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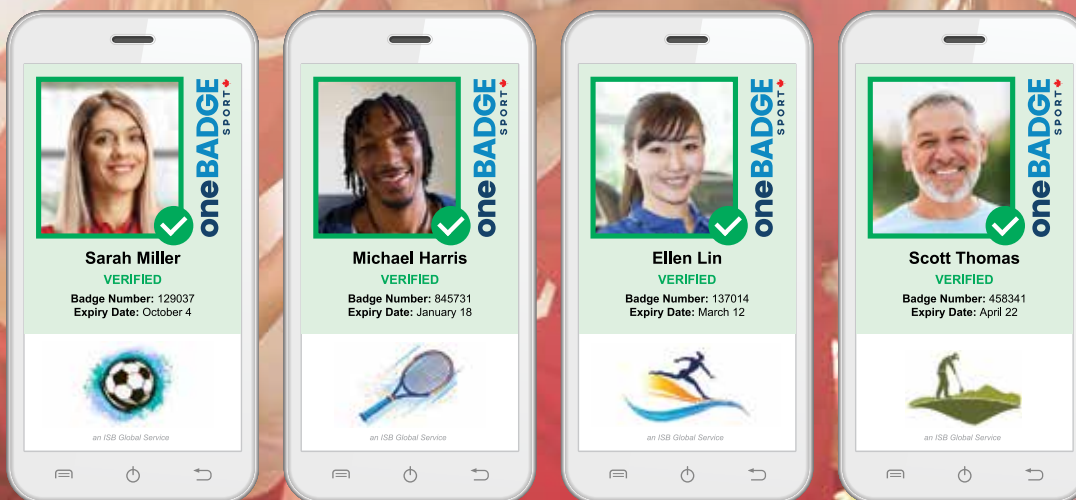
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Some were born here, others made Ontario their home. Together they've delivered countless moments of excitement, heartbreak, triumph and pride – moments that define who we are.

These sports heroes have earned a permanent place in our hearts and memories. It is the mission of the OSHOF to ensure their stories are never forgotten. We honour their legacies so that future generations may be inspired by their example.

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.

Sport unites, rather than divides. It unites very different people in an attempt to achieve a common goal, to beat a time, to win a championship or a medal or achieve a feat.

On behalf of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, I want to sincerely thank our presenting partners, ICP Securities Inc and the National Hockey League for their generous support. We are equally grateful for our cocktail reception sponsors, One Badge Sport and TD Securities for their annual commitment. Rounding out our support, we salute all Hall of Fame sponsors.

Thank you to everyone and to our corporate table sponsors for your support and gracious contributions. We salute the Class of 2026...our inductees and special award recipients.

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

To our Board of Directors, our event day coordinator, Magda Nicola and 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil F. Gravett".

President and CEO



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I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2026 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 2026 inductees and award recipients: Jennifer Botterill, Ron Francis, Mike Keenan, Brenda Andress, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Jonathon Power, Bob McKenzie, Patrick Chan, Terry McLaughlin, the Chatham Coloured Allstars, and the Jays Care Foundation. 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

Tonight, you gather to celebrate Ontario's proud sports heritage. Welcome to the 2026 Induction Ceremony and Community Celebration of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

Excellence is at the very heart of sports. Athletics bring out the best in those who take part—building discipline, physical and mental strength and tenacity. That's why I'm grateful to the dedicated team at the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for honouring the athletes and sports builders who have distinguished themselves through their hard-earned and well-deserved achievements.

Congratulations to Jennifer Botterill, Terry McLaughlin, Mike Keenan, Jonathon Power, Patrick Chan, Ron Francis, Bob McKenzie, Jays Care Foundation, Brenda Andress, Chatham Coloured Allstars and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. You have made Ontarians very proud and have inspired future generations of athletes and sports builders.

My best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

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

Doug Ford
Premier



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ABOUT THE ONTARIO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame (OSHOFF) is a registered, 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 Ontario Sports Hall of Fame 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 recognizes selected inductees with special awards. The Brian Williams Media Award, Conacher Family Heritage Award, the Sandy Hawley Community Service Award, the Bruce Prentice Legacy Award and the Syl Apps, Ontario Athlete of the Year Award.

In addition, to honouring well-deserved recipients, the OSHOF is, among other things actively involved in the education sector across Ontario. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion is a pillar of the OSHOF's value which also drives its objectives. Under the guidance of President Mark Gravett, the OSHOF is an active promoter and supporter 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, student engagement, physical literacy, and inclusive programming. 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.

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 Road Tennis into the school curriculum and physical education programs. To that end the OSHOF was instrumental to assist Gauntlet Road Tennis introduce Road Tennis into the Toronto District School Board, whereby thousands of students will partake in Road Tennis as part of their physical education curriculum commencing in 2026.

To further support the education of sport and students, in 2024 the OSHOF launched its annual \$15,000 scholarship program and it continues today supporting students of all backgrounds and abilities.



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A CAREER DEFINED BY EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP



By Amber Long

RON FRANCIS



Few NHL careers have combined consistency, skill, leadership and longevity quite like that of Ron Francis. Over 23 NHL seasons, Ron Francis established himself as one of the greatest centres and playmakers in hockey history. His career was defined not only by impressive statistics, but also by his ability to lead teammates, compete at an elite level and contribute to the sport long after his playing career ended. Ron Francis is now being recognized by the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame as part of its Class of 2026.

