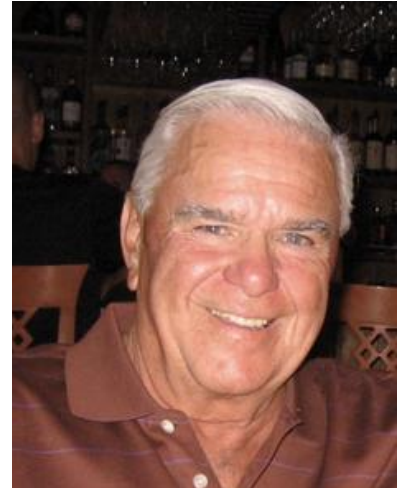


Adrian Lavigne

1993 Inductee - Builder/Sportsperson Category



The numbers are staggering! Twenty B.C. Championship Gold Medals and eighteen of them successively. The first gold came in 1969 and, but for a silver in 1970, the intervening years were dominated by Adrian and his team. The women from Green & Louie, Doc's Blues and finally Alpha may have seen changes in the sponsors' marquee but never saw a change in their winning ways. They earned eleven National Championship Gold Medals, four Silver and four Bronze...finishing out of the medals only three times in twenty two trips to this tournament.



As Green & Louie they finished seventh in the 1974 World's Championship and returned as Doc's Blues in 1978, capturing second. The change to National Rep Teams simply meant that the Alpha Sports was the training ground for many of the All-Star players that made the squad. Patty Polych, Joanne Mick, Mo McCarthy, Dawn Store Gray, Marianne Walz and Tracy Huclack are all stand out contributions to the National Rep team format...all Alpha. His squad was a five time nominee as a team of the year in the Sport BC awards and our only winner ever - not once but twice. As well, Adrian was the only softball coach to ever win the Sport BC Coach of the Year in its 27 year history. He was the winner of the Air Canada Coach of the Year in 1978 and the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for Excellence in Coaching in the same year. He has done it all, and he hasn't just won - he has dominated a quarter century of this game.

Over the course of that quarter century he and his team have firmly established B.C. as a major force in the softball world. He has allowed us, as a governing body, to bask in the fame and glory that has been a direct result of untiring efforts; efforts that produced an incredible 39 Individual Canadian All Star Awards.

He knows the rules, inside and out and possesses many qualities critical to his two decade history of dominance. His strong passion and dedication for the sport, both contribute to his historic legacy as a legendary builder and coach.

Excellence is not achieved by complacency. One has to be driven and dedicated and these were hallmarks of Adrian's career. He regards his role models as the Montreal Canadiens hockey club, 'the whole organization fosters pride, respect and tradition'. His winning record nearly rivals their's. As well he looked to softball coaches Walter Yeamans from Victoria and Ralph Raymond from Stratford, Connecticut as individuals

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to emulate. These role models have given him the drive that has produced a coaching record that may never be equalled, not just in this province, but anywhere in the world. All of us should be proud that he is one of ours and, even though it may well be impossible, all of us should aspire to mirror his success as the most successful coach to ever grace the game of Softball.

Adrian Lavigne was inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame as a Sportsperson/Builder in October of 1993.