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Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance of two spouses of
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Announcement today of Team to be recognized next year



OUR STORY- THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGENDS OF HOCKEY

It began in the spring of 2001 with a meeting of the minds – three of them to be exact: Jeff Eisenberg, president of the Manchester Monarchs AHL franchise; Dick Boucher, a former Berlin Maroons player and later business manager of the Manchester Blackhawks; and Françoise Elise, then executive director of the Franco American Center in Manchester.

The three shared a love for hockey and they discussed the rich history and tradition of the game in New Hampshire. All agreed there should be a statewide hockey Hall of Fame that would honor the men and women who have made outstanding contributions by their participation as players, coaches, officials, owners, or worked in any other administrative capacity, plus as builders and media representatives.

The three also felt there should be an annual salute to one of the hockey teams that either once played or still plays in New Hampshire. The honored team's history would be celebrated, and the final salute would be made by the Manchester Monarchs, whose players, for one home game, would wear the jerseys of the team being honored by the Hall of Fame. The jerseys, after the game, then would be auctioned to benefit the Organization.

Other ideas at that first meeting were discussed and soon afterwards an effort was made to begin the writing of the sport's history in the state. It was discovered quickly that the history is vast and began November 17, 1883, when on the lower pond at St. Paul's School in Concord, the first organized game in the United States was played by St. Paul's students.

Twenty years later, in 1903, a youngster named Hobey Baker arrived at St. Paul's School from Pennsylvania and by 1909, when he graduated, he had written his own historical chapter, not only in the state but internationally, too. Baker was an outstanding skater and fashioned a reputation for high sportsmanship.

History shows that four communities – Berlin, Concord, Manchester and Nashua– were central to the early development of the sport in the state. In the 1910s, amateur hockey began in Berlin with the organization of mill teams. Additionally, numerous other communities had teams for short periods of time.

The Brown Paper Company, back between 1910 and 1920, guided the destiny of Berlin's many hockey players. D.B. Brown, of Dartmouth fame and also an owner of Brown Company, helped form a Mill League. All of the games were played on the outdoor rink directly in front of the old baseball grandstand behind home plate at the city ballpark.

In 1920, Father Lauziere formed the "Canadiens." His team, among others, played against Maine's top teams from Lewiston and Waterville. In 1923, the Berlin Athletic Association (BAA) was formed and until 1928 was a major hockey force. From 1928 until the middle of 1930s, the Berlin Hockey Club was a power and in 1928 many games were played at the Boston Arena as part of New England competition. In 1937, the Berlin Maroons were formed and shortly thereafter were a dominant team, winning New England AAU championships in 1941, 1949 and 1951. The Maroons also played throughout North America and won the National AHA championships in 1954, 1967 and 1968, and continued to play competitively until the early 1990s.

In Concord, the hockey history began circa 1927 with the Concord Hockey Club (CHC) which played at the John Higgins rink on the site of the old Highway Hotel off Bridge Street. In 1939, the White Park team won the New Hampshire AAU championship and was runner-up in the 1939 New England AAU



championships. Among the early teams, Sacred Heart Catholic parish and the Millville Bruins were two of the most prominent. Sacred Heart began play at the rink on Pleasant Street in January of 1932. In fact, in their last year, the United States Olympic team played Sacred Heart on January 9, 1952 in Concord. The Bruins played at Kimball Pond in Hopkinton, and in Concord at both Memorial Field and on Horseshoe Pond.

The teams that later followed were the Concord Shamrocks (1962-1966), the Coachmen (1966-1968), the Eastern Olympics(1967-1973) who played in the New England Hockey League and the Can-Am. Finally, the Budmen started in the fall of 1975 and competed for twelve seasons in the New England Hockey League and later independently.

In Manchester, St. Jean (de Baptiste) Maple Leafs started things off in the late 1930s and played at the Kelly Street church grounds through the early 1960s. Beginning in 1958, the Manchester Beavers played on the Dorrs Pond Rink for five seasons. The Tam-O-Shanters and Alpine Club each started in 1962 and played outdoors for a couple seasons then when the JFK Coliseum opened for the winter of 1964 they moved into their new home. In the fall of 1966, the Blackhawks were formed and competed independently and then played in the New England Hockey League through the spring of 1970. The Monarchs then came into existence and played four seasons in the Can-Am League. At the end of the 1973-1974 season, everything ceased. The Manchester Blackhawks came back in the late 1970's for a second go-round and competed against the Budmen and the Maroons among others, in New England Hockey League. The last organized men's team to compete out of Manchester was the Busch Blues. That team came on the scene in the fall of 1986 and competed for five seasons.

In Nashua, the Club National team began play in 1923 and continued for more than a decade. Two of the many Club National players, Ted Stackhouse and Art Lesieur both played in the NHL. In 1948-49 the Nashua Royals were formed and continued playing through the 1966-67 season. On March 24, 1952 they won a NE Class B Amateur Championship over the Rye Seahawks in Lynn MA. Their last five years they played in the Granite State Hockey League playing in the last three championships and winning the best of five series over the Manchester Tams on March 22, 1966. The very next season, the Maple Leafs took over and competed in the New England Hockey league for four additional years.

