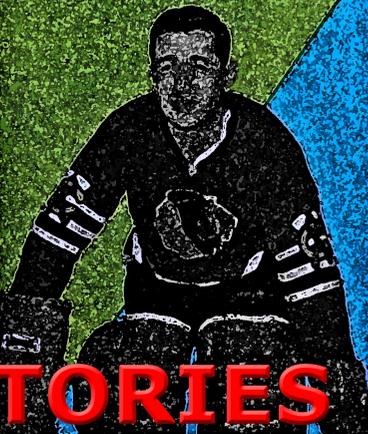


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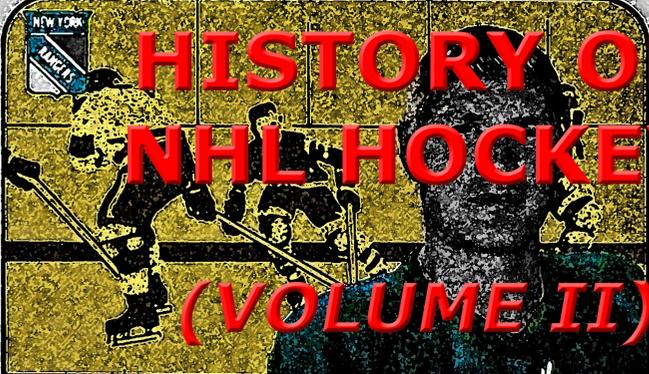


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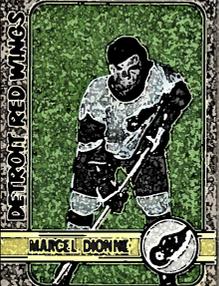
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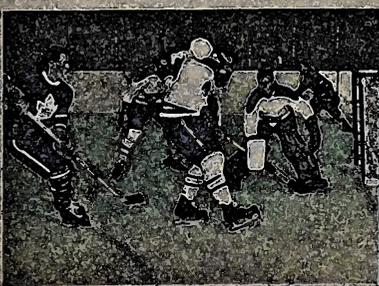
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Introduction

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Dave Keon And The Art Of Taking Control In The Big Games

The Toronto Maple Leafs met the Montreal Canadiens in the 1964 Stanley Cup semi-final. The Habs had a seven point edge in the regular season standings and never trailed the Maple Leafs in the series going into game seven. That was when Dave Keon decided he wanted a third consecutive championship and took matters into his own hands.

On April 9, 1964, the two teams met for game seven at the Montreal Forum. Keon scored his first of the series and first of the game at 8:22 of the first period on Charlie Hodge, assisted by Don McKenney and Bob Baun.

A few minutes later, with Andy Bathgate in the box for hooking, Keon scored his second of the game shorthanded with help from George Armstrong. This put the Leafs up 2-0 and would stand as the game winning goal. Ralph Backstrom got Montreal on the board at 7:27 of the third but Keon iced the series, scoring his third of the game into the empty net with eleven seconds left in the match.

Keon's hat trick performance overshadowed the fact that Johnny Bower stood on his head, making 38 saves on 39 shots for the win. Things didn't get easier for Toronto. The final series against the Detroit Red Wings went the full seven games, as well. Down 3-2 in the set, the Leafs needed a Bob Baun goal in overtime to win game six and stay alive.

Bobby Clarke Becomes 1st Flyer To Have 100 Point Season With 2 Goals Against Flames

Both Bobby Clarke and Rick MacLeish reached the 100 point plateau in 1972-73, the first two Flyers to attain the milestone. However, it was Clarke that was just a few games ahead of MacLeish to become the first. On March 29, 1973, Philadelphia hosted the Atlanta Flames at the Spectrum, coming out ahead of

the visitors 4-2.

Clarke's first goal of the game was scored at 18:26 of the second period on Phil Myre with assists to Tom Bladon and Bill Barber. This put the Flyers up 3-1 after a pair of goals by Simon Nolet and would serve as the game winner. This was also point number 99 of the season for Bobby.

At 14:53 of the third period, Clarke put his 35th of the 1972-73 NHL season past Myre with help from MacLeish and Bladon for point number 100. Despite allowing the historic goal, Myre did all he could to keep the Flames in the game, turning away 42 of 46 shots in the loss.

This was the 76th game of the season for the Flyers. Rick MacLeish waited until game 78 to reach 100. He scored his 50th of the season to go with his 50 assists for exactly 100 points. The goal was scored at 2:02 of the 2nd on Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Cam Newton, assisted by Gary Dornhoefer. Clarke scored his 37th of the season in the first period and finished the year with 104 points.

