

Lacrosse Families by Larry Power

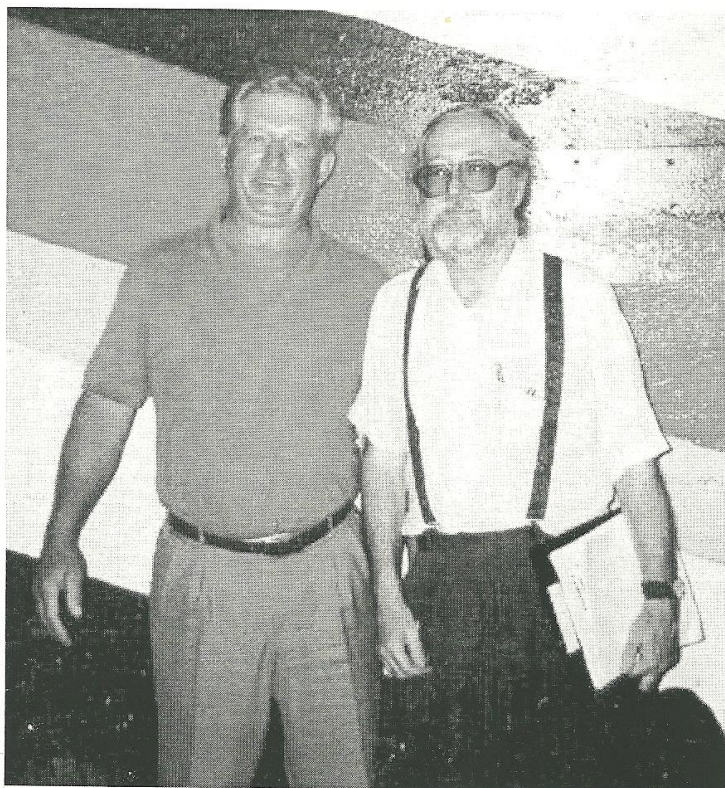


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Larry “The Wamper” Power

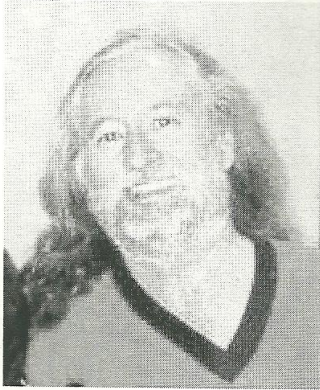


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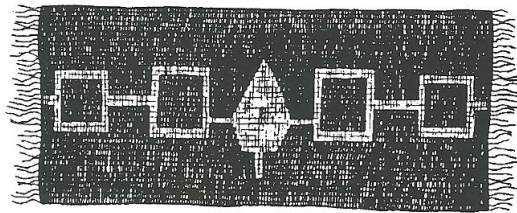
Larry Power grew up in the famous lacrosse city of Oshawa. Despite his love affair with the game, he never reached the level of becoming an elite player, but his fascination with lacrosse brought out his other talents, those reflecting his love of history and mathematics. Larry’s contribution to lacrosse was that of a statistician, a master keeper of records as well as a renowned historian of the game, a storyteller of extraordinary capacity.

Larry became so devoted to the game of lacrosse that he took up the nickname of “Wamper” as a tribute to an up and coming Mohawk lacrosse player from Six Nations named Gaylord Powless. At the time, the only Native word he could think of was “wampum,” so he introduced himself as “The Wamper” and the name stuck from that moment through the decades.

Larry began collecting data on lacrosse statistics in 1964 and never stopped in his pursuit of record keeping. In later years, he gained more experience as a League Statistician with four years for the Ontario Lacrosse Association that led him to another year of the same at the National Lacrosse League. Throughout his early years he had also made contact with two other lacrosse historians by the names of Paul Whiteside and Stan Shillington who were instrumental in helping Larry develop his research skills and record keeping. Paul and Larry would combine their skills and painstakingly collect any and all information on lacrosse from the libraries of various towns and cities throughout Ontario in order to compile a solid history of the game that would later form the basis of a lacrosse history centre.

The intensity of collecting, organizing and writing lead the “Wamper” into developing his own record of data called the “Encyclopedia of Lacrosse.” The Encyclopedia featured thousands of stories and photos from clippings, scrapbooks and lacrosse programs collected from everywhere in Ontario as well as stats of the various leagues that had existed over the past century. A few years later his website would become the “Bible of Lacrosse,” the name by which it is known today.

