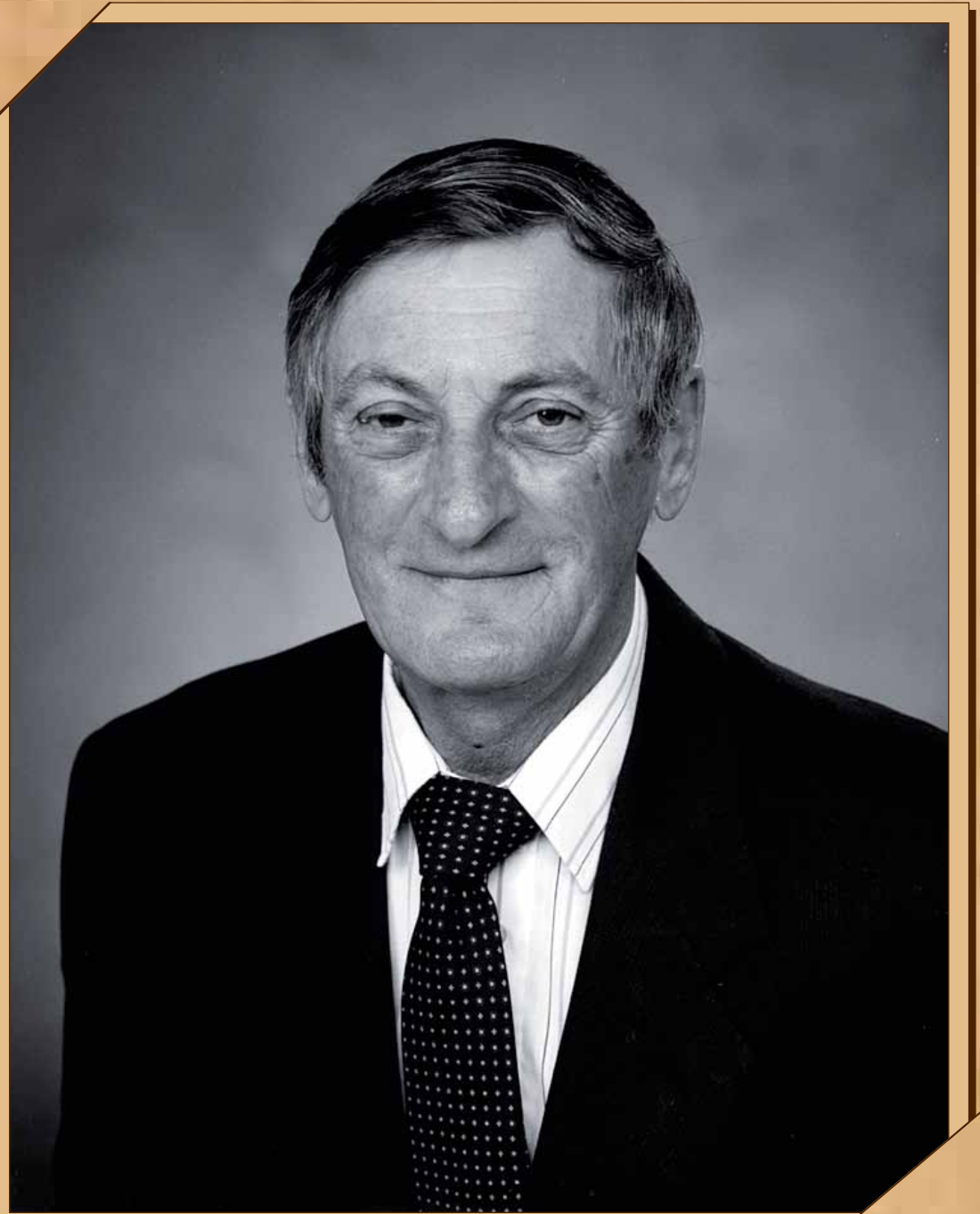
When former major league pitcher Ron Taylor managed the Letbridge Lakers in 1973, he was impressed with Roy's ability to hit the ball, he was quoted as saying, "If I'd seen Rob a few years earlier, he'd be playing in the major leagues."

Rob Roy progressed through the Little League ranks in Letbridge, helping his team to a provincial Pony League crown as a youth. In 1970, he was a member of the Letbridge Minors squad which competed in the Canadian Junior Championships in Carleton Place.

