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## Redmen end fall semester with 10-game win streak

The McGill Redmen completed the first semester of their 132nd season of hockey with an impressive 10-game win streak, matching the school record for intercollegiate play set in 1936-37.

Head coach **Martin Raymond** is hoping for a lucky 13th season behind the bench as his team features a school record 22 returnees all determined to avenge last year's sudden demise to U of T in the OUA East Conference semi-finals.

McGill finished second in the OUA Far East with a stellar 15-8-5 record, swept Concordia in the first round of the playoffs but were held scoreless in two straight games by underdog Toronto in the second round.

This year, after a slow start due to training camp injuries, the team has roared back and posted an 11-4-1 record in the first semester.

The 2007-08 edition of the Redmen features a good mix of experience with eight seniors, 10 juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen. Ten members of the team have played major junior hockey.



*A proud Ken Morin shows Corey Cup to 5,400 fans at the Bell Centre*

For the fourth straight year, McGill is expected to be among the top three teams in the nation defensively as both netminders are back and seven rearguards have returned.

All-Canadian goaltender **Mathieu Poitras**, the 2004-05 CIS rookie of the

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## David Urquhart elected team captain



**D a v i d Urquhart**, a two-time all-conference defenceman from Thorold, Ont., is the Redmen team captain for 2007-08.

A winner of the Bobby Bell trophy as Team

MVP last year, Urquhart is only the third rearguard in McGill history to earn All-Canadian status. He entered the 2007-08 season with a 16-68-84 record and

255 PIMs in 108 games overall.

Last season, he led all OUA blueliners in assists and finished second in points with a 2-25-27 record in 28 league games. It was the eighth-best regular-season offensive output ever from a McGill defenceman. The 6-foot, 195-pound management senior, earned second-team All-Canadian honours and was an OUA finalist for the Randy Gregg trophy, for combining hockey ability with academics and citizenship.

The alternate captains this season have rotated among the following alternate **Eric L'Italien**, **Steven Pearce**, **Mathieu Leclerc** and **Chris Churchill-Smith**, plus junior centre **Guillaume Demers**.

## Redmen head overseas

The No. 10-ranked hockey Redmen are heading off to Serbia and Hungary, Dec. 26 to Jan. 5, for their ninth overseas trip since 1981.

They will be competing at the Vojvodina International Celebration of Hockey Tournament, taking on the Serbian national team in Belgrade, Dec. 29, an all-star team of Serbian pro league imports in the city of Novi Sad, Dec. 30, followed by games against Dunaujvaros in Hungary, Jan. 3 and UTE in Budapest, Jan. 4.

The Redmen have previously travelled overseas to France (2004), Amsterdam & Germany (2000), Slovakia (1997), the United Kingdom (1994), France and Germany (1991), Czechoslovakia (1985) and Switzerland twice (1983 & 1981).



## Lafontaine named Honorary Captain

**Charlie (Snowball) Lafontaine** is the Honorary Captain of the McGill Redmen hockey team for the 2007-08 season.

A past-president of the Friends of McGill Hockey, Lafontaine played for the Red & White in the late 1940s and graduated from McGill with a B.Com. in 1952.

The team's honorary captaincy recognizes an individual for long-time leadership, support and dedication to the Redmen hockey program. Previous Hon. captains include **Charlie Hayward** and the late **Dr. Ross Hill**.

## 2007-08 Redmen Hockey Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>WON 3-2</b>	<b>vs Laurier*</b>
Sep 23	WON 3-2 OT	vs UQTR (at Bedford)*
Sep 28	Lost 3-4	@ Moncton*
Sep 29	WON 4-1	@ Moncton*
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>WON 4-2 ENG</b>	<b>vs Guelph</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Lost 2-3</b>	<b>vs Brock</b>
Oct. 17	Lost 3-6	@ UQTR
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>Lost 2-3 OTS</b>	<b>vs Carleton</b>
<b>21st annual Corey Cup Game (@ Bell Centre):</b>		
Oct. 21	WON 3-1	vs Concordia*
Oct. 27	Lost 1-3 ENG	@ Ottawa
<b>Oct.30</b>	<b>WON 5-3</b>	<b>vs UQTR</b>
Nov. 2	WON 4-1 ENG	@ Carleton
Scotiabank Challenge (@ Scotiabank Place):		
Nov. 3	WON 3-2	@ Ottawa
<b>Nov.13</b>	<b>WON 5-1</b>	<b>vs Carleton</b>
Nov. 17	WON 6-2	@ Queen's
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>WON 4-1</b>	<b>vs Ottawa</b>
<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>WON 3-2</b>	<b>vs Toronto</b>
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>WON 4-2</b>	<b>vs Ryerson</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	<b>WON 5-3</b>	<b>vs Concordia</b>
Nov. 30	WON 8-3	@ Ryerson
Dec. 1	Lost 2-5 (2ENG)	@ Toronto

