



# FRANK BUCCA

Frank Bucca joined the Brampton Track Club (BTC) as a sprint coach in 1980. In 1993 he became Head Coach and President, duties he continues to hold to this day.

Prior to coming to Brampton, he spent ten years coaching in Hamilton and Brantford. In the more than 40 years of his involvement, BTC has been one of the premier clubs in the province. A non-profit organization, the club does not hold any tryouts and welcomes anyone from the community who want to strengthen their skills.

BTC also has produced a number of elite athletes who have represented Canada and Brampton at the Olympic Games; World Championships; Commonwealth Games; North American, Central America and Caribbean Athletic Association (NACAC) Games; Pan American Games; Canadian and Provincial Championships; National, Provincial and district legion championships and local grass roots meets.

Among those is Carlton Chambers, who won relay 4 x 100metre relay gold medals at the 1994 Commonwealth Games and the 1996 Olympics and was inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

Charles Allen, currently a sprint coach with Athletics Canada, finished sixth in the 110 metre hurdles at the 2004 Olympics and won a bronze medal with Canada's 4 x 100 metre relay team at the 2008 Commonwealth Games.

Khamica Bingham, has competed at international competitions in the youth, junior and senior levels, including both the 2016 and 2020 Olympics and has captured numerous sprint titles.

Daundre Barnaby, the 2012 Canadian 400 metre champion, competed at the 2012 Olympics and 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Even after many years of coaching, Frank continues to improve his coaching qualifications. In 2022 he received coaching certification from the Canadian Professional Coaches' Association in recognition of his ethics and high coaching standards.

In addition to coaching at the club level, Frank was also one of Canada's coaches at the 2009 International Amateur Athletic Federation World Youth Championships. In 2007 he was honoured with the Ontario Track and Field Coaches Council Region 5, 25-year Volunteer Service Award.

In 2011, the Brampton Track Club applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to purchase track equipment which has allowed the club and the community to host track meets, including provincial championships at Chinguacousy Park, giving Brampton athletes a chance to compete close to home.

The club participates in many functions within the community, including the annual Remembrance Day parade, and Sports Day in Brampton.

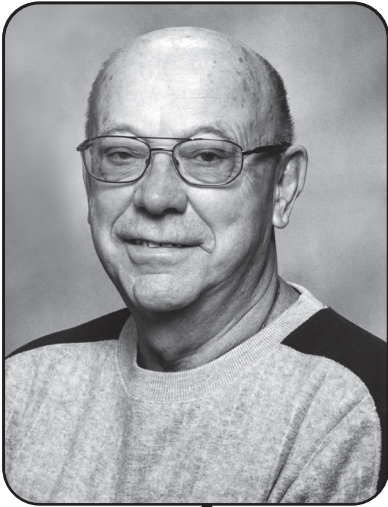
Frank received the City of Brampton 25-year Citizen Award in 2007. He has also been presented with the City of Brampton Citizens Awards in 1992, 1998, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Frank received the Province of Ontario 25-year Volunteer Award in 2007, for outstanding contribution to the Ontario Track and Field Coach Council – Region 5.

Frank received a Certificate of Achievement from Athletics Ontario in recognition and celebration of athletic excellence at Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

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# HOMER DUGUAY

The late Homer Duguay was a regular fixture at any one of the many Chinguacousy Minor Hockey Association rinks even when his team wasn't playing. Little wonder he earned the name Mr. Hockey in Chinguacousy for his active involvement that included coaching the house league and Intra-City Hockey League for many years. He tutored at every level from Novice to Juvenile but focused mainly on the Minor and Major Peewee age groups and was rewarded with Coach of the Year Honours in 1989-1990.

Duguay competed in every school sport in Windsor and during college in Detroit until knee problems curtailed his career and he was forced into coaching. That's when Father Ronald Cullen, a teacher at the Priests of Assumption High School took him under his wing and encouraged him in his coaching endeavours.

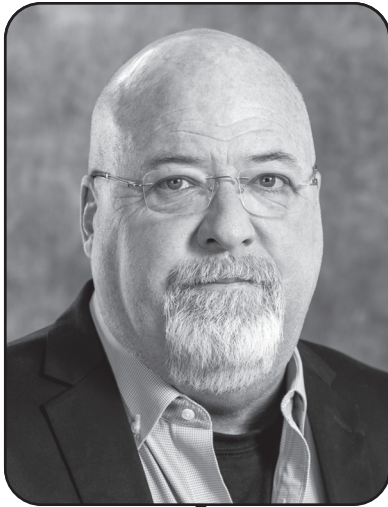
With encouragement from Father Cullen, Duguay started coaching minor hockey in Windsor in 1953-54 by taking charge of the Atoms (9 and 10 years of age). He also coached Novice and Juvenile Groups and says he planned his practices just as a school teacher would. "Our skating and shooting skills were similar to reading and writing," he said. Duguay was always hungry for more information to help him in his training and attended coaching symposiums at York and Trent University to enhance his skills.

