



EXCELSIORS

How Brampton got its name: as per Ken "Scoop" Giles

Lacrosse in Brampton had its origins in the high school where a teacher George M Lee introduced the game. First stick came to Brampton in 1871. Between 1871-75 lacrosse was the principle athletic attraction.

The name "Excelsior" proposed by Mr. Lee and chosen by the club was taken from the Longfellow's poem of that title; **Excelsior** meaning more lofty, still higher, ever upwards.

BELC RETIRED NUMBERS - HISTORY

#8-John "Gus" McCauley: John began his lacrosse career as a four year old and played on novice, pee wee and bantam Ontario Championship teams. At 14 years of age McCauley was a member of the 1959 Excelsior Minto Cup Championship Team. John coached the Major Excelsiors in 1980 and won the Mann Cup. He was a NHL referee for 10 years and then Assistant Director of Officiating. John passed away in June 1989 and the Excelsiors voted to retire his sweater.

#14-Brian Green: Brian played all his minor career in Brampton and was playing on the Junior A team when he was killed in an automobile accident in 1967. The family donated a trophy in his honour for MVP Playoffs- Junior A called the Brian Green Memorial Award. The first winner of this award in 1968 was Ziggy Musial, current President of the BELC and Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Famer.