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Also, please join us in remembering all of the teammates we have lost over the past year, including:
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Sunday March 18, 2018
The Rinks at Exeter



Thirteenth Annual Legends Golf Classic
Friday July 13, 2018 § 10:30 AM Shotgun Start
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Announcement 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 Francoise 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 sea

sons. 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.

Date	Location	Inducted	Team Honored
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 Center	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	6	Sacred Heart
Oct. 28, 2012	Grappone Conference	7	Berlin High School
Oct. 27, 2013	Grappone Conference	5	Concord High School
Oct. 26, 2014	Grappone Conference	7	Hanover High School
Oct. 25, 2015	Grappone Conference	7	Nashua Royals
Oct. 23, 2016	Grappone Conference	5	Saint Anselm College

2017: Today, on October 22 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, 7 individuals are being enshrined and the Legends are recognizing the New England College Men's and Women's hockey teams.

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 and Daniel Webster.

** 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.*



New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame

Class of 2017

Howell P. Campbell • Maurice Couture • Jim Griffin
Wayne Pecknold • George “Fuzzy” Thurston
Roger Letourneau • Clarence T. Lessard

Class of 2016

Rand Pecknold • Richard R. Roy, MD
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Class of 2015

Russ Bartlett • James D. Houston • Ron DeGregorio
Paul Cogan • Ryan WestonTaylor Chace • CJ Ficek

Class of 2014

Rick Middleton • Bruce J. Crowder • Bill Dennehy
Bruce Parker • Mark S. Evans
Steve Shirreffs • Steve Murphy

Class of 2013

Dick Bradley • Beatrice “Bea” Lambert • Ted Rice
Harvey L. Smith • Mark Stuckey

Class of 2012

Dick Dodds • Peter Maher • Jim Rivers • Julie Sasner
Jim Tufts • Kathleen Twomey • Dicky Valliere

Class of 2011

Karl “Red” Adams • Dana Barbin • Ryan Brandt
Leonard “Red” Brochu • Sanford “Sandy” Sistare
Dunc Walsh

Class of 2010

Lee Blossom • Ken Cail • Jeff Eisenberg
Walter Fournier • Norman “Fat” Pinette
Dick Theriault • Daniel K. Stuckey, II
Jacque Rodrigue • Eric Royal
Matt Robbins • Seaver Peters
Ingersoll “Ingy” Arnold

Class of 2009

Jon Leonard • Bob Norton
Andre “Pref ” Prefontaine • Jeff Serowik
Wally Tafe Jr • Paul “Pop” Whalen • Dick Umile

Class of 2008

George C. Akerstrom • Bill Antonucci
Steve Arndt • Tricia Dunn-Luoma
Malcolm Kenneth Gordon • Gerry Grassie
George S. Naum • Ron Peters

Class of 2007

Katie King • John J. “Tarzan” Healy
John M. Normand • Bud Luckern
Bruce Gillies, Jr. • Rene Cy LeClerc
Dennis “Red” Gendron • Russell F. “Russ” Martin
Normand A. “Kangaroo” Hebert

Class of 2006

Hobey Baker • Bill Matthews • Richard Ryerson
Merrill Fay • Leo Gould • Ralph Labnon
Roland Lavigne
Clarence H. Littell III • Brian Stone

Class of 2005

Bernard Arguin • Dick Boucher
Alphonse Corriveau • Carl Langlais
Ken McKinnon • Richard Roy • Elmo Theriault

Class of 2004

Willie Bibeau • George Crowe • Ron Dubreuil
Hubie McDonough, Jr. • Tara Mounsey
Dick Osborne • Normand Poirier
Andre St. Laurent • Roland Villeneuve

Class of 2003

Al Brodeur • Ray Champagne • Jacques LeClerc
Roger LeClerc • Kyle McDonough • Jock McKenzie
Omer Morin • Frank Roy • Bob Tardif
Leo Vaillancourt

