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On the cover: L-R: Daryl Stephenson, Austin Kennedy, Arjei Franklin, Gino Fracas, Andy Parici, Damian Porter
In 1975, the Lancers led by Fracas captured the Yates Cup that year. The ‘75 defense gave up only 22 points in seven games, a record that still stands today.

In 1976, Coach Fracas was named Coach of the Year by the OUA and captured the award again the very next year. In 1979, the Lancers’ program developed their second Hec Crighton winner when quarterback Scott Mallender earned the prestigious honour. During his Blue and Gold career, Mallender threw for over 5,000 yards and still holds the Lancer record for passing yards in a season with 1,821.

In 1986, Gino decided to move from the sidelines to the lecture hall, leaving the coaching ranks but remaining as part of the University’s faculty. Coach Fracas left quite a legacy with the program, including a Canadian championship, a Yates Cup, and two Hec Crighton winners during his illustrious tenure.

John Musselman would take over for Fracas, a Lancer alumnus and Windsor native who played for Gino from 1970-73. Under the guidance of Musselman, the Lancers enjoyed their best season in 1990 where they finished 4-3 and advanced to the OUA semi-finals. One of Musselman’s top players was Gerald Hlady, the first ever back-to-back football all-Canadian in program history. Hlady is also the first and only three-time winner of the University’s faculty. Coach Fracas left quite a legacy with the program, including a Canadian championship, a Yates Cup, and two Hec Crighton winners during his illustrious tenure.

Mike Morencie would eventually become the third head coach in Lancer history as he took over the reigns of the Lancer program in 1998. Morencie led the Lancers to one of the best seasons in program history in 2006 when they finished 6-2 and advanced to the OUA quarter-finals.

One of Coach Morencie’s top players was star running back Daryl Stephenson, who arrived on campus in 2004 and made an immediate impact on the program. Daryl didn’t take long to announce his arrival to the rest of the country as he took his very first carry in his very first game for a 49-yard touchdown run in a victory over Queen’s to kick off his Canadian university career. In his rookie season, Daryl rushed for 1,192 yards to lead the CIS in rushing and was named the Norm Marshall Trophy recipient as the OUA’s Rookie of the Year. Stephenson went on to become the first player in CIS history to rush for over 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons. In 2006, he captured the prestigious Hec Crighton Trophy as most outstanding player in Canadian University Football. He also became the first and only CIS player in history to surpass the 5,000 yard mark and is still the CIS career rushing leader with 5,163 yards.

In 2011, former Lancer wide receiver Joe D’Amore took over as the fourth head coach in program history. In his first year at the helm, he guided the Lancers to a 5-3 record and the OUA semi-finals, coming within one win of a Yates Cup appearance. D’Amore went on to lead the Lancers to four straight playoff appearances in his first four seasons. He also cultivated Lancer standout quarterback Austin Kennedy who sits fourth in OUA history to lead the CIS in rushing and was named the Hec Crighton Trophy as to most outstanding player in Canadian University Football. He also became the first ever back-to-back football all-Canadian in program history. Hlady is also the first and only three-time winner of the University’s faculty. Coach Fracas left quite a legacy with the program, including a Canadian championship, a Yates Cup, and two Hec Crighton winners during his illustrious tenure.

In 2018, Coach D’Amore is hoping to strengthen the program with one of the largest recruiting classes in the OUA. Bringing in a talented and diverse recruiting class from across the country, the Lancers are well positioned to kick-off the next fifty years of Lancer Football the right way.
1968
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FUTURE HALL OF FAME HEAD COACH GINO FRACAS, THE LANCER FOOTBALL PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED.

1969

1972
QUARTERBACK ANDY PARICI WINS THE PRESTIGIOUS HEC CRIGHTON TROPHY AS CANADA’S MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER THROWING FOR 4,606 YARDS AND 34 TOUCHDOWNS.

1975
THE BLUE AND GOLD BATTLE THEIR WAY TO AN UNEFFECTED SEASON, CAPTURING THE YATES CUP. THEY ALLOWED JUST 34 POINTS AGAINST COMBINED, A RECORD THAT STILL STANDS TODAY.