Today, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey remains a self-governing, 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization incorporated with the State of New Hampshire. Our directors each year work to raise money to preserve the donated archives, including historical literature, records, photos, film, clothing, equipment, trophies, etc. Many of those artifacts are on display or available for viewing on our on-line museum. We continue to search for artifacts and film from the old days. Anyone wishing to donate either is encouraged to do so.

From that first meeting of three enthusiastic hockey buffs, the New Hampshire Hockey Hall of Fame was born and the inaugural class of twelve inductees was recognized and enshrined February 17, 2002 at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. That evening, the Manchester Monarchs, in their AHL game, recognized the Manchester Blackhawks and wore replica uniforms from of the 1960s.

In the fall of 2003, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey was formed and a new Board of Directors was elected and the Association's new name officially adopted.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGENDS OF HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Through 2022

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Al Adams	2002	Bill Dennehy	2014	Jon Leonard	2009	Jim Rivers	2012
Karl "Red" Adams	2011	John Dodds	2016	Clarence T. Lessard	2017	Matt Robbins	2010
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Hobey Baker	2006	Doug Everett	2002	Peter Maher	2012	Eric Royal	2010
Dana Barbin	2011	Merrill Fay	2006	Denis Martin	2019	Richard P. Ryerson	2006
Russ Bartlett	2015	CJ Ficek	2015	Russ Martin	2007	Rich Ryerson	2018
Pierre Belanger	2002	David Flint	2022	Bill Matthews	2006	Julie Sasner Smith	2012
Willie Bibeau	2004	Brian Foster	2018	Kyle McDonough	2003	Jeff Serowik	2009
Gary Bishop	2016	Walter Fournier	2010	Hubie McDonough III	2002	Steve Shirreffs	2014
Rod Blackburn	2002	Bob Gaudet	2018	Hubie McDonough, Jr.	2004	Sanford "Sandy" Sistare	2011
Lee Blossom	2010	Red Gendron	2007	Don McKinnon	2018	Harvey L. Smith	2013
Dick Boucher	2005	Bruce Gillies, Jr.	2007	Ken McKinnon	2005	Andre St. Laurent	2004
Msgr. Bousquet	2002	Jeff Giuliano	2016	Freddy Meyer	2019	Brian Stone	2006
Dick Bradley	2013	Malcolm K. Gordon	2008	Rick Middleton	2014	Mark Stuckey	2013
Ryan Brandt	2011	Leo Gould	2006	Omer Morin	2003	Daniel K. Stuckey, II	2010
Leonard "Red" Brochu	2011	Gerry Grassie	2008	Tom Moulton	2022	Lauren Sullivan (Slebodnick)	2021
Albie Brodeur	2003	Jim Griffin	2017	Tara Mounsey	2004	Wally Tafe Jr	2009
Downing Potter Brown	2019	John Healy	2007	Brian Murphy	2021	Bob Tardif	2003
Chris Brown	2022	Norm Hebert	2007	Steve Murphy	2014	Elmo Theriault	2005
Ken Cail	2010	Charlie Holt	2002	George Naum	2008	Dick Theriault	2010
Howell P. Campbell	2017	James D. Houston	2015	John Normand	2007	George Thurston	2017
Kent Carlson	2002	Ed Jeremiah	2002	Bob Norton	2009	Jim Tufts	2012
Tom Carroll	2019	Katie King Crowley	2007	Dick Osborne	2004	Kathleen Twomey Moore	2012
Taylor Chace	2015	Navy Labnon	2006	Bruce Parker	2014	Dick Umile	2009
Paul J. Chalue	2021	Beatrice "Bea" Lambert	2013	Wayne Pecknold	2017	Anthony "Tony" Urban	2018
Ray Champagne	2003	Carl Langlais	2005	Rand Pecknold	2016	Leo Vaillancourt	2003
Paul Colgan	2015	Barney LaRoche	2002	Seaver Peters	2010	Bruce L. Valley	2021
Alphonse Corriveau	2005	David Lassonde	2022	Ron Peters	2008	Dicky Valliere	2012
Maurice Couture	2017	Msgr. Lauziere	2002	Norman "Fat" Pinette	2010	Carol & DeDe Villeneuve	2004
Brendan Creagh	2018	Roland Lavigne	2006	Husky Poirier	2004	Dunc Walsh	2011
Bruce Crowder	2014	Jacques LeClerc	2003	Andre "Pref" Prefontaine	2009	Ryan Weston	2015
George Crowe	2004	Roger LeClerc	2003	Deron Quint	2019	Paul "Pop" Whalen	2009
Ron DeGregorio	2015	Rene LeClerc	2007	Ted Rice	2013	Don Williamson	2002



