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Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2026 Inductees

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The Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame will welcome in their 43rd Class of Inductees at their 2026 Induction Dinner and Ceremonies taking place on Saturday, September 26th at Thunder Bay's Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre, proudly presented by Tbaytel.

Three (3) athletes will be honoured, including long-time 5-pin bowling champion **Ron Stansfield** of Dryden who earned success on the alleys at the provincial, national and world level from the 1960s to 2000s, wrestler **Justin BeauParlant** who represented Thunder Bay with distinction on the national and international stage throughout the 1990s, and hockey goalie **Carter Hutton** who spent two decades on the ice during the 2000s enjoying success at the junior and university level and in a professional career that included nine NHL seasons.

Two (2) builders from Thunder Bay will be honoured for their involvement in athletics including **Norman Bevilacqua**, a hockey coach and supporter of sporting events and athletes over many generations dating back to the 1960s, and **Bill McDonald** whose over five-decade long career in hockey has included success as a player and as a coach at the amateur, university and professional levels.

Rounding out the slate are the members of the **2005 Thunder Bay Bombers** senior hockey team who claimed the **Allan Cup** as Canadian champions. Members of the team include: Trevor Abraham, Jeff Adduono, Ed Atwill, Omer Belisle, Tyler Bruno, Steve Dumonski, Mike Figliomeni, Robert Hillier, Kevin Hoogsteen, Mike Jacobsen, Matt Kenny, Steve LeCuyer, Derek Levanen, Bob MacPhail, Cory McEachran, Sean McEachran, Barry McKinlay, Craig Priestlay, Neal Purdon, Jeff Ricciardi, Joe Ritson, Scott Sutton, Tyler Williamson, General Manager - Albert Drake; Head Coach - Vern Ray; Assistant Coach - Dave Joubert; Equipment Managers – Gaetan 'Frenchie' Joubert and Rob Monty.

"We are very proud to announce the addition of these outstanding athletes and sport builders into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame, and we look forward to the sports community once again gathering together to help celebrate our region's rich and proud sports heritage at our Induction ceremonies on September 26th" said Diane Imrie, the hall's executive director

Tickets for the 43rd Induction Dinner and Ceremonies are \$125 each and can be ordered by calling the Hall of Fame at 807- 622-2852 or via email at nwosport@tbaytel.net or dropping by the Hall at 219 May Street South.

The Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and honouring the region's sporting heritage through the operation of a heritage facility in Thunder Bay which includes a sports museum, hall of fame, archives, research library and educational programs.

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