



Former NHL blueliner, international skater to be inducted into Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame

Burnaby boy Chris Joseph, who played defence for seven NHL teams including the Vancouver Canucks, and Kevin Reynolds, whose amazing athleticism helped to influence changes to figure skating judging, are among the latest to be inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame.

Joseph, who grew up in North Burnaby and played much of his minor hockey for the Burnaby Winter Club, played 510 games in the National Hockey League during his 19-year professional career which took him to all corners of the North American continent as well as a couple of stops in Europe. Reynolds trained out of the elite skating program at Burnaby 8-Rinks and went on to represent Canada at six world championships as well as the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Joseph and Reynolds are joined in the athlete category by Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Famer Fred Usselman, Volleyball official Howard Hum and basketball official Steve Mawhinney will be inducted in the builder category, junior lacrosse bench boss Dan Mattinson will go in as a coach while the 2001 Burnaby Canadians Anduccis national senior women's soccer champions will be inducted in the team category at a banquet to be held at the Metrotown Firefighters Hall on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020.

Joseph was a first-round draft pick, fifth overall, of the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1987. During his NHL career he scored 39 goals and 112 assists for 151 points. He had two stints with the Penguins and also patrolled the blueline for the Edmonton Oilers, Tampa Bay Lightning, Philadelphia Flyers, Phoenix Coyotes and Atlanta Thrashers. He played 38 games for Vancouver in 1999-2000 scoring two goals and nine assists. He also helped Canada win a gold medal at the world junior championship held in Moscow in 1988.

Reynolds trained under the tutelage of another Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame inductee Joanne McLeod (2005). He was the first skater to land two quadruple jumps in a single program and five quads in one competition. But in his early days of competing he wasn't getting rewarded by the judges for executing difficult elements. In the last 10 years the judging criteria has completely flipped, says Reynolds, and he is "very proud" of being part of that change.

"The skating skills of both of these spectacular athletes shone brightly on elite stages of competition and Burnaby played a large part in their development. The hall is proud to be inducting them and four other individuals. And then there's the 2001 Burnaby Canadians. They pulled off what has got to be one of the most dramatic championship victories ever," said Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame chair Grant Granger.

Also to be inducted Feb. 27, 2020:

ATHLETE

Fred Usselman, lacrosse

Usselman, who grew up in East Burnaby, played in two Minto Cup Canadian junior lacrosse championships including being part of the 1956 champion Mount Pleasant Legion. He was lethal playing on one of the era's most prolific lines alongside two other Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame inductees, Gord Gimple and Alex Carey as the Vancouver Burrards/Carlings won the 1961, 1963 and 1964 Mann Cup Canadian senior men's titles. A five-time Western Lacrosse Association all-star, Usselman scored 476 goals and 773 points in his 12-year career. He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1979.

BUILDER

Howard Hum, volleyball

As a kid, basketball was Hum's sport, but one day a volleyball coach at Alpha secondary in North Burnaby asked him to referee a game, and he's been blowing a whistle ever since. Along with officiating high-level university and collegiate matches, Hum has organized officials at international competitions, served on the board of Volleyball BC (2012-2014) and has been an executive board member for Volleyball Canada since 2014.

Steve Mawhinney, basketball

Mawhinney has been a gym rat ever since he first started playing basketball in the 1970s at Marlborough elementary. Although his talent didn't match his passion for the game, he began refereeing games when he was at Royal Oak junior high. And he still wears the zebra stripes on the hardwood. Mawhinney has refereed four B.C. high school senior boys championship finals and two girls provincial finals. He has been recognized as the winner of the Wink Willox Award for service, commitment and excellence in officiating by both Basketball BC and the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials.

COACH

Dan Mattinson, lacrosse

The Willingdon Heights product was coaching soccer for Norburn Athletic Club when legendary lacrosse builder Jack Crosby (2001 inductee), got him into the lacrosse box, Mattinson devoured all he could learn about the sport and coaching. It paid off as he led Burnaby Cablevision to six Minto Cups, including winning three years in a row — 1977, 1978 and 1979 — unprecedented for western Canadian teams. In 12 regular seasons behind the Burnaby bench his squads had a 223-75-3 record.

TEAM

2001 Burnaby Canadians Anduccis senior women's soccer

The Canadian surrendered just one goal in winning three games and tying one in group play leading up to the Canadian senior women's championship final in Vaughn, Ont. In that game, however, the Canadians battled Nova Scotia to a scoreless draw through 90 minutes of regulation and another 30 minutes of overtime. After 10 rounds of a shootout the teams were tied 5-5 leaving only the goalkeepers left to take shots. Burnaby goalie Michele Gademans scored on hers, and then saved a shot by the Nova Scotian keeper to secure the national crown in the most dramatic of fashions.

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