



ROGER J. E. PEDDLE

1949 - 2007

As a Builder, Roger Peddle dedicated his business acumen and leadership to sports. He founded the Brampton Minor Football Association and served as an Executive Member for over seven years with the Brampton Satellites. He was also an Executive Member of many other notable sports associations. Over the course of eleven years, Roger served the Ontario Amateur Football Association as Director, Vice-President, Administrator and President, and Director of Canadian Football. Roger contributed seven years to the Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club as Director, President and Past President, including 2 Mann Cup Championships!

For nineteen years, Roger dedicated time as a Director, President, Vice-President and Past President for the Brampton Kiwanis Club, in addition to many volunteer community boards. He served as Chairman of the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee from 1994 to 2000. Roger was on the Ontario Trillium Foundation Board with sports interests.

Roger Peddle was also a strong athlete. In 1970 he was drafted, after college and university, as the 1st "big man" prototype by the CFL's Hamilton Tiger Cats. Roger was a natural power weightlifter competing for Canada in Scandinavia, Great Britain, Ireland, Germany and Japan. He earned the title of the "3rd strongest man in the world" for three years. Roger never touted his athletic prowess. His presence and personality were sufficient. He loved competing and loved telling the many stories.

Brampton born to an athletic farming family of Elmbank, and a lifetime resident, Roger served the athletic community as an Athlete and as a Builder, maintaining a keen interest as coach and mentor in both individual and team sports. He gave his talent and his time to enhance sports in Brampton at many levels.

Though Roger Peddle passed away unexpectedly in 2007, the legacy of his contribution, his personality, intellect and laughter continue to inspire and motivate others. Roger viewed sports as a vehicle to facilitate teamwork, strategy, competition and a tool, to win or lose with grace and learning, whether at a beginner or at an elite level of participation that would help in life's journey.

Roger Peddles' contribution is noted and remembered. Roger gave his best as athlete, coach and builder to facilitate sports in Brampton.

Inducted May 27, 2009 to the





BRUCE CARRUTHERS

Bruce Carruthers is a competitor, a leader and a supporter. For the past fifty-two years, Bruce has been a member of the Brampton Curling Club, and in 1989 he was nominated and approved as a Life Member.

He represented Brampton at eight Provincial Championships and won two Provincial titles. Bruce was a member of the 1983 Ontario Seniors Provincial Champion team, and the 1988 Ontario Masters Provincial Champion team. The 1983 team finished third in the Canadian Seniors Championships.

Bruce has also been involved in the operations of the Brampton Curling Club and its many events. He worked on the organizing committee for both the 1980 Labatt Tankard and the 1990 Scott Tournament of Hearts. He served as auditor for the Brampton Curling Club, was elected to the Board of Directors in 1964 and was President in 1967.

For most of his competitive career Bruce played third with longtime friend and Hall of Famer Jack Bryans. They began curling together in 1972, and still curl at the Brampton Curling Club. Bruce is not the only Carruthers that curls. When he isn't playing, Bruce is cheering on his children and grandchild in their competitive endeavours.

Bruce was an avid tennis player and is an Honourary Life Member of the Brampton Tennis Club. Bruce also enjoys golf and plays a couple of rounds a week during the summer.

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CODY HODGSON

Cody Hodgson was inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in May, 2009, five months after gaining international recognition for leading Canada to the 2009 World Junior Hockey Championship at Ottawa, where he was the tournament's leading scorer and acclaimed by numerous hockey experts as Canada's most valuable player.

Hodgson started playing hockey at age four in Haliburton, Ont., and when his family moved to Markham in 1997, he joined the Markham Minor Hockey Association. He competed in three all-Ontario championships during his minor hockey career and won numerous "Most Valuable Player" awards.

Hodgson was the Brampton Battalion's first-round choice in the 2006 OHL Priority Selection and started his prolific tenure with the Troops in 2006-07.

