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# TED KNIGHT SASK. HOCKEY HALL of FAME ANNOUNCES CLASS of 2020

**Yorkton, SK** - The Ted Knight Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame (SHHOF) along with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association are proud to announce the host community and class of inductees for it's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Induction Dinner. This summer, the SHHOF is excited to be heading to Yorkton, on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Yorkton Curling Rink will be the venue for this event when we welcome seven (7) inductees and two (2) teams that are worthy of this achievement.

Those chosen to be enshrined into the Ted Knight Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame's Class of 2020 are as follows:

Player Category:	Kelly Buchberger Cliff Koroll Nicholas "Nick" Schultz Mandi Schwartz*
Builder Category:	Gerry James
Grassroots Category:	Allan "Al" Harrison* Wayne Henley*
Team Category:	(1992-93) Yorkton Mallers (2013-14) Yorkton Terriers

(\* - Denotes inductee is deceased)

Each year the SHHOF celebrates the contributions and achievements of players, builders, teams, officials and those at the grassroots level. The annual induction dinner is rotated around the province in partnership with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association to promote the Hall, celebrate local inductees while raising funds which benefit the local host community.

Tickets for this year's event will be available through the Yorkton Terrriers box office. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks when tickets go on sale.

The Ted Knight Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame opened it's doors in 2012 in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association's 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. The location of the SHHOF is in Swift Current at the Credit Union I-Plex. For more information, please visit <u>www.saskhockeyhalloffame.com</u>.

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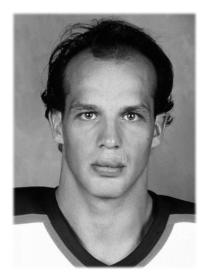
# **KELLY BUCHBERGER**

# **PLAYER CATEGORY**

**Kelly Buchberger (Langenberg, SK)** grew up playing hockey in Langenburg, a small village located in southeastern Saskatchewan. Buchberger played his midget hockey years with Moose Jaw before moving up to the Melville Millionaires of the SJHL, and then the Moose Jaw Warriors of the WHL In Moose Jaw. In Moose Jaw, Buchberger would have his #24 jersey number retired with the club in 2009.

Following Buchberger's Junior career, he would be drafted in the ninth round of the 1985 NHL Entry Draft to the Edmonton Oilers. He made his NHL debut in the 1987 Stanley Cup Finals. During his career, Buchberger would capture the Stanley Cup in 1987 and 1990, both with the Oilers franchise. Buchberger would go onto serve as the team's captain for four years, from 1995-99. He remained with the Oilers until he was selected by the Atlanta Thrashers in the 1999 NHL Expansion Draft. He would go on to be the first Captain and score the first goal in Atlanta Thrashers franchise history. Buchberger would also play for the Los Angeles Kings and Phoenix Coyotes before finishing his NHL career with the Pittsburgh Penguins during the 2003-04 season.

During Buchberger's 1,182 games in the National Hockey League, he would score 105 goals and earn 204 assists, totalling 309 points along with 129 penalty minutes. Buchberger was selected to Team Canada's World Championship team in 1993, 1994, and 1996, winning a gold medal in 1994 and silver in 1996. Buchberger would receive the Top Community Service Award by both the Edmonton Oilers in 1994 and the Los Angeles Kings in 2001. Following Buchberger's playing career he turned to coaching and has served in the American Hockey League, National Hockey League and most recently, the Western Hockey League.





