



## **BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2010 INDUCTEES**

### **ATHLETE CATEGORY**

#### **CHERYL GIBSON – Swimming**

Born in Edmonton, Cheryl Gibson moved to Vancouver to train with Deryk Snelling's Vancouver Dolphins Swim Club where her natural talent blossomed on the international stage. Over the course of her career, Gibson would win 34 gold, 15 silver, and 13 bronze medals in national competition. Internationally, she was at the fore of Snelling's dominant crew of swimmers through the mid-to-late 1970s. At the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Gibson won silver in the women's 400m Individual Medley and she later collected gold medals at the 1978 and 1982 Commonwealth Games. Competing at the United States National Championships, 1975 and 1979 Pan American Games, Commonwealth and Olympics Games, Gibson collected four gold, seven silver, and five bronze medals over the course of her career. In 1977, she was recognized as Canada's Female Athlete of the Year.

#### **SPENCE McTAVISH – Rugby**

If you were anywhere near a rugby pitch in the 1970s, you didn't leave asking who that long-haired blonde winger with the blazing speed was. It could only be the one and only Spence 'Spike' McTavish, Canadian rugby's speed merchant equivalent to hockey's Guy Lafleur. Besides flowing locks, his career was also marked by longevity and leadership. He was there scoring a try in his first Canadian international against Fiji in 1970 and he was there again at the inaugural Rugby World Cup in 1987 as Canada's longest-serving player of international standing, a grizzled 37-year-old vet outfoxing opponents nearly half his age. In total, he earned 22 full caps representing Canada internationally—scoring six tries—at a time when international matches were much less frequent than today. It is estimated he played in approximately another fifty games for Canada and over a hundred for BC. His fine play earned recognition worldwide evidenced by selection to a 1976 Overseas XV match versus Cardiff. That same year the Vancouver Rugby Union awarded McTavish with its prestigious Howie McPhee Trophy for playing ability, sportsmanship, and leadership.

## **SEAN MILLINGTON – Football**

Remembered best for his thundering, tackle-busting runs and chin-strap rattling blocking, the CFL career of Vancouver's Sean Millington stands as one of the greatest-ever among Canadian running backs. Consider the statistics: in thirteen CFL seasons with Edmonton, BC, Winnipeg, and Toronto, the Carson Graham and SFU alum compiled 6086 yards on 1129 carries (5.4 yards per carry average) ranking him 24<sup>th</sup> all-time on the CFL rushing list just behind another BC Lions rushing legend—Willie Fleming. Millington stands as the second all-time Canadian rusher behind Normie Kwong and remains the Lions' career leader in rushing touchdowns. He stands sixth in the all-time CFL rushing touchdown list behind a roll call of legendary Hall of Famers that puts his career in true perspective: George Reed, Mike Pringle, Damon Allen, Kwong, and Matt Dunigan. Millington won two Grey Cups with BC (1994, 2000), was a two-time winner of the CFL's Most Outstanding Canadian Award (1997, 2000), and a three-time CFL All-Star.

## **RICHARD PETER – Wheelchair Basketball**

For fifteen years, Duncan's Richard Peter has been a pillar of strength on the Canadian national wheelchair basketball team helping Canada emerge as the world's leading wheelchair basketball nation in recent years. Since joining the national team in 1994, Peter has helped Canada to gold medals at the 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Games, a 2008 silver medal finish most recently in Beijing, as well as one gold and three bronze medal finishes in world championship play. His contributions to the sport have been recognized individually as a two-time Tom Longboat Award winner as Canada's Male Aboriginal Athlete of the Year, two-time Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association Male Athlete of the Year, and 2008 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Athlete of the Year. Currently, Peter lives in Germany with his wife Marni Abbott-Peter, herself a 2007 BC Sports Hall of Fame inductee, where they both play professionally with club team RSV Lahn-Dill.