After moving to Bramalea in 1965, Duguay got involved with the Chinguacousy Minor Hockey Association and decided to continue coaching in the Minor Peewee and Peewee Division. He said he got the most pleasure coaching Minor Peewees and Peewees. "At this stage they are gung-ho and look up to you as their leader," said Duguay. "I became their leader, I offered advice and helped prepare them for the adventurous high school years. I did my best in teaching the players respect for theirs and others time, property, attitudes, judgment, and privacy. To gain their respect I also asked my players to address me as Sir, Coach, Mr. D. or Mr. Duguay and to always come to the games dressed in dress pants, shirt and tie."

This was the beginning of what would become a fruitful coaching career that spanned 38 years. During that time his teams won many tournaments and were crowned League Champions.

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# JIM FLACK

Jim Flack has served the Brampton sports community since 1990, first as a teacher and coach at North Park Secondary School and then at Sheridan College, as the men's basketball coach and Director of Athletics.

He has received numerous honours, including the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Coach of the Year in 2001-2002, and he is an 11-time winner of the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Coach of the Year.

Prior to the 2022-2023 season, he had compiled a coaching record of 749 wins, 271 losses, and a 0.734 winning percentage. At the provincial level he has coached the Bruins to nine gold medals, six silver medals and two bronze. Nationally, he has led Sheridan to four Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) silver medals, three bronze medals and three fourth-place finishes.

While at North Park, he coached the baseball team to the Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association semifinals in 1996 and 1998 and coached two Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Associations track medalists from 1998 to 2000. He coached the boys' basketball team at North Park from 1990 to 1993. He was inducted into the North Park Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

Jim Flack also coached in the Peel All-star Basketball Game, becoming the first person to have played and coached in the event. As a player at Streetsville Secondary, he was also the first three-time Peel all-star. Jim also coached the Peel North All-star team, which won the Star Wars tournament against other GTA teams at Varsity Arena.

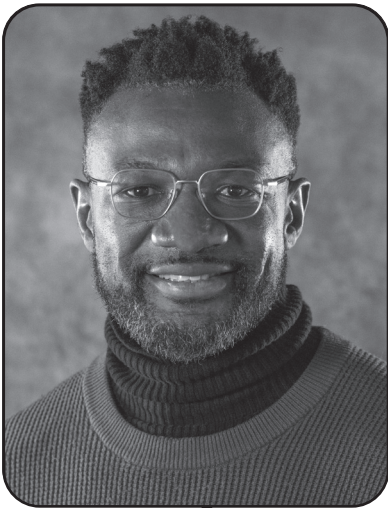
Wins and losses are only part of his story. Jim's goal is that all his athletes graduate, and as such, he created the first ever full-time Varsity Academic Advisor position in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). A believer in gender equity, he requires that Sheridan offer an equal number of sports for both men and women. He created the academic-based varsity scholarship program that provides universal scholarships, but also requires academic progress for those who wish to participate. He birthed the Sky-Blue Endowment Fund in 2001, a bursary program for student-athletes "based on contribution to team spirit, success and financial needs, without gender preference or bias". Currently, the precedent setting fund is valued at more than \$2 million.

Jim led the effort in the renovation and re-design of the gym and athletic facility at the Davis campus, a facility that is consistently accessed by many groups within the Brampton community.

Previously, he volunteered as a house league coach for the Brampton Minor Basketball Association and continues to host numerous coaching clinics for students and teachers in the region. He directed the Jim Flack Basketball Academy, a non-profit summer camp for Brampton youth, and he has now served on the Board of Physical Lifestyles for Autistic Youth (PLAY) charitable project for more than a decade.

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# TROY AMOS ROSS

Troy Amos Ross, was born in Georgetown, Guyana, in 1975. He moved to Toronto, Canada with his family in 1982, and relocated to Brampton in 1986. He was taught to box by his father, Charles Ross, a former Olympian from Guyana, and joined the Bramalea Boxing Club in 1986.

He had outstanding amateur and professional careers. As a professional, Troy had a record of 25 wins, three losses, with 16 wins by knockout.

His most impressive professional achievement was winning the fourth-season of the US cable television series The Contender, filmed in Singapore and the US, between 2008 and 2009. He won four consecutive bouts against some of the top cruiserweights in the world.

In 2005 he won the Canadian Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title. In 2007 he claimed the vacant Commonwealth Cruiserweight title.

Twice he fought for world titles. He took on American Steve Cunningham for the vacant IBF Cruiserweight title on June 5, 2010, in Germany losing by a controversial TKO. In the fifth round, he was cut by an inadvertent thumb to his eye by Cunningham, and the fight was stopped. His final fight in 2012, was for the vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) and The Ring Cruiserweight title, losing a unanimous 12-round decision to Yuan Pablo Hernandez in Germany.

In his amateur career he went to two Olympic Games, representing Canada as a light heavyweight (-81 kilograms) in Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney in 2000. In Atlanta he won his first two bouts but lost in the quarterfinals to eventual gold medalist Vassili Jorov of Kazakhstan 14-8.

