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Memorial Cup to Visit Kingston This Week



One of the most prestigious trophies in all of hockey, the **Memorial Cup**, will be in Kingston this week making its first-ever public appearance here, to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Original Hockey Hall of Fame. The roots of the trophy run through Kingston, hockey pioneer and the founder of the local Hockey Hall of Fame, Captain James T. Sutherland, is credited with starting the Memorial Cup in 1919, to honour hockey players who fought in WW1 and lost their lives. They included two great Kingston hockey stars and future Hall of Fame inductees; Allan (Scotty) Davidson and George Richardson.

Many of the greatest players in hockey history have won or played for the Memorial Cup and it has a storied past with ties to many Kingston players.

Local fans will have several opportunities to see the Memorial Cup while it's in Kingston. Here is a rundown of the schedule for its appearances:

Wed Sept 25th

4:00pm to 6:00pm - Canadian Tire, Cataraqui store

Thursday Sept 26th

6:00pm to 9:00pm - Original Hockey Hall of Fame, Invista Centre, for the Kingston Voyageurs home game.

Friday Sept 27th

11am to 2pm - Springer Market Square with the Kingston Frontenacs

3:00pm to 6:00pm - Braden Ford, Bath Road, Kingston

Saturday Sept 28th

11:00am to 3:00pm - Gananoque Chev Olds in Gananoque, ON

4:00pm to 6:00pm - Original Hockey Hall of Fame, Invista Centre, Kingston

No Kingston team has ever won the Memorial Cup, but there are many strong local connections to the trophy; Kingston's Doug Gilmour and the late Gary MacGregor both scored Memorial Cup winning goals for Cornwall. Don Cherry was a Memorial Cup winner with the Barrie Flyers in 1953, Taylor Hall won back-to-back titles in Windsor before joining the Edmonton Oilers. Former scout, the late Gord Wood, helped build four Memorial Cup winning teams in Cornwall & Ottawa. Kingston hockey fans will get their first opportunity this week to see the trophy in person.

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