

# The RH Cornish Coaching Team

## TEAM - BUILDERS

From 1972 through 1989 a team of teachers from RH Cornish Public School gave township youth a love for sports. This team, created under the leadership of principal John Hogg is inducted in recognition of their longevity in coaching. John Hinch was a part-time physical education teacher and vice-principal who coached multiple sports and was a founding member of Durham Elementary Athletic Association (DEAA). Reg Philip began teaching at Cornish in '72 and coached curling. Reg created the year end MUDCAT spiel drawn from the heritage of mudcat fishing in Lake Scugog. Reg fostered a life-long love of curling for many students. Clive Roane was instrumental in coaching gymnastics, track and field and soccer throughout the 70's and 80's both at Cornish and in the township with the Scugog Soccer Association. Rob Smart was a key team member, starting in the early 70's and continuing throughout the 80's coaching track and field, basketball, and volleyball. Darla Thomas (Sells) joined the team of teachers in 1973 to coach gymnastics, cross country running, volleyball and basketball. Darla was instrumental in creating evening gymnastics programs for township youth to participate in and organized skating at the old arena downtown.



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Ken Smart was recruited from Epsom Public School in 1979 to join his brother Rob at Cornish coaching basketball, volleyball, track and field and softball. As the school population grew, Wayne Addison joined Jim Justynski, Graham Hewitt and Dave Brownson in the 1980's to coach multiple sports including basketball, volleyball, track and field and cross country running.

In the 70's and 80's there was a saying in DEAA that if you wanted to know how good your team or athlete was you needed to "go through the north". This team of teachers have many winning banners hung in the gymnasium of RH Cornish Public School; however, their ultimate success is fostering a love of sport for many children in the 70's and 80's that continues for generations.