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## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Cheryll Damphouse**

**ATHLETE, GOLF**

Amherstburg’s Cheryll Damphouse represented the region well on the links, dominating local competitions and battling against the world’s top females in some of the most prestigious golf tournaments.

Damphouse golfed out of the Kingsville Golf and Country Club and became known as a major threat to win the local and regional competitions. Damphouse has been the club champion at her home course in Kingsville nine times and the Essex-Kent District Ladies Championship five times.

It was not only on the local fairways that she had success. Damphouse also excelled on the larger stage, winning the Ontario Match Play Championship twice – including one occasion where she triumphed over well-known LPGA golfer Marlene Streit in the finals.

Damphouse played against some of the best competition in the world. She qualified for some LPGA tour stops including the DuMaurier Classic, the Lady Stroh’s Tournament as well as competing in France in the Ladies’ International stroke Play Championship.

Her two biggest accomplishments on the links was playing on the Ladies’ British Open and being named the 1989 Canadian Ladies’ Amateur champion.

Damphouse has been a superb golfer whose excellence was sustained into the senior competitions. Like a fine wine, she just got better with age and has twice been named to the Ontario Senior Ladies’ Provincial Team. This comes after being a member of the Ontario Ladies Amateur Team on five different occasions.

Damphouse is the fifth female golfer to be inducted into Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame.



## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Andy Delmore**

**ATHLETE, HOCKEY**

A native of LaSalle, Andy Delmore played 283 games in the National Hockey League for 4 teams (Philadelphia Flyers-Nashville Predators-Buffalo Sabres-Columbus Blue Jackets) from 1999 to 2006. He was considered an offensive defenseman that could quarterback a power play.

Delmore's junior hockey days were spent with the North Bay Centennials and the Sarnia Sting. In his final junior season, Delmore posted 78 points, including 18 goals and was named a First-Team All Star. As a professional, Delmore's stock continued to rise. Not only was he named a First-Team All Star with the Philadelphia Phantoms of the American Hockey League, he also captured the Eddie Shore Award for the league's top blue-liner.

Although Delmore went undrafted in the NHL, his play certainly caught the attention of the league and he signed as a free agent with the Flyers in 1997 and made his NHL debut in the 1998-99 season. In the 2000 Stanley Cup playoffs, Andy was the first rookie defenseman to record a hat trick. He also scored the overtime winner in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals in game 3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

While playing for the Predators in 2002-03 he tied Sergei Gonchar and Nicklas Lidstrom for most goals (18) by a defenseman.

Delmore played in Europe after his NHL career ended, playing for teams in Germany, Austria and Italy. He's applied his playing experience to his new role as coach and he's been behind the bench in U-Sports, the OHL and the ECHL.

Andy Delmore continues the tradition of outstanding hockey players from Windsor- Essex County and takes his well-deserved spot as an inductee (athlete hockey) in the Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame.



## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Richard Shaw**

**ATHLETE, BASKETBALL**

A native of LaSalle, Richard Shaw, was an excellent athlete at Sandwich Secondary School. As a 6-foot, 10-inches tall, Shaw’s height made him a natural at centre and he earned all-tournament honours five times. In the 1993-94 season, Shaw led his Sandwich Sabres to a 40-5 season, culminated SWOSSAA and OFSAA AA titles, the first in school history. During that season, Richard averaged a remarkable 28.5 points-per-game, along with 15.4 rebounds a game, 6.3 blocked shots and 4.0 steals. In all facets of the game, he was a force.

This outstanding high school career paved the way for Shaw to get a scholarship at Marquette University. While with the Golden Eagles, Shaw played in the 1995 National Invitational Tournament Championship game and in 1996, Marquette won the Conference USA Tournament. He ended his college career in 1998 eighth all-time in Marquette’s history for blocked shots and was named the team’s most improved player in 1998.

In 1996, Shaw played for Canada on the National Senior Team that won the Jones Cup in Taiwan. He was the first ever Canadian invited to the National Big Man Camp and he was invited to try out with the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA.

Not just a one-sport star, Shaw was attracted interest in his baseball abilities and was drafted as a pitcher by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1993 and by the California Angels in 1996.

Still involved in the sport, Richard is the coach at Sandwich and runs “Shaw Hoops Dreams”.

For his accomplishments in basketball, Richard Shaw can proudly take his place in the Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame in the Athlete category (basketball).



## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Mary Spencer**

**ATHLETE, BOXING**

Mary Spencer is part of the proud boxing tradition that has existed in Windsor for decades. Born in Warton, Ontario, Spencer is a proud Ojibway athlete that spent her early years on the Cape Croker Reserve. After moving to Windsor, Spencer learned her craft at the Windsor Amateur Boxing Club and studied under well-known trainer Charlie Stewart in 2002 at the age of 17.

Before her boxing career flourished, Spencer had success in another sport. She also won a gold medal while participating in basketball in the 2002 North American Indigenous Games.

