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High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction Set

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is pleased to announce the induction of six athletes, three builders and one team to its second Hall of Fame - The Class of 2011. This year's class features two Basketball Players, three Volleyball Players, and a Track Athlete. The Builders represent Football, Basketball and All Round, and the team selected is a Basketball Team.

The 2011 Manitoba High School Sports Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Athletes

Keith Sanheim (Volleyball) – Keith had a great volleyball career at Springfield Collegiate. He was recruited to play for the University of Manitoba and was selected as a GPAC all star on two occasions, a first team All Canadian once, and honourable mention as All Canadian on one occasion. His teams won four national University Championships and he also competed in three World Championships, and at three Pan Am Games during a stellar thirteen year career on the National Men's Volleyball program.

Angie Straub (Johnson) (Basketball) – Angie was a John Taylor Collegiate Basketball player who in the early 70's dominated the game as a star for the University of Winnipeg. She played in the 1972 World University Games in Moscow, the 1972 World Championships in Columbia, the 1975 Pan Am Games in Mexico City and 1976 Olympics in Montreal. She was also part of a contingent of Canadian Athletes to compete in China. Angie also had the athletic ability to be invited to play Volleyball at the National level as well.

Martin Riley (Sisler High School Basketball) - Martin was the first player to gain a spot on the Canadian National Team right out of high school, and represented Canada in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. He also led the University of Manitoba Bisons to the National Championship in 1976, and was recognized as the country's top player. He was selected as Manitoba's Athlete of the Year in 1976, and to the CIS All Canadian Team in 1977 and 1978. He continued on playing Senior Men's Basketball with Nicolett Inn and captured Canadian Senior Men's Canadian Team Men's Title with them in 1979 and 1980. Martin later coached High School Basketball at Churchill, Dakota Collegiate, and Miles Macdonell.



Brian MacLaren (Volleyball/Track – Vincent Massey) – Brian was an outstanding athlete while at Vincent Massey and won numerous Provincial Championships in his High School and University years. In 1968, MacLaren represented Canada in the Mexico City Olympics, participating in the 4 x 400 Relay. He participated again in the 1972 Olympics in Munich running both as an individual and as a member of the 4 x400 team. He was able to participate at home for the 1967 Pan Am Games where he was a Silver Medalist in the 4 x 400, and Bronze Medalist in the 800 meters. A teacher at Murdoch MacKay, Brian gave back to sport at the High School level being a coach and as well President of the MHSAA for three years.

Tammy Mahon (Treherne Collegiate Volleyball, Basketball, Track) – Tammy Mahon was selected as MHSAA Jostens Female High School Athlete of the Year in 1998. Tammy was an all round athlete who participated in a variety of High School Sports. Tammy went on to play with the University of Manitoba Bisons and has been a member of Canada's National Women's Volleyball Team for seven years and most recently named team captain. At the University of Manitoba they captured two National Championships and she has played five years overseas in Sweden, Holland, Romania and Greece.

Mary Dempster (Silver Heights Collegiate Volleyball) – Mary Dempster's career took her to University of Manitoba in 1973 and then on to the University of North Dakota where she was named All Conference and Most Valuable Player in 1977 and 1978. She joined the National Volleyball Team and helped Canada to an 11th Place finish at the World Championships in Mexico in 1974 and on to 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Mary continued on with the National Team until 1978. She is an educator at Fort Richmond Collegiate and continues to give back, having coached at several High Schools.

Builders

Dale Bradshaw - Basketball (Garden City, Dakota Collegiate) – The name Dale Bradshaw is associated with High School Basketball in the Province. The "Dean" as he is commonly referred to, spent 20 years coaching and has mentored 80 – 100 former players to become coaches. His teams made it to the Provincial Championships seventeen times, winning five of those Championships. He has also gone to coach the Provincial Jr. Men's Team and won a gold medal at the 1979 Western Canada Games and Bronze at the 1982 and 1983 Jr. National Championships. His teams at Dakota were always known for their intensity and knowledge of the game. He was a member of the MHSAA seeding committee and top ten ranking committee.

John Puchniak (Churchill High/St. Paul's High School Football) – John Puchniak was a fullback and linebacker at St. Paul's High School. A graduate of St. Paul's High School, he went on to be the Head Football Coach at Churchill High School from 1965 - 1971 including three Championships in the Winnipeg High School Football League with 32 undefeated consecutive games. During his tenure, he started the "pride and tradition" slogan still used today. John also was a Football Commissioner for the MHSAA and he has also been appointed a Life Member to the International Peace Gardens. John is a long time fund raiser for a variety of groups, including St. Paul's High School, Special Olympics, Bison Alumni Association, etc.



George Phillips (Legion Athletic Camps) – George Phillips was a long time educator in the Winnipeg School Division retiring as Principal of Kelvin High School. This leader was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame this past October, and is best known from his involvement with the Legion Athletic Camps held at the International Peace Gardens near Boissevain. He remains the driving force behind the success of the camp. George also conducted numerous track and field clinics throughout Rural Manitoba and was a key organizer of the Red River Relays held regularly at the Winnipeg Arena. He coached for over 50 years, and to this day still dedicates all his time to the Legion Athletic Camps.

Team

Sisler Spartans 1973 - The 1973 edition of the Spartans went undefeated all year. Led by Coach Gary Grubert, the Spartans participated in numerous tournaments both in Province and out and advanced to the Provincials with an undefeated record. The Spartans featured many players who went on to outstanding University careers, including Martin Riley (U of M) who captained the Canadian Olympic Team, Bob Magel (U of W) and Dan Kinaschuk (U of W), Ben Szymkow (BU), Randy Prokopanko (U of M), Les Sikora (U of W). No team has gone undefeated since and many of the players have gone on to teach and coach in Winnipeg and other areas.

The Manitoba High School Sports Hall of Fame will hold their induction luncheon on Saturday May 7th, 2011 at the Holiday Inn South. For further information or tickets contact the MHSAA at 925-5641.