From 1972 to 1976, Roy starred with the Lakers of the Alberta Major Baseball League. Playing first and third base, Roy was a two-time league batting champion, hitting a total of 277 in 1972 and an astounding 431 in 1974, the same year he won the Melton Championship Award as top batter in the Calgary Major Baseball Tournament.

The Lakers claimed the Alberta title in 1973 and went on to post a respectable 3-2 record at the Canadian Senior Baseball Championships in Edmonton, S.B. Roy was named to the league's first all-star team and was voted the Lakers' Most Popular Player.

Roy's exploits earned him an invitation to try out for Canada's Senior Men's National Team to compete in the world championships in Rome. He earned tryouts again in 1974 and 1975.



### DON CAVERS

#### GOLF

Years before anyone ever heard of Tiger Woods, Letbridge had a golf prodigy of its own named Don Cavers.

Cavers was just 16 years old when he charged into the golf spotlight by winning the Alberta Juvenile Championship, the long-hitting teenager was a heavy favourite after reaching the final against Calgary's King Woodside, and Cavers proved the experts correct by winning five and four in the match-play competition.

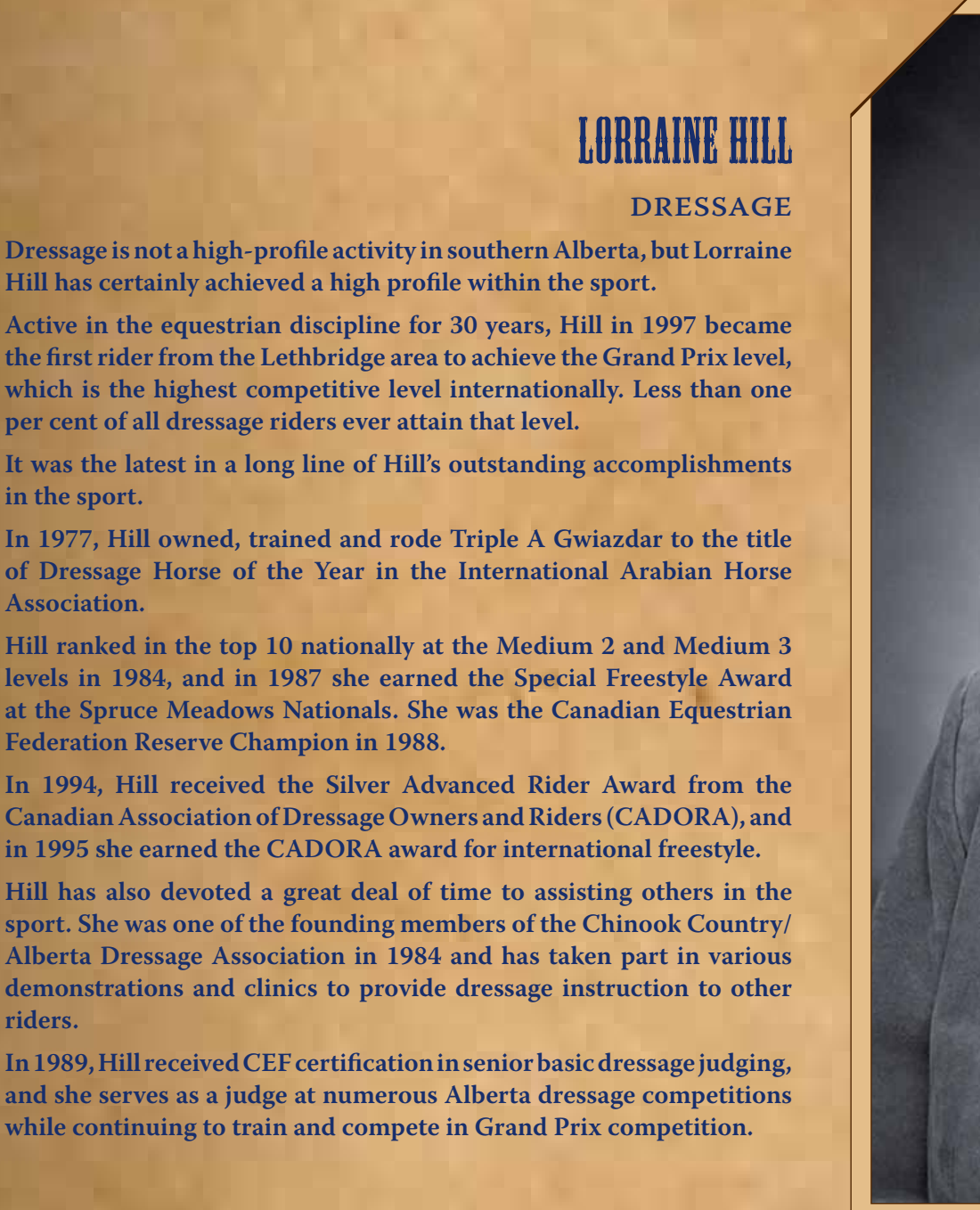
A year later, Cavers proved he could handle even tougher competition. The young golfer showed the veterans how it was done by winning the Southern Alberta Amateur Men's Golf Championship at his home Henderson Lake course.