Ron Francis entered the NHL with the Hartford Whalers and quickly demonstrated that he had the talent to become one of the league's top players. In 1985, Ron Francis was named captain of the Whalers at only 22 years old, making him one of the youngest captains in NHL history at the time. Looking back, Ron Francis remembers that becoming captain so young taught him that there was still plenty to learn. "I certainly made mistakes, but you try and be honest with your teammates, show them that you care about them and their family personally and try to help them as we try to grow as a team," Ron Francis said.

In 1991, Ron Francis was traded to the Pittsburgh Penguins, creating an important turning point in his career. Playing alongside stars such as Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr, Ron Francis helped the Penguins win back-to-back Stanley Cups in 1991 and 1992. When reflecting on his career, Ron Francis says his first NHL game and those two championships stand out the most.

For Ron Francis, winning those championships was a team accomplishment. "It takes everyone in that room to win a championship," Ron Francis said. "Our Cup teams were certainly an example of that." His ability to put team success ahead of individual goals became an important part of the leadership style that defined his career.

Ron Francis was also one of the NHL's most consistent offensive players. During the 1995–96 season, Ron Francis led the NHL in assists with 92. Over his career, Ron Francis played 1,731 NHL games and finished with 549 goals, 1,249 assists and 1,798 points. When Ron Francis retired in 2005, he ranked fourth all-time in NHL scoring.

His accomplishments extended beyond statistics. Ron Francis won the Lady Byng Trophy three times and received the King Clancy Memorial Trophy for leadership and humanitarian contributions. After retiring, Ron Francis continued contributing to hockey through management, including roles with the Carolina Hurricanes and as the first general manager of the Seattle Kraken.

Ron Francis says his approach to management was similar to his approach as a player: creating an environment where people could succeed. "I tried to hire people with integrity and character to work alongside who were good in their specific roles," Ron Francis said. He also acknowledged that mistakes are part of the process, making it important to review and correct areas that need improvement.

Growing up in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, makes Ron Francis's induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame especially meaningful. "To be recognized as one of them is very humbling," Ron Francis said. Looking back on his career, Ron Francis hopes to be remembered as someone who loved hockey and competed at his highest level every time he stepped onto the ice.



JONATHON POWER

By Amber Long



Jonathon Power did more than win squash matches. He changed the way the sport was played and understood in Canada. With extraordinary touch, creativity, Power became one of the most accomplished squash players in Canadian history—and, in 1999, the first North American player ever to reach World No. 1.

Born in Comox, British Columbia, Power began playing squash at seven and turned professional at just 16. After joining the Professional Squash Association Tour in 1991, he quickly built a reputation as one of the sport's most unpredictable and entertaining players. His breakthrough came in 1997, when he won the U.S. Open, becoming the first Canadian to capture the title. A year later, he won the World Open, setting the stage for his ascent to the top of the rankings.

Reaching World No. 1 was a moment Power remembers with perspective. "What stays with me most was simply relief and a lot of quiet gratitude," he says. "I didn't think about the broader significance for North American squash at the time; the tour demands that you just focus on the next flight and the next match."

Power's success was built on a distinctive style combining deception, delicate drop shots, attacking creativity and an instinctive ability to see opportunities others could not. His approach grew from a desire to "solve the game differently." Traditional, conservative squash never suited him. "I wanted to hold the ball, take time away from the other guy, and disguise what was coming next," he explains.

That willingness to play differently made Power one of the game's great shotmakers and a favourite among fans. His intensity and emotion were equally memorable, earning comparisons to tennis great John McEnroe.

One of the defining chapters of Power's career was his rivalry with Scotland's Peter Nicol. Their rivalry became one of squash's most recognizable. For Power, Nicol was "the ultimate measuring stick." "If I gave him an inch or got careless, he dismantled me," Power says. "He forced me to address my own gaps, get into better shape, and stay mentally sharp for every single rally."

Power's résumé continued to grow. He won 36 PSA tournaments and appeared in 58 finals, collecting major titles including the World Open, British Open, PSA Masters and Super Series Finals. At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, he added gold in men's singles.

Perhaps fittingly, Power's professional career ended at the top. In early 2006, he returned to the World No. 1 ranking after a four-and-a-half-year gap, then announced his retirement just days later. "Stepping away healthy and on my own terms was a luxury most professional athletes don't get," he says. He knew he had "nothing left I needed to prove to myself."

His competitive career continued with a Canadian Championship victory in 2008. His accomplishments earned him places in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Ontario Squash Hall of Fame.

In 2026, Power adds another honour to that legacy as an inductee into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame. For him, the significance extends beyond titles. "My hope is that my career showed younger Canadian players that there isn't just one rigid way to play and succeed internationally," he says. "You don't have to follow traditional conventions to compete against the best."

Power's legacy is ultimately about more than rankings and trophies. He showed that Canadian squash could compete—and win—at the highest level, while bringing imagination, emotion and individuality to the court. "If young players coming up through Ontario and the rest of Canada feel confident trusting their own style, that's the best takeaway from all those years on court." 



