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CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEE

Pat Dumouchelle

ATHLETE, BASEBALL

Pat Dumouchelle’s baseball career represents its rich heritage in the local community as he becomes the sport’s 22nd inductee as either an athlete or a builder – and the first since 2016.

Dumouchelle, like many athletes, was inspired by his father whom he loved watching play for the Maidstone Shamrocks. He remembers being a frequent spectator at his dad’s games and practices. His passion and skill for the game carried him all the way to signing with the Baltimore Orioles and playing 153 games for the Class AA Charlotte Orioles.

If you looked up super utility player in the baseball dictionary you might see Dumouchelle’s picture. He was the prototypical jack of all trades and was a man of many positions on the diamond, including C, 1b, 2b, 3b, OF. Heck, he even pitched a couple games. If asked, he’ll tell you the spot that suited him best was catcher. Dumouchelle was All-Conference at that position at Indiana State.

While Dumouchelle fell short of making the majors, his career had many highlights, including representing Canada on the global stage. He wore the maple leaf in the Pan-Am games in 1979 in Puerto Rico and the world championships in Japan. Playing for Canada, Dumouchelle says, was such an honour and a great experience. He turned down a pro contract to play for the AAA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates to play for Canada in Tokyo.

Dumouchelle retired from pro baseball in 1987. Family commitments took priority and he was starting a new career beyond the diamond in law enforcement. He found his way back onto the field for the Windsor Stars but shoulder replacement spelled the end of his baseball days.

While baseball was in his past, an induction is in his future. Join us in welcoming Pat Dumouchelle into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame this October.
Dan MacLelland is the sixth bowler to be inducted by the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame. MacLelland competed on the Professional Bowling Association (PBA) circuit from 2009-2015.

The local bowler participated in 72 events over that span, eight times appearing in the championship round. This included the PBA World Championship in 2012. His childhood attachment to the sport was helped by his adoration of PBA’s legendary bad boy, Pete Weber, whom MacLelland defeated in 2014 at the Barbasol Tournament of Champions.

Hailing from Windsor and earning some impressive accolades as the World Bowling Association (WBA) World Youth Doubles Champion in 2006, MacLelland went to college in Michigan at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), graduating in 2010. He received more than a degree in sociology from SVSU, however, and he was named collegiate bowler of the year in 2007-08 and 2008-09. Beyond the individual success at SVSU, MacLelland spearheaded the SVSU Cardinals to two Intercollegiate Team Championship (ITC) titles. MacLelland has a string of national glories too, winning the Canadian national crown in 2011, winning the Master's title in 2011 at the PABCON (Pan American) Championship, and winning bronze at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto in singles and gold in doubles with teammate Francois Lavoie.

MacLelland’s many achievements on the lanes were not by accident but through a lot of hard work. He started bowling at the age of 4. His father worked in the bowling industry and, as such, MacLelland bowled for free after school for 40 weeks a year. Bowling continues to be in his blood. He works as the general manager of Frederick Lanes in Kitchener. He lives there with his wife Kristy and his daughter Harper Lynn. Welcome to the Hall, Dan.
Virginia McLachlan is a local track star whose talents and determination took her all the way to the podium at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, UK. Whether it was the 100m, the 200m, the 400m or the long jump, McLachlan was a star.

McLachlan was born with cerebral palsy that affected 3 of her 4 limbs and she required daily intense therapy as she grew up. When she was 7, her physiotherapist suggested sports as a way to help her body. She tried track and it was love at first stride. She’s not stopped since.

The Windsor native graduated from Assumption in 2010 with an OFSSA silver and three bronze. She also won an incredible 14 medals at the Canadian nationals, including gold in the long jump five straight years.

With these successes, international competition was the next logical step. Her first international meet was the 2011 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in Christchurch, NZ. She didn’t medal that meet, but she wouldn’t have to wait long for the medals to come. She won silvers in the 100m and 200m later that year in the ParaPan games in Guadalajara, Mexico. The year following she would become a Social Work student at the University of Windsor but that also a double-bronze medalist at the Paralympic Games in the 100m and 200m.

There was no slowing McLachlan down after the Paralympics and she’s captured more awards and medals than we have time to list. We would be remiss, however, not to mention her King Clancy Award in 2013 and her three WESPY awards (2012, 2013 and 2016), along with Canada’s Para-Athlete of the Year Award in Ambulatory in 2014.

McLachlan’s success on tracks near and far make her a worthy inductee into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Virginia!
CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEE

Richard Scott
ATHLETE, GOLF

There’s no question, 2019 is a big year for Richard Scott. He will become the 12th golfer inducted into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame this fall and he was inducted into the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame in early May. Scott learned his craft in his hometown of Kingsville at the Kingsville Golf Club.

