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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

PAUL KINGSMITH *Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Board Chair*



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On behalf of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, it is my honour to congratulate the 2022 inductee class, and the 2022 Kinsmen Sportspersons of the Year.

Tonight's celebration is unique, as it takes place in October for the first time in the Hall's 36-year history, representing what the board hopes is one final adjustment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After finally honouring the 2020 class during a ceremony in May (the time of year when we traditionally hold our induction banquet), it was important to the board to get back on track by electing and inducting the class of 2022.

And what a class it is. I believe this group of inductees represents everything the founders of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame envisioned when the Hall was created in 1985. In the hammer throwing Steacy siblings – Jim and Heather – we are inducting Olympians and national champions, who elevated their sport and proudly represented Lethbridge at numerous international competitions. While the Steacy's accomplishments took place in the relatively bright spotlight of international sports, our other inductees each represent something that is great and unique about our sports community.

Scott Oikawa has devoted countless hours to building life and baseball skills in the hundreds of American Legion baseball players he has coached over more than three decades. Jody Fisher Meli has provided the guidance and leadership that has lifted Lethbridge to a go-to destination for major national and international curling events. Errol Smith is the kind of behind-the-scenes organizer, advocate and volunteer that minor sport organizations need to be successful, and he has created a better environment for countless soccer players in our city.

And, I want to highlight the arguably overdue induction of Dennis Chief Moon, a boxer from the Blood Tribe who became a national

champion and multi-time champion across Canada and the United States. Dennis' accolades stand on their own and he is more than worthy of induction to the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame. As our Board of Directors commit to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, in particular call to action 87, which calls upon "sports hall of fames... to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history," it is our responsibility to continue to highlight the many worthy inductees from local Indigenous communities and ensure their stories are committed to history.

The Kinsmen Sportspersons of the Year, Taylor Austin and the duo of Kacie Bosch and Paige Crozon, help represent the exciting next chapter of Lethbridge's sports history. All three have elevated themselves to representing not only southern Alberta, but all of Canada at a championship level internationally. We will continue to cheer them on as they continue to achieve great things. The trio also fit nicely with this year's banquet theme, which is Lethbridge at the Olympics. Taylor has already made his Olympic debut, while Kacie and Paige have their sights set on qualifying for the 2024 Games. Lethbridge has many ties to the Olympic Games and we are excited to recognize them during this year's banquet.

To learn more about our current and past inductees, I encourage you to visit our permanent site in the ATB Centre. The creation of this display was a labour of love for generations of Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame board members and helps add a permanence to our Hall and a showcase for our inductees. Finally, I want to thank our entire Board of Directors – the commitment of this group is unparalleled, and I appreciate their desire to ensure Lethbridge's sports history is celebrated.

Enjoy your evening and thank you for supporting the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame.



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The Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1985, the City's Centennial Year, for the purpose of recognizing the outstanding achievement, in sport, of individual athletes, teams, builders and special award recipients. The Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame identifies and honours, not only contemporary individuals, but also those who have excelled in sport at some time since the founding of Lethbridge.

In its inaugural year, the Sports Hall of Fame was adopted by the Lethbridge Elks Club as its Centennial Project.

The Sports Hall of Fame is administered by a Board of Directors, volunteers representing various sectors of the sports community.

Back row: Jamin Heller, Ryan Forsyth, Dave McMurray, Keegan Brantner, Toby Boulet, Marni Hope
Front row: Knud Petersen, Sara Peters, Paul Kingsmith, Susan Eymann, Dori Johnson

> CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES INTO THE LETHBRIDGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME!

Whether it's competing on the world's biggest stage, inspiring the next generation of athletes or planning a world class sporting event, we know success in athletics does not happen by chance, but takes perseverance, determination and grit.

We are so proud to share this wonderful southern Alberta sports community with you. #WeAreAllKodiaks







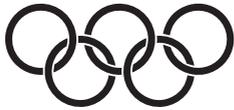


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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On behalf of Lethbridge City Council, I am thrilled to welcome everyone to the 2022 Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

This rings true with every annual class, but the 2022 inductees are something special to cherish as a legacy to sport in our community.

From the grand stage of multiple Olympic Games and international competitions, to the dedication and perseverance of acclaimed competitors, coaches and volunteers – this class showcases the absolute best of what Lethbridge has had to offer.

Congratulations to Jim Steacy, Heather Steacy, Dennis Chief Moon,

Scott Oikawa, Errol Smith and Jody Fisher Meli, as well as the Kinsmen Sportspersons of the Year – all of whom have contributed greatly to the success and spotlight of sport in the city.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

KEEGAN BRANTNER



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A local to Southern Alberta, Keegan Brantner was born and raised in Taber, Alberta where she had the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. Keegan grew up playing hockey and in high school playing basketball, cross country, golf, track, and rugby. The sport of rugby has brought her to the University of Lethbridge where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and is now finishing up her Master of Arts in Kinesiology. While attending the U of L Keegan has been a member of the Pronghorn's women's rugby team and team captain since 2019, as well as an active member in the Pronghorn Student Athlete Council and

Pronghorn Athletics Leadership Academy.

As a rugby player, Keegan has had the privilege of representing Canada three times and was honoured to be named team captain for the 2019 Tri-Nations cup with the U20 Rugby Canada team. In the summer Keegan also plays rugby for the Lethbridge Rugby Club. Keegan recognizes all the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice required for sport to be possible which is why she is passionate about giving back to the community. She has been a volunteer coach for high school and youth rugby in addition to volunteering for other organizations and events.

GUEST SPEAKER

PAULINE VAN ROESSEL



Pauline Van Roessel's Olympic journey took her all the way from rural southwestern Alberta to Athens, Greece, with countless twists and turns in between. Born and raised on a mixed farm in Bow Island, Van Roessel excelled in basketball and earned a spot on the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns for four seasons from 1985 to 1989. She was a part of the 1985-86 'Horns team, which became the first Pronghorn women's basketball team to qualify for the national tournament and won a bronze medal.

After graduating from the U of L with a Bachelor of Education degree, Van Roessel taught high school math and physical education for six years before taking a sabbatical to travel. Upon returning to Canada, she enrolled at the University of Alberta in Industrial Design, where she took up the sport of rowing at age 30.