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Congratulations to all the inductees and award winners on this well-deserved honour!



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CHATHAM COLOURED ALLSTARS

By Amber Long



In the summer of 1934, a group of baseball players from Chatham, Ontario, accomplished something that had never been done before. The Chatham Coloured All-Stars became the first all-Black team to win an Ontario Baseball Association championship, breaking through barriers that extended far beyond the baseball diamond.

Their achievement was remarkable not only because of what they won, but because of the obstacles they faced simply to compete.

The team began in 1932, when a group of Black friends gathered to play baseball at Stirling Park in Chatham's east end. They spent their early years barnstorming across southern Ontario before entering the Chatham City League in 1933, where they competed against white teams.

The move opened the door to organized competition, but it did not erase discrimination. The All-Stars encountered racist taunts, questionable officiating and hostility on and off the field. Travelling could be particularly difficult, with Black athletes sometimes refused service at restaurants or denied accommodation.

One family member recalled stories his father shared about the team's experiences. "A lot of the time you were playing not only the other team but the

umpires, and the crowd as well," he said. In other towns, the players encountered hateful messages on sidewalks, while children were encouraged to spit at them and throw objects. Finding somewhere to stay overnight could also be a challenge.

Yet the All-Stars persevered.

In 1934, they dominated the Chatham City League, losing just once during the regular season before entering the Ontario Baseball Association's Intermediate B playdowns. They defeated Sarnia, Welland and Milton to reach the championship series against the Penetanguishene Rangers.

After the final series was tied, the deciding game was interrupted by a controversial darkness call in the 11th inning. The teams returned for another game, and the Chatham players responded by winning.

On Oct. 23, 1934, the Chatham Coloured All-Stars defeated Penetanguishene 13-7 to capture the provincial championship and become the first Black team to win an Ontario Baseball Association title.

For Chatham's Black community, the achievement represented far more than baseball. At a time when racial prejudice was widespread and employment opportunities were limited, the All-Stars offered something to celebrate and a powerful demonstration of equality.

"The All-Stars gave the Black community a diversion from the everyday," the family member explained. "It gave them something to cheer about, and a chance to feel equal."

That sense of possibility extended beyond the baseball field. The team's example helped inspire future generations and became part of a broader story of doors gradually opening in Chatham. The legacy was also personal for the family member, whose father became the first person of colour hired as a letter carrier by Canada Post in Chatham, while his uncle Andy became the city's first person of colour hired as a police officer.

Nearly a century later, the importance of telling the All-Stars' story remains.

"I feel at this time especially now we have to bring stories like this out and promote the courage of the past generations," he said. "It seems much of our overall society are repeating the sins of the past."

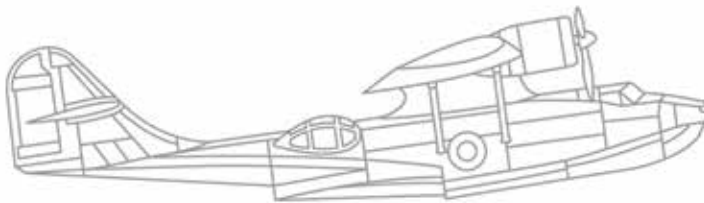
The Chatham Coloured All-Stars continued competing for several years, winning the Western Counties Baseball Association championship in 1935 and reaching the All-Ontario finals again in 1939. Their competitive run eventually ended amid the changing circumstances of the Second World War. In 2026, the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame welcomes the Chatham Coloured All-Stars as inductees. For those who knew their story personally, the honour carries profound meaning.

"If I had the honour to speak to the 1934 Chatham Coloured All-Stars, I would first tell them of the pride I have in them," he said. "They played the game with passion and dignity."

Their legacy, he added, reaches across generations: "Their legacy made my life easier and my children's life easier. Role models."



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BRENDA ANDRESS

By Amber Long



Brenda Andress has spent her career challenging the status quo and creating opportunities for women in sport. As a pioneering leader, advocate and founding commissioner of the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL), Andress helped advance women's hockey while championing a broader vision of equality, leadership, and possibility. Her work has always been about more than the game itself. At a time when women's sport faced limited investment, media attention, and professional opportunities, Andress worked to build partnerships, raise visibility, and create pathways for athletes to compete and lead at the highest levels.

That philosophy continues through SheIS, where Andress brings together leaders across the sports industry to champion women's participation and leadership. Her approach is rooted in collaboration, but also in a willingness to challenge assumptions and push beyond established boundaries.

One of the principles that has guided Brenda throughout her life is simple: "You don't have to make somebody else wrong to make you right. You just have to be you. You just have to take care of yourself." That belief in individuality has shaped the way Brenda approaches leadership and the way she

supports the people around her. She encourages others to focus less on comparison and more on finding their own path.

One of Brenda's favourite sayings is: "I chose me because everybody else was taken." And that really captures who Brenda is. She believes that telling your own story matters.

As Brenda says: "If your story didn't land because you were trying to tell somebody else's story, tell your own. If you tell your own story, that's when people listen, because you're telling it from a place that nobody else can tell it from."

