

Belleville Sports Hall of Fame in support of Faulds' induction, former CSS student and Faulds-coached runner Rob Juricevic says "those of us lucky enough to befriend Bruce were inspired to run."

"Mr. Faulds realized how important it is for a coach to get to know his athletes on a personal level," says Chad Gilbert, a member of the 1991 CSS cross-country team. "He quickly became a close friend of mine and the rest of the athletes on the teams he coached. Through his coaching he taught me to become disciplined as an athlete in all other areas of my life."

"I consider him responsible for many successes in my life other than just on the track."

Not surprisingly, Faulds deflects such praise back to his former athletes.

"Great athletes make great coaches," he says.

Meanwhile, as his Centennial and Legion Track Club teams enjoyed consistent success and started sending athletes to higher levels of competition, Faulds continued to harbour a dream. A big dream. An expensive dream.

Faulds realized the city sorely needed a proper track complex. And, accustomed to running long distances himself, Faulds embarked on a marathon of a different sort — rallying support, both moral and financial, to build an international-calibre, specially-surfaced track and accompanying athletic field.

"You can train anywhere but you're going to get a lot more kids and better training with a proper facility," says Faulds. "Unfortunately, it took me a working lifetime to find the right people to push the right buttons and get it done."

"I sold the Legion guys on the idea and they ran with it. Five or six years later, they were breaking ground for the new track."

Today, Faulds enjoys his retirement with his wife, Diana, near his boyhood home of Forest (north of London). He golfs a lot and officiates high school and OBA club basketball games in the London area.

"I did 89 games last year," he says.

He's not coaching track anymore, but it's a good bet Faulds would be spending plenty of time at M.A. Sills Park had he and Diana remained in Belleville.

"I can actually retire here," he quips. "That's a bonus for Diana and I."

Ceremonies start 1 p.m. Sunday.

OFSAA where you're not exactly passing guys dying in the streets."

Faulds also treasures memories of coaching his sons — Allan, Scott and Michael — when they attended Centennial and, naturally, followed their father's footsteps by running track and cross-country.

All three boys won medals at the National Legion finals and Scott still holds the under-15 boys record for the 3,000 metres (8:47).

"Yes, being able to coach my kids was a highlight," says Faulds.

While Faulds' knowledge and tactics made him a top notch coach, it was his ability to motivate that was perhaps his greatest skill.

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