Van Roessel climbed the ranks of the sport quickly and was invited to join Canada's National Rowing Training Centre in 1998, just a year and a half after being introduced to the sport. She trained full time for two years with the national team, but was the last cut for the 2000 Sydney Olympic team. Van Roessel took a year off full-time training to finish her degree, before returning in the summer of 2001. She represented Canada from 2001 onward, earning multiple World Cup and World Championship medals in both the women's four and eight events.

In 2004, her Olympic dream came true as a member of the Canada's women's eight team at the Athens Olympics. Although disappointed her team did not qualify for the finals, the Games were still a highlight and chapter in life for Van Roessel. She retired from competitive rowing following the Athens Olympics, but kept involved in the sport as the Athlete Representative on the Rowing Canada board of directors until 2011. She is presently living and working in Calgary as a project manager for a custom home building company.



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Dennis Chief Moon, Athlete



The Blood Reserve in southern Alberta has a long history of producing acclaimed boxers, and Dennis Chief Moon plays a key role in that legacy. Picking up the sport at the age of 13, Chief Moon battled his way to the highest ranks of the sport in Canada, earning a national championship and representing Canada internationally, before returning to his roots to mentor the next generation.

As a young boxer with the Blood Reserve Boxing Club Chief Moon won numerous regional and provincial Golden Glove awards. In 1970, he began training with Dr. Hal Burke of the Calgary Lions Club and earned a reputation as a fan favourite because of his great speed, which allowed him to be one of the few boxers in the country who could consistently lead with his right hand and get away with it. Chief Moon quickly climbed the amateur ranks and became one of Canada's top boxers. The highlight of his career was the 1971 Canadian National Boxing Championships, where he won the 57kg championship, becoming a Canadian champion. That effort earned Chief Moon a spot on the Canadian

team for the 1971 Pan Am Games in Cali, Colombia.

In 1972, Chief Moon won the Provincial Indian Boxing Finals 125-pound open division championship and less than a month later, he entered the southern Alberta championships in Breton. Entered in the 125-pound division, Chief Moon missed his weight and had to move up to the 132-pound category. Despite this challenge, Chief Moon won the division with a second round TKO in his final match and qualified for the provincial championships. Throughout his career, Chief Moon continued his winning ways across Alberta and Montana, earning Alberta provincial championships, Montana State Golden Glove championships, Western Canada and Dominion titles, and a Canada Winter Games championship. Chief Moon retired as a champion, having never lost his titles, and earned a certificate of achievement from then-Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed. Chief Moon continued to give back to his community, training young boxers, helping to cement the Blood Reserve's reputation as a boxing hotbed.



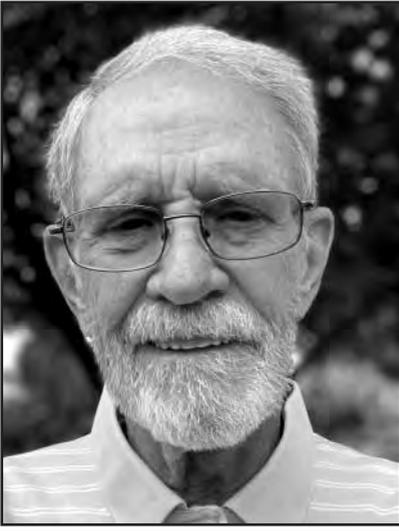
CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS CHIEF MOON

The Blood Tribe and Kainai Board of Education pay tribute to boxing legend, **Dennis Chief Moon**, Canadian Champion, for his induction into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincere congratulations also to the other inductees and honourees, both past and present.



Errol Smith, *Builder*



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For a community sports program to truly prosper, it needs volunteers who care about every small detail and every person who takes part. For more than 40 years, Errol Smith has been that person for soccer in Lethbridge. He first got involved in the local soccer community as a coach for his daughter's team, and Smith's involvement grew and evolved from there. His coaching career with the Lethbridge Soccer Association (LSA) lasted 10 seasons and included a provincial championship as part of the coaching staff for the gold medal winning 1989 76 Chargers U14 team.

His most lasting impact on Lethbridge's soccer community comes off the field though, where he took an active role as an LSA board member beginning in 1989. One of his key roles during that time was fundraising and seeking sponsorships for a permanent indoor soccer facility in the city. Smith led lobbying efforts for the project at City Hall and his efforts paid off with the opening of the Lethbridge Soccer

Centre in 1997. Later renamed the Servus Sports Centre, the 58,000 square foot facility boasts two indoor soccer fields, grandstand seating for 2,000 people, a full-size outdoor field and has become the home base of the Lethbridge Soccer Association.

Smith's efforts were recognized by those involved in the LSA, as he was elected board President in December 2000, a position he went on to hold for seven years. Committed to showcasing the city and its facilities, Smith was part of the organizing committee for the 2011 U16 National Championships held in Lethbridge. Always willing to do what needs to be done to ensure youth have a place to play, Smith stays active as facility manager at the Servus Sports Centre, doing everything from building maintenance to cutting grass to painting lines on the field. His hands-on care has directly benefitted many generations of Lethbridge soccer players.



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Jody Meli

Congratulations on your well-deserved
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grateful for the impact of your leadership
and passion.

Thank you for building our sport with
pride and honour.



Jody Fisher Meli, *Special*



Deep in the heart of southwestern Alberta, the city of Lethbridge has carved out a reputation as a hotbed for hosting successful major curling events. Much of this reputation is thanks to the work of Jody Fisher Meli, who has worked tirelessly to both attract and run championship events in the city.

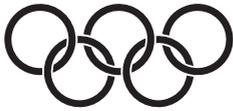
Meli was co-chair of the 2005 Alberta Women’s Curling Championships, held in Lethbridge, which served as a dry run for other major events to come. Lethbridge is one of just four Canadian cities to host each of the four major “Season of Champions” events, including the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the Tim Hortons Brier, and the women’s and men’s world championships. The first of these major events to come to the city was in 2007, and again, Meli was at the helm as organizing committee chair for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Lethbridge’s first foray into major curling events was a huge success, boasting the fifth highest attendance in Tournament of Hearts history. From this event, the seeds were laid

for Lethbridge to host multiple other major events over the next 15 years.

