

## **Manitoba connection with the Toledo, Ohio Mercurys in 1948**

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**The Toledo Mercurys captured the International Hockey League Championship and the Turner Cup Trophy in the 1947 - 1948 campaign. The first year Toledo club defeated Windsor Hettehe-Spitfires four games to one in the league final to win the title. The Mercurys went on to win the United States Amateur Hockey Crown with a two game victory over Eveleth Rangers and a three games to two series triumph over the New York Rovers.**

**The Toledo Mercurys, that first season, had a Manitoba flavour about them as nine of the players were former performers in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. This Manitoban connection all came about when Winnipegger Andy Mulligan was hired in 1947 as Manager-Coach. Andy had played in the MJHL with the 1925 Provincial Champions, University of Manitoba. He also coached the 1941- 1942 St. James Canadians. When he began his search for roster personnel in 1947, he remembered some of the players from the MJHL who he had seen during his days in Winnipeg. The nine Manitoban MJHL players, who helped the Mercurys win it all in 1948 are as follows:**

**Stan Fogg, Goaltender - 1941-42 Winnipeg Rangers  
Max Labovitch, Captain - 1941-42 Winnipeg Rangers  
George Harrison - 1941-42 East Kildonan Bisons  
Len Schrieber - 1936-37 Winnipeg Falcon - Rangers  
Barney O'Connell - 1942-43 Winnipeg Monarchs  
Jack Kernahan - 1943-44 Winnipeg Monarchs  
Don Thurston - 1943-44 CUAC Blues  
Fred Nelson - 1943-44 Winnipeg Rangers  
Dan Mandrick - 1944-45 CUAC Blues**