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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Welcome everyone to the 31st Anniversary of our annual Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Community Celebration, and a special welcome to the Class of 2025 Inductees and Special Award Recipients.

Sport is a vital attitude, a school of values. Through sport, we can undoubtedly build a better world. That is why it is necessary for sport to have the political rank that it deserves, and not to be reduced, as sometimes happens, to news of rivalries or confrontations between one team and another.

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For 2025, we are most grateful to our Title Sponsor, RevDoc along with three new Co-Presenting sponsors, Goodmans, the National Hockey League and OMERS to help ensure a successful celebration. This year we also have two new Cocktail Reception sponsors to graciously thank – ISB Global Services and Coca Cola Bottling. We extend our thanks to the Hall of Fame supporters – Industrial Alliance, CIBC, TD Securities, Bingo World, Insight Capital Securities, RBC, Tetra Tech Triple Properties, MLSE, Blaney McMurty and the Ontario Ministry of Sport, and to all our table sponsors and individuals - your generosity and commitment to the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame is second to none and we appreciate your contribution.

The OSHOF has assembled an outstanding team of true professionals to help showcase, provide guidance and deliver flawless presentations and media for all our endeavours. Special thanks to Helen Stoumbos, Igor Silva, Amber Long, and Daniel Valdivieso.

To our Board of Directors, our event day coordinator, Magda Nicola, and our volunteers, Team Granite, Keith Vriesen, The Diane Leah Band, Heather Bambrick and Dale Miller who provide their time, talent and creativity, I extend my appreciation.

I look forward to meeting you on this special night to celebrate the best in Ontario sport.

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I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Community Celebration.

You have come together this evening to pay tribute to several remarkable individuals who will now take their place alongside other distinguished members of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the 2025 inductees and award recipients: Vicky Sunohara, Glenn Howard, Curtis Hibbert, Elizabeth Manley, Glenroy Gilbert, Paul Tracy, Larry Tanenbaum, Summer McIntosh, Howard Birnie, and Scott Russell. Your many achievements and contributions to the province's proud sporting heritage will surely inspire future generations to pursue their dreams.



I wish you all a wonderful evening and continued success.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.  
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### **A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD**

I'm thrilled to extend my warm greetings to everyone attending the 2025 Induction Ceremony and Community Celebration of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

Ontario's sports legacy is built on the passion, perseverance and integrity of those who have dedicated themselves to excellence. Tonight, we honour athletes, coaches, builders and media personalities whose achievements have shaped our province's sporting history and inspired generations.

The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame plays a vital role in preserving these stories and celebrating the individuals who have made a lasting impact. I want to thank the board, staff and volunteers for your commitment to recognizing Ontario's sports heroes and supporting the next generation through scholarships and community engagement.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025: Vicky Sunohara, Curtis Hibbert, Elizabeth Manley, Russell Martin, Paul Tracy, Glenn Howard and Glenroy Gilbert. A special congratulation also goes to Larry Tanenbaum, Scott Russell, Summer McIntosh, our 2019 NBA Champions, the Toronto Raptors, and Howard Birnie for your outstanding contributions.

Your accomplishments reflect the best of Ontario and will continue to inspire future athletes and leaders across our province.

Enjoy this well-deserved celebration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford'.

**Doug Ford**  
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# ▶ ABOUT THE HALL



## ABOUT THE ONTARIO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**T**he Ontario Sports Hall of Fame (OSHO) is a volunteer, charity organization devoted to honouring Ontario's greatest athletes, builders, personalities and media for their lifelong contributions to the Ontario sports scene.

It is the role of the OSHOF to ensure that these memories remain firmly ingrained in our hearts and minds and that time will not diminish the nature of our legends' deeds for generations to come.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1994 by the late Bruce Prentice, following a 15-year tenure as founder and president of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. The inaugural class of honoured members was inducted in 1994 and each year thereafter.

Each year, the OSHOF also honours recipients of the Media Award, the Sandy Hawley Community Service Award, the Bruce Prentice Legacy Award, the Syl Apps, Ontario Athlete of the Year Award, and the Conacher Family Heritage Award

In addition to honouring well-deserved recipients, the OSHOF is, among other things, actively involved in the education sector and trying to open doors to students and others. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion is a pillar of the OSHOF's values which also drives its objectives. For example, the OSHOF is an active promoter of Road Tennis. The sport of Road Tennis is an indigenous sport of Barbados that has been played on their streets for almost a century. Its popularity is due to its simplicity - it can be learned

quickly and early in a child's development, participant skill level can progress competitively with practice, and it is inexpensive to play as it does not require an expensive infrastructure or extensive equipment. In Barbados, the sport has developed sophisticated rules and the level of play has been advanced to a point where it is being adopted competitively.

In 2022 in cooperation with the Country of Barbados, the OSHOF featured the sport at our Induction Ceremony and the response was profound. In 2023 the OSHOF assisted with the introduction of the sport to the education sector by hosting numerous events starting in York Region, Variety Village and other community locations and assisted with its rollout in Peel Region, York Region and the Toronto District School Board. Currently, the OSHOF's mission is to provide guidance and assist with the rollout of Road Tennis across all provincial education districts, community recreation departments, and under serviced sports organizations; and it continues to sponsor student focused events that promote the sport. The OSHOF is pleased to announce that the sport was recently certified by the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education, and Ontario stands as the first province to formally introduce the sport of Road Tennis in the school curriculum and physical education programs.

To further support the education of sport and students, in 2024 the OSHOF launched its annual \$15,000 Scholarship program. The OSHOF looks forward to expanding its scholarship offerings across Ontario in 2026!





*Congratulations from the Honourable Neil Lumsden  
Minister of Sport*

As Ontario's Minister of Sport, it is my great privilege to extend a sincere congratulations to this year's inductees into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame honours individuals who have made exceptional contributions to sport in our province. Whether through athletic excellence, strong leadership, or as influential voices in the world of sport, these inductees join an esteemed group whose impact continues to shape Ontario's sporting legacy. Their achievements reflect the enduring values of perseverance, teamwork, and integrity that define sport in our province.

We are proud to celebrate your accomplishments and are deeply grateful for the pride and inspiration you bring to Ontario. Thank you for your dedication to sport and to the people of this province. Congratulations on this well-deserved honour.