Class of 2002

Al Adams • Pierre Belanger • Rod Blackburn
Msgr. Bousquet • Kent Carlson • Doug Everett
Charlie Holt • Eddie Jeremiah
Barney LaRoche • Msgr. Lauziere
Hubie McDonough III • Don Williamson

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 Rams

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



New England College

Hockey In The Only Henniker on Earth

The history of hockey at New England College dates to the mid-1960s, when a handful of students traveled from the Henniker campus to Everett Arena in Concord to play pickup games. In 1968, a club team was formed, fueled by the promise from then-NEC president Jere Chase to sanction a financially supported varsity team if the club team remained cohesive and dedicated. And it did.



Mens Team 1969 - 70

The first varsity men's season was 1969-70 and over 48 seasons NEC men's teams have produced 542 wins, 577 losses and 68 ties. Three times (1984, 2001 and 2005) the Pilgrims have qualified for NCAA Division 3 tournaments and twice have won ECAC East titles (2001 and 2005).

Several players have earned All-America honors. The first, in 1982, was Ed Galiani, the program's all-time leading scorer with 178 points. Also, Ralph Aiello (2001), Travis Banga (2003, '2004), Jeremy Koning (2006) and Brett Kilar (2017) have been honored.

Nineteen players have come from Concord our Capital City. First Captain was Bob Clement in 1969 and most recently Kevin Marceau 2015. Over the first 30 years, the vast majority of Pilgrims were from New England, New York and New Jersey. In recent years, student-athletes have hailed from Canada, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Japan, Slovakia, Denmark, Switzerland, England, Iceland, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Croatia.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

100 Point Club – 26 players total, the top 3 are Ed Galiani, 178; Brian Stone, 173 and John Lineberry 147

100 Point Club (Highest PPG average over 2.0.) – Jeff Beaney 2.6 and Paul Cozzi 2.2

Most Points Season – Ed Galiani 73

Most Goals Single Season – Ed Galiani 48

Team Leaders for Points – Three players tied with 3 years each, Brian Stone, David Garofalo and Mark Ehl

Defensemen as Team Points Leaders – Red Gendron and Jay Pecora

Most Shut Outs Career – Bret Kilar 8, Sebastian Anderson 7 and Aaron Harvey 5

Most Shut Outs Season – Kilar 5, Anderson 3, Harvey 3, Shimek 3



MEN'S FIRSTS

Goal – Jay Jones versus St. Francis College November 19, 1969

Win – Versus St. Francis November 19, 1969

Playoff Appearance – 1980-81 versus Bowdoin

NCAA Appearance – 1983-84 versus Babson

Final Four Appearance – 2004-05 versus Middlebury

Playoff Win – 1981-82 versus Colby

League Final – 1981-82 versus Lowell

League Championship – 2000-01 versus Norwich

The influence and guidance of then-athletic director Lee Clement was instrumental in getting the program off the ground. Leo Callahan of Concord was hired as coach. The first varsity game in 1969 was a 6-3 win over St. Francis (Maine) College at the Everett Arena, during a season where the Pilgrims would finish 10-3-1 competing as an independent.

After two seasons as an independent, NEC was accepted into ECAC Division II. Prior to the start of the 1983-84 season, there was a re-alignment

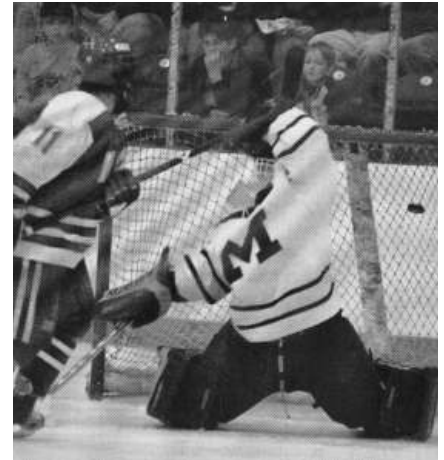
and NEC shifted to ECAC East, a Division III league that included national powers Norwich and Babson.

