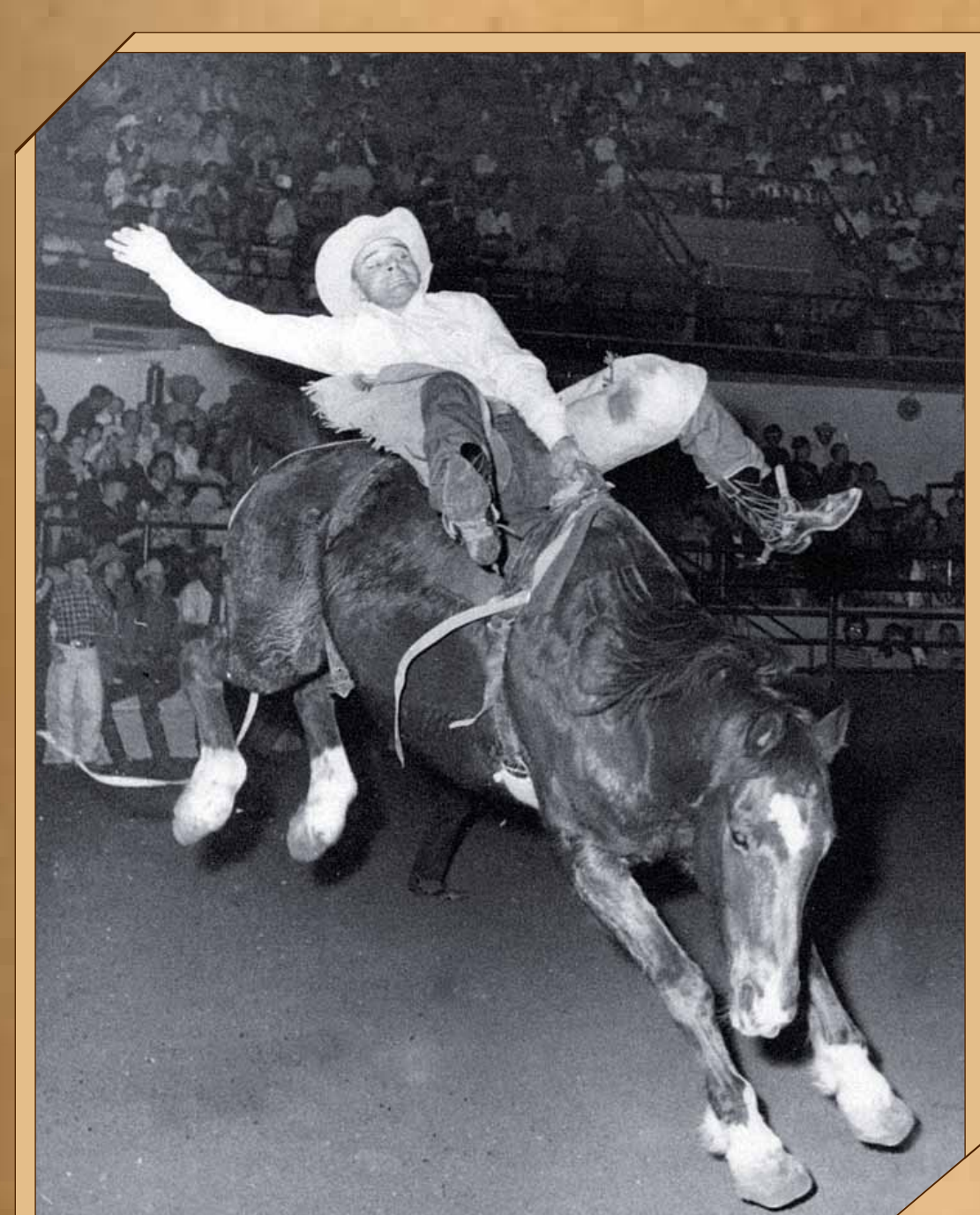




2003 ATHLETES



MALCOLM JONES

RODEO

When Malcolm Jones was in Grade 11, the Principal of his school called him into his office and issued an ultimatum: "Either get serious about school or quit and go rodeoing". Jones chose rodeo and went on to become one of Canada's top professional cowboys.