Larry the “Wamper” Power was rewarded for his dedication to the game of lacrosse when in 2008 he was inducted to the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a builder. He has offered to share some of his lacrosse stories and stats for this book and we gratefully acknowledge his contribution.



A Family Tradition

BY LARRY POWER

No, you're not on the wrong page. I'm not going to write about the song Hank "Bocephus" Williams Jr. made popular but about lacrosse playing families. For over 45 years I've researched the history of lacrosse and lacrosse stats and for 25 years I've worked on my family tree. I've hunted for years to find a member of my Power family who was actually involved in the game. It wasn't until the past Mann Cup series that I was lucky enough to learn about the book "From Rattlesnake Hunt to Hockey," an account of lacrosse in Peel Region, published in 1934 by W.F. Bull.

It was there on page 360 where I learned about my great-great grandfather, Charles Bamford and his three brothers organizing a lacrosse team in Streetsville in 1875. Is that where my interest and love for the game of lacrosse originated? Well I have to admit my family involvement pales in comparison to all of the families that I would like to mention.

The Powless family

By sheer numbers there is no family that can boast the number of brothers to play at least junior B lacrosse or higher than the Powless family. Father Ross, sired no less than 8 boys who reached that level or higher. Gaylord, Gary, Greg, Harry, Richard, Darryl, Jeff and Tony.

Gaylord was the most famous as Ross and Gaylord make up the only father and son duo to have ever been inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame as players. Ross was a member of three Mann Cup winning Peterborough teams in 1951, 1952 and 1953. In 1953, he was the winner of the Mike Kelly Memorial Medal as MVP in Mann Cup play and in 1956 was awarded the Bucko MacDonald trophy as top scorer in OLA senior 'A' series.

Gaylord finished his pro/major/senior A career with exactly 1,000 regular season career points. In 1971, Gaylord was a member of the Mann Cup winning Brantford Warriors team as well as being a member of four Minto Cup champion teams with the Oshawa Green Gaels in 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. In 1964, his first year as an Oshawa Green Gaels, he copped the prestigious Jim McConaghy Memorial Cup as MVP in Minto Cup play. In 1967, Gaylord was the Advertiser Trophy winner as top scorer in OLA junior A series and in 1970 won the Bucko MacDonald Trophy as top scorer in OLA senior A play.

Gaylord's son, Chris, played a few games of major series lacrosse making it three generations of play for the Powless family. Two other families, the Viponds' of Brooklin and the Evans' from Peterborough hold the distinction of having had 6 siblings play senior 'B' or higher.





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Two sets of Smith brothers, left to right, brothers Sid and Russell "Beef" Smith then George "Chubby" Smith and his brother Harry "Tonto" Smith.

The Smith Family

The only family to span four generations of box lacrosse play is the Smith family. Russell "Beef" Smith and Sid Smith were one set of two sets of Smith playing brothers with Harry "Tonto" Smith and George "Chubby" Smith being the other set, who all played on the 1932 Atlantic City Americans, a team that played a number of exhibition games against American pro league teams. The Americans played field lacrosse in the Olympics in Los Angeles as a demonstrational sport back in 1932.

The second generation of the Smith lacrosse playing family is Sid Smith's son, Roger "Buck" Smith. Roger was a member of Mann Cup winning Peterborough teams in both 1952 and 1953 as well as a member of the Presidents Cup winning Brantford Supertests in 1967. Roger's best season of senior A was 1953 with Peterborough when he potted 43 regular season goals.

Roger's son Kim is the third generation of Smith lacrosse players having scored 14 goals in only seven senior A games.

Kim is also father of Sid Smith II, the only fourth generation of lacrosse playing families to accomplish this feat. Sid II is still playing lacrosse for the major series Six Nations Chiefs as well as the NCAA Syracuse Orangemen. Sid II has already been a member of the 2007 Minto Cup winning Six Nations Arrows Express team. So far he's hauled in a pile of hardware; couple of John 'Gus' McCauley Memorial Awards for the best defenseman in OLA junior 'A', the Billy Evans Trophy as the top graduating player in OLA junior A and winner of the Jim Bishop Memorial Award in most sportsmanlike player during a Minto Cup tournament.

