

Souvenir Program \$2.00

*Edmonton Oilers Alumni*

*vs*

*Elk Point Bucs Alumni*

*Saturday, February 12th, 1994*

*Opening Ceremonies 5:35 pm.*

*A.G. Ross Arena*

*20th Anniversary*

**A Tribute To The Volunteers That Built The**

**A.G. Ross Arena**



## *Oilers/Bucs 20th. Anniversary Hockey Game Itinerary*

- National Anthem with members of the Elk Point Figure Skating Club as Color Bearers. Dennell Anderson, Amber Kopeck, Christa Lypka, Kandice Bjornstad.
- Welcoming remarks by Ag. Society President, Glen Harms.
- Introduction of the original construction committee.
- Introduction of Sid Holthe, M.C. for redication of the arena and ribbon cutting with former Minister of Tourism, Bob Dowling from Jasper.
- Presentation of plaque by MLA Paul Langevin.
- Presentation of A.G. Ross Dedication plaque.
- Greetings from Deborah Grey, MP Beaver River Constituency.
- Speech from the Mayor of Elk Point, Ed Buck.
- Introduction of Rodney Pacholek. First goal scored in the A.G. Ross Arena.
- Player introductions, Oilers and Bucs Alumni.
- Ceremonial faceoff, Blaine Easthope, MikeBoratynec, OrinOckerman.
- Game starts 6:05 pm.
- Novice mini hockey game between first & second period.
- Draw for trip for two to Mexico.
- Elk Point Thunder Midget Hockey Club Draw for \$100.00 bill .
- Shoot to Win contest between second and third period, \$200.00.
- Draw for an autographed stick from current Edmonton Oilers Team.
- Draw for a pair of Oiler Tickets.
- Autograph session after the game.
- Free coffee and donuts.

# *Thanks from Thunder!!!*

*The Elk Point Thunder Midgets extend a warm welcome to all and want to thank everyone who contributed and helped to bring this event to Elk Point. Thanks to the program sponsors whose support helped offset the cost of bringing the Edmonton Oilers Alumni Hockey Team to Town. The local businesses continue to support community and sporting events even in these recessionary times. The history of this type of support is long and it is because of these people that the arena was built and continues to provide our youth with a facility they should be, and are proud of. After playing in some of the arena's in the area, the team's realize how good they have it in Elk Point.*

*The original intent of this hockey game was for the Oilers Alumni to play the Thunder Midgets as a fund raiser for the Arena Operating Committee, but Bob McAneeley, treasurer of the Oilers Alumni, indicated that some of the Oilers are "getting on" in years and preferred to play an older team so it was decided to get some of the Bucs out of retirement. The Elk Point & District Agricultural Society wanted to pay tribute to the volunteers that built the arena and this would be a fine opportunity seeing as 1994 is the 20th. anniversary of the A.G. Ross Arena. Several meetings took place to gather names, dates, and the history. Amazingly, but not surprisingly, these people that organized and built the arena did not want any recognition for fear they would miss somebody; there were too many to list.*

*Special thanks to the following, the Empress Family Restaurant and Daves Pizza for donating the food, to the Elk Point Municipal Hospital for the use of their binding machine to make the souvenir programs, to the Elk Point Elks Senior Hockey Team for the use of their hockey sweaters, B&R Eckels for the Oiler hockey tickets and to the Golden Loaf Bakery, Tags Convenience Store for the doughnuts. Also thanks to Hans and Matilda at Graphica for printing the advertising posters and the Elk Point & District Agricultural Society for the Radio advertising and for providing Minor Hockey with the fine facility that we play the game of hockey in.*

*Thanks to the people that have come from far away to help us celebrate and they include Dr. Charles Anderson all the way from Tennessee, Bob Dowling from Jasper, Wayne Morusyk from Los Angeles, Alvin Johnston from Edson, Ed Pankiw & Dave Petrosky from Edmonton.*