Milestones: Toronto Boy Dennis Maruk Scores 300th At Maple Leaf Gardens Against The Buds

Dennis Maruk entered the 1984-85 NHL season needing just seven goals to reach the 300 goal plateau. He scored number 299 on November 10, 1984 at the Met Center against the Vancouver Canucks. His Minnesota North Stars had a quick turnaround and played on the road in Toronto on November 11, 1984.

Maruk, born in Toronto, scored number 300 of his NHL career at 10:28 of the second period on Allan Bester, assisted by Tom McCarthy. For good measure, he added number 301 at 16:17 of the third period, the game winning goal in a 7-6 North Stars victory.

Don Beaupre faced 40 shots in the win while Tom McCarthy had five points on two goals and three assists. This capped a run of six points in three games for Maruk. He would go the next three without a point before a three point affair against the same Maple Leafs, this time at home in Minnesota.

Maruk finished his NHL career with 356 regular season goals, powered by 50 in 1980-81 and 60 in 1981-82, both with the Washington Capitals. Between 1975-76 and 1988-89, Dennis played 888 regular season and 34 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the California Golden Seals, Cleveland Barons, Washington Capitals and Minnesota North Stars.

41 Year Old Gump Worsley Stops 63 Shots To Earn Tie With Boston Bruins In 1971

Since the NHL starting keeping shots on goal stats, no goalie had made 60 or more saves in a game. Until 1970-71. That year, it happened twice. Both times against the Boston Bruins. Joe Daley stopped 64 of 72 for the Buffalo Sabres in an 8-2 loss on December 10, 1970. Gump Worsley, just a few months shy of his 42nd birthday, stopped 63 of 67 for the Minnesota North Stars in a 4-4 tie on February 7, 1971.

Going into that match, Boston had lost just eight of 51 games in 1970-71. The North Stars were trying to get close to the .500 mark. With Gump's help, Minnesota jumped to a 3-0 lead before the first period was half over on goals by Jude Drouin, Charlie Burns and Bill Goldsworthy. Boston chipped away and eventually the game ended 4-4.

Worsley faced 13 shots by Bobby Orr with Number 4 registering just a single assist on a Ken Hodge goal. Phil Esposito was left off the scoresheet despite ten shots on net. Gerry Cheevers didn't exactly have it easy in the Boston nets, facing 32 shots. The two Hockey Hall of Fame goaltenders faced a combined total of 99

shots in the match.

Since, just four other goalies have made 60 or more saves in a game. Ron Tugnutt of the Quebec Nordiques leads the list with a 73 shot 3-3 tie against the Bruins in 1991. Mario Lessard of the Los Angeles Kings and Juuse Saros are the only two to come out with a win. Allan Bester of the Toronto Maple Leafs rounds out the group, making 60 saves in a 5-3 loss to the Hartford Whalers.

Mr. Hockey In On All Detroit's Goals In 1953 5-1 Win Over Maple Leafs (including a goal and assist on the same 2 minute powerplay)

Gordie Howe played major league hockey until the end of the 1979-80 season but it was way back in 1952-53 when he tallied his highest goal total. He finished the year with 49, just one shy of joining Maurice Richard as the only 50 goal scorers in NHL history at the time. Still, he led the league that year while earning both the Art Ross Trophy and Hart Trophy.

The skills were on display in a February 1, 1953 game at Detroit Olympia against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Red Wings won the game 5-1 and Howe left his mark on all five Detroit goals. He scored the first goal of the game at 5:24 of the first period, his 36th of the 1952-53 NHL season, put past Toronto goalie Harry Lumley with help from Red Kelly and Jim Hay.

45 seconds later, he set up Alex Delvecchio for what would be the game winning goal. Interestingly, both were on the same power play. Tim Horton was in the box for interference and it was in the era when a player stayed in for the full two minutes, regardless of whether the opposing team scored.

Before the first was up, Gordie assisted on a Marcel Pronovost goal that put the Wings up 3-0. In the second, Howe potted another PP marker, assisted by Red Kelly and Ted Lindsay to make the score 4-1. 59 seconds, later, he assisted on Delvecchio's

second of the game to make the final score 5-1. Howe came out with a five point night on two goals and three assists.

Red Berenson Had A Thing For Games Against The Philadelphia Flyers In The Late 60's

During the 1968-69 NHL season, Red Berenson had his famous six goal game against the Flyers. The following year, on November 1, 1969, it wasn't quite as spectacular but Red put up a hat trick against Philly.

