



The Syracuse Men's Hockey Hall of Fame

The SU Men's Ice Hockey Hall of Fame is focused on recognizing the those who have been responsible for the establishment of men's hockey at SU, it's continued survival and development from a pickup team into a national contender. It recognizes these individuals, each representing one of the six decades of the program, and the importance of their contributions. It is also a reminder to past, current and future generations of the program of what makes up the SUMH legacy, that Syracuse University Men's Hockey whenever it is faced with hardship, adversity, and overwhelming odds, whether on or off the ice, it responds with tenacity, doesn't back down, and that never quits.

Since it's establishment in 2019, the 60th Anniversary of the modern era SU men's hockey program, the SUMH HOF has inducted twenty-five individuals and six teams singled out for their achievements. Additionally, four have been honored with the Richard Van Winkle Award, this year for the first time going to a pair of individuals Lance Davis and Amy Morris Davis who played a significant role in the transformation of the team's organization in the first half of the 1990's.

Among those being inducted this year are two members of the original three teams (1960, 1961, 1962), Brian Fitzgerald and David Kahn,. Other inductees include Mike McTigue 1975-1979, Jim "Marblehead" Veale (1979-1983, Erick Krug (1987-1991), Lance Armstrong (1990-1994), Wes Rene (2009-2013) and Nino DiPasquale (2012-2016).

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David Kahn '63

Michael McTigue '79

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Lance Davis '94

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Brian Fitzgerald, SU '1962

1958-1962

Forward

Captain 61-62

Original Team member HOF

Brian Fitzgerald is one of the true originals of the Syracuse University Hockey Association ("S-U-H-A") as it was called then. And when asked who the characters of the team were, he responded, "Well of course Van Winkle and then some people may have described me that way."

Raised in Syracuse Fitzgerald, grew up playing hockey under the tutelage of his father, a former player. Brian was the older and first of two brothers to play at Syracuse though at different times, and whose father was one of the original coaches.

Described by a teammate "As a player he was a fast skater, played first line, he scored the winning overtime goal in the first home game of the season." Though stats are incomplete for that time period Brian was proficient and effective enough to be recruited along with two of his fellow teammates to play occasionally for the Semi-pro Syracuse Stars. After graduation while in law school he continued to play hockey from time to time in New Jersey alongside his friend and former SU teammate "Rip" Van Winkle.

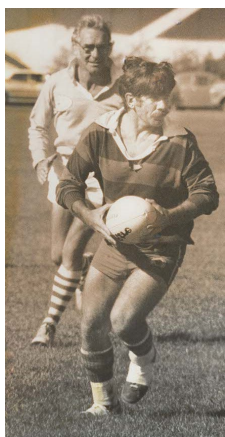
As a leader with the team, as an officer (59-62) and Captain (61-62) as well as the Speaker Pro-Tem of the SU Joint Student Legislature (JSL) Fitzgerald was a strong advocate for the team putting forward resolutions for team funding, and recognition as well as study for financing an on campus rink. During his junior and senior years Fitzgerald joined the Marine Corps.



After graduating SU Fitzgerald attended Fordham Law School, after which while

clerking for a judge in New York the Marines came knocking claiming him for the next three years. After his service he married and moved to Colorado where he has stayed, practicing law and trading his hockey skates for a pair of rugby cleats.

As a member of one the Original Teams Brian Fitzgerald is already a part of the SUMH Hall of Fame. Today for all his contributions on and off the ice as an impact player and leader it is with great honor and pride that we induct Brian Fitzgerald into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame, Class of 2021.





Dave Kahn, SU'1963

1959-1963

Forward

According to Dave Kahn "You don't stop playing hockey because you get old, you get old because you stop playing hockey."

That pretty much sums up Kahn's view of life and his lifelong love affair with hockey. Kahn grew up in Princeton, NJ where at the age of six or seven he began skating and playing hockey at Princeton's Hobie Baker rink, as well on the outdoor pond rinks. He continued playing throughout high school and at Syracuse University and still plays today now in his 80's.