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Date	Location	Inducted	Team Honored
Feb. 17, 2002	Puritan Back Room	12	Manchester Blackhawks
Mar. 23, 2003	Wayfarer Inn	10	Berlin Maroons
Mar. 20, 2004	Wayfarer Inn	9	Concord Budmen
Mar. 6, 2005	Wayfarer Inn	7	UNH
Mar. 26, 2006	Executive Court Conference Ctr.	9	St. Paul's School
Apr. 1, 2007	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	9	Dartmouth College
Mar. 2, 2008	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	8	Phillips Exeter Academy
Oct. 18, 2009	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	9	Notre Dame High School
Dec. 5, 2010	Radisson Hotel	12	Manchester Monarchs
Oct. 30, 2011	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Sacred Heart
Oct. 28, 2012	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Berlin High School
Oct. 27, 2013	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Concord High School
Oct. 26, 2014	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Hanover High School
Oct. 25, 2015	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Nashua Royals
Oct. 23, 2016	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Saint Anselm College
Oct. 22, 2017	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	New England College
Oct. 21, 2018	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	MRYHA
Oct. 20, 2019	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Alpine Club
Oct. 24, 2021	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Exeter High School
Oct. 23, 2022	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Kimball Union Academy

2023: Today, on October 22 at the Grappone Conference Ctr in Concord 5 individuals are being enshrined and the Legends are recognizing The Concord Eastern Olympics Hockey Club and its history.

Yes, hockey is as strong as ever in New Hampshire. Beginning with youth hockey and up through high school and prep school, both boys and girls programs abound. Additionally, junior programs are strong. At the college and university levels, UNH and Dartmouth lead the way, along with New England College, Saint Anselm, Southern NH, Plymouth State University, Franklin Pierce, Rivier and club hockey at Keene State.



Teams recognized by the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

2002 Manchester Blackhawks • 2003 Berlin Maroons • 2004 Concord Budmen • 2005 UNH Wildcats
 2006 St. Paul's School • 2007 Dartmouth College • 2008 Phillips Exeter Academy • 2009 Notre Dame High School
 2010 The Original Manchester Monarchs • 2011 Sacred Heart • 2012 Berlin High School
 2013 Concord High School • 2014 Hanover High School • 2015 Nashua Royals
 2016 Saint Anselm College • 2017 New England College • 2018 Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association
 2019 Alpine Club • 2021 Exeter High School • 2022 Kimball Union Academy • 2023 Concord Eastern Olympics





CONCORD EASTERN OLYMPICS HOCKEY CLUB

In October of 1967 the Concord Coachmen were preparing to launch their season with tryouts at the Everett Arena. Head coach Norm Burns, the former N.Y. Rangers defenseman, was returning for his second season. He and Director of Player Personnel Bob Tardif put the players through the paces trying to secure the best players available for the squad. The Coachmen had posted a 24-12-2 record the previous year.

Suddenly, over the next week, the Coachmen merged with the Eastern Olympics of the Greater Boston area and became known as the Concord Eastern Olympics.

After the Everett Arena Corporation announced that it intended to build a new grandstand in the balcony, increasing the capacity to 2,440 spectators, the team made a blistering debut, beating the Buffalo Hawks 15-2 and 9-0 on Nov. 4 and 5. A combined 2,800 fans attended the two games.

The new league was called the Northern New England Hockey League and competition included the Manchester Blackhawks, Berlin Maroons and the Lewiston Auburn Twins.



Concord Eastern Olympics 1967-68 Team

1967-68

Players from the opening roster included Camille Caissie, Pete Maggio, Jim Logue, Steve Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Buzz Littell, Buddy Emery, J.P. St. Laurent, Wayne Pecknold, Frank Seabury, Bill Seabury, Chuck Kyle, Jim Meehan, Dave Morse, Dick DeCaprio, Roger Letourneau, Mike Frigard, Bill Matthews, Dick Fuller, Dave Davidge and Charlie Stuart.

The team simply dominated, posting a 25-9-1 overall record, and scored an astonishing 247 goals while allowing just 117. Goalie Tommy Aprille played in 20 of the 35 games.

The championship was a best-of-three series with the Eastern Olympics and rival Manchester.

On Saturday at the JFK Coliseum the Olympics won 4-3 at 2:53 of the second overtime as Dick Pinch's third goal of the evening, assisted by Billy Seabury and Paul Hurley. Tom Aprille was stellar in net stopping 39 shots.

On Sunday back in the Capital City the Olympics had their work cut out in front of 2,200 fans on St. Patrick's Day, and the locals did not disappoint. They took a 2-1 lead into the second period on goals from Meehan and Pecknold. Four other players scored for Concord, including two from Pinch and Aprille made another 26 saves and the C.E.O won the title, 7-3.