Best regards,

The Honourable Neil Lumsden  
Minister of Sport

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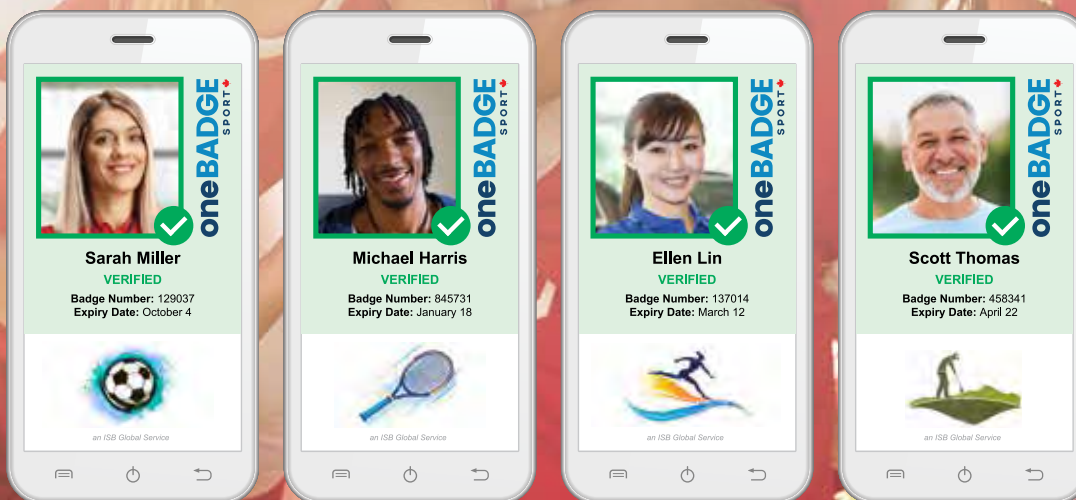


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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's 2025 Induction Ceremony & Community Celebration.

This event celebrates and honours the Class of 2025 with awards, stories, and a celebration of excellence in sport. I would like to congratulate this year's inductees and thank them for their outstanding achievements and hard work that has earned them this recognition.

Sport brings people together to build lasting relationships, learn from each other and develop important life skills. I am pleased this event, which celebrates the power of sport, is taking place in our city.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Yours truly,

Olivia Chow  
Mayor of Toronto



# Sport Builds Communities

OMERS proudly honours the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and congratulates the outstanding Class of 2025 Inductees and Award Recipients. We believe that sport inspires unity, celebrates achievement, and strengthens the bonds within our neighbourhoods. Our commitment to supporting our 640,000 members and vibrant communities reflects the very spirit of teamwork and excellence embodied by Ontario's sports legends.

# A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP IN SPORT AND SERVICE



By Amber Long

## LARRY TANENBAUM



This year, Larry Tanenbaum has been formally inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame as a Sports Executive, marking a career that has shaped the province's professional sports landscape like few others. As the recipient of the Bruce Prentice Family Legacy Award—an honour reserved for those who have made profound, long-term contributions to sport in Ontario—Tanenbaum's induction celebrates not only a remarkable executive career, but also his enduring commitment to philanthropy, innovation, and community service.

Born in Toronto in July 1945, Tanenbaum earned an economics degree from Cornell University in 1968. He went on to transform Kilmer Van Nostrand Co. Ltd., a family-run civil engineering firm, into a national leader in real estate, infrastructure, and public-private partnerships. But it's in the realm of sport where Tanenbaum's impact is most widely felt.

As the driving force behind the formation and growth of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), Tanenbaum has played a central role in elevating Ontario's presence on the global sports stage. Under his leadership as Chairman, MLSE brought together some of the country's most iconic professional franchises: the Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL), Toronto Raptors (NBA), Toronto FC (MLS), Toronto Argonauts (CFL), and the Toronto Marlies (AHL)—showcasing his dedication to building a deep and diverse sports ecosystem.

His influence extends far beyond team ownership. Tanenbaum is Governor for the NHL, NBA, and MLS, and currently chairs the NBA's Board of Governors—one of the most influential positions in North American sport. These roles underscore his stature as a respected leader in Canadian and international sports governance.

Under his stewardship, MLSE has become a pillar of sports and entertainment in Canada. From spearheading renovations of Scotiabank Arena (formerly Air Canada Centre), to championing the development of Maple Leaf Square and the expansion of BMO Field, Tanenbaum has helped reshape Toronto's downtown core into a vibrant hub of athletic and civic pride.

He is also a major supporter of women's sports, most recently backing the introduction of Canada's first WNBA expansion team, the Toronto Tempo, through his Kilmer Group. His support of the WNBA reflects a long-standing commitment to gender equity and growing opportunities for women in sport.

Beyond the arena, Tanenbaum is a passionate advocate for health, science, and youth empowerment. In 2022, the Larry and Judy Tanenbaum Family Foundation made a landmark \$20 million donation to launch the Tanenbaum Institute for Science in Sport at the University of Toronto. His foundation also donated \$35 million to the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, leading to its renaming as the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital—a leading centre for biomedical research.

He also co-founded and chairs the Tanenbaum Open Science Institute at the Montreal Neurological Institute and serves in leadership roles at Brain Canada, the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, and Sinai Health System. Through his work with Right to Play Canada and other youth initiatives, Tanenbaum champions the power of sport to uplift and transform.

In 2007, Tanenbaum was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, recognizing his national contributions in business, sport, and philanthropy. Now, with his 2025 induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, his home province celebrates a lifetime of service and vision.

Larry Tanenbaum's legacy is defined not just by what he built, but by how he led—with integrity, foresight, and an unwavering belief in the power of sport to unite, inspire, and transform communities across Ontario and beyond.



A large crowd of Toronto Raptors fans is shown celebrating at a game. In the center, a man wearing a white turban and a red Toronto Raptors jersey with the number 15 is being embraced by fans. Many fans are holding up their smartphones to take photos or videos. The atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

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# THEY DIDN'T JUST WIN THEY CHANGED THE GAME

## TORONTO RAPTORS

By Amber Long



In 2025, the Toronto Raptors are being inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame—a fitting tribute to a team that not only made basketball history, but captured the heart of a nation.

Founded in 1995 as Canada's first NBA franchise, the Raptors were once a team of promise and growing pains. From playing at the SkyDome to the Air Canada Centre (now Scotiabank Arena), Toronto evolved from a basketball afterthought into a global contender. Led in earlier years by stars like Vince Carter and Chris Bosh, the franchise came of age in the 2010s under Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, making playoff runs that brought basketball fever to Toronto. But the pinnacle came in 2019, when bold moves, resilience, and unity fused into something unforgettable.

The Raptors' path to the championship began with risk: trading beloved franchise cornerstone DeRozan for Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green, and hiring Nick Nurse, a first-year head coach with G League roots. At the trade deadline, they added savvy veteran Marc Gasol, forming a balanced, deep, and battle-ready team.

The 2018–19 Raptors finished 58–24, but their playoff run etched their place in history. After dispatching Orlando, they met Philadelphia in the Eastern Semifinals. In Game 7, the world witnessed one of the most iconic shots in NBA history: Kawhi Leonard's bouncing buzzer-beater, sending the Raptors to the Eastern Finals and freezing the moment into Canadian sports lore. "It was a great shot. Four bounces. That's something you never forget," Kawhi later said (nba.com).

Against the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto trailed 0–2 before roaring back with four straight wins—thanks to Kawhi's 52-minute effort in a double-OT thriller and Lowry's fiery leadership. They weren't just winning games—they were redefining what Canadian basketball could be.

Then came the NBA Finals.

Facing the defending champion Golden State Warriors and their dynasty of stars, the Raptors played with purpose. Fred VanVleet, an undrafted guard, made headlines with 16 threes off the bench—an NBA Finals record. "Bet on yourself," he famously said, "and stay patient. It pays off" (sportsnet.ca).