He was just getting warmed up. Cavers went on to amass an impressive number of local and provincial golf titles over the next 13 years. He proved the Letbridge Country Club Invitational crown in 1955, 1962, 1963, and 1965, and in 1961 he set a course record of 66 which stood until the course was redesigned.

Cavers also claimed the City Amateur Championship in 1956 and 1962, and won the City Open crown in 1963.

He topped the Alberta Country and District Championships all three years he competed, in 1959, 1961 and 1964. He was also the Waterloo Lakes Amateur champion in 1964, the same year he was one of a select few chosen to compete on the Alberta Match Play Invitational Golf Tour.

In 1967, Cavers, then a pro at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club in Grande Prairie, beat six competitors to claim the Peace River Open Championship.



### LORRAINE HILL

#### DRESSAGE

Dressage is not a high-profile activity in southern Alberta, but Lorraine Hill has certainly achieved a high profile within the sport.

Active in the equestrian discipline for 30 years, Hill in 1997 became the first rider from the Letbridge area to achieve the Grand Prix level, which is the highest competitive level internationally. Less than one per cent of all dressage riders ever attain that level.

It was the latest in a long line of Hill's outstanding accomplishments in the sport.

In 1977, Hill owned, trained and rode Triple A Gaziano to the title of Dressage Horse of the Year in the International Arabian Horse Association.

Hill ranked in the top 10 nationally at the Medium 2 and Medium 3 levels in 1984, and in 1987 she earned the Special Freestyle Award at the Silver Meadows Nationals. She was the Canadian Equestrian Federation Reserve Champion in 1988.

In 1994, Hill received the Silver Advanced Rider Award from the Canadian Association of Dressage Owners and Riders (CADORA), and in 1995 she earned the CADORA award for international freestyle.

Hill has also devoted a great deal of time to assisting others in the sport. She was one of the founding members of the Chinook Country/Alberta Dressage Association in 1984 and has taken part in various demonstrations and clinics to provide dressage instruction to other riders.

In 1989, Hill received CEF certification in senior basic dressage judging, and she serves as a judge at numerous Alberta dressage competitions while continuing to train and compete in Grand Prix competition.



### NICK SALZER

#### SOCCER

Letbridge soccer players who attract the attention of Alberta Select teams can thank Nick Salzer for helping to turn the searchlight toward southern Alberta.