At Syracuse University Kahn helped his childhood friend Dick Van Winkle establish the Syracuse University Hockey Association (SUHA). Described as "fast" Kahn played forward for the Orange from 1959-1963. Though stats from that time are scarce, if judged by his current performance he stacked up the points through assists. He remembers helping construct the seasonal ice rink at the old Coliseum at the Syracuse State Fairgrounds where they shared the home ice with the local semi-pro team of the time. Kahn expresses his desire to see SU have an NCAA D1 team.



After Syracuse University Kahn continued to play hockey. At his local rink in Santa Barbara, CA Kahn where he is known as the "elder-skatesman" he is a member of the Old Hacks a senior house team. Kahn also is plays on the 80 & over USA team roster that has annual hockey tournaments with the 3 Canadian 80 & over teams. He says he "my ink always dries out on my printer due to a lack of use as a retiree. I attempt too keep my body as lubricated as I can, so I don't end up like my ink cartridges. Motion is lotion!"

For his contribution to the establishment of the Syracuse University Men's Hockey program, his leadership on and off the ice and his lifelong service as an ambassador to the game of hockey we are proud to induct to Dave Kahn into the SUMH Hall of Fame.





Mike McTigue, SU' 1979

1976-1979

Forward, #10

Co-Captain

Michael McTigue (*pronounce Mick' Tie*) grew up in Rochester, NY where he attended McQuaid Jesuit High School, played hockey for four years and served as Captain his senior year. He then went to college at the Environmental Science and Forestry School the time an affiliate of SU and played four years (1975-1979) with Syracuse University Men's Hockey club.

McTigue was a four-year club player who just loved playing and enjoyed the team and the camaraderie." Remembered by his teammates McTigue was an impact player who was "a scrappy, little guy, quick and fast who scored goals and assists but is remembered most for his passing; a real playmaker."

Not a big guy 5'8", 150 lbs McTigue says his job was "to stay out of on ice melees, and use my speed to get away from those big guys."

Despite statistics for that time being spotty it is agreed his best year was his second year (76-77) when he led the team in scoring (total points). That year he was a first team league all-star. The 1976-1977 and 1977-1978 teams were comprised of some of SU Men's Hockey most talented players of that decade including McTigue, who was part of a prolific scoring machine that accumulated 144 total points among the teams top four players.



McTigue and his teammates missed their opportunity for fame and stardom when they didn't respond to a casting call for "people who knew how to play hockey" to serve as extras in a local film shoot, that film was *Slap Shot*.



McTigue went on to gain his Doctorate in Veterinarian Medicine and returned to Massachusetts where he is owner and partner in the Gardner Animal Hospital. He enjoys spending his time with his wife Nancy, and four daughters, along with two Golden Retrievers and one cat. He continues playing hockey in the local area men's leagues, still enjoying "the camaraderie, the relations built and just having fun!"

So it is with great honor and pride that we recognize Michael McTigue for his impact on and off the ice, for his leadership and as a promoter of the game by inducting him into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame, as part of the Class of 2021 McTigue is unable to attend the HOF ceremony because of a prior commitment to the Christian Veterinarians Missions National Conference and whose board he serves on.



Jim “Marblehead” Veale, SU’1983

1979-1983

Forward-Right Wing, #19

President (1980-1983) & Captain (1981-1983)

& Player-coach (1982-1983)

While his nickname “Marblehead” may originally have indicated where he was from, it all also seemed to apply to the style of hockey he played and fits the description by a former teammate of Veale as “a tough scrappy ROTC.” It is worthy of mention that it seems every notable story from 1980-1984 involved Jim Veale.