In a 13-year professional career, Jones collected four Canadian barrel racing titles, in 1963, '64, '66, and '67. He was also runner-up four times and third on another occasion.

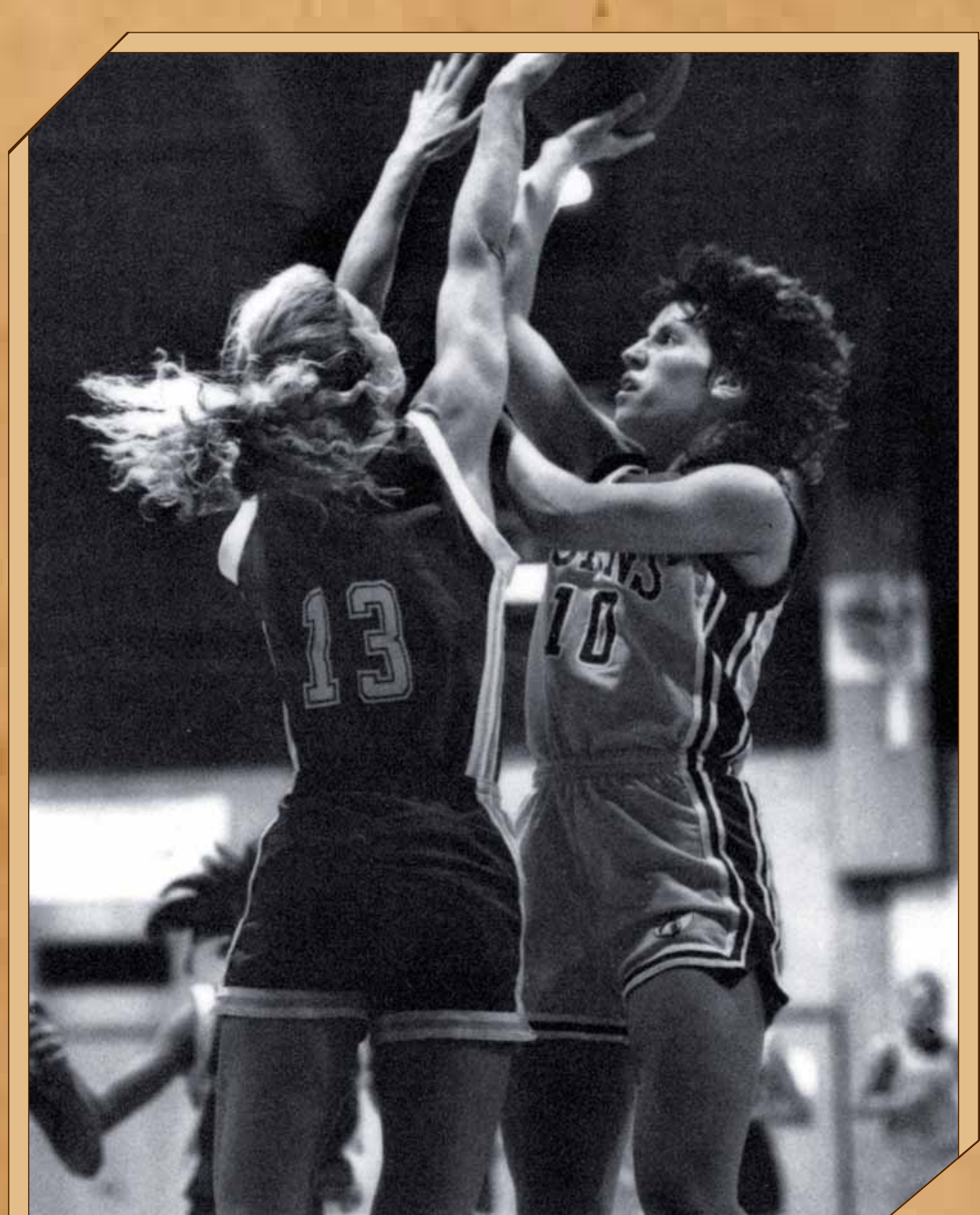
He was so consistent that from 1961 to 1971, he never finished lower than fourth in the Canadian barrel racing standings. He also held his own on the world scene, finishing as high as third one year.

