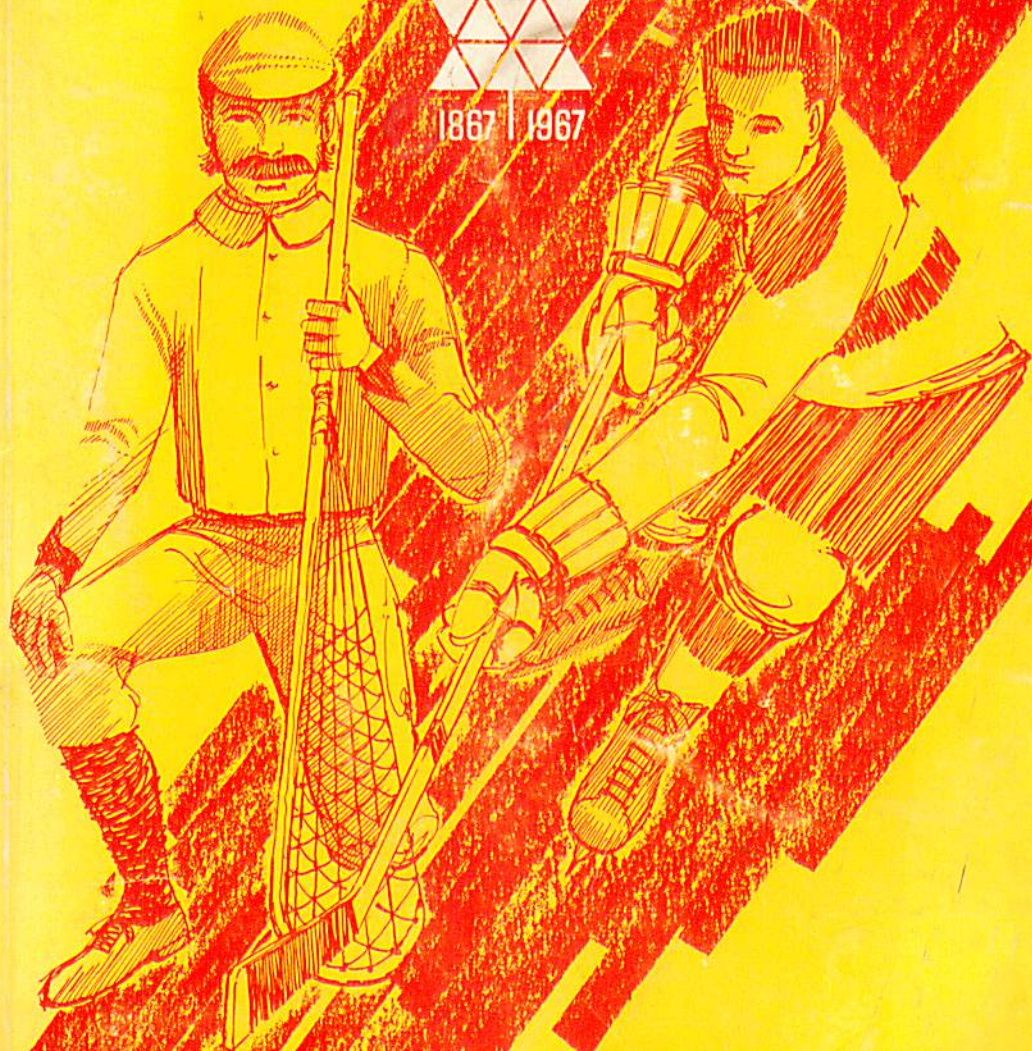


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Hamilton, through more than one hundred years, has earned unparalleled stature and prestige as a city of sportsmen.

It may rightly be called the home of football. Certainly, it is the true home of softball. It may lay claim to prominence in every known sport, modern and otherwise and, no other Canadian city can match the widespread accomplishment, in all branches of athletics and athletic competition.

Hamilton has known the Grey Cup, emblematic of the football championship of Canada, not once, but many times. It has known the Canadian championship in hockey, basketball, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, track and field, in rifle and trap shooting, in yachting, ice-boating, horse-racing, volleyball, tennis, badminton, squash racquets and, almost every other known activity.

The city has boasted its Olympic Games champions, it's Queen's Prize winner at Bisley, and it's champion in the Grand American trap-shooting classic. It was the home of the first British Empire Games, in 1930, was the scene, for several years, of the Queen's Plate, has enjoyed professional baseball at various levels and, through the years, has conducted programs for all classes, and all ages, with generous co-operation from a sports-minded series of city councils and municipal directors.

Hamilton has a proud heritage in the sports world. It has reached easily into international and world prominence and, it is proud of the fact that in wartime emergencies, its athletes rallied quickly to the call of the colours, eagerly intent and magnificently equipped for the greatest games of them all.

Hamilton has always been proud of its standing in the Dominion, of its greatness in Canadian industry, of its progress and general development, along every line.

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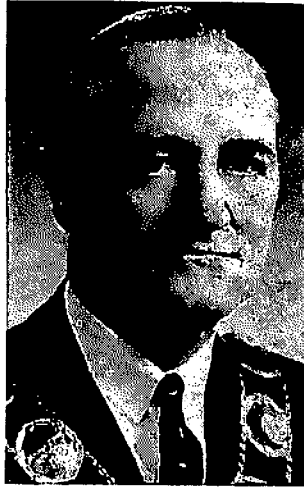
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Hamilton is indeed rich in sporting history and, it is fitting that in Canada's Centennial Year the city's sports heritage and, its fine traditions, be recalled as in this distinctly Hamilton Sports Review.

No other city in Canada boasts sporting activities and accomplishment that reach back even beyond the Dominion's first birthday. Few cities can parallel the successes, over the years, of teams and individuals and, fewer cities yet may lay claim to the promotion of all sports during more than a century.

We in Hamilton are justly proud of the city's fine record, remembering always the inspiration of sportsmanship that has contributed so much, in so many ways, to the growth and development of a great city, and a great citizenry.

*Victor Kennedy Copps,
Mayor, City of Hamilton.*

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IVAN MILLER

For more than 40 years Ivan was identified with the Spectator's sports staff, latterly as Sports Director.

Ivan's editing of this Centennial Sports Review was a final chapter in a life devoted to the furtherance of good sportsmanship.

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A Century of Football

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Toronto and Hamilton Launch Inter-city Rivalry

By J. G. GAUDAUR



In the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum is an ancient but remarkably well-preserved photograph of two football teams, representing Hamilton and Toronto, which competed in 1870. Undoubtedly, this was the start of inter-city football competition in Canada and only four years later, the famous yellow and black colours of Hamilton football teams came into being. In the beginning, playing members of the Hamilton Football Club paid fifty cents for annual dues.

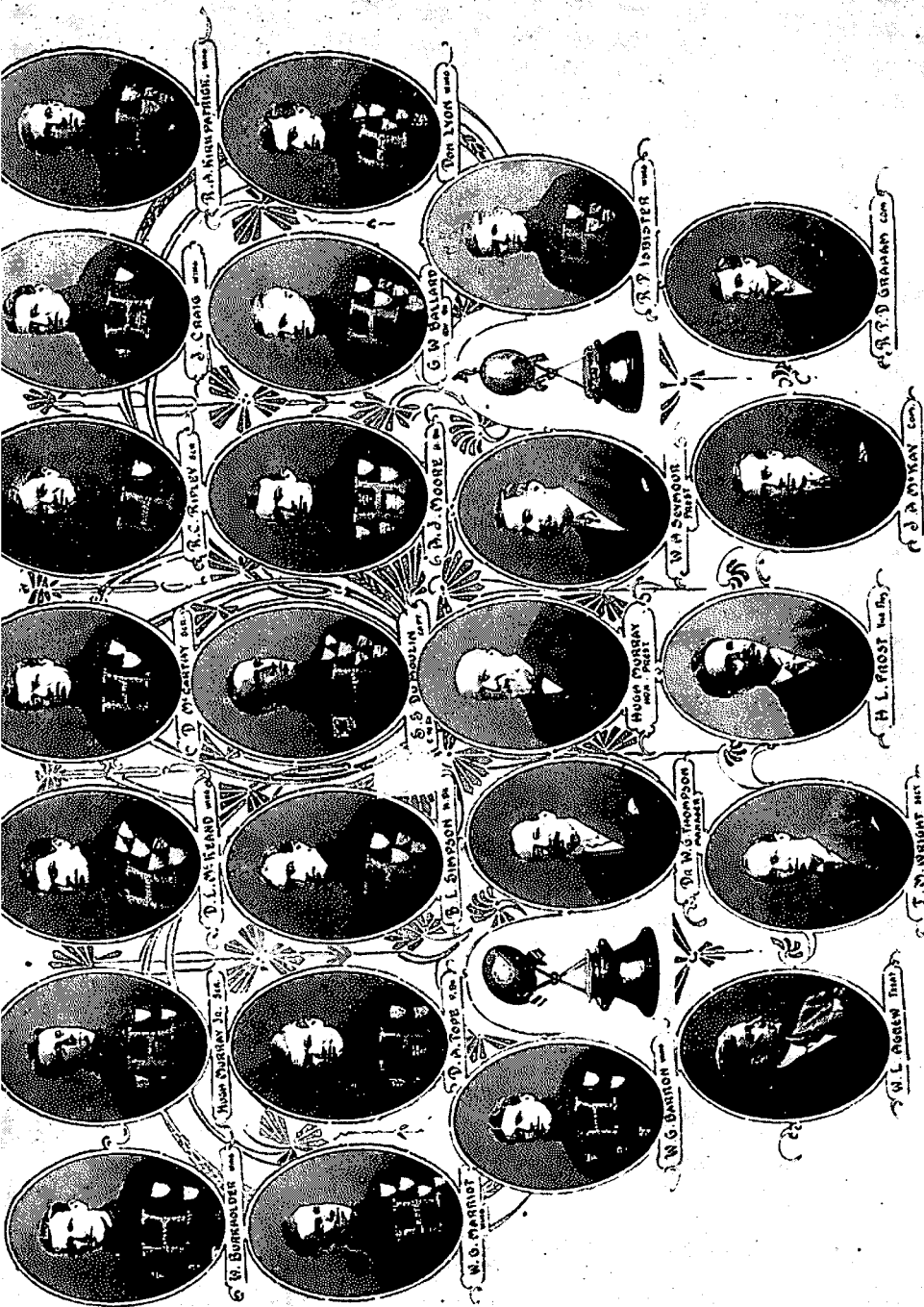
In 1874 a regular series was arranged with Toronto and, a year later, Guelph, Stratford, Port Hope, St. Catharines and London were drawn into a general football picture. The City's football prominence spread to such an extent that even before the Canadian game was introduced into the United States by way of Montreal, Hamilton had received invitations from several institutions in the U.S., including Harvard University.

The Ontario Rugby Football Union was formed to regulate the teams and the rules. The Hamilton Club, called the Tigers, joined that Union. In 1891 the Canadian Rugby Union was formed to act as a Union which would be the overall governing body of the Ontario Rugby Football Union and the Quebec Rugby Football Union. In 1907 the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union (Big Four) was formed and the Hamilton Tigers switched to this League, which also came under the jurisdiction of the C.R.U.

By that time players were still required to purchase their own uniforms, carry their own lunches, pay annual dues to play, etc., and it is interesting to note that many of the names of the players were those of the foremost families of Hamilton. This era of football in Hamilton spawned many leaders in the professions, business, industry and in Government at all levels, and many of them were to contribute to the establishment of a very solid foundation for Canadian Football in general and for Hamilton's participation in particular, in the challenging years which were to follow.

Hamilton's Championship successes commenced in 1906 when the Hamilton Tigers, then in the O.R.F.U., defeated McGill University 29-3. In 1908 the Tigers, now in the newly formed I.R.F.U. (Big Four) won what was known as the Senior Championship defeating the University of Toronto 21-17.

The Grey Cup had been donated by the Honourable Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada in 1909, and the Tigers first competed in a Grey Cup Game for



HAMILTON TIGERS
CANADIAN CHAMPIONS 1906

this coveted trophy in 1910, but lost to the University of Toronto 16-7. Hamilton's first Grey Cup win was in 1912 when a new senior team from Hamilton called the Alerts entered the O.R.F.U., and after winning their League, defeated Toronto Argonauts 11-4. As proof of the abundance of football interest and football player talent which existed in Hamilton, the following year 1913, the Tiger Club, from the Big Four, won the Grey Cup, defeating the Toronto Parkdale Canoe Club 44-2. The Hamilton teams wisely amalgamated, however, in 1914 and in 1915 the amalgamated team retaining the Tiger name, won the Grey Cup defeating the Toronto Argonauts 13-7.

During the War years 1916 - 1919 football was suspended and it was not until 1928 that the Tigers were to figure prominently again on the field in Canadian Football. In 1921, teams from the West for the first time had challenged for the Grey Cup, and the game thereby had attained a truly National stature. In 1928 the Tigers defeated Regina 30-9, and again in 1929 by a score of 14-3. In 1932 playing against Regina again, the Tigers won 25-6. In 1935 at the H.A.A.A. Grounds in Hamilton, the West was to win the Grey Cup for the first time, when a youngster named Fritz Hansen ran wild to lead Winnipeg to an 18-12 victory over the Hamilton team.

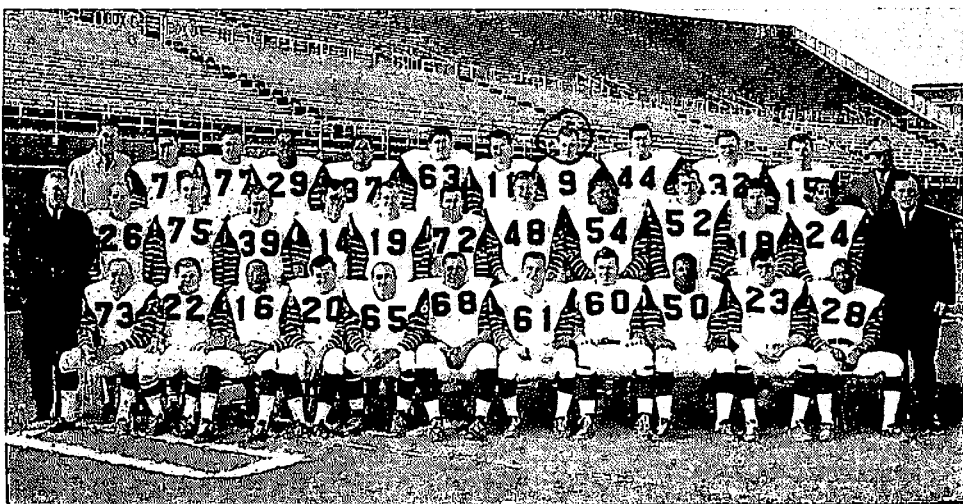
Football was to slump badly in Hamilton for the next eight years and from 1935 to the time the Big Four suspended operations for the Second World War at the end of the 1941 season, the Tigers did not figure in a Grey Cup Championship game. In 1943 a combined service team named the Hamilton Flying Wild Cats playing in the O.R.F.U., which continued to operate during the war years, defeated the Winnipeg R.C.A.F. Bombers 23-14, and in the following year the same team was defeated by the Montreal St. Hyacinthe Navy Team 7-6.

The Big Four commenced operation again in 1945 with the Tigers back in, but for the first three post-war years the Toronto Argonauts were to dominate the League and by the end of 1947, unable to induce the Big Four to indulge in a gate equalization plan, the Tigers withdrew from the league. The Wild Cats which had continued to play in the O.R.F.U. after the war, immediately took the place of the Tigers in the I.P.F.U., and the Tigers thereupon joined the O.R.F.U., and in effect what happened was that the two teams operating in Hamilton, changed Leagues.

The folly of Hamilton having team representation in both the Big Four and the O.R.F.U., was manifested in the divided loyalty of Hamilton fans. The Tigers in the O.R.F.U., while winning the league championship in both 1948 and 1949 could do no better than to break even financially, and it was obvious that if they had not won the championship they would have operated financially in the red. The Wild Cats operated and finished last in the Big Four in both 1948 and 1949 and suffered severe financial losses.

Although football in both Canada and the U.S., enjoyed an immediate post-war surge of fan interest, absence of any league plans to equalize the revenue potential of the different sized cities was the major factor in bringing near collapse to football in both countries. As a matter of fact, the All-American Conference, one of the two pro Leagues in the U.S., folded, and the teams were disbanded. In the Big Four for the same reason it was quite probable that Hamilton, having to support two teams, could not carry on.

This year, 1949, was to be the end of a Hamilton era. From a player point of view it had been strictly amateur because even though the players' pay had advanced



HAMILTON TIGER CATS - 1965 Grey Cup Champions

through three stages, (1) when in the latter part of the 19th century, they had to pay to play, (2) the first part of the 20th century when they were not required to pay, and (3) in the late 1930's and throughout the 40's when they received a season's compensation which ranged from street car fare for the average player to \$800 for the super-star of the day (1943) like Joe Krol, they needed a full time job apart from football to enable them to live. This applied even to the pros from the N.F.L. such as Filchock, Hapes, Scott, Casey, etc., brought in during the late forties. However, the firm foundation was laid, which enabled Hamilton's football representation to advance with the other Canadian teams into the, financially risky, professional era.

Progress of football in Canada had been influenced greatly by the contribution of Hamilton members both on and off the field. On the executive side there were such persons as Len Back, George Ballard, Frank Burton, Doug Chilman, Allan Close, Seppi Dumoulin, Russell Kelly, Bob Kerr, Jack Lings, C. C. Lawson, Hugh Murray, Col. R. R. Moodie, Frank Sherman, Dave and Bill Tope, Fred Veale and Clint Wigle. On the player side, to name only a few, there were the Ben Simpsons, Sam Mansons, Chicken McKelvies, Art Wilsons, Bob Isbisters, Billy Mallets, Brian Timmins, Ross Craigs, Ernie Coxs, Pep Leadleys, Gear Elford, Ken Walkers, Seymour Wilsons, Jimmy Simpsons, Johnny Ferraros, Ray Boadways, Beano Wrights, Huck Welchs, Eddie Remegis, Abe Zvonkins, Joe Krols, and Tom Caseys, and others too numerous to mention, all of whom to varying degrees, participated in Hamilton's contribution. It was fitting that the Canadian Football League in 1962 would establish Hamilton as the site of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, and even at this early time in the Hall's history, many of the foregoing names have already been recognized, and many more of them most certainly will follow.

Canadian Football as a whole, had been molded into a sleeping giant by these persons and countless others like them, in other Canadian localities, and it awaited only to be fired in the kiln of full time professional business management, to enable it to stand upright and take its place amongst the top sports associations of the World.

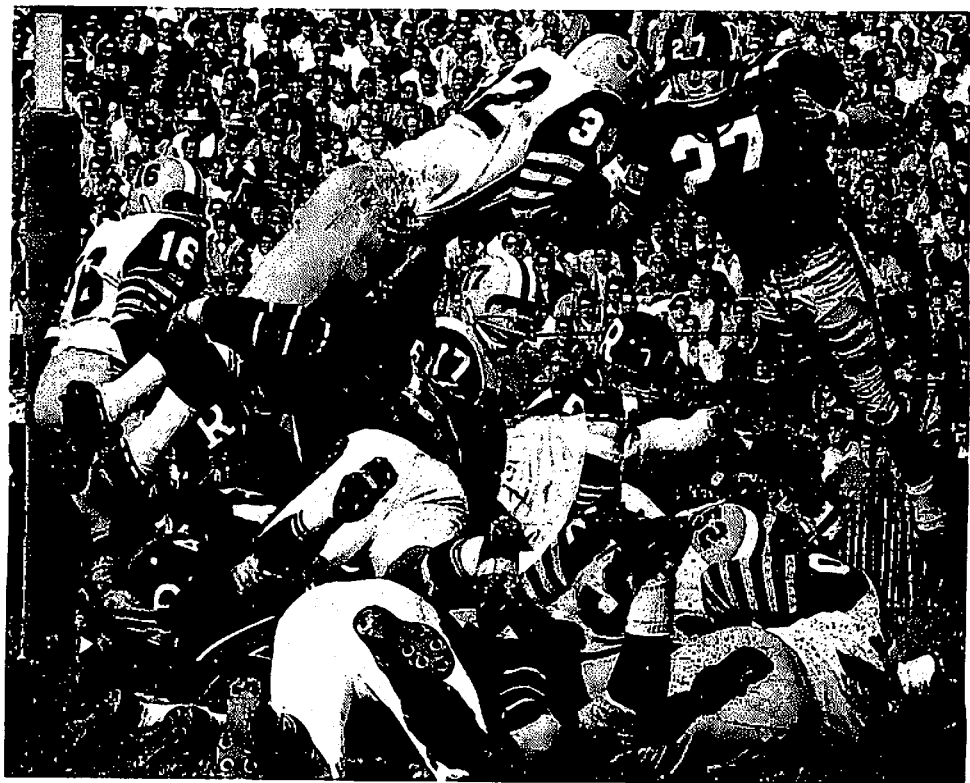
With the importation of top U.S. pros from the bankrupt All America Conference in 1950, enthusiasm for the Canadian game was increasingly evident in all Canadian cities in which a franchise had been operating, and Hamilton was no exception. However, the future of the two Hamilton clubs looked bleak because it was obvious that, even with greatly increased interest, the city could not support two teams to the degree necessary, to finance competitive entries.

Simple logic dictated that the Tiger and Wild Cat organizations should amalgamate and on the initiative of persons such as Charlie Lawson, of the Wild Cats and Jack Langs and Denny Whittaker, of the Tigers, a meeting was arranged to discuss it.

Ralph Cooper, a public spirited citizen and a person highly respected in the business community, was induced to take on the difficult task of merging the two organizations. He successfully directed the two organizations to an amalgamation, and later was induced to become the first president of the new club, which combined the former names of both clubs and became incorporated as The Tiger-Cat Football Club Inc. Carl Voyles became coach and general manager.

The team's first budget anticipated that a total expenditure of \$94,000 would be necessary to field a competitive team. Optimistically it predicted a gross revenue of \$88,000—much higher than ever realized before. A provision was made for a record player's budget of \$35,000 but before the season began, Carl appeared before the board to successfully appeal for a higher player budget.

The combined player talent of the 1949 Wild Cats and Tigers embellished with newcomer imports such as Vince Mazza, Jack Carpenter, Stan Heath, Edgar Jones, Bill Gregus, and Ralph Sazio, contributed to the team's first place finish



in winning 7 and losing 5 in the regular 12 game schedule. The Tiger-Cats in their first year were defeated in the eastern play-offs by the Toronto Argos, who went on to win the Grey Cup game that year.

When the dust had settled at the end of the 1950 season an unbelievable overall cost of operation of \$161,052.40 including player salaries of \$64,000 had been offset by an even less believable gross revenue of \$170,662.96. In one year total professionalism had engulfed football in Hamilton, in the sense that for the first time all players signed a contract which provided something more than a token payment for their services.

In 1951, with Ralph Cooper still at the helm as club president and Carl Voyles continuing his dual role as coach and general manager, the team again won 7 and lost 5 and finished in a three way tie with Ottawa and Toronto for first place. Again they were defeated in the play-offs but the attendance rose to a record 75,636 and in spite of a player budget that rose to \$88,618.94 the team continued to operate at a profit. Newcomer players to the team this year included the fleet Hal Waggoner, and the exciting, if somewhat unpredictable Bernie Custis, as offensive stars, and two young Canadians out of high school, Pete Neumann and Bob MacDonald on defence. At a time when the team captains were selected by a vote of the players, it was an honour to the writer to have been selected captain in both 1950 and 1951.

In 1952 to conform to the club regulations, which provided that the presidency must rotate every two years, Frank D. Bliss took over from Ralph Cooper as president, but Carl Voyles was to stay on in his dual role for this year and through 1955.

It was the view of most fans, sportswriters, sportcasters and players that relatively speaking, the Tiger-Cats of 1952 had the best chance of going all the way. Led by quarterback Bill Macrides, the team charged to a first place finish again, winning 9, while losing 2 and tying 1. In the play-offs the team lost the first game by 16 points but won the second game by the same score, and forced an extra play-off game which was played in Toronto. In a never-to-be-forgotten game which resulted in many charges and counter charges concerning the disallowance of a Hamilton touchdown and the contention that Rod Smiley went clearly offside to gather in his game winning touchdown, Toronto once again shot down the Tiger-Cats on the threshold of the much coveted shrine of Grey Cup competition.

Whereas the experts had said the 1952 team was strongest, relative to a given year, they said that the 1953 team was the weakest. However, the team sparked offensively by Merle Hapes and quarterback "Butch" Songin, defensively by Eddie Bevan and Vince Scott, and offensively and defensively by Lou Kusserow, went on to win the Tiger-Cats' first Grey Cup, defeating Winnipeg 12-6 in a game which saw a Winnipeg drive, end near the Tiger-Cat goal line, when the gun sounded to end the game.

In 1953 John Henry Johnson, of Calgary, was lured away from his contractual obligations, by the N.F.L., and by 1954 a full scale player raiding war raged between the Canadian and American Leagues. Having become president of the Tiger-Cats in 1954, the writer did not hesitate to approve Carl Voyles' request to do what was necessary to maintain the Tiger-Cats relative player's strength and Carl signed Blanda, Dempsey and Hoffman of the Chicago Bears and George

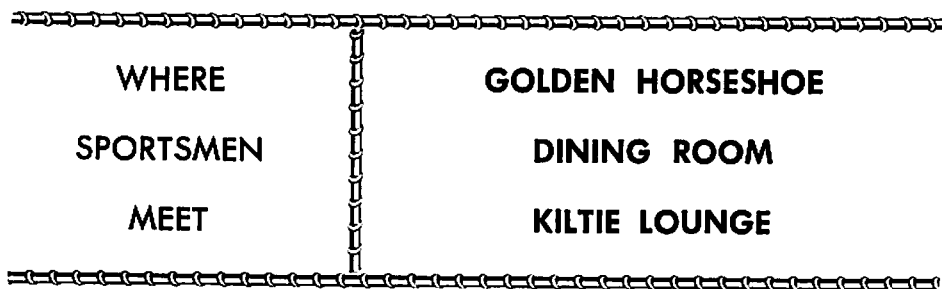
Halas, the Bear's owner, immediately sued the Tiger-Cats for \$150,000. It was in the process of settling this claim out of court, that the writer established a close friendship with N.F.L. Commissioner Bert Bell, and sat up throughout most of one night at Bert's seaside summer retreat at Atlantic City unofficially negotiating the basic conditions of the non-tampering agreement that exists today between the two leagues.

The team in the years 1954 and 1955 finished second and was defeated each year in the eastern play-offs. By 1955 player salaries had risen to \$166,476 and on a gross revenue of \$365,820 showed a \$2,599 profit. With the knowledge that the U.S. T.V. agreement would not be renewed and the doubt that surrounded the Canadian T.V. picture, a 1956 budget was prepared which indicated a possible \$50,000 loss for 1956. At the end of the 1955 season, the pressure of his non-football business ventures resulted in the resignation of Carl Voyles. During the six years he coached the Tiger-Cats his teams won 48, lost 27, and tied 1, scored 1,501 points for and 1,153 against, winning one Big Four championship and one Grey Cup. Carl had contributed much to the establishment of the Tiger-Cats as a force to be reckoned with in football in Canada, in the all-important early years of the professional era. With the loss of its coach and general manager, and facing a projected \$50,000 loss in the following year, the future of football in Hamilton once again darkened.

Induced by Ralph Cooper and Charlie Lawson, the writer on January 1, 1956, then took on the general managership as well as the presidency of the team, and has filled this dual role to the present day. Up to this point football was a six

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months operation in Hamilton and the game had obviously grown beyond that. Our first act that year was to set up offices in the down town area with full time year-round staff to handle the countless and varied aspects of the game which had developed in the evolution of it.

The team coached in 1956 by Jim Trimble and including crowd pleasing performers such as Cookie Gilchrist, Paul Dekker and Ronnie Knox, drew a record 126,973 fans to its 7 home games. In 1957 the acquisition of outstanding stars such as Bernie Faloney, John Barrow and Ed Macon, were a major factor in the establishment of a new attendance record at 137,137 and the team winning its second Grey Cup, defeating Winnipeg by a score of 32-7, at Varsity Stadium. 1958 was a repeat year in most respects except that in Vancouver, the team lost by one converted touchdown to Winnipeg 35-28, in the Grey Cup game that is regarded by many as the most exciting final game that has taken place since 1950. In a losing cause, Ron Howell showed why he was selected the outstanding Canadian that year.

Salaries by 1958 had climbed to \$273,000 and in Civic Stadium, which seated 21,622 with only 7,185 seats between the goal lines, it was obvious that the Tiger-Cats would not be able to continue to play there and have a competitive entry in the league. After commissioning an extensive research into the future of both the Tiger-Cats and Canadian Pro Football, the Board of Parks Management recommended to city council, the renovation of the south side and north end stands. The new stands which cost approximately \$750,000 to erect, and which were designed for continuing expansion, will be a lasting monument to the far-sightedness of the 1958 Board of Park Management headed by Judge William Schwenger, and the 1958 city council headed by Lloyd D. Jackson, which accepted the Parks Board's recommendation, particularly when one realizes that from the year of erection of the stands (1959) to the end of the Centennial year (1967) the club will have paid in excess of \$750,000 in rental.

Although 1959 was another Grey Cup contention year for the Tiger-Cats, the 21-7 loss to Winnipeg, was a portend of the 1960 collapse, which saw the team finish last, winning 4 and losing 10 in the regular schedule. Players acquired during the 1960 season such as Garney Henley, Ellison Kelly, and Ron Ray, and the acquisition by trade of one of pro football's all time super stars Harold Patterson, after the season, were major factors in the resurgence of the Tiger-Cats to the eastern championship in 1961 and a new attendance record of 164,500. Even though the team lost the Grey Cup to Winnipeg that year 21-14, it was evident that its player strength was re-established and in 1962 in the famous "fog bowl" Grey Cup game, the team quarterbacked by Joe Zuger lost 29-28. With approximately 9 minutes to play, and the Tiger-Cats in possession of the ball, the game was postponed until the following day, at which time the remaining 9 minutes were played and during which time neither team scored.

Before the 1963 season began, Jim Trimble accepted the head coaching job at Montreal and another era had ended. In the seven years that Jim had coached the Tiger-Cats his teams had won 60 games, lost 36, and tied 2, scored 2,193 points for and 1,927 against, and winning five Big Four championships and one Grey Cup. His bold, colourful and controversial comments off the field, and his crowd pleasing offence on the field, will long be remembered as major factors in the continuing development of the professional era in Hamilton.

Ralph Sazio was immediately named head coach and responded in his first year by directing the team to a Grey Cup victory against Vancouver, in Vancouver 21-10. In this year the Tiger-Cats established an all time attendance record, when 176,400 persons paid to see the 7 regular league games of the Tiger-Cats.

In 1964 the team again won the Big Four Championship, but were defeated by Vancouver in the Grey Cup game 34-24; it was apparent that the Tiger-Cats faced a rebuilding job.

For three years the Alouettes had tried in vain to acquire quarterback Bernie Faloney from the Tiger-Cats, and after the 1964 season after some negotiation, an offer was made which our club could not turn down. A trade resulted which saw all star linemen Billy Ray Locklin, and Chuck Walton, and halfbacks Billy Wayte, Ted Page and Don Clark come to the Tiger-Cats, in exchange for Bernie Faloney, Ralph Goldston and Jackie Simpson.

In one transaction the Tiger-Cats' rebuilding had been taken care of and the team in 1965 once again won the Big Four championship and with the offensive play of Dick Cohee and Willie Bethea, and a tough overall defense, defeated Winnipeg 22-16 in the Grey Cup game in Toronto.

In 1966 only two players were changed from the 1965 Grey Cup winning team, and for the first time since 1960 the team did not finish in first place. After defeating Montreal in the semi final, they then met a charged up Ottawa team which in a two game series humbled them by a 72-17 total score.

Although the team by comparison was not as bad as the playoff score indicated, there was no doubt that some changes would have to be made, and by the time this is read, many of the changes undertaken will be publicly known. In Centennial year, Hamilton fans, probably the most knowledgeable in Canada, will await impatiently to judge the wisdom of such changes.

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Served city softball leagues. First club doctor for Hamilton Pony league team; Hamilton Olympic club. For many years Lacrosse Club physician.

In 17 years of operation the team has finished first 12 times, finished lower than second only once, won nine Eastern Canadian championships and four Grey Cup championships. Attendance had risen from 58,802 in 1950 to 163,800 in 1966, and players salaries from \$64,080 in 1950 to \$391,500 in 1966. Some 200 to 300 players, three coaches, and some 75 club directors and governors and other non-playing personnel such as doctors, trainers, equipment and office staff, can share in the satisfaction of this but it is unlikely that any one of them would disagree, that the team's success was inspired by the enthusiasm of the Hamilton area fans, and aided immeasurably by the coverage of it by the sportswriters and sportcasters.

In recognition of the fact that in the final analysis, it is the players who "make the game", the Tiger-Cat Club, as its Centennial project, has assigned to two panels of judges, the task of selecting the best 24 Hamilton players of the past century, 12 from the amateur era and 12 from the professional era. The players selected, will be honoured at a Tiger-Cat home game this Centennial year.

Having recognized those who have played such a prominent part in the past 100 years, the club will "bow its neck" preparatory to charging headlong into the next 100. It is fully aware of the problems facing the Canadian league through having to compete against the American clubs, now excessively affluent through their annual receipt of per club television revenues of \$1,000,000. With adequate guidance, the Canadian game will continue to flourish, not only because it is the only big time (annual player salaries \$3.8 million) pro sports league which operates exclusively in Canada, but because, properly played, it is the most entertaining brand of pro football on the continent.