Brenda has spent her career creating opportunities for others to find their voice, tell their stories and believe that they belong at the table. And perhaps that is one of the most important things about Brenda's leadership. She doesn't believe you have to become someone else to make an impact. You simply have to be brave enough to be yourself.

It is a message particularly relevant to women navigating an industry where confidence and recognition have not always come easily. Andress has been outspoken about the importance of women recognizing their own accomplishments and being comfortable accepting praise. "I'm a big believer in women saying, 'We are worthy and deserving,'" she says. That conviction was on full display when Andress received a YWCA Women of Distinction Award. Standing before approximately 1,200 women, she told the audience, "I am worthy and deserving of this award I am receiving." The room went silent

before she explained why: "As women, we never believe or say we are worthy or deserving of awards, promotions, love, or many different things. We don't believe that we're worthy. And we are." That philosophy also informs how she manages challenges. One of her guiding principles is, "Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end."

For Andress, setbacks are not necessarily endings; they can be part of a larger journey toward something new. Her leadership has left a footprint that extends beyond hockey. Through the CWHL, SheIS and countless conversations around women's sport, she has helped challenge the industry to consider who receives opportunities, who gets heard and whose achievements are celebrated. When Andress learned she would be inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 2026, her first reaction was disbelief. "Wow. It can't be me," she recalls. But the recognition quickly became something more meaningful. "For me, it was always about making a difference in the women's sports world in a positive way—to leave some type of legacy that created a difference," she says. "To create a difference or a footprint that somebody else could follow, that somebody else could take to the next level, was so important to me."

Her induction recognizes a career built on that very principle: opening doors so others can walk through them. Andress's legacy is ultimately about possibility. She has shown that meaningful change begins when someone is willing to believe there can be a unique way forward – and courageous enough to build it. 



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MIKE KEENAN

By Amber Long



Michael Edward Keenan—known throughout hockey as “Iron Mike”—is one of the most polarizing, intense and successful figures in professional hockey. Across a head coaching career in the National Hockey League spanning eight franchises between 1984 and 2009, Keenan built a legacy defined by tactical success, fiery motivation and a hard-nosed approach.

As a rookie head coach with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1984–85, Keenan immediately led the club to the Stanley Cup Final. Two years later, he guided Philadelphia back to the Final. That year, he coached Team Canada to victory in the 1987 Canada Cup, defeating Viktor Tikhonov’s Soviet Union.

After moving to the Chicago Blackhawks in 1988, Keenan continued his winning ways, steering Chicago to the 1992 Stanley Cup Final. He became the third person in NHL history to lead three franchises to the Final.

His ultimate NHL achievement came in 1994 with the New York Rangers, snapping the franchise’s 54-year championship drought and lifting the Stanley Cup.

Reflecting on that team, Keenan credits its remarkable commitment and

leadership. “There wasn’t one player that was a distraction from our objective of winning the Stanley Cup,” he recalls. “There was no deviation from any player in terms of what our objective, what our goal was.”

Captain Mark Messier was central, having previously worked with Keenan in Canada Cup competition. Their relationship was built on mutual trust and communication. “We had a lot of behind-closed-doors meetings between the two of us in terms of how we were guiding the team or how we were bringing the group together,” Keenan says.

He remembers Messier’s leadership as “impeccable,” emphasizing the importance of every player’s role. Even additions made at the trading deadline fit seamlessly into the group. “It was seamless in terms of the respect that they had for each other and the role that they were given.”

Keenan’s demanding style earned him the nickname “Iron Mike,” but he says it was rooted in high expectations. “I was firm but fair,” he explains. “Once we would meet a certain level of excellence, or accountability, or success, then I would ask them to do something even more. That’s how you become a champion. Champions aren’t made of average expectations.”

His philosophy was shaped growing up in Ontario, particularly by his mother, who instilled leadership and discipline from an early age. At a youth hockey banquet in Whitby, she unexpectedly told her son, “You have to stand up and take everybody.” It was an early lesson in leadership.

Before reaching the NHL, Keenan coached at the University of Toronto, Forest Hill High School and in the American Hockey League. He also coached championship lacrosse at Don Mills and played lacrosse in Whitby.

Keenan became synonymous with high-stakes playoff hockey. He is one of only three coaches in league history to coach in ten Game 7s, winning five. His teams reached the playoffs in each of his first eleven NHL seasons, and he finished with more than 600 regular-season victories and 96 playoff wins.

In 2014, he guided Metallurg Magnitogorsk to the Gagarin Cup in Russia. He became the first coach to win championships in both the NHL and KHL.

As an Ontario Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Keenan finds himself reflecting on the journey. “I’m humbled by the acknowledgement,” he says, remembering the athletes, coaches and community members who helped shape him as a young man.

“Coaching that particular group of men was an exceptional experience,” Keenan says of his Rangers championship. His career may be remembered for intensity, but his reflections reveal another defining quality: gratitude—for the people, teams and experiences that made the journey possible.