Jones was the first Canadian barrel racing rider to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo, something he did four times, and in one appearance he set an NFR barrel racing record of 146 points under the old 200-point scoring system.

During his professional rodeo career, Jones won 17 trophy saddles, more than 40 silver buckles and a similar number of trophies.

After retiring from competition, he went into the stock contracting business and produced two Canadian Champion barrel racing horses, Moon in 1979 and Bojangles in 1980.

Jones served as President of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association in 1970-71 and was named to Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1999.



SHAWNA (MOLCAK) KOLACZEK

BASKETBALL

Shawna Molcak came from an athletic family in Cardston and carried the family name to new heights during a brilliant basketball career with the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns.

An all-around athlete in high school, Molcak brought her tremendous athleticism to the U of L in 1986 and by her second season, 1987-88, she was a second team Canada West All-Star. She not only earned first team status the next three seasons, but was also named All-Canadian twice of those years, evidence of her standing as one of the best players in the nation.

The sharp-shooting guard was honored as the U of L Female Athlete of the Year four consecutive seasons. Her combination of basketball skills and leadership ability helped keep the Pronghorns ranked among the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union's top 10 throughout her five-year career.

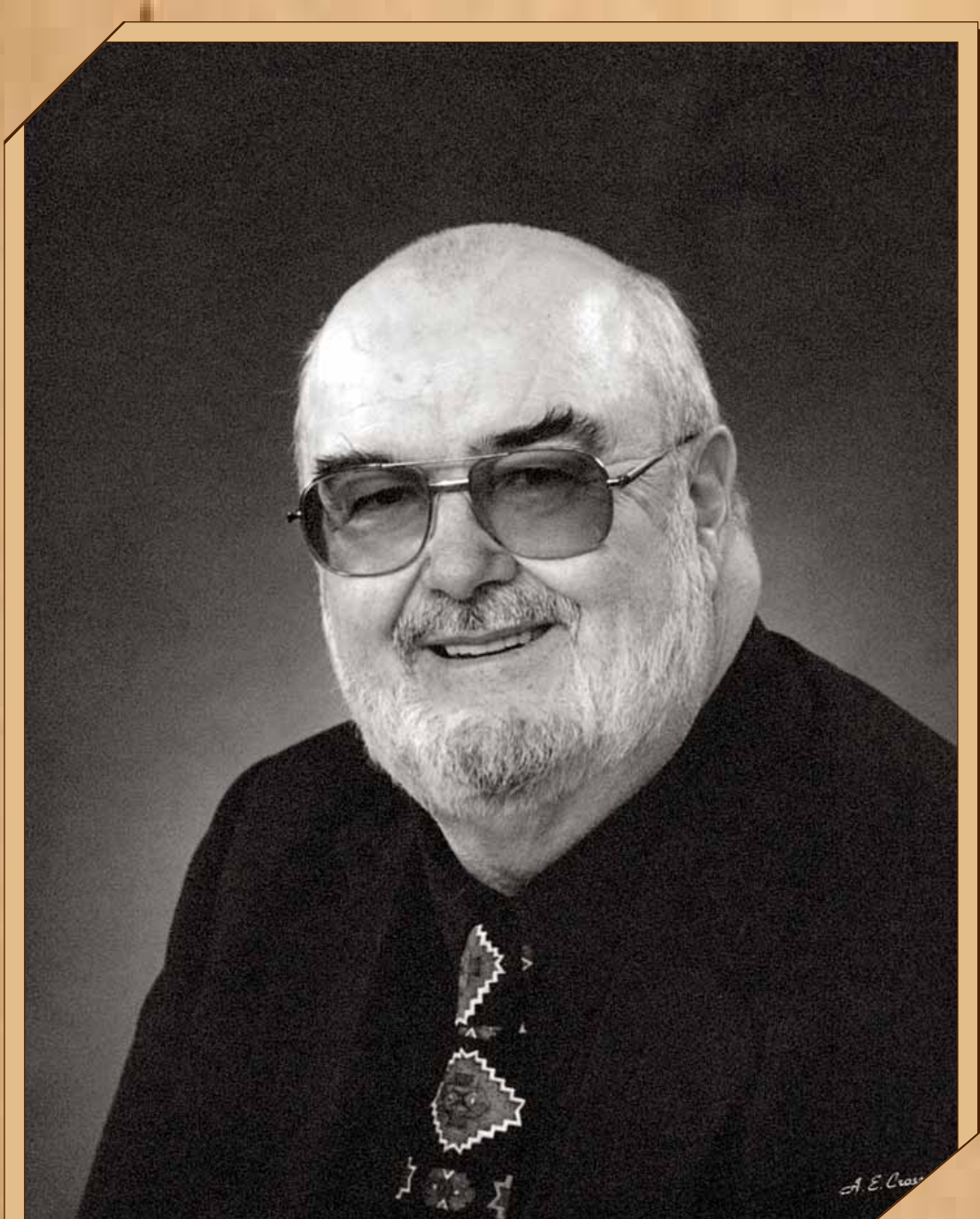
After wrapping up her Pronghorns career in 1990-91, she helped Canada to a bronze medal at the Summer Universiade in 1991.