## **JOE SAKIC – Ice Hockey**

Regarded as the greatest player born and raised in British Columbia, the 20-year NHL and international career of Burnaby's Joe Sakic raised the bar top shelf for all others who follow. Drafted by the Quebec Nordiques in 1987, "Burnaby Joe" stayed with the franchise after it relocated to Colorado as the Avalanche and captained the club to Stanley Cup triumphs in 1996 and 2001, the latter season winning the Conn Smythe and Hart Memorial trophies. Sakic retired in 2009 as the eighth-leading scorer in NHL history (625 goals, 1016 assists, 1641 points in 1378 games). Along the way he helped Canada to victory at the 1988 world junior championships, 1994 world championships, 2002 Olympics (Canada's first Olympic gold medal in ice hockey in fifty years in which he played a central role winning tournament MVP), and 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

## **TEAM CATEGORY**

### **1994 BC Lions Football Team**

Completing one of the most memorable underdog runs in CFL history, the 1994 BC Lions Grey Cup championship season kept the Grey Cup in Canada as American expansion threatened Canada's exclusive grip on Canadian football's holy grail. A team littered with talented players, but riddled with inner turmoil, Dave Ritchie's Lions at times struggled to a third-place finish in the West Division with an 11-6-1 record behind bitter rivals Edmonton and Calgary. The Lions faced Edmonton first at Commonwealth Stadium and came away with a 24-23 victory on a last-minute Lui Passaglia field goal. On to Calgary for the West Division final, where the Leos traded blows with the heavily-favoured Stamps at snowy McMahon Stadium and came out on the winning end of one of the most dramatic playoff finishes in CFL history. After a blocked Calgary field goal attempt in the final minute, Danny McManus, stepping in for the injured Kent Austin, engineered a drive for the ages punctuated by a last-second TD strike to the Lions clutch receiver Darren Flutie for a 37-36 victory. Then home to BC Place, where the 82<sup>nd</sup> Grey Cup pitted the Lions defending Canada's honour against the Baltimore Stallions, the first-ever championship in professional football history to feature a Canada-vs-US match-up. Baltimore dominated the first-half, but the McManus and Flutie combo again sparked a BC comeback in the second. Flutie perfectly executed a fake field goal to set up a McManus TD scramble on a third-down gamble. With the score knotted at 23-23, hometown boy Passaglia stepped up with a 38-yard field goal with no time remaining to send the 55,000+ in attendance into delirium and give the Lions their third Grey Cup in club history.

#### Team Members:

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| Ray ALEXANDER (WR)    | Kent AUSTIN (QB)     | Less BROWNE (DB)      |
| Giulio CARAVATTA (QB) | Tyrone CHATMAN (LB)  | Dave CHAYTORS (DT)    |
| D CHRONOPOULOS (D)    | Matt CLARK (SB)      | Matt CLARKE (LB)      |
| Tony COLLIER (DB)     | Tommy EUROPE (S)     | Darren FLUTIE (WR)    |
| Sean FOU DY (DB)      | Todd FURDYK (OL)     | Charles GORDON (DB)   |
| Ryan HANSON (RB)      | James JEFFERSON (DB) | Cory MANTYKA (T)      |
| Spencer MCLENNAN (SB) | Danny MCMANUS (QB)   | Sean MILLINGTON (RB)  |
| Yo MURPHY (WR)        | Henry NEWBY (LB)     | Lui PASSAGLIA (PK)    |
| Doug PETERSEN (DT)    | Cory PHILPOT (RB)    | Virgil ROBERTSON (LB) |
| Ian SINCLAIR (C)      | Rob SMITH (G)        | Angelo SNIPES (LB)    |
| Vic STEVENSON (T)     | Andrew STEWART (DE)  | Jamie TARAS (G)       |
| Barry WILBURN (DB)    |                      |                       |