*Staff & Players  
Elk Point Thunder Midget Hockey Club*

## DR. A. G. ROSS

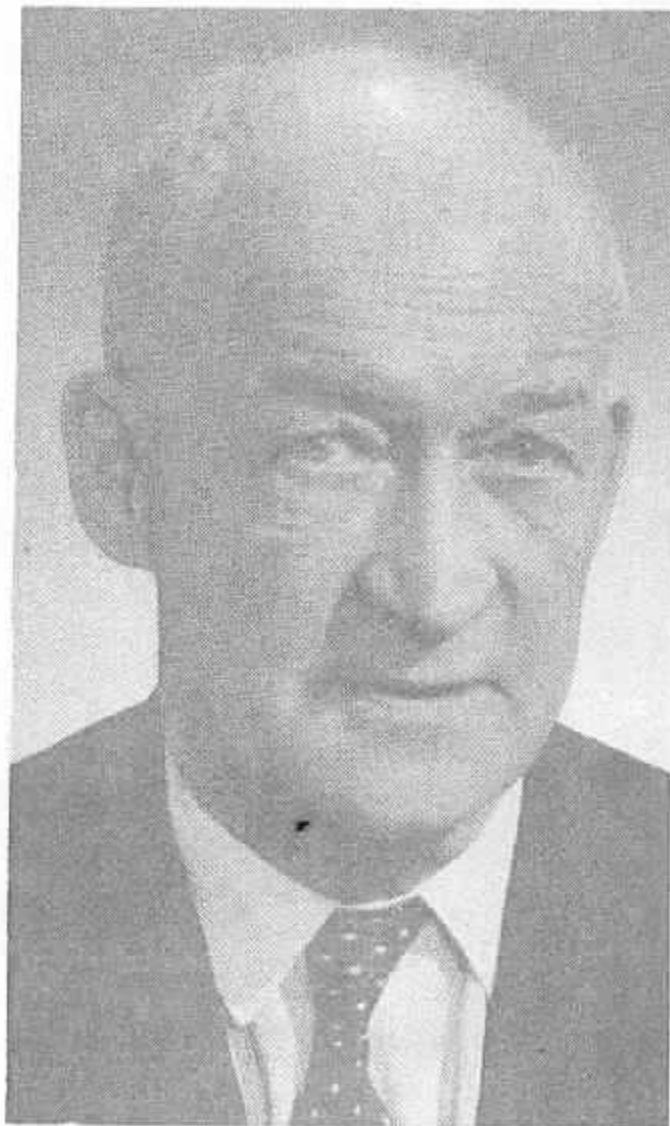
Alexander Grant Ross was born in Woodstock New Brunswick on January 29th, 1894. He entered McGill University in the fall of 1914 and went overseas with the McGill Hospital Unit in May of 1915. While overseas he and Dr. F. G. Miller made plans to practise together after the war and so entered into a partnership at Elk Point immediately after his graduation. This partnership lasted for 46 years until his death on August 21st, 1968.

The first 15 years of the partnership had been the pioneer rural type of practice with Model T Fords in the summer and horses in the winter. The partners built a small private hospital in 1923 which operated until 1928 when a municipal hospital was erected under the Provincial Hospital Department.

During World War II Dr. Ross enlisted as M.O. for a Saskatchewan battalion. Because of his age of 45 he did not go overseas, however he did serve on a couple of trips on the Lady Nelson Hospital Ship. After this service Dr. Ross went to Vegreville, Alberta, which was without a surgeon. In 1947 he returned to the Elk Point partnership, which had remained in force during his absence.

As a physician Dr. Ross was a careful and accurate diagnostician. As a surgeon he had quick sure hands and sound surgical judgement and he never panicked.

As a citizen Dr. Ross served on the School Board and later for many years on the Town Council he organized the Elk Point Gas Co. which supplies the town from its own gas wells. He was instrumental in having water and sewage facilities made available for the town. He was an elder and strong supporter of the United Church. He was keenly interested in young peoples' activities and taught a class at Sunday School for many years. As a tribute to this fine man our modern Arena and Agricultural Centre was named "A. G. Ross Agri Plex" in his honor.

