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# TOLEDO SPORTS ARENA TIMELINE

- 1947:** Virgil Gladieux spearheads construction of Sports Arena.
- 1947:** Toledo Mercurys play first season of pro hockey.
- 1947-48:** Toledo Jeeps play first season of professional basketball.
- 1952:** Light heavyweight Archie Moore fights Harold Johnson, attracting about 8,000 fans.
- 1959:** At age 17, Cassius Clay fights in an AAU boxing tournament and was named outstanding boxer, winning five fights.
- 1960:** American Bowling Congress tournament runs for six months.
- 1962-63:** Detroit Pistons play three home games on a portable basketball court.
- 1963:** Pan-American Boxing Trials take place.
- 1964:** Toledo Blades win first Turner Cup.
- 1966:** Toledoan Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure fights to a draw with Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who later was the subject of a movie about his life.
- 1967:** Blades win a second Turner Cup.
- 1973:** "Box" lacrosse played during summer, so hockey players can stay in shape.
- 1974:** In April, Hornets hockey team ends four-year run and moves to Lansing, Mich.
- 1974:** In August, Ted Garvin hired as the first Goaldiggers hockey coach.
- 1975:** On May 9, Goaldiggers win first Turner Cup on the night Tiedtke's department store burns down.
- 1975-78:** Rodeos, ice shows, Globetrotters and pro wrestling events draw large crowds.
- 1978:** Goaldiggers win second Turner Cup led by future Olympian Mike Eurizone.
- 1979:** Future heavyweight champion Tony Tucker fights in Pan-Am trials.
- 1980:** During first Toughman competition, a brawl breaks out.
- 1980:** In July, during a closedcircuit telecast of the first Sugar Ray Leonard/Roberto Duran fight, two people are shot and killed.
- 1981:** National Golden Gloves championships are held with the finals broadcast on NBC.
- 1982-83:** Goaldiggers win back-to-back Turner Cups.
- 1983:** Goaldiggers beat Milwaukee 16-4 in the IHL playoff finals.
- 1984:** Goaldiggers swept out of IHL finals by Flint.
- 1986:** On April 6, Goaldiggers play last game.
- 1986-87:** Toledo Pride, an indoor soccer team, plays first and only season.
- 1987:** World Wrestling Federation makes 12 stops drawing 7,000 people each time.
- 1987:** Dec. 26, Hulk Hogan made his first appearance attracting 8,251 people.
- 1988-90:** Monster truck and motocross races bring in huge crowds.
- 1990:** Hockey returns after a four-year hiatus. More than 5,200 show up for exhibition game between ECHL teams Erie and Cincinnati. Storm starts next season.
- 1990:** Bart Connors gymnastics championships are held.
- 1993-94:** Storm wins back-to-back Riley Cups.
- 1993:** In October, female goalie Erin Whitten records a victory for the Storm.
- 1998:** Tim Gladieux buys Storm from founder Barry Soskin.
- 2006:** Toledoan and U.S. Olympic heavyweight Devin Vargas wins unanimous decision over Dion Craig.
- 2007:** On April 14, last hockey game is played with Storm losing 7-3 in ECHL playoffs to Cincinnati.