

ONTARIO BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



Ted Earley

Pioneer

BIOGRAPHY

- Ted Earley was born in Toronto and took an active interest in many sports throughout his life with his early career choice taking him to the area of recreation and leisure services.
- **Late 1930's:** Ted turned his interest toward basketball officiating in Toronto, Kingston, Winnipeg, Dryden and London.
- **1940:** Ted became a referee at the Broadview YMCA in Toronto.
- **1945:** Ted officiated his first college game in Kingston.
- **1950's:** Ted was an active baseball Umpire in Manitoba and Ontario, before moving to London where he also officiated football and hockey.
- **1973:** Ted hung up his whistle due to medical reasons.
- **1973 until his death in 1978:** Ted held the following posts:
 - President of the London Board of Approved Basketball Officials
 - National Chairman of the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials
 - Secretary of the Ontario Board of Approved Basketball Officials
 - Second Vice President and subsequently President of the Ontario Amateur Basketball Association
 - Treasurer of Ontario Board of Approved Basketball Officials
 - Executive Secretary of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of Canada
 - Coordinator of the World Seminar of Approved Basketball Officials
 - President of the London Board of Approved Football Officials
- Ted was also the former owner and General Manager of the London Pontiacs, an Intercounty League amateur baseball club.
- Ted Earley was the Chairman of the London Proposal Committee for the 1981 Jeux Canada Games, subsequently awarded to Thunder Bay.
- Ted was the Recreation Director in Dryden, Ontario, before going to London where he held the position of Recreation Director at the Jewish Community Centre.
- His eleven-year employment with the City of London Public Utilities Commission, Recreation Department included positions of Supervisor of Sports, Coordinator of Facilities and Deputy Director of Recreation, which he held until the time of his death in November 1978.
- **1982:** Ted's memory was honoured when his widow Grace Earley (a London high-school vice-principal) and city officials opened the new Ted Earley Sports Centre in London.