

FRANK FASCIA

Frank Fascia has been involved in baseball from Brampton Minor Baseball to the Major Leagues.

He began playing minor baseball in Brampton in 1983. He was named a Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) Junior All-Star twice and played four years in the NCAA at George Washington University and St. Bonaventure University.

In 1991 he was a founding member of the Brampton Senior Twins, later the Pioneers and was a player and coach for 10 years, with the exception of two summers where he relocated to Montreal due to work. His accomplishments include being COBA Major League MVP, Top Pitcher and Sportsman of The Year in 1994. He was selected as COBA Major Executive of the Year in 1999. Fascia was elected to the COBA Major Senior Hall of Fame in 2010.

From 1992 to 1996, he was an associate scout for the Houston Astros. He became a coach in Brampton Minor Baseball Inc. (BMBI) in 2007. Fascia joined the BMBI executive as vice president of rep from 2013 to 2015, becoming president in 2016 and continued in this role as of his 2022 induction into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame. He was BMBI Tournament Coordinator from 2008 to 2015.

He spearheaded BMBI's Rep Committee Retention Plan in 2012, leading to the opening of the indoor Upper Deck Baseball Academy. Fascia also created an annual Florida Spring Training Trip for players 15 years of age and older.

Since 2008, he runs the Dave Dash Memorial Tournament which raises funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He has volunteered with Challenger Baseball since its inception in 2018 which gives those ages 5 to 21 with cognitive and physical disabilities an opportunity to participate in the sport.

Fascia has served in a variety of positions with COBA and Baseball Ontario which he continues until his induction. That includes COBA's third vice president in charge of rules since 2016 and COBA's rep on Baseball Ontario Rep Council, also since 2016.

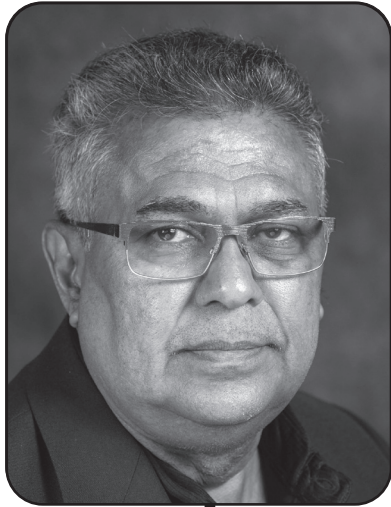
Fascia was elected as Director of Baseball Ontario in 2018 and to Baseball Ontario's Board of Management in 2019. Since 2018 he has been general manager of Ontario's U17 provincial team. He has also been commissioner of Baseball Ontario Elite Baseball League since 2019.

In 2022, Fascia was named the head coach of the inaugural baseball team at Sheridan College.

Fascia has also been active in Brampton Hockey. He was a volunteer coach from the 2006-2007 season to the 2011-2012 season. He was on the Brampton Hockey Board of Directors and sat on the Rep Committee.

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PRAIMNAUTH (PRAIM) PERSAUD

Praimnauth (Praim) Persaud made history when he walked into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2022.

The former cricket player and administrator became the first member of this fastgrowing sport in Canada to find himself inducted in the country's most diverse hall.

The Guyanese-born cricket player has been a driving force in making Brampton the Cricket Capital of Canada. In 2019 he played an instrumental role in bringing the Global T20 (GT20) to the city, which shined a national and global spotlight on Brampton.

Persaud was inducted into the United States of America Cricket Hall of Fame in October 2020 for 45 years of contributions to the growth and development of the sport. This includes 10 years of service in Montreal, dedicating the past 35 years of service in Ontario, and his services to the CCUSA Annual T20 Competition.

The late Don Doan, who was responsible for transforming Brampton's recreational programs during his 37 years with the City, recalls the phenomenal growth in the game since 1976 when there was just one club. He said Persaud played a major role in the growth & development of the game that saw the city expand from 15 clubs to 62 in five years.

This resulted in the formation of the Brampton Cricket Association (BCA) which continued to grow annually since its inception and was utilised to justify expanding three Brampton facilities to a record 14 at the time of Don's retirement.