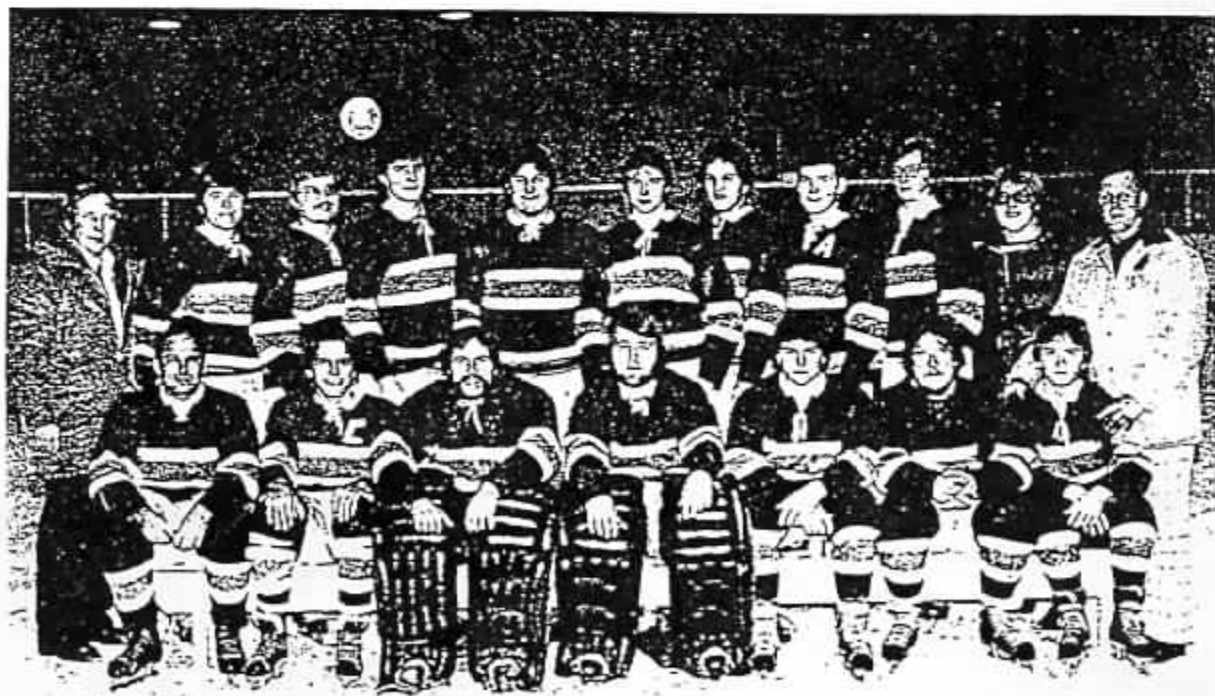


## *A Brief History of the A.G. Ross Arena*

The idea of building an indoor arena was born in early 1971. Those who were skating or playing hockey at the time, were playing on an outdoor rink north of the Elks Hall. Several people came together including Doctor Dave Didow, Larry Babcock, Ollie Fedorus, Ed Buck and others to form an Organizing Committee. Ollie Fedorus and Allen Buck were part of a committee to select a site for the new arena. They decided to build it close to the schools because this project was really for the children. A building committee set out to find plans for a building that would seat about 1200 people, while another group endeavoured to raise funds and acquire pledges for financial support. They came back with \$30,000 in pledges that was soon used up in getting plans drawn up etc. Mick Fluker, who was running for the Progressive Conservative Party in an upcoming election, paid a visit to Elk Point and set up a meeting with the several of the Townspeople. When he asked the local residents what they would like him to do as an M.L.A., they told him they wanted the road paved to the Salt Plant, a new Hospital, and an arena. Soon after he was elected, Mr. Fluker came back to the Arena Organizing Committee and told them that if they formed an Agricultural Society, they could get a grant for \$35,000. An Agricultural Society was immediately formed with Dr. Didow as President, Barry Goldberg as Secretary/Treasurer, while Ken Palamerek, Edward Pankiw, Ollie Fedorus, Allen Buck, Ed Buck and others were Directors. After they received the \$35,000, the Government increased the grant to \$50,000 and an additional \$15,000 was also obtained. In order to bring the arena to the point where it could be used, a \$25,000 loan was obtained from the Toronto Dominion Bank. October was fast approaching so Ed Buck got things going by removing the top soil and got the foundation in. The Federal Government had a "Winter Works Program" for the winter of 1971/72 and men could be hired and their wages paid for by the Government. Many signed up and Ed Nelson was hired as the building superintendent and construction continued throughout the winter. The first ice was made in mid December of 1972. Volunteers worked around the clock in shifts of a couple of hours flooding the ice. There was plenty of trouble getting the ice to take because it was not cold enough and the ground would not seal enough to build the ice because it was so dry. Soon after the ice was in, an organizing committee met at the Elk Point Elementary School on a Sunday evening to get plans underway for a senior hockey team. Anyone in the community who was interested in playing was invited. Barry Goldberg became the coach, Ed Babanek, Dr. Anderson, Allen Buck were chosen as managers. The team was nameless for the first few games when Barry Goldberg suggested the Buckaroos after the old Portland Buckaroos team. It was decided to officially call the the team the Bucs. Ed Buck of Bucks Construction was the team sponsor. John Lukevich was working on a scaffold at centre ice installing the lighting for the ice surface when the first practice was held. During this practice, Ed Babanek was coming down the ice at full speed with his head down and skated right into the scaffold, knocking himself out cold. The Bucs first game was in the Town of Vermillion, on December 21st., 1972, where they lost 7-5 to the Nighthawks. Their first home game was December 27, 1972 against the same Vermillion team and the Bucs avenged their loss with a 3-1 victory, much to the delight of the 500 screaming fans that attended.