By 1990, Molcak was also a member of Canada's National Women's team and she continued to represent the country internationally until 2000, including two years as Team Captain. The high point of her international career came in 1996 when she participated in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

In between her regular stints with the national team, Molcak played professional basketball in Germany and Greece.



2003 SPECIAL



GARRY ALLISON

SPECIAL AWARD

As a youngster, Garry Allison dreamed of becoming a sports writer. He not only attained his dream, but changed the way high school, amateur and women's sports, as well as rodeo, were covered in southern Alberta.

When Allison moved into the Lethbridge Herald's sports department full time in 1974 after spending his early years as a pitcher, he began to raise the level of coverage given to high school and amateur sports. He also gave women's sports equal treatment with men's.

Allison established a phone-in system, still in use today, for reporting of high school sports scores to media outlets, and was instrumental in creating provincial ranking for high school basketball.

An avid rodeo fan, Allison covered the sport, both amateur and professional events, throughout southern Alberta from the mid-1960s until his retirement in 2001. He also attended the first 10 Canadian Finals Rodeos as well as the Calgary Stampede and North American Championship rodeos in Denver, Colorado and El Paso, Texas.

Amateur sports also received Allison's attention and he was a regular at the Southern Alberta Summer Games from its inception in 1970 until 2001.

Allison earned Thomson Newspaper national and regional awards for outstanding editorial achievement, and national and local awards for his extensive coverage of rodeo, high school sports and the outdoors.

In 1979, he won the Max Bell Memorial Award for outstanding coverage of amateur sports in the province. The award included membership in the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame.



2004 BUILDERS



DAWN (FRY) KEITH

BASKETBALL

Dawn Keith distinguished herself on the basketball court first as a player and later as a coach, and continues to exert a strong influence on the game in southern Alberta through her role in youth basketball.

One of the area's outstanding players during her years with the Catholic Central Crusiers from 1979 to 1982, Keith capped her high school career by capturing league scoring honours and the Most Valuable Player award.

She went on to play for two years at Scottsdale College near Phoenix, Arizona before returning home to star with the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. In 1986, she helped lead the Pronghorns to the bronze medal at the Canadian Interuniversity Championships in Winnipeg and was Co-Captain of the Pronghorns in her final year.