In Game 6 at Oracle Arena, the Raptors sealed history. Lowry exploded for 26 points and 10 assists, Siakam scored 26 with crucial late buckets, and VanVleet's fourth-quarter heroics shut the door. The final score: 114–110. Canada, and the basketball world, erupted.

"We delivered. You killed us when we lost. So celebrate this s— all summer," VanVleet told ecstatic fans during the championship parade in downtown Toronto (clutchpoints.com).

But it wasn't just a team of stars. It was the synergy—Lowry's grit, Siakam's rise, Gasol's intelligence, and Nick Nurse's calm resolve—that shaped their legacy. The Raptors redefined what a title team could be: one superstar, a cohesive system, and belief.

The championship parade drew over two million fans, painting Toronto and Canada in red, white, and We The North. That moment united generations—from longtime fans to kids bouncing balls in northern suburbs. Basketball, once on the fringe of Canadian sports, had arrived.

Now, six years later, the Raptors' induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame is more than ceremonial. It celebrates a team that shattered ceilings, inspired a nation, and created memories that will echo across time.

The Raptors didn't just win a title—they built a movement. One that started in 1995, climaxed in 2019, and lives on forever in the hearts of Canadians.





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# ► A CURLING LEGEND



## GLENN HOWARD

By Amber Long



One of Canada's most decorated and enduring curlers, has been inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 2025 as an Honoured Member in Curling. Hailing from Penetanguishene, Ontario, Howard's remarkable five-decade-long career is a story of excellence, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the sport.

Born on July 17, 1962, in Midland, Ontario, Howard was introduced to curling at the age of 10 at the Midland Curling Club, where his father worked as the icemaker and manager. Curling alongside his older brother Russ, Glenn quickly developed a deep connection with the sport—one that would eventually carry him to national and international acclaim. He first rose to prominence as third for Russ's team, winning both the Brier and World Championship titles in 1987 and again in 1993.

Howard's career has been defined by both consistency and achievement. He holds the record for the most Brier appearances—19—and has played a record-setting 218 games at the Canadian men's curling championship. Over his career, he won four Brier titles (1987, 1993, 2007, 2012) and added seven silver and three bronze medals. His final two championships came as skip, solidifying his place among the sport's elite leaders. Internationally, Howard is a four-time world champion, with victories in the same years, twice as third and twice as skip.

At the provincial level, Howard was nearly unstoppable. He captured a record 17 Ontario men's championships, including eight consecutive titles from 2006 to 2013. He also thrived on the Grand Slam circuit, earning 14 titles—ranking third all-time—and completing the career Grand Slam with wins in the Masters, Players', National, and Canadian Open events.

In 2024, Howard officially retired from competitive curling following his 20th Brier appearance. "My curling journey has been a very rewarding and a very long one... to say the least," he reflected. "It came with many ups and many downs, but it sure has been memorable." While championships stand out, Howard says the relationships meant even more: "What really stands out the most are the friendships I have made throughout my curling career... and having my son Scott play alongside me, at the highest level of our sport, for the last eight years of my career. Very few athletes get this opportunity, so I feel extremely blessed."

Upon learning he was being inducted into the Hall of Fame, Howard was genuinely moved: "To be completely honest, I felt very humbled and then very honoured... When I look at some of the incredible inductees, it becomes surreal for me to think I will be inducted with all of them. It's simply an amazing honour."

Even after stepping back from competition, Howard continues to contribute to the sport as a coach. He led Great Britain's women's team—skipped by Eve Muirhead—to the semifinals of the 2018 Winter Olympics and coached Team Jennifer Jones to continued national success.

Howard hopes young curlers embrace the sport with the same joy he did. "Play the game for the 'right' reasons and enjoy it as long as you can. I truly hope the young curlers get the passion for the sport like I did." His advice to aspiring athletes is rooted in humility: "Surround yourself with positive people and make sure you have FUN! My father once told me, 'Son, you have to learn how to lose before you can learn how to win.' Words I took very seriously."

Howard's 2025 induction is a fitting tribute to a life of competitive excellence, mentorship, and passion for curling—an enduring legacy in Ontario sports history. 



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# HONoured AND UNSTOPPABLE, THE PATH TO THE ONTARIO SPORTS HALL OF FAME



## GLENROY GILBERT

By Amber Long



achievements secured his place among the most decorated sprinters in Canadian history.

After retiring from competition, Gilbert seamlessly transitioned into coaching. He began with the Ottawa Lions Track and Field Club before joining Athletics Canada in 2002. Rising through the ranks, he was appointed head coach in 2017, becoming one of the most influential figures in Canadian athletics. Under his leadership, Canada's sprint relay teams have become a model of global consistency, capturing three Olympic and four World Championship medals.

Gilbert's coaching philosophy is rooted in the same dedication and love for the sport that propelled his athletic career. "What kept me motivated as an athlete was a love of the sport and also setting goals and trying to achieve those goals. There's always a next level to get to... And now as a coach, I want to help athletes reach their goals," he shares. "I truly enjoy what I do because it is awesome to see athletes perform through the program and succeed."

His impact extends beyond medals and podiums. Gilbert is a mentor and role model who has inspired countless young athletes to pursue excellence. Deeply connected to Ottawa—his longtime home and training base—he continues to shape the sport at every level. "It is a great honour for me to be inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and to be recognized for my commitment to sport as an athlete and now as a coach. When I started, I never thought about a Hall of Fame induction... this recognition is truly an honour!"

For aspiring athletes, Gilbert emphasizes the importance of commitment and discipline. "For young athletes trying to achieve anything, it is consistency and being fully engaged in what they are doing... With commitment, you show up, and those things lead to success."

Glenroy Gilbert's induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame celebrates a career defined by excellence, leadership, and lasting impact. His gold medals, coaching achievements, and lifelong dedication to sport have helped elevate Canadian athletics to the world stage—and continue to inspire future generations. 

A five-time Olympian, Olympic champion, and visionary coach, Glenroy Gilbert has left an indelible mark on Canadian track and field. His journey spans from standing atop the Olympic podium to shaping future generations of athletes as the head coach of Athletics Canada. In 2025, he is being inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame as an Honoured Member, representing Ottawa, Ontario—a fitting tribute to a lifetime devoted to excellence in sport.

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on August 31, 1968, Gilbert moved to Canada as a child and developed into a world-class athlete. At Louisiana State University, he excelled in both the long jump and sprints, setting the stage for a remarkable international career. Gilbert competed at four consecutive Summer Olympic Games—Seoul 1988(long jump), Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, and Sydney 2000 (all in the 4x100 m relay, with additional events)—as well as the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer as a bobsledder, showcasing his incredible versatility.

His most iconic moment came at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, where he ran the second leg of Canada's legendary 4x100 m relay team—alongside Donovan Bailey, Bruny Surin, Robert Esmie, and Carlton Chambers—in a stunning gold-medal performance. Their time of 37.69 seconds not only defeated the heavily favoured U.S. team but also confirmed Canada's emergence as a world sprinting powerhouse.