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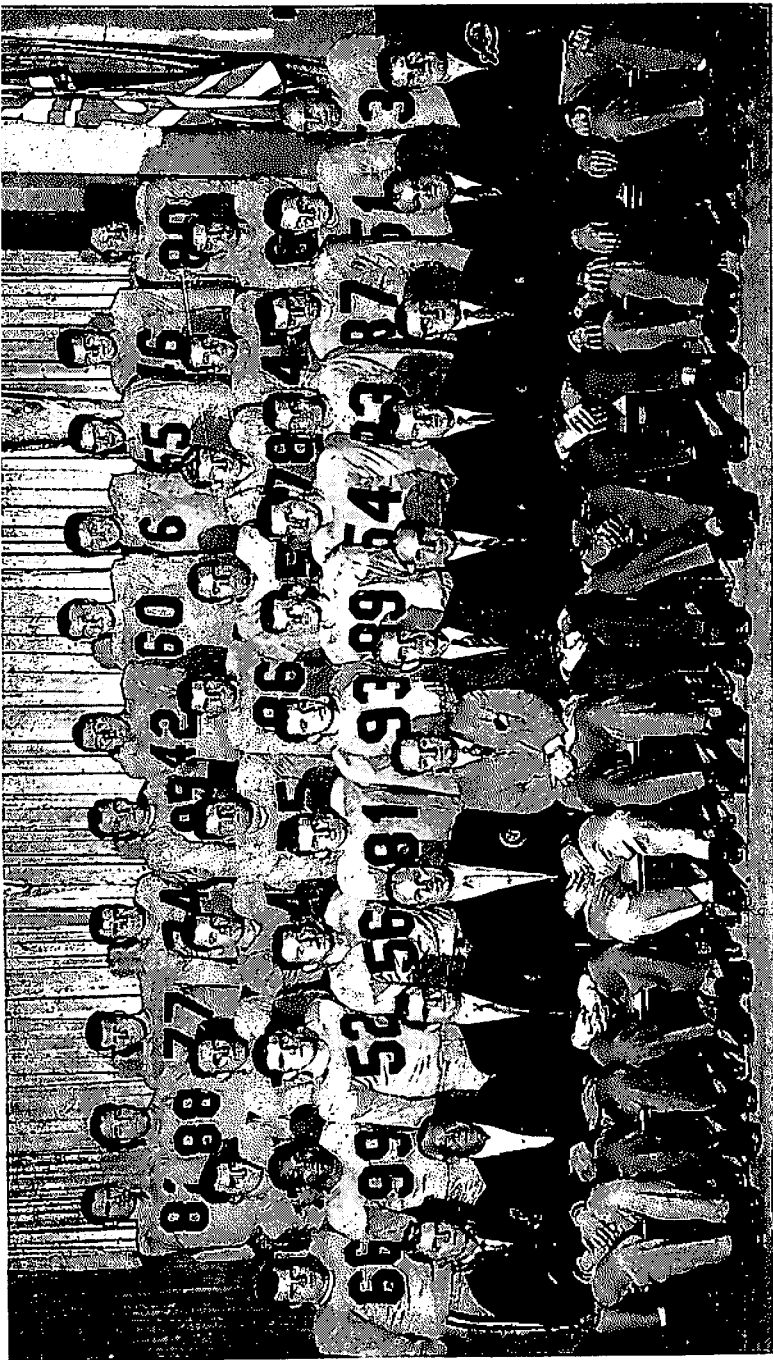


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No list of sports activities in the Hamilton area would be complete without laudatory reference to the Hamilton Old Boys' Football Association, a fine training school for the city's youngsters and, a producer of considerable talent graduated to higher ranks.

When Charlie Lawson and Sam Manson organized the Wildcats' Football Club, after the Interprovincial Union had suspended operations in 1941, the Old Boys formed a group to assist and support. With Messrs. Manson and Lawson, there were Eddie McLean, Ken Walker, Alex Muir, Ross Thompson, Dr. Stan Perkins, Ray Boadway, Wilf Paterson, Clyde Zavitz, Art Elford, John "Chicken" McKelvey and Percy Robinson.

Presidents included Sam Manson, Ken Walker, Brian Timmis, Len Back and Ross Thompson, leading up to Les Slater, who has held the top office since 1950. With Slater, through the years, have been J. L. Kennelly, Art J. Mullen, Norm Tice, H. Ellis, Jim Smiley, Jimmy Allison, Art Pickles, R. Dickens, Eddie Watts, Sam Alldis, "Scotty" Wright, Harry Miller, "Bus" Reed, Len Baker, George Hastings, M. Lewis, Ken Walker, Brian Timmis, Len Back, Ross Thompson, Ray Boadway and Wilf Stewart.

It was in 1946 when the Association started its first summer school for the youngsters, with Murray Griffin and Frank Gnuip, coaches of Tigers and Wildcats, in charge. The school has been continued with success ever since. Since 1950, the summer school has been held the week preceding the Tiger-Cats' first practice, with Fred Veale being assisted by Eddie Bevan, Vince Scott, Bobby Dawson, Garney Henley, Zeno Karcz and Don Sutherin.

The average attendance at the class has been ninety, with a registration last year of 145.

In 1951, after five successful years of school, a four-team midget football league was formed, for boys under sixteen years of age. These teams operate at Eastwood, Montgomery, Churchill and Inch parks and, the 22nd annual school and the 17th midget league will be in operation for Centennial Year.

Moreover, annual membership fees and proceeds from an annual evening double-header have been the main source of revenue for the great work of developing the youth of the city on the gridiron.

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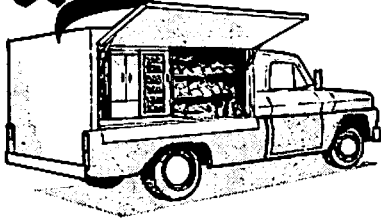
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Hamilton Proud of Gridiron Greats in Football Hall of Fame

By IVAN MILLER

Curator, the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum

With a century of exceptional football accomplishment as part of an unexcelled sports history, Hamilton has reason to be proud of the honors already bestowed upon its gridiron greats.

No other city in Canada can match the record that points proudly to no fewer than fourteen executives and players voted into the Hall of Fame and, in the normal course of events, there will be many more as the years pass.

The history of football in Canada will forever emphasize the exceptional values of player executives like S. S. "Seppi" DuMoulin, Ben L. Simpson, M. R. "Mike" Rodden, Bob Isbister, Sen., and Harry Griffiths, a native Hamiltonian who attained greatness also in Toronto and St. Catharines.

No student of Canadian football may fault the selection of such players as Brian Timmis, the Old Man of the Mountain, Frank "Peps" Leadley, big Dave Sprague who, with Hawley "Huck" Welch, came out of Hamilton's Delta Collegiate, the greatest snap of them all, Ernie Cox, Joe Krol and Tom Casey, who tarried in Hamilton prior to going on to greater things, Ross Craig and, the tremendous Johnny Ferraro, often referred to as the greatest import of them all.

Comparable individuals are voted into the Hall of Fame each year and, the whole of Canada competes. The honor list has reached the half-hundred mark and, eventually, it will encompass most of the all-time super-stars.

In this Centennial year, it is worthy of note that Hamilton, in one hundred years of football, leads the entire nation in the Hall of Fame records.

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A sample of what can be done by interested and dedicated sportsmen is demonstrated in the Hamilton Minor Football Association, an organization that is a credit to Dr. Ed Ksiazek, president, Ron Weston, vice-president, Alex Muzyka, secretary-treasurer and, directors like "Tip" Logan, Bob Lennie, Paul Traynor, Bob West, Wes Hicks, Bryan Harrop and Art Faguy.

Starting in 1960, the group operated a peewee league of nine-man football, four teams and eighty boys from ten to twelve years and with a weight limit of 115 pounds.

The age and weight limits went up a bit in the following year and, in 1962, with the league changed to 12-man football, four teams, embracing 104 boys, was the net result. Burlington and Dundas were added in 1963, with the league expanded to six teams. Ancaster and Saltfleet came in the following year, when the league boasted eight teams and 208 boys. The 1967 plans called for expansion to two leagues, the present eight-team pee-wee league and a four team bantam league.

While the league is financed by grants from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' trust fund for football, much of the work is done the old-fashioned way, by personal objectiveness and unselfish devotion by league officers. There will be many worthy champions to follow the West End Mountain Als, winners in 1966. In the future, youngsters who desire more robust sports will continue to benefit from the Hamilton Minor Football program.

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Many familiar faces are in this group taken back in 1923 when Hamilton Collegiate captured the Ontario interscholastic football championship. In the front row, from left to right, are G. Neil, M. Scott, Jimmy Wright (Queen's), G. "Bus" Hunter, captain; A. Hogarth, Stew Morris and R. MacDonald. Middle row, left to right, Glen Small, Bill Stamp, W. Lord, George Allan, manager; Clarence Fickley, coach; R. Smith, F. Hodid and Roy Kelday. In the back row, left to right, are F. Lawson, Johnny Fitzpatrick (Varsity), "Chick" Parish, Hi Myers, Ike Sutton (Queen's), C. Jarvis. This team started Hamilton high schools on a long string of provincial and Canadian interscholastic football championships.

Clippers of 1885

First Pennant in Baseball

There was a time when a Hamilton baseball team was beaten by a score of 87 to 14 but this was commonplace in a day when the early versions of baseball, as played in the Hamilton area, were loose and erratic in the extreme.

Going back to 1860, and probably a year or two before that, baseball reigned, with lacrosse, as THE major sports. In 1861 baseball was played on every available open space, or commons and, no sport produced greater rivalry. Also, with Hamilton the center of baseball long before U.S. leagues were formed and long before rules brought about the development of the modern game, it follows that the game locally is now observing much more than a mere centennial.

While records reveal that Hamilton's first pennant in organized baseball came in 1885, the records go back to 1860 and beyond, when the base on balls came into being to prevent pitchers from throwing at batters, and not to them. Catchers, sans protection of any kind, stood far back of home plate, without gloves and, it was years before a sort of mouthpiece was developed to help them retain their teeth.

Teams like the Burlingtons, Maple Leafs, Ontarios, London Tecumsehs, Standards, Eagles, Hop Bitters, Baysides, Centrals, Primroses, Actives and others led inevitably to the formation of the Clippers and, a pennant for the latter club, as champions of the Canadian league, in 1885, under the astute leadership of Billy Stroud, known as the father of baseball in Hamilton.

Prior to this, the Hamilton Maple Leafs, beaten by Niagaras, of Buffalo, 87-14, developed by 1868 into such an aggregation they defeated the Ontarios by 101 to 23.

In 1870, the Forest City team, of Rockford, Ill., visited Hamilton with the famous A. C. Spalding, best known of all players in that day, doing the pitching.

All the Forest City team did was to defeat the Maple Leafs by 65-3. Spalding's name is perpetuated by a famous sporting goods firm and another great name, Fred Goldsmith, was undoubtedly the originator of the curve ball while playing for London Tecumsehs.

From the days of the underhand pitching delivery, substitution of something softer for iron bases, the base on balls, the four-strike rule, etc., came competition for Clippers in the Canadian League, with the Primroses and, Hamilton's first organized baseball championship.

Hamilton had teams in the old International Association, 1886 through 1890, when such cities as Utica, Toronto, Syracuse and Detroit turned out winners. There was a lag of four years and Hamilton was back in a Canadian league in 1896. After the season of 1900 in the International, the city went without professional representation until 1908, back in the International, with a first place finish.

In 1911 Hamilton was back in the Canadian league, re-formed, with George "Knotty" Lee, R. W. Yates, Jack White and Billy Cristall as managers and, it may be remembered that Frank "Shag" Shaugnessy piloted the Ottawa club in 1912-13-14-15, with four straight league triumphs and, in 1912 he sent a pitcher, Urban Shocker, to the St. Louis Browns, to become probably the greatest spitball hurler in major league history.

Following the First World War, Shaugnessy came to Hamilton when the Michigan-Ontario league started, and placed second twice. Patsy O'Rourke, piloted the club in 1921, at the H.A.A.A. grounds and, when the club moved to the new baseball stadium, Ernie Calbert, powerful playing-manager, took the club to victory in a memorable play-off series with Saginaw, winners in 1919.

Jimmy "Hump" Pierce, who laid out the diamond at the stadium, a perfect turtle-back, managed Hamilton in 1923 until Johnny Carlin took over and, the club finished up in 1926 under "Buzz" Wetzel.

Then came the class D "Pony" League, in 1939, largely through the indefatigable labors of Art Mullen and affiliation with the St. Louis Cardinals, until dwindling patronage forced the end of this era even after lights had been installed at the stadium and hustling managers and players had attained great popularity.

It is worthy of note that major leaguers like Ken Boyer, Stew Miller, Willard Schmidt, along with many with other clubs, were launched on the road to fame in the Pony League.

Hamilton, from the old Crystal Palace grounds, the Dundurn, the old Mountain View field and other spots, produced, in 1885, two teams good enough to compete in the one league, the first and only time this has been done in organized baseball.

Furthermore, play-offs in the old International Association could be considered world series, for this was years before the advent of the American League and, years before the first official world series.

As amateur, semi-professional and professional teams flourished, so did truly amateur teams which numbered many of the best-known of the city's names. At Britannia Park, where the old Canadian League flourished, at Victoria Park, Fearman's Field and other spaces, progress was rapid and led to the old 20th Century Club, at Victoria Park, the Harvesters, Dominion Foundries, Beavers, Erskines, Y.M.C.A., Plowites, Oskies, Moodie Tigers, Grand Trunks, Dominion Glass and many others.

The Harvesters went into the Ontario finals in 1919, a year after the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles had defeated 20th Century and the Beavers, from North End Park but, it was the Plowites, under the great coaching of "Cosy" Dolan, who captured the provincial senior championship in 1920, a championship to be repeated seven years later by the Oskies.

These were days when Hamilton boasted players on a par with amateurs anywhere and, interest in sandlot baseball was so keen at one time that no fewer than five senior leagues were in operation in different sections of the city.



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 (Catcher and Captain), H. Pickard (3rd base), C. Carey (C.F.).
 F. Buscombe (S.S.), H. Harris (Mascott), T. Sheridan (2nd base).

Moodie Tigers enjoyed a great reign and, during Second World War years, when St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls came into the local picture, it may be remembered that among great players performing were Dick Fowler and Sal Maglie, later to become true big league stars on the mound.

Intercity baseball became intercounty ball but, as sponsors became hard to find and attendances dropped, so did general interest in baseball. Like the original game of softball, baseball almost disappeared from the busy scene but, Hamilton knew its years of glory, at all levels, in a sport that has been part of the general picture, for well over a century.

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During this long service to members and the community, a strong "Y" program emphasis has been leadership training. Years ago many of the city's playgrounds were conducted by people trained at the "Y". Church physical and social programs were directed by "Y" trained leaders. Hamilton's first swimming pool was built in the "Y" in 1895 and skilled "Y" Aquatic leaders acted as instructors and life guards as community pools were built. Leadership Training remains a top priority in 1967.

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By FLORENCE MEILER
Director of Recreation



Florence Meiler

Twenty-one years ago, the Hamilton Recreation Department became a reality with the appointment of the first director, A. G. Ley.

During the years between, growth has been rapid in all areas—staff, program and facilities.

One thing which has remained permanent is the philosophy that the program is designed to provide an opportunity for everyone to participate — not to develop star performers. Those who show special skills may graduate to other organizations for specialized training.

For many years in the early stages, volunteers in Community Council organizations conducted a variety of activities for the boys, girls, young people and adults in their areas. Local school gymnasias and park facilities were used entirely.

In 1948 the Playground Commission and the Hamilton Recreation Department were amalgamated. Also in 1948 the city purchased Normanhurst Community Centre, a facility which had been built during the war to serve tenants of war-time housing.

In 1950 Eastwood Pool was built and in 1953, three more pools and four artificial ice rinks were added.

Many facilities have been added since that time but perhaps the most important advance was made when the Board of Education and the Hamilton Recreation Committee agreed to the joint construction of facilities. Additions of Community Centres at Westmount Secondary School and Dalewood senior public school opened in 1965. These consist of a 25 metre pool, games room, craft room, kitchen and director's office.

The Bennetto School and Community Centre in the north end urban renewal area was the first combination to be designed and built as a unit and was officially opened on November 14, 1966. A new secondary school built adjacent to the Municipal Pool and connected to it by a passageway, contains a community room, and gymnasium on the first floor, which provides another community centre.

In 1967, the Sir Winston Churchill Centennial Recreation Centre, also built in conjunction with the Secondary School of the same name, will open. This project has received financial assistance from the Provincial and Federal governments and is one of the Centennial projects of the City of Hamilton.

These Centres are designed to serve a district. There are eleven districts in Hamilton, each one having a population average of 45,000. These are truly community centres as they are serving the entire family in a program of physical, social and cultural activities.

In the summer months, 46 playgrounds and 8 travelling playlots provide interesting activities for children 5 to 12 years of age. The leaders are carefully chosen and well trained prior to the opening of the nine week playground period.

Five outdoor swimming pools and three teaching pools in addition to those in centres, make a total of 15 pools where children may attend learn-to-swim classes in the morning and swim free of charge in the afternoons.

The four outdoor artificial ice rinks are used in the summer as well as the winter. Hockey leagues, figure skating and public skating fill up the day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the winter while in the summer a program for teenagers is conducted on the surface, consisting of basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, dances, etc.

The new Mountain Arena with an ice surface of 87 ft. x 190 ft. opened on November 30, 1966 and is filled to capacity. Seating for over 2000 persons will make it possible to accommodate a variety of events both winter and summer. The arena also contains a practice running track which is being used extensively by the track clubs in Hamilton.

An extension program is carried on in areas which are not served by a community centre. One night per week for boys and one for girls is provided in the local school gymnasium.

There are many things I should mention but space does not permit. The growth of the department in twenty-one years has been extensive. Our aim has been and will continue to be to provide opportunity for every man, woman and child in the City of Hamilton to engage in satisfying and constructive recreation activities.

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The reference was, of course, to Chedoke Winter Sports Park, now completed after three stages of development, with a total capital expense of \$291,000.

Costs have been high but, the future revenues will more than take care of maintenance and operation, at small cost to those who will enjoy the ski runs, the chair lifts, the toboggan slides and complete clubhouse facilities.

There were some advantages to the planners and builders. To start with, they had the natural mountain side, the rolling hills of the Chedoke Municipal Golf Club and, of course, the large club house, all owned by the Board of Parks Management.

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One of the highlights of the winter season is the annual winter carnival at Chedoke, with feature races, games, a snow queen contest and a ski dance. On a single Sunday there have been as many as 4,000 people in the park and, the attendance will grow.

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Responsible for the planning, development and maintenance of all parks, the Board has presently available two bowling greens, (27 creases), a boxing and wrestling ring, a cricket pitch, sixty softball diamonds, sixteen baseball fields, two golf courses of 18 holes each, two quarter-mile running tracks, with jumping pits, etc., fifteen rugby and soccer fields, one field hockey pitch, sixteen tennis courts, twenty-three natural ice pleasure-skating rinks, sixteen natural ice hockey rinks, seven artificial ice rinks, six swimming pools, seven wading pools and two shuffleboard courts.

The Board staffs and manages Civic Stadium, the Baseball stadium, the H.A.A.A. grounds, Chedoke Civic golf courses and the recently created Chedoke winter sports park.

Now, new baseball and football stadia are on the way, with complete facilities and new development will come depending upon the demands of a growing city.

In the various city parks are housed the Minor Soccer Association, the Police Minor Association, the Big Four and Hamilton fastball leagues, the East End Industrial fastball league, the Hamilton and district ladies' softball league, the Hamilton and District Football Association, the Tiger-Cats, Hamilton Hurricanes, Rosedale and Victoria Tennis clubs and, Churchill and Rosedale Lawn Bowling Clubs.

When the Board of Parks Management came into existence, in 1900, there were Beulah, Dundurn, Harvey, Gore, Victoria and Wellington parks, together with two additional pieces of land, for a total of 75 acres.

That was when the population of the city was 51,561.

At the end of 1966, a total of 2,347 acres of land were under the jurisdiction of the Board which represents the area of no fewer than 59 parks.

In the planning for the future, it is proposed to service all neighborhood areas on the mountain with five-acre parks and, something like 3,000 acres, or more, will put Hamilton in the forefront when comparing available park land acreages with those of other municipalities of comparable and, in some instances, of far greater size and population.

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THE 1946 HAMILTON TIGERS—ALLAN CUP FINALISTS

Back Row, Left to Right: Johnny Miller (spare goaler), Norman Mootie (stick boy), "Swat" Mason, Bill Dinning, "Polly" Miocinovich, Johnny Conick, Dillon Brady, Art Childs, F. Chadwick (trainer).

Front Row, Left to Right: Percy Thompson (manager), Dr. Reg. Perkins (club physician), Stanley Robertson, Bill Sherry, Bobby Laurent, Clarence Shillington, Frankie Liscombe, Doug Runion, George Redding (coach).

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HAMILTON RED WINGS



MEMORIAL CUP TEAM 1961-62

Following the thrilling Allan Cup triumph of the Hamilton Hockey Club, back in 1918-19, the general picture broadened with the acquisition of the Quebec franchise in the National Hockey League and, for three seasons, Hamilton welded together a team that in the 1924-25 season, ranked first in the league standing.

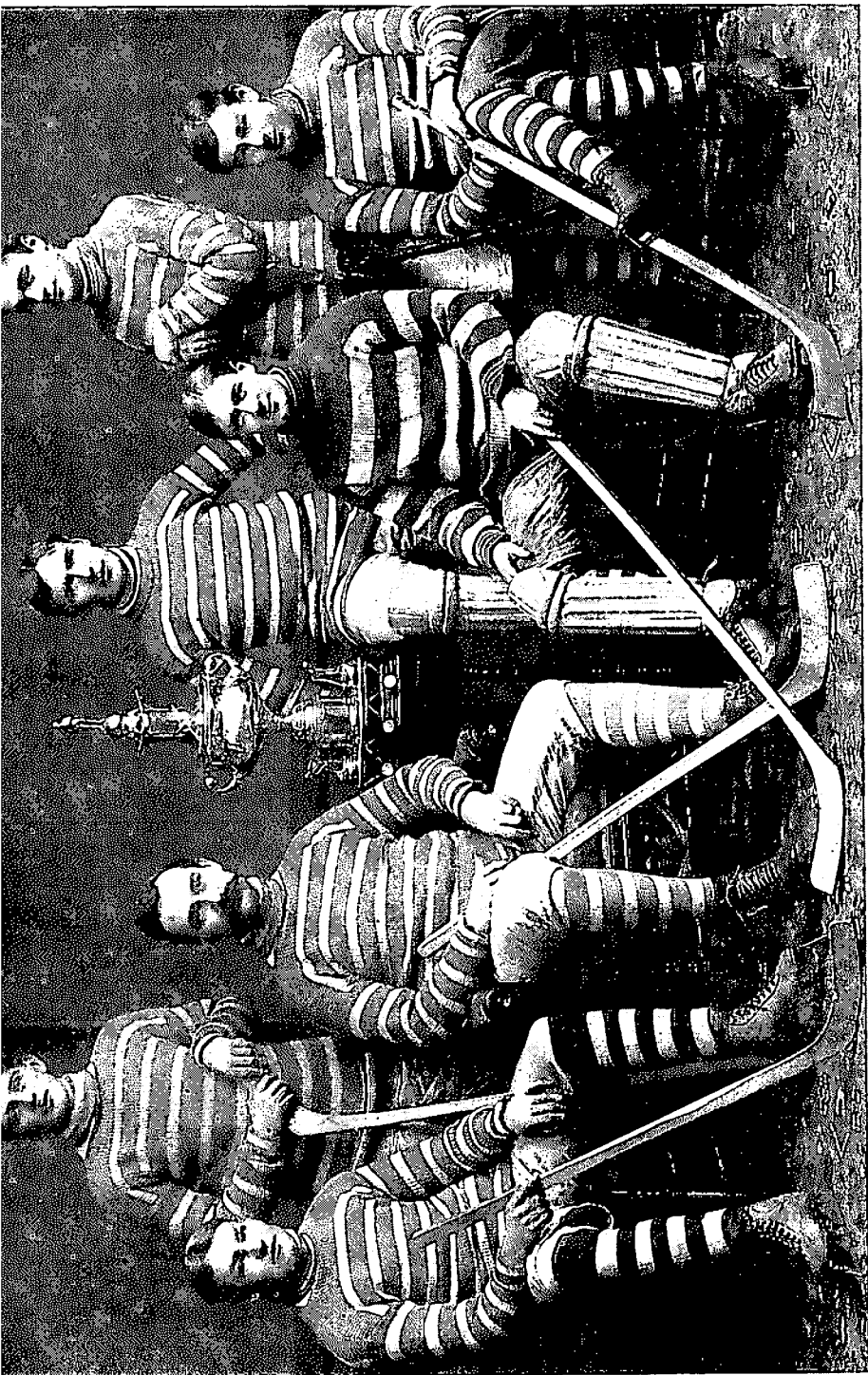
When play-off time came, however, the players, led by the brilliant Wilfrid "Shorty" Green, approached the club owners with demands for extra money reportedly promised them in the event of play-offs. The money demands, which meant only a few hundred dollars, were not accepted, with the result the entire team and franchise went to an organization that was to become the New York Americans.

What the team might have accomplished by remaining to represent Hamilton in the Stanley Cup playdowns will never be known. However, oldtimers will recall that the club, with players like "Red" and "Shorty" Green, Charlie Langlois, Alex McKinnon, Billy Burch, Jess Spring, Eddie Bouchard, Jakie Forbes and such carried great ability and promise.

A big part of Hamilton's hockey history is tied up in the Tigers of the late twenties and early thirties, a team put together by Perce Thompson when he induced Bill Landeg and his Jolley Motors, a city league team, to step into the senior O.H.A. series.

That rollicking crowd of "Hawse" Marsh, "Red" Farrell, "Goney" McGowan, "Baldy" Schwab, Jackie Kane, Roy Litzen, Herbie Cain, "Toe" Blake, Maxie Bennett, Tommy Oliver, Ossie Stewart, Fred Radke, "Beef" McKay, Bill Louch and, later, Syl Apps, covered themselves with glory over a period of eight years.

There were five provincial championships, three play-offs for the eastern Canada title and, in the 1931 season, there was a terrific Allan Cup series in Winnipeg. When the Pegs won the series, two games to one, they went on to win the Olympic Hockey title at Lake Placid, N.Y.



Hamiltonians will certainly recognize names outstanding in Hamilton sports in this picture of a hockey team of the 1903 era. It happened to be the Dominion Drug-Knox Morgan team that captured the championship of the Wholesale Hockey League, then a going concern.

From left to right, D. A. "Dave" Tope (a great football star with Tigers), N. W. Kitson, T. A. Henderson, captain; R. M. Graham, E. W. Wyndham, T. G. Nutson and Jack Addison.

Later, the famous Tattered Tigers came into being when the arena authorities took over the Dominion Foundries team and, with George Redding as coach, launched a string of successes unparalleled in senior O.H.A. history. In the 1947-48 season the club had set a new O.H.A. record with five successive championships and, in all its years, played to packed arenas everywhere.

It was in 1946 that the Tattered Tigers won the O.H.A. and, swept through McIntyre Mines, St. John, Pembroke and Montreal for the eastern title, losing out in the Allan Cup play-offs to Calgary.

That was the year that the team travelled something like 15,000 miles, by bus and train and, played the Allan Cup finals in Regina, Calgary, Saskatoon and Edmonton.

These were the unforgettable days of Jack Eley, Bobby Laurent, Bill Dinning, Bill Sherry, "Smack" Allen, Art Child, Doug. Runions, Hughie Barlow, Johnny Conick, Clare Shillington, Dillon Brady, "Polly" Miocinovich, Jimmy Russell, Stan Robertson, Frankie Liscombe, Dick Groom, Teddy Manorek, "Swat" Mason, John Miller, Ab. Conick, Carl and Tom Smelle, Bert Peer, Cadieu, Mel Thompson, Gaspone, Boden, Turner, Davey, Scherer and a few others who helped out briefly along the way.

There were two championships for Hamilton, during the thirties, in senior B company, an intermediate title back in 1917 and, the fine teams under the name of Aerovox with which Norman "Pinky" Lewis was identified as one of the most successful coaches in all minor leagues.

Never with a truly modern arena, Hamilton's hockey has spread from the Thistle Club, to outside surfaces, to the original arena, transformed from a roller rink that was an adjunct to the old Britannia Park. Constant rebuilding and an overall job with the advent of the junior Red Wings put Hamilton back into the picture with a vengeance, so that the Memorial Cup championship of the sixties rounded out a fine show of ice accomplishment through the years.

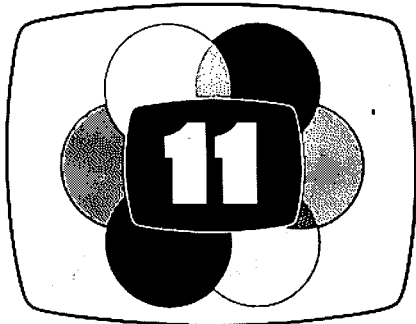
It is refreshing to note, in this Centennial Year, that Hamilton has graduated many outstanding players to the highest company. Among others, there have been Leo Reise, Joe Matte, "Mickey" Roach, Herbie Mitchell, Ab. Stanley, Jimmy Herberts, George Redding, Charlie Stewart, "Toe" Blake, Maxie Bennett, Herbie Cain, Syl Apps, Leo Reise Jr., Herbie Dickenson, Ron Murphy, Walter Atanas, "Bud" Kemp, Harry Howell and literally scores of others who made the professional leagues in almost every league.

In any event, the city may well be proud of its hockey records during the years.

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Hamilton Redwings . . .



A New Dimension in Hamilton Hockey

By **NORM MARSHALL**, *Sports Co-ordinator, CHCH-TV*

Although Hamilton over a long period of time was a Senior "A" power, the late Ken Soble required only one season of dual junior-senior operation in the early fifties to discover that the fans preferred Junior "A" hockey. One principal reason was the presence of entries from Toronto and Montreal, two large cities which had rejected the senior teams.

Jimmy Skinner, now chief scout of the Detroit Redwings, was the first-ever Hamilton Junior "A" coach (at least in the modern era) and his players, as far as nucleus is concerned, came from the Windsor Spitfires. When Detroit moved to Hamilton as NHL sponsors, it was decided to change the name of the team to the Hamilton Tiger-Cubs and this club eventually became a serious contender for Junior OHA honours and produced, among others, Murray Oliver and Bob Dillabough of the Boston Bruins, Larry Jeffrey and Larry Hillman, now with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Although the team eventually became the Hamilton Redwings, the primary target—a Memorial Cup winner—never changed, and realization came in the 1961-62 season when Eddie Bush, a former NHL defenceman, coached the young Wings to a national victory. This marked a "first" for Hamilton as a city and Bush as a coach.

Logically, the Memorial Cup team provided the National Hockey League with another crop of Hamilton-developed players. Others are performing in the American Hockey League and in leagues all over the continent.

Paul Henderson, "Pit" Martin, Bob Wall, Jimmy Peters, Wayne Rivers and Lowell McDonald have all reached the NHL level at one time or another although Henderson and Martin have become established stars.

The story of the Hamilton Redwings would be incomplete without mention of its two reverse-success stories involving Murray Oliver and Dennis Ribant. Oliver, a Hamilton-developed athlete, was also an outstanding baseball player and, at one stage, turned his back on hockey for a chance to play professional baseball. However, a hockey injury changed that ambition and Oliver went on to play in the NHL.

Ribant's case was different. This rugged winger completed his Junior "A" career with Hamilton in the 1960-61 season and then turned to baseball. A strong-armed pitcher, Ribant made his way to the majors with the New York Mets and then, following the 1966 season, he was traded by the Mets to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Hamilton Junior "A" entry has been coached over the seasons since 1953 by Jimmy Skinner, brother "Ducky" Skinner, Danny Lewicki, Rudy Pilous and, of course, Eddie Bush, who has enjoyed two tenures in Hamilton. Bush has been Hamilton's most successful coach although the influence of Pilous on hockey here cannot be evaluated properly in that the colourful extrovert was forced to relinquish the reins when he was named general manager of the San Francisco entry in the expanded NHL.

The Redwings—in victory or defeat—have become a part of the rich sports heritage of the city and indications are that they will continue their success story for many seasons to come.

