

ROSEMARY MILLER

For 47 years, Rosemary Miller has been a dedicated volunteer with tennis programs at the Chinguacousy, Bramalea and Brampton Tennis Clubs. Coming to Chinguacousy Township (Bramalea) in 1966, she was a founding member of the Chinguacousy Tennis Club.

Following the creation of the City of Brampton, the Chinguacousy Tennis Club became the Bramalea Tennis Club. With the Chinguacousy-Bramalea clubs, Rosemary served as juniors' co-ordinator, secretary, vice-president, president and team captain of the ladies and mixed doubles teams. In 2009, Rosemary joined the Brampton Tennis Club and was elected to its Board of Directors in 2010. She developed an interest in seniors' tennis and District 19 55+ Games Tournaments.

When Brampton hosted the Ontario 55+ Games in 2012, Rosemary directed six sports which included bocce, cycling, darts, floor shuffleboard, tennis and walking. More than 1,400 competitors attended the Games, with the Brampton and Bramalea Clubs serving as venues for 55+, 65+ and 75+ tennis participants.

In 2014, Brampton won a bid to host the 2016 Canada 55+ Games, and Rosemary chaired the Games Organizing Committee. The 2016 Games attracted 1,700 registered participants, including 92 from Brampton, 36 from Mississauga and 10 from Caledon.

For many years, Rosemary has made outstanding contributions to the development of sport in Brampton with her strong passion for tennis, fitness and good sportsmanship. She has supported 55+ Games at local, provincial and national levels.

For 46 years (1971-2017) Rosemary played on Inter-County Tennis Association teams for either the Bramalea or Brampton clubs. She also volunteered for Tennis Canada at the Rogers Cup National Tennis Tournament at York University in 2001.

In 2008, she volunteered for Tennis Canada's Tennis Development Group at the Rogers Cup Nationals. The Parks and Recreation Ontario Pro Awards program honored Rosemary in 2016 for her contribution to promoting the benefits of parks and recreation in Ontario.





HARNEK SINGH RAI

Harnek Singh Rai has made history by becoming the first power lifter to be inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame. Rai, who was born in Goraya, India, has been involved in all facets of the sport for more than 40 years in India, United Kingdom and now in Canada as a competitor, organizer, coach and an international referee.

Rai's illustrious career as a competitor was cut short in 2005 when doctors discovered he had a serious heart condition, resulting in a quadruple bypass. After the surgery he was warned by his doctors that he would have to forget about competing again.

But that didn't stop him from returning to the sport. At the Canadian nationals in Dartmouth, N.S., in 2007 Rai set a Canadian record for competitors aged 50-and older with a single lift of 145 kgs to erase the previous mark of 132.5 kgs. But that came with a price as rules stated that an athlete had to pay \$250 for a drug test to claim a new record! But paying out of his pocket is nothing new for Rai. Since the sport doesn't enjoy a high recognition factor in Canada, Rai travels around the country and the world as an official on his own dime.

Rai, who has left an indelible mark in his sport by striking gold at the Canadian national championships in 1993, 1997, 1999 and 2004, is also a keen photographer. He has taken more than 250,000 power lifting pictures worldwide and has generously given them away for free. Rai has been honoured by both the Ontario and the Canadian Power Lifting Association as a competitor and his work behind the scenes as a referee and judge. At last count Rai has officiated in more than 70 competitions across Canada. In 2008 Ontario honored Rai with the Syl Apps Special Achievement Award for his extraordinary service to the sport.





RICHARD SOUCÉ

Richard Soucé has had an extraordinary career inside the squared circle. In 1978, at the age of 14, the Calcutta-born Soucé donned gloves for the first time at the Bramalea Boxing Club and his talent was quickly spotted by the club's head coach John Melich. His meteoric rise included three title fights against iconic boxers.

Soucé's coach John Melich produced 10 Canadian champions and 4 North American champions, including 3 Olympians; Dewith Fraser who was inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2013, Greg Griffiths who was a 1988 Olympian and Mark Leduc, the 1992 Silver Medalist, who was managed by John Melich.