1976
COACH FRACAS RECOGNIZED BY THE OUA AS COACH OF THE YEAR.

1977
FRACAS NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON.

1979
SCOTT MALLENDER AWARDED HEC CRIGHTON AWARD, THROWING MORE THAN 5,000 YARDS AND 38 TOUCHDOWNS AS A LANCER. HE STILL HOLDS THE LANCERS RECORD FOR PASSING YARDS IN A SEASON WITH 1,821 YARDS.

1986
GINO FRACAS STEPS DOWN AS HEAD COACH, JOHN MUSSELMAN NAMED NEXT HEAD COACH OF LANCER FOOTBALL.

1988
CIS DEBUTS FRACAS AWARD, PRESENTED TO AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER COACH IN HONOUR OF THE FORMER PLAYER, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR AND UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR PROFESSOR.

1991
OFFENSIVE GUARD GERALD HLADY BECOMES THE FIRST PLAYER IN LANCERS HISTORY TO EARN BACK TO BACK FIRST TEAM ALL-CANADIAN HONOURS.

1996
MIKE MORENCIE NAMED NEW HEAD COACH OF LANCER FOOTBALL.

2006
RUNNING BACK DARYL STEPHENSON RUNS THROUGH THE CIS AND PICKED UP THE HEC CRIGHTON ON THE WAY, BECOMING ONE OF THE MOST DECORATED LANCERS.

2008
DARYL STEPHENSON BREAKS THE CIS CAREER RUSHING RECORD BECOMING THE FIRST AND ONLY PLAYER TO SURPASS 5,000 YARDS WITH 5,163. ALSO THE FIRST TIME A PLAYER RUSHED FOR 1,000 YARDS IN THREE CONSECUTIVE SEASONS.

2011
COACH GINO FRACAS WAS INDUCTED IN THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME. CURRENT LANECRS COACH JOE D’AMORE NAMED THE FOURTH HEAD COACH IN LANCERS’ HISTORY AND IS NAMED OUA COACH OF THE YEAR.

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1997-98 Men’s Hockey honoured at Alumni Sports Hall of Fame

The 1997-98 Lancer men’s hockey team receives the Team Achievement Award at the 2018 Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony. The Team Achievement Award recognizes Assumption College/University Purple Raider or University of Windsor Lancer teams which have competed successfully in provincial championships and/or competed at the highest level of intercollegiate competition available at that time.

The Windsor Lancers men's hockey program was revitalized with the arrival of future Hall of Famer Rick Cranker in 1985. The former Lancers player (1974-75) and three-time OUA coach of the year recipient guided Windsor to 12 playoff appearances in his 14 year tenure behind the bench.

Before their memorable 1997-98 journey, the men had made just one Queen's Cup appearance in 1986-87 where they lost to York University.

Just over a decade later, Windsor posted a remarkable 22-3-1 record in the regular season, skated through the conference playoffs, and earned their second-ever Queen's Cup Final appearance against the powerhouse Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) Patriotes on Sunday, March 2, 1998.

Backstopped by another brilliant goaltending performance from Chris Sharland, the Lancers downed UQTR 2-1 to claim their first OUA men’s hockey crown. Scott Hillman was awarded the Jack Kennedy Trophy for being the most outstanding player in the Queen's Cup championship game.

A Queen's Cup victory also allowed the Lancers to book their inaugural ticket to the CIAU University Cup national championship.
Star athletes from track & field, basketball and football highlight the inductees into the 2018 class of the Alumni Sports Hall of Fame. Track & field super star Melissa Bishop, basketball standouts Charles Pearsall and Ryan Steer, and football star Daryl Stephenson are honoured as a part of this year’s ceremony.

**Melissa Bishop** (BHK '10, BEd '11) was a four time OUA all-star and all-Canadian for the Lancer track & field team. The Lancers Banner Shield recipient as female athlete of the year in 2010, Melissa was a triple gold medalist in the 600m, 1000m and 4x800m at the national championships. A two-time Canadian Olympian ('12, '16), she continues to hold the Lancer records in the 600m, 1000m, and 4x800m relay.

**Charles Pearsall** (BComm '78) was a two-time CIAU all-Canadian and an OUAA first team all-star in 1977. He led the Blue & Gold to two CIAU men's basketball championship tournament appearances, while averaging double figures in points, rebounds and blocked shots. Charles captured the Lancers Olympic Shield as the University of Windsor male athlete of the year in 1977.