He was one of the OHL's top rookie scorers in 2006-07 with 23 goals and 46 points, and tied Steven Stamkos as Canada's leading scorer at the 2007 under-18 Hockey World Cup tournament in the Czech Republic.

Hodgson scored 40 goals in his second season with the Troops and was their leading scorer in the playoffs. He capped his outstanding campaign in April 2008, by leading the World Under-18 Championship Tournament in scoring and captaining Canada's team to the world title.

Hodgson, a two-time Battalion scholastic player of the year, was the Vancouver Canucks' first-round choice in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft, and after returning to the Battalion ranks in October, 2008, was named team captain and led the Troops to a record-breaking season. He was the club's leading scorer and became the first Battalion player to twice reach the 40-goal plateau.

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GWILYM EVANS

1928 - 1994

A resident of Brampton from the age of two, Gwilym was a prominent local sportsman in Brampton during the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970s. He was actively involved in three sports: lacrosse, hockey and basketball, but it was in the game of lacrosse that Gwilym distinguished himself both as a player and a builder.

Gwilym played on, and contributed to, numerous Excelsior Ontario Lacrosse Association Championship teams. As a player, he was a leading scorer throughout his career with the Brampton Excelsiors at the Minor, Jr. and Sr. levels. In 1948, he was selected to bolster the St. Catharines Jr. A Athletics in their quest for the Minto Cup. As a Builder, he dedicated over twenty-five years of service to the Excelsiors' Lacrosse Club, including ten years as General Manager of the Sr. A Excelsiors and over twenty years as an Executive Member.

His contributions led to numerous provincial lacrosse championships at the Minor level and three Canadian Championships and four Eastern Canadian Championships at the Jr. and Sr. levels. Gwilym also devoted almost a decade of his time to the Brampton Minor Hockey Association as a Coach and a General Manager, and in the late 1960's he managed the Brampton Rubin Rocketts of the Metro Jr. B Hockey League for three years. In 1989, he was selected as one of the inaugural lifetime members of the Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club.

His sustained commitment contributed to the development of outstanding athletes and championship levels of performance at the local, provincial and national levels in Brampton. His civic-mindedness was noted in other forms of community involvement as well. He was a well-known tenor soloist during his day, and a member of different service groups. Gwilym represents the second of four generations of Evans family members who have made important contributions to lacrosse in Brampton, as well as the ongoing goal of building Brampton as a healthy, active community.

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JOHN FORD

1937 - 1994

John Ford was best known for his ability, attitude and dedication. He played defence for many championship teams, and earned a number of awards and recognitions for his abilities.

In lacrosse, John played defence with the Brampton Excelsiors Junior A's and the Brampton Excelsiors Senior A's. The Brampton Excelsiors Junior A team won the 1956 Eastern Championship and the 1957 and 1958 Canadian Championships. The Brampton Excelsiors Senior A team was the 1960 Eastern Finalist and the 1961 and 1962 Canadian Finalist. John received the "Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) All Star", "OLA Most Valuable Player" and "Brampton's Most Valuable Player" Awards while playing for Brampton Excelsiors Junior A teams. John was the second highest Brampton scorer in a playoff series in 1957, in which his team won the Minto Cup. He became a Life Member of the Excelsior Lacrosse Club in 1989.

John played for the Brampton Regents Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) Junior B hockey team. In the Ontario Finals he was named an All Star Defenceman.

John Ford is remembered as a great team player and a strong defender with a great athletic record.

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MATT DUCHENE

Matt Duchene of the Ontario Hockey League's Brampton Battalion, at age 18, became the youngest athlete in the sport of hockey to be inducted to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame when he was honoured in May, 2009.

Duchene was raised in Haliburton, Ont., and showed at an early age that he was a special talent as he started playing organized hockey with the Haliburton Huskies when he was four, and one year later was competing with players who were two years older.

He developed his unique skills with the Central Ontario Wolves AAA program before being the Battalion's first-round choice, fifth overall, in the 2007 OHL Priority Selection.