### Vojvodina Intl Celebration of Hockey Tournament (@ Serbia & Hungary):

Dec. 29	vs. Serbian National Team
Dec. 30	vs. Serbian League Import All-Star Team
Jan. 3	vs. Dunaujvaros Steel Bulls
Jan. 4	vs. UTE Budapest

Jan. 12	13:30	@ Univ. of Ont. Instit. of Technology
<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>vs Concordia</b>
<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>vs Queen's</b>
Jan. 19	14:00	@ Concordia
Jan. 23	19:00	@ UQTR
Jan. 25	19:00	@ York
Jan. 26	19:00	@ RMC
Jan. 30	20:00	@ Concordia
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>vs RMC</b>
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>vs Ottawa</b>
Feb. 8	19:00	@ Carleton
<b>Feb.10</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>vs UQTR</b>
Feb. 13, 15, 17		OUA East Best-of-3 Quarterfinals
Feb. 20, 22, 26		OUA East Best-of-3 Semifinals
Feb. 27, 29, Mar.2		OUA East Best-of-three Finals
Mar. 8		OUA Queen's Cup Championship
Mar. 20-24		CIS University Cup (@ Moncton)

### HOME GAMES IN BOLD

ENG (empty-net goal)  
 OT (overtime)  
 OTS (overtime shootout)  
 \*non-conference game

## CIS HOCKEY TOP 10 RANKINGS (on Dec. 4/07)

(Team, W-L-T Record, Voting Pts., Previous rank)

1. UNB (12-1-1), 87, (1)	6. Western (12-2-3), 34, (6)
2. Alberta (11-2-1), 83, (2)	7. UQTR (12-3-1), 33, (8)
3. St. Mary's (10-3-1), 68, (4)	8. Lakehead (12-3-1), 28, (7)
4. Moncton (10-4-0), 65, (5)	9. Manitoba (9-6-1), 20, (NR)
5. Sask. (10-3-3), 55, (3)	<b>10. McGill (11-4-1), 14, (9)</b>

### Other teams receiving votes:

UBC (4 pts), Brock (3 pts), Wilfrid Laurier (1 pt)

## ... Redmen outlook (cont'd from Page 1)

year, is back for his senior year after posting a 9-6-3 record with a 2.41 goals-against average, a .903 save percentage and three shutouts. He will again be challenged by junior **Jean-Michel Filiatrault** (6-2-2, 2.07, .915, 2 SHO). Junior **Jake Jarvis** has returned in a back-up role.

Senior **David Urquhart**, an all-Canadian defenceman, leads a solid cast of blueliners. Others include high-scoring junior **Louis-Simon Allaire** (10-12-22), junior **Ken Morin** (22GP: 1-15-16), senior **Steven Pearce** (25GP: 1-6-7), hard-hitting junior **Yan Turcotte** (19GP: 0-6-6, 86 PIM), junior **Erik Stilling** and sophomore **Ben Gazdic**.

Up front, **Shawn Shewchuk** (25GP: 9-23-32) returns for a fifth season after leading the team in points, to go along with six power play goals, two shorthanded markers and a pair of game-winners. Also back is senior **Eric L'Italien** (25GP: 12-16-28), junior **Sam Bloom** (26GP: 12-13-25), fifth-year centre **Mathieu Leclerc** (7-16-23), juniors **Guillaume Demers** (7-13-20) and **Marko Kovacevic** (7-10-17).

Other returnees include junior **Charles Gauthier**, sophomore **Benoit Arsenault**, hard-skating senior **Chris Churchill-Smith**, plus sophomores **Vincent Lambert**, **Len Verrilli** and **Jeremy Burgess**.

Among the freshman to watch is centre **Simon Courcelles** from Lewiston in the QMJHL, centre **Guillaume Doucet** from the PEI Rocket (QMJHL), **Simon Marcotte** out of St. Eustache (QJHL, AAA) and left winger **Evan Vossen** from LaRonge (SJHL).

## ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES ATHLETICS CONFERENCE (28-game schedule; updated through Jan. 3, 2008)

### EASTERN CONFERENCE:

FAR EAST	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
UQTR	16	12	3	1	61	36	25	25
<b>McGill</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>
Concordia	17	9	7	1	69	71	-2	19
Ottawa	17	9	8	0	54	48	6	18
Carleton	17	7	9	1	48	65	-17	15

### MID EAST

MID EAST	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
Queen's	17	8	7	2	41	49	-8	18
Toronto	17	8	8	1	53	48	5	17
RMC	17	7	8	2	48	59	-11	16
Ryerson	16	3	10	3	55	75	-20	9

### WESTERN CONFERENCE:

MID WEST	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
Brock	18	12	4	2	64	53	11	26
York	17	7	7	3	53	50	3	17
Guelph	18	7	10	1	44	64	-20	15
UOIT	16	2	11	3	36	79	-43	7

### FAR WEST

FAR WEST	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
Western	17	12	2	3	71	32	39	27S
Lakehead	16	12	3	1	64	41	23	25
Waterloo	16	11	5	0	69	52	17	22
Laurier	16	10	5	1	65	55	10	21
Windsor	16	3	12	1	42	79	-37	7

NOTES: Top 6 teams in each OUA conference qualify for playoffs, top seed in each of the 4 divisions receive a first-round playoff bye

\*OTL - overtimes losses

## The Presidential Address:



### Dear Friends,

On the ice, we are optimistic about the direction the team has gone over the past decade and this season and are working hard to return to the CIS national championships in the spring.

Off the ice, FMH has taken a leadership role in numerous

areas, including:

- a) making sure that we have a league to play in
- b) contributing to improvements at McConnell Arena
- c) creating Athletic Financial Awards for players
- d) providing the best equipment possible
- e) subsidizing team meals on the road trips
- f) subsidizing recruiting budget
- g) subsidizing honorariums for assistant coaches
- h) providing video & computer equipment for coach
- i) sponsoring all players for year-end banquet
- j) operating an annual golf tournament
- k) providing job opportunities for players
- l) encouraging the McGill Redmen Alumni Hockey League
- j) playing a role in better scheduling of non-conference games, including games against Ivy league schools such as Harvard and Princeton.

A few years ago, one of our goals was to fill McConnell Arena. Thanks to FMH and the initiative of **Brian Miller** we started with one sell-out. With some counsel to McGill Athletics marketing, we are now in the vicinity of five sell-outs per season. I am pleased to report that McGill is also near the top of the league in attendance. However, we want to create a full house for every game, which is a win-win situation on all levels.

Another one of our goals, is to fully fund tuition for every player on the team and our Athletic Financial Awards fund is significant if not yet sufficient.

McGill Sports Hall of Fame inductee **Mark Reade** and **John (Hog) Harris** will be tapping the friends of **Earl (The Pearl) Zukerman** to top up that award. We are at \$70,000 and committed to \$100,000 by

the end of 2008.

The McGill Redmen hockey program is indeed respected across the country. We have come a long way from my playing days, when the players had to pay for their own skates, cajole the trainer for a stick, chip in for tape, not to mention pre-game and post-game meals. Coach Raymond moulds boys into men and leads a team that brings it every night. Led by **Ken Morin**, Capt. **Dave Urquhart** and all-Canadian **Mathieu Poitras** the players themselves have raised over \$12,000 this season already. This year's Redmen are a remarkable group indeed.

That said, we still have miles to go before we sleep.

We continue to strive to make playing for the oldest operating hockey team a positive lifechanging, unforgettable experience; our players on the current team should step into the real world and take a leadership role in the future.

Since 1877, there have been only a few hundred individuals who have played for this storied program. As my good friend **John "Hog" Harris** often says, "It is a privilege and not a right." I quote him every year to the new group and it resonates.

I trust that we can count on you to offer your continued support, whether it be as a fan at games, a season ticket holder, a volunteer, a participant, fundraiser or donor who cares about making a difference to the lives of many in the program and those they touch going forward.

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a healthy and appreciative New Year!

*J. Michael Nelson*

**Mike Nelson**

President

Friends of McGill Hockey

### Tentative Dates for FMH Events

Mid- April

May 22 / 29

FMH Awards Banquet @ Molson's

FMH Golf Tournament @ Kanawake

# Coach's Corner with Martin Raymond

Dear Friends,

It is always a pleasure to renew acquaintances via our newsletter every year.



This season, I will take the opportunity to update you on the latest news and initiatives with the Redmen hockey program.

With a fairly young team in place and only three seniors lost to graduation, we had the luxury of focussing our recruiting this season on key areas of need. Thanks to the help of faithful alumni who provided the necessary words of encouragement, we were able to land four key recruits. **Pierre Gendron**,

one of our top snipers from not too many years ago, helped convince **Simon Courcelles**, a Memorial Cup winner with Quebec Remparts two years ago and captain of Lewiston Maniacs to make the commitment to play for the Redmen.

**Mark Debusschere**, another one of my former players, pursued Saskatchewan's gritty scorer **Evan Vossen** and the infusion of some western blood has fit in nicely.

Two other two recruits have also been strong additions to our team, including **Guillaume Doucet** from the QMJHL's PEI Rocket and **Simon Marcotte** from St-Eustache of the Quebec Jr AAA league.

