THE 2026 ALUMNI EDITION

A legacy worth celebrating.

Honouring our people, supporting our community and looking ahead to 100 years of Maple Leaf hockey.

Supporting our community

The Maple Leaf Alumni again assisted our partner societies of Sport Central, the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton, the YMCA, Concordia University, and the Maple Athletic Club to help them operate their valuable and various ongoing programs.

2026 bursaries & awards

The Orrie Sollanych Award (post secondary scholarship of $1500)

Silvio Pino. (Forward, U18 AA Elite Promotional Marketing)

The Lorne Kaiser Award (post secondary scholarship of $1000)

Nathan Marghella. (Forward, U18 AA Elite Promotional Marketing Team)

The Lawrence Jacobs Award (post secondary scholarship of $1000)

Liam MacDonald. (Defence, U18 AA Elite Promotional Marketing Team)

The Spartan's Award (post secondary scholarship of $1000)

Kael Haman. (Goalie, U17 AAA Beverly Optimists)



Calling all Maple Leaf graduates!

Did you know the Maple Leaf Alumni has changed its membership requirements, and is currently welcoming all former players, managers, and coaches to join the group?

New This Year: Both men and women – attention Ladies Auxiliary members! – are now eligible for membership.

Interested applicants are to e-mail your contact information to mapleleafalumni@gmail.com

WHY JOIN THE ALUMNI?

You can have a say in the reshaping of the Maple Leaf Athletic Club into the new, improved version: MLAC 2.0!

And as a bonus, you can be among the first to learn of the exciting times ahead as we begin to construct the celebration for the impressive upcoming anniversary, MLAC will be 100 years old in 2031!

You can be a member of the team researching the history of the club and producing the biggest and best celebration Edmonton has seen in many years.

Find a former teammate – come join the Alumni!

A growing alumni community

CURRENT PARTICIPATING ALUMNI MEMBERS

Norma Borass • Bill Crummy

Mike Brown • Wilf Brooks

Mike Buzak • Dennis Chambers

Matt Cummings • Don Darling

Duncan Galloway • Jack Halliday

Judy Jacobs • Clay Kolstad

Bob Krewenchuk • Margaret Liber

Terry Ledingham • Russell Lukawesky

Don Mac Donald • Paul Mac Dougall

Larry Naninga • Norm Rowell

Jim Schneider • Lawrence Shapka

Jerry Stevenson • Dan St. Jacques

Alice Sutherland • John Yaremkowych

Michael Yaremkowych • Cynthia Whitehead.


SPORTS MONDAY

Maple Leaf forever

MAPLE LEAF MIDGET 'AA' 1950/51

A look back at the Maple Leaf story.

Nine teams. One tradition.

The Maple Leaf Athletic Club currently sponsor nine teams who compete against other elite hockey clubs in Edmonton.

U11 AA Kallar Welding

U13 AA (currently seeking a sponsor)

U13 AAA United Sport and Cycle

U15 AA Scafom-rux

U15 AA Traxx Coachlines

U15 AAA Scott Pump

U16 AA Lenbeth Weeping Tile

U17 AAA Beverly Optimist

U18 AA Rahal Mechanical

Interested in attending a game? Check MLAC.net for team rosters, schedules, statistics, and related information.

U13 AA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

NOTE: a last-minute cancellation of renewal of a sponsorship has resulted in the U13 AA team being currently without a sponsor. If you or anyone you know would like to step up and take over that sponsorship, please contact Norm Rowell (MLAC Treasurer) at mlac.financechair@mlac.net

ON THE ICE / OCTOBER 2026

The Blue & White Game



Season opener: the 23rd annual Blue and White Game.

The 23rd Annual Blue and White Game was held at the Mill Woods Recreation Centre on Saturday, October 3, 2026. This event began when the Santa Rosa Arena was renamed Russ Barnes Arena - change was made to recognize and honour Russ Barnes' decades of volunteer service to community and amateur hockey. Russ was a long, long time MLAC volunteer, beginning in 1962, serving in various roles such as Equipment Manager, MLAC President 1977 to 79, and Alumni President in 1988. Russ was instrumental in establishing Sport Central; received the Hockey Alberta President's Award, the Canadian Hockey Association Minor Hockey Week Award, Life Membership in MLAC and inducted to the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991.

The Annual Blue and White Game heralds the beginning of the U15 hockey season. In the early days of this game, the two MLAC Bantam teams met each other early in their respective seasons and competed for the Blue and White Trophy (currently the Al Osmak Memorial Trophy, in honour of another long serving and distinguished MLAC volunteer).

In recent years, the age designations have been adjusted and now the competitors in the Blue and White Game are the two U15 AA teams.

A 6-6 FINISH

This year, in an exciting and keenly contested game, the result was a 6-6 tie between the Scafom-rux and Traxx Coachlines teams.