Introduction **OF ROAD TENNIS**

OSHOF has worked tirelessly over the past four (4) years with various provincial and municipal stakeholders, including educators, to introduce the “new to-Canada”, highly accessible sport of Road Tennis. Road Tennis requires little infrastructure (only a racket and an 8-inch high wooden “net”); it can be played in both a seated and a standing position. Recently certified by the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education, Ontario stands as the first province to formally introduce the sport of Road Tennis – many schools have included it in their physical education programs, as well as municipal “parks and recreation” departments. As of September 2026, the Toronto District School Board (the largest in Canada) officially added Road Tennis to their physical education curriculum for tens of thousands of students. Other provinces have taken notice. Most recently, the OSHOF participated in the 2026 PHE Canada National Conference (described as the “premier national event” that brings together physical and health education teachers, physical activity leaders, and sector experts) in Vancouver to present Road Tennis and its path to adoption within schools, etc. to the attending delegates. Moving into 2027, Gauntlet Road Tennis, supported in part by the OSHOF will rollout Road Tennis into more Ontario districts, like York, Peel, Durham and Simcoe.

JAYS CARE FOUNDATION

By Amber Long



For more than three decades, Jays Care Foundation has shown that baseball can be about far more than what happens between the foul lines. As the charitable arm of the Toronto Blue Jays, the foundation has used the power of sport to create opportunities for children and youth facing financial, physical and social barriers, helping build stronger, more inclusive communities across Canada.

Founded in 1992 with a mission to support children and youth through baseball, Jays Care has grown into a national force for positive change. Its programs and partnerships use baseball as a starting point for developing confidence, leadership, teamwork, resilience and a sense of belonging—qualities that extend well beyond the ballpark.

At the heart of its work is a commitment to making baseball accessible to young people who may otherwise be excluded from organized sport. The cost of registration and equipment, physical or cognitive disabilities, geography and social and economic circumstances can all create barriers to participation. Jays Care works to remove those obstacles, opening the door for more young people to experience the physical, social and emotional benefits of being part of a team.

One of its signature initiatives, Challenger Baseball, is an adaptive program for children and youth with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. Designed around participation, skill development and fun, the program creates an environment where every player has an opportunity to contribute and experience the joy of the game. Its reach across communities throughout Canada has helped make baseball a more inclusive sport.

Jays Care has also invested in expanding opportunities for girls. Through initiatives such as Girls at Bat, young athletes are encouraged to develop their baseball skills while building confidence, leadership abilities and meaningful connections with teammates and mentors. The program reinforces an important message: girls belong on the field, in leadership roles and in every part of sport.

Yet the foundation's impact reaches far beyond baseball itself. Through its programs, young people learn how to communicate, solve problems, overcome setbacks and work toward common goals. Coaches and community leaders can become mentors, while teams provide spaces where young people can build friendships, develop confidence and feel connected to something larger than themselves.

Jays Care also supports physical spaces and community organizations, recognizing that lasting change requires investment beyond individual programs. By partnering with organizations in communities across Canada, the foundation can respond to local needs

and create opportunities that reflect the realities of the young people it serves.

The foundation's connection to the Toronto Blue Jays gives it an extraordinary platform. As one of Canada's most recognizable sports organizations, the Blue Jays can help bring attention to the importance of youth sport and inspire young people to see themselves as athletes, teammates and leaders. Through Jays Care, that visibility is transformed into programs, partnerships and opportunities that can have an impact long after a season ends.

In 2026, Jays Care Foundation was recognized by the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame with the Sandy Hawley Community Service Award, honouring an organization whose contribution extends far beyond professional baseball.

Jays Care's legacy cannot be measured only in diamonds built, programs delivered or games played. It lives in a child discovering confidence, a player finding a place to belong, a friendship formed between teammates and a community coming together around its young people.

For Jays Care Foundation, baseball is the vehicle—but the destination is something much bigger: a Canada where every young person has the opportunity to play, participate, belong and grow. 

SHAI GILGEOUS-ALEXANDER

CONGRATULATIONS



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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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SHAI GILGEIOUS-ALEXANDER

By Amber Long



When Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was recognized by the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for his breakthrough 2022-23 NBA season, he was already establishing himself as one of basketball's brightest stars. Three years later, his résumé has expanded dramatically. In 2026, the Hamilton, Ontario native returns to the Hall as the Syl Apps Ontario Athlete of the Year, honoured as part of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2026.

The recognition reflects a remarkable rise for Gilgeous-Alexander, whose 2022-23 campaign earned him his first All-NBA First Team selection and a fifth-place finish in NBA Most Valuable Player voting. He averaged a career-high 31.4 points per game, joining Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook as the only players in Oklahoma City Thunder history at that time to average at least 30 points in a season.

His trajectory continued upward in 2023-24. Gilgeous-Alexander averaged 30.1 points, 5.5 rebounds and 6.2 assists per game, helping Oklahoma City finish with the Western Conference's

best record and earn the No. 1 seed. He was unanimously selected to the All-NBA First Team, receiving First Team votes on all 99 ballots. It was his second consecutive First Team honour.

The season also reinforced his growing influence internationally. As a member of Canada's senior national team, Gilgeous-Alexander helped Canada capture a historic bronze medal at the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup, earning a place on the tournament's All-Tournament First Team. Canada's third-place finish secured the country's first-ever World Cup medal.

Then came a season for the history books.