## **BUILDER CATEGORY**

### **LORNE DAVIES – All-Round**

When any discussion of Simon Fraser University athletics is raised, one name simply cannot be excluded—Lorne Davies. From the Burnaby university's inception, Davies masterminded some of the most forward thinking measures in Canadian university sport. From 1965 to 1995, Davies served as SFU's athletic director and the Clan's record of success on its own in that time might be enough to warrant Hall of Fame induction. Yet it is Davies' work designing and implementing Canada's first university athletic awards program that is truly remarkable. From a time when athletic scholarships were unheard of to today when most universities and colleges in Canada have since adopted some form of athletic scholarship program modeled on the one Davies' initiated at SFU, Davies literally changed the face of Canadian university sport forever. Observers can claim that Canada's best student athletes are continually leaving for the greener pastures offered by American universities, but Davies' work has ensured countless numbers have stayed at home north of the 49<sup>th</sup>. At SFU Davies also established the first national training centers located at a Canadian university (soccer, athletics, wrestling), hired full-time coaches for all sports for the first time, and promoted female participation in university sport at a time when the playing fields were male dominated. Under his guidance SFU was the first Canadian institution accepted into the NAIA, allowing SFU athletes further opportunities to compete.

### **JENNY JOHN – Field Hockey**

Considered by many to be the 'face' of field hockey in British Columbia for over a quarter century, Jenny John's contributions to the sport have left a lasting legacy, literally living and breathing across the province. Arriving in BC from Britain in 1970, John played on the BC and Canadian national senior teams from 1971-75. After retiring as a player, she moved on to coaching, umpiring, organizing, and administrating in the sport. For two years she coached the University of Victoria. In her role as provincial coordinator of the BC Women's Field Hockey Federation from 1979-2000, John elevated and strengthened the sport at all levels. It seemed wherever her travels took her, when she left the sport there was in a better state, be it Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland or the Okanagan. Whether it was conducting countless coaching, umpiring, or player clinics over the years, mentoring many of the key organizers in the sport today, or restructuring the BC high school program and provincial championships into its present form, there can be little argument that John has developed the policies, players, and people that form the current make-up BC field hockey today.

## **PIONEER CATEGORY**

### **ANN CLARK AYRES – Athletics**

The opportunities for women competing in sport exist because of the work of groundbreaking pioneers like Ann Clark, who pushed for increased women's participation in sport at a time when opportunities to compete were far more restricted. Born in London, England, Clark came to Vancouver at an early age and began her career in sport in 1928 as secretary of the Vancouver District Softball League while also actively participating as a player. As the years went by and the number and variety of sporting roles and positions she took on grew, Clark focused solely on the coaching and organizational end where she made an indelible mark. From 1930 to 1956 she served as secretary of the BC Branch of the Women's Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada (WAAF) attending every major track meet in BC as a representative of the national body and securing women's participation in many of these events for the first time. She served on the national selection committee for every British Empire and Olympic Games between 1934 and 1950, where many of the athletes she developed in Vancouver were selected to represent Canada internationally. A few of her more prominent protégés became Hall of Famers themselves such as Shirley (Gordon) Olafsson, Eleanor McKenzie, and Millie Cheater. Clark, herself, was appointed manager/chaperone of the Canadian women's British Empire Games team travelling to Australia in 1938. Clark's most ground breaking accomplishments came in 1948, when she became the first vice-president of the WAAF and then the first female official elected to the executive committee of the Canadian Olympic Games Association. Later, she served as a president of the WAAF as well.

## **MEDIA CATEGORY**

### **Greg Douglas**

Known best in recent years as "Dr. Sport," Greg Douglas has been providing British Columbians with their daily dose for over forty years. In the days when most media members were clumped together under the general term "press", Douglas was an early pioneer of the multi-form media personality covering sports for various radio, television, newspaper, and magazine outlets—often simultaneously. Born and raised in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Douglas joined the Vancouver Sun in 1966 as a reporter covering local baseball and hockey beats. At the same time, his first break in radio on the coast came with CKWX, hired by Jim Robson. In 1968, Douglas joined the WHL's Vancouver Canucks as public relations director and stayed with the team after it jumped to the NHL until 1976. That same year, Douglas branched out with his own sports marketing and communications company, Greg Douglas Enterprises, promoting local sports events. From Stanley Cup playoffs to Grey Cups to heavyweight title fights to thoroughbred horse racing, Douglas covered events all over North America.