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## Sands inducted into Hall of Fame

Mississauga's John Sands may never be inducted into the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame, but the 60-year-old certainly made headlines in newspapers throughout Saskatchewan earlier this week.

Born in Saskatoon in 1933, Sands went on to set two national records and represent Canada at both the 1956, and '60 Winter Olympic Games in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy and Squaw Valley, California respectively.

A speed skater, Sands set a Canadian record in the 220-yard event with a time of 18.2 seconds and another mark in the 500 metres of 42.7 seconds which stood for 12 years before it was broken in 1968.

The record-setting 500-metre skate came in 1956 during a pre-Olympic event in Cortina. Sands' best result came in the same meet when he captured the bronze medal over 1,000 metres.

Sands' other Canadian record came in 1961 at the North

American Speedskating Championship in Lake Placid, New York where he placed second in the 220-yard race.

A year later, Sands eclipsed his own record when placing first at the 1962 Adirondac



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Championships at Saranac Lake, New York.

The time also beat the North American record.

In Canada, Sands was a four-time national champion and also captured provincial juvenile, junior, intermediate and senior age titles from 1946-57.

In 1958, Sands moved to Montreal and later moved to Mississauga in 1981.