The team would call Everett Arena its home for 22 seasons. In 1990, an effort was made to raise funds to build a rink on campus. In the spring of 1991 it was dedicated and named for Clement, who had passed away in 1988.

Head coaches for the program included Callahan, who oversaw the first three seasons; Dave Conte, Mickey Goulet; Bill Beaney, who go on to have tremendous success at Middlebury; Scott Stuart; Dan Davidge; Tom Pratt; Mark Ostapina; Scott Borek, for one season, between jobs at Division I Lake Superior State and UNH; and Tom Carroll, who is entering his 16th season owns a record of 213-153-36 – most all time.

The most prolific scoring tandem was Ed Galiani and Jeff Beaney, both Class of 1982. While playing together for only two seasons, the duo combined for 128 and 129 points respectively.

Carroll's team in 2004-05 qualified for the NCAA tournament and reached the Final Four. Led by players like Koning, Nick Warriner and Jeff Vandyke, the team finished with an 18-12 record.



Nick Warriner scores in the 2005 NCAA Semi-Final



Coach Callahan with 1970-71 team



Joe Massakowski

Last year, the Pilgrims went 19-8-0 overall and finished second in ECAC East, behind only Norwich, which went on to win the Division III national championship.



The Friends of NEC Hockey was officially founded in 1991 as a support group for the new arena and the hockey program. A couple of the major donations have included the existing bleachers and locker rooms improvements.

In 1994, the Friends of NEC Hockey established the annual Lee Clement Sportsmanship Award, which recognizes a boy or girl from Henniker Youth Hockey for his/her sportsmanship and commitment to fellow players.



Womens Team 2004 - 05

Since 2001-02, NEC has fielded a varsity women's hockey team at the Division III level. For 12 straight seasons between 2002-03 and 2013-14, the Pilgrims made the ECAC playoffs, reaching the ECAC championship game in 2009-10, going 12-13-3 overall.

The women's program began in 1999 when several interested women called upon Professor Philip Huckins to help form a club team. The first two years of its existence, the team was led by volunteer coach, Jim Luckern, and played against high school teams, college clubs, and adult women's teams.



Bret Kilar

In its third year of existence the team was granted varsity status as a Division III independent and hired coach Michele Selzer who played at, and then graduated from, St. Lawrence University in 1996. After a season that saw the team facing significantly higher quality talent, the team joined the ECAC East.

In 2002, Phoebe Manchester who played and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1996 became head coach. In each of coach Manchester's four years at the helm, the team has elevated itself higher and higher in the competitive ranks of women's collegiate hockey, culminating in this season's opportunity to play for the ECAC East championship

The team's best season came in 2003-04, when it went 14-9-3 under Manchester for a .596 winning percentage. That team was led by Jacquelyn Parker and Megan Tepper.



Rachael White



WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

100 Point Club – Elizabeth Ross, 130; Sarah Tracey, 130; Marissa Porri, 115; Sarah Graham, 101
100 Point Club (Highest PPG average) Sarah Tracey, 1.238; Elizabeth Ross, 1.226; Marissa Porri, 1.19; Sarah Graham, 1.074
Most Points Season – Sarah Tracey, 45
Most Goals Season – Sarah Graham, 24
Team Leaders for Points – Four players tied with 2 years each, Marissa Porri, Elizabeth Ross, Sarah Tracey and Rachel White
Defensemen as Team Points Leader – Megan Teper
Most Shut Outs Career – Jacqui Parker, 9; Teraysa White, 9; Kristen Connors, 3
Most Shut Outs Season – White, 4; Parker, 3; Christina Aiello, 3

Sarah Tracey and Elizabeth Ross share the program honor of most points in a career, with 130. Parker and Teraysa White have been the most accomplished goalies, each winning 33 games.