The Brampton-Etobicoke and District Cricket League (BEDCL) grew from 18 teams to 157, by far the largest in the country.

Persaud has served previously as President of Cricket Ontario and currently sits as Vice-President. He intends to continue his voluntary services for the benefit of the sport at both the league and provincial levels.

His aim is to ensure that cricket is recognized by all governments, municipalities and administrations as a mainstream sport that deserves the respect and attention other sports receive, including in all areas of planning of infrastructure, finances and budget allocations.

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PAT O'TOOLE

Being inducted into a hall of fame is nothing new for Pat O'Toole. The former lacrosse goalkeeper walked into his first hall in 2012 when he was inducted by the Rochester Knighthawks and in 2013 came his crowning moment when the National Lacrosse League opened its doors to him.

In 2021, O'Toole was selected to be inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame. The streak continued in 2022 when the city that O'Toole has been a resident of since 1998, welcomed him into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame. He was honoured for his accomplishments as a player and coach at both box and field lacrosse at the minor, major and international levels. The 51-year-old O'Toole, a former President of the Brampton Minor Lacrosse Association, is generally credited for the revival of the sport in this city and making it a major force in lacrosse circles in Ontario. He will always be remembered for helping numerous kids get involved even when they couldn't afford the fees. He has also helped indigenous communities in remote areas of the province to get involved in the sport by donating used equipment to them.

O'Toole played for the Brampton "Major" Excelsiors in 1998 and 2000 and reached the pinnacle of Canadian Lacrosse by winning the Mann Cup in 1998. In the Mann Cup championship series, O'Toole also was recognized with the Mike Kelly Award, symbolic of the Mann Cup Series most valuable player. O'Toole won the Mann Cup in 2004, 2006 and 2007 as a player and 2011 back in Brampton as a Coach with the Excelsiors.

O'Toole played 12 of his 16 seasons with the Knighthawks and he was the lone member of the Class of 2013 to get into the hall. "To be the lone guy going in is shocking and a tremendous honour," said O'Toole at the time. "Just to be recognized is unbelievable and something to be proud of." O'Toole is still active as an assistant coach of the Knighthawks. O'Toole won two NLL titles, his first with Buffalo Bandits in 1996 and second with Rochester in 2007. He's Rochester's all-time leader in wins (102) and saves (5,756) and had a career save percentage of .768.

O'Toole retired in 2010 as the all-time leader in the NLL in regular-season saves (6,464, subsequently topped by Bob Watson in 2011) and playoff saves (802). He won the goaltender of the year award in 2003 while playing with Rochester, where he spent 12 of his 16 seasons. Despite his heroics in the goal, O'Toole also contributed at the other end with three goals and 136 assists that still stand as a league record for goalies.

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TAMARA TATHAM

Tamara Tatham has played a major role in the success of Canada's women's basketball program. She had an impressive international playing career that included 164 games representing Canada and 157 games at the senior level beginning in 2007.

That includes winning five medals including 2 gold medals at the 2015 FIBA America's qualifying tournament and the 2015 Pan Am Games. At the FIBA Americas she was named to the all-star Five Team.

Tatham played in two Olympics, 2012 and 2016. At Rio in 2016 she averaged 25.1 minutes with 9.8 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. That included scoring 20 points against China. Canada finished seventh. At the 2012 London Games she helped Canada reach the quarterfinals, finishing in eighth place. She played twice at world championships with Canada finishing 14th in 2010 and fifth in 2014.

Her professional career from 2008 to 2017 included stops in Finland, Germany, Slovakia, Australia and Russia. Each season she averaged double figures in scoring. In Halle, Germany in 2011-2012 she averaged 20.1 points and 10 rebounds. The following season she played 36.3 minutes per game, with 18.4 points, 10.9 rebounds and 2.5 assists, leading her team to a second-place finish.

In 2014-2015 in Slovakia she was named Player of the Year, Import Player of the Year, Forward of the Year and was selected to the First All-Import Team.

Her career in Germany included twice being named Import Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, first Team All-Star and to the All-Import team. In 2011-2012 she won Forward of The Year while in 2008-2009 she was Centre of the Year.