Turning to coaching, Keith served as an assistant at Concordia University from 1987-89. She was an assistant with the Alberta Provincial Team in 1989 and later Head Coach in 1994-95, guiding the squad in the National Championships in Waterloo, Ont.

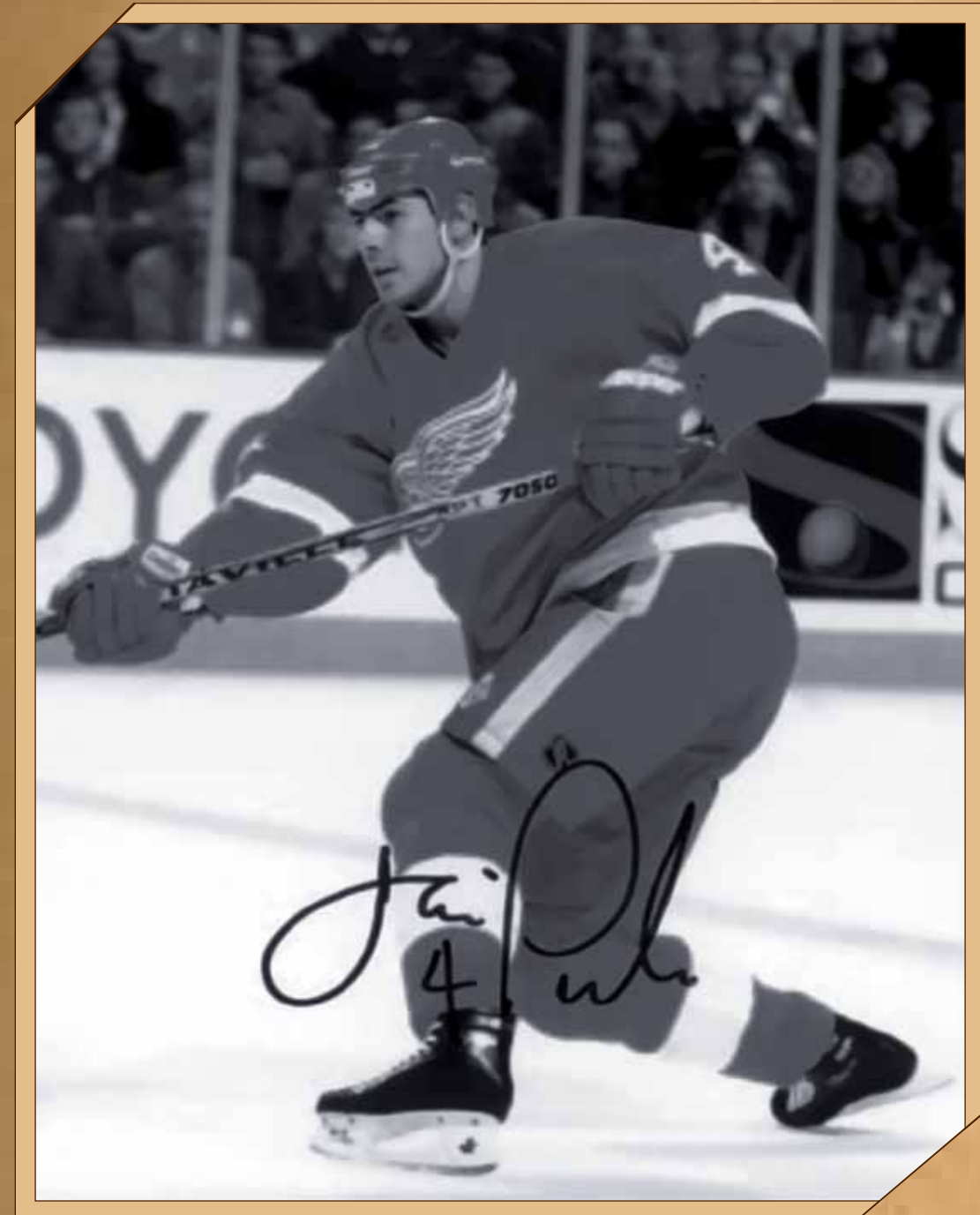
She coached the Mount Royal College Cougars women's team from 1990-93 before moving on to coach the Lethbridge Community College Kodiaks women for five years, earning conference Coach of the Year honours in 1999. During her time at L.C.C., she took the Kodiaks to a silver medal in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Championships in 1997 and a berth in the National Championships.