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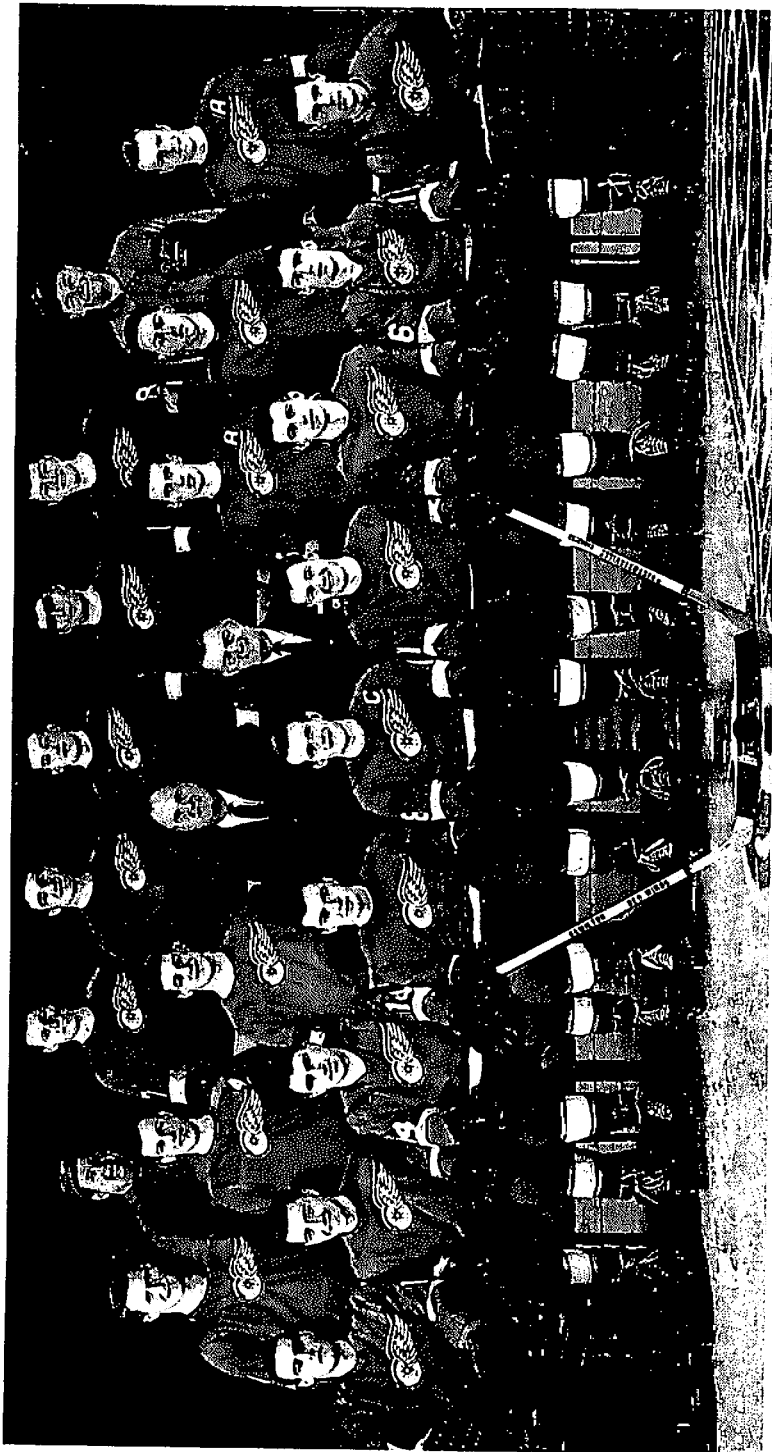
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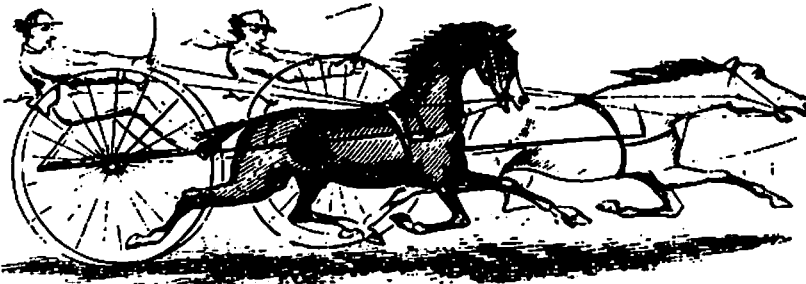


1966-67 HAMILTON REDWINGS
 JUNIOR OHA FINALISTS

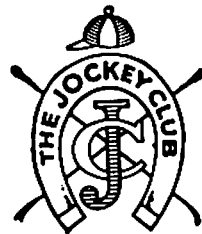
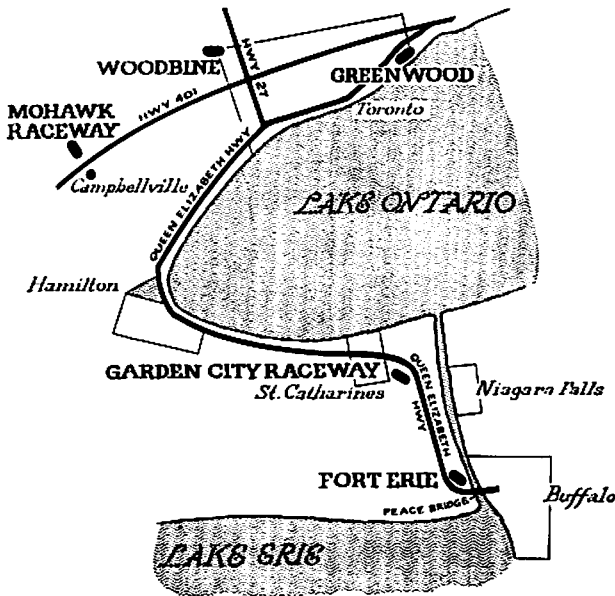
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RACING



THE CENTENNIAL SPORT



Queen's Plate Racing Feature for Hamilton Away Back in 1886



By CHARLIE MADDISON

There was action long before starter William Hendrie sent off the first heat for the seventh running of the Queen's Plate on May 24, 1866, Queen Victoria's birthday, on a track which is now Gage Park here in Hamilton. The streets of Hamilton had been decked with bunting for the occasion and some of the fans, emboldened by holiday spirits, started jostling over the track across from the judges' stand. A steward, or what we now call an outrider, ran his mount among the combatants to quell what could have been a minor riot. In the running, a horse named Beacon, owned by a Mr. Robert McKeller, of Hamilton, won the race. This same horse had won in 1865 but had been disqualified.

This was by no means the start of horse racing in Hamilton. In the 1946 editions of the Hamilton Spectator's 100th birthday Ivan Miller records races run as far back as 1837 but these were mostly trotting races and the horses ran such distances as from Hamilton to Brantford and back. In those real early years there was also a track in the west end at approximately where Victoria Park now accommodates softball and tennis.

However, the 1866 race established Hamilton as a major centre on the Ontario racing scene. The Plate, with the blessing of Queen Victoria, was for many years a roaming affair with such places as Kingston, Ottawa, Newmarket, Barrie today being able to also boast that they were the hosts of the classic in bygone years. Following the building of the Old Woodbine track in Toronto in 1883 the Plate was moved to that city on a permanent basis.

In 1867, the year the Fathers of Confederation were uniting Upper and Lower Canada the race was run at St. Catharines, a community of 9,000 persons with 2,000 of them reported in attendance at the race.

Hamilton was again the site of the running of the Plate in 1874 at which time the Spectator reported: "If the streetcar company had four times the car facilities they would have had ample employment for all of them". This race was also run over the Gage Park course.

In 1883 a group of sportsmen headed by the late William Hendrie, founder of the cartage firm that bears his name, purchased the Gage Farm, which is now the site of the Greater Hamilton Shopping Centre. They also formed the Hamilton Jockey Club and built a then modern race track with stands and all the trimmings. This track opened in 1883 and was operated until 1953 after the shares in the club were purchased by the Ontario Jockey Club headed by E. P. Taylor and racing was concentrated at three centres, Old Woodbine (Greenwood), Fort Erie and new Woodbine.



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The originators of the Hamilton Jockey Club elected Harry J. McIntyre, Robert R. Simpson, Allie London and J. J. Conway to run the club. Mr. Conway was the last survivor of the original group. He died in 1952.

Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Simpson were the co-owners of the Royal Hotel at James and Merrick Streets, and this plush establishment was the scene of much of the pre-race activities and speculation. The hotel was destroyed by fire in December, 1935, and was considered to be one of Hamilton's worst fire disasters up to that time.

As the sport grew from matched races between two horses, with the owners making side wagers, and the field of starters was enlarged, the auction pool of wagering was introduced.

Auction pool wagering, an early form of what is now called pari-mutuel betting was replaced by bookmakers but in 1911 the pari-mutuel system was legalized and then became mechanized with the introduction of the totalizators and computers.

After Beacon won the Plate for Mr. McKeller in 1866 the Queen's guineas did not come to Hamilton until 1899. Joseph E. Seagram won the coveted Plate eight times but just before the turn of the century Mr. Hendrie broke the Waterloo distiller's stranglehold with a horse named Butterscotch. Both William and George Hendrie were prominent in racing from its inception and even if they had no horses entered in a race they would act as officials, steward, starter or whatever.

Two years after the death of William Hendrie the cartage firm family resumed the sport but changed the name of the stable to the Valley Farm. George M. Hendrie, one of the surviving members of this pioneer family is at present president of the Jockey Club, presiding over Greenwood, Fort Erie, Woodbine plus the new trotting tracks built by the club.

A Hendrie horse won the Plate again in 1902 with a horse named Lyddite and in 1918 George Hendrie's Springside won over the Woodbine course. Two other Hendrie horses, running under the name of the Valley Farm won the guineas in 1909 and 1910. They were Shimonese and Parmer.

There was a long spell when Hamilton failed to produce a Plate winner and the closest the guineas got to this city was in 1927 when Ryland H. New, of Oakville, won with a horse named Troutlet. Mr. New repeated in 1930 with Aymond.

Since then the classic has been won by only one Hamilton-owned horse. Colisteo, owned by the H. C. (Pete) Burton and Walter Fitzgerald Bur-Fit Stable won in 1954, in the role of longshot.

In the intervening years Hamilton has had many owners and breeders that sought to win the distinction of owning a Queen's Plate winner. Frank A. Sherman, who was the president and chairman of the board at Dominion Foundries and Steel was the most prominent of the Hamiltonians that coveted the honor. He too had been prominent in the racing game from the early days. He had purchased most of the stock of the Hamilton Jockey Club and after the sale to the Taylor

interests he became a director of the present Jockey Club. He was dogged by bad luck in his attempts to win the Plate, despite having spent large sums in purchasing horses of royal blue blood lines.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stevenson, of the Hamilton-based Stevenson Fruit Company, tried for many years to build up a Plate-winning stable but without success. However, both of the owners collected many purses in the trying and their supporters collected at the mutual windows frequently.

The late James Kemp of the Kemp Construction Company also had a formidable string of horses but no real Plate contender.

Currently Pete Burton, John and Joseph Agro, John Cimba of Grimsby, Thomas King of Westdale and his partner W. E. Mason of Burlington, Henry and Morris Katz, Dr. C. C. Hopmans of Burlington, George Frostad of Burlington and Frank Junger, also a Burlington resident are among the owners that are keeping their interests alive with the ultimate goal being to receive the Queen's 50 guineas.

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In 1890 there was just one place to go in Hamilton. That was Mac's four-lane emporium back of J. W. MacDonald's tobacco shop at 66 James Street North.

This was Hamilton's first public bowling alley, although it is probable there were private alleys in use previous to 1890, the most likely site being the old Post Drill Hall, now the James Street old armory.

Mac's alleys, indeed, must have been in operation prior to 1890, for Bill Bailey, one of the truly great veterans of ten-pins, is in possession of a letter from the American Bowling Congress, confirming that the first "perfect 300" on record was bowled in Hamilton, by Frank Young, back in 1881.

Incidentally, Bailey, still one of the top-flight keglers, worked as a pin boy in Mac's in 1902. Another Hamilton veteran, Les Slater, was setting 'em up in the armories back in 1905.

Anyway, Mac's eventually became Brown's Bowling Academy, back about 1920 but, before that, four more lanes were made available to the public when the Brunswick Bowling Club opened in the old Royal Templars' hall at 112 James North. These alleys later became the Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club, just before the start of the First World War, when Fred Cooper bought the charter of the original H. B. and A. C., which existed from 1909 to 1913 at the corner of King and Jarvis Streets.

It was in 1907 that the Commercial Club, at James and Vine, added three lanes to the growing city total and, in 1909, the number of public alleys rose to 28 when the Y.M.C.A. got into the business and the Connaught alleys put in nine lanes, (adding nine more in 1924.)

Other lanes followed. The Iron Duke, reportedly the home of five pins, opened on King Street West, near James, just before the First World War. Later, there were the Lister alleys, later the Olympia, the Central, in the old L. R. Steele building on King East, which moved later to Park Street South, Bulmer's, Robinson's and others. Now the city boasts more than 450 modern lanes.

Until 1909, when five pins came into popular play, duck pins and ten pins were the rage. However, while alley conditions were much different in those far-off years, the scores didn't change much through the years. Bill Duffie's average of 189, in 1915, Les Slater's 180 and Bert Hillock's 178, in 1911, may be compared with Stan Prokop's average of 198 in 1965, best in the area.

While Frank Young scored his perfect 300 in 1881, Harvey Bray's 300 at the Centre Bowl didn't come until 1963. Another odd feature is that the two highest triples on record came in 1913, when Les Slater hit 275-257-204 for 736 and, Harry Shaver racked up a 732. The modern day high league triple is a 731 by Hal Schatz in 1967. The top tournament triple was Paul Coates' 781 in 1966.

Possibly no one knows the true history of bowling. England undoubtedly had indoor alleys as far back as 1454. The game was nine pins, in those days and, the ten pin was likely devised by the United States when the bowling game was picked up there about 1820.

The bowling game has gone through its own evolutions. Ten pin balls were originally made of hardwood and it wasn't until about 1905 that the first hard rubber ball appeared. The earliest bowlers had to palm the hardwood ball because it didn't have finger holes.

The ten pin development, incidentally, came about when the nine pin game, introduced back about 1632 by Dutch settlers, was banned by the U.S. senate because of gambling and ill-repute. The ten pin game was different and, it eventually moved indoors.

Developments came in standardizing of alley sizes, improvements in pins and balls, the setting of the pins, etc., and standard counting procedures. The growth of the game has been almost phenomenal during the years.



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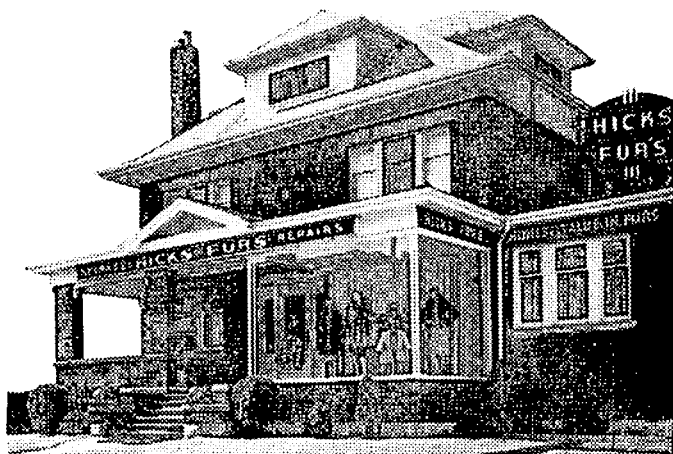
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When the Hamilton and District Bowling Association became a charter member of the American Bowling Congress, in 1939, there were two leagues, Stelcos and the City Ten Pin League. Only 19 leagues had been formed up to 1958 but then the rush began. When the 1965-66 season came to an end, the city counted 79 leagues, 848 teams and more than 3,200 bowlers. There are eight sanctioned bowling establishments in Hamilton, with a total of 136 lanes and, the Association is a non-profit organization working in every way for the betterment of the game and players in one of the world's largest participation sports.

It was Tommy Ryan who invented five pins in Toronto in 1909, cutting down the big pins and using only five. Hamilton picked up the game as far back as 1911 and, because the pins didn't have rubber bands, good scores were difficult in the old days. With the addition of the bands, however, the averages and scores moved steadily upward and, where early totals of more than 2,000 for ten games were winners, many bowlers to-day may total 2,900 or better for the same number of games without making the prize lists.

Orphie Louzon won the city high average in 1925, with 213, picking up a \$10 top money award. Mort Rowell upped the mark to 249 in 1939, Cec Cooper shoved it up to 254 in 1941 and, Jimmy Morris came along then to boost the high average to 257, in 1942. In this year, Morris not only set a new high average, but he

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recorded the first 1,100 triple in bowling history, a world record mark with singles of 420, 405 and 283, won the first annual city singles title with a 15-game total of 3,846 and won the Canadian Bowling Association's tournament aggregate award with a nine-game total of 2,611.

Averages in the 270 group are fairly common to-day, a far cry from the 170's of the early twenties.

The ladies got into the big acts, too. In 1942 Vera Ward averaged 242 and, 12 years later, in 1954, set an all-time ladies' high of 252. Needless to say, many titles and Canadian honors were piled up during Vera Ward's great career.

Mima Sumner came up with the first perfect 450 game ever rolled by a woman in Canada and, Ag (Mallon) Pennington scored Hamilton's first triple, a 1,029 roll in 1951. Audrey Stockdale topped this with 1,027 in 1956 and, Shirley Bedell set the present record with 1,034 in 1964.

Many perfect 450 games have been registered in Hamilton over the years, Candy Smith in 1929, Eddie Dixon, in 1932, and Harold "Gear" Elford, in 1937. Elford's 450 was the first to be recognized by the C.B.A. in Hamilton. The only man with two "perfects" to his credit is John Braid, 1951 and 1952.

Hamilton bowlers, in both five and ten pins, have competed with distinction in many national and international events. Harry Green, Bill Moon, Bill Bailey, Hal Peace, Jack Maycock, Elmer Johnson, Fred Ratelle, Art Elford, Don Watson, Stan Quin, Paul Coates, Hal Schatz and many others have reaped rich rewards, all over the continent. Joyce Campbell's 664 triple in 1965 is the best in Hamilton's ten-pin history. So is Alice Wilkinson's 270 single in 1962 and Joyce Sutherland's 175 average, in 1966.

In the five-pin division, city, provincial and national titles, as well as top prizes in special events, have come to such as Ab. Collingwood, Shirley Bedell, M. Rowell, F. Rowell, G. March, J. Johnstone, Stan Prokop, C. Hollick, S. Robertson, Danny Berringer, Stan Battersby, who won a \$3,000 car in 1965, Bert Adams and others too numerous to mention.

Over all, alley bowling, in all its categories, has flourished in the Hamilton area, so much so that Hamilton representatives, in both five and ten pins, compete on equal terms with top keglers the world over, using fine facilities and, operating under hard and fast rules, including the count in five pins, which have been largely the result of Hamilton thinking.

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WIBC has jurisdiction over organized women's bowling. Each member association has a voice in the policy making of the Congress, through the election of delegates to the annual convention, where all the rules, laws, and regulations are presented or revised, and amended when necessary, by the assembled delegates.

WIBC headquarters is located in Columbus, Ohio, where the staff, under the direction of the executive secretary, administers the services prescribed by the WIBC constitution.

The advent of women in bowling is considered by many in the industry as a turning point in the phenomenal growth of the game, and because of the success in achieving its purpose, the WIBC has grown into a great organization with a membership of approximately two and a quarter million women bowlers.

Hamilton women organized under the name of the Hamilton Women's Ten Pin Bowling Association in 1957, starting with a membership of 15. Since that time the organization has grown to over 850 members from Hamilton, Brantford and Kitchener.

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CURLING

the "grand auld game"

By ARTHUR A. BURNS



Curling was introduced into Canada by Wolfe's Scottish troops in Quebec, and for stones, they cut cannonballs in half. The first curling club, the Royal Montreal, was founded in 1807 in Montreal. Since Scottish settlers near Kingston are credited with introducing the "grand auld game" into Ontario about 1795, it was natural that the second curling club established on the continent, and the first in Upper Canada, should be the Kingston Club in 1820. By the end of 1853, there were five in lower Canada, three in Nova Scotia, one in Newfoundland, and ten in Upper Canada. So our forefathers in Hamilton established the fifteenth club in the Canadas, the eleventh in Upper Canada, as Ontario was then known.

November 26, 1967, completes one hundred and fourteen years of continuous organized curling at the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club. But long before 1853 the game was played in Hamilton by the faithful from Old Scotia, where and in what manner there is no known record. In Thistle minutes they have the following: "At the St. Andrew's dinner in Fergus in 1867, Mr. McMullen of Hamilton spoke. He said he had always a liking for Fergus, perhaps from the fact that in 1838, when they were anxious to start a curling club in Hamilton, they were at a loss to know where to get the stones. Someone suggested that by sending to Fergus they could get "stones" made of curly maple. They did so and got sixteen pairs and the club commenced to curl, and has been curling day and night ever since". In the early 1840's it is known that Peter Hunter Hamilton jammed the creek at a point just east of the present Markland and Bay corner, where "many grand matches were played with wood 'stones'." Thus the Ontario Curling Club of Hamilton, now known as the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club came into being.

In 1867 the Hamilton Mechanics Curling Club was formed and was located at the corner of Main and Catharine Streets, with four sheets of ice in operation. A few years later the name was changed to the Hamilton Caledonia Curling Club. Many matches were played with the "Hamilton Mechanic's Club", later to be known as Hamilton Victorias, and the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club, as well as Toronto, Burlington, Galt and Flamboro. In 1868 the Ontario and Burlington Clubs joined forces, and in 1871 the name was changed to Hamilton Thistle Curling Club.

The first Ontario Tankard Competition was held in 1875, and the Hamilton Thistle Club was the proud winner of the beautiful silver Tankard. Since that time the Hamilton Thistle Club has won the Tankard thirteen times, a record exceeded only by the Granite Club of Toronto. The Hamilton Victoria Club won the Tankard in the year 1926. These are the only local rinks to have achieved this honour.



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A memorable year for curling in Hamilton was 1935, when the three famous Campbell brothers, Gordon, Doug and Donny, with Gordon Coates, brought the Macdonald Brier to Ontario and Hamilton for the first time in its history. In 1954 a Thistle Club rink skipped by Ross Tarlton, with Bob Cross, Gord Wilson and Ernie Lock represented Ontario, and were the only rink to defeat Matt Baldwin, that year's winner. In 1949, the Macdonald Brier Trophy, representing the Dominion Championship, was held in Hamilton, for the first time outside of Toronto.

Ladies curling started in the years 1934-35 at the Hamilton Thistle Club, and now along with mixed curling, has reached an all time high, there being in existence at the present time, Hamilton and District competitions leading to national championships. In fact, the popularity of curling is due in no small measure to the ladies getting into the game of "besom and stane".

The Hamilton Thistle Curling Club, along with the Hamilton Victoria Club, were the only two clubs within the confines of Hamilton until 1964, at which time the Hamilton Wentworth Curling Club and the Argyle Curling Club were formed. These two clubs are primarily the modern trend of pay-as-you-play.

While this is primarily the history of curling in Hamilton, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the tremendous contribution which has been made by the district clubs, the oldest being Dundas Valley Curling Club established in 1859, followed by Glanford Curling Club in 1894, Burlington Curling in 1954, Burlington Golf & Curling in 1959, Glendale in 1960, Dundas Granite in 1963 and Mount Hope Golf & Curling in 1965.

A hundred years from now, our great and great-great grandchildren will no doubt be starting, in all of this great city, to celebrate our Second Centennial. At the conclusion of the first century of curling, we have tried to pass the traditions of this great game on as we inherited them—with possibly a few improvements. None of the founders of curling are still in our midst. If they are with us in spirit we hope they will not have found too much to criticize. By the same token, none of us will be around to greet those who assemble to celebrate the Second Centennial, but we do hope that when that great day comes, it will see the Third Century of curling launched in the same spirit in which it was founded, to play the game with enough skill to win if possible, by all fair means, but to bear in mind at all times that the ultimate object of curling is not necessarily to win, but to enjoy healthful recreation and to promote good will, kindly feeling and above all good sportsmanship and friendship to all who associate themselves with our Grand Auld Game.

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The game of softball has, undoubtedly, had its ups and downs in Hamilton but, over the years, the game's record has been unequalled, anywhere in the world.

Looking back on the Big Four league, with its forty years of continuous and successful operation, one goes far beyond the advent of this circuit.

Through early years, before true organization, one discovers that well before the turn of the century, softball was being played in places like the old Y.M.C.A. and the James Street roller rink, opposite the armories, among other places, as well as on corner and industrial lots.

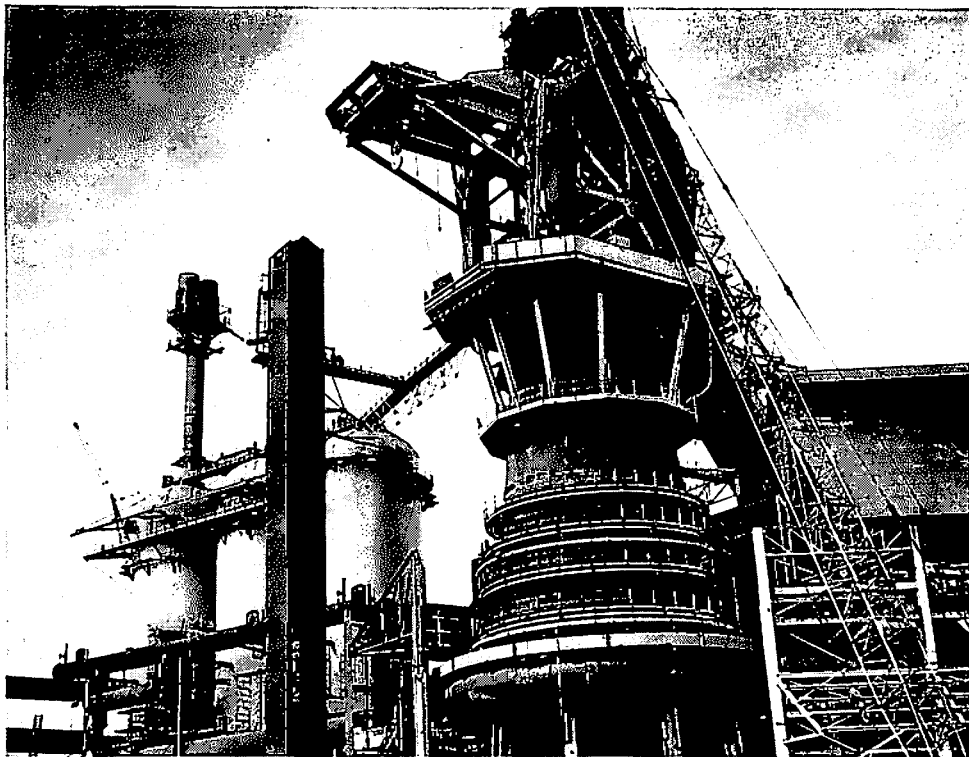
With the old 16-inch ball, which flattened out like a pie plate when soft, minor equipment was needed, usually one ball and one bat and, the game could be played on almost any sort of indoor surface because it was impossible to hit the ball any more than probably seventy feet, at the most.

Corner lots ran mostly to baseball until just after the First World War, although great strides in softball had been made with formation of public school and church leagues as far back as 1910; leagues that were to produce many of the great names in the later expansion of the game.

When Hamilton softball authorities realized a dream in the development of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association, in the early twenties, the city at once became the focal point for softball. The first set of rules was drafted in Hamilton. There was started a succession of great teams, and great players. Many hundreds of names synonymous with everything that is brilliant in the game commanded wide attention.

As the game spread to Toronto and other centers, so it spread across the border, a truly Canadian game eventually becoming the biggest drawing sports activity in the American curriculum.

Hamilton, with its outstanding teams and personnel, had earned six provincial senior championships in seven years before Toronto had developed a team capable of taking the honors. Hamilton's many senior titles were augmented by championships in senior B, two intermediate classes and the junior division and, few softball fans of the era will forget exceptional teams like T. H. & B., Knights of Pythias, Shamrocks, Linkerts, Hindoo Koosh, Riselay's, Proctor and Gamble's, Firemen, Jackson's, A.O.F., and many others.



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There were great days and great contributions by men like Fred Bradley, Vinnie MacKay, Jack Currie, Jack McDonald, Charlie Cassels and others.

There were years when the old city league, playing at the Baseball Stadium, attracted attendance of 5,000 and more. Girls' leagues, like the boys' circuits, flourished in every part of the city and, it was a rare year, indeed, when Hamilton did not have at least three representative teams shooting for provincial titles.

The oldest continuing league, thanks to a firm foundation laid by Charlie Cassels and the N. Slater Company, still flourishes. Many of the all-time greats emerged from the Big Four and, scores of sponsors, through the years, together with unselfish devotion by many officials, have kept the league alive and healthy in every respect.

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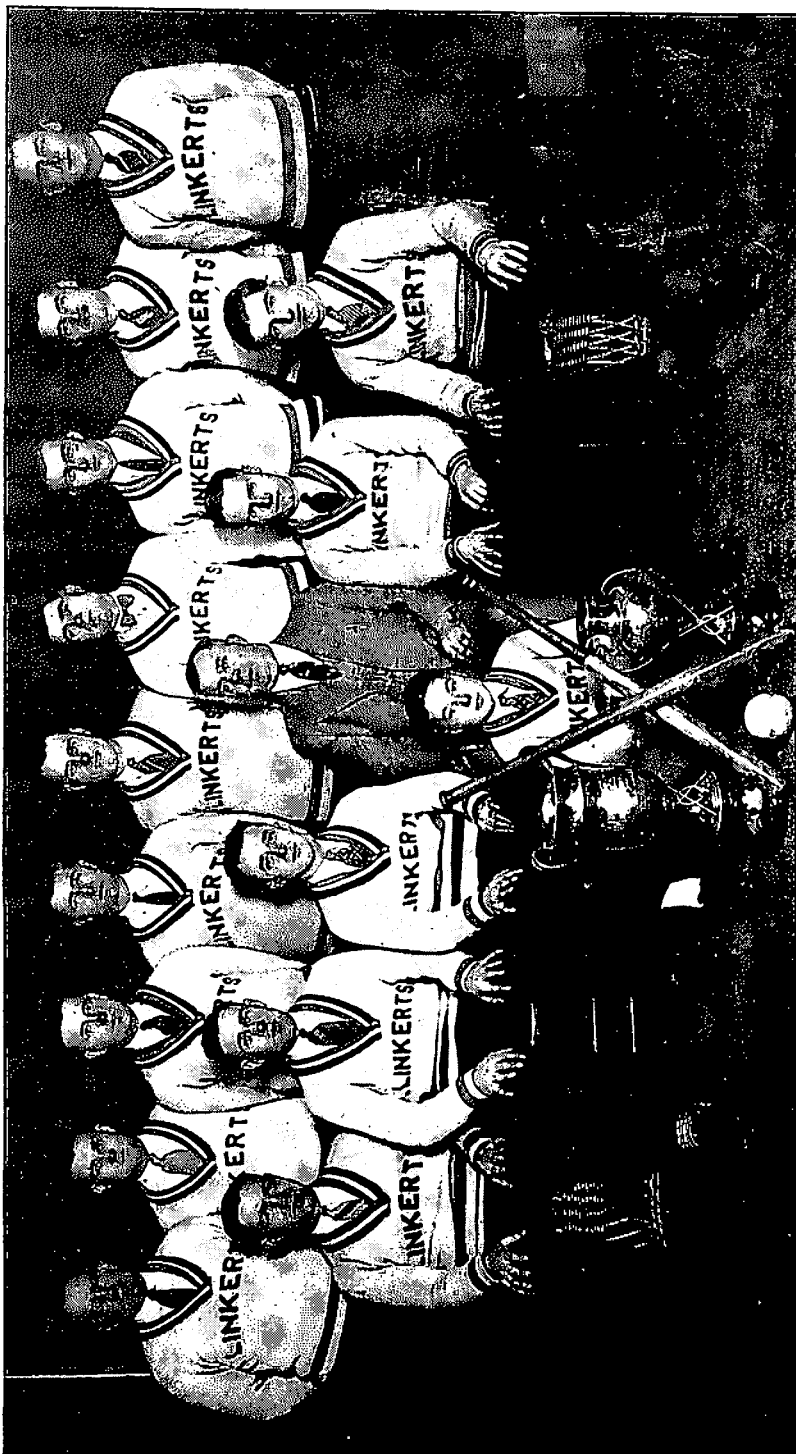
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One of the great teams in Hamilton's proud softball history, Linkerts, of 1927, included many all-time stars. In the group shown are, left to right, back row: Russell "Mouse" Morris, Ken "Kewpie" Fowler, Billy Dynes, Johnny Eydt, Jimmy "Punk" Weston, Jimmy Harrison, Art Wheately, trainer; Walter "Waddy" Laing, Billy Robinson. Front row, left to right: Bobby Webb, Stan "Nipper" Holmes, Billy Wands, H. Linkert, president; Freddy Wade, H. "Ottie" Rogers. R. Cochrane, in front, was the mascot.

Weston and Holmes formed the onetime great battery for the old Strathcona School team, while Jimmy Harrison came up by way of Queen Victoria School, all in the first year of the Public School League, away back in 1911.

When lights were installed at Victoria Park, in 1956, a new boom started. St. Catharines, Grimsby, Beamsville and Thorold have all been part of the Big Four and, additional credit must go to Bill Dent and Bern Springstead, two of the most durable officials of the league, along with Charlie Tribe, Sid Parker and others.

In addition to the various senior leagues operating through the years, industrial and commercial leagues in various classifications, junior and intermediate leagues have contributed greatly to the overall picture.

For instance, the Hamilton Industrial Fastball League, originally known as the Hamilton East End Industrial League, flourishes at the moment with thirteen teams, involving from 250 to 275 men, with games going five nights weekly.

In this Centennial Year, two all-star games have been scheduled, according to Secretary B. E. Hall, as a salute to the country's 100th birthday and similar leagues throughout the city have planned similar salutes for the big year.

Distinctly different, the Big Four League long ago conceived a Centennial feature designated a Pot-of-Gold tournament, an elaborate competition open to all classifications, with rich awards and presentation of centennial medals and certificates to first and second place teams. Such a competition, so officials considered in their original thinking, would serve greatly to enhance the city's softball picture and would promote additional interest in a game that has always been a big factor in the city's sporting scheme of things.

Now, when rule changes and big differences in uniform and dress, field measurements, etc., are in effect, softball continues as "fastball" but, it all came from three tremendous decades of broad and brilliant activity in what has truly been the real home of softball.