As a player you would find him in the middle of the action, a scorer, who can’t recall his stats and an impact player, the impact often involving hard checking and the occasional on ice melee which Veale admits “Yeah, I did like throwing the body around, that was fun...I remember the fights more than the goals to be honest.” One memorable on ice rumble earned him and his opponent an early exit from the game, later in the third period when the on ice players looked up they could see the two combatants side by side watching the game and enjoying a couple of beers. “That is the great thing about hockey.” says Veale

As player-coach and captain he could be found at every practice and on occasion he admits to playing den mother rounding up enough players for a game. As team president he wrote checks to the refs to cover the previous year’s obligations before they would agree to work that year’s games.

After Syracuse, Veale returned to Boston then headed down to the University of Virginia for graduate school eventually earning a PhD in Physics. He went on to start up his own business Lighthouse Instruments His research and business interests are in developing laser spectroscopic methods for unmet needs in the pharmaceutical industry. Veale still enjoys playing, insisting there is hockey here in Virginia; he plays with a local Charlottesville team as well travelling to some adult tournaments.



There is much more that could be said of Jim Veale but the lack of time, space and the censors won’t allow it. So it is with great honor and pride that we thank him for his impact on and off the ice, for his leadership and as a promoter of the game by inducting him into the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey Hall of Fame, as part of the Class of 2021.



Erick Krug, SU'1991

1987-1991

Goalie #31

“Heck of a goalie and a wonderful guy. “

Erick Krug came to Syracuse from Catholic Memorial in Roxbury, Massachusetts one of the premier high school ice hockey programs in the country where he played prep school hockey. At Syracuse Krug was a four-year player serving as the team’s main goalie during that

time and part of the league champion team of 1989-1990.

Described by his teammates:

“Krug was the backbone... we won the championship because he was a strong, strong goalie.”

“He was our workhorse, he was in the goal most of the time, solid as a rock.”

“He was ‘The Man’ and the best goalie in the league”

Krug loved SU Hockey and dedicated an enormous amount of time to the team, both as a leader on the ice and also after he graduated, helping with fundraising and continuing to be a support for the younger players. He played a vital roll outside the net, acting as a big brother by taking new players under his wing, be they an upcoming goalie or a new rookie forward on his first road trip. He made them immediately feel part of the team and a valued member.



After graduating SU Krug returned to Massachusetts where he was a member of IBEW Local 103 and active community member of the Knights of Columbus. He continued to play in local men’s hockey leagues and rooted for his hometown Bruins. Krug continued to support the SU men’s hockey program.

We deeply regret that Erick Krug is not here in person to be recognized for his stellar play and contribution to the team on and off the ice. Erick unfortunately passed away in February 2017. However, we are honored to have his fellow teammates and family here for this occasion. Accepting the Syracuse University Hockey Association Hall of Fame induction honor on behalf of Erick is ??????



Lance Davis, SU' 1994

1990-1994

Forward, #10

President and Captain

Lance Davis grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts when Amherst College was the only collegiate hockey team in town. He played through high school then headed for Syracuse University for a degree in journalism from the Newhouse School with little thought about hockey.

Once at Syracuse Davis interest in hockey led him to becoming one of only 2 players from 90-94 to make the team as freshman and play all 4 years. Popular with the coaches and his teammates for his ability to win face offs, dig the puck out of corners, make critical set up passes while playing in the stacked position as the third defenseman providing hard back checking and defense play he still

managed to be among the top scorers and point leaders all four seasons. During the 93-94 season he lead the team in goals (13) and second in assists (10) and total points (23). At 48 years old playing with 35 year olds, he admits he isn't the fastest guy on the team but can still play defense "covering that extra guy slot gets you a long hockey life."

In addition to his on ice performance Davis served as a team officer for three years (1991-1994), and served as team Captain and club President 1992-1992. Others described him as "the leader on the team, not just the leader on the ice, he was the guy who organized it all, he always came in, was always ready, he led by example."