After leaving L.C.C., Keith organized and coached the Lethbridge Selects girls club basketball program from 1999-2002.

In addition to her coaching, she has been active as an instructor and administrator with Basketball Alberta and Basketball Canada through the High Performance program. She also showed a passion for the game at the grassroots level, introducing the STARS Basketball program to southern Alberta.



2004 ATHLETES



JAMIL PUSHOR

HOCKEY

Like many youngsters, Jamil Pushor idolized National Hockey League star Lanny McDonald and dreamed of one day playing in the NHL himself.

For Pushor, the dream became reality. He even matched McDonald's accomplishment of having his name engraved on the Stanley Cup.

The long road to Stanley Cup glory began in the Lethbridge Minor Hockey Association, where Pushor got his start in organized hockey. He moved up to the Lethbridge Athletic Association's Golden Hawks and later the '75 Men, earning recognition as the Alberta Major Midget Hockey League's Top Defenceman in the 1989-90 campaign.

Graduating to the Western Hockey League, Pushor started with the Lethbridge Hurricanes from 1990-93, serving as team captain during his final two seasons. In 1992-93, the rugged blueliner was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player (chosen by his teammates), Best Defenceman and winner of the Hammarstrom Award.

Selected 32nd overall by the NHL's Detroit Red Wings in the 1991 entry draft, Pushor suited up with the Red Wings' Adirondack farm club from 1993-96, including two years as Team Captain.

After a brief taste of the NHL in the 1995-96 season, he cracked the big time to star in 1996-97. Pushor appeared in 75 games with the Wings, collecting four goals and seven assists. He added another point in the playoffs while helping the Red Wings capture the Stanley Cup.

Pushor has since played with five other NHL clubs, including the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, Dallas Stars, Columbus Blue Jackets, Pittsburgh Penguins and New York Rangers. He brought valuable experience to the expansion Blue Jackets lineup in 2000-01, collecting a career high 13 points and a solid plus-minus defensive rating.

During his NHL career, which has seen him play more than 500 games, Pushor has carved out a reputation as a solid defensive-minded defenseman, using his 6-foot-4, 224-pound frame to battle for pucks along the boards and dish out crunching body checks.



BRENDA PENNINGTON

MULTI SPORTS

Brenda Pennington has collected enough gold and silver during her long sports career to start her own mini. Starting in hockey, football, slow-pitch and basketball, she has played with numerous provincial and national champions and letter medal winners. Her success in basketball was capped by induction in 2001 into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame, largely on the strength of her performance with the Edmonton Selects, winning a gold medal at the Canadian Women's Elite Championships.

Pennington was a six-time all-star in the Lethbridge Broomball Association from 1982-1989 and in 1991 she helped the Lethbridge A's Footballers win a gold medal in the Canadian Amateur Football Federation Broomball Championships. She also coached the Lethbridge U.A. Rockets to a bronze medal in the Canadian National B Division Championships.

In 1987, she received the Alberta Achievement Award for outstanding competitive performance in broomball.

Pennington was an original member of Lethbridge YMCA, the city's first women's hockey team in 1971, before going to star for a number of years with the Lethbridge Show Club Saints (later the Mother's Auto Body Saints and the York Hotel Saints). She was named the Saints' Top Defencive Player in 1975-1976 and 1980, and helped the Saints win four silver medals and a bronze at Provincial Championships from 1980 to 1987, along with silver at the 1980 Alberta Winter Games and the 1985 Western Canadian All-Star Championships.