My apologies go out to the Sandersons, the Isaacs, the Kilgours, the Squires and many other great families but I whittled this down to the family with most siblings, the most generations, the most members in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the family with the most hardware.

The Isaacs Family

BY LARRY POWER

The historical data of early lacrosse history is incomplete as far as field lacrosse and early intermediate box lacrosse is concerned. We do know that there were six Isaacs brothers of which three played early in the history of box lacrosse. Although little is known about three of the brothers Foster, Newton and Warren (Jake) other than Warren played quite a bit of men' softball. Of the three remaining brothers they all appear in the record books starting with the 1932 season, the second season of organized box lacrosse. Wade Isaacs, the oldest of the three lacrosse playing brothers started the season in the International Professional Lacrosse League playing for the Montreal Maroons. As both Montreal teams, the Maroons and the Canadiens dropped out of the league at the half-way point Wade only managed to dress for four games picking up one assist and four minutes in penalties before joining the Atlantic City Americans, a barnstorming box lacrosse team that played at least 12 games against teams from the International Professional Lacrosse League: Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Tecumsehs; teams from an American Professional lacrosse league, Baltimore Orioles and New York Giants and a team of all-stars from various teams. As far as the history records go this team never lost a single game during the exhibition schedule and competed in the 1932 Olympics games in Los Angeles, playing field lacrosse representing the United States as a demonstration sport.

Other members of the Atlantic City Americans were: Scotty Martin, Sid Smith, Leslie Smith, Boots Martin, Don Smith, Russell 'Beef' Smith, Cecil VanEvery, Harry Groat, Andy Martin, Clinton Jacks, Dave Groat and Judy 'Punch' Garlow.

From records kept of the exhibition schedule Wade Isaacs was one of the top scorers potting 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points and one minor infraction in the ten games that he played. The only other time that Wade Isaacs appears in the record books was the 1937 season with the Toronto Marlboros of the OALA when he appeared after his brother Lance passed away in Maple Leaf Gardens on Friday, July 23 during a regularly scheduled game against the Brampton Excelsiors. It would appear that he was brought up to replace his departed brother. Wade appeared in seven games and contributed five goals and three assists plus picked up a five minute fighting major in his short stint with the Marlboros. In two playoff games he failed to get his name on the scoring summary.

Lance Isaacs first appears in 1932 with the Haldimand Rifles Indian squad in the OALA Intermediate Series with his younger brother Bill where they led the Rifles to the Ontario championship against Peterborough in the Ontario finals winning the series in two games straight. Although records are not available for the regular season Lance picked up one goal in two games against the Peterborough squad in the playoffs.

Lance, although overshadowed by his younger superstar brother Bill, was quite the player in his own right. In 1935 playing for Burlington in the OALA senior 'A' series he finished ninth in league scoring with 35 goals, 9 assists and 44 points in only 19 games and followed that up with 12 goals and 4 assists in 5 games in the playoffs.

With Hamilton and Burlington joining forces in 1936 as the Combines Lance had another good year potting 28 goals, 10 assists for 38 points in only 21 games and fired another 10 goals and 4 assists in 9 playoff games.



Lance Isaac Bill Isaac

Photo credit Toronto Globe and Mail

In 1937 Lance was on his way of cracking the top 10 scorers in the O.A.L.A. Senior A division when in 14 games he had a record of 23 goals and 9 assists when on July 23, 1937 the tragedy occurred. The following is taken from the: *Toronto Globe and Mail* from Saturday, July 24th, 1937.



Lance Isaacs

Lacrosse Star Fatally Stricken Death Claims Isaacs of Marlboro Seniors; Intermission Tragedy

BY HALL WALKER

Extreme heat and Exertion Cause of Death,
States Dr. W.W. Bartlett.

Brother Faints - Game is Abandoned

Death stalked in the dressing-room of Marlboro Lacrosse Club last night at Maple Leaf Gardens, and its icy fingers reached into a happy group of young athletes and took as its victim 29-year-old Lance Isaacs, clever Indian forward player of the Marlboro team.

Victim of an acute heart attack, Isaacs keeled over backward into the arms of trainer Archie Campbell and was pronounced dead a few minutes later by Dr. W. W. Bartlett of Brampton, physician of the team which was engaging the locals in a scheduled OALA game.

The tragedy occurred at the end of the second period and Marlboros were leading 7 to 5.