**Ryan Steer** (BHK '07, BEd '08) led the Lancer men’s basketball program to its first OUA championship in 27 years in 2007. A two-time OUA all-star, Ryan led the nation in assists in 2008 and was named the male DeMarco Award winner that same year as the University of Windsor’s top overall male student-athlete. Ryan currently sits second overall in Lancer history in career assists and career steals.

**Daryl Stephenson** (BHK '08, MHK '11) is one of the most decorated athletes in Lancer history. He currently holds the Canadian university football all-time career rushing record with 5163 yards, and is the only player in Canadian university football history to rush for over 5000 yards. In 2006, he was named the Hec Crighton award winner as the Canadian Universities most outstanding football player. Daryl was a four time OUA all-star and two-time all-Canadian.

The Sport Achievement award, recognizing contributions to sport beyond the University of Windsor campus, is being presented to Reg Chappell BA '79.
Deanna Iwanicka named head coach of Lancer Women’s Hockey

Mike Havey, Director of Athletics and Recreational Services at the University of Windsor is pleased to announce the hiring of Deanna Iwanicka as the new head coach of the Windsor Lancers women’s hockey program.

Widely regarded as one of the top collegiate women’s hockey coaches in Western Canada, Iwanicka joins the Lancers after spending the past ten seasons leading the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) Ooks women’s hockey team. During her tenure, she guided NAIT to three consecutive ACAC championships from 2013-15 and was named the ACAC coach of the year in 2010 & 2015.

During Iwanicka’s time as head coach, the NAIT women’s hockey team left their mark on the ACAC record books. Under her direction, the Ooks are tied for most consecutive league championships with three and the program had two athletes named ACAC players of the year. In addition, three of Iwanicka’s athletes were ACAC single season leading scorers and three were named ACAC rookies of the year.

As a player, the Alberta native won a U SPORTS National Championship and two Canada West titles with the University of Alberta Pandas women’s hockey program. In addition to her collegiate coaching experience, she has also previously served as an assistant coach for the U18 Team Alberta squad.

Iwanicka is looking forward to leading the Lancer women’s hockey program.

“I am excited about the opportunity to join the University of Windsor. I see great potential in this challenge, to build a championship women’s hockey program,” commented Iwanicka. “Having won a U SPORTS national championship as a student-athlete, and then a few ACAC championships as a coach, the thought of an OUA and even a U SPORTS National Championship motivates me. I see this as a chance to really practice what I preach, to be comfortable being uncomfortable and to be my best by being better every single time.”

Coach Iwanicka graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Physical Education as well as a Bachelor of Education. She has also completed her High Performance Coaching Certification, in addition to a Master of Arts, with a Specialization in Coaching, from the University of Alberta.

Hamlin first full-time head coach in Lancer men’s hockey history

The Windsor Lancers are pleased to announce that men’s hockey head coach Kevin Hamlin has been appointed as the first full-time head coach of the Lancer men’s hockey team.

Widely considered to be among the top collegiate coaches in the country, Coach Hamlin has an outstanding record as a winning hockey coach and impressive credentials as a former player.

Coach Hamlin’s career at the University of Windsor includes two OUA Coach of the Year honours, two trips to the national championship tournament and one OUA Queen’s Cup Championship. The Lancers have also qualified for the playoffs for the last nine years, dating back to 2009-10.

Coach Hamlin is excited to embark on this next chapter of Lancer men’s hockey. “It’s an honour for me to lead our program into another development phase. The level of play in the OUA is tremendous and student-athletes have unique challenges that help prepare them for future careers,” said Hamlin. “We have been consistently regarded as one of the top programs in Ontario, and while our ultimate goal is to win a national championship, we will continue to develop championship people along the way. I have never been more excited to begin a season. We have a great group of young men who care about one another and clearly understand what we are trying to do here. This will be exciting!”

Hamlin was named the Ontario University Men’s Hockey Coach of the Year in 2014-15 for the second time in his career and was a finalist for the USports National Coach of the Year after leading the Lancers to a program best 22-4-1 record and first place overall in the OUA. The Lancers were ranked in the USports top ten for 17 straight weeks and captured an Ontario bronze medal while earning their second consecutive trip to the USports national championships.
Gravelle appointed head coach of Lancer men's volleyball

Mike Havey, Director of Athletics at the University of Windsor is pleased to announce the appointment of James Gravelle as the head coach of the Lancer men's volleyball team.