In 2024-25, Gilgeous-Alexander led the NBA in scoring at 32.7 points per game and captured his first scoring title. He was named an NBA All-Star and, for the third straight season, earned All-NBA First Team honours. He also won the 2024-25 NBA Most Valuable Player Award.

But the biggest achievement came in the postseason. Gilgeous-Alexander led the Thunder to the franchise's first NBA championship in the Oklahoma City era, defeating the Indiana Pacers in seven games. He was named Western Conference Finals MVP and then won the Bill Russell NBA Finals MVP after averaging 30.3 points, 5.6 rebounds and 4.6 assists in the Finals.

By winning the regular-season MVP, scoring title and Finals MVP in the same

season, Gilgeous-Alexander joined an exclusive group that includes Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal. His 2024-25 season also made him just the fourth player in NBA history to accomplish the three-award feat.

His excellence did not stop there. In 2025-26, Gilgeous-Alexander successfully defended his NBA MVP title and was again named to the All-NBA First Team. He also won the NBA's Clutch Player of the Year Award, further adding to a résumé that now includes two MVPs, an NBA championship, a Finals MVP, a scoring title and four consecutive All-NBA First Team selections.

His development has been marked by unusual consistency. Across the three seasons since his original Hall recognition, he has moved from emerging All-NBA star to the centre of the NBA's biggest moments, while continuing to represent Canada at the highest level and strengthen the profile of basketball talent from Ontario.

For Ontario, his story represents more than a collection of statistics and trophies. Born in Toronto and raised in Hamilton, Gilgeous-Alexander has become one of the province's most prominent ambassadors on the world basketball stage. His journey from Ontario courts to NBA champion—and now back to the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame as a Syl Apps honouree—marks an extraordinary chapter in Canadian basketball history. 

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE IN CANADIAN HOCKEY



By Amber Long

JENNIFER BOTTERILL



Few athletes have achieved the level of success and consistency that Jennifer Botterill reached during her remarkable hockey career. Over a 14-year international career with Canada's national team, Botterill became a four-time Olympian, three-time Olympic gold medallist and five-time World Champion. Her career was defined by elite skill, leadership, intelligence and a commitment to helping grow women's hockey, earning her recognition as part of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2026.

Botterill represented Canada at four consecutive Olympic Winter Games, beginning at Nagano in 1998. She helped Canada win a silver medal at those Games before becoming an Olympic champion at Salt Lake City in 2002, Turin in 2006 and Vancouver in 2010. Looking back, Botterill says those first Olympic gold and Vancouver victories remain among her most meaningful memories.

"The first time that we ever won Olympic gold...was in 2002 in Salt Lake City," Botterill said. "It was just overcoming challenges for us that year." She also remembers Vancouver as especially meaningful because Canada hosted the Games.

"Winning there was just special... sharing that moment with people in the country was so special."

Botterill's success extended far beyond the Olympic stage. She won five IIHF Women's World Championship gold medals and seven gold medals at the 3 Nations/4 Nations Cup. She was also named Most Valuable Player at the Women's World Championship in 2001 and 2004.

At Harvard University, Botterill was equally dominant, recording 319 points in 107 games over four seasons. She became the only player to win the Patty Kazmaier Award twice, further establishing herself as one of the most talented women's hockey players of her generation.

One of the most memorable moments of Botterill's international career came during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. In the gold-medal game against the United States, she assisted Marie-Philip Poulin on the game-winning goal. Botterill remembers the game as one where everything seemed to come naturally.

"I think was probably my favorite career game where it just felt like there was an ease to the game," she said. "I felt like I was reading the play. I could anticipate things that were happening on the ice." Rather than scoring the goal herself, Botterill says the assist became one of the most rewarding plays of her career.

"For me, it wasn't a goal that I scored, but it was the assist and that pass that I made to her," she said. Botterill retired from Canada's national team in 2011 after playing 184 games in a Team Canada jersey, finishing her international career with 65 goals, 109 assists and 174 points. Her influence on hockey continued after her playing career ended as she transitioned into broadcasting with TSN, Sportsnet, CBC and NHL on TNT.

Her impact has also extended into mentorship, advocacy and charitable work. Botterill says she hopes her career has helped create opportunities for future generations. "I'm hoping that it creates choice," she said. "If you want a career in hockey, whether it's in coaching or management or scouting or broadcasting...that choice is there for you."

Botterill's legacy represents much more than medals, championships and statistics. She became a role model for Canadian athletes and helped demonstrate the possibilities available to women in hockey, both as competitors and professionals within the sports industry. Her induction into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame recognizes both her extraordinary achievements and the lasting impact she continues to make on Canadian hockey.





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► A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE ON THE ICE



By Amber Long

PATRICK CHAN



Patrick Chan has established himself as one of the greatest figure skaters in Canadian history. A three-time World Champion, Olympic gold medallist and record-setting Canadian champion, Patrick Chan built a career that combined technical excellence with artistry, making Patrick Chan one of the most respected skaters of a generation. Through years of dedication, perseverance and elite performances on the world stage, Patrick Chan became a symbol of excellence in Canadian figure skating.