Having studied in Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communication with the intent of becoming a journalist Davis returned to the Boston area after graduating where he studied law at

Boston College becoming a lawyer and local politician. His communication skills being well utilized as a contract negotiation lawyer and local Alderman for Ward 6 in Dedham, MA. Davis has been an active community volunteer, school committee parent member and of course men's league hockey player. He is currently stepping in to coach his community's U18 Girls hockey program after it nearly being cancelled.



So it is with great honor and pride that we thank Lance Davis for his impact on and the ice, and his leadership by inducting him into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame, as part of the Class of 2021.



Wes Rene, SU' 2013

2009-2013

Forward/Center, #11

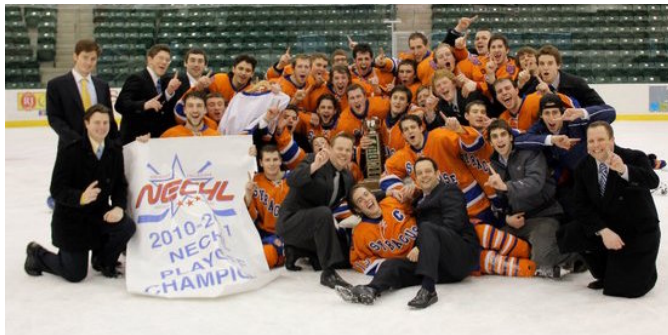
Captain

Wes Rene was a highly talented player as well as model team leader whose level of play and leadership lead the SUMH program through transformational period, elevating the program, preparing it for the next generation of leadership, and reflected in today's program culture. "Wes Rene and Russell Suskind handled a lot of the behind the scenes paperwork, scheduling and getting our budget tripled, they were very impactful, they helped turn the team around

financially."

On the ice Rene was part of one the most prolific scoring first lines along with Richard Suskind and Aaron Witzel. Rene is ranked 4th all-time in total points (145) among SU players; 4th all-time in Goals (55); and 3rd all-time Assists (79) and was named to the 2010-2011 NECHL First Team All-Conference.

Upon graduation Rene worked for two years, at a beverage import company owned by his father, then went to attend Albany Law School. He now works with a corporate law firm out of Rochester (NY) with branch offices around the New York state. Since the pandemic he and his fiancée have been residing in Saratoga Springs (NY).



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For his level of play impact player and leadership it is with great honor and pride that we induct Wes Rene into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame, Class of 2021. Due to a prior commitment to serve as a best man Wes Rene was unable to attend. Here to accept on behalf of Wes Rene is his father Paul, which seems appropriate since his father was Wes's coach during his youth hockey years and even during his last two years at SU when Paul Rene stepped as a coach during a transitional period for the team. Wes says it was special that he started and ended my hockey career with my father as my coach. And so it is appropriate and a honor to have Paul Rene represent Wes this weekend.



Nino DiPasquale, SU' 2016

2012-2016

Defense, #23 and #10

Assistant Captain (2013-2015) and Captain 2015-2016

Nino DiPasquale was an impact both on and away from the ice.

“Everyone was excited to have him on the team. Nino was one of those players who helped elevate our game over the next couple of years”

One of the top players on the ice any time he touched it DiPasquale holds the distinction of being the all-time leading scorer among SUMH defense men with a total of 117 points. That also ranks him 7th all time among all SUMH players; 7th in all time goals with 49; and 6th all time in assists with 68.

DiPasquale played in 121 games played - 4th all time and 2nd among

defensemen.

Off the ice DiPasquale was just as impactful. Tapped to be an assistant captain as a sophomore (2013-2014) he played a significant role in the recruitment during that season of the new coach Nick Pierandri, his old high school coach; the teams SU faculty advisor John Petosa, his stepfather; and the Team Parent Communication representative, Sharon DiPasquale his mother.



Notice a pattern? Working along side Russell Suskind and the other captains as well as those just mentioned, DiPasquale helped restructure how team was administered, served as the liaison between players and the coach, and led by example on the ice, thereby taking the program to a different level. Nino took over as Senior Captain for the 2015-2016 season.



