

# Clarence Henhawke

## *Wrestling*

When Clarence “Chief” Henhawke moved to Ingersoll in 1939, he became well known for his involvement in local sports. He played minor hockey, Junior “C”, and the Legion team, as well as playing for Max Fisher’s Hellcats while he was only 14 years old. Chief was signed by Bob Wilson of the Chicago Blackhawks and played in the Senior League across Southwestern Ontario.

Clarence also organized roller hockey in Ingersoll and played Senior Lacrosse in Southwestern Ontario for London.

Under the name Chief Joseph Henhawke,—later Chief Golden Hawk—Clarence became known across Canada for his career in wrestling, which became an interest of his in 1958 while working at the Ingersoll Arena. Clarence trained in Hamilton to become a referee and organized the first Ingersoll bout. His contributions in wrestling spanned a majority of Canada as well as the United States.

*Inducted in 1997—Athlete*

