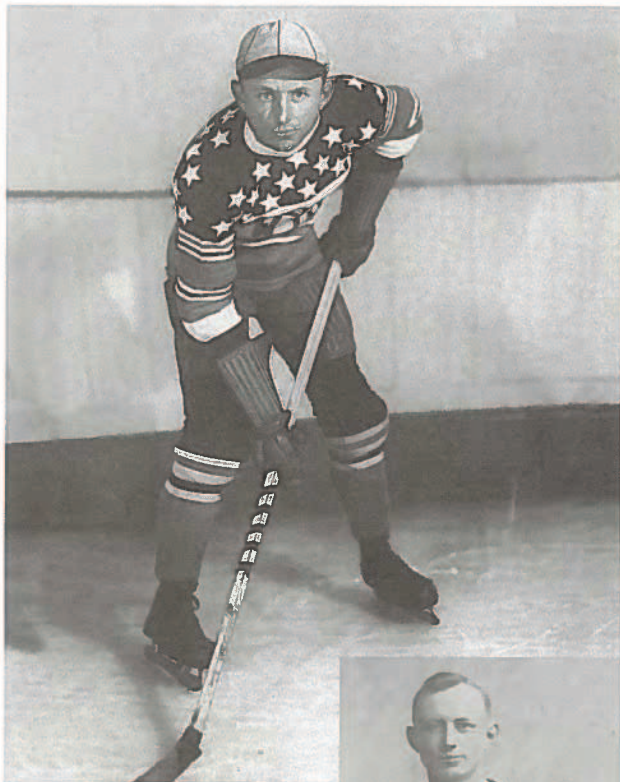


NORMAN LAWRENCE “NORMIE” HIMES

SPORTS



Norman Lawrence “Normie” Himes was an outstanding all around athlete. He attended Galt Collegiate from 1914 to 1917 during which time he developed into a gifted hockey and baseball player.

Normie played shortstop for the Galt Terriers of the Intercounty Baseball Association. Two of those teams won Ontario championships and Normie was good enough at baseball that the New York Giants invited him to training camp in 1929. However, it was as a hockey player that Normie would have his biggest impact.

Normie starred for the Galt Terriers intermediate hockey team. At 5’9” and 145 pounds Normie was small, but his play making and stick handling caught the attention of the New York Americans of the National Hockey League. The Americans signed him as a free agent in 1926.

He got off to a great start in the NHL, scoring both goals in a 2-1 Americans victory over the Ottawa Senators. Playing in his trademark baseball cap, he would go on to play 402 games in the NHL and led the Americans in scoring seven times. From 1926 to 1935 Normie scored 106 goals and 113 assists for 219 points. His best scoring season was 1929-30 when he had 28 goals and 22 assists for 50 points in a 44 game season. He was twice the runner up in the Lady Byng trophy voting for the league’s most gentlemanly player. One of the highlights of Normie’s career was playing in the first NHL all star game in 1934.

After his playing career, Normie managed the American’s minor pro team, the New Haven Eagles. He also coached the Guelph Biltmores and the Galt Red Wings of the Ontario Junior A league. He spent the rest of his life in Galt where he was known for being willing to help out local teams and players. He and his brother George ran Himes Brothers, a retail sporting goods store on Main Street. He wasn’t through with sports, however.

Normie was a talented golfer and became the assistant professional at what is now the Galt Country Club. He later was head professional at the Southampton Golf Club before spending 18 years as the head professional at the Westmount Golf and Country Club in Kitchener. He capped a 24-year golfing career by winning the Millar Trophy as Ontario’s top professional. Normie was also a top-ranked curler and skipped Galt’s entry into the Canadian curling championships. He died in 1958 after a game of golf at the Galt Country Club. He was survived by his wife Ruth and his son Donald.

Norman Lawrence “Normie” Himes is a member of the Cambridge Hall of Fame and the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

Inducted: 2009
Years at GCI & VS:
1914-1917