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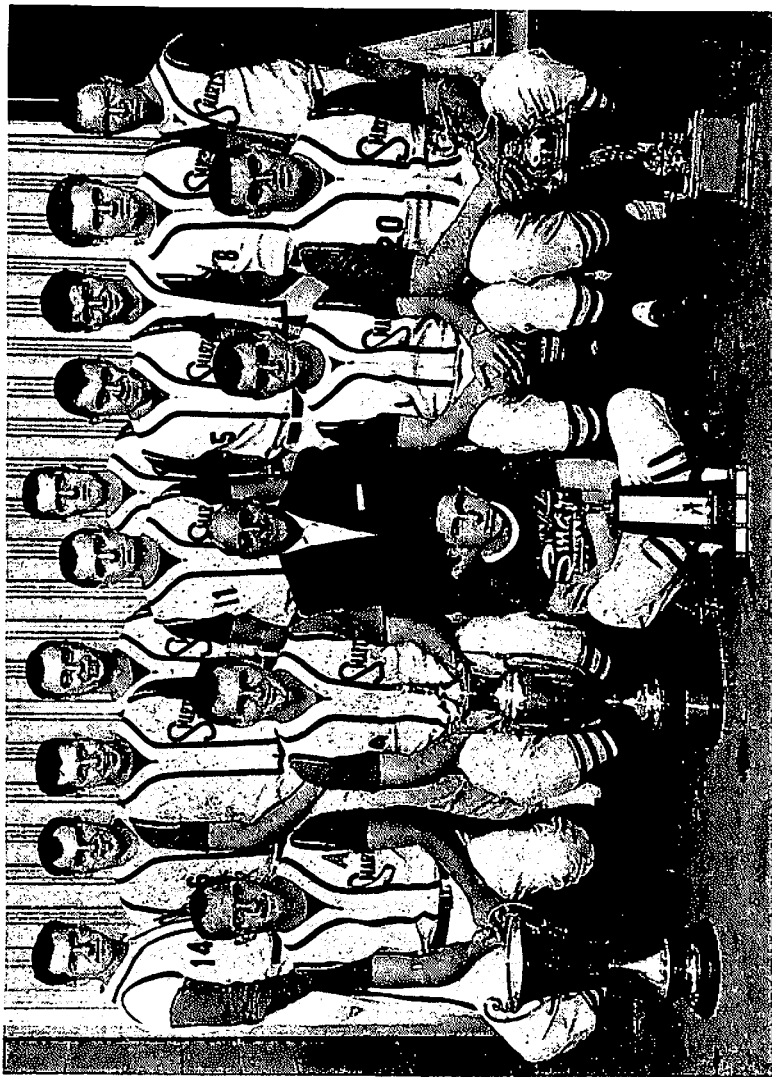
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In this picture, all left to right, front row, Tom Creechan, assistant captain; Gino Mariutti, coach; Jim Gioberti, sponsor; Al. Ferroni, assistant coach; Ray Jones, manager. Back row, Paul Chartier, Ed Swiss, Roy Laufman, Ray Ferroni, Claudio Brunetti, Jack Samson, John Guyatt, Bruno Giavedoni, John Zychowicz, Gordon Oakes. Bat boy is Jim Warden. Missing from the picture, Captain Joe McFarlane and Moe Laufman.

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Golfers Might Thank James IV For Early Spread of Enticing Sport

Shepherds, in the times before the Christian era, might have been credited with playing a primitive golf.

The start of the modern game, even before the 15th century, might have been in Holland or, it might have been in Scotland. In any event, Scotland is generally recognized as the home of the game, even though the game was banned by act of parliament, back in 1457, because it was felt it might interfere with the compulsory practice of archery.

In 1491 parliament forbade the game and fixed a fine and imprisonment both for offending players and persons on whose property the barred game was played. This might have killed the sport completely, or wrecked it for centuries, if King James IV, of Scotland, (1488-1513) hadn't become infected with the golf virus.

It seems that soon after King James signed the new law of 1491, one of the noblemen argued with the king in favor of "golfe". To prove that the game was fascinating, strength-building and health-giving, he gave a private demonstration before the king. The ruler looked on and, in the end, was a jeering critic. He said it required no skill to hit a little ball. He was asked to prove it, took a swing, and another and, perhaps, a few more. Whether he cussed a bit is not recorded but, he went to bed that night determined to prove a point and, he became a golfer.

The law then became a joke, with the king himself playing and, while the edict remained in force until 1592, the game was played openly. Then came legislation permitting the game except on Sundays, later changed to "Sundays in tymes of sermon."

From the days of early golf balls, leather casings stuffed with feathers, real gutta percha came into play in 1848 and, while England showed interest in the game about 1850, it was 1902 before the more or less modern rubber ball got across the border.

The first English club basically devoted to golf was not established until 1864. That was the Royal North Devon Club. It was 1869 when the Royal Liverpool Club came into being. The first tournament was at Prestwick, Scotland, in 1860 and, it was Tom Morris, Jr., who became first holder of the championship belt by winning three times, in succession, 1868, 1869 and 1870.

While golf didn't find its way into the United States until the 80's, officers of ships arriving in Canada from Scotland brought along equipment and played in Montreal and Quebec. The Montreal Golf Club, since renamed the Royal Montreal Golf Club, came into existence in 1873.

Today's golfers, with their freedom of dress, might have been deterred by some of the early rules. Players were required to wear red coats and white flannel trousers with caps of the fore and aft style. Rival captains wore white gloves when making the first drive after which they were privileged to remove them.

A bit later golf was established in Hamilton. In 1894 a club was organized under P. D. Crerar. Other pioneers were Hon. David Innes, A. G. Ramsay, first president; George E. Bristol, first captain; John Crerar, P. M. Bankier, E. H. Browne, Campbell Ferrie, S. O. Greening, T. H. McPherson, Warren F. Burton, J. J. Morrison, R. R. Bruce, Paul J. Myler, F. G. H. Pattison, Thomas C. Haslett, George Hope and R. K. Hope.

Seven holes were laid out on the grounds belonging to the Central Fair Association, adjoining the Hamilton Jockey Club property but, it became apparent, in 1895, that this ground was unsuitable.

So, in 1896, arrangements were made with Duncan McNab, dairyman and the tenant of Paradise Farm, for use of the property. For some years golfers threaded a way among cows in what became the Hamilton Golf Club and, which is presently the Chedoke Civic Golf Club.

The spread of golf in Hamilton district has been noteworthy.

The Hamilton Golf and Country Club became established when the original club found a fine property in the Ancaster area and set up one of Canada's foremost clubs there about the time the First World War was launched. The Chedoke Golf Club came into being a few years later when public-minded citizens purchased

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The club at Ancaster, meanwhile, prospered apace. The course building utilized all the natural advantages. Trees, shrubs and flowers were planted in profusion and, with the building of a new, modern clubhouse in the twenties, the Hamilton Golf and Country Club took its place as one of the finest golf courses anywhere in the world.

Other clubs were developed, The Glendale Golf and Country Club, on Mount Albion road, was a distinct addition. So was the Burlington Golf and Country Club, on North Shore drive, a most beautiful layout, inviting to all players.

The Dundas Valley Golf and Country Club came at the start of the 30's, branching out later into 27 holes. Chedoke offers two complete 18-hole layouts. More recent clubs have been the Mount Hope Golf and Country Club, just past Ryckman's Corners on Highway 6, Medad Heights Golf Club and Burlington Springs Golf Club. Nearby is the new Richview Club, in the Bronte area. A most attractive Waterdown Golf Club unfortunately went out of business a few years back but Binbrook Golf Club is now flourishing on the mountain top

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and, the Southern Pines Club, on the mountain at Mount Hope, has been a success since its opening.

One of the most modern of all, with a course certain to develop into one of the greatest tests of golf anywhere, is the new Beverly Golf and Country Club, back of Christies' Corners and, a going concern is the rapidly developing Windsor Park course, at Copetown, which is tremendously active.

Then, of course, the Board of Parks Management may shortly bring to fruition the dream of having a new, modern golfing layout in the King's Forest property. The model for the new layout suggests that the King's Forest layout, two 18-hole courses, will someday develop into a golfer's paradise.

Most important of all Canadian championships, of course, is the Canadian Open and, this classic has been held twice at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club. In 1919, when Douglas Edgar, of Atlanta, won the crown at Ancaster, the runner-up was a youngster named Bobby Jones. In 1930, when Tommy Armour won the title at the same club, he set a course record of 66, four under par, which stands today.

The Canadian Amateur, the Ladies' Canadian Open, the Ontario Amateur and Open, the Professional Golfers' Association; these and other classics have been staged at the Ancaster club. Burlington and Glendale have hosted outstanding championships and, the membership in golf has risen sharply during forty years of steady growth, so that Hamilton ranks highly with comparable centres in Canada in quantity and quality both.

Golfing interest, or club interest, has been sharpened because some clubs have installed curling rinks in conjunction with their golf facilities. Burlington, Glendale, Mount Hope and Dundas Valley now offer year-round activity but, it all started from golf and, it is fitting that practically all clubs in the Hamilton area have scheduled special centennial events to mark an exceptional year in the histories of all clubs.

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As far as is known, blind golf started in Hamilton in 1937 when Charlie Tooth worked in the Steel Company of Canada sheet mill canteen. Charlie was approached by "Jock" McCallum, who worked in the sheet mill, about trying the game of golf. "Jock" had been coaching blind bowlers and, observing how well many of the blind could bowl, had an idea that they also could play and enjoy the royal and ancient game of golf. Charlie was interested and on a fine Sunday afternoon a start was made at the Waterdown Golf Club. Jock's opinion then was that blind people could play golf reasonably well.

Harris Turner and Wilson Barrett, both from Toronto, were the next to take up the game and the first Whiff and Slice trophy game was played at Waterdown, the winning score being around 80 for nine holes. Many years later, the Whiff and Slice trophy was played for by coach and player in a Scotch foursome medal round.

The first international competition was played in Detroit in 1946 where Charlie Tooth won the Braubecker Trophy with a score of 61 for nine holes. About this time blind war veterans in the U.S.A. were taking up golf at a rehabilitation centre near Philadelphia. Some of the best U.S.A. players started then. Canadians have played in many U.S.A. competitions from that time on.

While being interviewed by radio early in the 40's at Chedoke Golf Club, "Jock" was asked what score he thought a blind player could score and replied that 120 for eighteen holes was a good score and that 108 was possible with a lot of hard work. Harris Turner, one of the players, said "Jock" was crazy and that it would never happen. Since that time many scores have been shot that "Jock" would not have predicted. For instance, the score of 100 was broken for the first time at an international tournament competition at Beach Grove Golf Club at Windsor, Ontario, when Claude Pattemore shot a 99 for eighteen holes. After that, in the next several years, Charlie Boswell from Birmingham, Alabama, and also Joe Lazaro, Waltham, Mass., had similar scores, as did others. Then in 1963 at a golf club near Toronto on the first day of competition in an international tournament Joe Lazaro became the first to break 90 in competition when he busted out an 89. The following day Claude Pattemore surpassed the then called "record" score with an 86 to set a record which still stands as a competition record and at the same time set the record which still stands for 36 holes as he put a 94 together with his 86 for 180.

Since Canadian blind golf championships were started there have been six different winners and of the six, four came from the Hamilton area. Three have worked at Stelco where the game really started and as a matter of interest, "Jock" has coached three Canadian champions—Charlie Tooth, Harold Mitchell and

Claude Pattermore—who were employed at one time or another at the big steel complex. The other Hamilton area winner is Nick Genovese, an insurance broker from Dundas.

Many people have been of very great assistance to blind golfers as coaches—"Jock" McCallum, Carmen Genovese, Doug Mitchell, Dick Morris, Ambrose Ambeau, Keith Benn, Sinc Wilson, Whit Lapp, Harry Burke, Neil Hill, Fred and the late Jack Armitage—all who have played a major part in the coaching of the blind people in the Hamilton area over the years.

There are also many professionals we would like to mention as major helpers in lessons and in many other ways—the late Art Dorman, the late Alf Simms, Dick Borthwick, Stan Carman, Ray Murray, Bill and the late Clair Chinnery, Jack Windsor, Peter Hildrop, Roy Romain. Clair Chinnery, as well as being a professional, filled in as coach for Claude Pattermore many times and was his coach in 1963 when he won the U.S. championship at White Plains, N.Y.

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It was definitely through the Olympic Club and its first president, M. M. Robinson, that Hamilton staged the first British Empire Games, in 1930, and, it may be noted that this project two years in the making, involved a new stadium, which has been elaborated to its present stage; a new swimming pool, and many other facilities necessary to such a tremendous undertaking.

The highly-successful British Empire Games, staged in various Empire countries every four years, proved a monument to the H.O.C. and to Hamilton sports but, there has been more, much more.

Classic duels every four years between the H.O.C. and the Oxford and Cambridge teams of England, national championships and Olympic trials, provincial competitions and the club's intra-club events have been carried on since the birth of the club and, even the club's weekly twilight meets have attracted countless thousands during the years.

Naturally, the Olympic Club has gained its share of national and world honors. Its honor roll is lengthy and distinguished, with champions in all divisions of track and field and, the club has proven a finishing school for all with athletic talent desiring to aspire for top ratings everywhere.

Worthy of special mention is that the only woman ever to serve as president of the organization, Miss Margaret Lord, has been honoured for her outstanding contributions by appointment to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. This honour followed brilliant services not only to the H.O.C., but to women's national organizations, the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, Canadian Olympic and British Empire Games teams and, for many other notable activities in this field.

Tribute is deserved by those who have led the club as presidents, M. M. Robinson, Dr. E. Scarlett, W. H. Childs, Robert Kerr, Sam R. Manson, J. W. Hamilton, H. R. Gillard, W. A. Kennedy, A. W. Bedwell, R. G. Truscott, R. E. Parker, J. L. Murray, C. R. Kenney, Art Ravensdale, Percy Pickard, A. V. Smith, A. H. Sagrott, R. Schoenberg, Capt. J. R. Cornelius, Harold Webster, Ralph Adams, Jack Histed, Ralph Coates, Harold Colby, A. G. McLeish, Earl Gladwell, Neil Farrell, Norm Levitt, Miss Margaret Lord, James Wilkins, Graham Knox, W. Sheridan, A. G. Muir and T. Little.

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Bobby Kerr

Olympic Champion

By IVAN MILLER

A little more than 3 years ago, Hamilton, and Canada, lost one of the greatest athletes in the history of the Dominion but, the memory of Bobby Kerr will forever remain green in the minds and hearts of all sportsmen.

It was not only that Bobby, who died at the age of 81, was an Olympic champion. It was not altogether that he was ranked "the world's greatest sprinter" over an amazing fifteen-year period.

It was considerably more than this that made Bobby Kerr a legend in his own lifetime.

Here was a clean-living athlete dedicated to the cause of sport.

As a competitor he started from the ground up, developed blinding speed over the shorter distances, travelled the length and breadth of the country and won countless honors.

Here was a man who competed in two Olympics, in St. Louis in 1904 and in England, in 1908. It was in England he ran third in the final of the hundred and then won the 200 metres. He was the champion of Canada and, the champion of Ireland, where he was born. He might have enjoyed the enviable distinction of competing in three Olympiads but he withdrew from the 1912 Games at Stockholm, Sweden, to allow a younger athlete to bid for honors.

This was but a sample of the enduring unselfishness that made Bobby a key figure at track meets from the time he retired as an athlete until shortly before his death.

Selected for every important meet in Canada, as a starter and referee, the Hamiltonian was in on the birth of the historic 91st Highlanders' Athletic Association indoor games. His military associations were earned, first as a member of the 205th Sportsmen's Battalion and then the 164th during the First World War. He remained associated with the military and, with all other branches of service, in many capacities. He served long and well the Hamilton Olympic Club, was a mainspring in various important sporting events, among them the first British Empire Games, in Hamilton in 1930 and, he was never too busy to give the benefit of his vast experience, his advice and his kindly counsel, to youngsters everywhere.

Bay Race is Big Feature of Road Racing Activity

By IVAN MILLER

If marathon running rates as one of the severest tests for an athlete, then Hamilton must stand foremost as the producer of men who attained greatness as outstanding examples of courage and stamina.

Looking back, even to the days prior to the establishment of the famous 'Round-the-Bay race, the oldest continuously-run marathon on the continent, the mind dwells lingeringly on many names and comes to rest for a glorious moment at the name of Billy Sherring.



Bill Sherring (86 yrs.)

Sherring, Canada's only Olympic Games marathon winner, earned his world fame at Athens, Greece, in 1906. He had won the famous Herald bay race in 1899 and again in 1903. He had placed in the first three but, more important, he competed against outstanding contemporaries.

Names like Marshall, Wood, Donald, Bates, Caffery, LeBarre, Mellor, Spring, Longboat, Coley, Holmer, George, Duffy, Jamieson and Corkery ranked with the biggest names in marathon running anywhere in the world. In the modern era, there was the great "Scotty" Rankine, Gerard Cote, the cigar-smoking French-Canadian, Jack Kelly, Walter Fedorick, Lafferty, Browning Ross, Gord Dickson, Gar Williams and, most recently, Dave Ellis, of Toronto.

Back in 1912 Jimmy Duffy had set the record, 1:46.15, for the bay race. The record stood until Hamilton's Gordon Dickson erased the mark with a 1:42.07 performance back in 1958. With Ellis now the record-holder for the 19 miles, 186 yards, there is reason to believe, with the caliber of runners now in training, that the bay race standard will come down more yet.

The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Unit 153, sponsors of the famous race since 1936, long ago planned an exceptional bay race in 1967—a

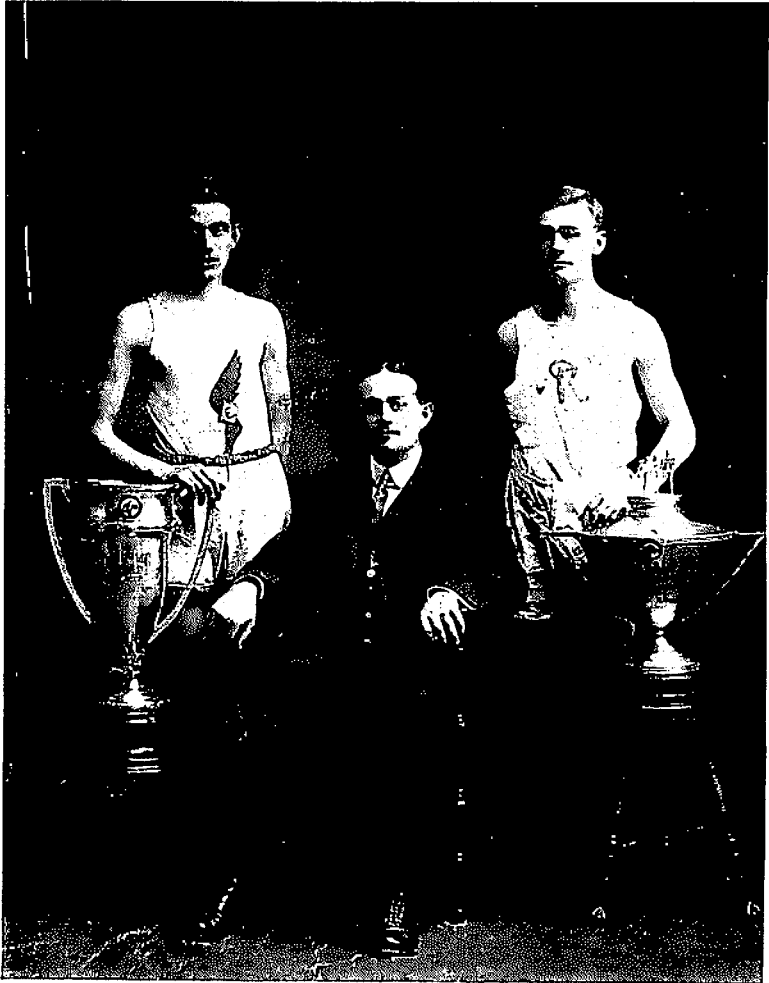
Centennial project designed to add even more prestige to the Hamilton sports world.

Early planning envisioned the Centennial year race as a mecca for distance runners from all over the world, an international event without parallel in Canada's sports history.

Racing hardships of long ago have disappeared, as have many of the great names in marathon history but, there will always be marathon running in every country and Canada will continue to develop challengers at all levels.

The dream of the Anavics is that the Bay Race will one day produce another Olympic champion for Hamilton, and Canada and, the Centennial Special was long ago dedicated toward this ambition.

When Anavics added to their round-the-bay race program two events, at one and two and a half miles, for midgets and juniors, the move was in keeping with activities of other organizations.



A great road-racing trio of other days, James Duffy, F. R. Thomson, and George Richards. Duffy was holder of the Herald Bay race record of 1:46.15 which stood for many years, since 1914. Thomson was a great developer of long-distance runners and Richards was one of the better-known names in continental long distance runners.

The New Year's Day Dundas-and-return race sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. for many years attracted fields that included the finest runners in Ontario. The ten-mile distance for this race was such that a great many full marathoners were able to compete and, weather and road conditions meant little to the hardy types contesting the event.

Similarly, the Dundas Legion for some years carried on a modified marathon, of 15 miles, which proved a boon to distance runners, offering that much more high-class competition and, the Firestone War Veterans' Association bowed to no other organization in the years the group operated the annual Good Friday 15-mile marathon

Grouped with these organizations in the promotion of road racing, the National Steel Car War Veterans' Association continues to sponsor a junior two and a half mile event that combines, with similar sponsorship by the Dundas and Burlington Legions, to act as feeders for the longer events with established stars.

It is worthy of note that Toronto's Bruce Kidd, who won the NSC event five times, scattering records like chaff, graduated into record-breaking victories in the Firestone 15-mile event, going on then to national and international triumphs.

Veterans' organizations, along with the Y.M.C.A., the Hamilton Olympic Club, the Sparton A.C., Hamilton Striders and other organizations, have given time, money and unlimited effort towards the development of Hamilton youth, with the result that during the past ten years, record times have been drastically reduced up to and through the famous bay race.

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Tom Longboat, the fabled Onondaga Indian from the Six Nations Reserve, won the Herald race in 1906, the Boston Marathon in 1907 with a time of 2:24.24, but never achieved his greatest dream, an Olympic medal. Sun stroke knocked him out of the 1908 Olympic marathon run in 100-degree temperature.

The list of great distance runners would not be complete without the name of Harold Webster, a man who didn't start running until he was 29. He won the 1934 British Empire Games marathon, at the age of 40, and represented Canada in the 1928, '32 and '36 Olympics, the latter when he was a crisp 42 years of age.

His favorite race was the annual Christmas 10-mile road event in Hamilton that is now named in his memory.

Great Names in Hamilton Track

Hamilton's emergence as a track and field leader came in the years following World War One with the arrival of Captain J. R. 'Cap' Cornelius in 1919, the inaugural of the 91st Highlanders Indoor Games and founding of the Y.M.C.A. track club in 1920.

A taskmaster, Cap began the production of his now famed track teams at Central Collegiate that were to contribute some of Canada's top athletes of the late 1920s and early '30s.

Through this era, Hamiltonians brought home five Olympic bronze and eight BE Games gold medals.

Dr. Phil Edwards was the Olympic standout, helping Canada place third in the 1,600-metre relay in 1928, placing third in both the 800 and 1,500-metre runs and joining Ray Lewis to help repeat a third in the 1,600-metre relay in 1932.

At the inaugural 1930 British Empire Games here, Vic Pickard won the pole vault while Ralph Adams, James (Buster) Brown and John Fitzpatrick contributed to a 440-yard relay triumph. At the 1934 British Empire Games in England, Syl Apps won the pole vault, Harold Webster the marathon and Betty White and Audrey Dearnley performed on the winning women's 660-yard relay team.

The 1934 British Games team boasted five Hamilton women, Betty White, Vi Histed, Isobel Miller, Betty Taylor and Audrey Dearnley. Margaret Lord, still one of the countries most active executives, began her impressive career as manager and chaperon for Olympic and British Empire Games teams.

The Second World War brought the era to a close. It wasn't until Don McFarlane, winner of a British Empire Games bronze medal in the 440-relay in 1954, soared to sprinting acclaim that success was renewed. Nancy Lewington made the 1960 Olympic team, Pat Cole the '59 British Empire Games team, Gord Dickson the '58 British Empire Games, '59 Pan American Games and the '60 Olympic teams.

With prospective stars such as Ray Tucker, Mike McCann and numerous others, Hamilton is embarking on another century of track and field achievement.

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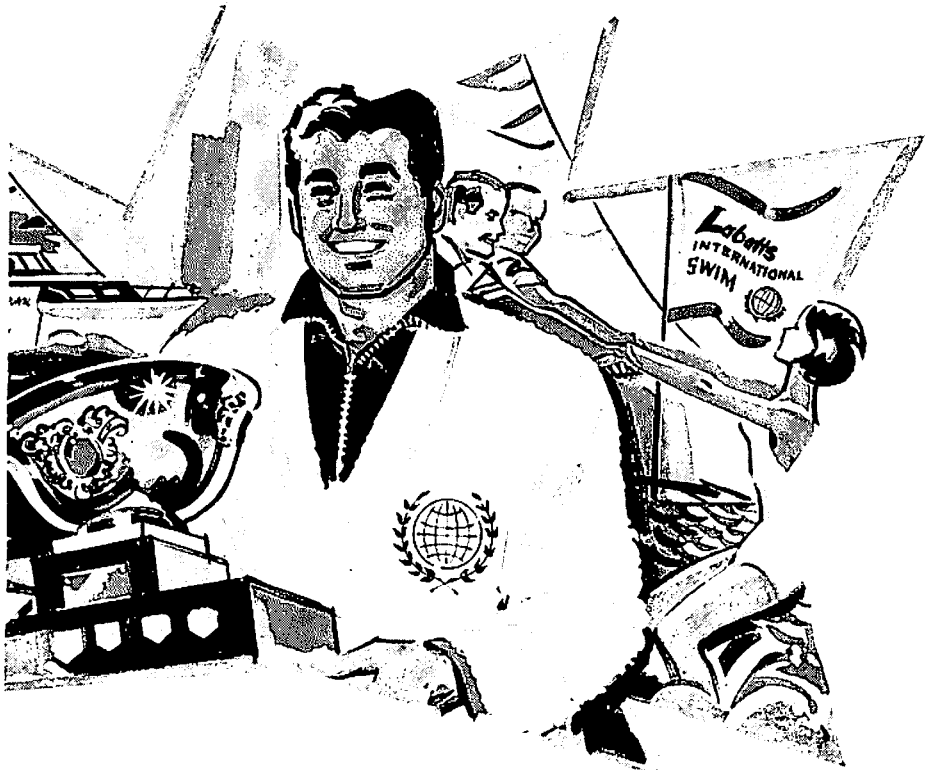
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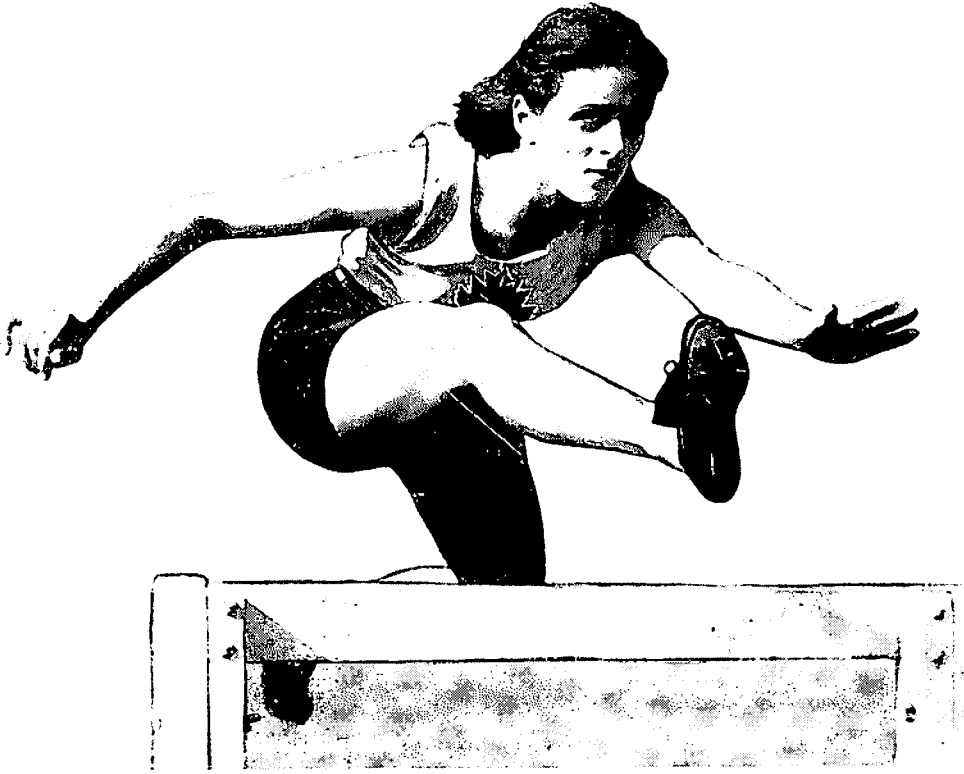
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Betty Taylor Bronze Medalist 1936 Olympics at Berlin

Ladies Have Enviably Sports Record in Hamilton

Despite the disapproval of their parents, Canadian girls began to take an active interest in athletics in the early 20's, "Its harmful", "Its not ladylike", were the main reasons offered. Baseball, basketball, hockey, track and field became very popular at this time and Hamilton girls were pioneers in the field. There were lively leagues in the team sports and it was from one of the basketball teams that many of the first track girls came. The Canadian ladies' team went into the newly formed Hamilton Olympic Club to make up its first ladies' section. Gertrude Wood, Josie Dymont and Velma Springstead were part of the first Canadian girls' team to cross the Atlantic and take part in a 3 cornered meet with British and Czech girls at Stamford Bridge in 1926.

Since then, we have had many notables, the Nye sisters (Gwen and Marj), Thelma McKelvy, Betty Taylor—bronze medallist in Berlin Olympics 1936, the Miller girls (Jo, Cathy and Isabella), Betty White (Lewington) and Audrey Dearnley, members of Canada's gold medal relay team in London 1934, Vi Smith (Histed), Kay Fox, the late Lois Schoenberg, Nancy Lewington (Betty White's



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daughter), Pat Cole, the Bardoe sisters (Val and Maureen) and currently Cecilia Carter. These and many others kept Hamilton's name on the sports pages. We have a new crop coming along and they will be heard too.

It is interesting to note that the Velma Springstead Trophy, awarded by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada to Canada's most outstanding woman athlete was given as a memorial to a Hamilton girl who pioneered track and field and died in her early twenties.

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The Canusa Games

The Good Neighbour Policy . . . Competition . . . Sportsmanship

By MARGARET BROKENSHIRE AND FRED TREMAINE

It seemed to happen innocently enough. On the 8th day of August 1958, a group of about four hundred citizens of Hamilton travelled the 246 miles to Flint, Michigan. Included in this group were two hundred and fifty athletes who were about to compete with athletes of Flint in seven sport areas, baseball, boxing, golf, pistol shooting, soccer, track and field and swimming. **THUS THE CANUSA GAMES WERE UNDER WAY.**

The games were the result of a group of men from the City of Flint School Athletic Program and directors of the recreation program working under the direction of Dr. Frank Manley of the Mott Foundation contacting a few men who were active in the various sports in Hamilton.

At a subsequent meeting the Flint representatives stated that they wished to expand their athletic program with a comparable city in Canada, the idea being that such an undertaking could promote friendship and encourage sportsmanship. To promote friendship it was decided that all competitors should be housed in private homes of the host city.

Although Hamilton won five of the seven events in keen competition the spirit of friendliness which pervaded the area during the week end far exceeded the expectations of the organizers of the games.

As the years have passed the friendships, pageantry and sport areas have increased to a point that CANUSA GAMES has become an institution. The name Canusa was adopted from a suggestion of a Hamilton Committee man. The name incorporating Canada and the United States of America.

Mr. Wilf Thomas who attended the original meeting was chosen as chairman of the Canadian group and has held that position ever since.

A torch was run from the Bluewater Bridge at Port Huron to the Ballenger field house in Flint to signify the official opening of the games. It is of interest to note that our own Harold Webster, a former competitor in the Olympic and British Empire Games, ran the torch the final mile.

The Flint Journal donated the trophies to be competed for in each sport area and have since supplied a trophy for each new sport entering the games. AC Spark Plug donated the beautiful Friendship Trophy which is presented annually at the opening of the games to the mayor of the visiting city.

From this auspicious beginning the Hamilton volunteer committee entertained mixed feelings as to whether they could operate the games as successfully as the well trained and co-ordinated Flint school directors. Never-the-less, under the encouragement of Mayor Lloyd D. Jackson who was always an ardent participator and, the Hamilton Spectator, the games for 1959 with the additional sports of archery, basketball, rifle shooting, trap and skeet and volleyball proved to be even more successful.

That year members of the Flint track team ran the torch the 246 miles from Flint to Hamilton. Each year runners from the visiting city have carried the torch to mark the official opening of the games, and this has become what we believe to be the longest annual torch run in the world.

Following the untimely death of Harold Webster in 1959 a trophy was donated in his name by the Flint people which was to be presented to a track and field competitor who best exemplified the true meaning of the Canusa Games. This trophy is presented annually. In 1960 the games were held in Flint with the addition of two more sports, tennis and table tennis but unfortunately it was found necessary to drop boxing.

In 1961 because of the time element, trap and skeet shooters found it impossible to participate in the games.

In 1962 sailing was added and has since proved to be a very competitive sport for all sailors, especially our juniors.

In 1963 badminton and cycling entered the games and have grown with each passing year.

In 1964 the games welcomed wrestling, weight lifting and gymnastics. That year our new mayor Vic Copsps travelled to Flint and accepted the Friendship Trophy.

In 1965 the games took place in Flint and because Hamilton had lost its beloved swimming coach Jimmy Thompson, the Flint School directors donated a memorial trophy in his name which is presented annually to a swimmer in the same manner as the Harold Webster Trophy.

The Hamilton committee is happy that Hamilton will be the Host City for the tenth anniversary of the Canusa Games which fortunately coincides with our country's 100th birthday.

We can now boast that more than 1,000 local competitors aged from eight years to senior citizens are taking part in the Canusa Games and the sport areas will increase from eighteen to twenty this Centennial year.

The Hamilton Executive Committee and all the sport chairmen who have during the years offset a host of problems feel that the games have come a long way since that first meeting in 1958, however, these games could not possibly have come into being if it had not been for the generosity of so many citizens of Hamilton and the most inspiring part are the people who open their homes to the Flint athletes during their bi-annual stay in Hamilton.