Duchene joined the Battalion for the 2007-08 campaign and became only the second player in team history to score 30 goals as a rookie, and was the leading goal-scorer for gold medal-winning Team Ontario at the 2008 World Under-17 Challenge at London, Ont.

After the completion of his first season with the Battalion, he led Canada's gold medal-winning team in goals enroute to the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 title in Russia. He followed that performance as captain of Canada's championship team at the 2008 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in the Czech Republic in August, 2008, earning his third international gold medal in less than eight months.

Duchene was one of the Battalion's offensive stars in a record-breaking 2008-09 campaign and was named the team's scholastic player of the year. His outstanding performance earned him rave reviews from National Hockey League scouts and he is projected as one of the most-coveted players for the 2009 NHL Entry Draft.

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RICK NASH

Rick was born in Brampton in 1984 and played all his minor league hockey in Brampton and Toronto. In the year 2000 Rick was drafted in the 1st round, 4th overall by the London Knights of the OHL and went on to win the 2001 Emms Family Award (Rookie of the Year), as well as a spot on the OHL All-Rookie and the CHL All-Rookie Team.

Rick was drafted by the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets as the 1st pick over-all in 2002. In his first season he finished 2nd in voting for the Calder Trophy as the NHL's "Rookie of the Year" and was named to the "NHL All-Rookie Team". Rick's other NHL accomplishments to date are winning the Maurice Rocket Richard trophy as the NHL's leading goal scorer in 2003 (shared with Jarome Iginla and Ilya Kovalchuk), and at 19 years of age Rick was the youngest player in NHL history to lead the league in goals. Four NHL All-Star appearances in 2002, 2007, 2008 and 2009. In 2008 Rick scored the quickest goal in All-Star Game history, just 12 seconds in. He was nominated for the 2008 "Best Play ESPY Award" for a goal scored against the Phoenix Coyotes. On March 12, 2008 Nash was named the fifth captain in Columbus Blue Jackets' history. On March 7, 2009 Nash scored three unassisted goals against the Detroit Red Wings. The last player to score three unassisted goals was Maurice "Rocket" Richard on March 14, 1948.

During the 2004-05 NHL lockout Nash played for HC Davos of the Swiss Elite League. Joined by fellow NHL-er Joe Thornton, Davos went on to win the Swiss Championship and the 2004 Spengler Cup.

Rick's international success with Team Canada began with a silver medal in his second junior season when he was chosen to play for Team Canada's junior squad in the 2002 World Junior Championships. Rick would make his senior international debut for Team Canada at the 2005 World Championship, earning his second silver medal and named to the tournament All-Star Team. Rick was named to Team Canada for the 2006 Olympics; unfortunately the team finished a disappointing 7th. The following year Rick captured his first gold medal with Team Canada at the 2007 World Championship. Rick was named to the tournament All-Star Team and earned MVP honours. Rick appeared in his third World Championship in 2008, earning silver. Nash was named to the tournament All-Star Team for the second consecutive year.

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OHENEWA AKUFFO

An incredibly ambitious individual, Ohenewa Akuffo strives to reach her full potential through her wrestling career. In 2008, Ohenewa won a bronze medal in the 72 kilograms division at the World Female Wrestling Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Just 8 weeks before the Tokyo Championships, she finished 10th in the 72 kilograms division at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Ohenewa was introduced to wrestling in her first year of high school and began training at the Matmen Wrestling Club in Brampton to enhance her skills. Ohenewa became the youngest-ever member of the Canadian Senior team and won her first national title in 1997 as a seventeen year-old high school wrestler. She is a ten-time senior national champion. Since her wrestling career began in 1997, Ohenewa has received numerous medals and recognitions every year in various National and World Championships.

Ohenewa is currently attending York University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Administrative Studies with honours in Marketing, while completing a Certificate of Management and Sports Administration. She avidly trains daily as she focuses on reaching her next major goal, which is to be the best athlete in the World.

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