We suffered an incredible number of injuries in training camp and got off to a slow 1-3-1 start in regular-season play but bounced back strong with a 10-game win streak which **Earl "The Pearl"** informs me equals a long-standing team record dating back to 1936-37.

On the fundraising front, each varsity team at McGill is expected to engage in some sort of project and this year, the hockey Redmen have been busy planning for an overseas Christmas trip to Serbia and Hungary, Dec. 26 to Jan. 5. At last count, the team had raised over \$12,000, primarily as a result of selling tickets to the 21st annual Corey Cup game, a 3-1 McGill win over Concordia, played at the Bell Centre in front of 5,400 boisterous fans, most of whom were cheering for McGill. The proposal to land the home of the Habs for the game was the tremendous summer initiative of seniors **Mathieu Poitras**, **David Urquhart** and **Ken Morin**. They put in many hours and meetings of planning to pull off what was a superbly successful event, not only for our program but also for university hockey.

Another team initiative, related to the trip was the team's collection and donation of used hockey gear for Serbian youth and junior-aged players. I am proud to report that the Redmen have contributed 25 hockey bags of used equipment to the Serbian community, in a country where hockey equipment is very hard to find. We had some assistance in this project from Nike-Bauer Hockey employees **Ken Covo** (a former McGill captain) and **Donald Nault**. Over four dozen new stick shafts were donated along with 98 pairs of skates and some used Redmen equipment. Everything was sent by air transport, thanks to **Gavin Ross** (our ever-faithful Hon. President) and **Jim Barriere** of the BGL brokerage firm.

We have been fortunate to receive more support for our awards program. We now have 13 of them to help subsidize our players's tuition: Since the **Earl Zukerman Hockey Award** was introduced in 2004, we have six new ones to announce, including ones named after **Gavin Ross**, **Michael Richards**, **Patrick Keenan**, **John McLernon**, **David and Sheryl Kerr**, and the **Redbird Athletics Award**.

We are moving our annual FMH Golf Tournament from September to early next Spring, hopefully in conjunction with the football Redmen. We are looking for a FMH volunteer would like to serve as chair of the golf committee. Although I will participate in the organization of the event, my tasks as head coach make it more and more difficult for me to lead the way for this important event. Your interest is anticipated and kindly contact me if you can help out.

Finally, **Drew Love**, our new director of athletics, has been focussed since his appointment in June, on bringing McGill Athletics and its teams to the next level. I hope that we can continue to demonstrate to him and others, that FMH is very committed to make the Redmen one of the best options to play university hockey, and that we are striving to have not only the oldest but also one of the premiere hockey programs in Canada.

Your contribution, whether it be as a donor, a fan, or a volunteer, makes the difference.

Sincerely,

**Martin Raymond**

Head Coach, McGill Redmen

## KEEP IN TOUCH!

The upkeep of the FMH mailing list is a major undertaking for us as most graduates move four or five times after leaving University. As such, we rely on you to assist by advising us of your new coordinates. Please take a few minutes to drop either Coach **Martin Raymond** ([martin.raymond@mcgill.ca](mailto:martin.raymond@mcgill.ca)) or **Earl Zukerman** ([earl.zukerman@mcgill.ca](mailto:earl.zukerman@mcgill.ca)) a note with your updated coordinates.

Every little bit of participation helps, whether it be through administrative help, donations, recruiting, participation at FMH events or attendance at games. If your coordinates have changed recently, kindly let us know!

## 2007-08 FMH Executive

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# The Pearl's Gems: by Earl Zukerman

Dear Friends,

Let me start by offering our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Stephane Marcoux** (1987-89), who is recovering from a health crisis in his adopted home in South America. If any of his old teammates want to drop him a line, do so at ([marcoux\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:marcoux_@hotmail.com))...

Also, we wish an easy recovery to **Paul Pidcock** (1934-38), currently the oldest surviving member of the Redmen, who had cataract surgery in the fall... The spry 92-year-old Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., native now lives in Timmins, Ont. During Pidcock's four seasons, the team won four consecutive Queen's Cup titles in addition to the International Intercollegiate Ice Hockey League championship in 1936-37...

**Tim Peters** (1958-61) is hoping to contact former teammate, **Bruce Hutchison** (1958-61), with whom we have lost touch. Anyone who can help should contact him (and us) at [cwtpeters@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwtpeters@sympatico.ca)...

Two Redmen captains, who were also Bobby Bell trophy winners as team MVP, recently returned to Montreal in December for a rare visit with their respective NHL teams... Of course we're talking about **Mike Babcock** (1983-87), head coach of the Detroit Red Wings and **Mathieu Darche** (1996-00), a forward with the Tampa Bay Lightning...

