



2009 Athletics Ontario Hall of Fame Inductees

Pre-1930 ERA: ALL Olympic Gold Medalists

GEORGE Washington ORTON (1873-1958) ATHLETE

Born in Ontario, he represented the US (there wasn't a Canadian team) in the 1900 Olympics (Paris). He won the 2500m Steeplechase, and placed third in the 400m Hurdles.

In 1892 he set a Canadian Mile record (4.21.8) that stood for 30 years. His Olympic achievement for Canada wasn't recognized during his lifetime – the first but forgotten Champion.

ROBERT "Bobby" KERR (1882-1963) ATHLETE & BUILDER

Emigrated from Ireland to Canada when he was 5, settling in Hamilton, Ontario. "Bobby" won the Olympic 200m title in 1908 (London) and placed third in the 100m. After WWI, he helped as an official in many capacities - Manager at 1928, 1932 Olympics and member of the COA, President of H.O.C, meet director (for many years) of the 91st Highlanders Indoor meet, aided M.M.Robinson with 1930 British Empire Games, and acted as starter, referee, etc. at many meets across Canada.

GEORGE Henry GOULDING (1885-1966) ATHLETE

Born in England, he moved to Toronto in 1904. Began his athletic career as a Marathoner (1908 Olympics), but gained success in the Racewalk (4th in 1908 Olympic 3500m). In 1911 set WR for Mile RW (6.25.8). In the 1912 Olympics (Stockholm) he won the Gold medal in the 10km Racewalk (46.28.4).

ETHEL MARY CATHERWOOD (1908-1987) ATHLETE

Raised in Saskatchewan, she moved to Toronto in 1927 (under Manager Ted Oke and coach Walter Knox) to prepare for 1928 Olympics (Amsterdam). Set WR at the trials in the High Jump(1m60). Won Gold medal (1m59) at the 1928 Games in this event.

WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL 4x100m RELAY TEAM - 1928 OLYMPICS

All 4 women based in Toronto. A quartet of the "Matchless Six", along with Catherwood (see above) and Jenny Thompson, who dominated the 1928 Olympics (Amsterdam), the first Games to allow women to participate.

FANNY "Bobbie" ROSENFELD (1903-1969) ATHLETE [1st Leg]

Born in Russia, moved to Barrie, Ont., then Toronto as a teenager. She set a 10yd WR (11.0) in 1925. Won 100m Silver medal (12.3) at these Olympics as well. Named "Best Canadian female athlete of the half-century" in 1950. Coached women's Track team at 1934 BE Games.

ETHEL MAY SMITH (1907-1979) ATHLETE [2nd Leg]

Born and raised in Toronto. She won 100m Bronze medal (12.3) at these Olympics as well.

FLORENCE ISABEL "JANE" BELL (1910-1998) ATHLETE [3rd Leg]

Born and raised in Toronto. Was Canadian champion in 50m hurdles.

MYRTLE ALICE COOK (1902-1985) ATHLETE [4th Leg]

Born and raised in Toronto, she later moved to Montreal (1929). She helped start the Toronto ladies A.C. She set the 100m WR (12.0) at the 1928 Trials. In the Olympic 100m final she was DQ'd (false start). Later coached and managed National teams (BEG and OG) from 1932-1972 out of Quebec.

1930-1945 ERA:

JOHN WILFRID LOARING (1915-1969) ATHLETE

Born in Winnipeg, moved to Windsor in 1926. Attended University in London (Western).

1936 Olympics (Berlin) – Silver medal in 400m Hurdles (52.7). Also placed 6th in the 400m, and was a member of the 4th place 4x400m Relay team.

1938 British Empire Games – Gold medal 440yd Hurdles (52.9) and ran legs on both winning Relays teams (4x110yds, 4x440yds). He was 5th in the 440yds.

MELVILLE MARKS “Bobby” ROBINSON (1888-1974) BUILDER

Born in Ontario, later was a Sports reporter for Hamilton Spectator. As a builder, Bobby was known in Athletics circles for getting things done. First President of the Hamilton Olympic Club (1926), Manager of 1928 Olympic team (and 1936 team). Brought International acclaim to Hamilton with the 1930 British Empire Games (he also managed the 1934 team). He also paved the way for “Mr.Bronze” (Phil Edwards) to compete for Canada.