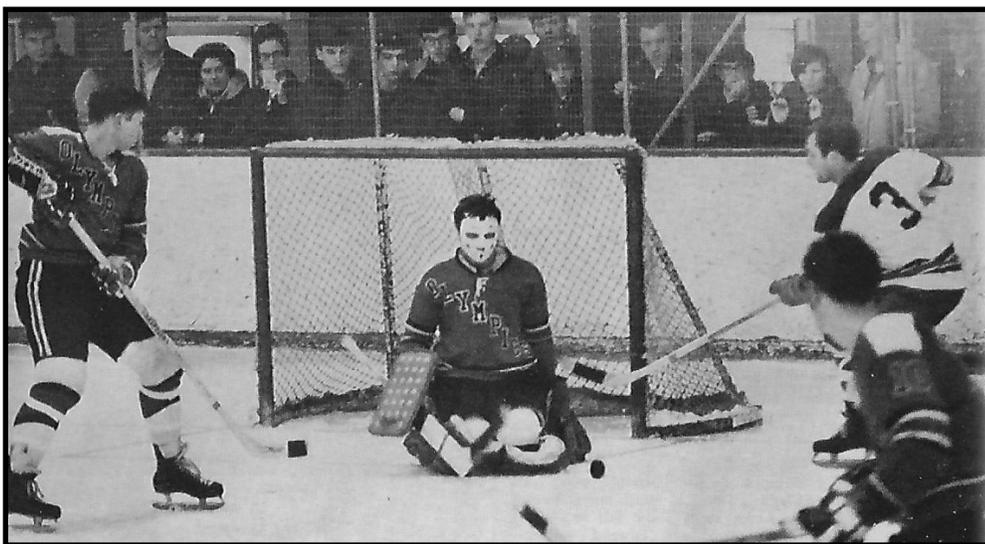


The offense was led by Dick Pinch, who tallied 40 goals while assisting on 44 for 84 points. Buzzy Littell closely followed with 36 markers.

1968-69

As the team prepared to defend its championship, it hired Jack Garrity, a Boston University star from the early '50s, as its new coach. The league added three teams from Massachusetts, including the Braintree Hawks, Lowell Chiefs and the Framingham Pics, along with the returning Manchester Blackhawks.

Regular-season champ Concord faced off against the Lowell Chiefs in the semifinals and wrapped up its best-of five series with a 10-6 win. The line of Bill Seabury (five), Steve Murphy (four) and Sandy Murphy (six) scored 15 goals in the series to lead the offense.



It was the Blackhawks traveling to Concord to begin this best-of-three championship. The Olympics won the opener by a score of 6-5. Pinch boosted the locals while Bob Brescia made 35 saves. In Game 2, the Blackhawks shut down our locals 6-0 to even the series and force the deciding game.

It quickly appeared the Blackhawks had the momentum in the deciding game, jumping out to a 1-0

lead from Kangaroo Hebert 51 seconds in. On the strength of Andre Prefontaine's four first-period goals they took a 6-0 lead after one period and cruised to an 8-3 win – and championship.

1969-70

In 1969-70 the team hired Pat Eagan to coach the squad and the league added the Nashua Maple Leafs. Concord finished the regular season with a 23-8-0 record and in first place.

In Game 1 of the best-of-seven finals, the Olympics got off to a flying start in front of a packed house at the Everett Arena, knocking off the Leafs 6-5. At Nashua Gardens for Game 2, Concord jumped to a 2-0 lead on goals by Pecknold and McLaughlin, and held a 4-2 lead heading to the final stanza before allowing a third goal to Nashua. But Tom Smelstor protected the goal the rest of the way to secure the 4-3 win and 2-0 series lead.

In Game 3, the Leafs traveled to Concord and took a 3-1 lead into the third before the Olympics came roaring back cutting the lead to 4-3 at 9:30 of the third, but Leafs goaltender (and former UNH player) Rick Metzger made 54 saves and the Leafs held on for the 4-3 win. In Game 4, Concord won 5-1 as Driscoll recorded 38 saves. Game 5 was played before the largest crowd of the season at the Everett Arena. With the score tied 5-5, Bobby Carr let fly a 30-footer that



brought the house down and the Leafs with it. Tom Smelstor made 17 saves for the locals.

The Olympics finished 35-9-0 and drew a total of 30,000 fans over the course of the season. The 35 wins tied the team record for wins with the 1968-69 team and tied for the fewest losses in a season (nine) with the 1967-68 team.

Scoring honors went to Bill Seabury (28 goals and 37 assists for 65 points), while Steve Murphy and Dick Pinch finished with 58 and 57 points, respectively. Smelstor got the bulk of the action in net, playing 29 games while posting a 3.10 GAA.

1970-71

Eagan returned to the helm for his third season in 1970-71 and the league had a new commissioner, Bill Riley. Manchester finished first during the regular season scoring a record-breaking 305 goals, which surpassed the old record set by the Olympics the year before (245).

In Game 1 of the finals, Concord lost 8-6 in one of the roughest games of the season. Bob Ring suffered the loss in net. Game 2 was a defensive battle that the Monarchs won 3-2 in OT. In Game 3, the Monarchs pumped home four first-period goals in a span of 3:03 and went on to defeat the Olympics, 6-2, and sweep the series.