Brother Collapses from Shock

It was only seconds from the time the bell rang to end the period until Isaac's death. He had walked into the dressing room with his team mates, among them his 23-year-old brother Bill and sat on the edge of the rubbing table, his head lowered and looking very tired. In the midst of the usual dressing-room banter of the athletes, he was seen to stiffen suddenly, gasp for breath and with a scarcely audible "Hey-hey" rolled backward on the table. Trainer Campbell caught him in his arms. The rest of his mates were unaware that death was in their midst. They sat transfixed, staring, unable to believe their mate had passed on. Dr. Bartlett, who had accompanied the Brampton team to

the game, came in response to a hurry-up call, but Lance Isaacs was beyond aid.

Bill Isaacs, younger brother of the unfortunate athlete, was seated on a bench a few feet from where his brother lay breathing his last. He scrambled across the room to give aid and after Dr. Bartlett pronounced his brother dead he crumpled in a heap. The suddenness of the tragedy left the assembled Marlboro players, Coach Eddie Powers, Manager Johnston and Trainer Campbell speechless, shocked. Bill Isaacs was given treatment and soon rallied. While his mates took him aside to comfort him in his sorrow, the 23-year-old youth walked away and sat down in a far corner of the room. With the stoic characteristics of his race, he bore up remarkably well. Smiley Young and Max Martin, also Indians, and teammates for years of the deceased, broke into tears when the shock wore off and the tragic aspects dawned on them.

The body was taken from the dressing-room to the Gardens Emergency Hospital and after examination by Chief Coroner Dr. Smirle Lawson, ordered an autopsy performed on the remains. The Coroner expressed a belief that death was due to a heart condition.

Order Game Cancelled

Immediately, when news of Isaac's death reached him, Gene Dopp, Secretary of the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association, authorized Referees Maxie Peart and Marty Cahill, both of St. Catharines, to postpone further play. The score of 7 to 5, which favored the Marlboros, will likely go down in the records as a victory for the locals, although but half completed.

Lance Isaacs had scored Marlboros' seventh goal less than a minute before the end of the second quarter, his second marker of the tilt. He had previously tallied early in the same quarter.

The Brampton Club, in a gesture of sterling sportsmanship, asked that the game be awarded Marlboros, so that Lance Isaacs' last goal in life could be a winning one. Conny Smythe was deeply moved by this request and brought the word of it to newspapermen. It's likely the OALA will recognize the score as an official victory for the local team.

Isaac's young wife was nearly prostrate with grief when she learned of her husband's passing on arrival at the Gardens. Mrs. Issacs was hurried to the Charlton Street emporium and Ted Johnston, manager of the Marlboros, met her at the door and relayed the sad news. She was consoled by her brother-in-law, Bill Isaacs and a very sad scene was enacted in the pathway leading to the small room where Lance Isaacs lay cold in death. Isaac had not been hit by a stick or injured by bodily contact, as far as is known. He appeared tired and worn from the combined effects of heat, overexertion and overdrinking of cold water. Dr. Bartlett, the Brampton physician who attended Isaac in the dressing room, said that apparently these things probably brought about the fatal heart condition.

The incident is without parallel in Canadian lacrosse, according to Mike Kelley, President of the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse Association.

An Outstanding Player

Isaac was rated as one of the outstanding players in the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association and scoring statistics, released yesterday, showed that he had netted 20 goals for the Marlboros and was well up in the goal-scoring race.

He was born on the Six Nations Reserve, near Brantford, Ontario. He attracted attention as a lacrosse player when with Haldimand Rifles, Canadian intermediate champions, and later played with Burlington seniors.

Last winter he played in Rochester. Isaacs is survived by his widow. Bill Isaacs, born March 18, 1914, the youngest of the lacrosse playing Isaacs brothers was probably the first true superstar of box lacrosse. Like John Tavares a half century after him Bill Isaacs was a scoring machine winning the OALA Senior 'A' scoring crown seven times in 8 years from 1935 until 1942 except for 1936 when Gord Gair copped the title. In 1938 he also won the Jim Murphy Trophy as most valuable player in the league. Bill was a member of two Mann Cup winning teams in 1942 with the Mimico-Brampton Combines and in 1948 with the Hamilton Tiger team. Bill was first noticed in 1932 when him and his brother Lance led the Haldimand Rifles Indians team to the OALA Ontario Championship title in Intermediate

lacrosse when he managed 11 goals in only two games against the Peterborough Intermediate lacrosse club. Bill played senior A parts of 15 seasons before finally hanging up his stick after the 1949 playoffs. His career included stints with: Burlington, Hamilton-Burlington, Toronto Marlboros, Hamilton Tigers, Mimico-Brampton Combines, and St. Catharines and he still ranks eleventh all-time in career regular season goals with 635 and fourteenth all-time in career goals counting playoffs and Mann Cup play with 777 career goals. Bill passed away on December 27, 1985 from heart failure.