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One of the earliest inter-school athletic contests on record was in 1913 when, after obtaining permission to practise on the school lawn, a football team of eleven players and five alternates journey from the Collegiate Institute to Dunnville for a game with the local High School.

In 1917, a group of "Tech Boys" entered a football team in the Intermediate O.R.F.U. league in competition with the Hamilton Tiger Intermediates.

The cadet and athletic committee of the board held an international inter-scholastic indoor track meet in the Armouries in March of 1921. Competing schools were H.C.I., Tech., Baltimore H.S. and local public schools.

During the "twenties" there was competition between Central C.I., Delta C.I., Technical H.S., Cathedral H.S. and District High Schools in football, hockey, softball, basketball and track and field. In 1923 the Collegiate Institute won the Ontario championship in football, the Dominion championship in rowing and the one and two mile relay championships at the Penn Relays.

In the early thirties, Delta C.I. was the top team in Canadian H.S. football. With the opening of Westdale in 1930 and the High School of Commerce in 1932, the Hamilton Interscholastic Athletic Council was formed to administer high school athletics within the city.

Eligibility standards regarding ages, attendance and academic achievement were set up. Since then, the council has expanded to include eleven schools competing in eleven sports: football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, hockey, curling, wrestling, gymnastics, track and field, and soccer. The council also gives guidance to the additional sport of rowing and the co-educational sports of badminton and skiing.

During these years, girls' interscholastic athletic competition has been, with the exception of badminton, restricted to exhibition games or competition between grade all-star teams. In 1965, the girls took part in the interschool track and field meet and this year started league play between representative school teams in volleyball, basketball and gymnastics.

The growth of the city has brought about some changes in elementary school sports.

Old timers would find that emphasis on mass participation in house leagues. City leagues are an enrichment program for senior pupils with outstanding ability.

The great game of soccer is relegated to house leagues and touch rugby (à la Tiger-Cats) has caught the fancy of boys.

Baseball with its need of a large playing area has been replaced by softball with the larger, safer ball. The greater use of fielders' gloves has prevented many breaks and sprains.

As late as the thirties school teams were still practising hockey on the bay. Today many neighbouring outdoor rinks are handy to schools.

Old timers would find that many schools now have fine gymnasias. This has led to more emphasis on indoor sports. Volleyball and basketball lead the way.

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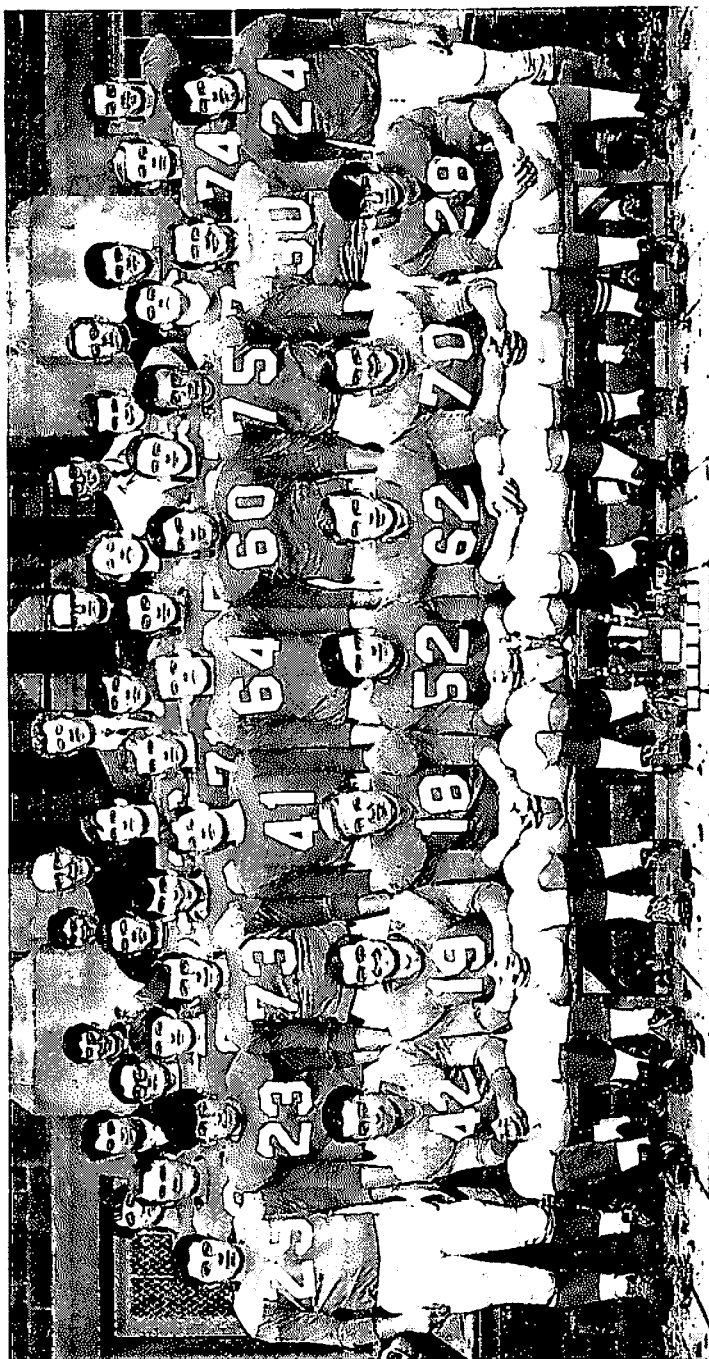
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In the beginning, the Hamilton Police Amateur Athletic Association developed a veritable army of fine athletes. Champions in track and field, golf, swimming, football, baseball, softball, rowing, volleyball, basketball, bowling, hockey and revolver shooting brought innumerable high honors to the city and the Association and, more significant accomplishment dates back to 1948 at, the formation of the H.P. Minor Athletic Association.

Great effort has been extended in the training and supervision of Hamilton youth, ages seven through twenty-one, in all minor sports. It is with pride the Association points to the fact that by the close of this Centennial Year, a grand total of boys participating in the various minor league programs will reach 18,164, something that does indeed speak for itself.

Among the thousands of young athletes to later distinguish themselves in the open world of sports, are Ron and Harry Howell, Dan and Meco Poliziani, Russ Jackson, Frank Cosentino, Murray Oliver, Bill Friday, Ian Cushenan and Wayne Rivers, to mention just a few.

The country's Centennial marks the 19th anniversary of this minor organization and, to note the development of Hamilton youngsters, and their later successes in the great field of sports, has been most gratifying and encouraging to the police officers and citizens who have given unstintingly of time and effort.

Close liaison between youth and police in sports shall continue. With the continued personal interest and dedication of some 280 volunteer team officials, the financial support of more than seventy sports-minded business firms, service clubs, lodges, etc., the support of press, radio and television is assured and, every opportunity will be given the city's youth for active participation and development in baseball and hockey, particularly.

Any story of the Police Minor Athletic Association would not be complete without particular mention of the officers, headed by Sgt. Bernie Arbour, a devoted group working ceaselessly, and with all dedication, that the youth of the city have every opportunity of developing physically and mentally on the way to taking responsible places in the future of a city.

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In a class by itself, one of the truly great shows that continues to intrigue athletes and spectators year after year, the 91st Highlanders' Athletic Association's indoor track meet has long been the number one event of its kind in Canada and, indeed, on the continent.

When the great Bobby Kerr, Olympic sprint champion in 1908 and, incidentally, holder of the armory record for the 40 yards dash, never even equalled, decided to turn over the reins as meet director, a few years back, Ralph Adams, onetime Central Collegiate track star and a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1928, took over the job.

The 91st A.A. retains possession of its many fine trophies, many of them given in memoriam but, for individual and team awards, donations from friends help out and, while the meet will probably never show anything more than a token profit, it will continue to serve as a goal for aspiring athletes, local and otherwise and, it will continue to offer the most exciting sports action imaginable.

Memory recalls world stars like Paavo Nurmi, a man who ran everything from a mile to a marathon, in three Olympiads, the great Jesse Owens, winner of four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics at Amsterdam, Bob Richards, in his day the reigning pole-vaulter of the world, the great Harold Webster and George Spitz, of high-jump fame, Joey Ray, Gil Dodds, Gene Venzke and Willie Ritola, all superb milers.

Mal Whitfield and Herb McKenley, legends in their own time, the brilliant Phil Edwards, fresh out of British Guiana to run first for New York University and then Hamilton Olympic Club, Percy Williams, the Vancouver star who captured both sprints in the 1928 Olympics at Amsterdam, Charley Jenkins, Harrison Dillard, Lindy Remigio, Mike Agostini, Arnie Sowell, Ralph Metcalfe, Laslo Tabori, Johnny Fitzpatrick, Don Stonehouse, Andy Stanfield, George Rhoden, Jack McAllister, the flying cop, Hugo Maiocco, Harry Bright, Milt Campbell, Olympic decathlon champion who later played football for Tiger-Cats . . . they and many, many other ranking stars trod the boards through the years.

Ethel Catherwood, the Saskatoon Lily, Myrtle Cook, star of the Canadian girls' Olympic team in 1924, Mary MacDonald, Ernestine Russell, the gymnastics supreme from Windsor, were some of the girls and, the great Stella Walsh, U.S. Olympic star from Cleveland, never lost a sprint in 21 years over the armory track.

It would be impossible to select the most outstanding competitions through the years. Every meet holds its own excitement. Hamilton high school stars, McMaster, the Hamilton Olympic Club, the Spartans, a dozen Toronto clubs and all eastern Canadian universities have contributed greatly.

Certainly, having played host to untold thousands of athletes from Europe, the United States and Canada, the meet has earned high honors as the oldest continuing meet of its kind, certainly a claimant to a deep bow from all of Hamilton and district for contributions through the century being celebratde this year.

Centennial Tournament Lawn Bowling

Highlight

By WILLIAM T. CORP,

Secretary, District 5, Provincial Lawn Bowling Association

When lawn bowlers of the Hamilton district are competing in their busy Centennial Year program, holding their club and district playdowns, special events with proceeds earmarked for charitable purposes and in all tests with Fernleigh, Burlington, Roselawn, Hagersville, Dundas, Ontario Hospital, Churchill, Aldershot, Caledonia, Thistles staging their big days, will a thought or two go back over the years?

Lawn bowlers must indeed be proud of the fact they participate in a game second only in antiquity to archery. While the game was undoubtedly known in ancient Greece, and Egypt, Italy and France knew it later and, history records that the game was introduced into England perhaps in the late 11th century.

In the biography of Thomas A. Beckett, who was assassinated in 1170, a game is described in which round stones were rolled at a mark, or cone. There is pictorial record of bowls in England in the 13th century.

Between the years 1327 - 1511 bowls was styled the royal game and was played by the early kings. The game was prohibited to the lower classes because the people neglected archery practise at a time so important in battle. However, the poor folks were permitted to indulge at Christmas time but, no one could play the game in open places, or outside of a private garden, or orchard.

In 1588, history records, Sir Francis Drake was playing a game of bowls at the Hoe, Plymouth, England. When informed that the Spanish fleet was sailing up the channel, he insisted on finishing off his game before finishing off the Spaniards, in one of history's great battles.

The Bishop of London, John Aylmer (1521-94) felt it was no sin to play bowls on Sunday afternoon at Fulham Place. It was a legitimate Sunday amusement, for the upper classes.

James 1st recommended the game to his son, Prince Henry. Charles 1st engaged in a game just before his execution. Good Queen Bess delighted in the game. John Knox once joined Calvin in a Sunday afternoon game at Geneva. Some English pubs had their own greens, for use of patrons, between drinks.

After Scotland had taken up the game, at the close of the 16th century, a green was laid out at Glasgow. Then a committee was formed to draft rules and regulations, adopted as the standard laws.

Shakespeare had his own green and enjoyed it with his friends.

Americans caught on to the game and, in 1732, George Washington laid down his own green on his Mount Vernon estate, at the lower end of Broadway in New York City.



There have been times, in the history of ladies' lawn bowling in Hamilton, when the city's challengers have been most successful. A few years back two of three Ontario Provincial Lawn Bowling Association championships fell to the Roselawn bowlers, while a third was captured by Dundas. Trebles winners were Roselawn bowlers, left to right, Mrs. Tom Gretton, Mrs. W. A. Webb and Mrs. E. G. Larner, doubles, Mrs. T. H. Finlayson and Mrs. M. C. Rounq, of Dundas and, singles, Mrs. John Richmond, Roselawn.

In Canada the first bowling green was set up in Halifax, about 1734. Officers of the garrison at Halifax played on a green laid out at Annapolis, at the residence of the Duke of Kent.

After a lapse of nearly a century, the game found its way into Upper Canada. The Caer Howell club in Toronto was in existence about 1837. The Hamilton Thistle Club picked it up in 1852 and, the first big tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake was staged in 1887. The original trophy for that year, now recognized as the O.B.A., has been in competition for some 79 years. Clubs formed in Hamilton, late in the 19th century, included Thistles, Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Strathconas, Victorias, Burlington and the Brant House.

Now, with the great spread of the game, hundreds of thousands participate in Canada, the game is played all over the world and, the first world's championship was held in Australia, in 1966.

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Hamilton Yachtsmen Look Back on Century of Notable Development

By HARRY L. PENNY

THE EARLY YEARS

In the fall of 1887 a notice went out to all Hamilton yachtsmen inviting them to a meeting on November 1 of that year. About 100 men attended. This marked the beginning of the ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB although for the first few years it was called Hamilton Yacht Club. Three further meetings were held before the first annual meeting was called on April 2, 1888. The club then had a membership of 154. The annual meeting elected as its first officers the



On almost any sailing day, weather conditions are good, or even fair, scenes like this are common, all parades starting from the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. The popular Hamilton Club has been the scene of many outstanding regattas and its sailors have represented the Club all over the world.

following: F. E. Kilvert, Commodore; John Stewart, Vice Commodore; Judge J. F. Monck, Captain; J. W. G. Watson, Secretary; G. F. Birely, Treasurer; Aemilius Jarvis, F. S. Malloch, G. Webster, Committee Members. A modest clubhouse was erected shortly after this at the cost of \$1,000. According to an undated RHYC booklet the first clubhouse was a two-storey building with locker rooms on the lower floor. Originally the structure was built on piles near the east side of James Street alongside what was then the Toronto and Hamilton Steamship Company. Subsequently it was moved on the ice to a location at the foot of Bay Street. Commodore F. E. Kilvert owned *Psyche*, a 40 foot cutter, which became the first flagship of the newly formed Hamilton Yacht Club.

Sailing on the waters around Hamilton, of course, had been going on for many years prior to the formation of the Hamilton Yacht Club. Indeed there is plenty of evidence that during the early 1870's some of Hamilton's yachts were dominating yacht racing on Lake Ontario. The annals of the Royal Canadian

Yacht Club record that as early as 1858, *Sea Gull*, a 17 ton yacht owned by J. H. Maingay, raced successfully in international events. The same record also lists *Surge*, 3 or 4 tons, owned by J. Metcalf, and *Mariner*, 3 or 4 tons, owned by T. H. Stinson, as Hamilton boats.

In 1873 when Aemilius Jarvis was only 14 years of age he commanded the yacht *Saunterer* and introduced the then novel sail, the spinnaker, to Lake Ontario. In 1874 the *Annie Cuthbert*, built by the famous designer and builder, Alexander Cuthbert and sailed by a syndicate of Hamilton men, won many trophies including the Fisher Cup that had been offered the year before by Commodore Fisher of the Chicago Yacht Club as a challenge cup. Then in 1876 the yacht *Brunette*, owned by T. H. Stinson, won the Prince of Wales Cup.

During this early period many of these ships and others sailed under the colors of the Burlington Yacht Club. Unfortunately, this club had a series of misfortunes that led to bankruptcy after only seven short years of existence. This event played its part in setting back the sport of sailing for more than a decade. Contributing to this slump in sailing was a tragic accident in the Bay which is well reported in the RCYC annals:

In August, 1870, occurred a distressing event which was attributable to the centreboard type of the time, although that type persisted among lake yachts for a generation afterwards, and was only driven out at the end of the century by measurement rules which made its employment unprofitable from a racing standpoint.

At Hamilton the sloop Empress, owned by H. L. Bastien and chartered by the late Thos. Swinyard, at the time general manager of the Great Western Railway, was capsized off Oaklands, on the north shore of Burlington Bay. Mr. Swinyard's eldest son Ernest, and three of his daughters, the Misses Aimee, Constance and Irene Swinyard, were drowned. A fourth daughter, Leila, one son, Leon, Mr. Swinyard himself, Mr. Fred Richie, the postmaster of Hamilton, and Dick Roach, the professional on board, were saved, Roach walking completely around the sloop as she went over—starting from the starboard side, up the steep deck, out on the bilge and bottom and across to the starboard gunwale. Mr. Swinyard was a prominent man in public affairs and entertained lavishly, and the catastrophe cast a heavy shadow over yachting for years. p.47

However, in spite of these set-backs, due to the persistent efforts of a few prominent yachtsmen, interest in sailing was finally revived and the Hamilton Yacht Club formed. The club fleet at that time consisted of 20 yachts—14 sloops, 5 cutters and 1 steam yacht. The first race organized by the new club was on May 24, 1888 and 7 boats participated. The course was a twelve mile triangle in the Bay.

The Lake Yacht Racing Association (LYRA) was formed in 1884 due in part to the efforts of several Hamilton yachtsmen, and when the new Hamilton club was established it quickly affiliated with LYRA and has sailed under the rules and regulations of this Association ever since. An authority on early yacht racing history, Dr. Henry A. Mott, to whom I am indebted for much of the very early history of our Club, has this to say regarding Hamilton and the LYRA:

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All the regattas on Lake Ontario are sailed under the rules of this Association, and the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club has always taken an active part in the discussion and formation of these rules. It was during the fall of 1889 when the annual meeting of the Council of the Association was held in Hamilton, that the waterline system of classification was changed to that of corrected length, and the Hamilton delegates did much to bring this about.

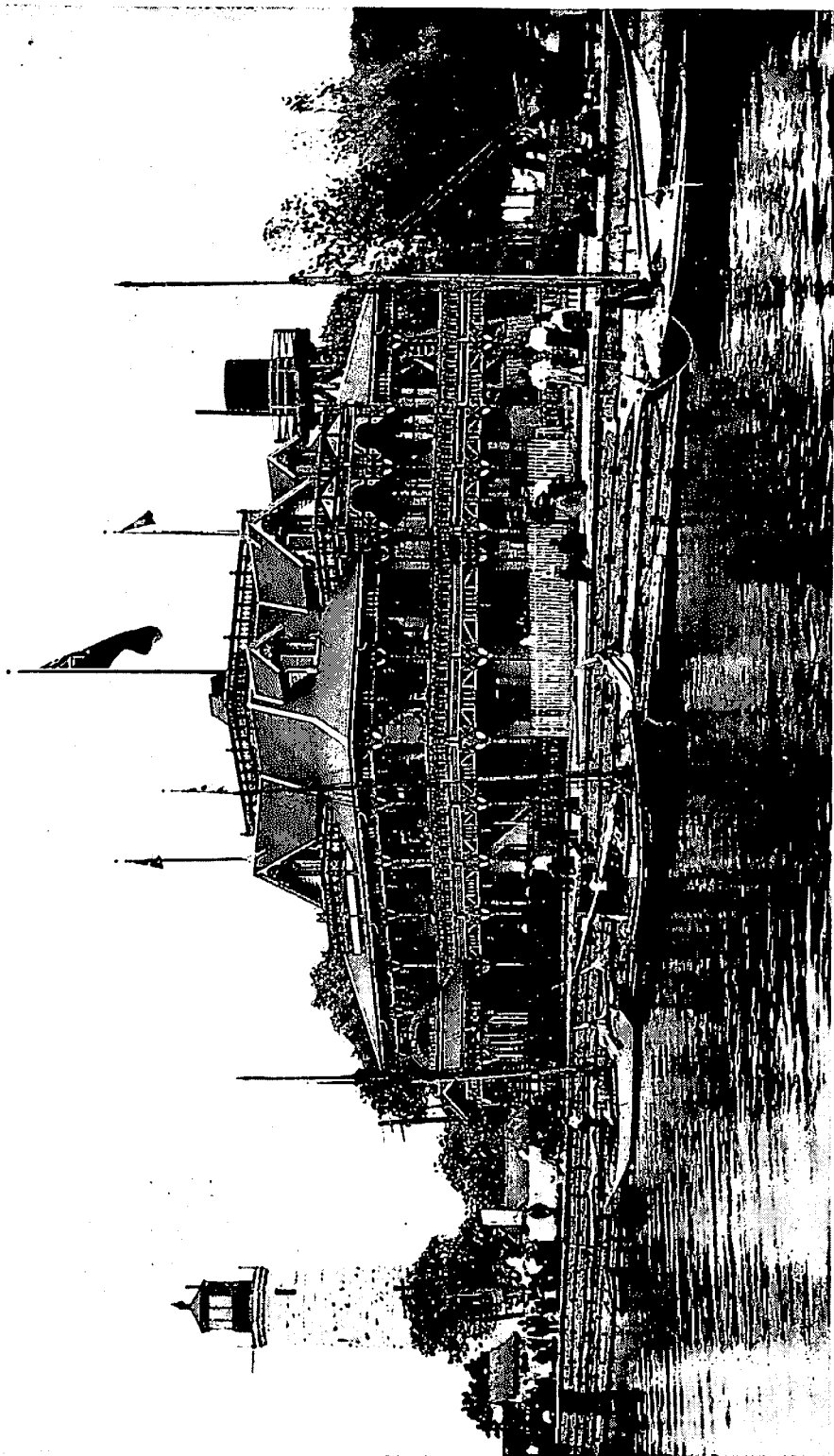
Judge J. F. Monck of the Hamilton Club was president of the LYRA in 1889.

During 1889 and 1890 the club membership and the fleet increased considerably and in October 1890 the club decided to build a proper clubhouse on the Beach strip. At the same time representations were being made to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and in a letter from the Governor General, the Right Honourable Lord Stanley of Preston, dated February 14, 1891, the club was advised that the Queen had consented to the use of the word "Royal". The original letters of patent, written in flowing long-hand, dated 30 May, 1891, give the purpose of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club:

To establish and maintain a club as a corporation having for its objects the encouragement of yacht building and yacht sailing and racing in Ontario waters by the name of "The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club", the said club have been permitted by us the style "Royal".

A framed copy of the letters of patent hangs in the present clubhouse. The original, now coloured by age and very brittle, is safely stored in the vault. Lord Stanley's letter included the authority for registered club boats, over a certain tonnage, to carry the Blue Ensign—a defaced Blue Ensign of Her Majesty's Fleet, with a crown and maple leaf in the fly. When the Government of Canada adopted the distinctive National Flag for our country, the RHYC immediately registered her Blue Ensign as the official "House Flag" of the club so that our yachtsmen could continue the tradition of flying this historic flag.

The charter members of the RHYC as listed in the Letters of Patent are: Senator Wm. E. Sanford (Commodore), Samuel O. Greening (Vice Commodore), John F. Monck (Captain), Edward H. Ambrose (Hon. Secretary), George T. Tuckett, John B. Young, Guy R. Judd, John Stewart, Walter G. Townsend, James



A mecca for all sailors was this handsome old clubhouse of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, at the canal, before it was destroyed by fire many years ago. It was one of the half dozen leading clubs of its kind in Ontario.

V. Teetzel, Thomas H. Stinson, George E. Hamilton, Thomas W. Lister, George F. Birely. The flagship of the newly incorporated RHYC was a power boat, *Naiad*, owned by Commodore W. E. Sanford. *Naiad*, a steamer, was designed and built by the Polson Iron Works (LOR 67 feet, Beam 10 ft., Draft 4 ft.). She was launched in July 1890. It seems odd that the name of Aemilius Jarvis is not listed as a charter member of the RHYC. He was an outstanding Hamilton personality both in business and yachting circles. He is credited by some as being the real founder of the RHYC. His unpublished journal, now in the Hamilton Public Library, contains many references to yachting and the yacht clubs—he was an active member of both the Royal Hamilton and the Royal Canadian Yacht Clubs. Jarvis' famous centreboard sloop, *White Wings*, plied the waters between his two clubs for several years and, according to his journal, *White Wings* won 24 firsts and two seconds in 26 starts. He became Rear Commodore of the RCYC in 1895, Commodore in 1897 and was also Commodore in 1902, 1911 and 1912. Jarvis designed several yachts including the 30-foot class cutter, *Samoa*, which was built by Robertson Brothers of Hamilton. The RCYC annals note that:

Samoa was a courageous departure from the plank-on-edge type which Mr. Jarvis had essayed in the Whistlewind. She was of 8 feet 6 inches beam and 6 feet draught, 27 feet 6 inches waterline, and 40 feet over all, and 1056 sq. ft. of sail, with a handsome clipper bow, rounded forefoot, and graceful overhanging counter. She was a fast and splendid seaboat and won many races. Mr. Jarvis sold her to Mr. E. H. Ambrose, one of his crew in many races. p.95

About this great Hamilton yachtsman a great deal more could be said, for stories about him are almost legendary. One of the RCYC's most prominent members, Commodore Gooderham described Jarvis as the "greatest yachtsman in the club's history". With that we will have to leave this interesting sailor.

The 1890's was a period of high morale and great enthusiasm amongst Hamilton yachtsmen. By May 1, 1891 the membership in the new club had increased to over 500, and the new clubhouse was rapidly taking shape. Built at the cost of \$13,000 the clubhouse was a summer haven for all yachtsmen. The interior was tasteful and spacious and great attention had been given to the convenience and comfort of club members. Situated as it was in a prominent place on the Beach strip, it commanded an excellent view of the entire bay. From the broad verandas members and their guests could follow the various racing events. This was truly a zenith in the history of the RHYC. The fleet, too, was increasing proportionately and in the summer of 1891 numbered 54 yachts. Noting this high point, the annals of RCYC records:

By 1891 the Hamilton Yacht Club had also been honoured with the prefix Royal, and had built a large summer clubhouse near the south pier of the entrance to Burlington Bay. The event was celebrated by a regatta of the Lake Yacht Racing Association on July 12. The regatta marked the official opening of the new clubhouse, although it was not quite completed.

The LYRA regatta was next held in Hamilton in 1895 and in the various articles and other reports about Ontario sailing, there are many references to the

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keenness of the sailing and the honours accorded to Hamilton yachtsmen. With reference to this period the little RHYC booklet referred to earlier has this to say:

It appears that yachts in these latter days of the nineteenth century would go anywhere for a race, and on a cruise such as the one to Toledo, several stops at ports on the way going and coming back would be made to challenge local fleets to race. One of the favourite participants in such circuit racing was RHYC's Rev. (Father) C. E. Whitcombe—an Anglican minister—aboard his own sloop, Euroclydon; he was a great favourite with Great Lakes yachtsmen and his calling by no means lessened his keenness and prowess as a yachtsman.

Another report notes that Rev. Whitcombe in 1902 purchased the 30 foot yawl, *Naomi*, which was considered best in her class on Lake Ontario.

DISASTER AND NEW DIRECTIONS

In 1915 the attractive, gracious RHYC clubhouse was destroyed by fire. Even before this event, yachting activity at the RHYC was beginning to suffer. Many members were caught up in preoccupations caused by the First World War and although leaders like Sam Vila and others of his generation struggled valiantly to keep yachting alive, the war and the destruction of the clubhouse conspired against them. For the next few years apathy prevailed and it was not until a few years after the end of the war that a more positive spirit began again to prevail. In 1920 property was acquired at the foot of Bay Street and the old building, presumably the original clubhouse of the Hamilton Yacht Club, was remodelled to serve as the clubhouse. This continued as the clubhouse until 1938 when the present property at the foot of MacNab Street was leased from the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners and the existing modern year-round clubhouse was built along with locker rooms and docks. With this development new hope was born that Hamilton would once again regain a prominent place in the yachting fraternity of Lake Ontario. However, the club's star had faded—the glamour of the late 1800's and early 20th century was gone, and a different, more modest, development began. This in no way meant that sailing and boating activity diminished. On the contrary it persisted, strengthened and grew. For example, the first race for the Freeman Cup was started in Hamilton in 1921. Says the annals about this race:

For the first contest the course was a magnificent one, from Hamilton to Kingston, one end of Lake Ontario to the other, starting in the evening of July 31st. Nineteen yachts, large and small, crossed the line, and stretched out on various courses for the objective, 189 nautical miles to the eastward. Preceding the race for the Freeman Cup there had been an interesting struggle for the George Cup at Hamilton . . . and the club (RCYC) sent our steamer, Hiawatha to Hamilton, to afford facilities for the contest. The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club besides losing their fine clubhouse at Burlington Beach had also been decimated by the war and were not well equipped for conducting an important international match.

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Nirvana, owned by James Morrow of Hamilton defended the George Cup against *Huskie* of Waterton, N.Y., and *Scrapper* of the RCYC. She won by a very close margin and so repeated the honour won once before in 1912.

During 1912 Hamilton had also won trophies at the 4th Annual International Motor Boat Race held that year in the Bay. Later in the same year Harry Greening in his motor boat, *Gadfly III*, made headlines by reaching the incredible speed of

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27 miles per hour. In 1921, Greening in a new boat, *Rainbow I* won the international Fisher Trophy. He then went on to win many other honours in his future *Rainbows II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII*. One of these was the magnificent Sir Thomas Lipton Cup which is now on permanent display in the RHYC Trophy Case. In the early 1920's William F. Judd, racing under the rulings of the Lake Sailing Skiff Association (LSSA) which had been formed in 1898, won many honours for himself and the RHYC. The 16-foot skiff class that Judd sailed was the forerunner of the popular 14 foot International Dingy.

In 1930 the RHYC hosted the sailing program of the British Empire Games. Yachtsmen from all over the Commonwealth descended on Hamilton for this outstanding international sailing event. Of similar significance was the Hamilton Centennial Regatta on July 1, 1946. This was a great success, too, and did much to put Hamilton back on the map as a force in the sailing affairs of the period. As if to emphasize this new status, RHYC sailor, John Robertson, represented Canada in the Olympics in 1948 at Torquay and again in 1952 at Helsinki in Lightning competition. Tim Nelson followed this by winning the North American Lightning Championship in 1956. Don Allen continued in this tradition by representing Canada in the world championships at Peru in 1963.

THE CURRENT PICTURE

In the meantime the clubhouse and docks and other facilities of the RHYC were getting older and becoming less adequate to cope with the developing membership and fleet. Modern times dictated that change was necessary if the RHYC was to give strong active leadership to yachting in the Hamilton area. Therefore, in a bold move to set the club over a long-range period, the board of management,

under the leadership of Commodore A. C. Palmer, engaged the services of a professional architect to assist in the drawing up of such a plan. This was presented to the members at a special meeting on June 21, 1960. This particular plan was rejected by members at the annual meeting in December, 1960, and the idea was shelved. However, special conditions forced some changes and repairs. In 1962, Health Department regulations forced extensive renovations in the kitchen/dining area and in 1964 a violent storm caused so much damage to docks that replacement of the entire west marina was necessary. In 1965 a syndicate of members in co-operation with the club management arranged for the financing of a fine, large swimming pool. That year also saw the extension of the area for dry sailing.

The fleet at RHYC continues to enlarge as the year go by and now numbers many sailing craft and power cruisers. The cruising power fleet is not enlarging in the same way as the sailing fleet, but RHYC boasts a growing number of large, well-appointed power cruisers. The junior sailing fleet now has 15 boats, all Flying Juniors. Sailing classes for juniors have been held each summer for many years and have produced some of RHYC's finest sailors. Recently evening classes for adults have been part of the program.

During the past few months, *Crossbow*, a new Classic 37, owned by John Essery, a former Rear Commodore of the RHYC, has been making the name of the RHYC well-known in southern racing circles. With an all-Hamilton crew he has been participating in most of the long-distance races of the southern circuit. From *White Wings* to *Crossbow* the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club has seen almost a century of keen, competitive sailing. Ups and downs we have had, and many more of the same are likely in store. The rocky shoals will always threaten, flat seas will continue to frustrate, violent storms will present their usual hazards but for the most part we will have the clear skies and fresh breezes to cheer us on our way—and the challenge and excitement of the race ever beckons.

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The Lambs, in the beginning, called on friends, among whom were Robert Hobson and S. C. Mewburn, raised sufficient funds and, built and equipped a spacious club on piling at the end of the Bastein dock.

Early defeats, in competition with seasoned Toronto crews marked racing efforts on the old west shore course but, gradual improvement paid off later with a notable victory for Hamilton over the famous Nautilus Club four.

When the bicycle craze swept the area, rowing fell apart and, with minor activities in between, it was 1927 before the modern development got under way.

Russell W. Frost, prominent Hamilton sportsman who had been assistant manager of crews at Cornell University in his undergraduate days, worked with the complete co-operation of other sportsmen like Alex G. Muir, S. S. "Seppi" DuMoulin, John McAllister and others, to build a fine clubhouse at the foot of John Street.

Robert S. Hunter, coach of the club at that time, sparked the renaissance with a fine victory in the 150-pound fours at the Royal Canadian Henley. With the help of the city, three new eight-oared shells were forthcoming in 1928 and, the fine progress of the club broadened considerably with the British Empire Games here in 1930.

Leander's heavyweight eight represented Canada in the B.E. Games and, many outstanding victories rewarded the club in that year, with a new addition to the clubhouse another development.

Leander's heavyweight eight, after winning the right to represent Canada in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, defeated Japan, Germany, New Zealand and, the Leander Rowing Club of England, placing third in the final behind the United States and Italy. In this competition, the Leanders of England bowed before a Canadian crew for the first time in history.

It was in 1930 that the powerful Australian, Bob Pearce, first showed his wares to Canadian sportsmen and, his world victories subsequently included the Diamond Sculls and many Canadian and United States singles championships. In the thirties Leander crews piled up victory after victory, on a national and international scale and, the Hamilton club again represented Canada in the Olympics in Germany in 1936.