Those that know Scott say that he has tremendous respect for the game and that devotion to the links has put him in good stead. He has won the admiration of his fellow players and has become the gold standard for sportsmanship and conduct on the course. Aside from his gentlemanly qualities, Scott is a winner. This attracted attention stateside and he not only played for the University of Georgia Bulldogs as a collegiate player but helped its team win the NCAA Division I title in 2005. That same year he was a runner-up for the individual title in the SEC Championship.

Back home in Canada, Scott was tearing up the links too. Scott won the Royal Canadian Gold Association Amateur Championship in 2003, 2005 and 2006. He also played in the hallowed Canadian Open in 2004, 2004 and 2006 – the latter being a very special tournament for Scott. He made the cut as the low amateur, becoming one of three amateurs in 23 years to make the cut.

Skill and class. The Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is proud to induct Richard Scott into its 2019 class.
Kyle Wellwood was small in size but big in talent. His journey to the NHL started locally with him starring on teams in the Essex Minor Hockey Association, the Sun County Panthers and the Tecumseh Chiefs.

Wellwood’s skills and hockey smarts, however, ensured he would not be confined to local boundaries for long and when the time came, the Belleville Bulls snapped him up in the OHL draft, 16th overall. Though diminutive, Wellwood’s abilities became apparent in a sport that usually favours the big-framed. In his second season with the Bulls, Wellwood scored 118 points and led the OHL in scoring. It was not long before the local Windsor Spitfires had a desire to bring the homegrown talent back to the area. The Spitfires traded the highly-coveted Jason Spezza for Wellwood and Wellwood did not disappoint in his Spits debut, scoring 36 points in 25 games down the stretch and helping the Spitfires reach the third-round of the OHL playoffs, scoring 24 points in 16 playoff games. The next season he won the OHL and CHL Sportsman of the Year.

Wellwood was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the fifth round. He turned heads on their farm club in St John’s, scoring 87 points in his final AHL season. He was ready for the big leagues. Wellwood played 489 NHL games with the Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks, San Jose Sharks and Winnipeg Jets. Wellwood posted 235 points along the way, including a career-high of 47 with the Jets in 2011-12. Wellwood’s reputation as a playmaker with sportsmanship qualities followed him to the NHL. In his career, he only had 36 total penalty minutes and once had a streak of 159 games without an infraction. He was the definition of a clean player. Aside from his career in the NHL, Wellwood had two stints internationally – one with EV Zug of the Swiss League as well as with Atlant Moscow of Russia’s KHL.

Wellwood is the latest in a line of great hockey players whose careers are worthy to be inducted by the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame.
CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEE

Eddi Chittaro

BUILDER, BASKETBALL & ADMIN.

Eddi Chittaro receives the nod for induction into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame, an organization he knows well. Chittaro formerly chaired the Hall and received its Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

Chittaro has deep roots in the local sports community, most notably coaching the University of Windsor Lancers men’s basketball clubs to divisional, provincial and national titles. Chittaro was on the coaching staff, helping lead the Assumption/Windsor clubs to five national crowns in a seven-year span in the 1960s, establishing the first dynasty in Canadian university basketball history. The 1969 championship, the last of the run, Chittaro was the head coach. For his work with the Lancers he was inducted to the University’s Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

Cittaro’s name is continually connected to prestigious awards. In 2010, he was one of the University of Windsor’s Clark Awards recipients. The Clark Award recognizes outstanding personal service of both alumni volunteers and friends of the university who have made significant commitments in time, energy, and expertise by serving on UWindsor boards, committees or campaigns; or have worked extensively to increase the profile and reputation of the university. Last year, Cittaro was honoured at the WESPY Awards when he was the recipient of the Male Legacy Award. In 2019, the University took matters a step further and began a new award in his honour, the Eddi Chittaro Assistant Coach of the Year. Women’s assistant basketball coach Tom Foster was the first-ever winner of this award.

Few local names have been so prominent in the community’s athletic landscape and the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is proud to induct Eddi Chittaro to the class of 2019.
Linda Micelli

Builder, Volleyball

Linda Micelli’s service and history of excellence at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School are worthy of induction into the Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame. Back in 1987, the school’s first year in existence, Micelli started the Villanova volleyball program by selecting 12 novice girls with little experience in the sport.

Her goal was simple but lofty – in five years turn the program into OFSAA champions. To be it, you need to see it, thought Micelli. She took her team to tournaments in Michigan and to University of Michigan Wolverine volleyball games so they could see what success looks like, daring them to dream big. The goal, incredibly, was met and Micelli’s teams won OFSAA gold in both their Grade 12 and OAC years (1991 and 1992). Five years later, she guided her charges to another OFSAA title. She’s the only coach at Villanova to lead her teams to OFSAA gold and she’s done it three times.

A glance back and Micelli’s career and she exemplifies the excellence of a builder. From being a convenor for elementary school volleyball tournaments to organizing pep rallies, athletic BBQs and fund-raisers, Micelli has always been leading the charge to make positive things happen for her school and community teams. In 2002, OFSAA recognized her with the Leadership in Sport Award, given to the top coach in the province. It is this type of leadership that has engaged Micelli in a number of activities that benefit her community. She’s a tireless fund-raiser for the Windsor-Essex County Humane Society and cancer research initiatives. She was a coordinator for Canadian Red Cross Blood Drives.

The Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to induct a pioneer at her school and a coach that set her eyes on the mountain top and planted her flag. Congratulations Linda Micelli.
Mike Morencie
BUILDER, FOOTBALL

Mike Morencie has been on the sidelines or in the dugout, coaching local teams to on-field glory for 41 years, with no signs of slowing down. His success and his longevity place him among the very best coaches Windsor-Essex County has ever known and are his ticket to Hall of Fame induction this October.

Morencie, like many coaches, was inspired by those that guided him during his days as an athlete at Assumption High School, where he graduated in 1975. It was also a way for Morencie to extend his relationship with sports. He coached baseball and football but eventually needed to make a choice in the mid-1980s. For Morencie to make coaching a profession, he needed to choose, and he chose football because he saw more potential for growth and advancement.

On the topic of growth, early in Morencie’s career he focused on wins and losses but as his career evolved he began to see the bigger picture. He pledges to the parents of his players that he’ll make their sons a better person by the end of their time with the team. It is making that sort of difference that stokes Morencie’s fire.

This holistic approach has led Morencie to achieve gridiron success as a head or assistant coach for a variety of teams, including the University of Lancers football team, the Mic-Mac Junior Baseball Club and the AKO Fratmen Junior Football Club.

Morencie feels honoured to be included among his mentors and he will rightly join their ranks in the Windsor Essex-County Hall of Fame this October. Congratulations, coach.
Mary Ann Pinsonneault was the founder of the Lakeshore Lightning Girls Hockey Association in 1998 with 25 girls registered. Since then, Pinsonneault has served faithfully on the board of directors, holding all positions. What started with just 25 girls has blossomed into an organization that serves 300 girls yearly in both house league and travel hockey, operating out of the Atlas Tube Centre in Lakeshore and Essex Arenas. In all, more than 1,000 girls have passed through the Lakeshore Lightning organization in its 20 years of operation – touching many lives in the process.

Success sometimes comes at a price and for the Lakeshore Lightning, they needed more ice time as the program grew. Pinsonneault was very much the problem solver, securing ice in Leamington for her girls, as well as the “Old Barn” in Essex. By 2003, the shape of the Lightning was such that travel teams were no longer just a dream but a reality. That growth did not come at the expense of house league hockey. In 2013, the Lightning began its house league tournament which has been fully enrolled every year since it was established.

Pinsonneault won the Hockey Mom of Canada Award through a Campbell’s Soup contest in 2002 and she was instrumental in securing a Trillium grant for $130,000 that was vital for securing necessities like goalie equipment, paying for training for coaches and referees and allowing the organization to host free clinics for local girls.

The Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is proud to induct Pinsonneault for her tireless determination. Her contributions have bettered the lives of countless local girls wanting to experience the great Canadian game of hockey.
CLUB AND TEAM

Windsor Curling Club

CLUB RECOGNITION

Curling was introduced to the Windsor community in 1877 and was played on an outdoor rink provided by the city somewhere in our downtown district, but given the unpredictable weather, there were numerous times when conditions would melt the ice and put a halt to the festivities.

Despite these challenges, an energetic group of local curling enthusiasts established the Windsor Curling Club on 27 August 1897. Later that same year the Ontario Government approved a charter for the Windsor Curling Rink Co. Ltd., which was the beginning of today’s Windsor Curling Club Senior’s Association (WCCSA). It would raise money through the sale of stock. In December 1897 they began construction on a building, located on Wyandotte and Ouellette, that enclosed a sheet of ice that was 60 feet x 160 feet.

In 1954 the re-organized Windsor Curling Club moved to the Windsor Ice and Coal Company building at McDougall and Shepherd, where, over the next 8 years, curlers enjoyed their game. In 1962, the Windsor Curling Club moved into a brand new facility on Central Avenue. Tragedy struck in 1974, when a tornado destroyed the club. The facility was rebuilt and remained active until 1990 when it was sold. The following year saw the formation of the WCCSA at Roseland Golf and Curling Club, which remains active to this day.

The Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize the Windsor Curling Club, which has supported the development of curling in our region for more than one hundred years.
The Windsor Stars baseball teams have long been a force at the local, provincial and national levels. Led by the coaching tandem of Keith Sanford and Ron Smith, the Stars won their first national title in 2000. But it was the period from 2008 to 2013 that their dominance at the national level was most felt.

In 2008 and 2009 the Stars took home the bronze and in 2012 they captured the silver. In 2011 and 2013 this team reached the top of Canadian baseball by winning it all as Canadian champs. These teams were led by pitchers, Steve Teno, Steven Carter and hitters, Thomas Grubb and Kris Klassen.

The Windsor-Essex County Sports Hall of Fame is pleased to recognize the Windsor Stars for their two national championships and six years of excellence at the national level.