In 2012, Meli returned to the organizing committee chair role as Lethbridge hosted the Ford World Women’s Curling Championship. Featuring teams from 12 countries, Meli oversaw a committee that handled more than 400 volunteers – many of them returning from the 2007 Tournament of Hearts. Meli was back at it in 2019 as vice-chair of the organizing committee and director of facilities for the 2019 Pioneer Hi-Bred World Men’s Curling Championship. Meli has also used her passion for curling to advance the game at the provincial and national level, as a board member for Curling Alberta and as chair of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. She was named Kinsmen Sportsperson of the Year in 2012 by the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame. With a focus on strategic planning, communications, leadership and facilitation, Meli’s involvement has boosted Lethbridge’s reputation as a big player on Canada’s curling scene.



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Congratulations from Curling Canada to Jody Meli on your induction into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame!

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Origins of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame

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The City of Lethbridge celebrated its Centennial in 1985. In planning for the celebrations, the Lethbridge Centennial Society struck a sub-committee to consider ways in which Lethbridge might showcase its rich sports history. The sub-committee, consisting of Gary Bowie, Keith Robin and Mal Clewes thought that a hall of fame could be established to recognize Lethbridge residents who had excelled as athletes, coaches and sport organizers.

A number of Lethbridge citizens with a strong sports background were recruited to serve on a board and the first meeting of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors was held on June 14, 1984 with Mal Clewes serving as chairman. The Board consisted of the following members:

- Brian Bourassa** - City of Lethbridge administrator responsible for sports facilities and programs.
- Dr. Gary Bowie** - University of Lethbridge professor, multi-sport coach, and organizer of countless school and community sporting events.
- Marge Clark** - Former high school teacher and coach of the provincial champion Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Clipper Queens basketball team.
- Carole Gemer** - Former Canadian national track and field champion athlete who provided service as a coach and official at the local, national and international levels.
- Reno Lizzi** - Lethbridge businessman and sports personality who organized and promoted a variety of sporting events with a special emphasis on baseball and tennis.
- Hector Negrello** - Former member of the World Champion Lethbridge Maple Leafs Hockey Club who coached and organized hockey and baseball for decades.
- Don Pilling** - Former sports editor of the Lethbridge Herald and one of the City's foremost sport historians. Don's guidance enhanced innumerable Lethbridge sporting activities over the years.
- Dr. Keith Robin** - Lethbridge Community College instructor and administrator who provided leadership for a variety of community initiatives.

- Peter Smith** - Former Exalted Ruler of the Lethbridge Elks Lodge No. 37 who provided financial and organizational assistance for the Sports Hall of Fame.
- Dianne Violini** - Perennial national champion bowler who promoted the sport for young and old. Dianne also served as the first secretary of the Sports Hall of Fame.
- Wilma Winter** - University of Lethbridge professor, coach of national champion women's basketball team and supporter of a wide range of university and community activities.
- Mal Clewes** - Lethbridge Collegiate Institute principal who helped coordinate local and provincial sport programs for Alberta high schools.

The Board developed by-laws and became registered as a society under the Societies Act of Alberta. Guidelines were established for the induction of athletes, teams and builders and a banquet was planned to provide recognition for inductees.

The Lethbridge Elks Lodge No. 37 became a major sponsor of the Hall of Fame and enabled the creation of a portable display of inductee photographs and biographical information. A logo was approved and nominations for the first inductees were solicited.

The inaugural induction ceremony was held on April 27, 1985 at the Lethbridge Lodge with Brent Seely serving as Master of Ceremonies and G.S. (Joe) Lakie as Guest Speaker. A total of twelve athletes, six teams and twenty sport builders were inducted including the 1950 - 1951 World Champion Lethbridge Maple Leafs Hockey Club and the 1958 - 1959 Canadian Champion Lethbridge Broders Chinook Basketball Team.

The banquet was attended by six hundred people and set the stage for an annual event that celebrates the rich history of sport in our fine city.



INDUCTION CATEGORIES

Four categories were established for the purpose of recognizing excellence in sport as follows:

ATHLETE

PURPOSE: To recognize athletes who have distinguished themselves in competition in Lethbridge or elsewhere and to recognize athletes who have rendered prolonged and meritorious service to sport.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to be considered as a candidate for the Hall of Fame, an athlete must:

- a) Have represented sport with distinction in athletic competition, either in Lethbridge or elsewhere, or by example have brought great credit to the sport and high respect for the individual.
- b) Have compiled an outstanding record which extends over a period of years in one or more sports.
- c) Have been a Lethbridge resident when possible during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed.

BUILDER

PURPOSE: To formally recognize the initiative, leadership and dedication of those individuals who participate in the development of sport.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to be considered as a candidate for the Hall of Fame, a builder must:

- a) Have demonstrated outstanding leadership in service to any sport, sport group or sport association in positions such as coach, trainer, manager, writer or administrator.
- b) Have been a Lethbridge resident during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed. This performance would normally have extended for a period of at least 10 years.

TEAM AWARD

PURPOSE: The Team Award provides appropriate recognition for Lethbridge teams that have won a National, International or World Championship or have achieved the highest possible award in their particular realm of competition.

SPECIAL AWARD

PURPOSE: To formally recognize individuals and/or organizations, athletes and builders who have made an outstanding and valuable contribution to Sports or to the community of Lethbridge through sports. This category is to reward people who have made a significant contribution to sports, or the community, but do not qualify under the other categories.

NOMINATIONS

Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame candidates must be nominated prior to January 31st in order to be considered for induction that year. Nominations may originate with an individual, club or association and must be signed by the nominator. Nominations should be made using the appropriate nomination form and should include as much factual information as possible, giving details of the accomplishments of the nominee. Wherever possible, the accomplishments should be supported by documentary evidence. Nominations should include a head and shoulder photograph of the nominee.