Gilbert's international success extended beyond the Olympics. He won World Championship relay golds in 1995 and 1997, a Commonwealth Games title in 1994, and took individual gold in the 100 m at the 1995 Pan American Games. These



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## VICKY SUNOHARA

By Amber Long



**B**orn in Scarborough, Ontario, is recognized as one of Canada's most influential women's ice hockey players and coaches. Named an Honoured Member (Hockey) and inductee into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's Class this year, she is celebrated for her outstanding playing career and ongoing leadership in the game.

Sunohara's international playing career spanned nearly two decades (1989–2008) as a versatile centre on Canada's national women's hockey team. Across 164 games, she tallied 118 points (56 goals, 62 assists) and helped Canada win three Olympic medals—a silver in Nagano (1998), followed by back-to-back golds in Salt Lake City (2002) and Turin (2006)—accumulating 13 points in 16 Olympic games. She also played in eight IIHF Women's World Championships, amassing 41 points in 40 games and contributing to seven golds and one silver.

Earlier in her journey, Sunohara blazed trails in university hockey. She began at Northeastern University (1988–1990), earning ECAC Rookie of the Year honours and All-American status, before returning home to the University of Toronto (1990–1992), where she won consecutive Ontario university championships and was named OUAA Rookie of the Year in 1991.

As a player known for her high hockey IQ, leadership, and selflessness, she has often been called “the Wayne Gretzky of women's hockey.” Nicknamed “the ultimate glue player,” Sunohara was respected for putting team above self, providing poise and consistency through decades of international competition.

Following her retirement in 2008, she transitioned into coaching and mentorship. Sunohara joined the University of Toronto as an assistant coach, then in 2011 became the first full-time head coach of the Varsity Blues women's hockey program. Under her guidance, the team claimed McCaw Cup championships in 2020, 2023, and 2025, and earned U Sports silver medals in 2024 and 2025—the highest finishes in over two decades. She was named OUA Female Coach of the Year (across all sports) in 2020, and earned both OUA and U Sports Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year three seasons in a row.

Sunohara also coached at the international youth level. She led Canada's U-18 women's team to IIHF gold in 2022 and bronze in 2024, becoming the first woman to win world championship gold both as player and coach. She consults with the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) and continues to shape the sport nationally.

Beyond her athletic achievements, Sunohara is a powerful advocate for diversity and inclusion in hockey. As a Japanese-Ukrainian Canadian, she faced early challenges and discrimination—but credits her mother and family legacy with building her resilience. Her cultural contributions were honoured with the 2023 Sakura Award from the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. She actively supports youth sport initiatives like KidSport, Hockey4Youth, and Youth Assisting Youth.

In addition, Sunohara was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2025, further underscoring her global impact on hockey.

Vicky Sunohara's legacy is defined not only by her Olympic gold medals and World Championship titles—but by her leadership on and off the ice, her pioneering role in women's hockey, and her dedication to nurturing future generations of athletes. Her induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame as an Honoured Member (Hockey) this year fittingly recognizes a life committed to excellence, inclusion, and the growth of Canadian sport. 



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# ▶ A LIFE DEVOTED TO THE DIAMOND



## HOWARD BIRNIE

By Amber Long



In 2025, Howard “Howie” Birnie received the Sandy Hawley Community Service Award from the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, recognizing more than 70 years of dedication to amateur baseball in Ontario. The honour celebrates not just his longevity in the game but the quiet, unwavering commitment that has shaped generations of players, coaches, and volunteers.

“I’m very flattered,” Birnie said. “I like to think I’m representing volunteers across the country who give their time. I’m just one of them—maybe one who’s done it longer than most.”

Born and raised in Toronto, Birnie found his passion for baseball as a kid playing in schoolyards. A trip to Detroit for his first Major League game—his brother took him to see the Tigers—cemented his love for the sport. He began umpiring as a teenager and started coaching in 1958.

From 1958 to 1988, he led the Toronto Leaside All-Stars, guiding teams to seven city championships, a provincial title, and a national championship in 1964. He coached for about 16–17 years but remained active in all corners of the game—most notably as President of the Leaside Baseball Association (since 1973), the Toronto Baseball Association (1978–1985), and Baseball Ontario (1991–1992).

Though his resume is filled with formal leadership roles, Birnie is just as proud of the informal ones: groundskeeper, registrar, snack bar attendant, and mentor. “They gave me a card when

I retired that said I could spend 100% of my time on baseball instead of 75%,” he said, chuckling. “They knew who they were working with.”

His umpiring career was equally distinguished. Over 34 years, he officiated six national championships, three international tournaments, two World Juniors, and multiple Pearson Cup games between the Blue Jays and Expos. “Do it if you love it,” he said of umpiring. “If you don’t enjoy it, don’t do it—because there are days it’s tough.”

Birnie has seen the sport evolve—and not always for the better. “Amateur baseball has changed a lot in the last 15 years. There aren’t as many volunteers anymore,” he observed. “People are just too busy. But even one night a week makes a difference. If you played, give something back—because someone once did that for you.”

Still, the joy of the game hasn’t changed. “I’ve had teams win championships, and those are great moments,” he said. “But I’ve always said, seeing a kid catch a fly ball for the first time—that’s just as big. For him, that’s everything.”

Even now, at age 88, Birnie remains active with Leaside Baseball and Baseball Ontario, working behind the scenes to ensure the game thrives. His humble approach and lifelong service continue to inspire those around him.

Howard Birnie’s story is not one of personal accolades but of passion, persistence, and community. His legacy lives on in the countless players, parents, and volunteers whose love for the game took root under his quiet leadership. “It’s been my life,” he said simply. “And I’ve loved every minute of it.”



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# ▶ A LIFETIME OF STORYTELLING AND THE SOUL OF CANADIAN SPORT



## SCOTT RUSSELL

By Amber Long



Few voices have captured the spirit of Canadian sport quite like Scott Russell. Over a distinguished four-decade career in broadcasting, the Oshawa native has chronicled the triumphs, heartbreaks, and humanity of athletes on the world's biggest stages. In 2025, his remarkable legacy was formally recognized with his induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and receipt of the Brian Williams Media Award—an honour he describes with characteristic humility.

"It's quite humbling actually," Russell says. "I have always considered myself a storyteller, and the people I tell stories about are the real actors in the drama that is sport. To be joining a class which includes the likes of Elizabeth Manley, Glenroy Gilbert, Curtis Hibbert, and Glenn Howard—people I've come to know and admire—is so special to me."

Russell's journey began in 1985 after earning a Master's in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario. What followed was an iconic career with CBC that took him from local sportscasts to hosting Olympic broadcasts, and from rink-side interviews on Hockey Night in Canada to chronicling Canada's rise in international sport. He covered 17 Olympic Games—hosting seven—and brought his passion and insight to six Commonwealth Games, six Pan American Games, and multiple FIFA World Cups.

Through it all, Russell was more than a broadcaster—he was an advocate for the deeper meaning of sport. "Everywhere I've been, I've seen how important sport is to communities," he

reflects. "It fills me with a sense of wonder that our sporting heroes have written such a compelling national story. I truly believe in Nelson Mandela's phrase: 'Sport has the power to change the world. It speaks to people in a language they understand.'"