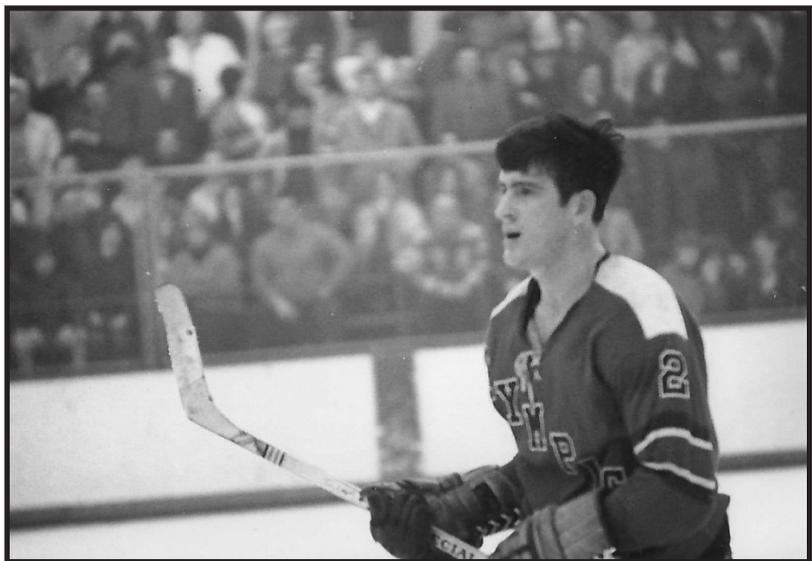
The team ended the season with a 27-24 record. It was led for the third straight season by Bill Seabury, who scored 36 goals while assisting on another 44 for 80 points. Steve Murphy went 31-32-63, Tom Mechem had 22-41-63 and Buzz Littell had 30-28-58. Ring started 32 games, allowing 145 goals while Smelstor played 17 games while giving up 93 goals

1971-72

Eagan began his fourth season and Charlie Blossom entered his second year as GM. The league added the Fitchburg Hornets team, which replaced the Maple Leafs.

After outlasting Braintree in a taut semifinal series, the championship series didn't begin the way the Olympics hoped, as they fell behind 3-0 en route to a 6-3 loss. In Game 2, the Monarchs powered home four goals in the second period on their way to a 6-4 win and 2-0 series lead.

In Game 3, the Olympics appeared to have righted the ship, completely outplaying their competition through two periods. However, Manchester came alive in the third stanza to pull out a 5-2 win and a 3-0 advantage. Letourneau scored both of Concord's goals and Berglund made 38 saves. Dave Conte staved off elimination for Concord in Game 4, scoring at 1:15 of sudden-death OT to give the Olympics a 6-5 win. Other goals were scored by Seabury, Littell, McShane and two by Sheen.



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Concord Eastern Olympics

Tom Mechem

Lunch

Video of 1932 Winter Olympic games donated by George Chase will be shown during lunch

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Concord Eastern Olympics

Representatives of 2024 Honored Team



In Game 5, the Olympics took a 3-1 lead after one, with Allan Clark and Bob Devaney lighting the lamp. However, by 2:22 of the second, Manchester had tied it 3-3 and went on to score three more and win its second straight championship.

1972-73

Don McKenney took over the coaching reins, having spent 13 years in the NHL. In addition, Bob Tardif returned as the general manager with the responsibility of the overall operations.

In the best-of-five semifinal series, the second-place Olympics (27-11-2) hosted the third-place Monarchs (26-13-1). Bob Ring shut out the Monarchs in Game 1 (5-0) and led the Olympics to a series sweep, setting up a best-of-seven final against Braintree (36-3-1).

Here are just a few records for the Concord teams which included the Coachmen 1966-67, and Eastern Olympics 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70 teams:

Most Goals in a Season - Dick Pinch, 51;
Most Assists in a Season - Bill Seabury, 69
Most Points in a Season - Billy Seabury, 105
Most Wins by a Goaltender - Bob Brescia, 27
Most Consecutive Games Played - Buzz Littell, 124
Most Consecutive Games Played – Tom Mechem, 241 through 1972-73 season
Most Penalty Minutes One Season – Greg Wright, 160 through 1972-73 season

After losing Game 1 at the Ridge Arena in Braintree by the score of 4-2, Dave Sheen scored two goals, including the game-winner, to even the series at a game apiece. In Game 3, Concord was anxious to win one on enemy ice. Its sparkplug line of Conte, Letourneau and Arndt took over, and Arndt scored a pair of goals for a 2-1 lead. Fewster scored the eventual game winner at 13:06 of the second period and Sheen scored an insurance goal at 1:17 of the third. Ring notched his sixth victory of the playoffs with a 30-save effort.

In Game 4 the Olympics hoped to take advantage of their great home crowd but instead were shocked by Braintree, 8-2, to even the series at two. A bounce-back in Game 5 was not in the cards. Concord had its second lackluster performance in a row and was beaten soundly by the score of 5-0.

In Game 6, the Hawks had a single vision – to end things on home ice. Ray Letourneau played in net, making 26 saves, and Concord rallied to tie three times, but it was not enough in a 4-3 loss. The win gave the Braintree Hawks the first league championship for a team other than Manchester or Concord.

1973-74

Players would not know this season would be the last for the Concord Eastern Olympics.



The season began with the C.E.O. playing in the newly-formed Can-Am League. Concord played in the Northern Division against only the Manchester Monarchs and Framingham Pics, five games apiece along with some independent games.

In the first game of the Can-Am League triple-elimination playoffs, Concord opened up a five-goal outburst in the final period in Framingham to take a 6-2 victory. Bill Seabury had a field day, scoring a hat trick while assisting on two more.