WOMEN'S FIRSTS

Goal – Kate Sweeney versus Cortland December 8, 2001
Win – Versus Norwich January 12, 2002
Playoff Appearance – March 1, 2003 versus Southern Maine
Playoff Win – February 28, 2004 versus Southern Maine
League Final – March 5, 2006 versus Manhattanville

Following Selzer, who coached the team in its first season, Manchester went 47-52-5 in her four years as coach. She was followed by Eddie Ardito (2006-07), Jackie McMillan (2007-09), Sis Paulsen (2009-13) and Kristi Kehoe (2013-17). Maria Lewis was introduced as the program's new coach in May, following stops that included a stint at UMaine, where she was named Hockey East Coach of the Year in 2012.



Alumni Game 2006 - 07

Please join us in recognizing the men's and women's hockey programs at New England College.



Banquet Program

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Bob Norton

Invocation

Father Raymond Ball

Welcome

John Normand – President

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Red Gendron

Announcement of 2018/19 Team

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2017 New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Inductees

Howell P. Campbell • Maurice Couture • Jim Griffin • Wayne Pecknold • George "Fuzzy" Thurston
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Closing

Bob Norton



Photographs on Stage

2017 Inductees

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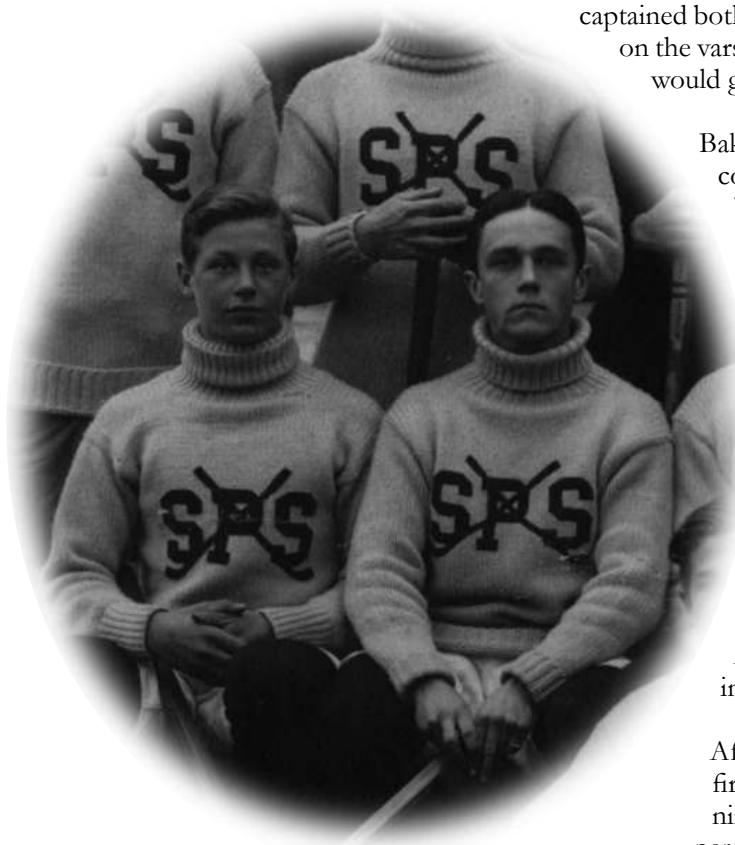
HOWELL P. CAMPBELL

Born February 10, 1888 • Concord, NH • Deceased March 13, 1953

COACH

The late Howell P. Campbell left a legacy at St. Paul's School, where he played, captained and coached the hockey team, and remained on the academic staff until his death in 1953.

Born at the school in 1888, Campbell skated for the school's Isthmian (first) team from 1905-07 and the varsity team as a senior in 1906-07, playing the "cover-point" position. He captained both teams his senior year, when one of the teammates on the varsity was the legendary Hobey Baker, a forward, who would go on to captain that team the following year.



Captain Howell P. Campbell (right) with Hobey Baker

Baker, whose name graces the top individual award in college hockey, went on to star in hockey and football at Princeton, and later enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Service. He died in December 1918 after a plane he was test-piloting crashed, shortly before he was scheduled to leave France and return to America.