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# **CLIFF KOROLL**

# **PLAYER CATEGORY**

**Cliff Koroll (Canora, SK)** burst onto the Saskatchewan hockey scene playing for the Midget 'A' Saskatoon Wesley's. Koroll helped the team win a Provincial Championship in 1961-62 and was also a major factor in the Wesley's 1963-64 Juvenile 'A' Provincial Championship. Koroll would continue his hockey career as a player for the University of Denver Pioneers. During Koroll's senior year at Denver, he would be named team Captain in addition to being named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's all-star team. Korolls's pro-career dream became a reality when he signed with the Chicago Blackhawks following his college years. He was sent to the minor-league team in Dallas where he would win the Central Hockey League Championship title in 1968-69. The following season, Koroll was called up to the Chicago Blackhawks where he scored 18 goals and added 19 assists for 37 points. Koroll, who was considered one of the most consistent wingers during his career, skated in 814 regular season games scoring 208 goals and 462 points. He also registered five twenty-goal campaigns in the NHL including a career high 33 goals in 1972-73. During his career, Koroll played in 85 Stanley Cup playoff games, adding 19 goals and 29 assists. Koroll helped lead the Blackhawks to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1971 and 1973, losing both times to the Montreal Canadiens.

Upon retiring from the NHL in 1979-80, Koroll would make the switch to coaching. Koroll served as an Assistant Coach for the Chicago Blackhawks for the 1980-84 and 1985-87 seasons. During the 1984-85 season, Koroll served as Head Coach for the Milwaukee Admirals, Chicago's International Hockey League' affiliate team.

Koroll's play and dedication would be highlighted on numerous occasions, including inductions into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame (1991), the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame (1997), University of Denver Hall of fame (2003), Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame (2010) and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (2015).





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## NICHOLAS "NICK" SCHULTZ

## PLAYER CATEGORY

**Nicholas "Nick" Schultz (Strasbourg, SK)** was born in Strasbourg, Saskatchewan and started playing minor hockey for the Strasbourg Maroons up until his second year of Bantam. In 1987-88, Schultz would move up and play one season of Midget 'AAA' with the Yorkton Mallers where he would be named Rookie of the Year, Top Defenseman, and Most Valuable Player of the league's All-Star Game. The following season, Schultz made the jump to the WHL's Prince Albert Raiders and played three seasons, being named the team's Top Defencemen in 2000 and 2001 along with the team's Most Valuable Player in 2001. During the 2000-01 season, Schultz served as Team Captain for the Raiders.

Before ending his Junior career, Schultz was selected 33<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 2000 NHL Entry Draft by the Minesota Wild. Schultz would play 10 seasons with the Wild before getting traded to the Edmonton Oilers in the 2011-12 campaign. After a short stint with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Schultz would retire with the Philadelphia Flyers following the 2016-17 season. During his NHL career he would appear in 1,069 NHL games, collecting 30 goals and 145 assists for a total of 175 points and 483 penalty minutes.

Schultz's strong career would also allow him the opportunity to represent his province at the 1999 Canada Winter Games as apart of Team Saskatchewan and on the national stage at the World Junior Hockey Championships with Team Canada in 2001 and 2002. At those tournaments, Schultz would capture a bronze and silver medal respectively. Schultz also played for Team Canada at the Men's Ice Hockey World Championships in 2004, 2006, and 2007, winning gold medals in both 2004 and 2007.

During and after his playing career, Schultz would work on giving back to the community in several ways. He was heavily involved with many initiatives including the Garth Brooks Charity, Jarret Stoll Charity, renovation projects for the Strasbourg Recreation Centre, annual scholarships to students of William Derby School and has worked with the NHLPA to donate hockey gear for youth minor hockey. In 2017, Schultz was inducted into the Horizon School Division's Wall of Fame.





#### **MANDI SCHWARTZ**

## **PLAYER CATEGORY**

**Mandi Schwartz (Yorkton, SK)** started playing minor hockey at the age of 6 in Melfort, Saskatchewan before her family relocated to Emerald Park where she would play Tier 1, boys hockey. As Schwartz made her way to the Midget age-level she would be on the move agian, this time to Wilcox, Saskatchewan as she enrolled at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame.