He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a charter member. Lance was inducted in the Veterans section in 2003.

The Vipond Family

Led by the twins, Lewis and Luther Vipond, Bill, Tim, Doug "Tip" and Don "Sully" spent most of their career playing in senior B in the Oshawa, Whitby, Brooklin area throughout the 30s, 40s and 50s when senior 'B' was the only game in Durham Region. Lewis did manage to play at a senior A level for Etobicoke in 1942, Toronto in 1943 and 1944, Barrie in 1946, West York in 1947, Weston in 1948 and a single game for Welland in 1959 while coaching the team. Lewis is best remembered for having refereed in three Mann Cup series in 1952, 1954 and 1956 and in a Minto Cup series in 1955. Lewis was also the first coach of the Brooklin entry when they entered senior 'A' play in 1961. Lewis used to regale how he coached Mimico Mountaineers in 1964 and how they were the only team to knock off the formidable Oshawa Green Gaels with the legendary Jim Bishop behind their bench. "Sully" Vipond holds the distinction of scoring the first goal for the Brooklin team as they entered the senior 'A' ranks back in 1961 and Lewis was the man behind the team bench as the first coach of the team. Luther managed to play one senior A season for the Barrie Lakeshores back in 1946 and the Brooklin Luther Vipond Memorial arena was named in honour of him after his death.

Luther, also sired a son, Peter, who after a very distinguished career as a player in both junior A and senior A including winning three Minto Cups with Oshawa Green Gaels in 1967, 1968 and 1969, coached the Brooklin Redmen to four Mann Cups in 1985, 1987, 1988 and 2000. Pete Vipond played in the NHL from 1972-73 and is also the most-winning coach in the history of senior 'A' major lacrosse. Pete sired a son, Kelly, who was up for a cup of tea for eight games with the 1997 Brooklin Redmen, making it three generations of lacrosse playing Viponds.

The Evans Family

The Evans family of Peterborough had six siblings who all made it as far as OLA major lacrosse and probably own more trophies and hardware than any other family to ever play the game. Brian, Paul, Dave, Mark, Doug and Kevin all played OLA major series lacrosse and all but Kevin were on the 1984 Mann Cup winning Peterborough Lakers team.

Brian was the oldest and had probably the most successful career including six seasons in the WLA senior A series where he won three consecutive scoring crowns as well as three first all-star team selections in 1977, 1978 and 1979 with the Nanaimo Timbermen. He also won the Commission Trophy as MVP in 1978. Brian was the only brother old enough to play in the old pro NLL league where in 1975 he played for the Nations Cup champion Quebec Caribous. He also suited up for two Minto Cup champion Peterborough junior A teams in 1972 and 1973 and also was a member of two Peterborough Mann Cup winning teams in 1982 and 1984. Brian retired with pro, major, and senior 'A' regular season totals of 385 goals, 775 assists and 1160 points. Brother Dave was a member of the same two Peterborough Mann Cup winning teams in 1982 and 1984.

Doug Evans was a member of three Minto Cup winning Peterborough James Gang clubs in 1981, 1982 and 1983. In 1983, he won the Jim McConaghy Memorial medal as MVP in Minto Cup play and in 1984 won both the Advertiser Trophy as top scorer and Dennis McIntosh Memorial Trophy as MVP in OLA junior A play. Doug played only eight games in major series lacrosse as he had a hockey career in the NHL.

Kevin, the youngest was a member of three Minto Cup winning teams with Peterborough in 1982, 1983 and 1986. His career was cut short because he took up a hockey career. His record still stands for most penalty minutes in one season in minor professional hockey where in 1986-87 he served 648 penalty minutes for the Kalamazoo Wings of the IHL. Kevin got to suit up nine games in the NHL split between Minnesota North Stars and San Jose Sharks.