Under the coaching direction of G. W. "Paddy" Cline, Leanders gained fame the world over, representing Canada in the Olympic Games in London in 1948, with an eight and, sending a four-oared crew to the Olympics at Helsinki four years later.

Because of new dock construction, Leanders were forced to leave the old clubhouse in 1962 and, a new, modern building, combining a clubhouse and social quarters, was erected at the foot of Bay Street.

Rowing in Hamilton has triumphed repeatedly over many difficulties and, rowing remains one of the most arduous of all sports, strictly amateur and most demanding on the time and determination of participants.

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The association was founded by such well-known Hamiltonians as Wallace Wood, Fred T. Brooks, Charles Irish and the late Bill Braden, to name a few. The land was leased to the Hamilton Power Boat Association by the Hamilton Harbour commissioners. The association was divided into a pleasure division and a racing section. At this time the launching facilities were considered to be the best on Hamilton Bay.

The annual regattas held on Hamilton Bay attracted many champion drivers from both sides of the border, among them such famous names as Guy Lombardo and the late "Pop" Cooper. Speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour were attained.

By 1957 increased racing speeds and the need for better water conditions made it essential for the association to move to another location. Early that year the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club took over the old quarters and the Power Boat Association made its move to a new race site at Riverview Park, situated on the Grand River at Caledonia.

The association has held annual regattas since 1947. It has sponsored the Canadian stock outboard championships on three occasions, and has been host to the Canadian Boating Federation's annual convention three times. During the past ten years association members have won a number of National championships.

The association is a member of the Canadian Boating Federation (Canada's National Boating Authority). It is also affiliated with the American Power Boat Association, and is a member of the U.I.M. (the International Authority for power boat racing, located in Brussels, Belgium).

Wallace Wood is a Life Commodore of the Canadian Boating Federation and the Hamilton Power Boat Association. Regular monthly meetings are held throughout the year.

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Soccer the International Game

By DAVE SMITH

Association football or soccer was introduced into Canada by Scottish settlers around 1880 but, in the Hamilton area, it was not until the inauguration of the Spectator Cup in 1897 that the game reached a measure of popularity.

A team called St. Matthew's won the trophy that year and in 1903 the first out-of-town winners proved to be Dundas Scotsmen.

The years before the First World War were dominated by powerful Harvester and Westinghouse teams with the Plowmen parading such English professionals as Sam Farrant, Billy Hales and for a short time Charlie Buchan, Sunderland's great international forward. In later years Buchan will be recalled as a sports commentator with the BBC.

Included in the Harvester executive in those early years was Bobby Kerr, Hamilton's Olympic sprint champion.

At the outbreak of war many of the local players enlisted with the 173rd Highlanders (Argylls) and a team including local stars Stevie Duncan, Bert Pogson, Tom Lawson, Dave Burns, Vic Munn and Tom Pilkington won the soccer championship at Camp Borden.

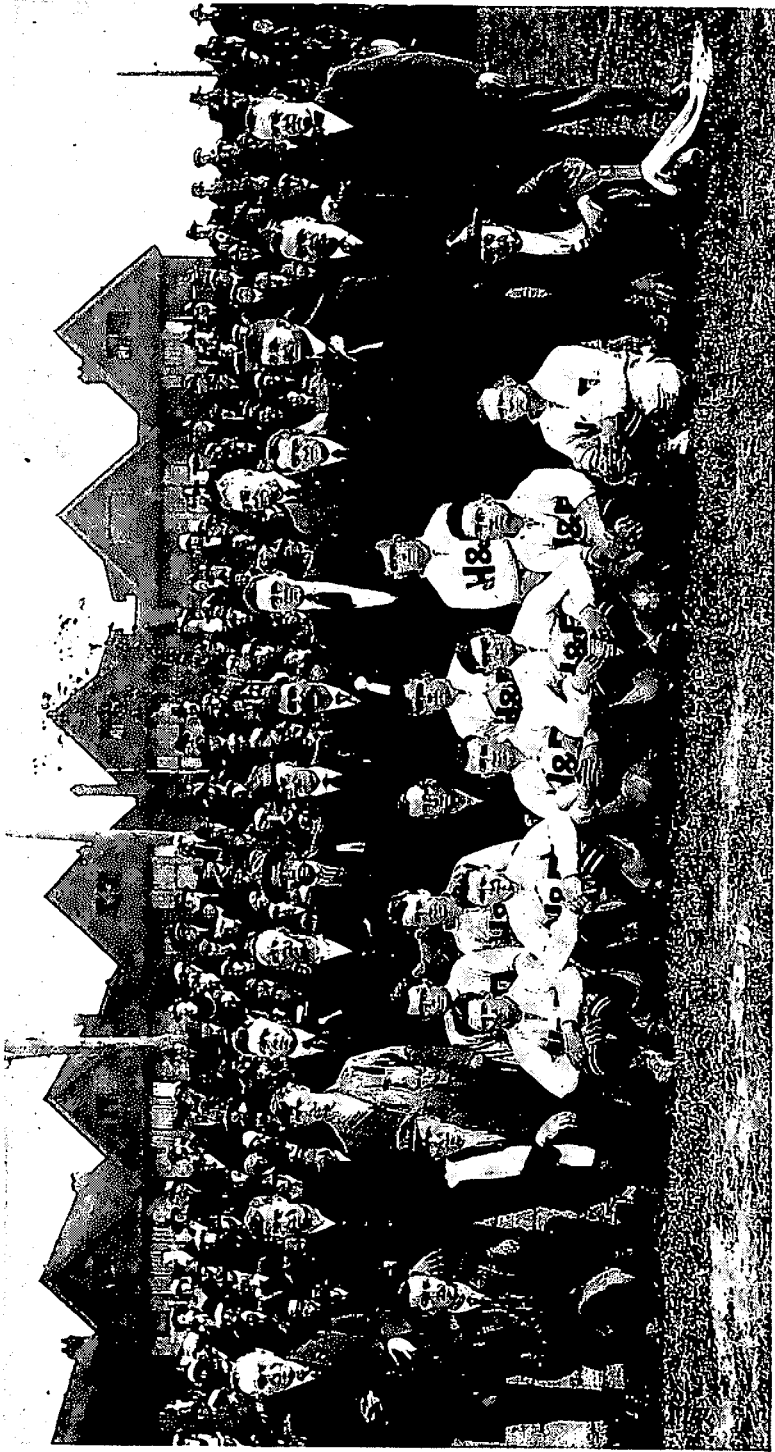
This team was still intact for a short time after arriving in England. At the insistence of Sam Manson, one of this city's all-time sports greats, the lads were entered in the Aldershot Command soccer contest and defeated several top Imperial Army teams to win the event.

Following the war soccer boomed in the city with many rousing games between Westinghouse, Labor Party, Chipman-Holton's, CNR and Ontario Hospital teams. Old-timers will recall that most of the matches were held at Harvester Park on Burlington Street and at Chapel Park on Barton Street, directly north of the present Civic Stadium.

In 1920, the Westinghouse team proved to be a powerhouse and besides winning the Spectator, Nelson, Herald and Ontario cups, went on to defeat the best in Canada and capture the Connaught cup.

Key players were "Tiny" Thombs, the sparkling little winger and at the time over 40 years of age, and Billy Gilvear, a skilful performer whose talents brought forth the best efforts of his teammates.

It was around this time that Robert 'Whitey' McDonald began his soccer career with a local junior team, Thistles. Thistles soon moved up to senior status and Whitey's abilities and dedication to the game were soon recognized. He later graduated to the famous Bethlehem Steel team in the U.S. and in 1928 achieved a boyhood dream by being signed by the mighty Glasgow Rangers.



Hamilton All-Stars, taken on May 26, 1921, include many Hamilton soccer notables, players and officials alike. In this picture, back row, left to right, Charles Booker (former mayor of Hamilton), honorary president of the team; J. Fisher, W. A. Adams, T. Guthrie, Billy Dean, A. McAuley, D. McNeil, Billy Donaldson, D. MacLennan, J. Bishop, S. Farrant, A. Mills, president; Sam Clark, Billy Barnes, manager. Middle row: J. Pilling, J. McRae (trainer), A. McEwan, T. Gardner, Wm. Carlon, D. Burns, W. Cooper. Front row: J. Atkinson, H. Lee, A. McCulloch, W. Gilvear, T. Pilkington, "Tiny" Thombs, W. Whittle (trainer). Billy Dean was a referee of note, T. Guthrie was D.F.A. representative, D. McNeil was D.F.A. president, Billy Donaldson was secretary of the club and, Alex McCulloch was captain.

He won the respect and admiration of Scottish fans and in his 13 years with Rangers won practically every honor that can be accorded a soccer player. Besides several Scottish Cup medals Whitey coveted the honor of being selected to play for the country of his birth, Ireland, in international competition.

In 1924 the Hamilton and District Football Association was formed and under the leadership of Billy Donaldson soon became a well-knit organization.

Affiliated clubs included the two National League representatives, Thistles and Hamilton City, a senior city league with Grotto Hearts a perennial contender, a junior league made up mostly of industrial teams and also a juvenile league.

Great rivalry existed between Thistles and City. Joe Gray's variety store on Barton Street became Thistle headquarters where you would be sure to find club officials George Meldrum, Joe Newton and Gus Thompson and others planning team strategy.

Thistle players of this era included Jimmy Wallace, Tommy and Bobby Lodge, George (Rocy) Munro, Jock Crawford, Andy (Red) McDonald, Bobbie Marshall, Tommy Lawrie, George Chambers, Tommy McKean and Jimmy Tennant.

Tennant, a classy right winger, left the club in the early '30s and turned professional with St. Johnstone of the Scottish League. He completed his soccer career in the Old Country.

Officials connected with the City club included Billy Barnes, Connie and Wilf Barlow and Arthur Arnold.

Mr. Arnold proved to be an able administrator and this proved to be the beginning of a long and distinguished soccer career. Through the years he became president of the National Soccer League, the Ontario Football Association and the Dominion Football Association. His dedication to the game earned national and international respect and he became known as Canada's soccer ambassador.

City players included Art Vickers, George Totten, Matt McFarlane, Alan Ashthorpe, Andy Smith, Ollie Sutton, Jimmy Connelly, Art Fairley and John Leitch.

Calibre of play at this time was first class and Hamilton gained recognition by battling the Welsh international team to a 1-1 tie in 1931. It was in this match that a near international incident occurred when Welsh fullback Moses Russell felled local center forward George Chambers in an unsportsmanlike attack. To escape the anger of Hamilton fans Russell was advised to lie on a stretcher while local officials cleared a path to the nearest exit.

During the grim depression years local clubs struggled to stay alive with many players leaving to seek employment elsewhere.

Just before the Second World War Stelcos emerged as the kingpins in the H and D league and eventually replaced Thistles in the National League.

Play was curtailed somewhat during the war but it is interesting to note that an RAF team stationed at Mount Hope captured the Spectator Cup during that time.

At the end of the war interest was revived mainly by the flood of immigrants from Britain and Europe.

The Southern Ontario League, affiliated with the H and D association, was formed and through the guidance of Bob Macdonald grew, until in 1957, clubs in association numbered 40.

In 1950 a well-known local sportsman, Flavio 'Unc' Masi, kindled the interest of the Italian community and from his efforts emerged the Italo-Canadians, later changed to Steelers and at the present time, Primos.

The Hamilton Minor Soccer Association was also formed at this time with Wilf Thomas as president and became part of the Hamilton Recreation program. Teams are now established at the various community centres and take part in the annual Canusa Games.

Hamilton's last try for a Dominion championship was in 1955 when another fine Westinghouse team gamely fought its way to the finals before accepting defeat. The 'Hoose team included such stars as Hugh Costello, George Cambell, Lefty Butler, Bill and Johnny Burgoyne and Huch Suttie.

Let it be understood that the foregoing is only a brief outline of Hamilton's soccer history and admittedly many outstanding players, officials and teams have been omitted or overlooked. This is regrettable and it is hoped the reader will forgive the omissions.

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Men, most of whom are of British stock, have been perpetuating a fine tradition here in the Steel City. This tradition is the fine old game of rugger—rugby football to use the proper nomenclature.

Introduced to Canada by the regular army officers at the garrison in Montreal early in the 19th century, rugger has had its ups and downs in Canadian cities from coast to coast. After the Kaiser had been slapped on the wrist in Europe and the Canadian boys returned home, there was a brief upsurge in the game's popularity but with the modifications that had been introduced in the USA the old game gradually died out and was replaced by its illegitimate son, Canadian football, forerunner of the popular game now enjoyed by millions of Canadians.

After World War II the game returned to Canada via the returning soldiers once again. This time it stayed and began to grow. Due in a very great part to British and Australian and New Zealand immigrants in the past ten years, rugger in Ontario has developed into four leagues—three intermediate and one senior, with the top intermediate team moving up to the senior league each year while the bottom senior division team is relegated to one of the intermediate leagues.

The Hamilton team, the HORNETS, have twice been up to the senior division and judging from performance this year have a very good chance of being a contender once again for the Ontario championship. They have won the honour on two occasions in the past.

Rugger is a fast, rough, demanding team sport that is geared more to the participant culture than to the existing "spectator" orientation that is prevalent in larger Ontario centres. A team represents 15 men of various sizes—it isn't just the big fellow who can play rugger. Many smaller men are excellent players. Finesse and agility are more important than size. Courage and stamina are two other necessities in the would-be rugger player. Eight of the fifteen men form what is known as a "scrum". These are usually the larger men on the team—the work-horses if you listen to them. The remaining seven are the backs—the glory boys according to the scrum. The object of the game is relatively simple—to carry the ball, which is oval and slightly larger than the football of today, over the opponent's goal line and 'touch it down'. This 'try', as it is called, is worth three points. The convert, which must be kicked from a point parallel to the sidelines with the point where the ball was touched down represents two points. The only other method of scoring is to kick the ball, using either a drop kick or a place kick, between the uprights for three points. Players must at all times remain behind the ball and if tackled while running with the ball, must immediately release it so that play can carry on. These are the basic rules of the game. There are, of course, a few more, but they are really just refinements of the two mentioned. The game is played on a rectangular field roughly the size of the football field. There is a set of goal posts at each end and an end zone of about fifteen yards. The ball

must be touched down between the goal line and the dead ball line fifteen yards beyond it. No substitutions are permitted so that if a player is injured, his team must play short-handed for the duration of the game, or until he is fit to return. The game is eighty minutes in length—two forty minute halves, and a player must be fit if he is to last the entire game. Play is only stopped when the ball cannot be played—if there are too many bodies on it to enable it to be 'heeled' free, or if it leaves the field of play. In the first case, the ball is put back into play by having a 'set scrum' wherein the two scrums bind together bent at the waist to form a tunnel into which the ball is placed by the 'scrum-half'. The ball is heeled from the scrum and is passed by the scrum-half to his outside-half and from him to his centre-half and so on out to the wing who is then theoretically supposed to score. All passing must be done laterally. The other method of putting the ball back into play is by having a line-out. This vaguely resembles a jump ball in basketball except that the ball is thrown in between the opposing forwards who have stationed themselves in two extended lines across the field parallel to the goal lines. The ball is caught by one of the men, passed to the scrum-half and thence to the out-half and so on until the score is made.

Rugger is, as can be realized by the sketchy outline above, a team game that utilizes ability speed and size combined with endurance and intestinal fortitude to produce fast-moving excitement and hard knocks. No protective clothing may be worn other than a jersey and a pair of shorts and boots. Players tackle hard and run hard, taking as much as they are giving, but there develops among those who play the game a camaraderie that is non-existent in most Canadian games—with the possible exception of those which have found their way here from Europe.

Truly amateur, rugger players must cover the cost of maintaining the team themselves, from uniforms to referee's fees to grounds fees to travelling expenses. Here is a game that could be utilized in our schools to teach the better qualities of sportsmanship without the great expense that is inherent in attempting to organize and maintain a Canadian football team. It is a rough game, but it is good fun.

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Cricket is Great Part of Sports History in Hamilton

By E. U. SPRIGGS

Cricket in Hamilton started many years before Confederation, having been brought here by British Army officers in the early 1800's, and by the 1820's it had taken hold of the public in Upper Canada (Ontario). The earliest game, of which there is any record, is that played at Hamilton in 1834 between teams from Guelph and Toronto. The first game in which Hamilton figures was played on August 14, 1837, when Brantford beat the local team. On May 10, 1847, at Young's Hotel the Hamilton Cricket Club was formed and its officers were: President, Peter Hamilton; Vice-President, Miles O'Reilly; Secretary, G. H. Southam and Treasurer, Stephen M. Jarvis. The committee J. E. Sabine, G. W. Baker, Jr., F. Haycock, G. Sadlier, H. Bull, A. Roxborough and R. R. Smith.

In August 1847 there was a match played between Hamilton and Toronto, won by Toronto, and during the next ten years saw games played against teams from Paris, Guelph, Galt, Simcoe, Brantford, Burlington and Dundas. Of these teams Brantford, Guelph, and Galt still operate.

In 1857 on August 13, a game was played between Hamilton and St. Catharines and games are still being played by teams from these cities. In this year Hamilton Cricket Club had 30 playing members and a ground of six acres in the west end of the city near the present H.A.A.A. ground.

1859 was a great year for cricket in Hamilton since Parr's All England XI visited Hamilton playing here on October 17, 18, and 19 against a XXII of Canada. During the next few years games were played against Ottawa and St. Louis, U.S.A. and Montreal. On August 14 and 15, 1876, against Montreal, C. J. Otto-way, of the Hamilton Club, scored 102 and the local club easily defeated Montreal. In 1877, against Montreal, R. Leask of Hamilton made a score of 202 which was the highest score on the continent to that date.

In 1879 we have the first record of R. B. Ferric playing for Hamilton. Robert Brown Ferric was born on March 20, 1859 and died in 1952. Born in Hamilton he was sent to school in Somerset, England, where he acquired his love for cricket. He played cricket for 45 years and participated in five International matches between Canada and the U.S.A. He also toured England with the Canadian team in 1887. During this tour, against the Gentlemen of Gloucestershire he bowled the famous W. G. Grace in the first inning and E. M. Grace in the second. During this period Hamilton Cricket toured the United States and entertained teams from the United States, and in 1879 hosted Dafts English Eleven on September 18, 19 and 20, Hamilton playing seventeen men against the English XI. It was mentioned at this time that games were played on the Duke St. Ground, this being it is assumed the present H.A.A.A. Grounds and indicating a move from the earlier

grounds. This ground was used by the Hamilton cricketers until about 1922 when the ground was transferred to the south-east corner of Gage Park. The H.A.A.A. ground was familiarly known as the Cricket ground for many years.

The International Match between Canada and the U.S.A. was played in Hamilton on August 29 and 30, 1881, with the U.S.A. team emerging as the winners. About this time the Sons of England team was formed, changing its name in 1909 to St. George's Cricket Club, and under this title continued until the Second World War when it ceased operations. The West Indies Touring team was in Hamilton the end of August, 1886, and Hamilton became the first Canadian team to defeat a touring side.

The game prospered and prominent Hamilton citizens figuring in the game in the late 1890's and early 1900's were: A. Gillespie, D'Arcy Martin, Kirwin Martin, Alexis Martin, Fritz Martin, Jack Counsell, C. J. Dixon, R. S. Morris, C. N. Stewart, E. Riseboro, J. Gadsby. Records of the game from this period until the early 1920's are extremely sparse, but in the 1920's Major Wynards team from England played at the H.A.A.A. grounds.

The Hamilton and District Cricket League was formed in 1921 and the Ontario Hospital Cricket Club commenced about this time along with Holy Trinity Club, which played on the mountain opposite the former site of Holy Trinity Church. Teams from Porritts and Spencers and British West Indies were playing at this time. In the mid 1920's Ontario Hospital and Holy Trinity were

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Fairfield Cricket Club was formed about 1930, playing its games at Mahoney Park, to which ground Holy Trinity transferred.

A team from England under the auspices of Sir Julian Cahn played a Hamilton District League team at Civic Stadium.

In 1933, The R. C. Matthews Trophy Competition was organized for competition between various counties in Ontario. Wentworth County composed of players from the Hamilton teams enjoyed much success in this competition until it was discontinued in the early 1960's.

In 1937 the Albany Cup game between Hamilton and Toronto was revived and still continues.

During the war years, cricket ceased in Hamilton with many of the players joining the forces, but was resumed again in 1946. However, the number of teams was reduced to two, these being a combination of Fairfield-Trinity and Hamilton-St. Georges, but after a year or two the teams reverted to Fairfield Cricket Club and Hamilton Cricket Club. This year, 1946, saw the first game for the Centennial Shield between Hamilton District League and Toronto Cricket Club, the shield being given by the City of Hamilton in honour of its Centennial year. This game was played on the old Hillfield School ground on Main Street West.

In 1948 the venue of the game was changed to Churchill Park where the ground is at present located.

A Bermuda touring team visited Hamilton in 1949. In 1959 a M.C.C. team from England played in Hamilton, and the crew of H.M.Y. Britannia played a team from the two Hamilton teams. Since that time teams from Australia, New Zealand, England, and Washington have visited Hamilton.

A full schedule of games in the Hamilton District Cricket League has been played from 1946 to the present time and games can be seen at Churchill Park any weekend from late May to late September and spectators are welcome.

The foregoing is a sketchy history of what must be one of the oldest games in Hamilton. Details and information are difficult to find and much of the earlier history of the game was gleaned from "Sixty Years of Canadian Cricket" by Hall, and old minute books of the Hamilton and St. Georges Clubs, and the writer's own experience over the last 35 years. Any inaccuracies are regretted, but it is hoped that this will give the reader some idea of the course of cricket in Hamilton and the international connections that it has brought to this city.

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The athletic program has traditionally been an integral part of the C.Y.O. Presently in the Hamilton area organized leagues have been established in hockey, soccer, basketball, fastball, volleyball and football. Track and field, swimming, bowling, tennis, boxing and physical fitness programs are also sponsored. In the

majority of these activities extensive house leagues and clinics have been introduced to give large numbers of youngsters an opportunity to participate.

Basketball is a typical C.Y.O. program. Clinics and house leagues are operated in all parts of the community for youngsters just beginning to take an interest in the game. Organized leagues on a city-wide basis are formed for minor bantam, bantam, midget, juvenile and C.Y.O. alumni divisions. Over the years, C.Y.O. basketball teams, in all three age groups, have represented Hamilton in Ontario play-offs. C.Y.O. teams have completed and compiled an impressive record in Ontario play-offs winning numerous provincial championships.

In 1964, C.Y.O. teams captured Ontario Church Championships in bantam, midget and junior divisions while a C.Y.O. juvenile team won the O.A.B.A. crown and proceeded to defeat Montreal for the Eastern Canadian juvenile title. In 1959 and again in 1962 coach Paul Traynor's C.Y.O. junior Montclairs won the national junior men's basketball championship.

Other C.Y.O. sports are organized in a similar fashion. Competition is provided for all age groups starting with minor bantam (11 years and under) right through to juvenile (18 years and under) with junior and alumni leagues for those over the juvenile age limit. The C.Y.O. is one of the few organizations in the area able to successfully operate athletic leagues for the teen-age or juvenile age groups. In the past program year, the C.Y.O. operated a fifteen team juvenile basketball league, a twelve team juvenile fastball league and an eleven team juvenile hockey league.

One of the most successful activities in the last several seasons has been the C.Y.O.'s minor soccer program. Starting with a handful of teams in 1963, the league expanded to over 40 in 1966.

The girls athletic program is not as extensive as the boys, but nevertheless they are not forgotten. Community-wide volleyball leagues for all age groups is the favorite girls program, although they take a major part in the track and field program, bowling and swimming. Some C.Y.O. groups have sponsored very successful tennis programs throughout the summer which have been very popular with both boys and girls. Tennis has made a spectacular comeback in the last few years.

It is estimated that in the Hamilton area close to 13,000 young people take an active part in the varied C.Y.O. program. This is a great tribute to the countless men and women who volunteer their time and talent to act as adult leaders and who make the whole program possible.

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Rapid Growth of Field Hockey in Hamilton

By DICK F. GAASENBEEK

In September, 1962, a group consisting of five ex-players decided to form what ultimately became the Hamilton Field Hockey club. Two of the original "charter-members" are still active players in this strictly amateur club.

After an initial (gratis) press and radio appeal sufficient players were found to form the first team ranging in age from 16 to 40 or so years. During the fall of 1962, the first few games were played, the last one, as the writer recalls, in a blinding snow storm which obliterated the field markings.

During the next few years the club gradually expanded its membership due to a high extent to the efforts of such "fireball" members as the now legendary Ted Van Lierop, who, for a couple of years, was the top scoring player in the newly formed Ontario Field Hockey League.

Other members deserving mention are players such as Gerd Heidinger, who played for the Canadian team in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and our present president, Robin Caldwell who, once he dons his leg guards and doffs his teeth, is the most respected and fearless goalkeeper in Canada at this time.

The H.F.H.C. during its relatively brief history has sent teams to New York, Montreal, Philadelphia and various other centres either to participate in—and often win—tournaments or just for a few friendly games. It should be noted that all travelling, hotel and meal, and tournament expenses are born by the players. Often impromptu arrangements are made by two or three working players to pay part or all of the expenses of a non-earning player to enable him to come along.

Field hockey is a truly international sport and is widely played in all continents except North and South America. The result has been that apart from young Canadian recruits many of whom have taken a lively interest in the sport, almost all European countries as well as the African, Asian and Australian continents have been represented in the ranks of the players, including all races and colours. The social aspects of the sport should not be overlooked.

Probably the most successful undertaking, by now a tradition, of the N.F.H.C. has been its annual international open tournament held each spring somewhere in or near Hamilton, which draws as many as 15 teams from as far away as New York and Montreal. This tournament has time and again been acclaimed as the best organized tournament this side of the Rockies.

The history of the N.F.H.C. would not be complete without mentioning the generosity of McMaster University in permitting the club to use the University's playing fields. In addition the club is indebted to the Hamilton Parks Board, the Burlington Parks Commission and Hillfield-Strathallan School for the use of their fields.

The club has grown from one team of eleven players (more or less) in 1962 to four teams, including two men's teams, one ladies' team and one boy's team. Its blue and white colours (it was presumed at the time the club was formed that every player had a blue shirt and a pair of white shorts) have been displayed with honour from Tokyo to Bermuda and will undoubtedly be seen with greater honour in places further afield than these. Since it is one of the few sports which is truly amateur (each player plays at his own risk of injury and expense) and because of the comradeship associated with it, there can be little doubt that the club is looking forward to a bright future.

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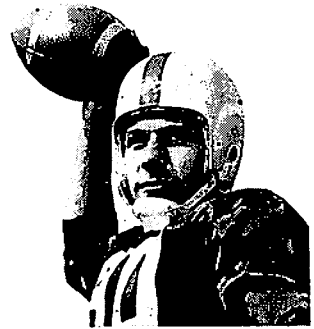
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McMaster's Famous Athletes



Syl Apps

By LOUIS LADOUCEUR



Russ Jackson

McMaster has produced professors, teachers, scientists, businessmen and social workers, but the names remembered are of its graduates in sports.

Russ Jackson, Al Irwin and Bobby Kuntz are football players who graduated here. Winner of the Schenely trophy in 1960 and 1967, Russ Jackson combines his career as head of the Mathematics department at an Ottawa high school with the job of quarterbacking the Ottawa Rough Riders.

And McMaster grads of earlier years were known in athletics. Syl Apps, a name that jumps to mind when past athletic greats are mentioned, was an outstanding member and captain of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey team. Today he is a respected member of the Ontario Legislature. The University's association with the Maple Leafs has been continued by Bob Pulford, who obtained an arts extension degree in 1961. The list goes on.

Through the years, the University has had varsity teams in almost every intercollegiate sport from volleyball to field hockey to football. Against schools five times their size, McMaster athletes have won championships on skill and sometimes on courage alone.

Among the hockey standouts, have been Fred Lee, Jim Cannon, Ian Sinclair, Butch Hyde, Gary Spoar and their present coach Bill Mahoney.

So called minor sports have been very prominent in recent years. The three year history of the Rowing Club has been one success after another. Since its foundation in 1959, the Judo Club has entered several tournaments each year.

The newest addition is the sailing team. McMaster basketball teams had their most successful season last year. There have also been championship teams in soccer and in track and field.

Les Prince is Director of Athletics at McMaster. During his active career, he has coached a team in almost every sport on campus. One of his great triumphs was the Canadian Intercollegiate hockey championship his Marlins brought to McMaster in 1963.

Dean of students as well as acting dean of men, Ivor Wynne was director of Athletics for 16 years, and is one of the most respected persons on campus.

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Hamilton's Lacrosse Tigers Champions of Canada's National Sport

By Chris Crossen



Bobby Jamleson

As the train drew out, the Hamilton Tigers gave their 'Oskie' yell, which was responded to by the famous Salmonbelly warcry, "Allevepore", coming from the New Westminster party.

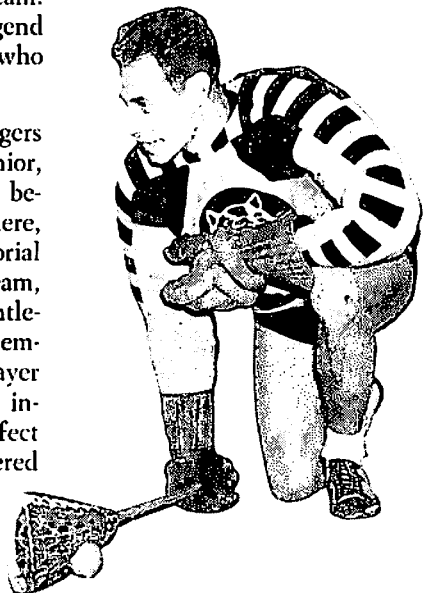
It was 1933, and the Tigers were on their way home with the coveted Mann Cup, the solid gold trophy, emblematic of lacrosse championship in Canada. The team brought glory to Hamilton then, and again in 1948, when it won the national lacrosse championship for the second time.

In the beginning, it was "baggataway"—a game applauded for its wild beauty and originality, and described as "something between a sport and a deadly combat." The name of the game was changed, and some of the rules, but many of the players in recent years think the description still fits fairly well. Pictures of their smiling, toothless faces bear this out. Lacrosse remains one of the roughest, and most rugged of all sports—and one of the most fascinating.

Russell T. Kelley is referred to as the father of lacrosse in eastern Canada. He was President of the Tiger Club, and over the years, developed a team spirit never matched anywhere. To this, as much as to their individual skill and stamina, players attribute the great success of their team. Russell Kelley died in 1951, but he left a legend that will never die—a proud story of athletes who won, and the formula for making winners.

Clyde Gordon was a headliner with the Tigers—a brilliant player who had competed in junior, intermediate, senior and professional lacrosse before coming to Hamilton. During his years here, he was awarded the Jimmy Murphy Memorial Trophy as the most valuable player to his team, and the Querrie Medal, for being the most gentlemanly player on the field and off. He is remembered as being a 'stylist'—a sensational player whose appearance on the field had a steadying influence on his team-mates and a disturbing effect on the opposing team. It is generally considered by lacrosse players, past and present, that Clyde Gordon should be honored with a place in the Sports Hall of Fame.

Bill Isaacs





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The Masterpiece in Oils

Stars of the Mann Cup competition of 1933 included the Rohmerites—the four famous Rohmer Brothers who were a strong force on the lacrosse field, and outstanding athletes individually. Ernie managed the team and was a great trainer; Bob was brilliant in goal; Jack was rated one of the most effective players ever; Matt was the 'rover', who at 21, was selected to play lacrosse with the Canadian team in the Olympics of 1932.

The tall Scot, Alex MacPherson was a winner with the Tigers. He was described as the temperamental atom of the team—a strategist with speed and style, who held the high scoring honors for Ontario. Opposing forces were always aware of Dunc Littlefair, the youngest cub in the club, whose fierce attack on the lacrosse field was a far cry from his theology studies at McMaster. Other heroes of the victorious 1933 team were Fat Young, Bill Wilson, Tommy Oliver, Claude Clark, Hugh Kelly and Peck O'Malley. Colorful centre player, Jack Worthy was Captain. He too, played on the Canadian lacrosse team in the 1932 Olympics.

These were the boys who were introduced to the game, at a time when the Bible and the lacrosse yearbook shared equal honors in the family library; the days when players bought their own equipment, and paid their own doctor bills; the days when crowds were so enthusiastic and noisy, referees abandoned whistles in favor of cowbells; the days when a season's split was not likely to be more than \$75.00 per player.

In the old 'field' lacrosse, the crowds were right down on the field, and all around the penalty bench—a situation which proved disastrous on many occasions. An incident is recalled when the Tigers were playing an Indian team at Bright. Hamilton was an injured team and had just the required number of players—no spares. But there were dozens of Indians in the crowd, dressed in uniform, and at every opportunity some of these would run on to the field and mix with the Indian players. There were fights and penalties to break all records, and the game ended with fans, Indians and Tigers in a wild free-for-all.

The sport changed from 'field' to 'box' lacrosse in 1932, and because of the more confined space in which it was played, it was even rougher. It is considered too rough in the United States and in Australia, and the trend in these countries is back to field lacrosse. However, field lacrosse does not have the intense play that is a necessary part of the 'box' game, and consequently, it is not as exciting a spectator sport.

The story of 'how Hamilton won the west' reads like instructions on 'how to do it yourself in five easy lessons'. First there was Orillia. The Orillia team hadn't lost a game all season. They had defeated the Tigers in the first game of the semi-finals, and went into the last game with a five goal lead, so there was justification for the confidence that led the players to pack and make all preparations for their trip west, before the final game. But Hamilton became their Waterloo, as one after another, the Tigers with fierce efficiency, scored 9 goals before Orillia got their first one. The game ended 16 to 7 for Hamilton.