"Howell's daughter, my mother, recalls dinner table conversations of Howell's admiration for Hobey's skill on the ice, and his overall excitement to have played with such talent," said Campbell's grandson, Bob Diefendorf.

Campbell is listed as a coach/manager for the St. Paul's first team in 1917-18, before joining the Army and leaving for World War I himself, being involved in the final three months of the campaign.

After returning from World War I, he coached the first team at St. Paul's for 17 years on and off beginning in 1919-20. He stepped down from that position permanently in 1941 but remained assistant director of studies at the school until he passed away in 1953 at the age of 65.

In all, Campbell spent eight years (1899-1907) at the school as a student, and 46 years there as part of the faculty (1907-53).

The Howell P. Campbell Hockey Award is presented annually to the boy who, throughout the school year, has contributed the most to the spirit and traditions of St. Paul's hockey.

Please welcome to the Class of 2017, the late Howell P. Campbell as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

Accepting the award for Howard Campbell is his grandson, Bob Diefendorf.



MAURICE COUTURE

Born August 6, 1915 • Concord, NH • Deceased December 25, 1999

PLAYER

The late Maurice Couture, whose standout playing career for Sacred Heart spanned the entire existence of the team, is remembered as a marvelous stickhandler who could score from seemingly impossible angles with an accurate shot.

Born in Concord in 1915, Couture grew up playing hockey on local ponds, including White's Park. His family lived on Warren Street across from Concord High School. He had two brothers and three sisters. His brother, Lionel, also played for a time with Sacred Heart.

Couture worked at the St. Paul's School maintenance shop and later at its post office. He also enjoyed playing tennis at the Bow Brook Club and softball for a west end team in the city. He later married and bought a home on Broadway Street.

Couture played for Sacred Heart from 1931-52. He compiled the highest number of goals (119) and assists (115) of any player on the team, and was named captain of the team following Paul Colgan's retirement from play in 1947. He finished his playing career with 234 points in 150-plus games.

Teammates and friends remember that, though Couture was not the fastest skater on the ice, he had the ability to deke out opposing players, especially goalies, to set himself up in position to score. He also had the uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time to make a perfect pass, while also knowing when to shoot on net himself.

He was the captain of Sacred Heart during the famous hockey game held in Concord against the 1952 U.S. Olympic team. Following the disbandment of the team at the end of the 1951-52 season, he continued to play in pick-up hockey games at White's Park for another decade.

Couture would often work late at the outdoor Sacred Heart ice rink to flood and maintain it. It was said he just loved being on the ice and playing whenever he could. His acquaintances also recall how he had a great sense of humor and strong character, and welcomed many new players into the Sacred Heart fold.

Couture passed away at the age of 86 in Concord on Christmas Day in 1999.

Please welcome to the Class of 2017, the late Maurice Couture as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

Accepting the award for Maurice Couture is his godson, Peter Champagne.



Shown above is Maurice Couture (L) and Coach Paul Colgan with US Olympic team coach/manager, John "Connie" Pleban and Captain, Allen Alfred "Al" Van