Playing on the Hounds, Schwartz would capture three provincial titles and win one Western Canadian Championships. In 2003, Schwartz would play for Team Saskatchewan in the Canada Winter Games, helping the team capture a bronze medal. During the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons, Schwartz and the Hounds would take home back-to-back championship titles at the Mac's Midget 'AAA' Hockey Tournament.

After graduating Notre Dame in 2006, Schwartz would continue her hockey career at Yale University with the Bulldogs of the National Collegiate Atheletics Association. During her freshman and sophomore seasons, Schwartz played in all 62 games, recording 9 goals, 18 assits for 27 points. At the start of her junior season, Schwartz extended her consecutive games steak, playing 11 games (73 total) before facing a sudden illness. In December of 2008, Schwartz had a tough road ahead when she was diagnosed with acute myeloid lukemia. Schwartz began treatment over the next two years and in 2010 was cleared to practice with her teammates and continued her schooling. After receiving treatment and the news that her cancer had gone into remission, Schwartz would later learn that the cancer returned in December, 2011. On April 3, 2011, Mandi Schwartz tragically passed away in a Regina hospital after being admitted the day preceding.

During treatment, the medical team extensively searched for a bone marrow match for Mandi but none were found before her passing. Mandi Schwartz left behind a legacy of resilience and inspiration as she fought courageously each day. The response from both the hockey community and sporting world has lead to at least 60 perfect matches and a tremendous increase in registries through the Mandi Schwartz Foundation, Run for Mandi and countless other initiatives. Schwartz is remembered as a strong academic leader, receiving ECAC Hockey All-Academic honours in all three season at Yale University. The Athol Murray College of Notre Dame recognizes her tremendous impact through the Mandi Schwartz Memorial Bursary and the annual Mandi Schwartz Memorial Hockey Tournament.





#### Gerald "Gerry" James

## **BUILDER CATEGORY**

**Gerald "Gerry" James (Regina, SK)** was born in 1934 in Regina, Saskatchewan. At an early age, James would move to Winnipeg and graduate from Kelvin High School. James was a duel sport athlete, playing competitively in both hockey and football. At age sixteen, James was playing for the Winnipeg Monarchs junior hockey team and a year later would become the youngest Canadian Football League (CFL) player to ever play.

In 1951, James would move to Toronto to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs junior affiliate, the Toronto Marlboros. With the Marlboros, James would win the 1955 Memorial Cup – only a few months after winning his first of two, CFL's Most Outstanding Canadian award. A few days after the Memorial Cup win, James made his NHL debut with the Toronto Maple Leafs. During James career, he would appear in 149 NHL games, scoring 14 goals and adding 26 assists along with 257 penalty minutes.

Following his playing career, James would become heavily involved in coaching junior hockey throughout the province. James served as Head Coach of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League's Yorkton Terriers in 1973-74, the Melville Millionaires from 1975-1980, Yorkton Terriers again from 1980-84 and finally the Estevan Bruins in 1984-85. During his SJHL coaching career, James had a record 333 wins in 536 games and would capture the league championship in 1982-83 and 1984-85 with the Terriers and Bruins, respectively. James finished his coaching career with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the Western Hockey League in 1988-89.

James would go on to be inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1981, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1982, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame in 1998, and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Hall of Fame in 1999.





# ALLAN "AL" HARRISON

# **GRASSROOTS CATEGORY**

**Allan "Al" Harrison (Maryfield, SK)** began coaching with Yorkton Minor Hockey in 1977. Al and his wife Linda had three sons in Michael, Dallas, and Bradly which meant Harrison would take on various roles as Coach, Manager, and even Bus Driver for their teams.

As Harrison's kids grew older, Harrison continued his love for coaching, joining the Midget "AAA" Yorkton Mallers. Harrison would serve as Head Coach when in 1992-93, the Mallers gained a birth in the Air Canada Cup which was the National Championship for the Midget age category. It was at that tournament thethe Mallers made history when they beat Les Gouverneurs de Ste-Foy in the Gold Medal game with a 5-4 overtime victory.

