

## **Football**

### **Dale Potter – Class of 1969**

Born September 11, 1949, the Ottawa native played university football with the University of Ottawa Gee Gees after winning two high school championships at Hillcrest. He was the Gee-Gees team captain in 1971 and is a member of their Hall of Fame. Dale became a star linebacker for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. He began a ten-year career with the Eskimos in 1974. During this time, he was paired with Danny Kepley and Tom Towns for eight years, forming a line-backing unit that would lead Edmonton to seven Grey Cups and six Grey Cup victories. Potter was an all-star in 1980 and the Outstanding Canadian Player in that year's Grey Cup game. He started his career with Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1973 and would finish his career in 1984 with the Toronto Argonauts, playing five games.

### **Mike Murphy –**

An Ottawa native, Mike played university football at the University of Ottawa and was an All-Canadian for the Gee-Gees in his final year with the team. In addition, he became a Running Back and Fullback for six Years in the CFL, and was the winner in 1977 of the Frank M. Gibson Trophy as Outstanding Rookie Eastern Division; he was a territorial protection player in 1977 and played for the Ottawa Rough Riders until 1980 with only one Grey Cup appearance. He had the most two-point converts in a regular season game in 1980 in a game between Ottawa at Edmonton on August 26. After retiring, Mike became a chartered accountant and has worked for Ernst & Young LLP as a principal.

### **Tom Schultz – Class of 1964**

One of the original Hillcresters, Tom attended Hillcrest between 1961 and 1964 and was a member of 1964 Boys' Senior Football team as well as a founding member of Hillcrest's award winning wrestling team. The Ottawa native played university football at Queen's and then with the Rough Riders between 1971 and 1974. He also saw time on the offensive side of the ball as a tight end. Tom is now the Principal of John McCrae Secondary School in Nepean, Ottawa.

### **Al Charron – Class of 1986**

Al Charron (born July 27, 1966 in Ottawa, Ontario) is a former Canadian rugby union footballer. He played at back-row forward and was capped 80 times for the Canadian national team, the Canucks. He played club rugby for Ottawa, Bristol and Pau and Dax and also Moseley in England.

Charron was a favourite with the supporters of many of the European clubs he played for. While playing with Bristol he was voted the supporters' 'Player of the Season' for 1998/99 and was awarded the 'BBC West Rugby Player of the Year' award in 1999.

Charron was a vital member of the highly-regarded Canadian forward pack that did so well at the 1991 Rugby World Cup, defeating Fiji and Romania and giving both France and New Zealand a hard time. He was the only Ontario player on the field against New Zealand, the others all coming from British Columbia. He scored a famous try to defeat Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in winter 1993. That day he was playing out of his usual flank position, packing down in the second row for an injured Norm Hadley.

Noted for recovering from severe knee damage to participate in the 2003 Rugby World Cup as the captain of Canada - his fourth Rugby World Cup tournament. He became only the second international rugby union player of any country to do so, the other being former team-mate and previous Canadian captain Gareth Rees.

Charron retired from international rugby union on Canada's defeat of Tonga in the 2003 Rugby World Cup pool match. (Source: Ask.com Encyclopedia)

### **Chris Black – Class of 1965**

Hillcrest grad Chris Black won the Optimist Club of Ottawa's lineman award as an intermediate in 1965, picking up the Bruno Bitkowski trophy (presented by CKOY) the following year at the annual fall sports banquet of the Ottawa High Schools Athletic Association.

It was a good year for Hillcrest's football squads as Quarterback Rod Scharf earned the Rough Rider junior award as the outstanding player of the year and Black took the senior award.

Joining the Ottawa Sooners after Hillcrest, Chris started as a tackle before moving over in October 1969 to centre, where he was cited as doing an outstanding job by The Ottawa Citizen sports department., despite a game with Hilltop that he, and kicker Dereck Roberts would sooner forget...if they can even remember that game on November 16, 1969. His first season with the Sooners was marred by a broken leg which put him out for the rest of the 1967 seasons; however, he was back in action a year later. In 1969, he was sidelined by an injured shoulder and he was replaced by Brian Greer. He tried out for the Ottawa Rough Riders but was not selected. His award for Hillcrest's Male Athlete of the Year (1966) can still be seen hanging in the front hall.