

Larry Olexiuk

The Larry Olexiuk Field is dedicated to the legacy of Coach Larry Olexiuk, a St. Albert football pioneer. For over 50 years, Larry devoted his time, talent, and passion to developing the sport of football in our community.

In 1985, while Larry was the head coach of the St. Albert Palmer 49'ers, he founded St. Albert's first high school football team, the St. Albert Storm. The Storm included players from St. Albert's three high schools: Paul Kane, St. Albert Catholic High and Bellerose. In that same year, he established the St. Albert High School Football Association, which created the foundation for generations of young athletes to enjoy football as part of their high school experience.

Larry's coaching career began in 1967 with the Jasper Place Lions. Larry coached many teams in the capital region, including the Edmonton Bantam Football All-Star Team in 1986-1987, and as the quarterback coach for the St. Albert Storm and Bellerose Bulldogs from 1986-2017.

Beyond his role as a coach, Larry contributed to the sport in numerous ways: as President of the Edmonton District Bantam Football Association (1986-1988), as Treasurer of the Edmonton and District Bantam Football Association (1984-1985), and as Treasurer of the Edmonton Wildcats Junior Football Club (2005-2006). Most significantly, it was his role as a mentor, role model and friend that inspired his players and fellow community members to share in his love for football.

His dedication to football and to the players had a profound impact on generations of local football players and supporters who benefitted from his knowledge, passion, and community spirit. In 2017, Larry Olexiuk was inducted into the Football Alberta Hall of Fame.

May those who play on the Larry Olexiuk Field grounds continue to uphold the profound legacy and community spirit of Larry Olexiuk, affectionately known as Coach 'O'.