In additnion to Harrison's coaching career, he would also take on the role of Chairperson with Yorkton Minor Hockey, serve as a Board Member with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association, and become a delegate for the Canadian Hockey Association's minor hockey council.

Harrison would receive many accolades through his work in hockey as a volunteer and coach. Harrison received the 3M Coaching Recognition Award from Yorkton Minor Sports (1993) and the Yorkton Minor Hockey Association's Outstanding Volunteer Award (2001). Harrison would volunteer right up until his passing in September of 2002, and in his memory, Yorkton Minor Hockey would present a banner for his 25 years of contributions to hockey. The Saskatchewan Hockey Association would honour Harrison with the Life Membership Award in 2004 and the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame and Museum inducted Harrison in 2005.





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## WAYNE HENLEY

# **GRASSROOTS CATEGORY**

**Wayne Henley (Melfort, SK)** grew up on a farm just south of Fort Qu'Appelle. Henley was a hard working individual that traveled around the province for his job. After stops in Regina and Weyburn, Henley would meet his life partner, Kae Knelson in Swift Current. The young couple moved to Ituna before 1966 when Henley was promoted and transfred to a position in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

In Yorkton, Henley would immerse himself in the community through volunteer work. Henley was heavily involved in Yorkton Minor Hockey for over 20 years, he served as President and founding member of the South Saskatchewan Hockey League (1975-77), President of the Yorkton Minor Sports Association (1977-78) and Manager of the Yorkton Mallers Midget "AAA" hockey team (1990-2014). With the Mallers, Henley was part of the 1992-93, Air Canada Cup winning team that claimed the National Championship that season.

Henley has been recognized for his volunteerism in minor sports by being presented awards from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association for his service to minor hockey, Yorkton Terriers Sportsman of the Year and has received Liftime Membership awards from the Saskatchewan Midget "AAA" Hockey League and Saskatchewan Hockey Association. Henley was inducted into the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame in the Builders Category in 1999.





# (1992-93) YORKTON MALLERS

# **TEAM CATEGORY**

**(1992-93) Yorkton Mallers** played in the Midget age category along with teams throughout Saskatchewan. Prior to the 1992-93 season, the Mallers were selected to host the Air Canada Cup Western Regional Tournament giving them an automatic birth in the tournament.

During the season, the Mallers finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place heading into playoffs. In the opening round, the Mallers quickly disposed of the Moose Jaw Warriors winning the series in 2 straight games of a best of 3. In the second round, the Mallers took on the Saskatoon Blazers and were bounced from the playoffs when they lost a heartbreaking game 5 by a score of 5-4. With the loss, the Mallers would now have to wait until they hosted the Air Canada Cup Western Regional Championships.

At the regional tournament, the Mallers would compete against the Thunder Bay Kings (Northern Ontario), the Winnipeg Hawks (Manitoba), and the Regina Pat Canadians (Saskatchewan), who prevailed over the Blazers in the league final. The Mallers steamrolled the competition at Air Canada Cup Regionals, going a perfect 4-0. With the victory, the Mallers would now move on to the National Championship.

At the Air Canada Cup, the Mallers (West) would compete against Les Gouverneurs de Ste-Foy (Quebec), Sault Ste. Marie Legion (Ontario), Calgary Northstars (Pacific), the Fredericton Canadiens (Atlantic), and the host Kitchener Greenshirts. After the round robin portion of the tournament, the Mallers would finish with a record of 2-2-1, good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and more importantly a spot in the Semi-Finals. This set the stage for a matchup with the Sault Ste. Marie Legion. The Mallers beat the repersentatives from Quebec handidly with a 4-1 victory. The Mallers then advanced to the Air Canada Cup Final against Les Gouverneurs de Ste-Foy. The Mallers again jumped out to an early lead however the Gouverneurs fought their way back and tied the game 4-4. After some tense final moments in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, the game went into overtime and it was in overtime that the Mallers would cap their remarkable season and emerge victorious with a 5-4 win to capture the Air Canada Cup as National Champions.