If the nomination is successful, both the nominee and nominator will be informed by letter. In the case of an unsuccessful nomination, only the nominator will be notified. Nominations will remain on file and will be reviewed annually for three consecutive years. Nominations that have been unsuccessful for a 3-year-period must be resubmitted in order to be reconsidered.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

All nominations shall be considered annually by the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board shall be final and all nominators will be notified accordingly. An induction ceremony will be held once per year when possible.

KINSMEN SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

The Lethbridge Kinsmen Club in co-operation with Lethbridge Sports Media and the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame recognize a female & male for their sporting achievements during the past year.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS

After 35 years of portable exhibits, the City of Lethbridge kindly donated space in 2020 for a Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame permanent home located at the multi-purpose ATB Centre on Britannia Boulevard in west Lethbridge. Each floor in the hallways between the Cor Van Raay YMCA and the curling & ice rinks features different aspects of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame.

The first floor identifies current inductees, the Kinsmen Sportspersons of the Year and sponsors as well as an interactive monitor featuring a searchable database for all past and present honourees.

The second floor features a TV monitor where individual and team stories can be told. As well, several display cabinets are available where sports paraphernalia can be exhibited.

Scott Oikawa, *Builder*



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Lethbridge’s baseball community has long been recognized as one of Alberta’s best, and a massive part of that is because of one man who has now coached multiple generations of young ball players over more than three decades. Scott Oikawa, affectionately known as “Coach O” by the hundreds of players who have gone through the city’s American Legion program, has built a championship resume and carved out a role as a mentor since his coaching career began in the mid-1980s.

Oikawa began coaching with the Norcrest Little League program in 1985, and led the 13-year-old Norcrest Allstar Team to the 1987 prairie championship and a third place finish at the national championships in Moose Jaw, Sask. Oikawa moved up to join the city’s American Legion program, the same program he had come through as a player, in 1989. He became head coach of the single-A level American Legion Lethbridge Miners in 1989 before joining the double-A level American Legion Lethbridge Elks in 1995, where he has now been head coach for more than 25 years.

Under Oikawa’s guidance, the Elks have

become one of the most stable and successful American Legion programs in the Montana circuit. A teacher and school administrator for more than 30 years, Oikawa used his summers to coach the Elks. His on-field highlights include two Montana State Championships, in 1999 and 2004, and three Montana State Coach of the Year awards, in 1995, 1999 and 2004. Many of his players have graduated onto higher levels of the game, joining college and minor pro programs across Canada and the United States. Oikawa has now coached multiple sons of players who had previously come through his program, a testament to his longevity and reputation as a coach who gets the best from his players. Oikawa has kept his baseball community close, with long-time assistant coaches Jim Kotkas and Chad Layton each putting in multiple decades by his side, while his parents, Mary and Tricky, were staples at the ballpark, helping with scorekeeping or any other jobs needed to support the team. With a motto of “better person, better player,” Oikawa has prepared his players to succeed in both baseball and in life.

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LETHBRIDGE OLYMPIANS

Individuals connected to or from the Lethbridge area at the Olympics:

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BILLY GIBSON won an Olympic gold medal in Oslo 1952 as a member of the Edmonton Mercurys

STAN SIWIK Olympic swimmer for Poland prior to World War II. Served as a swim judge 1968 and 1972

ROBERT KASTING Jr. won a bronze medal in Munich 1972 with Canada's relay swim team

PHIL ILLINGWORTH competed in judo for Canada at the 1972 Olympics

AL MCCANN was a sport broadcaster at the 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1992 Olympics

GEORGE GEMER officiated the athletics throwing events at the 1976 Montreal Olympics

PERRY MIRKOVICH was a member of the Canada's basketball team for the *1980 Olympics

RICK DUFF represented Canada in boxing at the 1984 LA Olympics

KAI YIP coached boxing at the 1984 LA Olympics

SCOTT MAXWELL was a member of the Canadian baseball team at the 1984 LA Games

FRED BLANEY competed in judo at the 1984 LA Games

JIM KOTKAS was a member of the Canadian baseball team at the 1988 Seoul Games

GREG DUCE was a member of the Canadian baseball team at the 1988 Seoul Games.

MAX GIBB was involved with the organizing group who staged the 1988 winter Olympics in Calgary



YOSH SENDA
was judo coach in Montreal 1976, and Moscow *1980

TOM GREENWAY represented Canada in judo at the 1976 and *1980 Games

JOE MELI represented Canada in judo 1976, *1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympics

CARMEN RINKE represented Canada in boxing at the 1976 Montreal Olympics

PHIL TOLLESTRUP played for Canada's basketball team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics

EWAN BEATON was a judo athlete in 1992 and 1996. Coach and team leader in 2004 and 2008

CAROLE GEMER was track and field team leader in Barcelona 1992 and Sydney 2000

JASON TURNER competed as a figure skater in Lillehammer 1994

SHAWNA (MOLCAK) KOLACZEK played for the Canadian basketball team at the 1996 Games.

Dr. JAN HARVEY-KILAM was Team Manager/Physician at the 2000 Sydney Olympics

MORGAN CROOKS was part of the Men's Eight Rowing team at the 2000 Sydney Games

PAULINE VAN ROESSEL was part of the women's Eight Rowing team at the Athens 2004 Games

FLORIAN LINDER, bobsleigh Turin 2006, Vancouver 2010, Sochi 2014, Pyeongchang 2018, Beijing 2022

*Canada boycotted 1980 games

LARRY STEINKE coached track & field in Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020

JIM STEACY competed in hammer throw at the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Games

HEATHER STEACY competed in hammer throw at the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Games

LIZ GLEADLE competed as a javelin thrower in the London 2012, Rio 2016, and Tokyo 2020 Games

RACHEL NICOL swam for Canada at the 2016 Rio Olympics

ASHLEY PATZER was part of Canada's women rugby sevens bronze medal team at the 2016 Rio Games

KAYLA MOLESCHI won bronze in Rio 2016 with Canada's women rugby sevens, played in Tokyo 2020

ROB KLINKHAMMER was part of Canada's men's hockey bronze winning team at the 2018 Games

DARYL BOYLE played hockey for Germany at the Pyeongchang 2018 Olympics winning a silver medal

JON KOOPMANS was part of the broadcast crew at the Pyeongchang 2018 and Tokyo 2020 Olympics

JILLIAN WEIR competed in hammer throw at the Tokyo

2020 Olympics

ROSS BEKKERING played 3x3 Basketball for Holland at the Tokyo 2020 Games

KEYARA WARDLEY was part of Canada's rugby sevens women's team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

RYAN SOMNER competed in bobsleigh winning bronze at the Beijing 2022 winter Olympics

TAYLOR AUSTIN was part of both the two and four-men bobsleigh teams at the Beijing 2022 Games

Lethbridge and area Paralympians:

ROSS SAMPSON won bronze in the Men's Marathon 3 at the 1984 Summer Paralympics

RON VAN ELSWYK competed in the Men's Marathon 3 at the 1984 Summer Paralympics.

