



MICHAEL HASEN

Mike Hasen's name is synonymous with Brampton Excelsiors. The Brampton native played his entire minor league career with the Excelsiors starting in 1976 at the age of 4. He spent 6 years playing for the Jr A Excelsiors starting in 1988, which then led to Hasen playing for the Major Excelsiors in 1994 where he was a four time Merv McKenzie award winner for top defensive player. After his playing days were over, Hasen returned to the team as assistant coach and later head coach in a career that spanned 20 years. He crowned his coaching career with the team by landing the Mann Cup in 2011.

Having enjoyed an illustrious playing career, Hasen parlayed that experience into a successful coaching stint. As a player he won two Mann Cups with the Excelsiors (1998,2002) and added two National Lacrosse League Cups with the Buffalo Bandits and the Rochester Knighthawks. "Mike was a team leader, a proficient player and he was to lacrosse what Scott Stevens (New Jersey Devils) was to hockey," said Dean McLeod, who recently retired as commissioner of the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League after 36 years. "Mike was probably one of the greatest lacrosse players of his era," he added. Hasen anchored the Knighthawks defence from 1999 to 2007 and ended his 13-year career by winning the Champion's Cup. He then moved into the coaching ranks where he was the first NLL rookie coach to win coach of the year (2011) with the Knighthawks and guided the team on six playoff runs (2011-15, 2018), where he won three Cups (2012-14) which he became the first ever NLL coach to win back to back to back Championships. Earlier this year Hasen was named to the Knighthawks' All-Time Team.

Defence was the key to Rochester's run and no one personified the Knighthawks' rugged, athletic five-man unit better than Hasen. Partnered with Regy Thorpe, they were the anchors with Hasen relying on his speed, athleticism and knowledge of the indoor game to frustrate opponents. He rarely made mistakes in his end nor did he get the big hits, but he played the containment game. Hasen landed in Rochester in a trade from Buffalo through the 1999 season and it was considered one of the great transactions in Knighthawks' history.

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MICHAEL MEEKS

In his career of 25 years Michael Meeks played basketball around the world.

He starred at Cardinal Leger Secondary School where he led the Lancers to multiple league championships, not losing a league game at the senior level. The team made two appearances at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association Championship, finishing fourth in 1991.

At Canisius College in Buffalo N.Y. he was the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year in 1993. Following his rookie season he earned three consecutive First Team All-Conference selections. In his career he scored 1,827 points, at the time the most ever by a Canadian in the NCAA. That was surpassed nine years later but as of 2019 he still ranks No. 2 all time. The 1995 Canisius squad reached the Final Four of the National Invitational Tournament and in 1996 the school qualified for the NCAA tournament, known as March Madness, for the first time since 1957.

Internationally at the senior level he represented Canada at the 1999 and 2001 FIBA Americas Championships winning silver and bronze medals. At the 2000 Olympics Meeks was Canada's leading scorer, averaging 15 points per game, on a team that included Basketball Hall of Famer Steve Nash. He had 27 points in a 101-90 win over host Australia. In the seventh-place game, Meeks had 15 points and 10 rebounds in a double overtime victory over Russia. He also played at both the 1998 and 2002 World Championships.

Professionally from 1996 to his retirement in 2011, he played in many of the top leagues in Europe, including Turkey, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Croatia, the Czech Republic and Belgium.

In 2010 his BC Gottingen team of Germany won the FIBA Euro Challenge.

Since 2014 he has been the manager of youth player development with Canada Basketball serving as assistant coach for all Canadian men's youth teams and with the senior men for World Cup qualifying. In 2017 he was an assistant with the Canadian U19 team in Egypt which won the world championship, the first Canadian team to win a world title at any age group.

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ROB TAYLOR

Rob Taylor's competitive swimming career began with the Esso Swim School in 1988. He joined the COBRA Swim Club in 1989. As an age group swimmer, he was consistently one of Ontario's best, winning 26 provincial titles and setting four provincial records. At the Provincial Championships in 1997, he won every event he entered for a total of eight gold medals.

Taylor broke dozens of COBRA records during his years with the club. Not only was he one of the best young swimmers in Ontario, he was one of the best in Canada. He was the top ranked age group swimmer in the country in the 100m freestyle in 1996, 1997, and 1998.

At the Canadian Youth Championships in 1997 he won two golds, one silver, and one bronze medal. He tied the national youth record in the 50m freestyle and won the high point trophy. At the 1998 Canadian Youth Championships, he won seven gold and one silver medal. He set youth national records in each of his four individual events.

At the 1998 National Championships, Taylor became one of Canada's elite swimmers by earning a bronze medal in the 100m freestyle. He was selected to Canada's Commonwealth Games team for his performance. At the Commonwealth Games he teamed up with Brampton swimmer Stephen Clarke, and two others to win a silver medal in the 4x100m Freestyle Relay and setting a Canadian record in the process.

At the 2000 Canadian Olympic Trials, Taylor finished fourth in 100m Freestyle and was selected to represent Canada at the 2000 Olympic Games. There he helped Canada to a 13th place finish in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay.

Taylor accepted a scholarship to attend Texas A&M University in 2001. He was a Big 12 Conference medalist and NCAA All-American. A knee injury plagued him in the lead up to the 2004 Olympic Trials. With limited training he narrowly missed qualifying for the Olympic Games.