JIM GRIFFIN

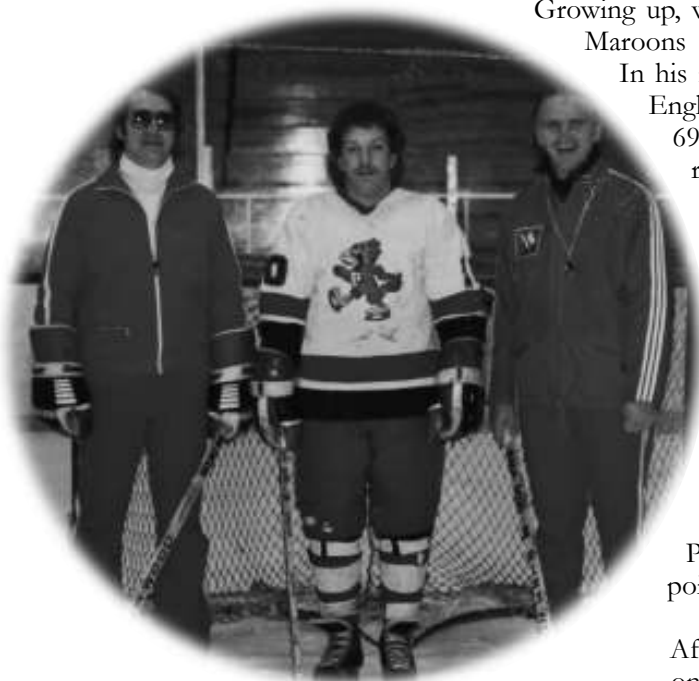
Born January 3, 1960 • Berlin, NH

PLAYER

A standout youth player growing up in Berlin, Griffin went on to have a superb college career at two schools, helping lead Plattsburgh (N.Y.) State to the Division 2 championship game in both 1981 and '82.

Growing up, when he wasn't playing, Griffin was attending Berlin Maroons games or watching the Boston Bruins play on TV.

In his first year as a Squirt, he helped his team win a New England championship. A year later, he finished with 69 goals and 117 points on a team that would be the runner-up in New Hampshire.



L to R: Head Coach Herb Hammond, Jim Griffin, Assistant Coach Jacques Lemaire

Griffin went on to play on state champion teams at the Pee-Wee (one season producing 78 goals and 97 assists), Bantam and Midget levels. He also played two seasons with the Berlin Jr. Maroons before enrolling at New England College in Henniker.

At New England College, Griffin made an immediate impact. As a freshman, he was the third-leading scorer on the team, producing 11 goals and 20 assists for 30 points. The next year, he led the Pilgrims in scoring with 12 goals and 22 assists for 34 points.

After his sophomore year, he transferred to Plattsburgh, one of the strongest programs in Division 2. He played in 30 games as a junior in 1980-81, amassing 13 goals and 20 assists for 33 points.

After opening the season with wins over Clarkson, Colgate and Vermont (all Division 1 programs), his team won the ECAC West and reached the NCAA Division 2 championship game. Griffin was given the team's Chester A. Grabowski Award, awarded annually to the player who most typifies Plattsburgh hockey, demonstrating supreme sportsmanship, hard work and dedication.

Plattsburgh again reached the national championship game during Griffin's senior year of 1981-82- one that saw him produce 24 goals and 32 assists for 56 points- while being coached by NHL Hall of Famer Jacques Lemaire, who joined the team as an assistant coach. He was named ECAC West playoff MVP and finished his college career with 60 goals, 94 assists and 154 points in 117 games.

After college, Griffin skated on a senior team of ex-college players from Plattsburgh that traveled throughout the Northeast and Canada playing in tournaments. The team won the Quebec City Winter Carnival Senior Tournament. He also played for two years in the Chesapeake Bay Senior League after relocating to Washington, D.C., for work.

Please welcome to the class of 2017, Jim Griffin as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



WAYNE PECKNOLD

Born August 3, 1940 • Victoria, BC Canada • Deceased August 19, 2000

PLAYER

A British Columbia native, the late Wayne Pecknold made his mark in New Hampshire with the Concord Eastern Olympics. In seven seasons between 1967-74, he put up 57 goals and 181 assists for 238 points, the only defenseman among the team's all-time top 10 in scoring.

Born in Victoria, B.C., Pecknold was a standout in several sports before settling on hockey. At the age of 13, he led his Victoria bantam club to a provincial championship in lacrosse. He won a juvenile football scoring title with 48 points in five games and was a main cog on his high school's basketball team.

In hockey, after leading the Juvenile Canucks to the Pacific Coast League title, Pecknold joined the Prince Albert Mintos of the Saskatchewan Junior League. His play with the Mintos earned him an athletic scholarship to Michigan State in 1959, though he was later ruled ineligible because he had signed an 'A' form with Prince Albert.