Back Row: Allan Harrison, Brad Harrison, Craig Bilick, Derek Stevely, Ryan Hauber, Robert Peterman **3rd Row**: Rob Kozak, John Kachur, Scott Prekaski, Tyrone Parislau, Lee Rusnak, Devon Hanson 2nd Row: Jesse Rezansoff, Derek Senkow, Gary Banerd, Lyle Andrusiak, Neil Schell, Grant Schrader Front Row: Jason Bilick, Jarrek Skolnik, Greg Ducluseau, Derek Derow, Cory Herman, Lyle Michaluk Not Pictured: Doug Hanson. Wayne Henley



# (2013-14) YORKTON TERRIERS

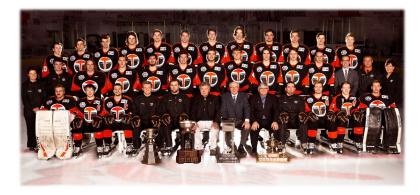
# **TEAM CATEGORY**

(2013-14) Yorkton Terriers took the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) by storm, finishing with a regular season record of 37 wins, 12 losses, 2 overtime losses, and 5 shootout losses. The team was led by team Captain, Devon McMullen, along with Assistant Captains Tyler Giebel, Chase Norrish and Brady Norrish. That season, Kale Thomson would be honored as SJHL Goaltender of the Year and be selected to the SJHL All-Star team, along with teammates Chase Norrish and Brett Boehm.

The Yorkton Terriers were ranked first heading into the playoffs that season. They would claim the title as SJHL Champions by beating the Notre Dame Hounds, the Humboldt Broncos and lastly the Melville Millionaires in the SJHL Finals by a series of 4 games to 0. The Terriers finished the SJHL playoffs with a combined recored of 12-2 as Chase Norrish was awarded the SJHL Playoffs Most Valuable Player.

Following the SJHL Finals, the Terriers advanced to the Western Canada Cup which took place in Dauphin, MB. The regional championship featured teams from Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The Terriers would finish the round-robin with a record of 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 shootout loss. That record earned the Terriers a bye into the final game where they beat the host, Dauphin Kings by a score of 5-4.

Coming off a win at the Western Canada Cup, the Terriers would then travel to Vernon, B.C., to compete in the Royal Bank Cup. The Terriers would get off to a rough start, losing their first two games to the Toronto Lakeshore Patriots and the Vernon Vipers. The team would rally together and win their next 3 straight games for a birth in the Championship game. The final game was not to disappoint as the Terriers proved victorious following a thrilling 4-3 overtime victory against the Carleton Place Canadian on the stick of Derek Falloon.



Back Row: Riley Hunt, Derek Falloon, Corwin Stevely, Sam Stormoen, Kailum Gervais, Daylan Gatzke, Tyson Enzie, Cortlan Procter, Zach Zadorozniak, Braden Lozinski, Matthew Cox, Joshua Ellis Middle Row: Laura Dean-Fuhr (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Andre Huberdeau (Athletic Therapist & Equipment Trainer), Carson Bogdan, Dylan Baer, Tayler Thompson, Dallas Rossiter, Brett Boehm, Dylan Johnson, Turner Ottenbreit, Jordan Ross, Tanner Lishchynsky, Gordon Pritchard (Assistant GM), Dr. Johann Roodt (Team Doctor), Lisa Schill (Office Manager) Front Row: Kale Thomson, Chase Norrish, Devon McMullen, John Odgers (Assistant Coach), Trent Cassan (Head Coach & Associate GM), Don Chesney (General Manager), Daven Baron (President), Garry Carson (Director of Player Personnel), Casey O'Brian (Assistant Coach), Tyler Giebel, Brady Norrish, Riley Medves