After graduating SU in 2016, DiPasquale has stayed in regular contact with his teammates and SU Men's Hockey as a fan, supporter and as resource to SUMH program history project. Therefore, because of the tremendous impact as a player and a leader it is with great honor and pride that we induct Nino DiPasquale into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame, Class of 2021.

Championship Team

1989-1990 ECHL League and Playoff Champions

The teams of the 80's drew a lot of interest with 100+ potential players showing up for tryouts. While mostly player-coached during this decade they managed to annually put together winning seasons on a consistent basis. Under the coaching leadership of Mike Yood, a SU Law student serving as a non-player coach during the 1986-1987 season, the team set up some basic systems based on Russian style of play, untraditional for that time. These basic strategies were carried forward by the player-coaches that followed resulting in SU teams playing in 3 out of 4 play-off finals between 1986-1990, culminating with a sweep of the 1989-1990 ECHL Regular Season and League Playoff Championships.

The 1989-1990 Championship team lead by player-coaches Mike Pace and Greg Craybas, has two Hall of Famers, to date, including forward Chris Healy and goalie Erick Krug who was the primary net minder during his four years (1987-1991).

The team was comprised of Andrew Beach, Bill Brandenstein, Jack Bortz, Joe Boyer, Greg Craybas, Josh Curran, Greg Dudley, Bill Hackett, Mike Horn, Erick Krug, Ken Fry, Todd Fraser, Gary Funk, Chris Healy, Erik Long, Adam Lurie, Mike McKee, Rod Morrison, Chris Otremba, Mick Pace, Scott Polsworth, Kyle Rosenbaum, Rob Stolz, Jeff Traiger, Matt Weinberg, Mike Wechsler, Tom Werme. Scott Silberman, Merrill Zavod, Mark Dunn, and Bryan Freeman. All highly skilled players though some were faster than others, some had harder shots than others, or some were better stick handlers they were able to combine their skills into a formidable opponent of New York club and D3 teams alike.

The top two lines of: Ken Fry, Mike Pace, Gregg Craybus, Chris Healy, Todd Fraser and Scotty Polworth were usually called upon to stop an opponent from scoring or if down a goal to go out there and score a goal. The third and fourth lines were comprised of: Josh Curran, Adam Lurie, Rob Stolz, Rod Morrison, Scott Silberman, and Gary Funk. The four lines complimented each other with the scoring evenly spread among them. The solid defense of Mike Horn, Eric Long, Tom Werme and Jack Bortz was equally formidable along with unquestionably "the best goalie in the league", Erick Krug, backed up by his successor Merrill Zavod along with Greg Dudley, Kyle Rosenbaum and Chris Otremba.

It is with great pride that we recognize the 1989-1990 season SUMH team for it's dedication, effort and self-directed leadership that has helped set the tone and create the legacy upon which the Syracuse University Men's Hockey program has grown into today by inducting it into the Syracuse University Men's Hockey Hall of Fame as part of Class of 2021.

Van Winkle Award 2021

Richard “Dick” Van Winkle

Dick Van Winkle, SU'1963, was instrumental in starting the Syracuse University Hockey Association, in which he played goalie for Syracuse during his four-year tenure there. Dick was passionate and persistent about the development of SUHA. Letters, petitions to the Athletic Board, and many pictures all tell the story of Dick, along with his teammates, building a robust hockey institution, their aspiration for University recognition and sanction, and their intention to create a sustained hockey program at Syracuse University. In 1962 Dick founded and was President of the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey league, which endured for 17 years.

In 1959 Van Winkle recruited players to form an ice hockey club of volunteer players who bore all the financial expense of the team. The following season, 1960-1961, Van Winkle was one of the founding organizers of the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League comprised of Syracuse University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Hobart, Ithaca College, University of Rochester, and Brockport State. The FLCHA thrived until 1977 when the league reorganized into the NYCCHA.