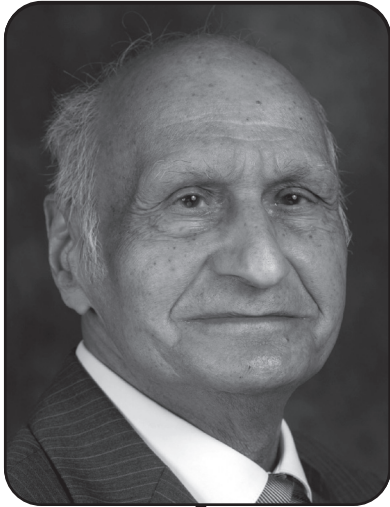
She played high school basketball at Chinguacousy Secondary School where she was the team MVP and helped her team qualify for the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association provincial championship tournament. She earned a basketball scholarship to UMass in Amherst Massachusetts, graduating in 2007, starting all but three of 115 games in her four-year career.

After retiring as a player, she turned to coaching serving as junior coach with the Raptors 905 of the NBA G League for the 2018-2019 season. She became lead assistant coach for the University of Toronto women's team in 2017 and was named head coach in 2021. Tatham was the assistant coach for Canada's Women's Under-16 Team at the 2019 FIBA America's tournament in Chile as Canada finished 4-1 and earned a silver medal. She has also been an assistant with Canada's Junior National (U18) Team.

In 2021 she was named to Canada Basketball Unified 2024 Advisory Council to examine policies on equity, diversity and inclusion.

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DEV SHARMA

Dev Sharma says age is just a number and his own experience offers proof of that. Sharma, who began competing in track and field at age 16 in India, has continued to be active. Since coming to Canada in 1968, he has garnered an astounding number of medals, even after turning 80 in 2015.

From 1988 to October 2016 he collected a total of 203 medals, most in track and field. That includes 48 medals, of which 26 are gold, at the Canadian Masters Indoor and Outdoor Championships. The most significant were from the National Masters Track & Field Championships in Hamilton in 1995 where he won two gold medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash. In 1996 at Victoria University Stadium, Sharma won four gold medals in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter and 4x100 relay. In 1999 at Sherbrooke University Stadium, he won four gold medals in 100-meter, 200-meter, 300-meter and 400-meter hurdles.

Sharma has 109 medals, 71 of those gold from Ontario Masters Athletics, Indoor and Outdoor Championships held at Toronto Track and Field Centre and Western University Stadium, in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter and hurdles.

In 1998, he competed at the World Association of Veteran Athletes North, Central America and Caribbean combined Championships in Barbados earning three medals, two silver in the 400-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles and a bronze in 200-meter dash. He competed at the Buffalo International Track and Field Classic Championships and brought home five gold medals in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter dash, 300-meter hurdles and 4x100 relay.

At the 2016 Canada 55+ Games in Brampton, Sharma won three gold medals in the 80 and over Division, winning the 50-meter in 9.00 seconds, the 100-meter in 18 seconds and 200-meter in 43.90 seconds. He added a bronze on the 4x100m relay team. He also was a member of the Games Organizing Committee.

Besides his success in running sprints, Sharma's medals have not been limited to that. At the Ontario Masters Indoor Track and Field Championship at the Ontario Track & Field Centre located at York University in 2008, besides golds in the 60-meter and 200-meter sprints, he also took gold in long jump and shot put.

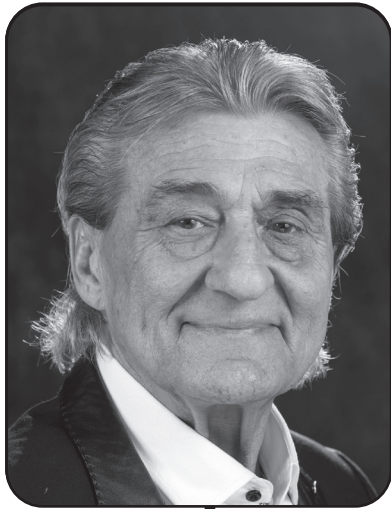
At the outdoor Masters Championship later that year, he won gold medals in 100-meter, 200-meter, long jump and hammer throw. At the 2007 Ontario Masters his gold medals haul included winning the 60-meter, 200-meter and 60-meter hurdles. Because of his success at the national and the provincial level, he has twice received the City of Brampton Citizens Sports Achievement Award.