IAN BALFOUR competed at Lillehammer 1994 and Nagano 1998 in skiing

ZACK McALLISTER competed at London 2012 and Rio 2016 in swimming

PAYDEN (OLSEN) VAIR played on the Canadian seated volleyball team at the Tokyo 2020 Games



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Jim Steacy, Athlete



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Jim Steacy is a true hometown hero. The multi-time Olympian was raised in Lethbridge, turned down other offers to compete for the University of Lethbridge, represented the city in multiple Olympic Games and continues to serve the community in his post-athletics career.

One of the greatest hammer throwers in Canadian history, Steacy had unparalleled success at the university, national and international levels. As a member of the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, training with long-time coach Larry Steinke, Steacy went undefeated in the weight throw over five seasons with the 'Horns, winning five Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championships, setting a CIS weight throw record that still stands, while also winning three CIS shotput championships before choosing to focus solely on the weight and hammer throw competitions. Steacy was named Pronghorns male athlete of the year in each of his five seasons with the program and was voted the greatest Pronghorn of all-time in celebration of the Pronghorns' 50th anniversary.

Steacy won 11 Canadian senior hammer throw championships and represented Canada internationally 17 times during his 17-year hammer throwing career. His greatest

championship came at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, where he won the title with a throw of 74.16 metres, which was more than a metre further than the silver medalist. Steacy represented Canada at both the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China and the 2012 Olympics in London, U.K. At the 2008 Olympics, Steacy finished 12th, becoming the first Canadian in 84 years to reach the hammer throw final. Steacy also earned gold medals at the 2007 Pan Am Games, the 2005 Francophone Games, the 2004 NACAC U23 Championships and the 2003 Pan Am Junior Championships.

Steacy is a member of the famed Steacy throwing family, which includes his younger siblings and fellow Pronghorns Sean and Heather (who also competed for Canada in the Olympics) along with their late parents Debby and Graham, who were long-time volunteers in Lethbridge's athletics community. Steacy continues to hold the Canadian hammer throw record, with a toss of 79.13 metres, and was a five-time recipient of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame's Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year award. Following his athletics career, Steacy joined the Lethbridge Police Service, continuing to represent his community with pride.



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Heather Steacy, Athlete



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Picking up a hammer in her hometown of Lethbridge provided Heather Steacy the opportunity to see the world, as she racked up accolades in the biggest competitions her sport has to offer. A two-time Olympian, a multi-time Canadian champion, a Pan Am Games participant, and a highly decorated university star, the youngest member of Lethbridge's famed Steacy throwing family carved out a career all her own.

Steacy was just 17 years old when she first represented Canada in the hammer throw at the 2005 IAAF World Youth Championships. Just two years later, she won a bronze medal at the 2007 Pan American Junior Championships and followed it up with a hammer throw gold medal at the 2009 Canada Games. Joining her hometown University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, Steacy became the first woman in Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) history to throw further than 20 metres in the weight throw. During her four-year CIS career with the Pronghorns, she won four Canada West championships, two national championships, and CIS silver and bronze medals.

On the senior circuit, Steacy built a resume as one of Canada's greatest hammer throwers

of all-time. She won three straight national hammer throw championships from 2010 to 2012 and represented Canada at both the IAAF World Championships and the Summer Universiade in 2011.

In 2012, Steacy qualified for her first Olympic Games in London, U.K., where she placed 34th. Continuing to cement her place as one of Canada's top hammer throwers, Steacy earned a silver medal at the 2013 Canadian championships and a bronze medal in the 2015 nationals, while qualifying for both the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she placed 23rd, an 11 place improvement from her 2012 Olympic experience.

Heather is a member of the famed Steacy throwing family, which includes her older siblings and fellow Pronghorns Jim (who also competed for Canada in the Olympics) and Sean, along with their late parents Debby and Graham, who were long-time volunteers in Lethbridge's athletics community. A unique talent, Steacy proudly represented Lethbridge at the highest levels of her sport.

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36th Edition October 28, 2022 INDUCTION BANQUET

Refreshments: 6:00 – 6:50 pm

Master of Ceremony: Keegan Brantner

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer: Niina Piiksi (Mike Bruised Head)

National Anthem: Tsuaki Marule

Opening Remarks: Paul Kingsmith

Dinner: 7:05 pm

Guest Speaker: (8:10 pm) Pauline Van Roessel

Inductees: (8:25 pm)

Dennis Chief Moon (Athlete)

Heather Steacy (Athlete)

Jim Steacy (Athlete)

Jody Fisher Meli (Special)

Scott Oikawa (Builder)

Errol Smith (Builder)

Kinsmen Sportspersons of the Year:

Kacie Bosch & Paige Crozon

Taylor Austin

Closing Remarks: Toby Boulet

LETHBRIDGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES

BUILDERS

1985

Tony Bogusky (Boxing)
 Edmond Bruchet (Multi-sport)
 Stan Carmichael (Multi-sport)
 Peggy Currie (Figure skating)
 A.G. "Addie" Donaldson (Soccer, Hockey)
 Jack Emery (Boxing, Track & field)
 George Gemer (Track & field)
 Dick Gray (Hockey)
 Syd Hall (Hockey)
 Harold "Babe" Harris (Multi-sport)
 Yvonne "Sonja" (Currie) Jacobson (Figure skating)
 George McKillip (Multi-sport)
 Frank Miles (Boxing)
 Hector Negrello (Baseball, Hockey)
 Steve Pedersen (Multi-sport)
 William Rea (Curling)
 Yoshio Senda (Judo)
 Stan Siwik (Swimming)
 Carl Trentini (Hockey)
 Henry Viney (Multi-sport)