Before journalism, Russell was a teacher and basketball coach—experiences that shaped his worldview. "My favourite class was always Phys. Ed. I loved sport as a way to participate and connect," he recalls. "As a journalism student, I became convinced that some of the most compelling stories of achievement were in sport. It breaks down barriers. It brings people together. It's a universal language."

Covering the Olympics and Paralympics changed his life: "To witness monumental acts of courage, friendship, and respect—it's given me a chance to see the world and make friends in many places. The Olympics are built on values I truly believe in."

Now retired from broadcasting, Russell remains immersed in the world of sport and education. As Chancellor of Nipissing University and an advisor to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Paralympic Foundation of Canada, he continues to champion young athletes and sport's unifying power. "Retirement has been busier than expected," he says with a laugh, "but I love spending time with my family at our cottage in Haliburton. And I'm constantly amazed by the potential of our graduates and varsity athletes at Nipissing. They're punching above their weight and making real contributions."

Scott Russell's legacy lies not just in the games he's covered, but in the values he's illuminated through his work—excellence, respect, and connection. His induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame celebrates a career defined by passion and purpose, and a voice that gave heart to the stories of Canadian sport. 



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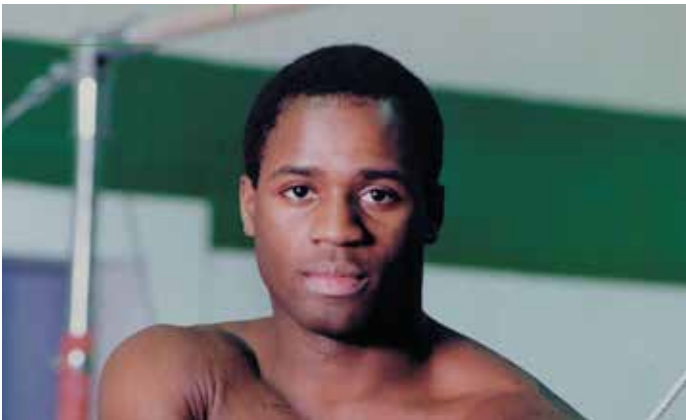


# ► A LEGACY HONoured



By Amber Long

## CURTIS HIBBERT



In 2025, Curtis Hibbert will be inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame—an overdue honour for a man whose contributions to Canadian gymnastics have left an indelible mark on the sport. More than just a trailblazer on the mat, Hibbert’s story is one of perseverance, cultural impact, and quiet revolution.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, and raised in Canada, Hibbert began gymnastics at the age of seven. He quickly stood out not only for his skill but for his work ethic and charisma. In an era when the gymnastics world rarely saw athletes of colour on the podium, Hibbert changed the narrative.

It was at the 1987 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Rotterdam where that shift became undeniable. Hibbert won silver on the high bar—becoming the first Canadian male gymnast, and the first person of colour, to ever win a medal at the World Championships.

“That moment felt surreal, but also... right,” Hibbert recalls. “I felt it was a result of time and work put in. And I believed that if I kept working, I could get even better—this wasn’t just a lucky day.”

That belief carried him through a storied competitive career. He won six national all-around titles and dazzled at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, where he collected a record-setting seven medals. He also competed at the 1988 and 1992 Olympics, with top-ten finishes that remain among the best ever by a Canadian male gymnast.

Still, Hibbert says the journey was far more than just medals. “I can’t say what the most emotional moment was. There were so many days of tears and joy,” he reflects. “It was all part of the grind, and I wouldn’t trade it.”

His inspiration? Another barrier-breaking gymnast: American Ron Galimore. “He was a Black gymnast who looked like a football player—like his dad, who I think played in the NFL,” Hibbert says.

That sense of representation would become core to Hibbert’s legacy. At a time when gymnastics in Canada was predominantly white, Hibbert stood out not only for his achievements but for what he represented: possibility.

After retiring in 1993, Hibbert continued to give back. He founded the Kids Super Gym Club in Mississauga, championing inclusive youth sport and fitness. He also became a mentor and speaker, bringing messages of resilience and empowerment to schools and communities across Toronto.

He even transitioned into film, working as a stuntman in *X-Men*, *Resident Evil 2*, and *Undercover Brother*. Yet, gymnastics—and community—remained his foundation.

When asked how it felt to receive the call about his induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, Hibbert laughs: “At first, I thought it was a phone scam—paranoid cop thinking,” he jokes. “But then... it was like a weight lifted off a box in my heart that held all my emotions from my journey as an athlete.”

He pauses, then adds, “Weeks later, I was able to watch my sport without the feeling of not being finished. As if I didn’t have to prove I could be better. Yeah... I cried.”

His advice to young athletes today? “Celebrate your successes in the moment before you go back to the grind of trying to get better.”

Curtis Hibbert’s induction isn’t just a recognition of athletic excellence—it’s a celebration of a man who changed what was possible. For himself. For Canadian sport. And for everyone who followed. 



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# ▶ CANADIAN SWIMMING PHENOMENON



## SUMMER ANN MCINTOSH

By Amber Long



At just 18 years old, Summer Ann McIntosh has already secured her place among Canada's greatest athletes. Her induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 2025 is a rare and richly deserved honour—one that reflects not just her record-breaking accomplishments, but her transformative impact on Canadian sport.

Born in Toronto on August 18, 2006, McIntosh comes from Olympic lineage—her mother, Jill Horstead, swam for Canada at the 1984 Games. That heritage was clear early: at 12, Summer broke a 45-year-old national age-group record in the 800 m freestyle, lowering Shannon Smith's mark by over five seconds. By 14, she became Canada's youngest athlete at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, placing fourth in both the 400 m freestyle and 4x200 relay—historic results for her age.

Her true breakout came in 2022. At the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest, McIntosh won gold in the 200 m butterfly and 400 m individual medley, becoming the first Canadian swimmer to win two golds at a single worlds. That same summer, she added six Commonwealth Games medals and broke multiple world junior records.

In 2023, she announced herself as a generational talent. At the Canadian trials, she stunned the swimming world by breaking world records in the 400 m freestyle (3:56.08) and 400 m IM (4:25.87). A year later, she defended both titles on the world stage and ended 2024 as Canada's most decorated World Aquatics athlete ever—before her 18th birthday.

Her crowning moment came at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. McIntosh won three gold medals—more than any Canadian in a single Games—and added a silver to tie Penny Oleksiak's all-time national Olympic medal total. She set Olympic records in both the 200 m butterfly and 200 m individual medley, and dominated the 400 m IM by the largest margin seen in 40 years. She was chosen to carry Canada's flag at the Closing Ceremony.

McIntosh's accolades followed swiftly: she was named winner of the Northern Star Award and the Canadian Press Female Athlete of the Year for 2024. But she was far from finished.

In early 2025, she returned to the Canadian Swimming Trials in Victoria and made history again—breaking three world records in five days: the 400 m freestyle (3:54.18), 200 m IM (2:05.70), and 400 m IM (4:23.65), a feat not seen since Michael Phelps in 2008.