Within a year of training with Melich, the young Soucé punched his way to provincial honours and was named boxer of the tournament. Soucé crowned a fabulous 1979 by becoming the first boxer from Brampton to win the Canadian Championships and also be named the Ontario Golden Gloves champion. Soucé posted an outstanding amateur record of 42 wins and 18 losses.

In 1986 Soucé was the first boxer from Brampton to turn professional. Trained and managed by John Melich of Champion Boxing Club, Soucé quickly climbed up the professional rankings as a junior welterweight. The Canadian Professional Boxing Federation ranked him number one, the World Boxing Council Continental Americas number nine and the North American Boxing Federation placed him at number five.

In 1988, undefeated (14-0) Soucé got his first crack at a title fight against the International Boxing Federation lightweight champion Harry Arroyo for the vacant WBC Continental Americas super lightweight crown, which the American won on an eighth-round technical knockout (TKO).

Soucé's next title shot was against the great Hector Camacho, a three-weight world champion (World Boxing Council super-featherweight, WBC lightweight and World Boxing Organization junior welterweight). Soucé held his own against the legendary Puerto Rican until the third round when Camacho's forearm cut the Canadian's left eye and opened up a deep gash, requiring 11 stitches. That resulted in the referee stopping the junior welterweight contest.

Soucé's last crack at a crown came in 1992 against Joey Gamache, yet another iconic boxer in Grennevilliers, France. That too ended in an eighth-round TKO. Soucé hung up his gloves that year with a record of 15 wins and 7 losses, with 9 of his victories coming from knockouts.

Soucé now trains up-and-coming boxers at his own Stockyards Boxing and Fitness Club out of the George Bell Arena in Toronto.



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MIKE WEAVER

As the National Hockey League celebrates its 100th anniversary (2018), it's still the dream of young Canadian hockey players to one day don the uniform of an NHL team.

Odds of reaching the NHL, as a member of the "Original Big Six" - (Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Boston) or today's 31-team expansion, are phenomenally low. Brampton's Mike Weaver, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound defensive defenceman, smaller in comparison to today's NHL blue-liners, beat the odds. During a 16-year professional career, Weaver donned NHL uniforms with the Atlanta Thrashers, Los Angeles Kings, Vancouver Canucks, St. Louis Blues, Florida Panthers and Montreal Canadiens, from which he retired during the 2014-2015 season.

After 633 games in the NHL, he finished with eight goals and 89 assists for 97 points. In 2009, while with St. Louis, he was ranked 10th among the NHL's defensive defencemen. During the 2008-2009 season his St. Louis penalty kill registered a top-three finish in the NHL. He joined the Florida Panthers for the 2010-2011 season and was the team's assistant captain. In 2013-2014, he played 55 games with Florida before finishing the season with Montreal.

After playing 31 games with the Canadiens he retired in 2014-2015.

At the Beginning of his pro career in 2000-2001 Mike's International Hockey League Orlando Solar Bears won the league championship Turner Cup. In 2001-2002 his American League Chicago Wolves were Calder Cup champions. He also saw AHL action with the Manchester Monarchs.

Receiving a hockey scholarship from Michigan State University, Weaver had a four-year career with the Spartans, 1996-2000. While with them he was named to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) All-Tournament team in 1997. He won CCHA first-team laurels at the completion of the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 seasons. During this time, he was voted the CCHA's best defensive defenceman, and was an AHCA West Second team all-American during his final two years at Michigan State.

Before attending Michigan State, Weaver was the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League defenceman of the year as a member of the Bramalea Blues in 1995-1996. He won several most valuable awards while playing with the Chinguacousy Minor Hockey Association. Before joining the Bramalea Blues he played with the Major Bantam Vaughan Kings, winners of a Provincial championship. At the Provincials he won the tournament's MVP and best defenceman Awards.

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