He became an honor student at Michigan State, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. He'd go on to earn a Master's and Ph.D in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and remained at MIT as a professor of civil engineering.

He joined the Concord Eastern Olympics in 1967 and played with them through 1973-74, serving as captain over that entire period. Often times he would coach the team during practices and, at times, in games in Pat Eagan's absence.

"Wayne Pecknold was easily the most talented, the most efficient, the most unselfish, the smartest and the most complete defenseman with whom I had the great good fortune to have been paired with while playing for the Concord Eastern Olympics," said teammate and Legends of Hockey Hall of Famer Bruce Parker. "Wayne was skilled both offensively and defensively. He possessed a great comprehension of the game and utilized that understanding to play with a special ability to anticipate where teammates, as well as opponents, were about to be and about to do."

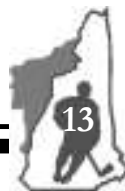


He finished his career playing for the Concord Budmen. He also coached youth hockey in Manchester, where his players included his son, Rand, a Legends Hall of Famer and now the successful coach at Quinnipiac; along with Jeff Serowik and Kyle McDonough.

Pecknold passed away in 2000 at the age of 60 after a lengthy battle with colon cancer.

Please welcome to the Class of 2017, the late Wayne Pecknold as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

Accepting the award for Wayne Pecknold is his former teammate, Thompson Mechem.



GEORGE “FUZZY” THURSTON

Born September 15, 1903 • Exeter, NH • Deceased October 31, 1987

PLAYER

Known as “Mr. Hockey” in Exeter, the late George “Fuzzy” Thurston played amateur hockey until he was 66 years old, and also contributed greatly to the sport as a coach and referee.

Born in 1903, Thurston learned to skate and play hockey on the Exeter River. A strong, hard-hitting defenseman despite his slight build and 5-foot-5 frame, he was a standout player for the Amesbury Maples senior team for decades, several times being honored as “Amateur Defensive Player of the Year” by the Amateur Hockey Association. He also played for the Nashua Hockey Club in 1930-1931. That Nashua team, called the West Pointers, went on to win the New England championship title in Providence R.I., and continued on to New York to become the runner up in the national tournament.



In 1932, after a tryout with the Boston Bruins “Cubs” team, he was invited to be part of a “Boston Olympic Team” that traveled to Europe for a two-month hockey tour that saw the team win 23 of 24 games against national teams across the continent, including Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland and England. One of the games he played in Germany was played in front of future German chancellor Adolf Hitler.

He and his wife returned to New Hampshire for good in the late 1930s and resumed playing for the Amesbury Maples, helping lead the team to a New England amateur title in 1939-40. He would play for the Maples until 1969, playing his last game at the age of 66 at the Phillips Exeter Academy Rinks and getting named game MVP.

He served as the UNH varsity coach for one season in 1939 and began refereeing games in 1953, continuing for many years. Through his refereeing and coaching, he became known as “Mr. Hockey” in Exeter and was good friends with Jim Houston, who started the Exeter Youth Hockey program in 1961.

His family has continued his hockey legacy. Thurston’s sons, Donald and David, his six grandchildren and his two great-grandchildren all played and/or coached in Exeter, with several going on to play the sport in prep school or college.

Thurston passed away in 1987 at the age of 84.

Please welcome to the Class of 2017, the late George “Fuzzy” Thurston as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.

Accepting for George Thurston is his grandson, Mark Thurston



ROGER LETOURNEAU

Born September 15, 194 • Coaticook, Quebec, Canada

PLAYER

Roger Letourneau moved to Berlin as a teenager and went on to have a standout career as a high-scoring forward for the Berlin Maroons, Concord Eastern Olympics and Concord Budmen in the 1960s and '70s..

A native of the province of Quebec, Letourneau enrolled at Berlin High School as a junior in the fall of 1965 and made an immediate impact once he was cleared to play on the school's hockey team the following February. He played in a total of 12 games, including the state tournament (won by BHS) and the New England tourney at the Boston Garden. In those 12 games, he scored 14 goals and added five assists for 19 points, and was selected the MVP of the state tourney.