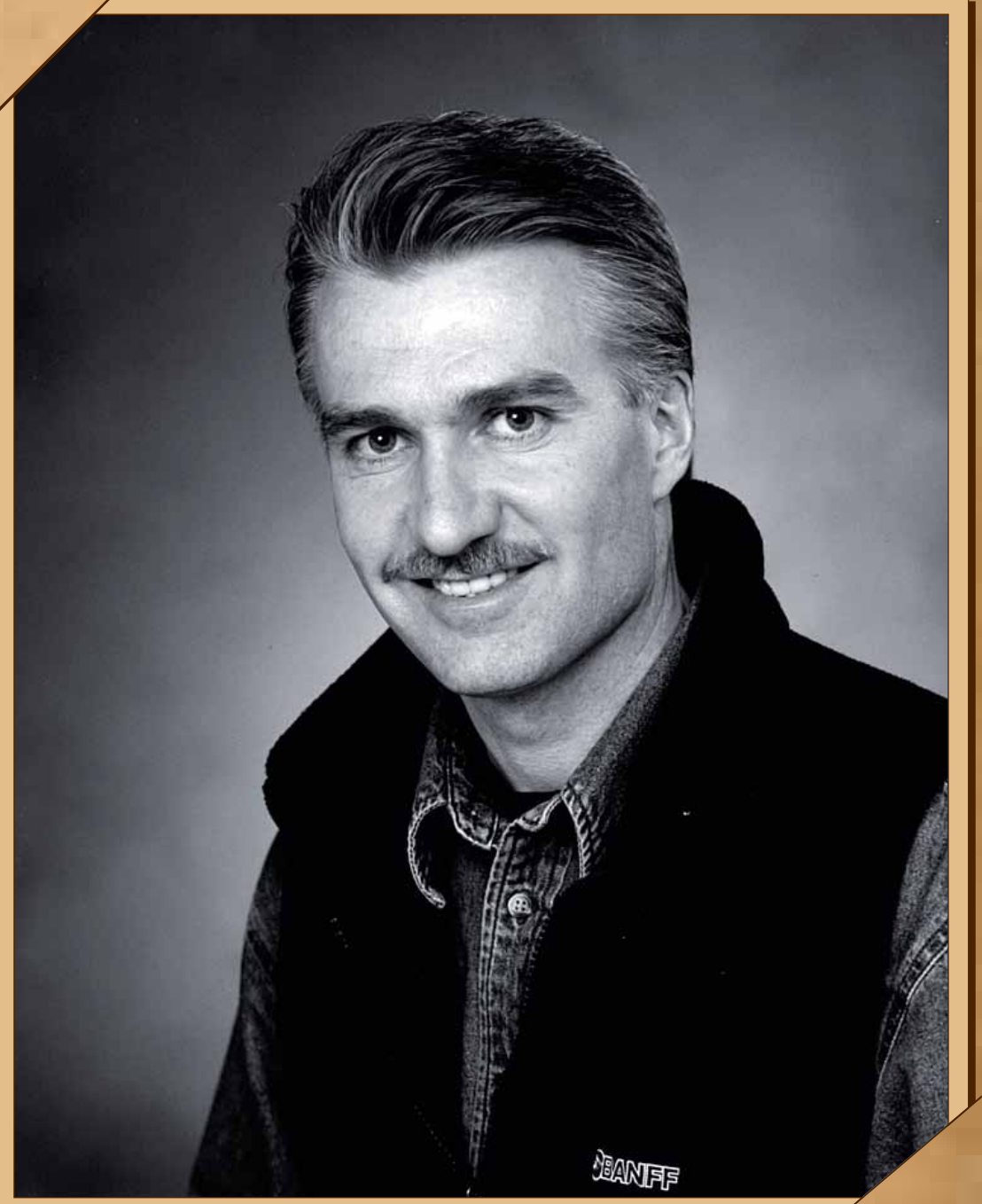
A product of the Letbridge minor soccer system, Salzer made provincial soccer officials take notice in 1979 as a 16-year-old playing with the Letbridge Spartans juvenile rep team. Salzer became the first Letbridge player to win a spot on the Alberta Select squad, playing with the provincial team for three years.

The precocious Salzer was also just 16 when he debuted with the Letbridge Royals of the Alberta Major Soccer League, earning Rookie of the Year honours. The next year he was one of the youngest players to try out for the semi-pro Calgary Outlaws.

Salzer shone with the Royals for three seasons before becoming one of the founding members of the University of Letbridge Proughmound soccer team in 1982. He was the Proughmound Most Valuable Player in 1982 and 1985.

In 1986 and 1987, Salzer signed to play with the professional Calgary Kickers of the Canadian Soccer League, helping the Kickers to the league title in '87.

Salzer coached in Alberta Soccer Association summer schools from 1977 to 1983, and he continues to share his soccer know-how as a minor soccer coach while also coaching minor hockey. He still finds time to play himself and was one of the driving forces of the Letbridge squad which made a comeback in the Alberta Major Soccer League in 1998.



Track & Field Meet - Victoria Park (now Gyro Park) 1909

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