Then there was a series of sudden death games at Fort William, Winnipeg, and Calgary, with the Tigers triumphant all the way. The series for the Mann Cup was played in New Westminster and Vancouver, before crowds up to 13,000. It was a badly battered, but happy band of Tigers who returned home to a Hamilton welcome that year.

HAMILTON TIGERS—1948 MANN CUP CHAMPIONS



Back Row: "Frip" Harrison, Doug Davidson, Bob Grainger, Jack Gair, Eddy Powers, Blain MacDonald, Bill Issacs, Alec Edmunds, Merv McKenzie, Alex McPherson (Manager).

2nd Row: Tommy Love, Doug Favelle, "Tank" Teacher, Joe Cheevers (Coach), Mr. Lyle Barr—Vancouver (President of C.L.A.), Hon. Russell T. Kelley (President of Tigers).

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Fifteen years passed before the 'Oskie' yell was again heard across the nation—1948 when the Hamilton Tigers defeated the New Westminster Adanacs—12 to 8—at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Alex McPherson of the 1933 Tiger triumph was a director of the club in '48. Lefty Jordan was manager, and Joe Cheevers was the playing coach. It was a fired-up team that rallied to victory after losing the first three games of the series in the west.

The Mike Kelley Memorial Medal for the most valuable player went to Tiger Goalie Doug Favelle, and sharing the honors for the Hamilton win that year, were Elmer Lee, Tommy Love, George Masters, Marvin McKenzie, Blain McDonald, Tank Teather, Eddie Power, Jack Gair, Al Doyle and Bill Isaacs, considered to be one of the greatest lacrosse men of all time.

Lacrosse under the Tiger banner was interrupted in 1950. It is making a comeback, and this season fans will be able to watch professional lacrosse from Maple Leaf Gardens every Saturday on Channel 11.

The Westinghouse Old Boys Minor Lacrosse League was organized in Hamilton last year, and is gaining wide support. The kids being trained in this league are the lacrosse Tigers of tomorrow, and like the players of the past, they will undoubtedly be taunted with the query: "How tough is a tiger?" The answer has always been: "Tough enough to command the respect of its greatest foes." Opponents long ago learned to heed the advice of Milt Dunnell, who once wrote: "Never take a breather in front of a tiger. He'll track you down and tear you to tatters. Most persistent of the trailers is the lacrosse Tiger of the Hamilton stripe."

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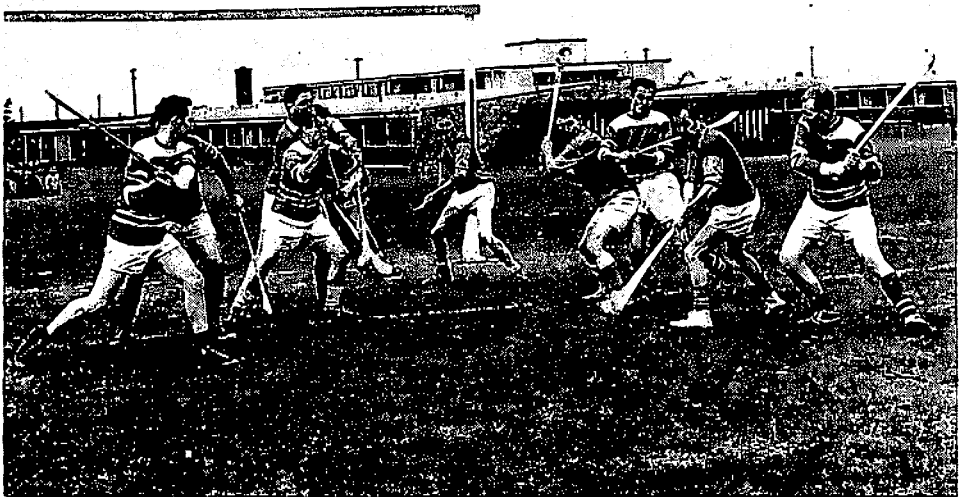
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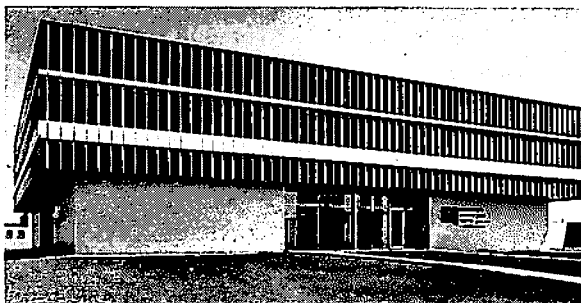
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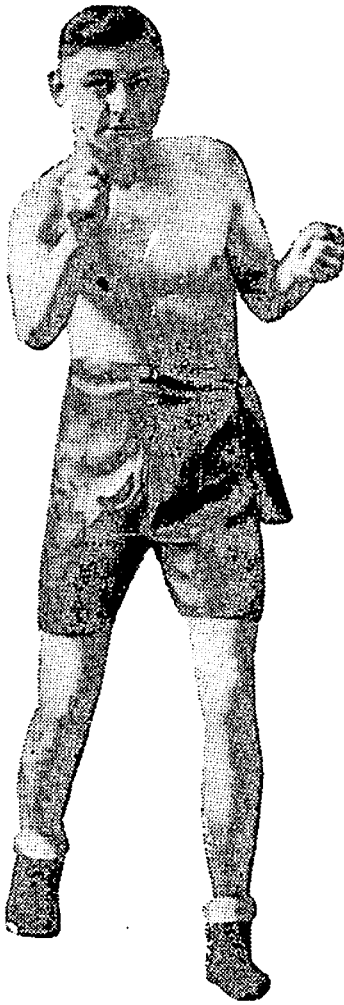
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He had been an Olympic boxing competitor at 15; had fought 100 pro fights, of which he won 56—13 by knockout, 10 were draws. Though his winning performance of 1943 was repeated in a rematch, his title was never fully recognized because of jurisdictional confusion. Jackie Callura's tenure as champ was short lived. His career ended with consistent losses, and he retired in 1947.

It wasn't until the end of the first world war that local boxing began to create excitement in Hamilton. Partly responsible for stirring up the enthusiasm of the fans were the colorful ring exploits of "Red, the Hay Maker" Arnold, Tommy McDonald, Mickey McDonald, and John McGregor.

Any review of the early days of boxing in Hamilton must prominently feature the name of Walter Obernesser, long-time Hamilton sportsman who won awards and championships with a variety of skills and talents seldom possessed by one man.

He was lightweight sculling champion of the world, a famed sprinter, a trainer and rider of jumpers, and a crack boxer. He trained and managed some of Hamilton's most successful boxers, and today, an active 85, he recalls his winners with pride.

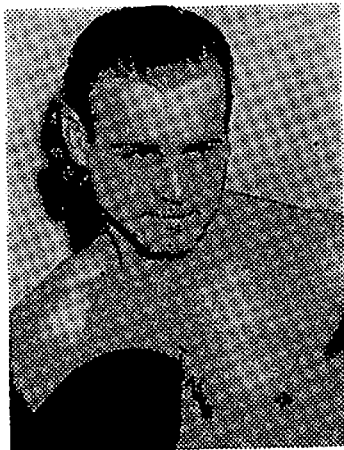
Among them was young Bobby Eber, the clever Hamilton bantamweight who won the Canadian Championship from Billie Hughes in 1919. For five years he defended his title against every ranking boxer in his division, including World Champion Midget Smith. However, though his victory over Smith was undisputed, he could never claim the crown because Smith had weighed in four pounds overweight. With his famed left jab, he continued to win bouts with the best boxers in the Bantam division, until the fall of 1924.

He had then broken with Obernesser and had joined the camp of Charlie Conkle. In his first bout following the change of managers, he lost his title to his local rival, Howard Mayberry.

Mayberry of Hamilton, formerly known as the Duke of Duluth, was also managed by Obie. Some of his memorable opponents were Frankie Genero, American Flyweight Champion, Jimmy Britt of Montreal, Joey Geller of New York City, Freddie Vincent of England, Phil O'Dowd of McKeesport, and Tommy Ryan of New York.

Defeat came to Mayberry at Vancouver where he fought the champion of the West Coast, Vic Foley, just two months after winning Eber's title.

Among Obie's memories of the starry young boxers he managed in Hamilton, are Peter Scott, full-blooded Canadian Indian, who won the Canadian Lightweight Championship; Tiger Smith, the classy 145 pounder who held the Canadian Welterweight title; Knock-out Jack MacFarlane, Jim Brady, and handsome Morris McMullen who was born in Hamilton, and is now living in California.



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Tony, who campaigned with his brother, Patsy, in the late 30's and early 40's has been a referee since 1946. Patsy, winner of the Armed Services 135-pound crown in 1934, fought on the same card, the evening Callura won his crown.

Classic AC, St. Mary's AC and Tiger AC all nurtured boxing before Hamilton Boxing Club took over the chore and while they may not have produced additional world challengers, the list of fine boxers from Hamilton is impressive.

Hiram Barry, Red Ward, Len Wadsworth, Mike Gravino, Joey Leroy, Pat O'Connor, Stan Stinson, Chuck Baker, Charlie Butters, Rudy Haber, Dan Saunders, Leaping Leno Savelli, Archie Sparrow, Omar Secord, Mike Garlash, Ken Lovegrove, Johnny Bay and Eddie Beattie all enjoyed good success. Lovegrove, Bay and Beattie were the last of the breed, however, and Ang Callura and Tony Brandino at HBC struggled virtually unnoticed at their gym over Central Fire Station.

In 1967, Hamilton fighters are still competing in golden glove events, with local boy Brad Scott among the most promising of the newest contenders.

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From these small clubs, the more eager and ambitious players graduated to the larger clubs: Rosedale in Gage Park; Hamilton Tennis in the HAAA Grounds; and Inglewood, with its seven red concrete courts—long since replaced by fine residences (St. James Place—off James Street South).

Many names well known in Hamilton Tennis circles will bring back memories to old timers: Armstrong, Bannerman, Barnes, Eley, Glassco, Hamel, Levy, Low, Loughlin, Martin, Morin, Pigott, Father Ryan, Smye, Southam, Sullivan, Washburn. Bill Pigott, now President of Pigott Construction Company and Fred Smye, represented well the Hamilton Tennis and Inglewood Clubs in Provincial tennis circles. It remained for two other young men: Fred Rheame and Ed Brandreth,

to carry the colours of Rosedale Tennis to England in an attempt to reach the world famous Wimbledon.

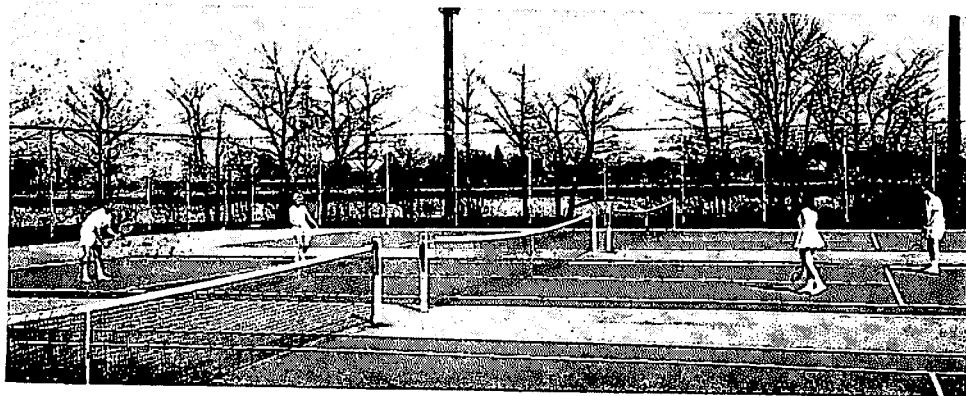
The indoor court at the Hamilton Thistle Club provided then, and still does, the only tennis court for regular play in the winter. At one time, before Toronto built several indoor courts, this was the only club indoor court available for winter play in this part of Ontario. Many players used to drive over from Toronto regularly to play. The Saturday afternoon tennis round robin was an enjoyable time for many professional and businessmen.

There used to be a regular but unique Sunday morning tennis game on the private court at the Mountain residence of the late Dr. J. K. McGregor—a co-founder of the now famous

McGregor Clinic—who continued playing until late in life.

Between 1930-1965, the number of tennis courts decreased by 40% in Hamilton. Most of these were lost in the later thirties and early forties to commercial and residential building and church parking lots.

Since the loss of the many church courts may have been the biggest blow to tennis at that time, it is significant that many new young players are getting their start on church courts sponsored by the CYO. Monseignor Ryan and the Sullivan brothers (Gordon and Jack) have done much to encourage these young players.



Another big impetus has been added by the City Recreation Department. By building eight new courts (with more in the planning stages) and providing tennis lessons for many hundreds of eager beginners, the Recreation Department is proving that there are thousands of potential players just waiting for more new courts. In 1966, there were more than 600 members for the *four* new courts at Huntington Park, and over 700 new players took lessons on 3 other city courts.

Dominion Foundries has shown the way to other local industries in providing recreational facilities for its employees. They have recently completed three fine courts, lighted for night play.

The Board of Parks Management has added a fine new clubhouse at Rosedale in Gage Park, replacing the former 50 year old clubhouse.

So tennis in Hamilton is again growing as a recreational sporting activity and still more people want to play.

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City Has Enviably Reputation In Demanding Squash Game

By JAMES D. COONS

Like the other racquets games, tennis and badminton, squash is a descendant of the old English game "racquets". Racquets was a popular sport at England's Harrow School in the early 1820's. It was played in a long slate court with a hard, horseshaired covered ball. Owing to the expense of the court and frequent breakage of racquets, and its increasing popularity, in about 1850, in New England the present game evolved through adaptation. They shortened the racquets, introduced a softer ball and shortened the court and renamed the game "squash". With the outlay of courts and equipment comparatively lighter, the game grew rapidly in England as well as the English orientated cities of North America. Hamilton was one of those centres and holds a very enviable record.

Hearsay has it, that a "racquets" court existed on the property of James Street South near St. Joseph's Drive in the late 1840's or early 1850's. In about 1912, under the auspices of the late Gordon H. Southam, the game of squash had its beginnings at 17-19 Jackson Street East, being the property of Thomas W. Watkins, known as the Hamilton Squash Club. When the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Windsor, paid a visit to Hamilton in 1919 he played there with the professional whom he had known in London. In 1924, the club closed down and the members moved to the Hamilton Thistle Club. In 1926, the Hamilton Squash Club was reactivated by a group of Hamilton Tennis Club members who wished to keep active during the winter months. Some of the prime movers were Gordon Noble, E. J. Kennedy, W. V. Patterson, R. L. Fuff, Frank Duff and J. F. McDiarmid. The Hamilton Squash Club ceased operations again in 1955 when bought by Canadian Cannery.

Hamilton is recognized as one of the "hotbeds" of squash on this continent, having won the Canadian Open eight times since 1912. The Late Gordon Southam in 1915, Argue Martin in 1930, 31, 33, his brother Hubert in 1935, 38, 39 and Donald Leggat in 1961.

The Ontario singles crown has been won by Hamiltonians an amazing twelve times since 1933. The City's teams have won four times provincially and many of her players have consistently represented Canada or the province, in the United States championships and Lapham Cup, emblematic of international supremacy. She has competed in Toronto-Hamilton leagues and won more than her fair share of championships.

Hamilton has hosted an noted annual International Invitational tournament since 1947.

There are close to two hundred active members now playing out of the Hamilton Thistle Club which will climb due to the increase in popularity of the game and the fact McMaster University has just opened up six new courts this year.

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Basketball

Always Big in Hamilton

By Bee Jay

Basketball was "big business" in Hamilton as early as shortly after the turn of the century. At that time a team known as the Independents represented the city in top senior and open competition. It was considered to be the best team in the general area of Ontario and across the border to the South.

Before roaring crowds of from 2,000 to 2,500 spectators at the old Alexandra Hall on James Street South, the Independents won more than their share from the best teams available, including exciting games with one of the best-known teams in New York State, the Buffalo Germans.

A team, made up chiefly of the players from the Independents, represented the city at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. It finished third among 40 competing clubs from all over the continent and abroad.

Among the players were Cliff Morden, who was also an Olympic medallist in 1904, Fred Arnold, Art James, Frank Harvey and men named Chadwick, McKeown and Thompson.

The attendance records set at Alexandra Hall by the Independents still stand. Perhaps largely because there has been no gym available with an equal or greater capacity.

One of Hamilton's most successful senior cage teams was the one that played under the auspices of the Hamilton Y.M.C.A. With the exception of the interruption caused by World War One, this team dominated basketball in Eastern Canada during the period from 1911 to 1921. Five of that original team still survive. They include Wally Lees, George Madgett, now of Toronto, Ed Veale, Alex Stevenson, now in Napance and Dan Webster. Chief among the officials in those years were Jack and Bert McKay. The team followed the Independents and played at Alexandra Hall, before moving into the "Y".

One of the high spots in the career of this "Y" team was its visit to Detroit, when they defeated the Detroit Athletic Club, handing them their first defeat in many years, during which they reigned as champions of Michigan. Coached by Frank Harvey, who formerly played with the great Independents, the boys were so excited they couldn't sleep a wink on the trip home.

This team introduced many innovations into the hoop game, such as using five different styles of play; first to introduce the spin and jump shot. They played mostly man-to-man and easily disposed of opponents who tried to employ a zone defence, being the first to pack one side and breaking up the zone. The team ruled the district roost and beyond from 1910 through 1915 and again in 1920 and



HAMILTON Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL TEAM—CHAMPIONS OF CANADA 1905-06

One of Hamilton's truly great basketball teams, operating with only five men, the required number, was the team of 1905-6, victors over the best of U.S. clubs and champions of Canada. In the picture are, left to right, Art James, Freddy Branson, D. M. Barton, physical director; P. F. Harvey, captain; A. E. Pryke, manager; A. McKewen and J. Chadwick.

1921. One of its members was one player, who is rated as Hamilton's second-best all-around athlete of all time, namely Edgar Smith, with Walter Knox generally rated in the number one spot.

Two noted teams in the thirties were the Golden Flashes and Somie's Pets. The Golden Flashes boasted of some of the most illustrious names in Hamilton sports annals. They included Kitch MacPherson, now a most noted basketball official, the brothers Scymour and Jimmy Wilson, Earl Moore, who was also a Canadian Olympic mile runner and Harry Sheldon, a 7'3" giant and now a guard at the Barton Street jail. Another great athlete who joined this team later was the great U.S. import quarterback, Clem Faust, who played at Western, coached at St. Jerome's in Kitchener and who was a fine basketball player. So dedicated were these boys, that when they found their gym at St. George's church too small, they dug out the floor and deepened it with their own hands to provide greater height. Eddie Runge, now a well-known American League baseball umpire, was also a noted member of the Golden Flashes.

At this time an excellent House League was playing some fine basketball at the "Y". One of the most noted of its teams was the "Y Aces". Coached by Don Beckett it included such players as Art and Bus Wills, Harold Lee and Sammy Hunter. It was the only Hamilton team up to that time to capture a Canadian Intermediate A title.

One of the most colourful teams in Hamilton cage history was Somie's Pets. Many of these players were the products of strong Church teams that were playing in the city. Coached by Jerome Gibson, managed by Max Rotman and sponsored by Jim Somerville, some of the players were George Lambo, Ray Roach, Johnny and Jerry Gibson, Johnny Namath, Ben Slaven, Joe St. Anne, Claude Eldridge, Puddy Valvasori and Baldy Laidman. They were most prominent in the years from 1936 until the end of World War Two and in 1937-38 captured the Canadian Senior B Championship. Another example of the dedication of these young men to a sport they loved, was provided when, though the "Y" was their home gym, they could not afford to own a basketball of their own! So they practiced with an old sock stuffed with rags. In games they always had to play with the other team's ball.

One of the best-known organizations, that both in men's and ladies' basketball kept the name of Hamilton in bold type on the sports pages were the Zion Ramblers. The best year in the record of their men's teams was when they went to the Eastern Canadian final, losing out to Toronto Simpson Grads in a well-played series. Coached by Mac Dingwall, managed by Stan Burns, one of the best-known of the Ontario Amateur Basketball Association officials, and with both Mac and Bud Dingwall in their lineup, the Ramblers, along with the distaff side of their fine organization, Zion Ramblers have made the gym at Zion United Church a truly historical landmark of basketball. More championship series in many categories have been played there than at possibly any other single gym.

Back in 1950 with Wilf Johnston and Flo Shields handling the coaching chores Zion Lady Ramblers captured the Eastern Canadian title, but lost in the national final series at Vancouver. Among the players of this fine team were Marion Hawley, Dolores Ross, Jo Brennan Parkinson, Joan Smedhurst, Joyce Coles, Fern McAndrews, Dot Peall and Winnie Kurelek. Several times the Zion Lady Ramblers reached either the Ontario or Eastern Canadian final, only to find those champions from British Columbia an unyielding stumbling block. Finally in 1961 with Larry Kaiman at the coaching helm, the Ramblers won the Eastern Canadian

and then went west, determined to bring the national title to Hamilton. But this time there was a change in sponsorship. Quigley's, a real power in modern Hamilton basketball, took over the team under the name of Quigley's Tigerettes. Making the trip were players Boots Spurr, Marion Hawley, Donna McDiarmid, Fran Wigston, Marg Deas, Lorna Messecar, Doreen Park, Jo Brennan Parkinson and Mary MacDonald. And this fine team, no doubt the strongest assembly of basketball ladies to ever carry Hamilton colours, did the trick and won!

Stan Burnes coached two fine Zion Lady Rambler teams, one in 1940 with Kay Fox, Mary Blanche, Claire Newman, Edna Smith, Mary Creighton, Gladys Taylor and Margaret Torek, this team defeated Montreal for the Eastern Canadian title. Myrtle Cook, famous Canadian Olympic athlete and sportswriter came to Burnes before the game and told him "If you can score more than 100 points in the two games it has never been done before, not even by Edmonton Commercial Grads, the country's greatest for many years." The Ramblers did just that. And in 1948 they defeated Cornwall for the senior crown with Ethel Kelly, Esther Grey, Jean Woodley, Midge Ireland, Megan Jones, Marion Fox, Vi Graham, Edna Smith and Dorothy Peall.

Beginning in the 1957-58 season Quigley's entered the local cage circles, with Ray Jones as manager and Denny McColl as coach, they captured the Ontario Intermediate A championship. Among their top stars were Al Slosser, Mike Fraser and Frank Kinder. In 1963-64 with Wes Hicks, former Central Secondary Schools and McMaster star, as coach, they won both the Ontario and Eastern Canadian titles. Former well-known high school and church league stars Brian Middlemiss, Jim Dynia and Bob Tatti headed a fine club. The following year with Paul Traynor the coach, Quigley's won the Ontario senior championship. The two Brians, Middlemiss and Hotrum, along with Doug Harrison, sparked the team.

In 1965-66, again with Wes Hicks in the coach's role, a Junior A Ontario championship was attained. Leading players were Vic Vinerski, Peter Coulen and Peter Della Riva. Finally, last season with Ray Jones doubling as manager and coach, Quigley's won the Ontario Intermediate A crown, aided by such players as Brian Middlemiss, Cliff Goodwin, Darryl Bowman and Bill Wall.

Another power that has been steadily developing in the basketball scene has been McMaster University Marauders. Though an Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship has so far eluded the Macmen, several interesting teams have worn their colours. Many times the old Drill hall gym was packed to capacity, while now the beautifully-apportioned gym will see new attendance records set. Les Prince served as coach for several seasons. He was succeeded by Ivor Wynne, now Dean of Men at the university with Les Prince now director of physical education. Dean Wynne believes that his team of 1951 was probably the strongest Mac team to date. It included Lorne Wrigglesworth, Ken Stanley, now a Scott Park High School principal, Jerry McTaggart, Mel Hawkrigg and Lee Munn. Bill Huycke followed Ivor Wynne, and Bill Fowler is present coach. Mac's second team, the Buccaneers, with several freshmen usually on the roster, is coached by Wes Hicks. Many fine players have worn the maroon and grey including Gene Rizak, a former Assumption star, Russ Jackson, famous Ottawa Rough Rider quarterback, Doug Marshall and Bob Leedale, now a prominent high school coach.



HAMILTON Y.M.C.A. BASKETBALL TEAM—DOMINION CHAMPIONS, 1921-22

Back Row, Left to Right: D. Webster (Centre), P. Dodson (Guard), H. Finlayson (Coach), L. Smith (Centre), S. Nieman (Guard).
 Front Row, Left to Right: W. C. Thompson (Chairman Phys. Dept. Comm.), I. Laidman (Forward), A. Stevenson (Captain, Guard),
 H. Burton (Forward), Geo. Carson (Physical Director).

Ivor is proud, himself, was a member of two Canadian championship teams, the Meralomas and the Clover Leafs, both of Vancouver, in 1946-47 and 1947-48. He was captain of the McMaster team in 1939-40, when Al Imrie and Ron Waterman were team-mates.

No story of McMaster would be complete without a reference to Bert Raphael and his brothers. Bert was a big scoring star, he and his brother, Bob, who also played at McMaster, played with Ron Weston's fine teams at Central S.S. Brothers Jerry and Stan were also noted stars, who performed for Westdale S.S.

An organization that has played a leading role in junior basketball in Hamilton has been the Catholic Youth Organization. Sponsored by Montclair Motors, in the campaigns of 1958-59 and 1961-62, with Coach Paul Traynor at the helm, C.Y.O. captured the national junior championships. The first team included Al Schlosser, Pete Isaacs, Frank Spadoni, Bob Nordoff, Len Wright, Henry Horyn, James Johnson, Paul Barnes, Ron Custeau, Bill Sullivan, Oscar Horbach and Bob Peet. The second group of champs consisted of Gord Davidson, Bill Wilson, Doug Forsyth, Brian Hotrum, Jerry Raphael, Alex Savickis, Doug Harrison and James Russell. The two clubs were a veritable "Who's Who" of former great high school stars. Carl Malcolmson managed the first club, with Stan Burnes as adviser, while Vern MacDonald managed the second.



CYO MONTCLAIRS—CANADIAN JUNIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS—1959
 Front Row, Left to Right: Bill Sullivan, Carl Malcolmson (Manager), Paul Traynor (Coach), Joseph Beaudoin (Sponsor), Rev. K. D. Kennedy (CYO Director).
 Second Row, Left to Right: Ronald Custeau, Frank Spadoni, Lennie Wright, Bob Nordoff, Henry Horyn, Peter Isaacs.
 Third Row, Left to Right: Allan Schlosser, Pinky Lewis, Edward Bordas, Paul Barnes, Oscar Horbach, Bob Peet, Ron Weston, Jim Johnston.

A great deal of credit for the popularity of basketball in Hamilton and for the production of very many fine players must go to the Church Leagues. In the early days of these leagues the officials used to wear black stockings with white plus fours, a rather striking ensemble. The Church teams were often a source of personnel for junior and intermediate teams. One of the outstanding junior teams was back in 1932-33. It was known as Kelly's Meat Pies. Leading hoopsters with the "Pies" were George Rimmer, Billy Mowat, Bobby Turner, Jack New and 7'3" Harry Sheldon.

The Mormon Missionaries had a team in the Church League for two years, Ascension Church gym had just two side walls, the other two sides were wire meching. The subs, scorers and such had to stand outside the wire meching. Joe Long coached a Wentworth Baptist team to a junior title. MacNab, Livingstone and Zion have been leaders over the years, often contenders for the provincial honours in different classifications.

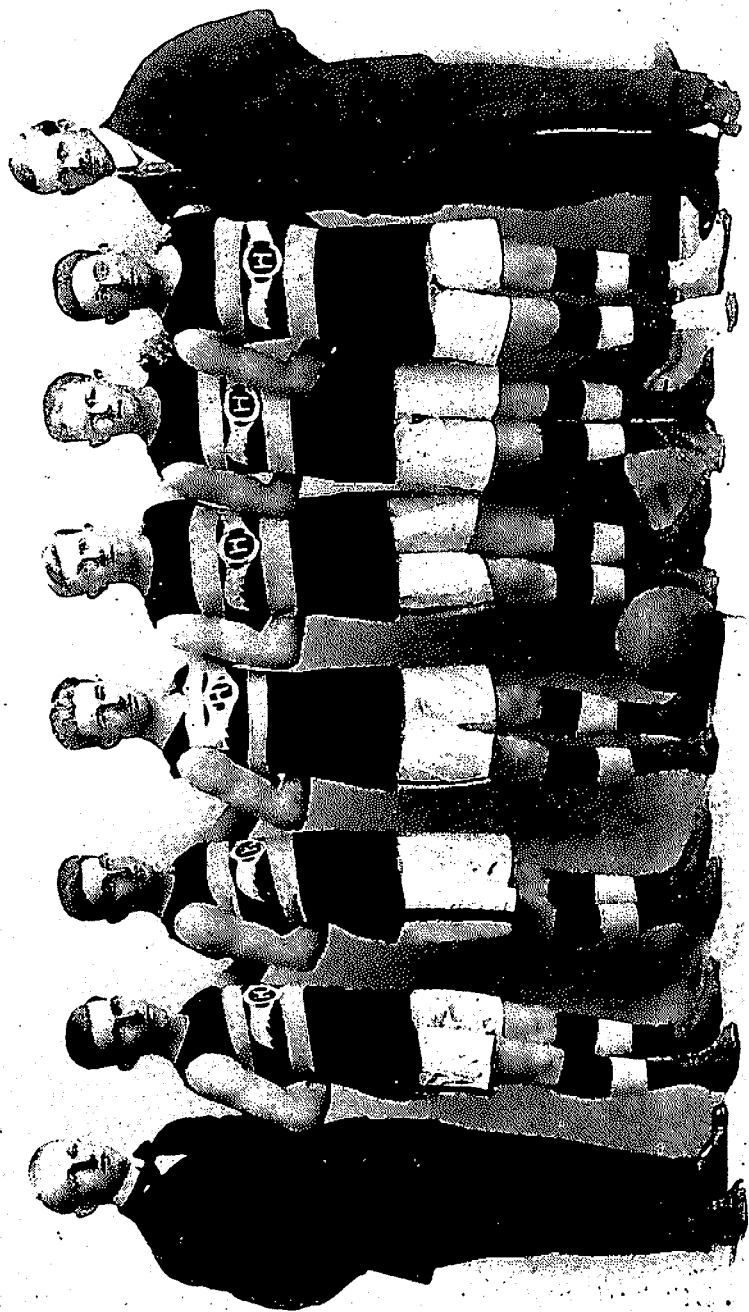
Centenary United produced a noted team known as the Nomads that had among its players Ted Jocelyn, also a well-known baseball star, Bill and Charles Thomas, Howard Bradfield, Ed Young and Jimmy Larmour. The Zion Church Saturday night triple-headers used to pack the gym to capacity and was a hotbed of budding basketball stars.

No doubt most of the excitement at basketball games is found in the high school contests. Their games usually see wildly enthusiastic students. The final playoffs always pack McMaster's court to the limit. There have been many fine coaches and teams in the local high school league. Prominent among them have been Ron Weston, Central; Larry Sullivan, Dick Tighe and Father Kennedy, the incumbent, all of Cathedral and Bob Leedale, Hill Park, but now with Hamilton C.I. The last-named got his start at Livingstone United Church.

Weston's Central teams captured six senior titles. The best Central team was probably made up of Murray Atkinson, Peter Gnich, Wes Hicks, Hugh Fidder and George Feaver. Other stars during Central's reign were Brian Middlemiss, Brian Hotrum, Oscar Horbach, Jim Dynia, Larry Cunningham, while Bert Raphael was also a Central ace. Weston recalls how one season when they met Cathedral in both junior and senior finals on the same day, Ed Bordas, Cathedral star, starred for the juniors in a losing cause, then returned to lead the Gaels to a senior title.

At Cathedral, Bob Tatti, John Violin, John Bembeneck, Bill Sullivan and Jim Daly were noted stars prior to the "Kennedy Round," a good name for the era introduced by the present mentor, Father Kennedy. His fine 1966-67 team included Paul Mazza, Gerry Simpson, Al Smithson, Pete McPhee, Pete Hamilton, Danny Buist, Henry Kozak, Mark Walton, Joe Paranczuk, Bill Butcivecius and John Cacijs. Other leading Cathedral players were Ted Walsh, Joe Agro, Kevin Kennedy, Gerry Duffy, an astounding 7'4" giant, and John Sullivan. The junior team of 1957 on which Eddie Bordas starred, won a junior championship.

Bob Leedale remembers his Hill Park team of 1965 that won the triple crown, the league senior championship, the McMaster University Christmas tournament and the provincial championship, with great affection and pride. He rates his 1964 team as its greatest. It was made up of Martin Oakes, Bob Croft, Brian Gruhl, Don Campbell, Vic Vinerskis, Ian Jolliffe, Jim Porter, Jim Connor and Larry Hardman. This team averaged 72 points scored per game as against 45 by opponents. Bob played at Delta, where he starred. Other noted players at Delta



Familiar faces? THE CLIMBER BASKETBALL TEAM of 1912-13 included some of the best. Left to right: Dan Webster (Coach), Will Mills, H. "Pete" Burton, Ed Hulek, Joe Stacey, Perce Podson, Sam Nieman, Frank "Bender" Watson (Manager).

were Pete Isaacs, Ken Omerod, Bob Nordoff, Doug Harrison, Fred Rheaume, Jim Stewart, Ken Kemp, Jim "Spider" Hart and Ken McKellar. The Raphael brothers, Jerry and Stan, were the great stars with Westdale. Incidentally that 1965 Triple Crown winning team consisted of 6'10" Bob Croft, Ian Jolliffe, Larry Hardman, Tarmo Aki, Vic Vinerskis, Jim Connor, Ron Deans, George Gresko, Dave Schwartz and Dave Elliott.