As a senior in 1966-67, he scored 42 goals and managed 74 points for a Berlin team that went 20-5, and won the state and New England tournaments. He was the MVP of the New England tourney, tallying both goals in a 2-1 win over Rhode Island champion Cranston East, and scoring the tying goal and playing the final 10 minutes in a 3-2 win over Maine champion St. Dominic in the final.

After playing part of a season in New Prep in Cambridge, Mass., Letourneau returned to Berlin and joined the Berlin Maroons for the latter half of the 1967-68 season. In 16 games, including play-offs, he had 34 goals and 12 assists, and the team won the National AHA Senior Championship.

He would play for the Maroons for four seasons. In those years he totaled 117 goals and 76 assists for a total of 193 points.

In the spring of 1970, Letourneau was invited, along with teammates Carl Langlais and Roland Lavigne, to participate on a USA Senior All-Star team that played against the U.S. Olympic Team in a weekend tourney in Lake Placid, N.Y. A year later, he was invited to attend the training camp of the Boston Braves and, in 1972, he earned an invitation to training camp with the Hartford Whalers.

Letourneau continued playing amateur hockey, for the Eastern Olympics starting in 1971-72 until the New England Hockey League was disbanded. He played in 136 games for the team, scoring 112 goals and adding 96 assists for 208 total points, good for ninth place on the all-time list of the Olympics' scorers.

When the Olympics folded, he played for the Concord Budmen in its inaugural season of 1975-76 season. In September of 1976, he returned to Quebec, making his home first in Lennoxville and later Sherbrooke.

Please welcome to the Class of 2017, Roger Letourneau as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.



CLARENCE T. LESSARD

Born April 22, 1909 • Berlin, NH • Deceased January 3, 1971

BUILDER

A successful businessman in Berlin, the late Clarence T. Lessard provided integral moral and financial support to the Berlin Maroons until his death in 1971, and was heavily vested in other aspects of hockey in town.

Whether it was buying hockey sticks or getting doctors to attend games, or encouraging young players to see a life beyond hockey by setting goals and furthering their education, he was a key behind-the-scenes influence to the team's extended success.



“He never looked for public acclaim for his moral support and financial assistance; he just did what needed to be done,” said his son, Pierre. “My father saw the value of the Berlin Maroons as an extension of the community spirit that held Berlin together.”

From 1937 to their disbandment in 1972, the Maroons were one of the most successful amateur hockey teams in New England. They won seven New England titles and were national Amateur Hockey Association champions in 1953-54, 1966-67 and 1967-68.

Lessard was involved with the team as early as the 1953-54 season, and was elected its first and only president when the organization was incorporated in November of 1959.

From 1959 until his death in January of 1971, Lessard attended all director's meetings, except one, when he was hospitalized, and attended all home games and most of the away games.

Clarence Lessard with Dick Boucher (L) and Norm Mercier

He negotiated with the local radio stations to broadcast the games and was involved in signing players. He successfully lobbied for Berlin to host the New England Amateur Hockey Association championships, a strong revenue source, and would give or lend

money to purchase equipment like sticks and pucks. He created jobs for players associated with the team. Hired for summer work on construction projects, these opportunities sometimes grew into year-round employment.

Beyond the Maroons, Lessard served as a director of the Berlin Athletic Booster Club and the Notre Dame Arena Corporation, and served as a mentor to many young players, encouraging them to develop career plans and life goals.

He also had an impact at the New England level, serving as a director for the New England Amateur Hockey Association, and later as a lifetime director of the NEAHA.

Lessard passed away in 1971 at the age of 61. In 1974, three years after his death, his friend and colleague, Al Adams, wanted to ensure that his contributions were recognized with a plaque dedication at Notre Dame Arena.

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Accepting for Clarence Lessard is his son, Pierre Lessard.



New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

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