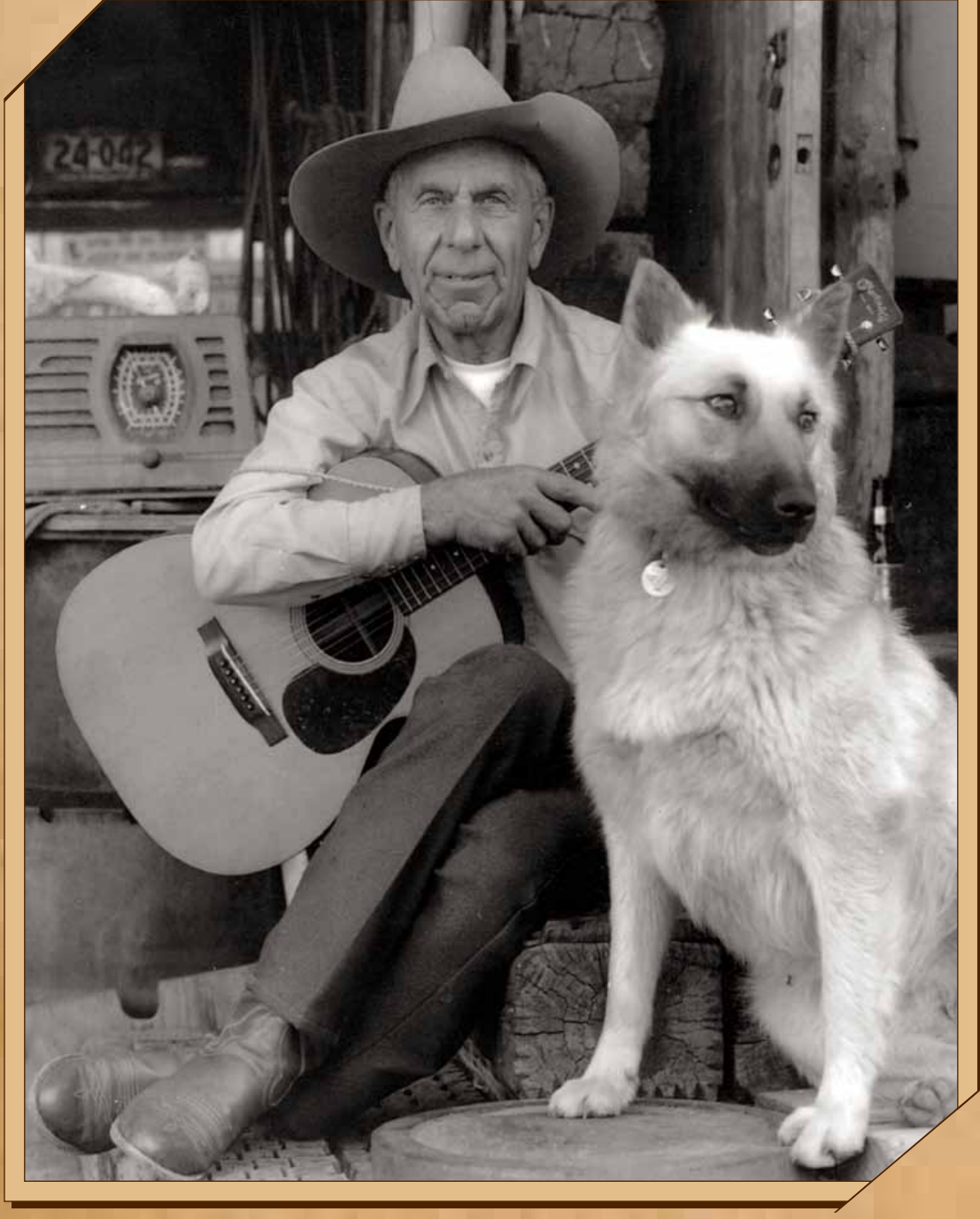
As a member of the Vancouver West Coast Singers, Pennington won two gold medals and five silver medals at the Canada Post National Hockey Championship from 1985-1990.