With the appointment, Gravelle becomes the first full-time head coach in the history of the men's volleyball program at the University of Windsor.

Since taking over the Lancers in 2013 James has refocused the team on the fundamentals, stressing individual skill-building and steady development of every player on the roster. A great deal of the Lancers development model comes from Coach Gravelle’s time spent with Team Canada as an assistant coach (National B Team in 2015 and 2016) and head coach of the Canadian Universiade team (Taipei, Taiwan in 2017). James was also the 2017 Team Ontario 17U Boys head coach.

The steady improvement of the Lancers over the past five seasons has been highlighted this past season as they qualified for the national championship tournament for the very first time in program history, while also winning the program’s first provincial medal following a victory over the Ryerson Rams in the OUA bronze medal game.

The 2017-18 season is the second time in James’ five year tenure that the program advanced to the OUA Final Four. As well, several Lancers have been selected as OUA all-stars under Coach Gravelle including current Lancers John Moate, Brad Gyemi, Pierce Johnson, and Anthony DeGirolamo who was named to the OUA all-rookie team.

Mendonca named head coach of Lancer men’s soccer

Mike Havey, Director of Athletics and Recreational Services, is pleased to announce the hiring of Ryan Mendonca as the new head coach of the Lancer men’s soccer team.

Widely respected in the Windsor-Essex soccer community, Mendonca is no stranger to the Lancer soccer program. He has previously served as an assistant coach with both the men’s and women’s programs under current women’s soccer head coach Steve Hart.

Over the past decade, Mendonca has been involved with the Lancer Soccer program in a number of roles. Most recently, he served as an assistant coach with the men’s program in 2015, while also taking on the goaltender coaching responsibilities for both the men and women. He previously served as the goaltending coach for the Lancers in 2010 & 2011, and was an associate head coach with the women’s team in 2012.

Also technical director for the Tecumseh Soccer Club for the past four years, Mendonca responsibilities include the recruitment and development of players and coaches at all levels. TSC was recently awarded OPDL License to compete in the highest standards base league in Ontario.

Coach Mendonca is flattered to be named the next head coach of the Lancer program.

“I am extremely excited and honored to be awarded this opportunity,” said Mendonca. “Throughout my years as an assistant with the Lancers, I always wanted to serve this program in the position of head coach, and now that my time has come, it is extremely humbling to be tasked with the continued growth of Lancers men’s soccer.”
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Lancer standouts Kelsey Balkwill and John Moate walked away with the top two prizes as they were awarded the Banner and Olympic Shields as the 2017-18 University of Windsor Athletes of the Year. The duo were multiple winners as part of the Evening of Excellence, highlighting the accomplishments of the Windsor Lancers, held at the St. Clair Centre of the Arts.

It was an incredible year for Moate as he established himself as one of the premier men's volleyball players in the country. The Oakville native was named an OUA first-team all-star after finishing the year atop the league in blocks per set, averaging 1.26 per set. He appeared in all 17 matches for the Blue & Gold and ended the season with 135 total kills, a .429 hitting percentage, 87 total blocks, and 206 total points.

His outstanding play helped his Lancer squad reach the OUA Final Four where they captured an OUA Bronze Medal and reach nationals for the first time in school history. The third year middle blocker was also named a U SPORTS all-Canadian, becoming just the second men's volleyball player in school history to earn that honour.

It was an incredible year for Balkwill as she joined the Lancer program this year and quickly became one of the country's top athletes in the process. At the OUA championships, she captured gold in both the women's 300m and 600m, and a pair of silvers in the 4x200 metre & 4x400 metre relays. She was named the OUA Track MVP and led the Lancer women to a provincial silver medal.

At nationals, Balkwill was named the U SPORTS championship most outstanding performer after contributing 38 points towards the teams’ 79 overall points to help them capture a U SPORTS bronze medal. In addition to anchoring the women's 4x400 metre relay team to a new school record, she also captured gold in the 300 metres and 600 metres, while silver in the 4x200 metre relay.

The DeMarco Awards, presented annually to the top female and male students that best combine academic achievement with athletic prowess, went to Mike Rocca from men's basketball, and to Sarah Mitton from the women's track & field team.

