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‘Superman’ Thrills Fans at Sens Game



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Proving he could fly like Superman, Tom Armstrong, who calls himself ‘The Boy Wonder’, leapt off the top rail of the Canadian Tire Centre during a Senators game in Kanata yesterday.

Orleans native, Tom Armstrong, set out to prove he could fly by taking flight over the sell-out crowd of 17 352 at the Canadian Tire Centre. The Ottawa Senators, who were playing

the visiting Edmonton Oilers, had to delay the game for over five minutes as players and fans alike stopped to gasp at the sight. At the three minute mark of the third period, Armstrong climbed up on the railing at the highest point above the ice and did a swan dive. Security guards climbed over fans to try to stop him, but Armstrong leapt before they could lay their hands on him. Many fans screamed and cried out as he jumped, but their tears turned to joy as Armstrong actually went up rather than plummeting down to certain death.

“It was the most amazing thing I’ve ever seen. (Armstrong) hovered and glided through the air as easily as a bird,” gushed Senators defenseman, Chris Phillips. “He wasn’t using a glider or anything to keep him up.”

After making three successful loops of the arena, Armstrong glided to centre ice. The crowd rose to their feet and gave him a standing ovation as he was escorted off the ice by Ottawa police. “There’s no secrets or tricks. I am not Criss Angel. I can fly. I have always been able to fly,” Armstrong said as he was placed in a waiting police cruiser.

Armstrong's gravity-defying act landed him a night in jail, but upon his release, who knows. "The sky's the limit," he said with a grin, as the police car drove away.

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