



On The Main Street

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While enthusiastic hockey fans in Canada and United States are glued to television and radio sets watching the best athletes in the country chase and whack the elusive rubber puck "all over the world," a couple of local fans were participating in an interesting exchange of memories relative to Lindsay's participation in Canada's national game .

Once upon a time Canada's national game was lacrosse what a rough, tough game it was. Strong and fleet of foot the Indians introduced the sport.

There was a time when Lindsay had teams, when the game was played in the open fields and there was no thought of indoor or box lacrosse, the word rough aptly described the game when the gutted stick was waved around the shoulders and middle anatomy like a glorified club. The scene was often a miniature gory battle with a doctor and his little black bag about as prominent on the field as any player.

The game was popular and spectators always appeared to enjoy swinging fists at each other — but it was sport and exciting.

A story is recalled concerning a popular referee named Waghorne, who lived in Toronto and was greatly in demand by lacrosse and hockey

teams. The writer recalls a story as told at the time by Alex Ross a grocery traveller who lived at the corner of William and Francis streets.

Waghorne, incurred the wrath of the fans when he was accused of favoring a visiting team. Lindsay lost the game, the fans were incensed with his decisions that they waited outside a local hotel for his appearance. However, Waghorne had many good friends who planned his departure from the hotel. A waiting livery team of horses with an experienced driver was placed at a rear window of the old Simpson Hotel. Waghorne dropped from the window to the buggy and was driven to Beaverton 25 miles away where he caught the train for Toronto. Nothing daunted by the experience this referee was back again the following week for another game. Lacrosse and hockey fans in Lindsay were loyal and many of them were rabid supporters.