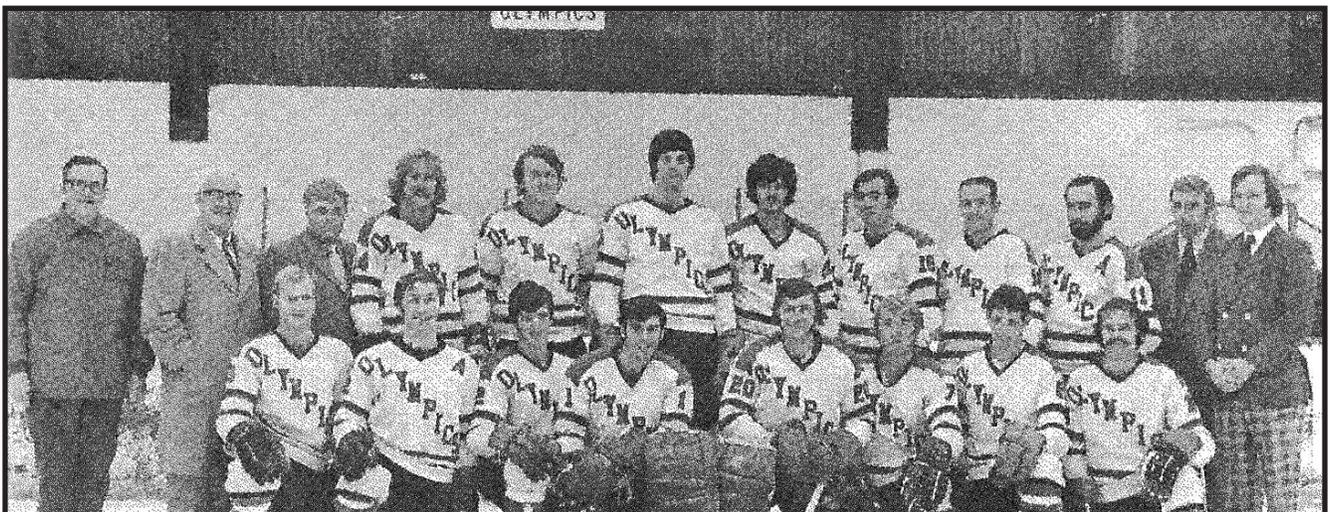
In Game 2 in Concord, with Ring in net, the Pics scored the first goal in a game that would produce 13 of them. The teams traded leads, with Framingham going ahead 6-5 in the third. But former UNH star Bill Monroe made no mistake at 15:49 and tied the score 6-6. Charlie Floyd scored a hat trick, including the game-winner, with a blistering slapshot at 6:46 of overtime.

In Game 3 it was veterans night at the Everett Arena – Concord veterans, that is, as the line of Buzz Littell, Bill Seabury and Tom Mechem combined for four goals and six assists, leading the Olympics to a 8-5 victory over archrival Manchester. That, coupled with the Monarchs loss to Framingham on Sunday night, eliminated Manchester from the tournament and left Concord and Framingham with one loss apiece.

Game 4 was played on Saturday night, March 9, with more than 1,000 fans, the largest crowd of the season. It saw three first-period goals scored as the Olympics upended the Framingham Pics to win the first and probably the last Can-Am Northern Division championship at the Everett Arena. Dave Conte, Mickey Goulet, Tom Mechem and Bill Monroe scored for Concord. Bob Ring made 26 saves, allowing just the one goal.

Top scorers for Concord that season were Littell (23-33-56), Seabury (19-35-54), Letourneau (24-21-45), Monroe (21-23-44) and Mechem (12-24-36). Ring played in 21 games (3.62 GAA) while Letourneau played in 13 (4.08 GAA).

The storied history of the Concord Eastern Olympics was now complete. They provided so many great memories to the fans of the Capital City from their inaugural season in 1966-67 to their final one in 1973-74.



Concord Eastern Olympics 1970-1971



WALTER J. NADEAU

April 15, 1948 • Berlin, NH.

BUILDER

A native of Berlin, a city whose hockey story he would tell, Nadeau's impact in his community and its proud hockey history cannot be understated.

Nadeau's more than thirty years of service to the Berlin and Coos County Historical Society has established him as the keeper of the hockey legend in Berlin, overseeing a permanent exhibit that celebrates the city's long and robust hockey tradition. He served as a board member and Secretary in that organization, and currently serves as Vice-President. He spent more than two years researching and editing biographies and acquiring photos of the forty Legends of Hockey members from Berlin as part of that exhibit.



Nadeau graduated from Berlin High School in 1966, playing on a state champion football team as a senior. His passion for physical fitness led him to Springfield College, where he completed his Bachelor's degree in physical education in 1970, after which he then spent nine years as a physical education teacher in Berlin, a tenure that included him founding the Spartan Weightlifting Club, a Berlin mainstay. This was followed by twenty years as a patrolman with the Berlin Police Department where he was promoted to Deputy Chief.

Walt's passion for hockey was ignited through his service with the NH Legends of Hockey Board of Directors. He's been credited with nominating five individuals from the greater Berlin area who were inducted into the Legends Hall of Fame. His involvement continued through his many years of research and chronicling the evolution of the sport and how it had made an impact on his city, state and nation. Thanks to his efforts and interviews with so many of those who made hockey happen in Berlin, people learned about the Berlin Maroons, the storied rivalry between Notre Dame High School and Berlin High School, and how the city became known as

"Hockey Town USA."