Then, at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore, McIntosh opened her campaign with two more gold medals. She won the 400 m freestyle in 3:56.26, outpacing China's Li Bingjie and American legend Katie Ledecky. She followed that with a commanding victory in the 200 m individual medley, adding to her growing list of world titles.

Grounded and thoughtful, McIntosh attributes her success to preparation and perspective. "By the time you get to the competition, all of the physical work is done," she said. "I focus on all the training I've done, and that's where my confidence comes from." When asked about her pursuit of records, she stated: "World records are made to be broken... By the time I leave this sport, I want to make sure that record is as fast as possible."

With multiple Olympic and world records to her name—and many more years ahead—Summer McIntosh is not just Canada's swimming future. She's already its defining figure. Her induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame is a recognition of greatness still in motion.





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# ► FEARLESS SPEED AND ONTARIO PRIDE



## PAUL TRACY

By Amber Long



Paul Tracy, widely known as “The Thrill from West Hill,” is a legendary Canadian open-wheel racer whose fearless driving style and international success have earned him induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame’s 2025 class as an Honoured Member in Auto Racing.

Born December 17, 1968, in Scarborough, Ontario, Tracy discovered racing at an early age while karting at Goodwood Kartways. By his teens, he had already become a rising star. At just 16, he made history as the youngest-ever Canadian Formula Ford champion, and in 1986, became the youngest winner in Can-Am history—claiming victory in the final race the series ever held.

After dominating the American Racing Series in 1990 with nine wins and the series title, Tracy made his CART debut in 1991 with Dale Coyne Racing. His big break came in 1993 with Penske Racing, where he won five races—including a hometown triumph at the Molson Indy Toronto—and finished third overall in the championship. Over the next several years, Tracy remained a force in CART, driving for powerhouse teams such as Penske, Newman/Haas, Team Green, and Forsythe Racing.

Tracy’s defining career moment came in 2003. Driving for Player’s Forsythe Racing, he won seven of eighteen races to capture the CART/Champ Car World Series championship. That same year, he earned his second win at the Molson Indy Toronto—cementing his status as a national icon.

“Winning in Toronto was extremely important to me,” Tracy said. “I did that two times—as well as in Vancouver—and finished on the podium in Montreal.”

In total, during his CART career from 1991 to 2007, Tracy claimed 31 victories and 74 podiums in 261 starts, ranking among the most successful Canadian open-wheel drivers of all time. His most debated result came at the 2002 Indianapolis 500, where he finished second officially—though many fans believe he was leading when a late caution flag froze the field. Following the unification of CART and IndyCar in 2008, Tracy continued to race part-time across several series, including IndyCar, NASCAR’s Busch and Truck Series, and Grand-Am sports cars. He retired from full-time competition in 2011.

Off the track, Tracy built a second career as a commentator, lending his knowledge and bold personality to broadcasts with Sportsnet and NBCSN until 2021. Known for his candor and sharp analysis, he remained a visible presence in motorsport. Reflecting on his Hall of Fame induction, Tracy shared, “My reaction to being inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame was gratitude. I’ve been in the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame, but this induction goes up to the next level of sports.” For young racers, Tracy offers this advice: “Get seriously focused. There are a lot of distractions now with phones, TV, social media... put in the work every day like it’s a job.”

Tracy’s story is one of grit, heart, and pure speed. “Just never give up!! If a kid like me from Scarborough can make it, anyone can,” he said.

Paul Tracy’s place in Ontario’s sporting history is firmly secured—not only through his championships and victories, but through the swagger, resilience, and authenticity that inspired a generation of Canadian motorsport fans.



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# ► A SILVER MEDAL, A GOLDEN LEGACY



## ELIZABETH MANLEY

By Amber Long



Elizabeth Manley, affectionately known as “Canada’s sweetheart,” earned her place in history with a defining performance at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Now, as a 2025 inductee into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, her inspiring journey is being rightfully recognized.

Born on August 7, 1965, in Belleville, Ontario, and raised in Trenton and Ottawa, Manley began skating at age five in a pair of used skates. Her natural talent and determination quickly set her apart. In 1979, she became the first Canadian woman to land a triple-jump combination in competition—a triple Salchow followed by a double loop.

Manley entered the senior ranks in 1981 and earned a bronze medal at the 1982 World Junior Championships. Her steady rise on the world stage was soon tested. In 1982–83, she moved to Lake Placid for advanced training but faced severe challenges, including depression, hair loss, weight gain, and homesickness. These struggles led her to step away from the sport. Upon returning to Ottawa, she trained under Peter and Sonya Dunfield at the Gloucester Skating Club, where her love for skating was reignited.

That resilience defined her path to greatness.

At the 1988 Calgary Olympics, Manley was ranked third after compulsory figures and the short program. With the nation watching, she delivered a stunning free skate featuring five triple jumps, earning the highest score of the night and capturing the silver medal—and the hearts of Canadians.

Reflecting on that moment, Manley said, “Winning the Olympic Medal was so much more than just the medal. After struggling with depression and actually quitting skating because of it, I realized the help I got brought the love back to my skating, and my family calls my Silver Medal a Gold Medal in life.”

She went on to win another silver medal at the 1988 World Championships in Budapest before retiring from amateur competition. Manley is a three-time Canadian champion (1985, 1987, 1988) and has received many honours, including being named a Member of the Order of Canada (1988) and induction into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame (1989), Skate Canada Hall of Fame (2001), and Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame (2014).

Beyond the rink, Manley became a trailblazer in mental health advocacy. She was one of the first athletes in Canada to speak openly about anxiety and depression at a time when such issues were rarely acknowledged in sport.

*“I decided to be very public and open about my journey with mental health because I always felt if I can even help one person have the strength as I did, that’s what counted,” she said. “I was the pioneer athlete in Canada to come out with my struggles and story and so very grateful we can now have the talk and help that’s needed for so many.”*

In her post-competitive life, she thrived as a professional skater, coach, commentator, and author of *Thumbs Up! and As I Am: My Life After the Olympics*. She is a spokesperson for Ovarian Cancer Canada and currently coaches skating skills for the Guelph University men’s and women’s hockey teams, the Collingwood Blues Jr. A, and various minor hockey organizations. Each summer, she trains OHL and NHL players.

*“To younger athletes and individuals, I emphasize the fact we all can have a gold medal in life if we trust in asking for help and being resilient to go after our dreams. We all can do this!!”*

Elizabeth Manley’s legacy is one of brilliance, courage, and compassion—proof that greatness is measured by far more than medals.