Mark Evans was a member of three Peterborough James Gang Minto Cup championship teams in 1981, 1982 and 1983 as well as playing on two Mann Cup championship Peterborough teams in 1982 and 1984 and also was a co-coach of the 2000 Mann Cup winning Brooklin Redmen team. He also won the Advertiser Trophy as top scorer in OLA junior 'A' in 1983.

Paul Evans was a member of four Minto Cup winning Peterborough teams in 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975. In 1973, he was the McConaghy Memorial cup winner as MVP in the Minto cup series. In 1974, he won the Advertiser Trophy as top scorer in OLA junior 'A' series and in 1978 won the Bucko MacDonald Trophy as top scorer in OLA major series. Paul was on three Peterborough Mann Cup winning teams in 1978, 1982 and 1984 and also took time for a hockey career in the NHL.

The second generation of Evans' so far has seen oldest brother Brian's two sons, Chad and Matt complete their junior 'A' careers and each has added a Minto Cup with the 2006 Peterborough junior Lakers.

Paul's three sons Steve, Scott and Shawn have had very distinguished careers so far. Scott and Shawn as well as playing junior A and major in the OLA have also played in the Pro NLL league for Rochester Knighthawks for several seasons.

Oldest son Steve added a Minto Cup as a member of the Burnaby Lakers team in the BCLA junior A team from British Columbia in 2000. He added two Mann Cups to his record with the Peterborough Lakers in 2004 and 2006.

The middle son, Scott, as well as being a member of three Mann Cup winning teams with Peterborough Lakers in 2004, 2006 and 2007 has been the winner of the Jim Veltman award as outstanding player in OLA junior 'A' series in 2001, has won two Bucko MacDonald memorial trophies in 2005 and 2006 as top scorer in the OLA major series.

The youngest of Paul's sons, Shawn, has been the most successful of the three so far. Shawn has two Minto Cups to his credit in 2006 with Peterborough Jr. 'A' Lakers and 2007 with Six Nations Arrows Express. On top of that Shawn has won the Bobby Allan trophy as top scorer in OLA junior 'A' twice in 2006 and 2007, won the Jim Veltman trophy as most outstanding player in OLA junior 'A' in both those same two years, was winner of the Dennis McIntosh Memorial

Trophy as MVP in OLA junior 'A' again in both years. In 2006, Shawn also was winner of the Jim McConaghy Memorial Cup as MVP during the 2006 Minto Cup series. Shawn has also been on two Mann Cup champion Peterborough Lakers teams as a call up in 2004 and 2007.

With eleven members of the Evans' making it to either junior 'A', senior 'A', major or pro, they would get my vote as the most successful family ever. Combined they have been on 24 Mann Cup and 20 Minto Cup winning teams, have had 7 players lead scoring races in junior 'A' and six win scoring titles in senior 'A' major lacrosse leagues, had two members win Jim McConaghy Memorial cups as MVP in the Minto Cup plus numerous other recognitions and the only thing missing is to have a member win a Mike Kelly Memorial Cup winner as a MVP in senior 'A' major lacrosse.