Born in Ottawa, Ontario, Patrick Chan began skating at the age of five after his parents enrolled him in lessons to improve his hockey skating. It quickly became clear that Patrick Chan had exceptional talent, and Patrick Chan rose through the competitive ranks as one of Canada's brightest young athletes. Long before reaching the Olympic stage, Patrick Chan earned a reputation for combining difficult technical elements with smooth, artistic performances that captivated audiences and judges alike.

Patrick Chan made an Olympic debut at just 19 years old during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Competing in front of a home crowd brought enormous expectations, but Patrick Chan still delivered a strong fifth-place finish despite dealing with a calf injury and a coaching change leading into the Games. The experience became an important stepping stone that helped shape the next stage of an already remarkable career.

Following Vancouver, Patrick Chan reached another level of success. Between 2011 and 2013, Patrick Chan captured three consecutive World Championship titles, establishing a place among the world's elite figure skaters. Patrick Chan's combination of speed, precision and musicality helped redefine modern men's figure skating while consistently raising the standard for technical and artistic performances.

The Olympic success continued at the 2014 Sochi Games, where Patrick Chan earned silver medals in both the men's singles event and the team competition. Four years later, Patrick Chan returned for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics and helped Canada capture gold in the team event, completing one of the greatest achievements of an already decorated career.

Looking back today, Patrick Chan says the 2018 Olympic gold represents much more than winning a medal. "I'm almost more proud that I went to those Games than I am of the medal itself," Patrick Chan said. "I know that if I hadn't gone, I would have been left with a lot of regret and a lifetime of wondering what if."

Another milestone came in January 2018 when Patrick Chan won a record-breaking 10th Canadian national title, breaking a record that had stood since 1939. For Patrick Chan, the achievement became about more than setting history. "I hope that during those 10 years, my skating brought people some joy and excitement," Patrick Chan said. "If young Canadians saw something in my journey that made their own dreams feel possible, that means a great deal to me."

Patrick Chan credits much of that journey to the people who believed in him from the beginning, especially longtime coach Osborne Colson. "Most importantly, he believed in me," Patrick Chan said. "No athlete gets anywhere alone."

As a member of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2026, Patrick Chan says the honour carries special meaning as the Canadian-born son of immigrant parents. "Ontario gave our family security, community and opportunity," Patrick Chan said. "If my journey helped another young Canadian believe there was a place for them too, that means a great deal to me."





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► A LIFE DEFINED BY THE WIND



By Amber Long

TERRY MCLAUGHLIN



For Terry McLaughlin, sailing has never simply been a sport. It has been a family tradition, a lifelong pursuit and the stage for a career that has taken him from world championships to the Olympic podium and some of the most prestigious waters in international sailing.

Born in Toronto, McLaughlin began sailing at just five years old, following in the footsteps of his father, Paul, who represented Canada at the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games and his mother, Mary, was also a successful competitive sailor in the very challenging International 14 Foot Dinghy class. His younger brother, Frank, became a three-time Olympian and Olympic bronze medalist.

McLaughlin's earliest sailing memories were shaped by summers on Toronto Island. "I grew up living on Toronto Island in the summers with my parents, who were both active racers, and four siblings," he recalls. The family had a small wooden pram sailboat known as a Duckling, and McLaughlin and his siblings would race around the lagoon and Toronto Harbour.

At age 10, he joined the Royal Canadian Yacht Club Junior Club, where racing

quickly sparked his competitive instincts. His first major breakthrough came when at age 10 he qualified to represent Ontario at the Canadian Yachting Association Eastern Canadian 13 & Under Championships. The following year, with a new crew, he won the event in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

McLaughlin went on to establish himself as one of Canada's leading sailors. In 1980, sailing with Evert Bastet, he captured the Flying Dutchman World Championship and was selected for Canada's Olympic team. But the opportunity to compete in Moscow disappeared when Canada joined the Olympic boycott.

"We had a new boat that was fast and I had graduated from Queen's University and could focus on training for the Olympics," McLaughlin says. "Things were really looking up for us and we were the definite favourites to win the gold medal."

Four years later, McLaughlin and Bastet finally reached the Olympic stage at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. After a dramatic final race, they earned silver in the Flying Dutchman class.

"Both Evert and I were, and are, very proud of winning the silver medal," he says. "At the time no other Canadian sailing team had ever won a silver medal in the Olympics, except for in 1932 when there were only two boats in the regatta."

His career extended well beyond the Olympics. In 1983, McLaughlin became skipper of Canada 1 in the America's Cup Challenger Selection Trials, leading a team through a demanding campaign that reached the semi-finals.

Despite that achievement, McLaughlin says one accomplishment stands above the rest. "I do though have to say that winning the Olympic silver medal has to be the achievement that I am most proud of."

Leadership and teamwork became defining elements of his career. "The more sailors on the boat the more important teamwork is," he explains. "I think I set a high standard for teamwork and competitiveness."

McLaughlin continued competing for decades, including seven Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup appearances leading the Royal Canadian Yacht Club team, winning gold in 2011 and 2013. He was named Canadian Sailor of the Year for a second time following the 2013 victory. He was also voted in as a two-time Intercollegiate All-American athlete sailing for Queen's University.

