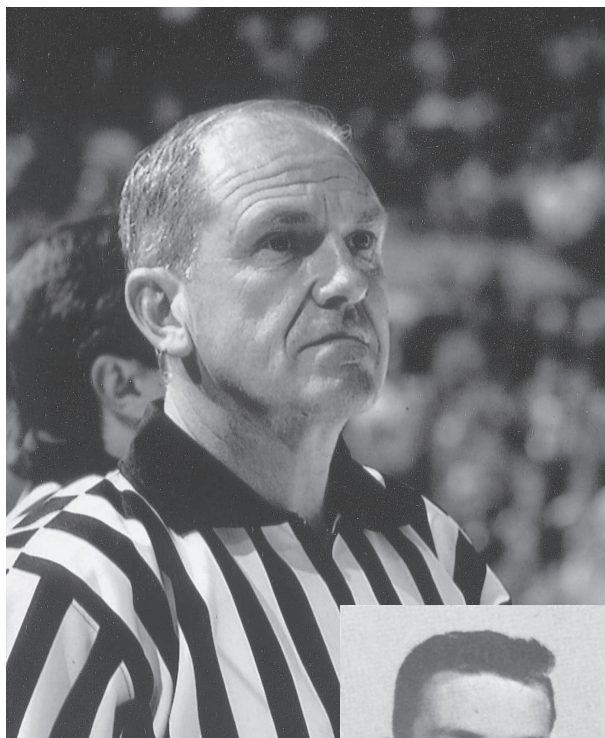


ROBERT (BOB) HODGES *SPORTS*



Inducted: 2011
Years at GCI & VS:
1960 - 1964

Bob Hodges was born in Galt on August 16, 1944. He attended Hespeler Public School and in 1960 entered GCI in the Technical program, specializing in machine shop. While at GCI Bob played football and represented the school as a pole vaulter at CWOSSA.

As is typical of many Canadians, Bob started skating in his parents' backyard. He later played goal for the Hespeler Juveniles and won the Junior C title in 1964 with the Hespeler Shamrocks. The Detroit Red Wings wanted Bob to play goal for the Junior B Goderich Siftos but the move would have forced him to leave school. He declined the offer and, after graduating in 1964, entered a machinist apprenticeship at Goldie McCullough. Bob left after one year, then worked as a machinist for the next 8 years at Dezurik of Canada. In 1967 Bob married his high school girlfriend, Gail Marquis, and they now have two children: Shawn and Michelle.

In 1968 Bob started refereeing on Saturdays for Hespeler Minor Hockey and in 1969 he was recruited by OHA supervisor Frank Slota to referee in the Ontario Hockey League. In 1971 he was chosen to referee in the Memorial Cup tournament. During that year Bob was scouted by Frank Udvari, the Referee in Chief of the American Hockey League, and he was hired as a linesman for the next season in the AHL. During that season he worked at his full time job at Dezurik and officiated 52 games in the AHL. In the summer of 1972 Bob received an invitation to the National Hockey League Officials training camp after which the NHL Referee in Chief, Scotty Morrison, offered him a contract with the NHL. At age 28, Bob became the oldest official ever hired.

On October 14, 1972 Bob officiated his first NHL game in Pittsburgh. The game was between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the California Golden Seals and was the beginning of an illustrious twenty-five year career. During

this career Bob worked in 1701 regular season games, 157 playoff games as well as 3 All-Star games in 1985, 1990 and 1997 respectively. He was also selected to work in three Stanley Cup finals: in 1982 between New York and Vancouver, in 1986 between Calgary and Montreal and in 1987 between Edmonton and Philadelphia. This was an honour as officials that are selected for the Stanley Cup finals are considered to be the best in their profession. In 1992 Bob officiated the *Fire on Ice* exhibition series in London, England between the Montreal Canadiens and the Chicago Blackhawks. Throughout his career he also worked as a linesman in many international games between the NHL and the Soviet Union.

After officiating a game at Maple Leaf Gardens on April 14, 1997, Bob retired from the NHL. Later that year he was recruited by the Ontario Hockey Association to be a supervisor of officials: a post he held for eight years.

Bob has been honoured in many ways. On December 15, 1993 he was recognized at Maple Leaf Gardens for being the eighth linesman to work in 1500 regular season NHL hockey games. In 1999 he was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame and in 2008 he was elected into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame.

Bob is now fully retired and still living in Hespeler with his wife Gail. He is actively involved in many charities including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and former referee, John D'Amico's, Skate for Cancer.



MARY GAROFALO JOURNALISM

Mary Garofalo was born in Toronto on August 23, 1958. She attended elementary school and the first two years of high school in Toronto before moving to Cambridge in 1974. After her graduation from Grade 13 at GCI in 1977 she was accepted into Journalism at the University of Western Ontario. During her first year one of her professors suggested that her personality was better-suited to the radio or television media. Mary applied to the Journalism - Broadcasting program at Conestoga College and was one of only three women accepted in 1978. She graduated from Conestoga College in 1981, winning several awards including the award for Newsperson of the Year. While studying at Conestoga College Mary also began her career in radio working as a police and traffic reporter at CJJD Radio in Hamilton. For two years she would work from 5 am to 9 am in Hamilton, return to classes in Kitchener, then return to Hamilton for the 4 pm reports.

In 1980 Chuck Milton III, executive producer of *NFL Today*, selected Mary to intern for CBS Sports. During the next year she flew to various locations and covered the Superbowl, golf tournaments and other sporting events. In 1981 CJJD hired Mary to her first full time position and then in 1982 she switched to Canadian television. She worked as an anchor and reporter for the CBC affiliate, CFPL, before moving to CITY TV in 1983. During the next six years at CITY TV she worked in all areas of broadcasting including news, weather, entertainment and even sports.

Mary's career was very fulfilling but she wanted to expand both her professional and personal life. In 1989 she accepted a job at WPIX TV in New York City as the prime time news anchor for the WPIX TV nightly news. During the following two years Mary travelled the globe covering many world events. Her work drew the attention of FOX News and in 1991 she was hired to work on the show, *A Current Affair*. She spent six years covering national and international stories, bringing in exclusives from the Persian

Gulf War, the FBI standoff in Waco, Texas, the Bill Clinton scandal and the Susan Smith murder case. Later, as head of the investigative unit for FOX News, Mary's investigations led to the conviction of con artists, uncovered corruption and exposed countless illegal activities. On September 11, 2001, Mary reported live during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Her tenacious attitude earned Mary a reputation as one of the toughest reporters in New York City. It also earned her the respect of her peers, as seen in the dozens of awards she received during her career. They have consisted of seven Emmy awards, three Canadian Gemini nominations and many other accolades. In 2008 Mary was honoured with three prestigious news awards: the Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Series, the 2008 New York Press Club Award for Consumer Reporting and the 2008 Newswomen's Club, Front Page Award. She is also a two-time winner of the New Jersey State Broadcasters Award for Outstanding Hard News and was given the Award for Excellence in Communication from the State University of New York. She was also named 2005 Woman of the Year by the Police Society of New Jersey.

In 2008, Mary returned to Canada to work for Global News. She was to create and host *16X9 - The Bigger Picture*, an investigative news series that profiles the lives of ordinary Canadians caught in extraordinary circumstances. Mary, along with other Global reporters, has made the show a tremendous success. In August 2011, Mary was honoured with a Gemini for her work on the show.

Mary continues her work for Global News and lives in Toronto with her husband Angelo and their two children: Connor and Alexander.



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1974 - 1977