Babcock, who won his 200th game behind an NHL bench a few weeks later, arrived on a Monday, made his way up to the McGill campus, with pit stops at the Bookstore to pick up some school apparel, then stopped by McConnell Arena, where head coach **Martin Raymond** was putting the Redmen through an optional practice... Babs chatted with a few players in the dressing room and dropped off a generous donation for the team before heading back to the hotel... Later that night, he made time for dinner in Old Montreal with a gang that included yours truly, **Johnny (Hog) Harris**, **Mike Nelson** and **Dr. Jay McMullan**... Most of us had an opportunity to watch the Detroit morning skate the next day, along with ex-teammate **Benoit Lafleur** (1984-87)... Later that night, Babcock showed that his alma really matered... He pulled out his trusty red McGill silk tie for the game at the Bell Centre and his Red Wings proceeded to teach the Habs a lesson in how to play hockey... Need I tell you that the tie is now 3-0 lifetime when wrapped around his neck during an NHL game?...

As for Darche, he had an abbreviated 18-hour visit a week later as Tampa arrived at 3 am, played that night and left immediately after the contest. but not before he handed a sizable donation to Coach Raymond and convinced "honorary Redmen" **Vincent Lecavalier** to match it... Among the faces in the crowd, bedecked in Tampa Bay jerseys with the DARCHE family name sewn across the back, was **Dave Gourde** (1996-00), **Mathieu Boisvert** (1996-00) and **David Grenier** (1996-00)...

**CONGRATS** to **Dave Grenier**, by the way, who's wife gave birth to a daughter (Emmy) in December...

**OTHER REDMEN IN THE PROS:** **Jamie Kompon** (1985-89), in his second season as a coach with the NHL's L.A. Kings now serves a dual role as he was appointed the club's director of amateur development... Prior to joining the Kings, he spent eight seasons as a video and strength & conditioning coach with the St. Louis Blues... Forward **Doug Orr** (2001-06) is now playing with EC Peiting, a third-division team in the German Oberliga... Defenceman **Dan Jacob** (2000-05) and goalie **Murray Cobb** (1998-03) have reunited as teammates in Serbia with HK Vojvodina Novi Sad... Forward **David Burgess** (1998-03) is now playing for SG Pontebba AFVG in Italy after two seasons in Denmark... Rearguard **David Lizotte** (1999-03) has left Arizona (CHL) and signed with HC Valpellice of the Italian league...

**Alain Robichaud** (1983-86) was promoted to interim president for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and has relocated to Richmond Hill, Ont., from Montreal, where he had been serving as Market Unit V.P. for the Quebec & Atlantic region... "Robi" dropped us a line to explain why he missed the recent Redmen trip to Toronto: "I did not get to see the Redmen play as I was with my son Francis in Chatham for a peeewee hockey tournament."

**François Olivier** (1985-88), who generously produces the annual Redmen Hockey Magazine, was named president of Transcontinental's Printing projects and Services sector. He is responsible for printing, books, newspapers and commercial products, as well as the companies Mexican activities... One of the major projects "Frankie" worked on was the printing of the New York Times for the Ontario and upstate New York markets... Their first edition (of that 10-year contract) rolled off the presses on November 28, 2005, marking the first time this prestigious paper has been printed outside the United States...



Illustration by former Redmen captain Ken Covo

Other former Redmen currently working at Transcontinental (the fourth-largest print media group in Canada, with more than 3000 employees and annual revenues of \$555 million in 2005) include **Martin** (Big O) **Olivier** (1989-92) and **Mario DeBenedictis** (1986-89)...

**David Huck** (1989-94) has certainly gone through a major change in lifestyle since his days as an independent prairie dog with the Redmen, where he served as team captain in his final year... The native of Saskatchewan is married to Michelle, living in Alberta and now a father to four young children, two of them adopted. He wrote **Gavin Ross** with an amazing and touching tale of the most recent addition to his household of Bethy-Soleil, an adopted child from Ethiopia...

**Mark Reade** (1983-87) sent a note from Atlanta where he congratulates head coach **Martin Raymond** "...on a terrific first half turnaround. I'm sorry that the 11 wins in a row was not in the cards, but you and the team are proving to be a force on an ongoing basis. Thanks for the great job you continue to do!"

**Duff Rubin** (1988-90) dropped us a line from Boca Raton, FLA, where he is a regional commercial director with Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT...

**Dr. Jay McMullan** (1981-84) came up big in clearing his schedule to repair a number of broken teeth suffered by current defenceman **Ken Morin**, who accidentally deflected a puck off his glove into his jaw during the last weekend of play this semester.