1986

Dave Allen (Multi-sport)
 Leo Harrold (Hockey)
 Bill Kucheran (Baseball, Hockey)
 Frank Leffingwell (Marksmanship)
 Jim Whitelaw (Multi-sport)
 Miners' Library Club (Multi-sport)

1987

Ron Boyce (Motor sports)
 Les Colwill (Hockey, Baseball)
 Doug Frier (Baseball)
 Jack Kerr (Baseball, Hockey)
 Sam Serbu (Baseball)
 Lethbridge Elks Lodge #37 (Multi-sports)

1988

John Pahara (Boxing)
 Mike Wyrostock (Softball)
 Jim Gunn (Multi-sport)
 Gordon Kay (Weightlifting)
 Aldo Nechich (Soccer, Broomball)

1989

Doug Clark (Basketball)
 Dr. Gary Bowie (Multi-sport)
 Irene Karia (Multi-sport)
 Reno Lizzi (Baseball)
 Jim Szucs (Baseball)

1990

Thelma Coutts (Multi-sport)
 Ralph "Lefty" Eshpete (Multi-sport)
 Marilyn Snedden (Multi-sport)

1991

Marge Clark (Basketball)
 Reed Spencer (Baseball)
 George Swedish (Multi-sport)

1992

Ralph Guzzi (Multi-sport)
 Dr. Richard King-Brown (Squash)
 Bernie Ontkean (Rugby)

1993

Dan Bodell (Hockey)
 Pat Hamilton (Motocross)
 Peter Lewko (Multi-sport)

1994

Fritz Heinrich (Soccer, Broomball)
 Joe Lakie (Multi-sport)
 Jake Van Dyk (Multi-sport)

1995

Gordon Hoselton (Multi-sport)
 Lewis Kennedy (Football)
 Elwyn "Bush" Williams (Golf)

1996

Enso Baceda (Curling)
 Don & Ethel Higgins (Figure skating)
 Brent & Nancy Thorburn (Soccer)

1997

Gloria Gouthreau (Multi-sport)
 Dr. Jan Harvey-Kilam (Swimming)
 Dan Niehaus (Gymnastics)
 George Yoshinaka (Baseball)

1998

Robert "Bob" Bartlett (Hockey)
 Ed Henderson (Multi-sport)
 Harold "Ted" Major (Multi-sport)

1999

Colleen Gunnlaugson (Figure skating)
 John McLellan (Multi-sport)
 Darryl Medoruma (Alpine skiing)

2000

Wally Pickett (Hockey)

2001

Gene Eisler (Soccer)
 Ed Martyna (Badminton)
 Wayne Petersen (Golf)

2002

Steve Arisman (Multi-sport)

2003

Tim Tollestrup (Multi-sport)

2004

Dawn (Fry) Keith (Basketball)

2006

Kevin Wiber (Football, Baseball)

1992

Stan Howard (Multi-sport)
 Jim Kotkas (Baseball)
 Marla Lawlor (Equestrian)
 Scott Maxwell (Baseball)

1993

Phil Illingworth (Judo)
 Bert Mezei (Bowling)
 Dan Santoni (Baseball)
 Joseph "Jocko" Tarnava (Multi-sport)
 Francis Wright (Multi-sport)

1994

Lori (Parsons) McArthur (Equestrian)
 Kathy McCune (Softball)
 Scott McGeoch (Soccer)
 Ken Moore (Football)
 Gary Tunbridge (Baseball, Bowling)

1995

Clark Bosch (Baseball)
 Jack Hebert (Baseball, Bowling)
 Nan Iwaskiw (Baseball)
 John MacMillan (Hockey)
 Bill Persley (Multi-sport)
 Cliff Stroh (Golf)

1996

Karen Ewashen (Powerlifting)
 Bill Koskoski (Baseball, Bowling)
 Bruce Lyon (Baseball)
 Ralph Oler (Marksmanship)
 Corrido Santoni (Baseball, Basketball)

1997

Lori Chaki-Farrington (Track & field)
 Reginald "Junior" Olsen (Combatives)
 Gary Simmons (Hockey)

1998

Sharon (Davies) Fogtmann (Badminton)
 Tara Gerner (Track & field)
 Suzanne Pecht (Track & field)
 Garth Pilling (Multi-sport)
 Guy Pomahac (Multi-sport)
 Jason Zuback (Golf)

1999

Gregory Duce (Baseball)
 Barb Halladay (Multi-sport)

2000

Don Cavers (Golf)
 Lorraine Hill (Equestrian)
 Rob Roy (Baseball)
 Nick Saler (Soccer)

2001

Ian Balfour (Alpine skiing)
 Brian Rossetti (Bowling)

2002

Perry Mirkovich (Basketball)

2003

Malcolm Jones (Rodeo)
 Shawna (Molcak) Kolaczek (Basketball)

2004

Brenda Pennington (Multi-sport)
 Jamie Pushor (Hockey)

2006

Trevor Hardy (Kick Boxing)

2007

Dennis & Jude Hooley (Archery)
 Mike Marcinkowski (Weight lifting)
 Clarence Yanosik (Baseball)

2008

Charlton Weasel Head (Basketball)
 Tyler Birch (Alpine skiing, Bowling)
 Rachel Evans (Volleyball)

2009

Dori Johnson (Basketball)
 Danny Balderson (Basketball)

2010

Andrea Hlady (Basketball)
 Tom Three Persons (Rodeo)
 Bryan Maxwell (Hockey)

2011

Sarah (Joly) Nickolet (Soccer)
 Phil Tollestrup (Basketball)

2012

Jim Nakagawa (Multi-sport)
 Gavin Edwards (Squash)

2013

Patricia Christiansen (Golf)
 Ryan Watson (Hockey)

2014

Chad Murray (Swimming)

2016

Howard Yanosik (Hockey)
 Laura Tsujikawa (Soccer)

2017

Mike Mezei (Golf)
 Stacy Roest (Hockey)