The University of Windsor Gino Fracas Coach of the Year Award was presented to James Gravelle from the men's volleyball team.

It was a historic season on the court for Coach Gravelle and his men's volleyball team as he helped guide the Lancers to the OUA Bronze Medal at the Final Four and the team's first trip to nationals in program history. Coach Gravelle's squad had a tremendous season as they finished 22-10 overall on the year against U SPORTS competition and secured one of the top four seeds in the OUA west division.

The Captain's Trophy, awarded to a male and female captain who demonstrate outstanding leadership both on and off the field while also making a significant contribution to the overall success of their team, went to Blake Blondeel from men's hockey and Emily Prevost from women's basketball.

The female rookie of the year award went to Paige Phills from women's volleyball, while Jonathan Reinhart from men's hockey won the male rookie of the year. Both recipients had outstanding rookie campaigns.

The Super Sophomore awards were presented to women's track & field standout Kelly Hodgins, and Pierce Johnson from men's volleyball on the men's side.

“A” Awards, marking major contributions to Lancer Athletics, went to Lancer volunteer photographer Gerry Marentette and OUA TV host & YourTV community broadcaster Brett Hedges.
Fifth year Sport Management student and varsity baseball team member, Zach Sephton, has been named a Canadian Student Leader for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

Sephton applied, was short-listed, and eventually voted-in, as one of the eighteen student leaders tasked with advancing the mission of NIRSA. NIRSA believes that collegiate recreation is a significant and powerful key to inspiring wellness in local, regional and global communities.

Sephton sees campus recreation as more than just an outlet for personal fitness and health. He notes that campus recreation and intramurals are a great social outlet for the campus community. Sephton says, “Intramurals allow fellow students to meet in a non-academic setting where true friendships can develop through competition and camaraderie. These are the relationships which will last beyond the university years.”

Sandra Ondracka, Team Leader of Lancer Recreation, cites Sephton’s work ethic, optimism, and charisma as three key personality traits that allow him to be such a positive influence in the Department of Athletics and Recreation Services (ARS). “Zach is a young man who leads by example.” says Ondracka. “But more importantly, Zach builds leadership ability in those around him.”

Sephton became involved in campus recreation in his second year as part of the ARS Ignite work-study program. Sephton recognized a perfect marriage between the knowledge, skills, and abilities he was learning in Sport Management and the direct application of those principles in the career-related field of Campus Recreation. Upon completion of his degree, Sephton intends on continuing his education by pursuing a master’s degree.

For more information on how to become involved in campus recreation as either a participant or a student employee, please visit goLancers.ca or contact Sandra Ondracka at ondrack@uwindsor.ca.
**Oliver leads 3D Canada to Wilson Jones Cup Championship**

Led by Lancer men’s basketball head coach Chris Oliver, 3D Canada captured a gold medal at the 40th Wilson Jones Cup in Taipei, Taiwan in July 2018. The Red & White went 7-1 throughout the tournament, with their only loss coming at the hands of South Korea on Day 8 of the pocket tournament. Canada won their second consecutive Jones Cup with a convincing 99-84 win over Japan in the gold medal game.

Coach Oliver was also reunited with former Lancer Alex Campbell who played a key role in the tournament victory.

“I would like to thank 3D Global Sports for giving me the opportunity to lead and work with an organization that creates such incredible exposure opportunities for players and coaching staffs through life experiences, travel and participation in international competitions.” – Chris Oliver

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**Vallee takes sabbatical; Duinker to lead Lancers for 2018-19**

Chantal Vallée, head coach of the Lancer women’s basketball team has been granted a study leave and leave of absence for the 2018-19 season. In her absence, current Lancer assistant coach Emma Duinker will take over at the helm as the acting head coach for the Lancers.

While on sabbatical, Vallée will spend three months working with Dr. Gordon Bloom at McGill University writing a book on coaching and leadership success, and will then spend the final three months travelling to observe professional basketball teams all over the world in Europe, Asia, North America, and Australia.

Coach Vallée is looking forward to the opportunity to work on her professional development. “I appreciate the opportunity the University of Windsor and Department of Athletics have given me to be able to submerge myself in six months of learning and career growth,” said Vallée.

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