Spencer’s ring career has been nothing short of remarkable. She won world titles in 2005 and 2008 at the 66kg division. Spencer moved up in weight and capture the crown in the 75kg class in 2010.

Spencer also represented Canada in the 2012 London Olympics and was part of Proctor and Gamble’s CoverGirl campaign that year. While London did not yield the medal she sought, Spencer continued to find ways to make an impact – being named “one to watch” by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport and Physical Activity’s Most Influential Women list. Spencer is also a member of the Motivate Canada’s Gen7 Aboriginal role model initiative.

Behind a hard left hand, Spencer has used her height and reach to amass at 118-8-0 mark. Spencer is the ninth boxer to receive induction into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame and the second boxing female so honoured.





## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Paul Carter**

#### **BUILDER, BASKETBALL**

Paul Carter was born and raised in Windsor where he attended Patterson and Commerce High Schools. While he was accomplished athlete, especially in basketball, Carter is best remembered, whistle in-hand, for his role as a basketball official.

Carter has been the president of the Windsor & District Basketball Referees Association since 1982 and a member for almost four decades. He has also been a member of the University Athletics Men's (OUA) Panel since 1985. The OUA awarded Carter the Award of Merit in 2015 and 2016. Paul is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials.

Carter officiated in numerous championships and tournaments including: OFSAA for 1984 to 2014; Junior National Championships in 1991 and 1994; pre-qualifying games for the Olympics in 1992; Canadian Interuniversity (CIS) national championships in 1997-2010-2007-2009; Canadian College Association (CCA) national championships in 2004 and 2007.

Carter was awarded the John A. (Wink) Willox Award that is presented to individuals who made noteworthy contributions over an extended period to the advancement of basketball officiating at the provincial and national levels. This award is the second highest for basketball in Canada. Carter is also the recipient of the George Nickson Award presented annually for the support of the Invitation High School tournament at the University of Windsor.

The Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is honoured to welcome Paul Carter for his over 40 years of basketball officiating at the local, provincial, nation and international levels in the builder category.



## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **J. Paul Reddam**

#### **BUILDER, THOROUGHBRED RACING**

Paul Reddam was born in Windsor in 1955, completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Windsor before leaving town to pursue his master’s at the University of Toronto and his PhD at the University of Southern California. Before Reddam said good-bye to Windsor, however, he discovered his love for horseracing at the Windsor Raceway that ultimately led to his success in the thoroughbred industry as the owner of some of the best race horses in recent memory.

Reddam’s foray into thoroughbred began in 1988 but his big breakthrough happened 16 years later when Wilko won the Breeders Cup Juvenile. That win was terrific for Reddam but bigger glories were in store when his colt, I’ll Have Another, captured the first two legs of the legendary Triple Crown in 2012. His win at the Kentucky Derby came at 15:1 odds in front of 165,000 spectators and millions more watching at home on television. I’ll Have Another continued his magical streak two weeks later, capturing the Preakness Stakes. Set to be the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978, I’ll Have Another was tragically scratched from the Belmont Stakes due to an ailment, and he became the first horse since 1936 to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown forced to miss the final race due to injury.

Although the Triple Crown has eluded Reddam, his horses have continued to find success on the track. In 2016, Reddam-owned Nyqvist won the Kentucky Derby and with that win, Reddam became only the 14th owner in history to have a horse win the prestigious Kentucky Derby more than once.

Reddam currently lives in California and runs a loan business called CashCall. Thoroughbred racing and race-horse ownership as his credentials, Reddam is the first of his kind inducted into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame.



## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Don Marrin**

#### **BUILDER, WRESTLING**

Don Marrin was lauded for his fairness, his extensive knowledge of the rules of wrestling and his ability to apply impartial judgement to the sport he loved. Those attributes made Marrin a trusted presence on the mat as he presided over some of the most elite matches in the sport – nationally and internationally.

Marrin, born in Windsor in 1958, qualified as a FILA (Federation Internationale de Lutte Amateur) official in 1977 and plied his trade for 20 years. From 1988-1996, Marrin qualified as FILA Exceptionnel, which stands as the highest international rating for wrestling officials. He refereed 27 international competitions, which included the 1992 Barcelona Olympics (freestyle and Greco-Roman) as well as the 1983 Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela (freestyle and Greco-Roman) and the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia (freestyle).

Before Marrin became known as an excellent wrestling official internationally, he refereed many of the key wrestling events domestically – including 14 CIAU (now U-Sports) championships, 15 Senior National Championships and 16 Junior National Championships. Marrin was also one of the referees whose impeccable credentials were trusted in the Canadian Olympic Trials (1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1994) as elite Canadian wrestlers vied to represent their country at the highest level.

In 1996, his retirement year, Marrin was honoured when the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association (CAWA) created the Don Marrin Award that is presented to national level referees who achieve 20 years of service. Two years later, Marrin was inducted into the CAWA Hall of Fame.

Beyond officiating, Marrin lent his expertise to national and provincial wrestling organizations, serving in various key capacities. Marrin now resides in Ottawa.

