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Did you know?

- The Toronto Maple Leafs held their training camp at Galt Arena three times in the 1930s
- Syl Apps made his debut as a rookie at the Leafs' camp in Galt in 1936
- Arguably the two greatest hockey players—male and female—of all time both had strong ties with Galt Arena: Gordie Howe and Hilda Ranscombe
- There have been songs and paintings created about Galt Arena: including a song about Bruce Bevan getting run over by a Zamboni, and Tink Clark, who used to live in the refrigeration room at the arena:
- <https://youtu.be/4259VI7dDql?si=6Vu90yy7KZZXKWU3>



PRESS RELEASE

New Book Celebrates 100 Years of Galt Arena Gardens: Canada's Most Storied Rink

CAMBRIDGE, ON – This fall, a new coffee-table book, ***“100 Years of Galt Arena Gardens: The Most Storied Arena in the World,”*** will celebrate the rich legacy of Canada's oldest continuously-operating arena. With over 650 pages and more than 1,000 photographs, the book chronicles and sheds new light on some of Canada's most legendary athletes, including Normie Himes, Gordie Howe, Marty Pavelich, Terry Sawchuk, Pete Conacher, Dave Dryden, Hilda Ranscombe, Bobby Hull, Donald Jackson, Toller Cranston, Ron Shaver, Harris Legg, Derrick Campbell and the Overlands, who all laced up at Galt Arena.

“This isn't just a hockey book—it's a living archive of Canadian sport, community, and resilience,” says author David Menary, who spent five years researching and writing the book. “Designed by a British architect, the arena has housed great athletes and characters, and been home to generations of Cambridge residents who played minor hockey, figure skated or speed skated there, and who enjoyed watching their hometown teams such as the Terriers and Hornets play. It's also been home for more than 90 years to one of the most unique and longstanding sporting events in Canadian history: the annual school skating races.”

The celebration and launch event will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts (60 Dickson Street) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Cambridge, ON, with pre-orders opening soon.

Menary is a former sportswriter. His previous books include *Terrier Town: Summer of '49*.