2018

Carla Pavan (Skeleton)
 Lauren Perry (Volleyball)

2019

Dawn Berry-Furtado (Golf)
 Trevor McAlpine (Judo)

2020

Jolene Watson (Schweitzer)(Soccer)

2022

Dennis Chief Moon (Boxing)
 Heather Steacy (Track & Field)
 Jim Steacy (Track & Field)

2007

Sheila Buelow (Ringette)

2008

Bertril Johansson (Cross Country Running)

Blair Kubicek (Baseball)

2009

James Murphy (Tae Kwon-Do)

Daniel Shapiro (Tennis)

Don Chandler (Curling)

2010

Mal Clewes (Multi-sport)

LAA Pioneers (Hockey)

Florence Senda (Judo)

Sharon Chmielewski (Curling)

2011

Ron Jacobson (Football)

Bob Tinordi (Broomball)

Lethbridge Lacrosse Association Pioneers

2012

Brad Brown (Football)

2013

Kurt Berndtsson (Marksmanship)

Terry Hanna (Basketball)

2014

Mary and John Schwengler (Triathlon, Running)

John Lavorato (BMX)

2015

Pius Labolevech (Basketball)

Cal O'Brien (Multi-sport)

2016

Lawrence Steinke (Track & field)

Neil Langevin (Rugby)

2017

Morgan Munroe (Multi-sport)

2018

Duane Konynenbelt (Multi-sport)

Steve Wilson (Volleyball)

2019

Ard Biesheuvel (Volleyball)

Bernhard Pohl (Mixed Martial Arts)

2020

Howard Rasmussen (Volleyball)

Eunice David (Figure Skating)

Cliff Nelson (Multi-Sport)

Dr. Mary Dyck (Multi-Sport)

2022

Scott Oikawa (Baseball)

Errol Smith (Soccer)

ATHLETES**1985**

Glen "Jinx" Anderson (Multi-sport)

Robert "Scotty" Armit (Soccer, Track & field)

Harry Blacker (Basketball)

Jim Furlong (Football)

Earl Ingarfield (Hockey)

Enid (Dowdle) Pepper (Multi-sport)

Marie Popson (Archery)

Tom Sindlinger (Basketball)

Vic Stasiuk (Hockey)

D. Logan Tait (Basketball, Racquetball)

Katie Wilson (Multi-sport)

Kai Yip (Boxing)

1986

Robert "Bobby" Dunlop (Multi-sport)

Sydney Emery (Boxing)

Eddie Foychuk (Softball)

James Freel Sr. (Multi-sport)

William "Billy" Gibson (Hockey)

Glen Hamilton (Multi-sport)

Barbara Horne (Golf)

Bus Murdoch (Multi-sport)

Richard Steadman (Badminton)

Gerald Ward (Track & field)

1987

Lavern Dzuren (Racquetball)

John Eccleston (Track & field)

Thomas Green (Multi-sport)

Marvin Kirchner (Multi-sport)

Evelyn Leffingwell (Marksmanship)

Allan "Chick" MacIntosh (Multi-sport)

Marty Maxwell (Baseball)

Stan Maxwell (Hockey, Baseball)

Charles "Bud" McKillop (Multi-sport)

Dianne Violini (Bowling)

1988

Joe Meli (Judo)

Steve Odney (Baseball)

Harvie Pocza (Multi-sport)

Natalie Reimer (Figure skating)

Matthew Slavich (Baseball)

Bill "Iron Man" Eagleson (Baseball)

Carole Gemer (Track & field)

Robert "Bob" Kastings Jr. (Swimming)

Jack Lilja (Basketball)

1989

Doug Barkley (Hockey)

Jody Fry (Racquetball)

Tom Greenway (Judo)

John Klem (Baseball)

Ed Schwartz (Golf)

Jack Smeed (Bowling)

Alvin Tietz (Soccer)

1990

Rick Duff (Boxing)

"Aut" Erickson (Hockey)

Tim Filuk (Racquetball)

Harold Mandeville (Rodeo)

George Santoni (Baseball)

1991

Len Frig (Hockey)

Eddy LeBaron (Boxing)

Peter Slobodian (Hockey)

Fen Tunbridge (Bowling, Golf)

Stan Wills Jr. (Marksmanship)

TEAMS

1985

Cliff Forry Rink (Curling)

1958-59 Lethbridge Broders Chinooks
(Basketball)

1936-37 Lethbridge Galt Miners Senior Men
(Baseball)

1950-51 Lethbridge Maple Leafs (Hockey)

Myrna McQuarrie Rink (Curling)

1932 Supina's (Soccer)

1986

1947-49 Lethbridge Native Sons Juveniles
(Hockey)

1987

Betty Luco Rink (Curling)

1974-75 Lethbridge Y's Native Sons
(Hockey)

1988

Barry Coleman Rink (Curling)

1979-80 Lethbridge Elks (Baseball)

Bill and Cori-Jo Petrunik (Figure skating)

1989

Wayne Bowes & Bob Daku (Racquetball)

Lethbridge All-Star Tigers (Baseball)

1990

Great West Tire Super Sam (Slo-pitch)

1991

1946 Blenner-Hassett and Smith Dodgers
(Baseball)

1992

Greg & Mary Lazaruk (Darts)

Val Matteotti Suntanas (Slo-pitch)

1993

1969 Lethbridge Sugar Kings (Hockey)

1994

1969 Lethbridge Chargers (Soccer)

1995

1994 U of L Men's Pronghorns (Hockey)

1996

1989 LCC Women's Kodiaks (Basketball)

1997

1972 Lethbridge Amateur Swim Club Relay
Team (Swimming)

1994 LCC Women's Kodiaks (Soccer)

1999

1977 Lethbridge Norcrest Senior Little
League (Baseball)

2000

1982 Lethbridge Little League All-Stars
(Baseball)

2001

1979 Lethbridge Gotschna (Slo-pitch)

2002

1990 LCI Rams (Football)

2006

1989 Val Matteotti Golden Hawks (Hockey)

2007

1963-65 Lethbridge Jr. North Stars
(Fastball)