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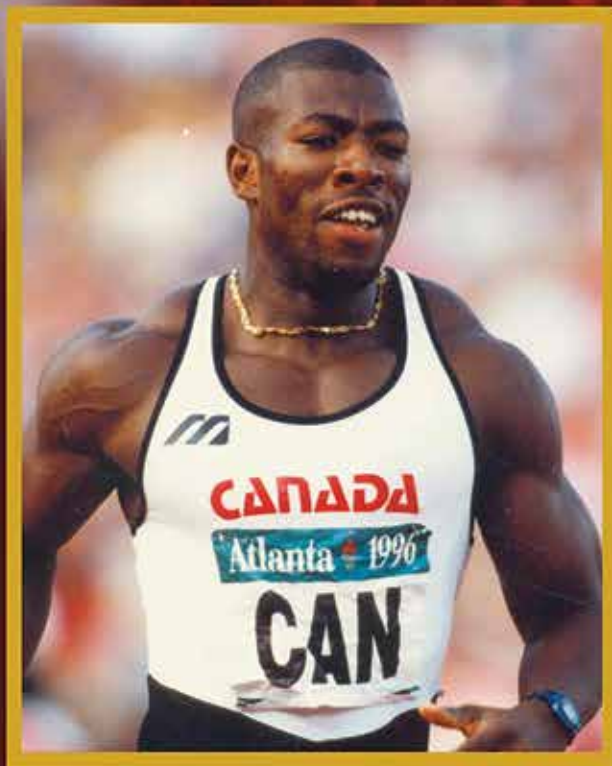
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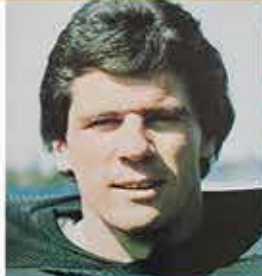
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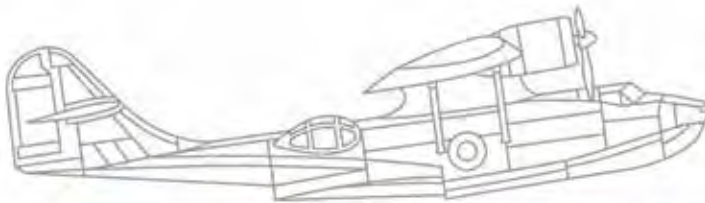
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| Jack Donahue . . . . .   | 2019 |
| Leo Rautins . . . . .    | 2016 |
| James Naismith . . . . . | 1996 |

## BOXING

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Shawn O'Sullivan . . . . . | 2015 |
| Tommy Burns . . . . .      | 2012 |
| Lennox Lewis . . . . .     | 2012 |
| Sammy Luftspring . . . . . | 1996 |
| George Chuvalo . . . . .   | 1995 |

## CURLING

|                                                                   |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Glenn Howard</b> . . . . .                                     | <b>2025</b> |
| Marilyn Bodooh . . . . .                                          | 2023        |
| Russ Howard . . . . .                                             | 2011        |
| Ed Werenich, Paul Savage,<br>John Kawaja, Neil Harrison . . . . . | 2009        |
| Al Hackner . . . . .                                              | 2004        |

## DIVING

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Beverly Boys . . . . . | 2005 |
|------------------------|------|

## FIGURE SKATING

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Elizabeth Manley</b> . . . . .   | <b>2025</b> |
| Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir . . . . . | 2024        |
| Barbara Underhill . . . . .         | 2022        |
| Paul Martini . . . . .              | 2022        |
| Brian Orser . . . . .               | 2012        |
| Elvis Stojko . . . . .              | 2009        |
| Don Jackson . . . . .               | 2001        |
| Barbara Ann Scott . . . . .         | 1997        |
| Toller Cranston . . . . .           | 1996        |
| Petra Burka . . . . .               | 1995        |

## FOOTBALL

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Neil Lumsden . . . . .              | 2024 |
| Chris Schultz . . . . .             | 2016 |
| Garney Henley . . . . .             | 2015 |
| Bill Symons . . . . .               | 2015 |
| Tony Gabriel . . . . .              | 2014 |
| Leo Cahill . . . . .                | 2013 |
| Angelo Mosca . . . . .              | 2013 |
| Michael "Pinball" Clemons . . . . . | 2009 |
| Doug Flutie . . . . .               | 2009 |
| Bernie Faloney . . . . .            | 2005 |
| Lew Hayman . . . . .                | 2004 |
| Red Storey . . . . .                | 2001 |
| Frank Clair . . . . .               | 1998 |
| Tony Golab . . . . .                | 1997 |
| Dick Shatto . . . . .               | 1997 |
| Lionel Conacher . . . . .           | 1986 |
| Joe Krol . . . . .                  | 1996 |
| Russ Jackson . . . . .              | 1995 |

## GYMNASTICS

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Curtis Hibbert</b> . . . . . | <b>2025</b> |
| Elfi Schlegel . . . . .         | 2018        |

## GOLF

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Gary Cowan . . . . .     | 2003 |
| Ada Mackenzie . . . . .  | 2003 |
| Moe Norman . . . . .     | 1999 |
| Sandra Post . . . . .    | 1999 |
| Alex Balding . . . . .   | 1997 |
| George Knudson . . . . . | 1996 |
| Marlene Streit . . . . . | 1995 |

## HOCKEY

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Vicky Sunohara</b> . . . . . | <b>2025</b> |
| Geraldine Heaney . . . . .      | 2024        |
| Jayna Hefford . . . . .         | 2023        |
| Bryan Lewis . . . . .           | 2023        |
| Brendan Shanahan . . . . .      | 2023        |
| Brad Park . . . . .             | 2022        |
| Tom Watt . . . . .              | 2022        |
| Angela James . . . . .          | 2019        |
| Denis Potvin . . . . .          | 2019        |
| Joe Primeau . . . . .           | 2019        |
| Scott Stevens . . . . .         | 2018        |
| Brian Kilrea . . . . .          | 2018        |
| Father David Bauer . . . . .    | 2018        |
| Paul Coffey . . . . .           | 2017        |
| Bob Gainey . . . . .            | 2017        |
| Ron Ellis . . . . .             | 2016        |
| Eric Lindros . . . . .          | 2016        |
| Herb Carnegie . . . . .         | 2014        |
| Joe Nieuwendyk . . . . .        | 2014        |
| Larry Robinson . . . . .        | 2014        |
| Dick Duff . . . . .             | 2014        |
| Charlie Conacher . . . . .      | 2013        |
| Andy Bathgate . . . . .         | 2012        |
| Cassie Campbell . . . . .       | 2012        |
| Wendel Clark . . . . .          | 2011        |
| Ken Dryden . . . . .            | 2011        |
| Doug Gilmour . . . . .          | 2011        |
| George Armstrong . . . . .      | 2010        |
| Bobby Baun . . . . .            | 2010        |
| Dave Keon . . . . .             | 2010        |
| Howie Meeker . . . . .          | 2010        |
| Ted Lindsay . . . . .           | 2009        |
| Phil Esposito . . . . .         | 2004        |
| Wayne Gretzky . . . . .         | 2004        |
| George Hainsworth . . . . .     | 2004        |
| George Punch Imlach . . . . .   | 2004        |
| Harvey Pulford . . . . .        | 2003        |
| Darryl Sittler . . . . .        | 2003        |
| Red Kelly . . . . .             | 2001        |

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|---------------------------|------|
| Red Storey . . . . .      | 2001 |
| Johnny Bower . . . . .    | 1999 |
| Teeder Kennedy . . . . .  | 1999 |
| Frank Mahovlich . . . . . | 1999 |
| King Clancy . . . . .     | 1998 |
| Conn Smythe . . . . .     | 1998 |
| Syl Apps . . . . .        | 1997 |
| Paul Henderson . . . . .  | 1997 |
| Bobby Hull . . . . .      | 1997 |
| Bobby Orr . . . . .       | 1995 |
| Lionel Conacher . . . . . | 1985 |

