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DARRYL SITTLER  
IN CAMBRIDGE 4**



**BUY SITTLER'S BOOK  
AT BOOK EXPRESS  
BOOK SIGNING 2**



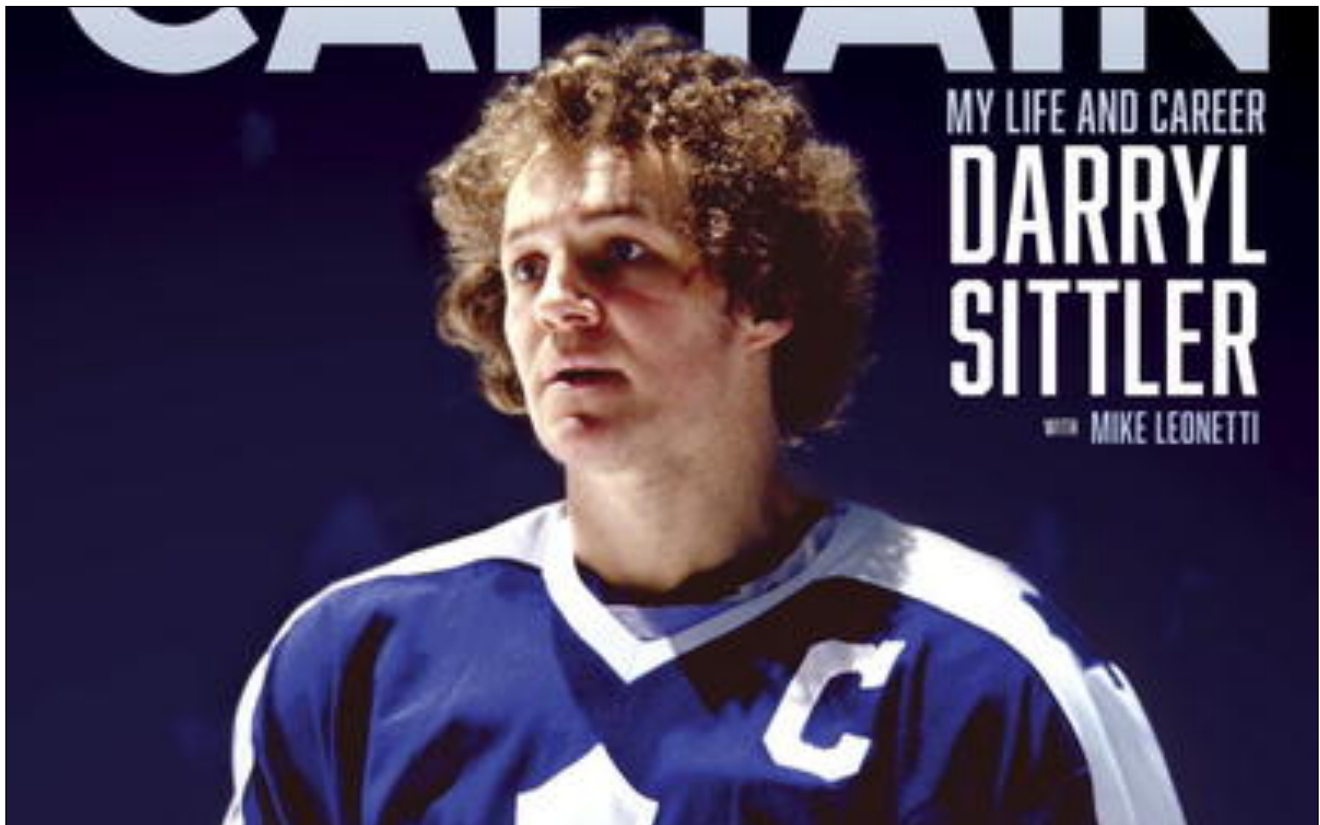
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# NEWSLETTER



## Buy a book - meet the legend Nov. 26 at the Hall

At 12 noon on November 26 join Toronto Maple Leaf legend Darryl Sittler for a signing of his new hardcover book, CAPTAIN: MY LIFE AND CAREER, at Book Express and the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in the Cambridge Centre.

Sports Hall  
fundraiser features  
former Leaf  
captain Darryl  
Sittler at Book  
Express



Pierre Berton in 1997 at Book Express autograph session signing his 42nd book *1967: The Last Good Year*.