Pennington shone on the ball diamond too, helping the Rittway Flames to 3 gold medals and a silver in Provincial Football Championships from 1975-1978. She won a gold medal with the Lethbridge Kingsrow Capitals at the 1981 Alberta Summer Games, and a gold and silver medal at the Western Canadian Championships.

She also starred on four Provincial Championship slow-pitch teams with the Lethbridge Rebels from 1987-1993, helping the Rebels to a silver medal in 1990 at the Western Canadian Senior B Championships and being named the MVP of the Lethbridge Softball Association.



2004 SPECIAL



"SUNDOWN" HANK MARKUS

SPECIAL AWARD

Hank Markus, best known as "Sundown Hank", was a familiar western figure in southern Alberta for almost half a century through his involvement in rodeo, chuckwagon racing and Lethbridge's annual Whoop-Up Days Parade.

Raised in the Monarch and Nohelsted areas, Markus was a fan of country music legend Willie Carter in his youth and went on to become a singing cowboy himself. He also competed on the rodeo circuit during the 1940's, riding his first barrel race in 1946.

It was during his rodeo days that he earned the nickname that became his trademark. He had already developed a reputation of showing up late for events. "One day they were waiting for me at this rodeo," Markus told the Lethbridge Herald in a 1982 interview, "and a young Indian fellow said 'ol Hank, he should be here about sundown'."

The name stuck. "Sundown Hank" competed in chuckwagon racing from 1963 to the early 1970's, teaming up with Rufus Goodfetter to run his first race in the 1964 Calgary Stampede. Through the years, he raced in Lethbridge, Calgary and many other Alberta locations in addition to such U.S. cities as Cheyenne and Casper, Wyoming.

Markus didn't win a great deal of money in the sport but then, he wasn't in it for the money. He was always colorful, however, and as a result was a popular figure on the circuit. He still holds the unbroken records of most penalties in a race and longest time to complete a race. He brought tremendous recognition to Lethbridge, however, and was instrumental in bringing chuckwagon racing to the city.

In 1967, Sundown Hank took his chuckwagon to Expo '67 in Montreal to represent southern Alberta's western heritage. He proved to be a big hit. He was also a hit in Whoop-Up Days celebrations from 1952 to 1990, serving as Honorary Parade Marshall in 1982.

THERE WERE NO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES IN 2005



2006 BUILDERS



KEVIN WIBER

FOOTBALL

On both the football field and the ball diamond, Kevin Wiber has devoted countless hours to helping others derive the same kind of enjoyment from sports that he enjoys.

Always active in sports, Wiber served on the board of the directors of the Southern Alberta Flag Football Association from 1982 to 1992, coaching teams from Lethbridge, Tabor and Fort MacLeod. He also served several years as President of the association.

Moving on to softball, where he played in both midget and men's leagues himself, he also coached a team, the Gunrunners, for several seasons.

Wiber became a baseball coach in the Norcrest Little League in 1999 and went on to coach in the house league and all-star programs. In 2002, he guided his team to the Prairie Championships, where they finished second. Along the way, he acquired new uniforms for the team, donated by the Royal Canadian Legion, with whom he has also been extremely active, including serving as Sports Chairman.

Wiber's involvement with Norcrest baseball went beyond coaching. In 2002, he served as the league's Director of Fields, Safety Officer and liaison between the Norcrest board and City of Lethbridge administrators.

In 2003, he was the Lethbridge North baseball representative to Norcrest Little League. Wiber's love for the game has inspired him to devote hundreds of volunteer hours to Norcrest baseball through organizing tournaments, fundraising, umpiring, coaching, maintaining fields and repairing buildings and tractors.

He still finds the time to attend as many coaching clinics as possible and holds a Level 3 rating as a baseball coach.

A true ambassador for all that is good about sports, Wiber is one of those people who truly lives, eats and breathes sports, as evidenced by his encyclopedic knowledge of statistics and trivia.



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Three legged race - Lethbridge Sports Day