1946-1959 ERA: None

1960-1969 ERA:

FRED FOOT (1917-2002) BUILDER

Started as a sprint coach in 1946 – coached at East York TC, UofT and York U. – a career of over 50 years. Top athletes – Bill Crothers (OG medalist), Bruce Kidd (BCG Champion) and Dave Bailey (1st sub-4 Canadian Miler). Coached many Olympians – on 8 OG teams, and was Olympic team coach (1952,1956). On the administrative side he was the first President of the OTFA (1974-75).

WILLIAM FREDERICK “BILL” CROTHERS (1940-) ATHLETE

Born in Markham, Ont., attended UofT. Bill competed for east York TC under Fred Foot. He won 800m Silver medal in 1964 Olympics (Tokyo) (1.45.69CR). Top-ranked 800m runner in 1965. Won Lou Marsh Trophy in 1963 and Lionel Conacher award (Top males athlete) in 1964.

1970-79 ERA:

PAUL POCE (1924-) BUILDER

Born in Toronto. Paul helped start the T.O.C (1954) after running and coaching in clubs like the West End YMCA and Toronto Red Devil's TC. He has coached 13 Olympians and over 30 athletes who have made International teams. He was National distance coach 1974-76, and has coached/managed many National teams – off-road, Track and Cross-country. He was inducted into the Canadian Road runners Hall of Fame (1991).

JEROME DRAYTON (1945-) ATHLETE

Born in Germany (as Peter Buniak), moved to Toronto in 1956. Competed for T.O.C.

He has been the National Marathon (42.2km) record-holder for over 40 years (first in 1968) and still at 2h10.09 (1975). He set a World record on the Track (10mile – 46.37.6) in 1970.

He won Boston (1977) and Fukuoka ('69,'75,'76) and was 6th in the 1976 Olympic marathon (Montreal)), while also placing 2nd in the 1978 CG (Edmonton) Marathon.

1980-89 ERA: None

1990-1999 ERA:

JOSEPH R. “Joe” YOUNG (1919-) BUILDER

Born and raised in Ontario, and was Junior 440yd champion in 1940. Joe was a founding member of the Ontario Officials' Council, and was on the first board of the OTFA. An internationally recognized “Starter” – Chief Starter for the 1976 Olympics (Montreal), World University Games (1983 –Edmonton), World Juniors (1988-Sudbury) and World Indoors (1993-Toronto). He retired as an active starter in 2002.

DONOVAN BAILEY (1967-) ATHLETE

Born in Jamaica, he moved to Oakville, Ont. as a teen.

100m Olympic Champion 1996 (Atlanta) 9.84WR. Individually, he also won Worlds 1995 and second in 1997 (both over 100m). Set indoor 50m WR (5.56A) in 1996. Won 150m "Match" race (14.99) against Michael Johnson (1997). Won silver in 100m at 1994 Francophonie Games. Won Lou Marsh Trophy and Lionel Conacher award in 1996.

Was in integral member of the 4x100m relay teams from 1994-1997 that won everything.

2000-2009 ERA:

A. BRENT McFARLANE (1948-) BUILDER

Born in Winnipeg, grew up in Sarnia, Ont. Coached at both University of Waterloo and K-W Track club (the latter for over 30 years). In his event area (Sprints and Hurdles) he is among the most published authors in the sport – 4 books and over 500 articles. His book "The Art and Science of Hurdling" was adopted by the NCCP as a Level 2 Manual.

As a coach, he has been named to over 30 teams, coaching 37 athletes to National team berths and 22 Canadian records. He was Head coach for the 2000 Olympics (Sydney).

DONALD MILLS (1927-2003) BUILDER

Don began his coaching in the 1960's with Gladstone AC, then helping form the Toronto Striders and later Track West. He coached at the University level (Waterloo, Toronto) as well. He coached many top Junior's, and was National Cross-country coach on many occasions - the 1978 team (with his own personal athletes involved) won Silver medals (team and Individual). Don's administration skills were evident in his roles as meet director for the OTFA and Chair of the Technical Committee for many years. He was awarded Ontario's Special Achievement award for his work as a volunteer administrator.