## Book Express partners with Hall

In the 30 years since John Cheyne and his wife Anne Laird set up Book Express, they've had a *Who's Who* of authors in their store for book signings.

There was Pierre Berton, Peter Gzowski, David Suzuki, Ben Wicks, Max Haines, Robert Bateman, and sports stars like Montreal Canadiens great Jean Beliveau, Leaf legends Frank Mahovlich and

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Book Express owners Anne Laird, left, and husband John Cheyne with their children, in 1996, in front of their store.

## Book Express: *Cambridge's book store for 30 years*



**Book signings:** Jean Beliveau, top. **Middle:** Olympic curler and gold medalist Brad Gushue with Lindy Marchuk and Ann Dunn.

**Bottom:** Book Express has been a fixture at the Cambridge Centre since it opened more than three decades ago.

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Eddie Shack, Chicago's Bobby Hull, Walter Gretzky, Mike 'Pinball' Clemens, and Bret 'The Hitman' Hart.

On November 26 Book Express is bringing in Leaf Hall of Famer Darryl Sittler for a book signing at the adjacent Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

Go to Book Express first to pick up your copy of the book, and then walk over to the Sports Hall where Darryl will sign it

What's more, Book Express is donating \$5 for every copy of the book purchased at the store to the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

Sittler, a native of nearby St. Jacob's, will be signing his new book, *CAPTAIN: MY LIFE AND CAREER*, co-authored by Mike Leonetti.

John and Anne bought the bookstore from Epic Books in 1986, a year after getting married. John was operations manager for Epic, a bookseller that operated more than a dozen stores in smaller markets.

They've been at it ever since. And although they've hosted many authors since then — "We've had a lot of engaging people" — one of John's fondest memories was when he accompanied Canadiens' goaltender Ken Dryden in 1980 or '81 on a book tour of northern Ontario promoting Dryden's *The Game*.

"He was wonderful," said Cheyne. "His book was the first real hockey book by a former star that broke through to the general market."



Peter Gzowski grew up in Galt, and went on to a remarkable career as a broadcaster and writer. His visits back to town, such as this one, above, in the late 1990s, were always popular. Below, Gzowski, whose mother is buried in Cambridge, is pictured with the GCI basketball team, about 1948.

Dryden used to come to Galt Arena to watch his older brother, Dave, play goal for the Galt

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Terriers.

When Book Express opened its doors under Cheyne and Laird's management in 1986 it was situated in Cambridge's modest John Galt Mall, forerunner of today's Cambridge Centre. At one end, across from their store, was Miracle Mart Department Store, and at the other end, Miracle Food Mart. In between were roughly 30 stores.

One of the biggest autograph sessions was when Mahovlich came to Cambridge. Beliveau's book signing was also well-attended, as have signings for most of the big name authors.

And in almost all instances, the authors and former hockey stars have been gracious, even, at times, modest. Beliveau stayed for a couple of hours signing his books.

"When we were all done, after two-and-a-half hours — and remember, he was not a young man — he said, "I can't believe all these people would come out to see me."



Leaf legend Darryl Sittler

Cheyne didn't have a difficult time believing the great response. He wanted to simply reply, "But of course they want to see you. You're Jean Beliveau!"

Gzowski's appearance drew a lot of his old friends and acquaintances from nearly a half-century earlier when he was a boy growing up in town. Robert Bateman's visit was notable, said Anne, because he didn't just sign his name, "he painted it."

