Patrick Arena

The modern game of ice hockey was
significantly shaped in this historic Oak Bay building

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Patrick Arena (1911–1929)
Empress Street (Epworth) at Cadboro Bay Road

The Patrick Arena was built in 1911 to house Victoria's entry, the Victoria *Senators*, into the newly-formed Pacific Coast Hockey Association created by the Patrick family — brothers Lester and Frank and father, Joe. The three-team league included the Victoria *Senators*, the Vancouver *Millionaires* and the New Westminster *Royals*. Lester ran the Victoria franchise out of the Oak Bay arena while Frank managed the Vancouver franchise out of the new Denman Street arena.

Six lots were purchased along Empress Street (Epworth) at Cadboro Bay Road in 1911 and building commenced on the Patrick Arena in late April of that year. The arena cost $110,000 to build and could accommodate 4,000 spectators.

The arena officially opened with public skating on Christmas Day, 1911, and the first hockey game was played on January 2, 1912. It was a historic game because *it was the first hockey game in Canada played on artificial ice.*

Many hockey "firsts" happened in this building, including:

- Introduction of the forward pass
- Introduction of the bluelines
- Introduction of the penalty shot
- Introduction of changing on the fly
- Introduction of recording assists
- Elimination of rule requiring goalie to stand upright
- Introduction of numbers on jerseys
- Introduction of post-season playoffs
- Introduction of the farm system

And it was in this historic Oak Bay building that Lester Patrick's Victoria *Cougars* won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Montreal *Canadiens* in 1925.

The Patrick Arena was destroyed by fire on Remembrance Day, 1929.

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PATRICK ARENA FIRE — November 11, 1929
Hours after the pre-dawn fire
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