**Bob Chartrand**, who played for the Red & White under head coach **Brian Gilmour** in 1970-71, recently wrote us looking for a team picture:

"The Redmen are very nostalgic to me but there is a void with the lack of my team photo. I've enjoyed over the years alumni games and other pick up games between the staff of the Athletics and Phys Ed Depts and ourselves, the staff at

LaSalle Catholic High School. I am now retired after 35 yrs teaching Phys Ed at LCCHS. Incidentally what are the criteria for admission to the (McConnell Arena) Alumni Lounge? That certainly is a great perk for having been a Redman. If there is a membership fee or whatever I'd appreciate knowing. Thanks for eventually getting back to me... Go Redmen Go!...

**Ian (Kid) Gamble** (1981-83) sent along some photos of the new "Ponderosa-like" ranch he is building in Kelowna, BC...

**Ken** (Sundance) **Mellquist**, one of the prime players behind the Earl Zukerman Hockey Award, flew into Montreal from Vancouver twice during the fall: first to see the Presidents Cup golf tourney and later to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his law class graduation with **Mike Nelson** (1978-84)...

A couple of new additions to the Thursday night McGill Alumni Hockey League -- which is back for its 21st year -- include **Paul Theriault** (1999-03), **Benoit Rajotte** (1996-00) and **Roland Boivin** (1986-87)...

**Neil** (Chainsaw) **Matthews** (1981-82) was featured in The Montreal Gazette last summer after selling a fancy wooden play park to **Celine Dion**. He operates a business in St. Laurent, a suburb of Montreal... His brother **Dr. Benjie Matthews** (1984-89), informs us that "My mother was a Ducks fan (because of Babcock) just like all the rest of us too, and now she roots for the Red Wings. I am still in Boston, now with four kids, still working at the Mass General Hospital in the Pediatric Intensive care Unit, and doing research as well. Life is good, and built a back yard rink for the first time last winter."

**Les Mery** (1991-92), who married Yvonne (one of The Pearl's favourite physios) caught a Redmen game in Ottawa last year with Erika, their oldest daughter... **David Butler** (1995-99) dropped us a line to say that he still plays pick-up hockey every now and then... After finishing his pro career in Germany, he went to grad school at the University of Waterloo and earned a Master of Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology. "Now I'm working with my father in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.," he writes. "We own a recycling pulp mill in Drummondville. We take clean post industrial materials, such as diaper trims, that used to go to the landfill and we recover the pulp, plastics and polymers..."

**Jon Powis** (1992-94) is living in Cornwall, Ont., and working in Ottawa as an insurance broker/risk consultant for Aon Reed Stenhouse. Married with a new-born bambino, he writes: "I really enjoy receiving the FMH newsletter. It's nice to hear how my old teammates are doing like the **Huckster**, **Nobsey**, **Jordy Tedford**, etc.. The Redmen are having another great season... The boys really made me proud to be a Redmen..."

**Guy** (Porky) **Arguin** (1984-86) moved overseas to Paris in 1996 with his wife and two sons. He is a Vice President (Human Resources) for British American Tobacco in France...

All members of the Redmen entourage who went on the 1981 trip to Switzerland might want to check out the following website URL, which should bring back some fond memories: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JP-av0UDnA&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JP-av0UDnA&NR=1)



Babs and the boys reminiscing in Old Montreal. From left to right are: Mike Nelson, John Harris, Mike Babcock, Earl (The Pearl) Zukerman

## McGill Sports Hall of Fame

Last fall, five new members were inducted to the McGill University Sports Hall of Fame.

Heading the 2007 honorees was swimmer Andrea Nugent and distance runner David Johnson, who became the 19th and 20th Olympians among 83 honoured members since the pantheon opened in 1996. Other new inductees included Vicky Tessier (basketball), Chris Drysdale (soccer) and Peter Reid (track & field, x-country running, Nordic skiing).

Among the Hall's inductees with ties to the Redmen hockey program are 21 former hockey players, two builders and three Redmen teams.

The induction luncheon officially kicks off the University's Homecoming Week celebrations and is usually held at the McGill Sports Centre on Pine Avenue.

Nominations forms and /or tickets for the Hall of Fame luncheon can be reserved at (514) 398-7002. For more information on the McGill Sports Hall of Fame visit: [www.athletics.mcgill.ca/main\\_halloffame.ch2](http://www.athletics.mcgill.ca/main_halloffame.ch2)

### Hockey inductees to McGill Sports Hall of Fame

#### **ATHLETES (21):**

Robert (Boo) Anderson

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#### **BUILDERS (2):**

Gordon Gow (soccer coach)

Frank "Shag" Shaughnessy (coach)