# *Book Signing*

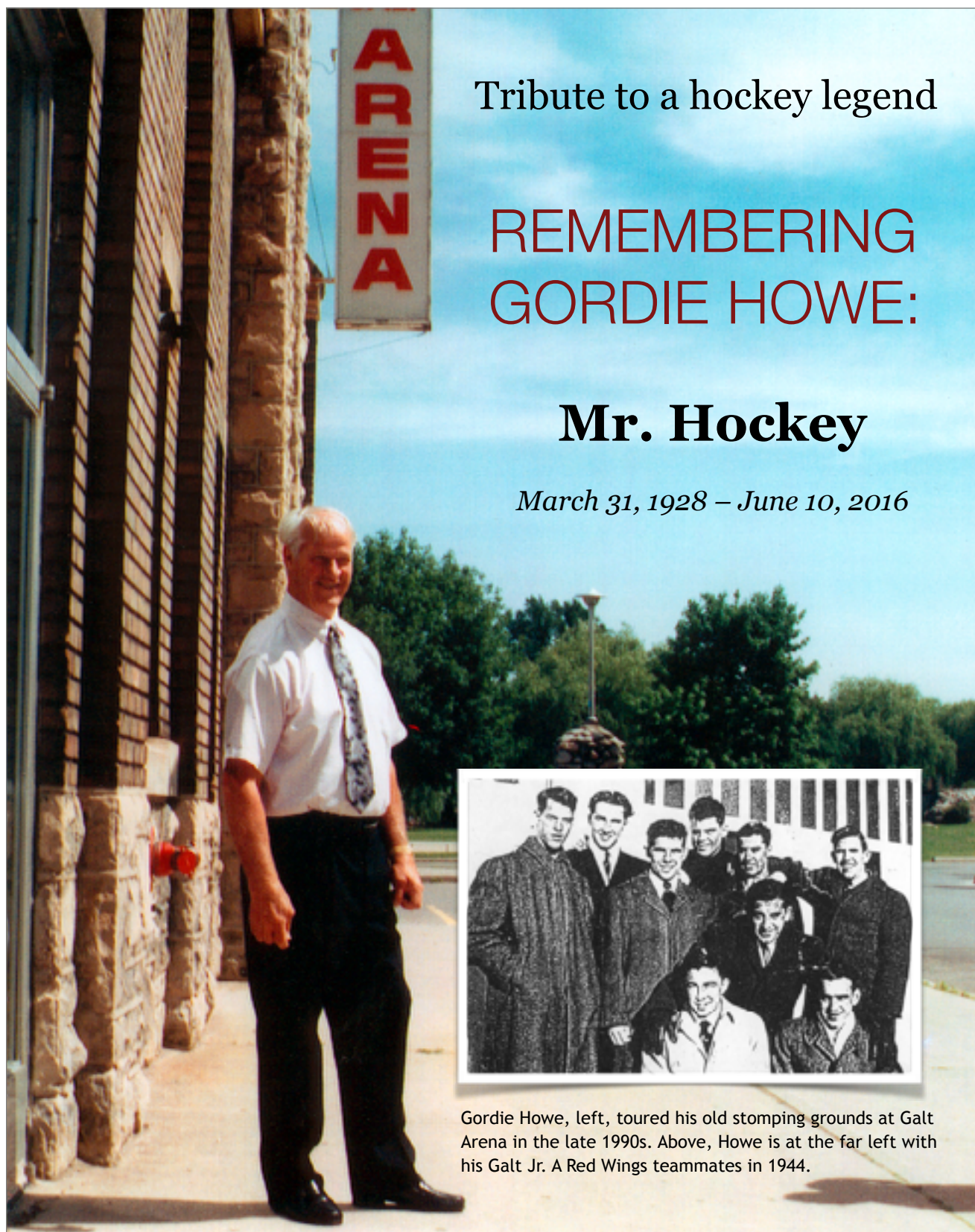
**A Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame Fundraiser,  
in conjunction with Book Express**



**Saturday November 26, 2016**

**12 noon**

**Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame and Book Express at the  
Cambridge Centre**



Tribute to a hockey legend

## REMEMBERING GORDIE HOWE:

### Mr. Hockey

*March 31, 1928 – June 10, 2016*



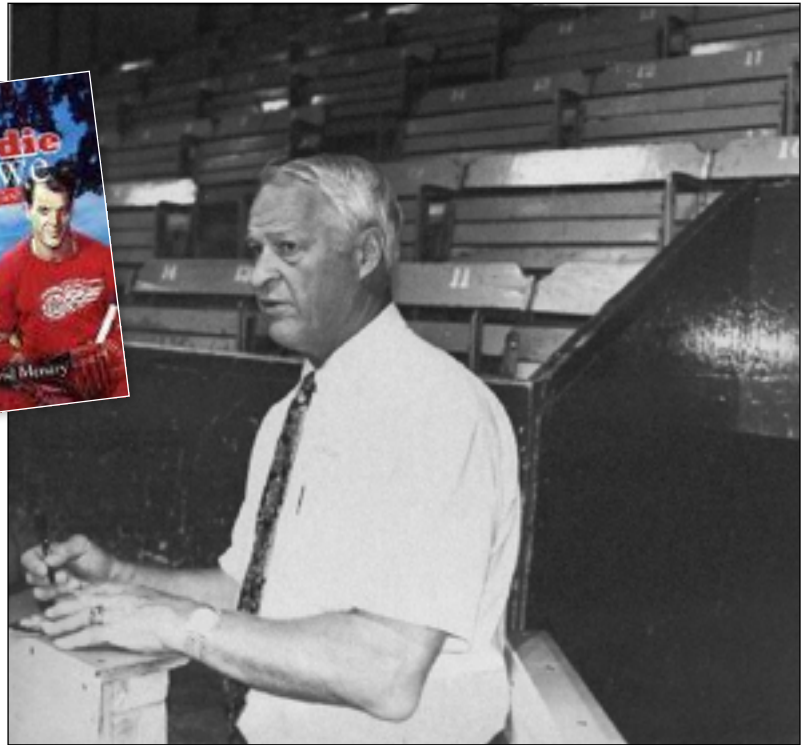
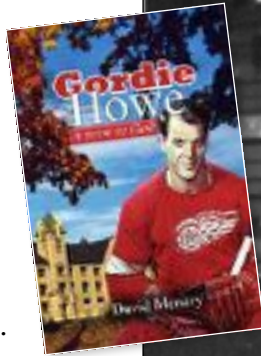
Gordie Howe, left, toured his old stomping grounds at Galt Arena in the late 1990s. Above, Howe is at the far left with his Galt Jr. A Red Wings teammates in 1944.