The first goal was scored by Dr. Charles Anderson, with Allen Buck and Babe Sharkey getting the assists. Regular players on the first team were Tom Turner in goal, Dr. Charles Anderson, Ed Babenek, Bob Krawchuk, Dave Petrosky, Jim Tredger, Barry Goldberg, Allan Buck, Irvin John, Ed Soldan, Ed Buck, Babe Sharkey, Ed Gregoraschuk. Other players were Kevin Bjornstad, Laverne Wilson, Ray Lafortune, Ernie Mercier, Marvin Bjornstad, Larry Quinney, Gus Dion, Blaine Easthope, Alvin Johnston, George Anderson, Harvey Aarbo, Clarence Badger and Brian Ward. The Bucs first made the playoffs in the 1976/77 season under the coaching of Ed Buck. They lost three straight games to Two Hills in the semi-finals. The first goal ever scored in the A.G. Ross Arena was scored by Rodney Pacholek. Doctor A.G. Ross' name was chosen to name the arena after by the Elk Point Agricultural Society Board of Directors. Doctor Ross spent 46 years in Elk Point. The building was officially opened on Wednesday, March 6, 1974. The ribbon was cut by Bob Dowling, Minister of Tourism. Special guests at the ceremony were, Blaine Easthope, President of the Elk Point Ag. Society, Mike Habiak, Mayor of Elk Point, Mrs. Ivy Ross, wife of A.G. Ross, Mick Fluker, M.L.A. Bill Bartling, President of the Elk Point Pioneer Circle, Bob Smith, County Councillor, Jim Engel, ass't to Dowling, Peter Walls, Director of Planning and Development Travel Alberta, Sid Holthe, Master of Ceremonies & Principal of F.G. Miller High School. The official faceoff took place between Mike Boratyneec and Orin Ockerman, with Blaine Easthope dropping the puck.

Over the past 20 years, plenty have enjoyed the use of this fine facility for all types of sports and events. Thank you to the many people who gave of themselves in yesteryears, the present and the future. It is because of the rural and community efforts that the A.G. Ross arena was built and continues to flourish. The spirit of volunteerism was, and still is strong in the Elk Point and surrounding area. You are all to be commended.



ELK POINT BUCS 1977-78

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: Allan Buck, Victor Stepa, Don Sheppard, Dave Charleton, Lorn Berg, Bob Melnyk, Ron Maksymec.  
 BACK ROW: Ed Pankiw, Manager; Bert Joly, Bob Krawchuk, Gary Bjornstad, Pat Joly, Glen Cinnamon, Jean Richards, Rock Sharkey, Bryan Rosychuk, Al Pankiw, Trainer, Vernon (Babe) Sharkey, Coach.