Marrin is one of two officials in this induction class and the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is proud to include him as a builder.





## **CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE**

### **Domenic Silvaggio**

#### **BUILDER, BASKETBALL**

Domenic Silvaggio’s name has been synonymous with basketball coaching excellence and the success of his teams over the years have made him one of the best at his craft – not just locally, but provincially. For 34 years he patrolled the sidelines, almost all of them at General Amherst High School. Silvaggio had coached both boys and girls’ teams to lofty heights but his most noteworthy success came with coaching the girls’ teams. With Silvaggio at the helm, his teams won 26 WECSSAA/ECSSAA titles, 13 SWOSSAA championships, as well as 10 OFSAA Medals at the AA or AAA level – 5 of them gold. From 2004-2007, Silvaggio’s juggernaut captured four consecutive OFSAA golds.

Silvaggio was the winning coach in more 600 high school basketball games and when his illustrious career was winding down, he refused to take his foot of the gas. In his final 10 years as a coach (2004-2013), the skipper of the Bulldogs coached his teams to a 152-4 record.

It is little wonder that Silvaggio’s players went on to have success on the hardcourt after graduating from General Amherst – many playing at the university level in Canada or the United States.

Silvaggio is also the founder and president of the Amherstburg Basketball Club and worked with that organization for 22 years. Through the club, thousands of local elementary school-aged kids gained meaningful exposure to the sport. Membership in the club allowed some young players excellent opportunities of playing basketball competitions in Nevada, Florida, California and Arizona. Through these basketball trips, memories were created for a lifetime.

Silvaggio’s now retired from teaching but he continues to coach and lead the Amerherzburg Basketball Club as its president.

Silvaggio’s accolades and his desire and ability to grow the sport he loves makes him a worthy inductee into the builder category of our Hall.



## **CLUB AND TEAM**

### **Tecumseh Baseball Club**

#### **CLUB RECOGNITION**

When Bert Lacasse (Hall of Fame 1987 - founder) and 8 other like-minded individuals decided to start a club and play some exhibition games, they had no idea that one day the Tecumseh Baseball Club would celebrate its 75th anniversary.

The club has changed its name over the years: Tourists, Indians, Red Caps, Green Giants, and Thunder, the current name. The club began in the early-1940s and joined the Essex County Baseball League in 1946. Over the years they've fielded some excellent lineups and some of the players have been drafted by MLB clubs, including Jacob Robertson's 2016 drafting by the Detroit Tigers, and have been inducted as individual athletes into the Windsor Essex-County Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1982 the team, then called the Green Giants, won its first national championship with a loaded lineup that included David Cooper (Hall of Fame 2015 – athlete – baseball). The manager of that team was Don Fields who came on board with Tecumseh in 1980. Over the years Fields wore multiple hats as player, manager, club president and head groundskeeper. All told, five times the Tecumseh Baseball Club has been a national champion and 19 times captured the Ontario crown.

The grandstand built in 1949 and Fields was instrumental in raising the \$130,000 to refurbish it. Fields is the only player to have his number, 22, retired in team history.

The Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize the Tecumseh Baseball Club for 75 years of supporting the game of baseball.



## EVENT AND TEAM

# University of Windsor Women’s Basketball Team (2011-2015)

### TEAM RECOGNITION

The Lancers Women’s Basketball team formed a dynasty like few others in Canadian university sports, capturing five consecutive national titles (2011-2015) and making the University of Windsor synonymous with basketball glory. The Lancers joined the Laurentian Voyageurs clubs from 1975-79 as the only teams ever to win five straight championships (colorfully named the Bronze Baby) on the women’s hardcourt. It can be argued which Lancer championship was the sweetest, but some will tell you that it was the 2014 crown because it was won on the University of Windsor’s home court in front of frenetic fans.

As you would expect, there were lots of tremendous individual achievements that helped the team accomplish its goals. Among the decorated individuals from those seasons are Jessica Cl  men  on, who won the Nan Copp Award for CIS (now USports) female basketball player of the year for the 2010-11 season. She remains the only Lancer to capture that prestigious hardware. Cl  men  on also captured the BLG CIS Female Athlete of the Year that season. Not to be outdone, Korrissa Williams was also named the BLG CIS female Athlete of the Year for 2014-2015, along with CIS Defensive Player of the Year accolades for that season. When Williams won the honour for her defense in 2014-2015, she was keeping up a UWindsor tradition because star Lancer Miah-Marie Langlois won the CIS Defensive Player of the Year honours in each of the three seasons prior to Williams.

Several players were around for multiple championships. Through it all, too, was head coach Chantal Vallee who kept her teams from resting on their laurels and helped steward her clubs through the inevitable personnel changes that occur as part of university sports. As key players graduated, Vallee kept her Lancers on-task, weaving new players into the line-up that brought the University of Windsor and the region so much pride. For her efforts, Vallee was twice named CIS Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year and she is a six-time winner of the University of Windsor Gino Fracas Coach of the Year honours.

The Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize this hoops juggernaut in this year’s induction ceremony.