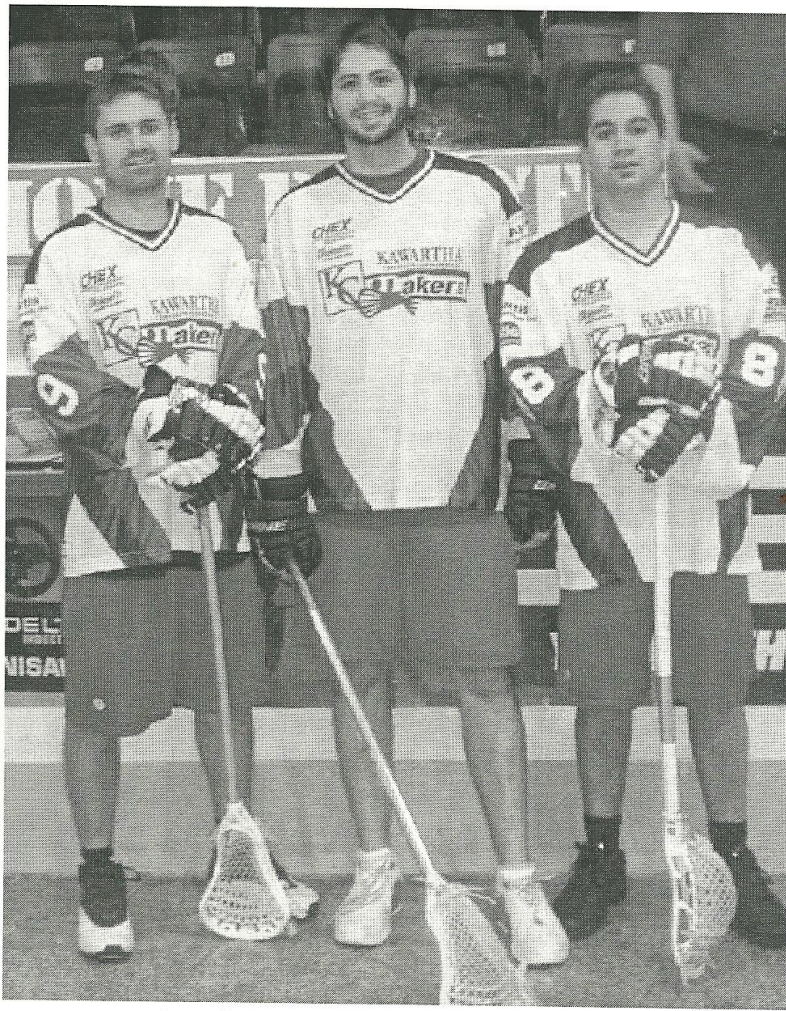


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Steve, Scott and Shawn had very distinguished careers in OLA Jr. A and Sr. A lacrosse.

The Gair Family

The Gair family holds the distinction of having three of four brothers inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as well as their two first cousins Archie and Ken Dixon.

Norman Gair, the eldest, was elected into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a builder. Norm played 16 seasons of senior 'A' lacrosse and was on one Mann Cup winning team with the 1932 Mann Cup winning Mimico Mountaineers, the first box lacrosse team to win the Mann Cup.

Gordon Gair had the most successful career also playing 16 seasons of senior 'A'. Although never being on a Mann Cup winning team he managed to win two scoring titles in 1936 with Mimico and 1946 with Barrie Lakeshores. In 1946, he ended with 100 goals, winning the scoring title the last day of the season scoring 14 goals against the Orillia Terriors, a record which still stands to this day even 63 seasons ago. Gord was voted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a player and scored 709 regular season as well as 101 playoff goals during his career.

Lloyd "Toad" Gair played on one Minto Cup championship team with the 1948 Mimico Mountaineers team. He's the only one of the four brothers not inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He managed to play parts of 10 senior A seasons and was known mainly as a defensive specialist.

Jack Gair, the youngest member of the Gair brothers was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame and played on the 1948 Mann Cup winning Hamilton Tigers team. He played parts of 10 seasons in senior A and scored 286 regular season goals and finished in the top 10 series 4 times.

A first cousin of the Gair's was Ken Dixon who was also inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Ken played parts of 15 seasons of senior 'A' lacrosse being on one Mann Cup winning team in 1942 with the Mimico-Brampton Combines leading the senior 'A' series in scoring in 1943 and 1949 and ending his career with 568 regular season and 192 playoff goals.



Gordon Gair played sixteen seasons of Sr. 'A' lacrosse

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Ken's older brother, Archie, played parts of 11 seasons of senior 'A' lacrosse, losing four seasons due to the second world war. Archie was also inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a player scoring 269 regular season goals. He played on the 1938 Minto Cup winning Mimico Mountaineers team as well as being a member of the 1942 Mann Cup winning Mimico-Brampton Combines team.

Gordon Gair's son, Graeme was a prolific scorer also and although his career was cut short to take up the career as a doctor he managed to play on the 1974 Nations Cup champion pro NLL Rochester Griffins team.

Jackson Gair is a third generation lacrosse player still active in major lacrosse with the Barrie Lakeshores of the OLA. Jackson made the top ten scoring in OLA junior 'A' in both 2005 and 2006.

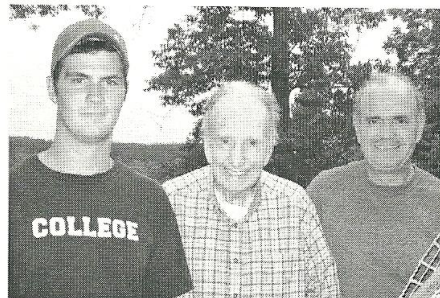


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Three generations of the Gair's; Gord Gair, his son Graeme and his grandson Jackson.