

When some sports-minded citizen of Lindsay decides to sponsor a Hall of Fame in honor of sports-minded athletes and promoters of sports the name of one prominent

athlete will be that of Les Richman, now a resident of Toronto. He played hockey, baseball, curled, played a bit at lawn bowling and was adept with the gloves in the canvas coated ring. Les Richman, along with Percy Houzer, Albert Wood and others helped many a young athlete. He could "hold his own" with the best of ring fighters and wrestlers and this was demonstrated one sunny afternoon when a circus came to Town.

One side show had an announcer who was extolling the fine points of a well built athlete in trunks and a sweat shirt. When the wrestler flexed his muscles they stood out like pears. A challenge went out that the owner of the show would pay \$100 cash to any yokel who could stay in the ring with the wrestler for five minutes and another hundred for any one who would box the visitor for five minutes and stay on his feet.

There were two daring young men in the audience, Les Richman the boxer and Art Wileman, the wrestler, and they accepted the challenge and paid their way into the tent. It appears that there were some shady operators handling the show and when the two Lindsay young men went to the front, instead of clashing with the gents who were on the outside platform, they faced two professional athletes. How the local challengers made out was not revealed to the writer, — but they were richer by a number of beautiful Canadian coins.

Incidentally Orville Ashton spent a short holiday in Lindsay, a guest of his sister Mrs. Kay Cook and he recalled another interesting sport story of the years when Tony Bakogeorge of the Olympia Tea

Room managed the Lindsay baseball team in the Central Ontario league. Other players on the champion team included: Charlie Allan, Hilton Brown, George Logan, Elwood Coombs at first, Orville Ashton at second, Bill McMahon and Harold Brownscombe at short, Stark at third, and the outfield included Art Carew, Les Richman and Tubby Williamson.

Baseball was in its prime as Lindsay played in a league with Oshawa, Port Hope, Cobourg, Peterborough and Belleville. The batteries in the league included Heckman and Swanson of Peterborough, Lefty Goyer and Peeny Mills of Belleville, Dainty of Oshawa, and the Hill brothers of Port Hope.

When umpires Alex. Kay of Peterborough, Rosevere of Port Hope, and Dick Butler of Lindsay called "play ball", there were hundreds of ball fans in every park and they were loyal and loud.