Over the period of 1959-1963 Van Winkle dedicated his time, money and passion toward creating a thriving collegiate hockey program at Syracuse University and throughout the Central New York Finger Lakes region. After graduation Dick continued to goal tend in various men's leagues and grow the game of hockey.

Dick, who died in April 1992 is survived by his wife Ellen, three children and seven grandchildren. The Van Winkle grandchildren all share some of Dick's passions including hockey, surfing and other sports. Like Dick, his grandchildren all play with immense heart, intensity and dedication to their teams. We are honored to have the Van Winkle Award is presented each year by a member of the family.

Lance Davis and Amy Morris Davis



The Richard Van Winkle award is presented to the Syracuse University Men's Ice Hockey individual(s) who have demonstrated leadership on and off the ice, has made significant contribution to the development of the team and the maintenance of it's legacy. This year for the first time the Award recognizes the collaborative and synchronized effort of two such individuals.

Together these two individuals had a profound and lasting impact on the SUMH program, guiding it through a time of crisis, as well as period of restructuring and growth and the professionalization of a hockey program that earned the respect of its peers in it's league and across the state, securely setting the foundational anchors for the program that would eventually grow into today's success. This years recipients Lance Davis and Amy Morris Davis have done all that.

Lance Davis was a member of the SUMH from 1990-1994. He became a club officer, in his sophomore season (1991-1992) when he found himself drafted/appointed by the team captains to represent them at the league's team meeting, Davis went on to be elected Team Captain and Club President for the next two years 1992-1994. This turned out to be a true Nexus for the SUMH program.



Coach Allen LaVenture said of Lance “He was definitely a presence, he was the leader on the team, Lance was the glue that bond the team together, without Lance’s leadership I don’t think we would have had the team unity or the success we achieved.”

During this time Davis worked with team officers and coaches to transition from the informal “Player-Coach Era” into a more disciplined professionalized head coach system, including standards of play and behavior, protocols for addressing issues and carrying out day to day administration, a plan for promoting the team’s visibility and to increase attendance. Lance can also be credited with preventing the team’s ejection from the league and possible disbanding.



Lance will be he first to tell you he didn’t do it alone. He knew he needed help and recruited fellow teammates and friends including a new student from Hamilton, NY, the home of Colgate University and where hockey is taken seriously. Upon hearing of her experience as team manager and chief statistician for the Hamilton high school team, Lance *temporarily* put aside the observation “she was really cute and really interesting”, and focused on the fact that the hockey club could really use her help to organize and pull the whole program together.

Amy Morris joined the Syracuse hockey club as manager in her freshman year (Fall 1991) spending the next four years (1991-1995) working hand in hand with three coaches; and the team officers to reorganize the day-to-day administrative functions, and create a system for game day logistics and operations, publicity, ticket sales, handling the rosters, lots of rosters and any other tasks such as including water bottles and serving as “Team Mom” for the players when necessary



“She was and is an organizer extraordinaire” says Lance, “I knew well enough to get out of her way and let her put all the structures in place from an administrative stand point, we talked about the bigger vision on how we needed the hockey vision to align with the administrative frame work and it was a pretty good team in that regard at the end of the day.”

Lance and Amy have called Somerville their home since 2001. It is rare to see the name of one of them without seeing the other mentioned as well. Over the past 25 years they have worked together to change and improve whatever community (residential or professional) they belong. While Lance serves as a lawyer concerned with contract negotiations and as a local Alderman, Amy serves as a principal at the Learning Prep School in Newton, MA, a school that services students with language based learning disabilities. Both have served on their children’s school committees and coached their youth sports teams. And they serve together on the Honorary Committee for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Gala, helping to provide shelter, support, and hope to families and individuals who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. Lance and Amy have also been extremely helpful with the Team history Project, providing background perspective of the time, filling in player roster names and information, tracking down people and making introductions.

For all their contributions it is with great pride and honor the Syracuse University Men’s Hockey presents Lance Davis and Amy Morris Davis with the 2021 Richard Van Winkle Award.