## HORSE RACING

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| John Campbell . . . . .   | 2017 |
| Roger Attfield . . . . .  | 2012 |
| Sandy Hawley . . . . .    | 1999 |
| Northern Dancer . . . . . | 1998 |
| Avelino Gomez . . . . .   | 1997 |
| E.P. Taylor . . . . .     | 1996 |

## KAYAK

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Adam Van Koeverden . . . . . | 2022 |
|------------------------------|------|

## LACROSSE

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| John Tavares . . . . .    | 2024 |
| Gaylord Powless . . . . . | 2023 |
| Jack Bionda . . . . .     | 2018 |
| Bob Allan . . . . .       | 2017 |

## MEDIA

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Brian Williams . . . . .  | 2024 |
| Jim Hunt . . . . .        | 2004 |
| Trent Frayne . . . . .    | 2002 |
| Brian McFarlane . . . . . | 1999 |
| Foster Hewitt . . . . .   | 1995 |
| Milt Dunnel . . . . .     | 1995 |

## PARALYMPIAN

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Jeff Adams . . . . . | 2023 |
|----------------------|------|

## RACQUETBALL

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Mike Ceresia . . . . . | 2024 |
|------------------------|------|

## ROWING

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Marnie McBean . . . . .  | 2017 |
| Silken Laumann . . . . . | 2004 |
| Ned Hanlan . . . . .     | 2002 |

## RUGBY

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Al Charron . . . . . | 2018 |
|----------------------|------|

## SAILING

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Paul Henderson . . . . . | 2019 |
|--------------------------|------|

## SHOW JUMPING

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Ian Millar . . . . . | 2013 |
| Big Ben . . . . .    | 1995 |

## SKIING

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Sarah Burke . . . . .      | 2016 |
| Laurie Graham . . . . .    | 2015 |
| Kathy Kreiner . . . . .    | 2002 |
| Steve Podborski . . . . .  | 2002 |
| Anne Heggtveit . . . . .   | 1995 |
| Halvor Heggtveit . . . . . | 1995 |

## SOCCER

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Brian Budd . . . . .           | 2022 |
| Dwayne De Rosario . . . . .    | 2019 |
| Sir Stanley Matthews . . . . . | 1995 |

# HONoured MEMBERS



## SQUASH

Sharif Khan .....2015

## SWIMMING

Cliff Lumsdon .....2009  
Vicki Keith .....2005  
Cindy Nicholas .....2003  
Victor Davis .....2002  
Alex Baumann .....1999  
Marilyn Bell .....1997

## TEAMS

### BASEBALL

1993 Toronto Blue Jays .....2002  
1992 Toronto Blue Jays .....2001

### HOCKEY

1959 Belleville McFarlands .....2023  
1941-42 Toronto Maple Leafs .....2003  
1963-64 Toronto Marlboros .....2003  
1958 Whitby Dunlops .....1997  
1967 Toronto Maple Leafs .....1997

## TENNIS

Daniel Nestor .....2022  
Carling Bassett-Seguso .....2003

## WRESTLING

"Whipper" Billy Watson .....1995

# SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS



## SANDY HAWLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented annually to an individual who best exemplifies a dedication to the community.

2025 ..... Howard Birnie  
2024 ..... Nav Bhatia  
2023 ..... Steve Ludzik  
2022 ..... RBC Canadian Open  
2019 .... Western Ontario Athletic Association  
2018 ..... Hazel McCallion  
2017 ..... Trish Stratus  
2016 ..... Peter Gilgan  
2015 ..... William "Zeke" O'Connor  
2014 ..... Michael Burgess  
2013 ..... Dave Perkins  
2012 ..... Darryl Sittler  
2011 ..... Adriano Belli  
2010 ..... Mort Greenberg

## BRUCE PRENTICE LEGACY AWARD

This award is presented to an individual whose outstanding contribution to a sport or athletics is already well documented. Their legacy recognizes those feats as well as their remarkable contribution to the people and well being of Ontario and beyond.

2025 ..... Larry Tanenbaum  
2024 ..... Stacey Allaster  
2023 ..... Dr. Charles Tator  
2022 ..... Jack Dominico  
2019 ..... Dr. Frank Hayden  
2018 ..... Conacher Family  
2017 ..... The Queen's Plate  
2016 ..... Frank Selke Sr. & Frank Selke Jr.  
2015 ..... Tim Horton

## BRIAN WILLIAMS MEDIA AWARD

This award is presented annually to a person in the Ontario sports media who has distinguished themselves in their life's work, and career.

2025 ..... Scott Russell  
2024 ..... Rosie Dimanno  
2023 ..... Joe Bowen  
2022 ..... Gordon Craig  
2019 ..... Jerry Howarth  
2018 ..... Harnarayan Singh  
2017 ..... Howard Starkman  
2016 ..... Bob Elliott  
2015 ..... Roy MacGregor  
2014 ..... Tom Cheek  
2013 ..... Ralph Mellanby  
2012 ..... Dave Hodge  
2011 ..... Bill Stephenson

## CONACHER FAMILY HERITAGE AWARD.

This award was introduced to commemorate those one-of-a-kind events or special moments in time that so embellish the long history of sports in Ontario.

2025 ..... 2019 Toronto Raptors  
NBA Championship  
2024 ..... 1973 Toronto Marlboros  
2016 ..... University of Toronto,  
1909 Varsity Football Team,  
Inaugural Grey Cup Champions  
2015 ..... Joe Carter's Home Run  
wins the 1993 World Series  
2014 ..... Babe Ruth's first  
professional home run  
2013 ..... Arnold Palmer  
2012 ..... Paul Henderson  
2011 ..... Terry Fox

## SYL APPS ONTARIO ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Since 2014, this award has been determined by the people of Ontario who vote in an online poll with pre-selected athletes. To be eligible for the award, athletes must be Ontario-born or Ontario-based and made an outstanding and memorable contribution to Ontario sports during the previous calendar year.

2025 ..... Summer McIntosh  
2023 ..... Shai Gilgeous-Alexander  
2022 ..... Summer McIntosh  
2021 ..... Damian Warner  
2020 ..... Bianca Andreescu  
2019 ..... Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir  
2018 ..... Joey Votto  
2017 ..... Penny Oleksiak  
2016 ..... Brad Sinopoli  
2015 ..... Brooke Henderson  
2014 ..... Milos Raonic  
2013 ..... Rosie MacLennan  
2012 ..... Patrick Chan  
2011 ..... Joey Votto  
2010 ..... Daniel Nestor  
2009 ..... Eric Lamaze  
2005 ..... Damon Allen  
2004 ..... Adam Van Koeverden  
2003 ..... Mike Weir  
2002 ..... Steve Yzerman  
2001 ..... Vince Carter  
1999 ..... Mike Weir  
1998 ..... Roger Clemens  
1997 ..... Roger Clemens



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