His work did not go unnoticed by the community, as the historical society was approached by the late Legends Hall of Fame member Rod Blackburn as to how a permanent exhibit to the city's hockey tradition and heroes could be created and funded. Nadeau, with his integrity and strength of purpose preceding him, was the man to handle the job. He had become Berlin's hockey historian.

He and Blackburn discussed the concept of creating an area in the Moffett House Museum dedicated to these Hall of Famers, which was unanimously approved by the Historical Society's Board of Directors. The exhibit was dedicated on Dec. 10, 2022.

Please welcome to the Class of 2023, Walter J. Nadeau as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



PAUL D. COMEAU

June 28, 1960 • Everett, MA • Deceased January 11, 2019

BUILDER

For nearly thirty years, the late Paul Comeau was actively involved in youth hockey in both the state's Seacoast region and also at the state level for USA Hockey.

A native of Everett, Mass., who later made his home in Nottingham, N.H., Comeau spent many years as the President of New Hampshire East Youth Hockey before later becoming the Director of Hockey for that organization. He coached many teams for New Hampshire East from 1992 until 2019, from Mites all the way up to Midgets. Many of his teams attended and won their playoffs, state championships and/or regional championships.

He helped develop NHE's learn-to-skate program and also coordinated a partnership with the Boston Bruins organization to provide 25-50 boys and girls under the age of 9 each year with all the necessary equipment (skates, helmet, stick, gloves, etc.) and on-ice training with Boston Bruins staff. This was Paul's way of reaching out to the youngest, to get them interested in hockey, and to work towards developing the future of youth hockey in New Hampshire.

Additionally, Comeau spent several years as a referee and scheduler. He made sure that all home games for New Hampshire East had officials; during the many times when an official couldn't make it to a game, he would suit up and officiate the game himself.



Comeau was an advocate for making youth hockey affordable for families, while at the same time demanding that NHE offer the highest quality level of instruction in order for players to hone their skills and excel at each level. During his tenure with New Hampshire East, more than 2,000 players skated for the program. These players were on many of the teams that won state and regional championships, advanced to USA Hockey Nationals, and excelled at the high school and collegiate level.

In an era when many youth hockey programs in the region dissolved for various reasons, Comeau would work with those organizations to accommodate and absorb their players into New Hampshire East. He coordinated several fundraising activities for NHE that included the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, Comedy Night with silent auction and Tag Days, plus raffles and concession stands at Phillips Exeter Academy during tournaments.

Comeau served on the Board of Directors in various capacities for the New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Association. At the time of his passing, he was serving as the organization's president. Under his leadership, the NHAHA continued to see that the youth hockey players of New Hampshire were given every opportunity for success.

Accepting for Paul Comeau is his wife Robin Comeau.



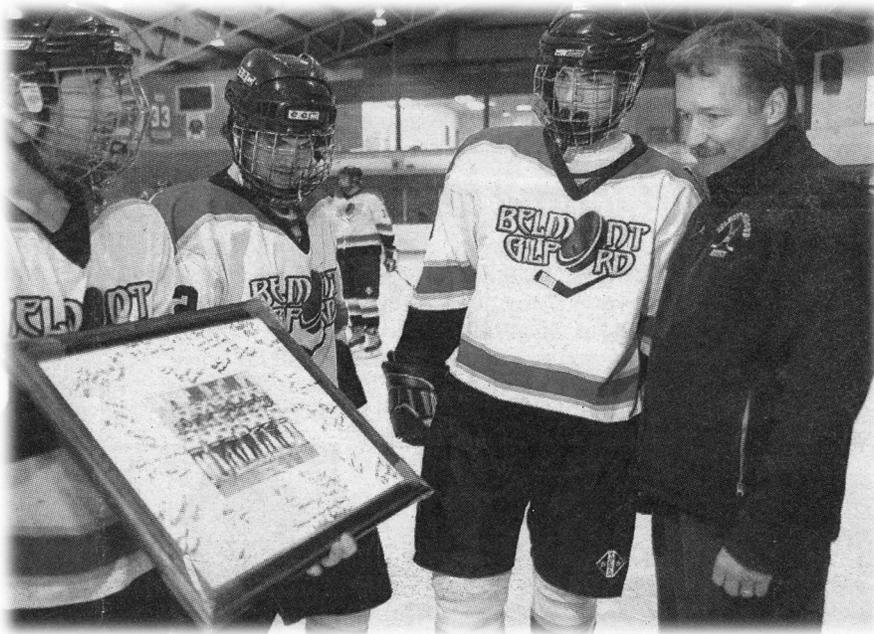
DAVE CARON

November 1, 1958 • Biddeford, ME

BUILDER

A native of Biddeford, Maine, who now makes his home in Belmont, N.H., Caron is credited with spearheading the creation of the Belmont-Gilford cooperative team, bringing together a diverse network of people to garner community support and, ultimately, New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association approval.

It was an idea that dated back more than twenty years ago, to a summer gathering on the back deck of Caron's house,



finding a way to give local student-athletes a chance to play high school hockey. As Town Administrator, Caron oversaw the development of a diverse group which included a teacher, business entrepreneurs, a lawyer, referees and coaches. They brought a proposal to both school districts, attended meetings and worked on finding solutions until their plan was approved.