Gordie Howe, top photo, toured the old Galt Arena Gardens a year before it was gutted and renovated. He spoke of fighting teammate Lee Fogolin during practice on a regular basis, and of the Red Wing sports jacket that Jack Adams never gave him.

Right bottom: Howe, on a visit to Galt Arena in 2000, playfully tries to trip Walter Gretzky under the stands.

Howe's connection to the city is chronicled in *Gordie Howe: A Year in Galt*, available at Book Express.



## Howe at Galt Arena Gardens

Gordie Howe visited Cambridge several times after his playing days with the Galt Jr. A Red Wings were done in the spring of 1945.

Once he even had his sons visit his old trainer Toots Last when they were playing nearby. They stopped in to see Last at his home on Shade Street, just down from the arena.

Last, whose son John recently passed away, was almost a second father to many of the young men who came to Galt to play hockey.

Years later Howe was also presented with a graduation diploma from Galt Collegiate Institute.

Howe always advised young boys and girls to stay in school and get an education, and not to follow his example. He was too shy to walk through the front doors of the school in the fall of 1944, and instead, got a job at Galt Art Metal.



## Tim Turow Cambridge Sports Awards Nov. 4



Cambridge's Carling Zeeman, left, winner of the 2015 Cambridge athlete of the year award, qualified in 2016 for her second Olympics, in Rio. Below, Tim Turow presents the 1992 athlete award to rower Bill Ingraham.



### 43rd Annual Sports Award Banquet

**Friday, November 4, 2016**

**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON**

The Sports Awards honours nominees for Athlete of the Year, as well as Professional Athlete, Team, High School Team and Sports Organization.

2016 Emcee: Darryl Law, co-host of 107.5 Dave Rocks Morning Buzz

**2016 Special Guest Speaker: Canadian television sports journalist Brenda Irving**

**Tickets** are \$45. Available at : <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/cambridge-sports-awards-43rd-annual-tickets-27759214558?aff=ehomecard>

Ticket sales close Friday, October 28, 2016.

**Further information call 519-740-4681, ext. 4202**

## Book signing to benefit Cambridge Sports Hall

FIVE DOLLARS from each book sold by Book Express will be donated to the Hall.

Enjoy this rare opportunity to meet a Leaf legend and get your book signed.

The Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit charitable organization that holds annual inductions and also presents scholarships to graduating student athletes at each of the city's high schools.

Sittler, one of the greatest players ever to wear a Maple Leafs uniform, may well be remembered for two remarkable performances. Both happened in 1976. On February 7 that year he scored six goals and added four assists for an NHL record total of ten points in a game. That spring, he joined Rocket Richard, scoring five goals in one playoff game. He also scored one of the most famous goals in hockey history, the overtime goal against Czechoslovakia to win the 1976 Canada Cup.



## From the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame vault

The late writer Scott Young, father of singer-songwriter Neil Young, visited Cambridge's Wellington Street Book Shop in the early 1990s. Here he signs his book *100 Years of Dropping the Puck* for two-time Olympian Don Rope and his daughter, Marnie. Rope is a member of the Hall and a longtime supporter of Cambridge sports.

**Look for our next newsletter later this  
fall with the names of our new inductees**