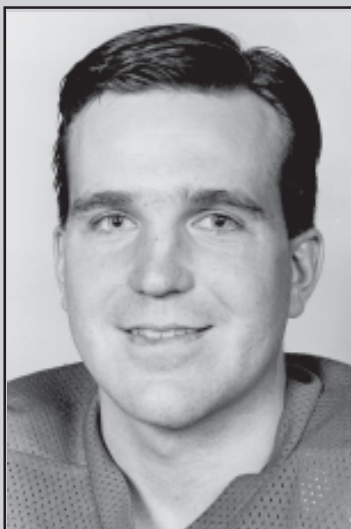
#### **TEAMS (3):**

1933-34 Redmen hockey

1936-37 Redmen hockey

1945-46 Redmen hockey

## In Memoriam



**Gene Robillard**, a former B.C. Lions quarterback and a standout football and hockey player with the McGill Redmen in the late 1940s and early 1950s, died at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in his native Ottawa on April 14, 2007. He was 78.

Robillard was an inaugural member of the Lions, playing in 15 of 16 games during 1954, their maiden season in Canadian Football League.

Born Eugene Thomas Robillard on Jan. 15, 1929 to Mary Ellen McCloskey and Jules Maurice Robillard, he was educated at Ecole Montfort d'Eastview, Ottawa Technical high school and McGill University.

He starred at McGill 1948 to 1952, graduating with a science degree, majoring in physical education. He served as a reserve with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1949-50, was an intermediate shot put champion in 1950 and received the university's Scarlet Key leadership award in 1951.

He went on to a lengthy career as a teacher, coach and administrator in Ottawa-area high schools. In later life, he played tennis out of the Rideau Tennis Club and oldtimers hockey.

One of Ottawa's top all-around football and hockey players in the 1940s, Robillard became the first athlete in the Ottawa region to win both the Gerry Boucher Memorial Trophy as top high school football player and Kinsmen Shield as top football player while being voted top athlete at Ottawa Tech high school.

**Martin Trudel**, a former defenceman with the McGill Redmen died in Montreal on Jan. 23, 2007. He was 33.

A chiropractor who lost a 10-year battle with brain cancer, Trudel joined the Redmen in 1994 from the St. Hyacinthe Laser of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

"Martin was the toughest, hard-nosed defencemen for the Redmen of the 1990s," said long-time McGill head coach Martin Raymond. "A fierce competitor and a greatly respected teammate, he was reknown for thunderous bodychecks and smart positional play. His leadership abilities were apparent very early in his career with us and his teammates will always remember him as a man of character."

Trudel, originally from La Sarre, Que., joined the Redmen in 1994 and patrolled the blueline for three seasons before his career was cut short by constant headaches. In 75 career games with the Redmen, he had a 4-13-17 record with 104 penalty minutes. He earned Academic All-Canadian honours and made the Principal's Student-athlete Honour Roll. After graduating with a physical education degree, he went on to become a chiropractor.

Former Redmen players **Benoit Leroux** and **Jean-Guy Daigneault** have established a Registered Education Savings Plan for Trudel's young daughter, four-year-old Emma. Contributions, made payable to "Universitas Foundation", can be sent to the attention of Benoit Leroux, c/o Gildan Activewear, 725 Montée de Liesse, Montréal (Québec) H4T 1P5.

Please indicate "Emma Trudel" on the bottom of the cheque.

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**FRONT ROW** (left to right): Jean-Michel **Filiatrault**, Mathieu **Leclerc** (alternate captain), Chris **Churchill-Smith** (alternate captain), Eric **L'Italien**, Charlie **Lafontaine** (honorary captain), David **Urquhart** (captain), Martin **Raymond** (head coach), Mathieu **Postras**, Gavin **Ross** (honorary president), Shawn **Shewchuk**, Guillaume **Demers**, Steven **Pearce**, Charles **Gauthier**, Jake **Jarvis**.

**MIDDLE ROW** (L to R): Nick **Rezzara** (statistician), Annie **Bourgon** (physiotherapist), Brittany **Sacha** (student therapist), Ken **Morin**, Sam **Bloom**, Marko **Kovacevic**, Stephane **Fortin** (asst. coach), Dino **Masanotti** (asst. coach), Jean **St-Pierre** (asst. coach), Erik **Stilling**, Yan **Turcotte**, Louis-Simon **Allaire**, Amélie **Brais** (student therapist), Anne-Marie **Préville** (student therapist), Jorge **Aguiar** (student manager), Earl **Hawke** (equipment manager).

**BACK ROW** (L to R): Simon **Marcotte-Légaré**, Jeremy **Burgess**, Evan **Vossen**, Vincent **Lambert**, Ben **Gazdic**, Benoit **Arsenault**, Leonard **Verrilli**, Guillaume **Doucet** and Simon **Courcelles**.

**ABSENT:** Earl **Zukerman** (communications), Mark **Coletti** (student manager), Dr. Penny **Baylis** & Dr. Kathryn **Sun** (team physicians), David **Bowles** (student co-manager), Van **Truong** (administrative asst.).