Now, McLaughlin's remarkable career has earned another honour. In 2026, he was named an Honoured Member of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

For McLaughlin, the induction is also a continuation of a family legacy. "I hope people remember me as doing my best to carry on the McLaughlin family sailing tradition," he says.

After more than six decades on the water, that tradition continues—with the next generation already waiting in the wings. 

AWARD WINNING ENTERTAINMENT

Heather Bambrick



Dale Miller

Diane Leah



▶ A TRUSTED VOICE IN HOCKEY



BOB MCKENZIE

By Amber Long



For nearly five decades, Bob McKenzie has been one of the most trusted and influential voices in Canadian hockey journalism. Renowned for his credibility, insight and extraordinary network of sources throughout the game, McKenzie helped redefine how hockey news was reported, analyzed and delivered to fans. In 2026, his remarkable career is being recognized by the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame with the Brian Williams Media Award.

A native of Scarborough, Ontario, McKenzie graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1979. He began his newspaper career as a sports reporter with the Sault Star in Sault Ste. Marie, eventually becoming editor-in-chief of The Hockey News, a position he held for nine years. He later spent six years as a hockey columnist with the Toronto Star.

McKenzie first appeared on TSN in 1987 while continuing to work full-time in newspapers. In 2000, he made the transition to full-time broadcasting, becoming a defining presence on TSN's hockey coverage. Over the years, he covered the NHL, IIHF World Junior Championship, NHL Draft and NHL Trade Deadline, as well as five Olympic Games.

His reputation as the "Hockey Insider" was built on much more than breaking news. McKenzie earned the confidence of players, coaches, general managers, agents, scouts and executives, developing an unparalleled network of contacts throughout the sport. His measured reporting, encyclopedic knowledge and ability to explain the significance behind a

story made him a uniquely authoritative presence in sports media.

His accomplishments have earned some of journalism's most prestigious honours. In 2015, McKenzie received the Elmer Ferguson Memorial Award from the Professional Hockey Writers' Association for excellence in hockey journalism. His award plaque is displayed in the Hockey Hall of Fame's Esso Great Hall. He also won a Gemini Award in 2008 for Best Studio Analyst for his work on the IIHF World Junior Championship gold-medal game and later received a Canadian Screen Award for his studio work.

McKenzie has also made his mark as an author, writing bestselling hockey books including *Hockey Confidential: Inside Stories from Inside the Game* and *Hockey Dad: True Confessions of a (Crazy?) Hockey Dad*. His work away from the broadcast desk has included charitable involvement and service on the selection committees for both the Hockey Hall of Fame and Hockey Canada's Order of Hockey in Canada.

After a 48-year career, McKenzie announced his retirement from TSN on July 1, 2025, during the network's annual Free Agent Frenzy broadcast. Reflecting on his career, he said he had always wanted to be a hockey writer—to watch, write and talk about the game—and concluded simply: "Mission accomplished, I guess."

The Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's recognition celebrates more than a remarkable career. McKenzie helped set a standard for accuracy, credibility and professionalism in sports journalism, becoming a trusted connection between the hockey world and generations of Canadian fans. His legacy is measured not only in the stories he broke, but in the trust he earned while telling them. 

HONoured MEMBERS



ATHLETICS

Glenroy Gilbert	2025
Derek Drouin	2024
Perdita Felicien	2023
Abby Hoffman	2022
Donovan Bailey	2005
Bill Crothers	1997
Tom Longboat	1996
Bobbie Rosenfeld	1996

AUTO RACING

Paul Tracy	2025
Scott Goodyear	2014

BASEBALL

Russell Martin	2025
Paul Beeston	2019
Tom Henke	2018
John Hiller	2017
Tony Fernandez	2016
Roberto Alomar	2015
George Bell	2013
Pat Gillick	2013
Cito Gaston	2011
Ron Taylor	2010
George Selkirk	2005
Joe Carter	2004
James "Tip" O'Neill	1997
Ernie Whitt	1997
Philip Marchildon	1996
Ferguson Jenkins	1995
Dave Stieb	1995

BASKETBALL

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

Glenn Howard	2025
Marilyn Bodogh	2023
Russ Howard	2011
Ed Werenich, Paul Savage,	
John Kawaja, Neil Harrison	2009
Al Hackner	2004

DIVING

Beverly Boys	2005
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FIGURE SKATING

Patrick Chan	2026
Elizabeth Manley	2025
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

Curtis Hibbert	2025
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

Ron Francis	2026
Mike Keenan	2026
Jennifer Botterill	2026
Vicky Sunohara	2025
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
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
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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
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RACQUETBALL

Mike Ceresia	2024
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ROWING

Marnie McBean	2017
Silken Laumann	2004
Ned Hanlan	2002

RUGBY

Al Charron	2018
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SAILING

Terry McLaughlin	2026
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

HONoured MEMBERS



SOCCER

Brian Budd 2022
Dwayne De Rosario 2019
Sir Stanley Matthews 1995

SQUASH

Jonathon Power 2026
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.

2026 Jays Care Foundation
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.

2026 Brenda Andress
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.

2026 Bob McKenzie
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.

2026 Chatham Coloured Allstars
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 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
2024 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
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