Scafom-rux goal scorers:

#5 Seth Weiss with two goals and #9 Zach Holmberg, #12 Sahib Singh, #13 Liam Grenning, and #19 Vaughn Lima with one goal each

Traxx Coachlines goals:

#6 Cohen Smith, #9 Luca Kachur, #14 Grayson Roberts, #18 Ellis Safranka, and #21 Declan Borle. with two goals



U16 AA Lenbeth Weeping Tile players supporting their younger counterparts.

Cameron Wilde, Reed McRae, and Rye Corbett of the U16 AA Lenbeth Weeping Tile Team were on hand to cheer on their younger MLAC counterparts.

More than a game



Barb Stagg and Tara Penney at the tailgate.

Great support from other teams!

Barb Stagg (MLAC Projects Coordinator) and Tara Penney (Treasurer U17 AAA Beverly Optimists) were on hand to look after the tailgate party. Wonderful job ladies!

And special thanks to Brie Grandfield of Forward Realty Team for providing the food and drinks for the tailgate party.

Where it all began



St. Faith's Anglican Church 2nd Cub Pack hockey team.

This photo is of the St. Faith's Anglican Church of Edmonton 2nd Cub Pack Hockey Team. The gentleman in the centre is Henry White who would in two years time see the future of organized hockey and create the Maple Leaf Athletic Club. Many of the boys in this photo would become the first players ever to don a Maple Leaf jersey.

Other than Mr. White, the only known person in the photo is Ted Allard. (Immediately to the left of Mr. White.) Ted's two stripes on his shirt indicate he was a Sixer for this cub pack – an early designation of a leader, akin to a captain of a hockey team.

If anyone has further information about the names of the boys in the photo, please write to Maple Leaf Athletic Club Historian Don Darling - don2darling@gmail.com.

THE ROAD TO 100 YEARS

Our history. Our future.



Maple Leaf hockey, 1972–73.

The 100th Anniversary is a significant milestone in the Club's history. The preparation for this event is a large undertaking, but with the thought "many hands makes work light" at the forefront, the project will become a satisfying and enjoyable experience for all the former Leafs who contribute to the project.

Help shape the centennial

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be a part of the Maple Leafs 100th Anniversary? History of interest to you? Here is one opportunity – volunteer to be a Decade Captain.

The 100th organizing committee is currently doing some research and gathering names of all people who played, coached, managed, or administered teams since the creation of the Club in 1931. One way you could assist with this research is by volunteering to be a Decade Captain.

A Decade Captain is that person who volunteers to be the chief contact for the teams in a particular 10-year period. For example, DC50 would be the person who played, coached, managed, or administered a Maple Leaf team sometime in the period 1950-59. Similarly, DC90 would be the contact responsible for the 1990 to 1999 teams. The main task of a Decade Captain is to examine the prepared list (supplied by the Organizing Committee) of people involved with teams in their designated decade and help with the discovery of current contact information. Another task would be to fill in any blanks in the lists by adding names of anyone who is known to have been omitted from the list. A third, and vital task would be to gather and collect stories of interest which took place during their decade - significant accomplishments, amusing incidents, success stories, amazing adventures, and any other tidbits that the DC believes other Leafs may not be aware of.

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Want to help with the 100th Anniversary preparation? Write to the Committee for 100 Chairman Don Darling: don2darling@gmail.com.

Thank you and looking forward to hearing from those who would like to help by becoming a Decade Champion.

In the coming newsletters, information about other opportunities to assist with the 100th Anniversary will be published.



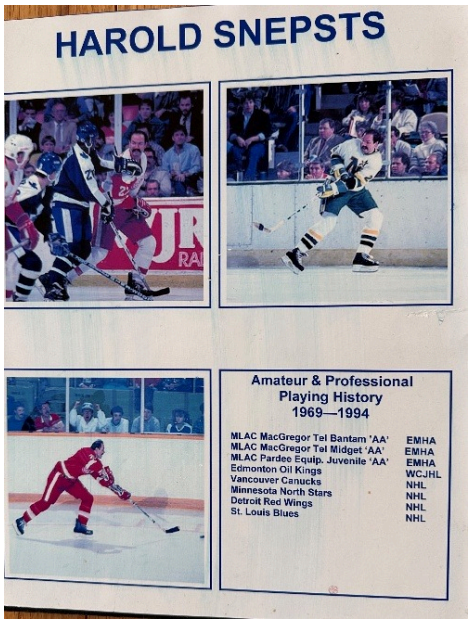
A team photo from the Maple Leaf archives.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A century of stories



Historic Maple Leaf team photo



Harold Snepsts and Maple Leaf history

Could there be Decade Captains lurking in these photos?

Hope so!

Share your stories and photos with Don Darling at don2darling@gmail.com.