Like a brilliant comet sweeping across the sky the Hamilton and District Ladies' Basketball Association has blazed a shining trail in Canadian basketball. It was formed from church and other groups and for many years has been a most important contributor to Hamilton basketball. The year 1953 was destined to see the birth of a team that was to engage in and to win more Ontario and national titles than any other team in the entire history of basketball in Canada. That team was Local 1005, Steelworkers of Canada. Along with Parkdale it joined the H and D association. Today working in conjunction with the Hamilton Recreation Council the operation has expanded to involve some 50 teams in the different age categories.

The basic policy of Local 1005 is to look after girls 17 years of age and under. Every two or three years it has added a new team. It now competes in the Hamilton Senior League and in juvenile and midget Ontario playoffs. The record of Local 1005, largely through the guidance of Coach Clarence Willson, aided by George Deas and Earl Begg.

In 1955 Local 1005 brought Hamilton the first Canadian girls' title, the junior championship. Boots Spurr, Lorna Messecar, Joyce Cullen, Carol Simpson and Joyce Buttrum sparked the club.

The same girls formed the backbone of Nasco to win the Canadian senior championship in 1958 and the Quigley Tigerettes who won the Canadian Senior A crown in 1960. Prior to those triumphs, Local 1005 won the Ontario and Canadian Juvenile championship in 1957, with Bonnie Isbister, Sandra Smith and Arlene Wright giving standout performances. They added the Ontario Juvenile title in 1959, then the Ontario and Canadian Juvenile championships in 1960. In the latter series Dee Anderson and Linda Petch were standouts. The same team with Carolyn Gibbs, Sharon Kerr and Carol Rowbottom added and with the name changed to Quigley Kittens, again won the Canadian Juvenile crown. They moved up to junior competition and have been in the thick of Ontario and Canadian championship competition every year. In 1966 Durham Furniture took over the sponsorship. In 1967 they placed six girls on the Canadian Winter Games team in Senior A competition.

After winning the Ontario Juvenile championship in 1953 with Earl Begg as coach, again with Begg at the helm they won the Canadian title in 1964. Linda Colling, Helen Fyles, Carole Quin, Carol Quinn, Beverley Pierce, Lynne Wright, Joanne Mills, Heather McDonald, Nancy Giannasi, Gwen Passmore and Heather Gilmour made up this fine team. Marjorie Kudo was team manager, a role she has filled through many years. The club successfully defended its title in 1965. Many of the girls were selected for McMaster University's varsity team. Local 1005 again won the Ontario Juvenile honours in 1966 and took both the Ontario and Canadian titles in 1967.

The 1965 Senior Ontario championship was won by Local 1005 with Clarence Willson at the helm. The players included Gerri Cipolla, Marion Morgan, Linda Hart, Margaret Mamuza, Marianne Jones, Louise Comen, Marianne Kirk, Sharon,

Arlene Savickis and Carol Rowbottom. Ken Walsh was assistant coach and Donna Lee was manager. Another Ontario and Canadian Juvenile championship was garnered in 1957. Coach Willson had Arlene Wright, Carol Lawson, Janice Woodward, Marilyn Brusey, Bonnie Isbister, Uwa Pack, Shirley Woods, Barbara Koroscil, Lorraine Soltys, Sandra Smith, Beverly Hammond, Shirley Dain and Mary Jane Burgess, with Hugh O'Donnell as manager.

The sun has not yet set on Local 1005 as they are the current Canadian Juvenile champions. Clarence Willson led Janice Koppang, Allison Love, Sandra Konior, Mary Copps, Betty McMillan, Diane Gregory, Melanie Kennedy, Cathy MacAngus, Janet Prentice, Valerie Walters, Darlene Kay, Marilyn Carter and Janet Bielak, with Kay Kennedy, manager, to the top spot.

Other winning teams were Stefelco girls, who won the 1963 Ontario Intermediate crown and in 1965 Hamilton Tigers captured the Ontario Senior A championship and placed second in the Canadian championship tournament, held at Edmonton.

Local 1005 organized a midget team, girls 15 and under. They, too, were just like their bigger sisters. They captured the Ontario and Eastern Canadian titles in 1960-61-62-63-64 and 66.



1965 CANADIAN AND ONTARIO JUVENILE CHAMPIONS

Back Row, Left to Right: Helen Fyles, Bonnie Konior, Heather Gilmour, Gwen Passmore, Wendy Connor, Lynne Wright, Sylvia Oaffery, Darlene McCulloch, Chris Brass, Joanne Mills, Maureen Kerr, Lindy Thomas, Helen Rushton.
Front Row: Earl Begg (Coach), Marjorie Kudo (Manager), Clarence Willson (Treasurer).

A Hamilton club has been representing the city at the Women's Basketball Association of America International Tournament continuously from 1962 through 1967, the last-named year (the present) at the Cleveland A.A.U. International tournament. When it comes to basketball in Hamilton it is "Ladies First."

No history of basketball in Hamilton would be complete without paying tribute to the many officials, who have played leading roles in the development of the game. Just some 30 years ago, or just about the time when the centre jump was



1967 CANADIAN AMATEUR BASKETBALL JUVENILE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

Back Row, Left to Right: Janice Koppang, Allison Love, Sandra Konior, Mary Copps, Betty McMillan (captain), Diane Gregory, Melanie Kennedy.

Front Row, Left to Right: Cathy MacAngus, Janet Prentice (captain), Valarie Walters, Clarence Willson (coach), Key Kennedy (manager), Darlene Kay, Marilyn Carter, Janet Biлак.

abolished, there were only three officials in Hamilton. They were Boley Jeffers, Charles Henderson and Julie Wilshire. It is interesting to note that when the game between Brazil and the U.S.A. was played in Chicago in 1959 for the Pan-American title, Kitch MacPherson, of Hamilton, was sent for to call the game, along with a Mexican referee. He was the first, and, perhaps, the only, Canadian official to work a game in New York's Madison Square Garden, when he worked the Russian tour of the U.S. in 1960 and again in 1962. Bert Carrigan, who often works with "Kitch," went all the way to San Salvador to work the Central American championships in 1961.

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By V. WLADICHUK

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Apart from the many champions produced through the years, there is a background story known to comparatively few.

Certainly, the Hamilton Gun Club to-day is one of the most pleasant, modern and largest of such clubs in Canada. It boasts nine trap fields, four skeet fields and, it was the first club in Canada to instal an Olympic international-style trap layout.

In Centennial Year the club hosts two important events, the Ontario provincial championships (June) and, the eastern zone championships (July). Entrants from all over Ontario and Quebec, as well as from thirteen of the eastern United States, attest fully to the prominence of the club and the events being conducted.

Fitting in well into the Centennial picture, the Hamilton Gun Club goes back to 1880, some 87 years ago, when the first club, known as the Wild Fowlers' Gun Club, came into being on property in the Balsam Avenue area, close by an early race-track, just east of Gage Avenue, where the famous Queen's Plate was twice run.

A move was made to the old Chapple farm, at Ottawa and Barton streets but, in 1907 another move was made to the Beach Road, on bayside property, where wide development took place until growing membership inspired the move to the site on Highway 20, near Hannon, which has been the center of developing and important action since 1956.

It may not be generally known, but trapshooting started seriously in England about 1830, live birds being used. The first clay pigeon, resembling a saucer in size and shape, was developed in 1860. Earlier, glass balls combined with feathers served as targets, these being hurled by springs, from cups. In 1880 a lighter type of clay pigeon was devised.

The United States came to know trapshooting in the late 1870's and, various governing bodies developed into the Amateur Trapshooting Association, with headquarters at Vandalia, Ohio, scene of the Grand American Handicap events and many other important tests.

Hamilton has been a proud part of all development and, may point with pardonable pride to a long and fruitful history and, an exceedingly bright future.

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On Target . . .

Sports fans may not consider rifle and target shooting in the same category as football, baseball, hockey, etc., etc., but the challenge of the target has been strong, for many years, in Hamilton and district.

Indeed, the growing list of shooting successes has been remarkable and devotees of the bang-bang sport point with pride to the fact one of their numbers, Norm Beckett, of the Harvester Club, gained world headlines and lasting fame with victory in the famous rifle competitions at Bisley.

From the old days, when turkey shoots, with a live target, featured community life, rifle-shooting has made great strides. A great impetus followed the Second World War, when the Hamilton Smallbore Rifle Club and the Westinghouse club were joined by National Steel Car, Dofasco, Harvester and many private clubs.

Jim O'Connor, executive director of the Monarch Rifle Association, looks back to the formation of the Hamilton Sporting Rifle League, with himself as the first president, the development of a city championship series, formation of the Niagara District League and inter-city competition of high order.

By the time leagues were amalgamated under the heading of the Monarch Rifle Association, the Hamilton Rifle and Revolver Club had emerged as the strongest prone shooting club in all Canada, with three straight Dominion titles in the credit column.

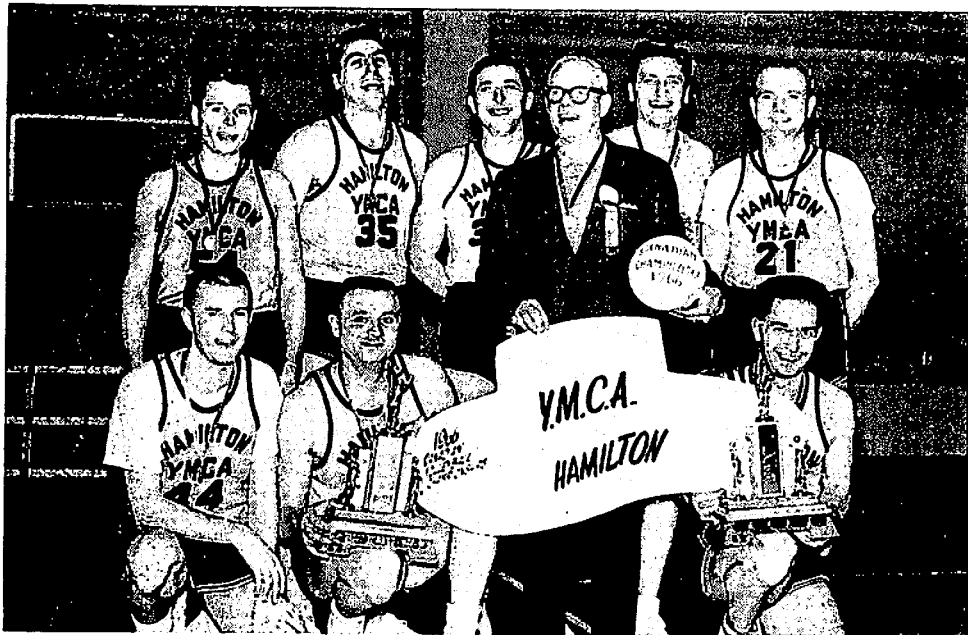
Four times the Canadian championship has been brought to Hamilton by the Monarch stalwarts and, Ontario and Canadian titles have been earned with remarkable performances by many Hamilton marksmen.

Hamilton has been the hub of staunch clubs and inter-city activities taking in Hamilton, Brantford, Welland, Caledonia, Dunnville, Port Colborne and other centres and, in addition to Norm Beckett, with his high world honors, provincial and Canadian champions have included such as Lloyd and "Bud" Hepworth, Ossie and Betty Batzold, Bern Irwin, Art Bennett, Lois Wall, Norma O'Connor, Felix Anton, Bruce Wilkins, George Tasker and Robert Richmond.

Indeed, Bruce Wilkins captured the 1966 Canadian rifle championship and, one of the treasured pictorial mementoes of rifle shooting in the Hamilton area shows Robert "Sox" Arnott, of the National Steel Car club, being awarded the Dominion Marksmen Silver Shield as far back as 1944.

Arnott was the first Hamilton marksmen to win this award but, in the light of enthusiasm within all clubs in the association, there will be many more champions, in all categories.

It is worthy of note that in Canada's Centennial Year, the Monarch Rifle Association's elaborate program through the year requires no fewer than 102 Centennial championship medals and, more than three hundred Centennial sports participation certificates, which would indicate that rifle and revolver shooting may well be ranged among major sports activities in Hamilton and district.



WINNERS AT CALGARY—The 1966 Canadian volleyball champions, representing Hamilton Y.M.C.A. are shown, left to right, standing, Morris Zulps, captain; Irwin Mazurkiewicz, Elmer Tetins, "Chick" Taylor, manager and coach; Laimons Eichvald, Edgar Richters; kneeling, John Westhead, Andy Richters, Ivars Lena.

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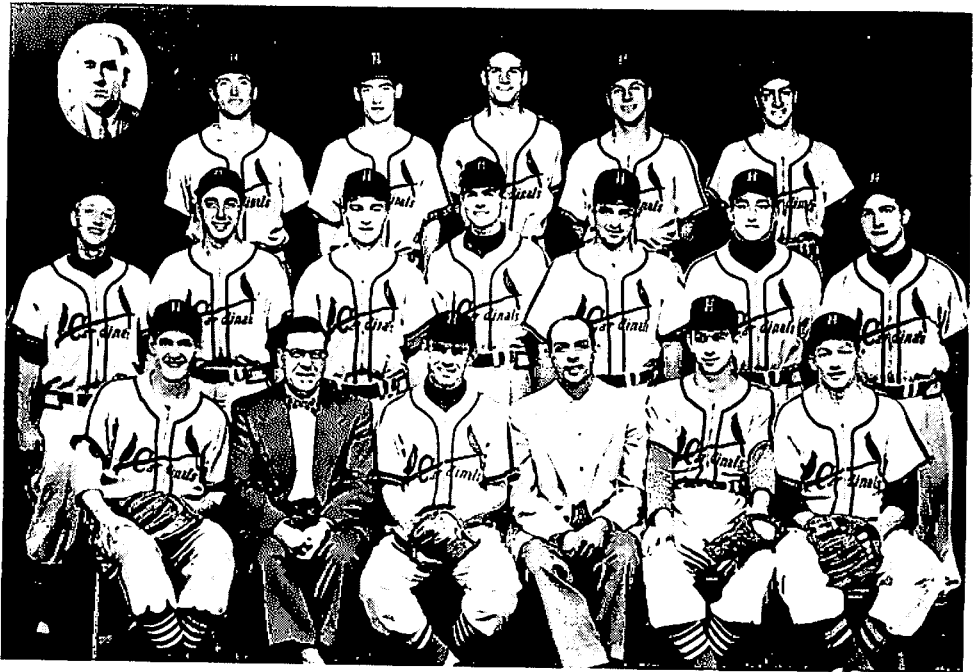
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HAMILTON CARDINALS, 1952, PONY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, are shown above. The Cardinals were managed by Hal Contini. Matt Krusto was General Manager. Inset is Art Mullen, President of the Cardinals for ten years.

Archery . . .

“The Sport of Man Since Time Began”

By MRS. CONNIE VANCISE

The Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association is one of the oldest and active conservation clubs in Ontario, being founded in 1921. As the Hamilton Arrowhawks we are an activity of this club.

Archery started out with “Hank” Hanson, Joe Timmers and Moffat Wallace and a few other members shooting in tournaments against Toronto clubs on a target range in Cootes Paradise in 1925. They then transferred to Gage Park in 1945. As people became interested and a fair number bought bows, a club was formed known as the King’s Forest Archers. A 28-target field course was set up on some Albion Road property across from Glendale golf course. Eventually a small clubhouse was built and regular meetings were held. There were a few archery clubs scattered over Ontario that held a tournament once a year, so, King’s Forest Archers decided to hold one quite early in the year, usually at the end of April. The unsettled conditions due to rain, snow, and generally bad weather prompted them to call their shoot, the “Mud Shoot”. This name was more for a joke, but it caught on and, our shoot has been called that ever since. This was 15 years ago. In the first few years the crowds were as high as 225 archers at a day’s tournament but archery fell off for a few years and the attendance became quite a bit lower. Then with the advance in better bows and equipment interest was stirred up once again and now we average around 150 archers at our shoot every year.

“Hank” Hanson was one of the first presidents of the club. He was also Canadian champion several times, as was Tom Mack. Moffat Wallace and “Hank” Hanson are just hunting archers now, going up to Manitoulin Island every year for the deer season. They always manage to get a deer every year, proving they are still very keen shooters.

In 1958, archery was banned in Hamilton, when Albion Road was taken into the city and the property where the field course was located was made into an official parkland. Thus no archery for a few months. The Hamilton Angling and Hunting Association had expanded quite a lot and had bought several acres of land in Ancaster Township. The archery section of the club was allowed 15 acres of this, so, the boys cleared the land and set up a field course once again.

Since then we have gone ahead with a lot of improvements. The name was changed to Hamilton Arrowhawks and, we now have a first rate clubhouse, the finest target range in Ontario, where any kind of an archery round can be carried out.

Every other year we host the Flint Archery Club at the Canusa Games, at our property in Ancaster.

In the winter we shoot at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre, every Saturday night. On Sunday afternoons we give instructions to beginners. This usually lasts from November to April each year.

Our club has hosted the Ontario indoor championships several times, as our facilities are the best in Ontario on a permanent basis.

Albert Miller, one of our members, was chosen to go to Sweden in 1965 on the Canadian Archery team in the world championships. Several of our members are planning to go to Holland this year for the world championships.

We have quite a number of Ontario and Canadian Champions in our club, for both indoor and outdoor archery. Tom Mack, "Hank" Hanson and Moffat Wallace (old timers), Albert Miller, Albert Vancise, Connie Vancise, Harold Abrams, Ted Booth and Norm Southon (more recent) are some of them.

This year our shoot is to be called The Centennial Shoot. This will be an official National Field Archers Association round consisting of 56 targets all black faces with a white aiming spot. Yardages are more varied than a regular field round, making it a little more difficult to figure out the distances. The 56 targets will be divided into two rounds with the first 28 targets being shot in the morning and the second round run off after lunch.

There will be a keeper trophy awarded to the person who shoots the highest score of the day as well as 100 dollars worth of merchandise prizes for the other winners. Centennial Medals will be awarded to the Class winners and Centennial Certificates to all entrants.

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This year of celebrating Canada's 100th birthday has done something for us in that it brought to us many new friends and has taught us that people have not lost the art of working together.

The Centennial Sports Committee in Hamilton, in our opinion, has done a first class job in every particular and we would like to thank each and every one who has participated and for their co-operation.

The enjoyment of our Association has been shadowed by the passing of three of our valued supporters—Frank A. Sherman, Honorary Chairman, who died in January; Bernie Arbour, Vice-Chairman, who passed away in May; and Ivan Miller, Publicity Chairman and Editor of this Centennial Sports Review, in June. They will not be forgotten as long as sports is the by-word in this sportsman's community.

Approximately 35 sports and recreation groups covering a range of interests from judo to hockey have taken part. The 55 leaders have behind them an army of 30,000 competitors of whom 3,500 will be first place medal winners. Each person taking part receives a special certificate. This Centennial Sports Review written largely by Ivan Miller, should prove to be a collectors item.

The special selections committee will decide as to who will receive the major awards for outstanding competition which are to be presented at a banquet in December. So, thanks to one and all, for truly magnificent team play!

*A. Murray Dick,
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Mr. Swimming . . . Jimmy Thompson

Over the years, Hamilton has known many outstanding sportsmen. Few made the contributions and made as much impact on one particular sport than the late Jimmy Thompson, the man better known as Mr. Swimming.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, Jimmy rose to swimming fame as an Olympic competitor in 1932 and British Empire Games performer in 1930. When the Hamilton Aquatic Club was formed in 1932, succeeding the Delta Aquatic Club, he became the coach.

From that date, HAC became a power in Canada. Under his leadership it claimed no less than 92 national titles and 205 provincial crowns up to and including 1961.

George Larsen was one of the city's early Olympic representatives in 1932 and 1936 and also made the BE Games team of '34. Tom Park became the city's best marathon swimmer, winning the Atlantic City swim twice and appearing in numerous CNE marathons and an English Channel swim, all in the '50s. Brother George, a sprint swimmer in the early portion of his career, followed Tom in distance competition, along with his sister, and was named outstanding Canadian swimmer in 1956.

Shirley Jones vanquished all opposition at the backstroke in the '40s, Harold Whitlock was a sprint star of the late '30s and Irene Barr was Canadian mile champion.

One of the outstanding divers of all time, Irene MacDonald made every Canadian international team from 1954 to 1960, appearing in two Olympics ('56 and '60), two BE Games ('54 and '58) and two Pan-American Games ('55 and '59). She won a bronze Olympic medal and silver and bronze BE Games medals.

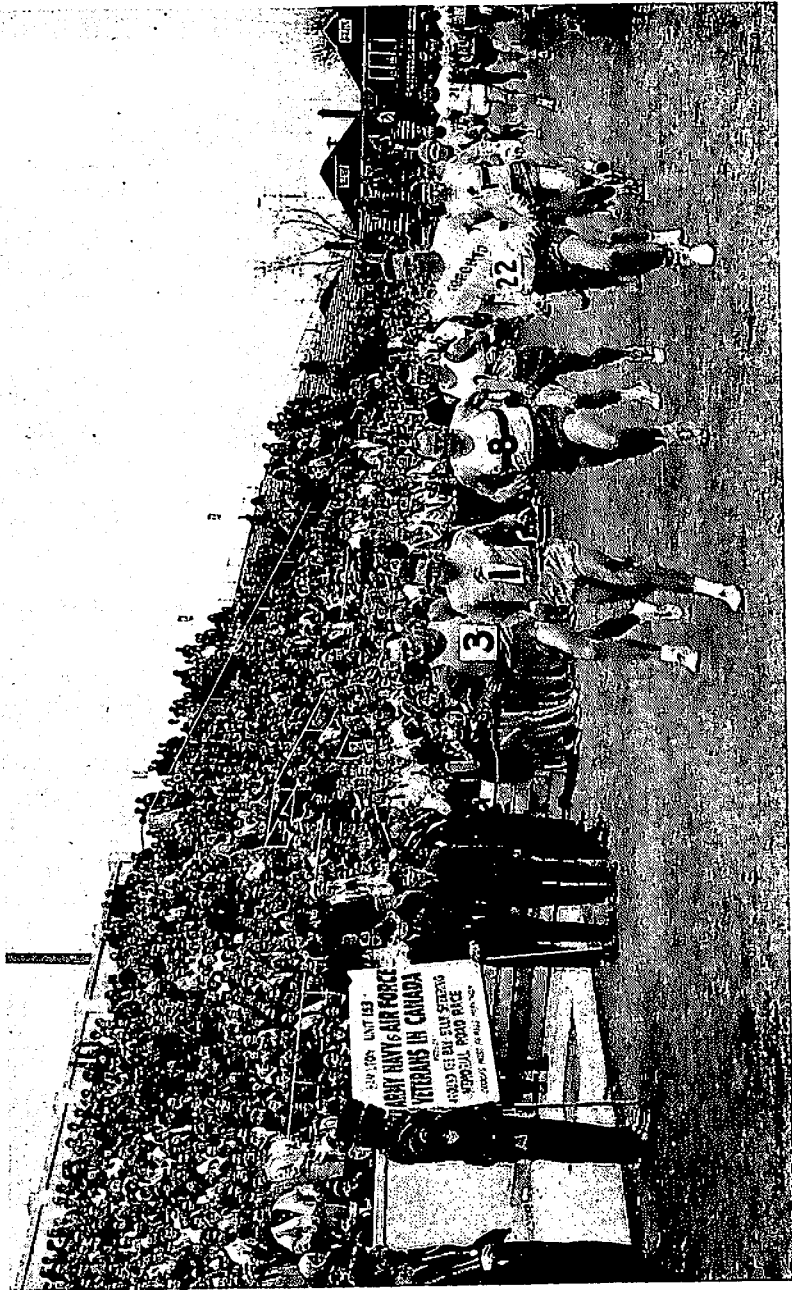
Jimmy, who died in 1966, had the satisfaction of seeing his daughter, Patti, compete in the '62 BE Games and the '64 Olympics. Dan Sherry was one of his stars. A Pan-Am and Olympic performer in 1963 and '64 respectively, Dan established a world record in the 110-yard butterfly event.

Records on swimming before Thompson's era are sparse, but the Spectator reports an exciting race at the James Street swimming baths back in 1887, that was won by Charles Hutchinson. In 1894, the YMCA built a pool against the opposition of some directors who did not feel swimming was a Christian activity.

The sport received a boost in the mid '20s with the establishment of the Across-the-Bay Race utilizing a course from the foot of James St. to La Salle Park. Tom Brock was one of the early stars and repeat winners along with Jack Hoey and Frank Blowey. The latter also took part in the Wrigley Marathon at Toronto.

Jack McCormick starred in this race in the mid '30s, winning it three times in succession.

Distance swimming interest has been renewed by the International 10-mile swim off Confederation Park, McMaster's fine new Olympic pool has updated facilities, and Hamilton continues to pursue swimming with the vigor injected by Jimmy Thompson.



The Start of the 1966 Around The Bay Road Race at Civic Stadium

The Spartan Track and Field Club

The Spartan Track and Field Club was born in 1959 because of the efforts of two outstanding Hamiltonians in the track world, Mr. William (Bill) Book and Captain ("Cap") J. R. Cornelius.

Red and white were chosen as the club colours and Bill Book and "Cap" Cornelius became the first coaches. During this first year, a small group of athletes not only competed, but also served as an executive to keep the tiny club alive. From this core of about twenty-five athletes in 1959, the club has grown to well over one hundred and twenty athletes who have represented the Spartan Club in all levels of competition, from local age-class meets to the Olympic Games. Nancy Lewington, one of the original founders of the club, must be considered the outstanding athlete in Spartan's eight year history as she represented Canada in the Rome Olympic Games.

In 1966, President Ken Hall began the Spartan Joggers' Club to give older athletes or interested adults a chance to improve their physical fitness. The Joggers' Club now numbers forty members who jog as much as 600-700 miles each season.

The Spartan Club has made perhaps three significant contributions to the youth of Hamilton. It has enabled many young athletes to (1) achieve success in competition, (2) travel to many parts of Canada and (3) experience a sense of teamwork and leadership.

Both Bill Book and "Cap" Cornelius have since passed away, but the spirit and dedication they brought to the Spartan Track and Field Club still lingers on.

Bill Book worked with Capt. Cornelius to bring about the Ontario Relay Carnival back in 1954, and was the man who, almost anonymously, had played the key-role in the schooling of Mrs. Pat Cole and Nancy Lewington, two of the City's top female contributions to Canadian International teams.

He sought no reward other than the participation of his athletes. His contributions are not measured in championships, but in the long lists of sons and daughters he adopted, unofficially, while campaigning in the interest of the city's young athletes.

"Cap" was awarded with a physical fitness certificate as a tribute for his outstanding 50 years' service in the area of track and field development.

His coaching talents have been known for a long time in the world of track and field. In 1924 and 1928, he was the Olympic Track and Field Coach for Canada. During his long career in the teaching and coaching profession, he developed many outstanding runners and teams that travelled widely in Canada and the United States while winning many national honours.

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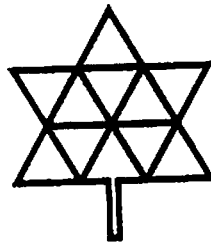
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Both schools place emphasis on sportsmanship and deportment and, in Centennial Year, the spirit of the schools appears to be even greater than ever.

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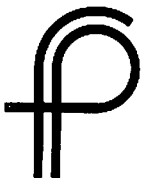
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*Centennial Greetings to all
 Hamilton's Athletes*

Juan Miller

Death claimed Ivan Miller just as the proofs from this centennial publication were flowing back from the printer.

If any one man is responsible for this project it's the big fellow. Given the time he could have written the history of sport in Hamilton himself. And why not? He was a major figure on the sporting scene of this community for more than four decades.

Himself an outstanding athlete, his career, notably in baseball and golf, gave him an athlete's insight in sports reporting. As a writer, then sports editor, then sports director of the Hamilton Spectator, Ivan covered every major sports event in North America, a great many in other world places, and became, in his own right, as famous as many of the athletes he glorified with his battered portable.

Just prior to his death this spring, and fully aware that he was to be taken, Ivan was worried about his two major projects. "The Football Hall of Fame is out of my hands", he said, "it's location is for the CFL to decide." He continued, "fortunately the people who've been working with me on THE BOOK, (as he referred to this publication) have everything under control. I wish I could personally thank each of them".

On the contrary, it is we who should thank this gallant warrior of the sports trail for his inspiration and leadership, even at a time of terrible stress.

This publication is indeed a Centennial project. It is also a tribute to the memory of my friend Ivan Miller.



By

Perc Allen, Sports Director

900 CHML

SGT. "BERNARD ARBOUR"

As President of the Police Association of Hamilton I am sure the passing of Police Officer "Bernie Arbour" has reached out and touched the hearts of people of our community in all walks of life, with great impact and impartable sadness.

He, to us that knew him as a man and a fellow officer of the Hamilton Police Department, reflected the human quality and attributes possessed by so few.

His devotion, and dedication to his work among the children associated with the Hamilton Police Athletic Association Minor leagues, augmented by his humanitarian characteristics were boundless. He was a man deeply dedicated to his family, his religious beliefs and endowed with a deep rooted sense of obligation, and pride towards his calling as a police officer.

He was the type of man that would in all humility confess to the Almighty to make himself sufficient to his undertakings and always ready to observe the rules of the games. Given to mind his own business at all times, and not to protrude liberties not designed for him.

He never lacked proper pride or a due sense of humor, but never offending. He never cried for the impossible, or over spilled milk, being able to manage his physical constitution and practical affairs discreetly to the very end. He was that rare quality of man who would not proffer, nor welcome cheap praise, and was quick to distinguish sharply between sentiment and sentimentality, leaning to one, and rejecting the other.

He sought not to dwell in the outer whirlwind of things, but would gently guide himself to the central core of the activities, render the necessary aid to make the project a success, and then retire without fanfare or sought after praise.

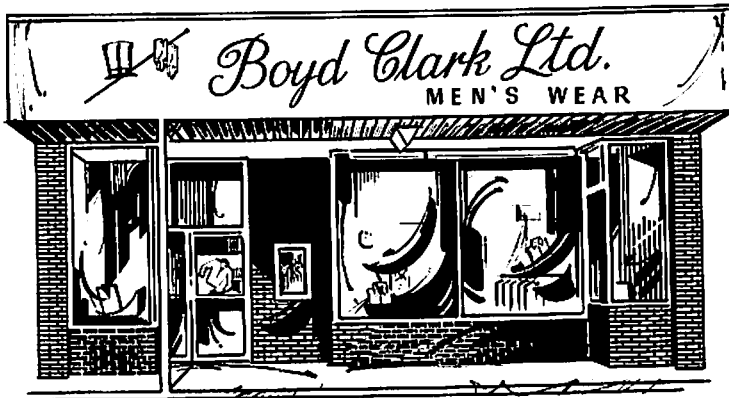
His dedicated philosophy of life was to do unto others as if he was the other. He was the type to pray not to have his primal light to wane until he had accomplished what he had set out to do, and be granted that he might carry his cup brimming, but, yet not over-running to the last.

All members of the Police Association of Hamilton and myself in particular, feel a deep personal loss in the passing of "Bernie" and extend to his loved ones our deepest expressions of sympathy.

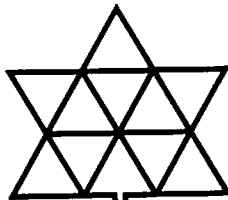
It is hoped, that through his passing, as one of Hamilton's most distinguished law enforcement officers, and Hamilton's Citizen of the year his memory will long remain among us; and be a contribution towards crystallizing our menial tasks and virtues, and inspire us to a more dedicated effort to unite in fellowship, understanding and goodwill among us.

George F. Larson.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
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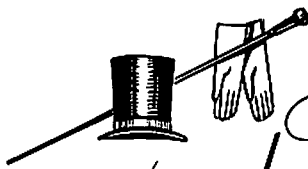
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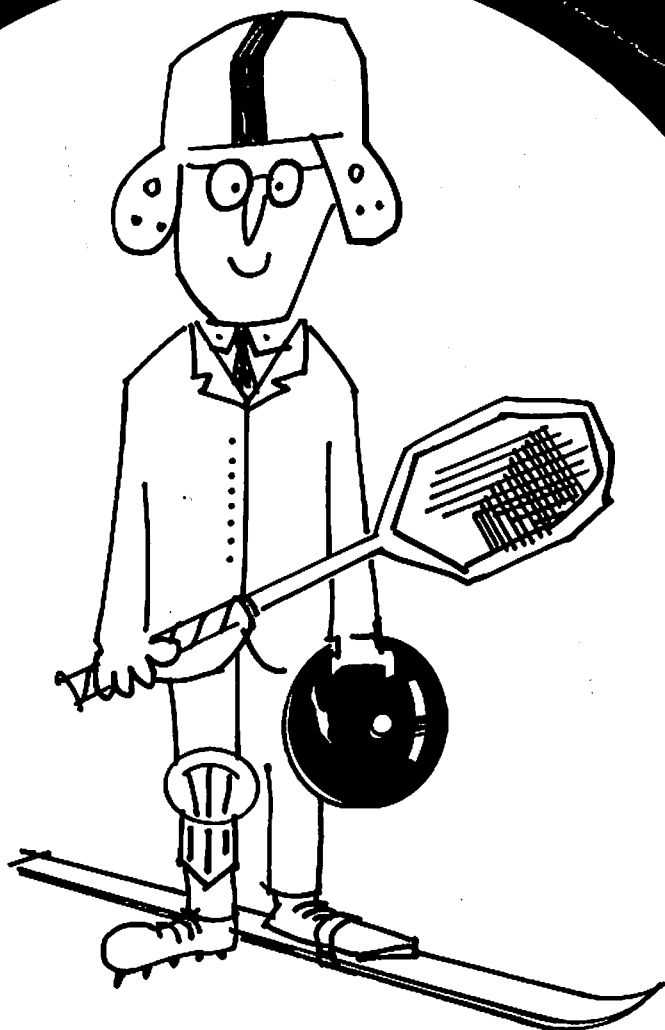
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