The next step was to propose this innovative idea to Jim Desmarais, then the Executive Director of the NHIAA, who seemed open to it. After many more meetings attended and checkpoints reached, the NHIAA allowed the program to begin as a club team

playing a sub-varsity, eventually growing into a team that would play its first varsity season in 2004-05.

Funding was a major challenge, but Caron got the support of Will Fay, the manager of what is now the Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia, to schedule the most and best ice time within a minimal budget. Thanks to the acceptance and openness of the school boards, administrators, athletic directors and the financial support of the local businesses, boosters, communities and parents, the team continues to flourish.

Cooperative high school sports teams have become numerous in New Hampshire in the two decades since Belmont-Gilford first took the ice together. In sports like boys' and girls' hockey, football, and boys' and girls' lacrosse, which require larger rosters and costlier equipment, cooperative teams have allowed hundreds of more athletes the experience of playing high school sports.

Caron also served as a coach and on the Board of Directors for the Lakes Region Lakers from 1989 to 2007 and as a USA Hockey referee from 1999 to 2019. He currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the non-profit Winnepesaukee Skating Club, owner of the Merrill Fay Arena.

Please welcome to the Class of 2023, Dave Caron as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



NELSON HUTCHINGS

Born July 25, 1923 • Portsmouth, NH

OFFICIAL

Players come and go in the Rochester Men's Hockey League, but the one constant through the decades has been Nelson Hutchings.

Now 100 years young, having celebrating his milestone birthday in July, Hutchings has spent the last forty-five years as the scorekeeper and publicity agent for the Rochester Men's Hockey League, only rarely missing a game. It is estimated that Hutchings has been on hand for nearly 3,000 league contests. In addition to keeping the clock and the scoresheet, he also reports results and stats to local newspapers.

Born in Portsmouth in 1923, Hutchings served in the Army during World War II with the 544th Engineers Boat & Shore Regiment in the Pacific Theater from 1943-46, and was decorated.

Age has not prevented him from pursuing his passion or maintaining his independence. He has lived on his own, in a log cabin, in a remote section of Farmington since 2007.

More often than not he drives himself to league games on Monday evenings at the Rochester Ice Arena.

"He is the league. He is the constant," said Portsmouth's Tom Ferguson, a past league president who played in the RMHL from 1980 to 2001. "Everybody knows him. Nelson's the gold standard. He's there all the time."

Although Hutchings never played ice hockey, it has long been a passion of his. He enjoyed watching his two youngest sons play, and became scorekeeper for the league in 1978, when his son, Howard, was playing in it.

In forty-five years, Hutchings has been on hand for nearly 3,000 contests. The league's teams play a twenty game schedule from October to March — three games every Monday night. The playoffs are single-elimination with the championship being a best-of-three series. "I liked doing it," he said. "I never had any problems. It makes (the winter) go by so quickly."

Many of the former players regard Hutchings with fondness. It's not uncommon on Monday for several ex-players to find their way to the booth to spend part of the night with him. "He's just always there through rain or snow," said Hampton's Bob Moore, who played in the league from 1984-94. "Whatever was going on, he was always there. I thought he lived there."

Please welcome to the Class of 2023, Nelson Hutchings a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



Nelson Hutchings (holding the plaque) with Tom Ferguson, Mike Young and Tom Moulton.



MICK MOUNSEY

October 26, 1980 • Concord, NH

PLAYER

A state champion at Concord High School playing with his big sister, future U.S. Olympic gold medalist Tara Mounsey, Mick went on to become one of the best defensemen in University of New Hampshire history. He played four years for the Wildcats from 2000-04, winning two Hockey East championships and helping the team reach two Frozen Fours.



As a freshman defenseman at Concord, he scored 13 goals – including the game-winner in the Division 1 championship game against Bishop Guertin – and had 31 assists for a team that finished the year undefeated. He was the runner-up for Division 1 Player of the Year, finishing only behind sister Tara, who was a senior.

Declining an offer to go to Michigan and play for the U.S. National Team Development Program, Mounsey moved on to Avon Old Farms, helping that team win a New England prep school championship.

He was an impact player at UNH from the day he arrived. He played in 37 games as a freshman and finished as the runner-up for Hockey East's Best Defenseman award. As a sophomore he led the team and Hockey East in plus-minus, as the Wildcats won the first of two straight league championships and advanced to the first of two straight final fours.

Mounsey finished his UNH career with a stellar plus-68 rating. He scored six goals and assisted on 38 others for a career 44 points, but brought much more to the ice than scoring.

“Mick was the ultimate team player,” said former UNH assistant coach David Lassonde. “He understood what he needed to do to bring value to his team, and he performed that role to a ‘T’. Every successful team has glue guys and for us he was exactly that.”

Mounsey's 157 games played at UNH rank among the most in program history, and he enjoyed a brief career in the ECHL, winning a Kelly Cup with the

Idaho Steelheads. After his professional career ended, he settled in Concord and got involved with youth sports including the Concord Youth Hockey Association, serving as its president in 2012.

Please welcome to the Class of 2023, Mick Mounsey as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



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