2003 LCC Women's Kodiaks (Cross-Country
Running)

2008

2004 Kodiak Women's Basketball

2010

2005-06 Lethbridge College Kodiaks Men's
Cross-Country Team

1971 U of L Chinooks Women's Basketball

2011

2007 LCI Rams Senior Boys Volleyball Team

2012

2007-09 U of L Pronghorn Women's Rugby

2013

1977 Lethbridge Norcrest Little League All
Stars (Baseball)

2014

2011 Lethbridge Giants (Baseball)

2015

1966-1967 Lethbridge Junior College Men's
Kodiaks

(Basketball)

2016

1963 Lethbridge Hungaria (Soccer)

2017

1985 Lethbridge Senior Little League
(Baseball)

2018

1975 Lethbridge Chargers (Soccer)

2019

2008 Senior Ladies World Curling
Championship Team (Curling)

1981 Lethbridge Little League All-Stars
Canadian Champions (Baseball)

2020

Schwartz Angels 1983 Canadian Slo-Pitch
Champions (Slo-Pitch)

SPECIAL

1988

Lethbridge Labour Club (Multi-sport)

AC "Andy" Anderson (Multi-sport)

1989

Val Matteotti (Multi-sport)

Al McCann (Multi-sport)

Don Pilling (Multi-sport)

1990

Lethbridge Hockey Hounds (Hockey)

1991

George Wesley (Baseball)

1992

Royal Canadian Legion (Multi-sport)

1993

Lethbridge Oldtimers Sports Association (Hockey)

1994

Mary Oikawa (Multi-sport)

1995

Sven Ericksen's Family Restaurant (Multi-sport)

1996

Steve Fallwell (Multi-sport)

1997

Keith Jorgensen (Multi-sport)
Gordon Orser (Hockey)

1999

Vivien Goodrich (Equestrian)

2000

Rich Sutter (Hockey)
Ron Sutter (Hockey)

2001

Gus Herresvele (Multi-sport)

2002

Max Gibb (Multi-sport)

2003

Garry Allison (Multi-sport)

2004

Sundown Hank Markus (Rodeo)

2006

Jack Nagai (Multi-sport)
1975 Canada Games Society (Multi-sport)

2007

Ron Bain (Running)

2008

Yoshitaka (Taka) Kinjo (Karate)

2009

Southern Alberta High School Rugby League
Pioneers

2010

Bryan Jeannotte (Multi-sport)
Harry Bentley (Multi-sport)

2012

The Bascom Family (Rodeo)
Raymond Knight (Rodeo)

2014

George Virtue (Multi-sport)

2015

Colin Nonomura, Darin Gibson (Tae Kwon-Do)
David Wells (Multi-sport)

2017

Knud Petersen (Multi-sport)

2019

Carol Thibert (Multi-Sport)

2022

Jody Fisher Meli (Curling)

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TAYLOR AUSTIN

MALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR - BOBSLEIGH

The speed and strength that made Taylor Austin a standout football and soccer player during his youth in Lethbridge have propelled him to the international stage as a member of Canada's bobsleigh team. His interest in the sport was piqued during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and just 12 years later, Austin was wearing the maple leaf himself, representing his home country at the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Austin's rise to the top ranks of the sport took nearly a decade after he first started training, but years of increasingly impressive results on the North American Cup circuit led to a breakthrough in the 2021-22 season. He finished in first place in the North American Cup four-man standings on the strength of six gold medals and two silver medals in the season's eight races. He finished first overall in two-man and four-man in the 2019-20 season (no competitions in 2020-21) and second overall in the two-man standings in 2021-22,

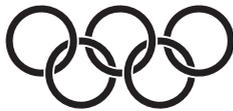
recording three wins and only missing the podium once in eight races. That led to Austin making his World Cup debut in January 2022 on the legendary Olympia Bobrun in St. Moritz where he finished 13th in the four-man event and 18th in the two-man event.

He made his Olympic debut in February 2022 in Beijing, piloting both two-man and four-man sleds. His four-man team, with Daniel Sunderland, Chris Patrician and Jacob Dearborn, finished 23rd overall. Along with breakman Sunderland, Austin qualified to run in all four heats of the two-man event, finishing 20th.

A graduate of Catholic Central High School, Austin maintains close ties to his hometown, while continuing to pursue his bobsleigh career on tracks around the world, while advocating for the sport by piloting public bobsleigh runs at Whistler and taking part in educational community speaking events in the off-season.



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KACIE BOSCH and PAIGE CROZON FEMALE SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR - 3X3 BASKETBALL



In a relatively new sport, at least in terms of international significance and opportunities, a Lethbridge-based duo have quickly made their mark as half of one of the world's best women's 3x3 basketball teams. Kacie Bosch and Paige Crozon, along with teammates Michelle and Katherine Plouffe, made up the Canadian 3x3 team which dominated the 2022 International Basketball Federation (FIBA) season.

Bosch is a Lethbridge native who graduated from Chinook High School and played two seasons with the NCAA's Gonzaga University before returning to finish her post-secondary career with her hometown University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. Crozon is from Humboldt, Sask. and joined the Pronghorns women's basketball team as lead assistant coach in 2020, while also ingraining herself in the Lethbridge community.

The 2022 season got off to a great start for the Canadians, who won the Canadian 3x3 championship before earning a silver medal at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup. While the team had hoped for a World Cup gold medal, the strong result still helped springboard Crozon, Bosch and

their teammates into the FIBA season, which was a storybook success that culminated with the Canadians sitting as the top-ranked team in the world. Bosch and Crozon's team won championships in three of the five FIBA Women's Series tournaments they competed in – the only team to win three events – and piled up a record of 25 wins and just three losses. The championships came in Edmonton, Bucharest and Montreal. Crozon was named MVP of the Montreal event after finishing fourth in the tournament with 26 points.

The highlight of the season was the series finale in Constanta, Romania, where the Canadians earned the most prestigious prize on the tour, beating France 21-16 in the final, avenging their World Cup loss from earlier in the season. Crozon had 23 points in the tournament, while Bosch added 11. With 3x3 basketball now an Olympic sport, Bosch, Crozon and Team Canada have their sights set on the Paris 2024 Games, where they would certainly be among the favourites for a medal based on their incredible international results this season.

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