## **2007-08 McGill University Redmen -- The 132nd season of Hockey**

No.	NAME	P	HT	WT	EligDy/Mo/Yr	PROGRAM & YR.	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS TEAM
01	Mathieu <b>Postras</b>	G	6'0"	180	4 28/03/83	Engineering 4	Gatineau, QC	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)
02	Erik <b>Stilling</b>	D	6'4"	207	3 21/11/85	Arts & Science 3	Calgary, AB	Calgary (AJHL)
04	Steven <b>Pearce</b> "A"	D	6'0"	190	4 01/06/83	Management 4	Fredericton, NB	Weyburn (SJHL)
05	Yan <b>Turcotte</b>	D	6'0"	205	3 24/03/84	Industrial Relations 3	Laval, QC	Joliette (QJHL, AAA)
06	Leonard <b>Verrilli</b>	F	5'10"	200	2 31/12/86	Civil Engineering 2	Dollard des Ormeaux	Hotchkiss School (U.S. prep)
07	Ken <b>Morin</b>	D	6'1"	190	3 05/10/84	Industrial Relations 3	St. Prosper, QC	Grande Prairie (AJHL)
08	David <b>Urquhart</b> "C"	D	6'0"	195	4 10/11/84	Management 4	Thorold, ON	Welland (OJHL)
09	Shawn <b>Shewchuk</b>	LW	6'0"	195	5 29/11/82	Engineering 5	Lloydminster, AB	Lloydminster (AJHL)
10	Chris <b>Churchill-Smith</b> "A"	LW	5'11"	185	4 23/10/83	Economics 4	Westmount, QC	Victoria (BCHL)
11	Simon <b>Courcelles</b>	C	5'8"	200	1* 10/06/86	Education 1	Rosemere, QC	Lewiston (QMJHL)
12	Benoit <b>Arsenault</b>	C	6'0"	190	2 12/03/85	Management 2	Rimouski, QC	Val d'Or (QMJHL)
14	Ben <b>Gazdic</b>	D	6'2"	215	2 11/08/87	Management 2	Toronto, ON	Wexford (OPJHL)
15	Eric <b>L'Italien</b> "A"	RW	6'1"	208	4 27/05/83	Law 4	Ste. Foy, QC	Rimouski (QMJHL)
16	Charles <b>Gauthier</b>	F	6'0"	195	3 22/06/83	Law 4	Quebec, QC	Shawinigan (QMJHL)
17	Louis-Simon <b>Allaire</b>	D	5'10"	195	3 01/02/85	Physical Therapy 3	Sherbrooke, QC	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)
18	Guillaume <b>Demers</b> "A"	LW	5'10"	183	3 03/03/84	Management 3	Baie Comeau QC	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
19	Marko <b>Kovacevic</b>	F	6'2"	215	3 08/06/85	Management 3	Belgrade, SERBIA	St. Andrews College HS
20	Sam <b>Bloom</b>	C	6'1"	190	3 11/04/86	Management 3	Toronto, QC	North York (OPJHL)
21	Mathieu <b>Leclerc</b> "A"	C	6'4"	210	5 30/09/82	Management 5	Quebec City, QC	Collège Laflèche (QJHL,AAA)
22	Guillaume <b>Doucet</b>	C	5'9"	180	1* 12/09/86	Arts 1	Montreal, QC	PEI (QMJHL)
23	Evan <b>Vossen</b>	LW	6'0"	190	1* 12/09/86	Arts 1	Swift Current, SK	La Ronge (SJHL)
25	Simon <b>Marcotte-Légaré</b>	F	6'1"	190	1* 05/10/86	Management 1	Longueuil, QC	St-Eustache (QJHL,AAA)
27	Jeremy <b>Burgess</b>	F	6'0"	185	2 19/03/88	Economics 2	Toronto, ON	Wexford (OPJHL)
28	Vincent <b>Lambert</b>	LW	6'1"	195	2 26/05/85	Management 2	Ste. Therese, QC	St. John's (QMJHL)
29	Jean-Michel <b>Filiatrault</b>	G	6'1"	183	3 15/04/84	Management 3	Laval, QC	Rimouski (QMJHL)
30	Jake <b>Jarvis</b>	G	6'0"	190	2 03/03/87	Management 3	Toronto, ON	Toronto Red Wings (Jr.AAA)

**HEAD COACH:** Martin **Raymond** (14th season; **232-163-33 overall**, prior to 2007-08; B.Ed. McG '92; M.P.Ed. McG '96)  
**ASST. COACHES:** Jean **St-Pierre** (12th season), Stephane **Fortin** (11th season, McGill '88), Dino **Masanotti** (1st season)  
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