Taylor moved to London to attend the University of Western Ontario in 2005. He finished second at the 2005 National Championships in the 50m Backstroke. He won three gold medals at the 2006 Ontario University Championships and was named an OUA All-Star. He won four medals at the 2006 Canadian University Championships and earned All-Canadian status. He was named the MVP of the men's swim team at Western.

Taylor moved to Montreal to train at the National Training Centre in October of 2007. At the 2008 Canadian Olympic Trials, Taylor tied for first in the 100m Backstroke. In a highly controversial ruling by Swim Canada, the top two finishers had to swim-off and he missed qualifying for the 2008 Canadian Olympic Team by mere hundredths of a second. He handled the situation with class, gaining respect with swimmers and coaches across the country. Following the 2008 Olympic Trials he retired. His career spanned 20 seasons.

Rob Taylor currently lives in Orangeville with his wife Alyssa and his sons Bennett and Rowan. He is in his third year as the Head Coach of the Orangeville Otters Swim Club. The team has doubled in size and has established some 250+ new club records during his tenure. In 2017 his team was named the most improved in the province. In 2018 the Otters finished 17th overall at the provincial championships, their first ever top 25 finish.

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DON DOAN

Don Doan has run 16 marathons in his life and during training has run more than the circumference of the earth (40,075 kilometres). Now the man, who for nearly 40 years until his retirement in 2012 was a key figure in sports and recreation in Brampton, has a different challenge. In 2014 Doan was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a progressive neuromuscular disease with no cure. Doan is now confined to a wheelchair, but that hasn't stopped him. Doan says he has found a new hobby. He rides the recumbent bike and in 2018 clocked over 5,000 miles or 8,000 kilometres in his effort to "rebuild his muscle tone, maintain his breathing and keep the disease at bay."

With the help of his partner Pam Barnwell he is a regular attendee at the monthly meetings of the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame, of which he has been a member since 1993. Doan has also been involved in fund-raising for the ALS Society, and since 2016 his group of supporters known as Doaner's Groaners has raised over \$40,000 for the Walk to End ALS. The Brampton Benders Running Club, of which Doan remains a member, organize a yearly event, the Don Doan Dash, with proceeds going to ALS.

The popular Doan played a major role in shaping Parks and Recreation in Brampton. When he retired at age 58, he was the Manager of Program Support, Community Services. In 1998 he appeared on Hockey Night in Canada and won a contest as Canada's Coolest Hockey Fan after writing a humorous essay about the NHL and its players.

Doan's foundation building in the sports community in Brampton is truly his legacy. Numerous youth and adult community sports groups achieved greatness locally, provincially and nationally because of support from Doan, whether advocating for the provision of facilities or assistance as a resource or advisor. He was also a key player in helping bring to Brampton numerous national, high prestigious sporting events, and worked tirelessly on many of these hosting committees to ensure a successful outcome.

Doan was an active member of the recreation teams that developed many new recreation centres and sports parks, including Cassie Campbell Community Centre, Brampton Soccer Centre, South Fletcher's Sportsplex and Creditview/Sandalwood Sports Complex, to name just a few. Doan was also an active team member involved with the re-modernization of many existing recreation centres and sports parks, including Century Gardens and Earnscliffe Recreation Centres, and Fairgrounds Park.

Doan was instrumental in the development of the Brampton Sport Alliance, Brampton Soccer and Cricket Advisory Committees, Bramslammers Slowpitch, Brampton Men's Recreational Soccer, BOSS Speed Skating Club, Brampton Table Tennis Club and Brampton Ski Club. He was also part of two teams that saw the Brampton and Chinguacousy Hockey and Figure Skating associations amalgamate into one unified association for each sport.

As a sportsman he enjoyed fishing, camping, canoeing, skiing, hockey and fastball. He also ran the mile in 4 minutes and 57 seconds to join the prestigious 5-Minute Mile Club at Centre Dufferin District High School. One of the highlights of his running career was competing in the Boston Marathon on three occasions. In 2014 the City saluted the tireless Doan for his 36 years of service and dedication to the City's sports community and recreation programs by renaming the Professor's Lake Trail to the Don Doan Trail.

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DAVE DOHERTY

During 23 years with Brampton Minor Baseball Incorporated (BMBI) there wasn't any job that Dave Doherty didn't do.

During this time, Doherty spent 20 years on the BMBI Executive, including 14 years as President, and two years as first Vice-President. He also spent 13 years on the sponsorship committee and 13 years as Uniform Coordinator.

For 18 years Doherty was a player development coach and served as a volunteer umpire. He coached for 23 years, nine years in house league, four years all-star and 17 years of rep.

Doherty also worked with the City developing the Flower City Community Campus and the Teramoto Park hardball diamonds.

He found time to serve on the Central Ontario Baseball Association Executive for 11 years, including two years as President. Doherty also served on the Brampton Sports Alliance Council for 15 years. His dedication to baseball was so strong that he remained involved even after his sons had stopped playing.

Doherty's involvement with the sport locally and beyond was recognized with the Jack Campbell Award from BMBI in 2010, the Jack Middlemass Award for Baseball Ontario's Volunteer of the Year in 2015 and the Baseball Canada and MLB Canadian Volunteer of the Year in 2016.

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