Sharma is not only a star in only athletics. While competing at the Brampton District 55+ Games, he has earned 28 medals, including 9 gold and 14 silver in events including darts, bocce and swimming. Sharma is also a member of the Brampton District 1955+ Games Committee and conducts three events for summer games in bocce, darts and sweep.

Sharma competed in the 100-meter and 200-meter races in the Annual community fun games of Indian International Seniors Club, Brampton and won trophies from 2004 to 2009. He competed in darts tournaments at the Brampton District Dart League and received winners' plaques. Sharma has also encouraged other seniors to be active, serving as President of two different Clubs and received Volunteer Recognition Awards from the City of Brampton in 2010 and Hindu Sabha Seniors Club in 2009 from Minister of Sports Hon. Bal Gosal for his community work, dedication, compassion, generosity and making a difference in the lives of fellow citizens.

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WALLY SLOCKI

Brampton Sports Hall of Fame has welcomed its first member of the martial arts discipline in the Veteran's category. The legendary Wally Slocki, considered one of Canada's greatest exponents of the sport, was introduced to the martial arts early on in his life and started training in the 1950s. Slocki competed during the golden age of karate in North America – at the time it was referred to as the 'Blood and Guts' era when Chuck Norris took part. As a black belt, Slocki won an abundance of trophies and earned a reputation as a heartfelt contestant who seldom let up the pressure.

During that period, he was the Canadian who entered karate tournaments in the USA. He patched his name and a Canadian flag to the back of his GI and was soon recognized at events as "the Legendary Canadian." He became a big draw and promoters flew him in to teach all across the USA. Slocki won the Canadian championship in 1967, 1968, and 1970. Slocki also won the Ontario championship in 1972, 1973 and 1974. Slocki continued to fight for the World Kickboxing Championship in 1974 & 1976. "Wally Slocki was one of the best fighters to ever come out of Canada, if not the best," said Bob Wall, a martial artist and actor who appeared with Bruce Lee in movies including Way of the Dragon and Enter the Dragon.

Slocki was rated No.1 in the World of full-contact karate and four-time North American Karate-Kung Fu champion. Slocki was the first to popularize the scissor kick. When an opponent blocked a high round kick, Slocki would take him down with the scissor kick. It was another karate legend. "Wally Slocki was the first one to have the really spectacular kicks, his roundhouse and side kick were envied by all," said Ron Marchini. Coming out of retirement in 1988, Slocki won the USKA World Championships in Arizona followed by competing in the US Open World Championships in 1997, winning Kata.

Slocki has a passion to teach the martial arts form to share his knowledge and wisdom, which was demonstrated by opening karate schools specializing in unique programs for men, women and kids. Slocki has dedicated his professionalism to developing an educational system around the art form of martial arts. In the late 1960s, Slocki opened Eastern Karate in downtown Brampton on Main Street North, which expanded a few years later to be known as the Canadian School of Health and Self Defense. His schools introduced an educational program for adults and kids to build their confidence and self-esteem along with a street-smart program. Slocki started his next chapter of karate schools with opening Superkids Karate in the 1980's which expanded into franchises across Canada. Taught here was the Slocki-Ryu System that included a focus on youth. It encompassed an Oriental tradition steeped in core values of selfdiscipline, honesty and respect. Slocki's Street smart program was featured on Citytv, Global, and CBC focusing on educating women and kids on protecting themselves. Slocki's success continued in the corporate world by customizing programs that included the learnings of the martial arts along with self-defense. Slocki also implemented the Slocki System for the Toronto Board of Education in 1983 to 2000. In 2006, Slocki was inducted into the Canadian Black Belt Hall of Fame. Slocki continues to train and teach customized corporate stress management seminars.

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