### *Message from the Mayor*

*It is indeed my pleasure on behalf of the Town Council to congratulate the Elk Point & District Agricultural Society on their 20th. Anniversary of operating the A.G. Ross Arena. The citizens of Elk Point can be proud of their arena as well as the Agricultural Society who have over these past 20 years ensured that a variety of events have been brought to Elk Point.*

*Wishing you every success in the future.*

*Ed Buck  
Mayor & Council*

### *Message from the Elk Point & District Agricultural Society*

*Congratulations to the staff and players of the Elk Point Thunder Midget Hockey Club for the tremendous job that they have done in organizing this very special hockey game. Even though the players on both teams may be just slightly past their prime hockey playing years, they all represent what hockey is all about; hard work, team work and success. We congratulate the players on both teams for their tremendous contributions to hockey and their community.*

*Tonight, we also honor the efforts of the original builders of the A.G. Ross Arena. Without their forethought and perserverance, we would not be sitting in this very modern building enjoying this great game of hockey. We thank those original volunteers and the present volunteers, for a job well done.*

*I now invite you to sit back and enjoy this great exhibition hockey match between the Edmonton Oilers ALumni and the Elk Point Bucs Alumni.*

*Your's Truly,*

*Glen Harms  
President*

*The Elk Point and District Agricultural Society*

## *Elk Point Bucs Alumni Roster*

#	Dave Charlton	Goal
#	Victor John	
#	Barry Goldberg	
#	Allan Buck	
#	Victor Steppa	
#	Lorne Berg	
#	Brian Rosychuk	
#	Lonnie Mudryk	
#	Jim Krissa	
#	Kevin Bjornstad	
#	Gary Krawchuk	
#	Ed Soldan	
#	Bob Krawchuk	
#	Don Hutton	
#	John Hutton	
#	Gary Youchief	
#	Larry Lambert	
#	Irvin John	
#	Wayne Morusyk	( ex - pro, guest )
#	Rock Sharkey	
#	Dr. Charles Anderson	( All the way from Tennessee )

Coaches: Babe Sharkey

Ed Buck

Manager: Ed Pankiw

*Numbers and positions were not available when programs were made.*



## *Edmonton Oilers Alumni Roster*

#34	Floyd Whitney	Goal	Father of Ray Whitney S. J. Sharks
#3	Al Hamilton	Defence	Original Oiler & Captain, 15 yr. Pro
#5	Doug Hicks	Defence	8 yr. Pro, 3 with Oilers. Best "D" 1979
#9	Ross Perkins	Forward	Original Oiler, 8 Year Pro
#10	Tom Gilmore	Forward	5 Year Pro, 2 With the Oilers
#11	Ron Walters	Forward	Original Oiler, 7 Year Pro
#12	Dave Hunter	Forward	10 Year Oiler, 3 Stanley Cups
#16	Brad McGregor	Forward	3 Year Pro, Chicago Edmonton
#17	Cam Connors	Forward	11 yrs. Rangers, Canadians, Oilers
#18	Bob McAneeley	Forward	3 Years With the Oilers
#19	Bill "Cowboy" Flett	Forward	11 Years. Oilers, Flyers 1 Stanley Cup
#20	Dave Lumley	Forward	8 Years NHL. 2 Oiler Stanley Cups
#29	Skip Krake	Forward	12 Years. Bruins, Sabres, Kings, Oilers
#36	Barry Long	Defence	5 yr. Pro. Coach of the Year with Jets
#38	Bryon Baltimore	Defence	9 yr. Pro 2 with Oilers, Player Agent
#40	Dave Inkpen	Defence	Former Captain Oil Kings, 11 Year Pro
XX	Don Hurtzig	Forward	2 yr. Pro, Rangers, Whalers. Golf Pro

## Elk Point BTS Byers Transport Novice's

### Team Blue

Brian Poitras  
George Danyluk  
Shawn Slewka  
Melvin Easthope  
Kevin Monetta  
Mark Ference  
Chris Korpan  
Kyle Nielson  
Chance Dumont  
Devin Monetta

### Team Red

Kyle Ryks  
Carson Mutch  
Robbie Lawrence  
T.C. Quinney  
Colton Hoffman  
Curtis Salt  
Coy Robbie  
Kelly Orr  
Garrett Poulin  
Sheena Flamand



Mike Boratynec

Blaine Easthope

Orin Ockerman

March 6, 1974. Official Faceoff at the Opening Ceremonies