At the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, he won bronze in the light heavyweight division. He also earned silver at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Troy graduated from George Brown College with a fashion design course, and began his own company Ross Wear, designing clothing for boxers. He has acted in several movies, playing opposite Russell Crowe in Cinderella Man as heavyweight boxer John Henry Lewis. He appeared in Resurrecting the Champ with Josh Hartnett and Samuel L. Jackson and portrayed Floyd Paterson in Phantom Punch.

Troy is one of the coaches for Montreal light heavyweight Jean Pascal, a former world champion.

In 2013 Troy received a citation from Peel Regional Police for helping to save a life after he came across an individual, who was bleeding from a stab wound after an altercation. He called 9-1-1 and kept the victim in his car until paramedics arrived.

Troy has volunteered in the community offering fitness boot camps at local high schools and family fitness programs through Active Ontario. He works as the executive director of a school and daycare in Brampton.

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# CATHERINE WHITE

Catherine White is assured of her place in the history of women's hockey. White established herself in the annals of the game when she scored the first goal for Canada's National Under-18 team against the United States in Ottawa on August 23, 2007.

The Brampton-born White, who at five foot, ten inches was an imposing presence on the ice, made an impact at the local level before joining Cornell University where her scoring and playmaking prowess made her a star. The product of Cardinal Leger Secondary School, captained the Brampton Canadettes to a bronze medal at the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) Provincials in 2004 and the following year she was selected to represent the Canadian National Women's Under-18 squad. White then struck gold with Team Ontario Red at the 2007 OWHA Championships and added another gold the same year with Team Ontario at the Canada Winter Games. On the international stage, White was a member of Canada's Under-22 winning team in the 2010 MLP Cup in Ravensburg, Germany. A year later, Canada repeated as champion in Ravensburg where White netted one of the six goals in the final.

White joined the Cornell Big Red women's ice hockey program in 2008 and recorded the most points by a Cornell freshman since 1979-80 while finishing second in Cornell scoring. White led the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) freshman in scoring and finished fourth among National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) freshmen in points per game. The following season, White was recognized as Cornell's co-MVP. She led Cornell in scoring during her sophomore season in 2009-10 and became the first Cornell women's hockey player to earn the ECAC Player-of-the-Year award. She also received RBK Second-Team All American honours in her sophomore season. She led the ECAC in assists with 24 in 22 games. White topped the Big Red in scoring with 42 points on 13 goals and 29 assists, scoring three game-winners and three power-play markers. White scored in all but six of the games she appeared in during the season and had 11 multi-point games on the season, including three goals with three assists. White collected a trio of assists against Harvard on October 31 and against Colgate on January 23, and posted the third three-assist game on February 6 against Princeton. She scored nine points in the seven post-season games, scoring six goals and three assists over that span. She added a goal and an assist in the NCAA tournament victory at Harvard and scored the overtime game-winner in the National semi-final victory against the #1 ranked Mercyhurst. That year the Big Red placed second in the NCAA D1 rankings, and was the first ever NCAA D1 final appearance by the Big Red.

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## BRAMPTON FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE TEAM 1996-2000

These eight Brampton firefighters put the City on the map. Over a span of five years, this team stunned the sporting community by winning the World Championships three years out of the five in 1996, 1998 and 1999, with silver medals the other two years and were Canadian Champions seven years in a row. A true dynasty, during these years the Canadian Division was the premier powerhouse in the Combat Challenge world.

The Brampton Firefighter Combat Challenge Team from 1996 to 2000 was coached by Doug Comeau and consisted of Peter Reid, Brent Hastings, Garry Wilton, Mark Evans, Dan Rowland, Rob Wohlfeld and Scott Hewlett.

The team was led by Peter Reid, who was undoubtedly the first real superstar of the Combat Challenge or Firefit world. He has an award – the Firefit Sportsman of the Year trophy, named in his honor. Brent Hastings and Peter Reid shared the Canadian individual champion over seven years 1995-2001. Garry Wilton was the over forty individual Canadian Champion in 1995 and 1996 and Mark Evans in 1998 and 2002. Brent Hastings was the overall individual world Champion in 1998 and Peter Reid, over forty years of age, individual World Champion 2004.

In capturing the 1996 World Championship, four team members finished in the individual top five, and all five were in the top 11. This was a tremendous showing by the Brampton squad as they beat out 700 teams and 3,500 participants from around the world. The Brampton team was showcased on ABC's Wide World of Sports, ESPN and TSN, who labelled the event "The toughest two minutes in sport." Their red-hot performance in Las Vegas in 1999 extinguished the competition and shattered the world record by six seconds.

Apart from their prowess in competition, the team was recognized for raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity in liaison with the Rotary Club of Brampton.

The team was the pride of the City of Brampton. The people of Brampton recognized their firefighters were the best in the world each year, cheering the team to victory. This all-star team has left a lasting legacy in their City, and for current and future Brampton Combat Challenge competitors.

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