Berenson scored the first goal of each period in a 8-0 home win for the Blues at St. Louis Arena, his 3rd, 4th and 5th of the young 1969-70 season. The first two were on the power play. Bobby Clarke was in the box for tripping when Red scored on Bernie Parent in the first, assisted by Frank St. Marseille and Larry Keenan. The second was while Earl Heiskala was serving an extra two for elbowing after a fight with Ray Fortin.

The hat trick goal came just 29 seconds into the third period, this time on Doug Favell after Parent was pulled at the end of the second. The three goals went with a first period assist on a Larry Keenan goal for a four point night. St. Marseille had a heck of a night as well with two goals and three assists for five points. Goalie Jacques Plante had a relatively easy night, turning away all 23 shots for the shutout.

In seven games against the Flyers in 1969-70, Berenson scored five and assisted on seven for 12 points. On March 12, 1970, he assisted on all four goals in a 4-2 win for St. Louis. Despite not scoring a goal of his own in the game, Red led with six shots on Parent in the match.

Milestones: Mike Gartner Puts Goal #1 of 708 Past Kings Goalie Mario Lessard

Mike Gartner sits in the eighth position all-time with his 708 NHL goals. The first came on October 16, 1979 at the Capital Center against the Los Angeles Kings. In his fourth NHL game, Mike's first period goal for the Capitals was the first of 36 on the 1979-80 season. 19:15 into the period, he scored on Los Angeles goalie Mario Lessard with assists to Leif Svensson and Guy Charron.

That one goal on three shots was the only point for Gartner in the game despite it being a barn-burner, typical of the era. Washington ended up with an 8-6 win with Charron and Bengt-Ake Gustafsson leading the way with three points each. On the Kings side, Dave Taylor and Doug Halward both had four points on two goals and two assists each. Marcel Dionne had four helpers.

Gartner was the fourth overall pick by the Capitals at the 1979 NHL Entry Draft after a year in the WHA with the Cincinnati Stingers. He played his junior hockey for the Niagara Falls Flyers. The 708 goal scorer reached the 50 goal plateau just once with exactly 50 in 1984-85 with the Caps. He came close with the Rangers in 1990-91 with 49 and twice scored 48 with Washington.

Between 1979-80 and 1997-98, Mike Gartner played 1,432 regular season and 122 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Capitals, Minnesota North Stars, New York Rangers, Toronto Maple Leafs and Phoenix Coyotes. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2001.

Michel Larocque: The Only Hab To Not Register A Point In A 12-0 Win Over The Penguins

On February 22, 1979, the Pittsburgh Penguins took the trip to Montreal to play the Canadiens at the Forum. They would have been better off staying at home instead of running into the force that was the Habs at the end of their 1970's dynasty.

Montreal had their stars but they also had incredible balance throughout the roster. They proved it in this game. Superstar Guy Lafleur opened the scoring at 2:05 of the first, scoring what would be the game winning goal on Denis Herron. Then, Lafleur was left off the scoresheet for the rest of the match.

17 skaters dressed for the Habs. 17 players recorded at least one point. Guy Lapointe led with four points on four assists while a trio of players (Yvon Lambert, Doug Risebrough and Mario Tremblay) had a pair of goals and an assist each. Rejean Houle also had three points on three helpers.

It wasn't that they pummeled the Penguins goalies with shots. Denis Herron faced 24 over two periods, allowing seven goals. Greg Millen came in for the third and let in five on just 13 shots. Bunny Larocque made 25 saves for the shutout. For Larocque, it was his second of three blanks on the 1978-79 NHL season. His first, was just a 14 save performance against the Atlanta Flames while he again made 25 saves in a shutout win over the New York Rangers.

Terry O'Reilly Records Only Career Hat Trick In 1977 Win Over The Kings

1977-78 was a career year for Terry O'Reilly, putting up 29 goals, 61 assists and 90 points. He got some consideration for the Hart Trophy, finishing eighth in voting. Also, he recorded the only three goal game of his NHL career. On November 10, 1977, the Bruins hosted the Los Angeles Kings at Boston Garden. O'Reilly and Stan Jonathan provided most of the offense in the 5-2 win.

The Bruins spotted the Kings a 2-0 lead by the 9:00 mark of the first period on goals by Bert Wilson and Hartland Monahan. However, that would be the end of the scoring for the visitors and Jonathan started chipping back at 16:47 with his third of the year, scored on Rogie Vachon with help from O'Reilly and Jean Ratelle.

Terry scored the only goal of the second period, his third of the 1977-78 NHL season, assisted by Ratelle and Brad Park. Just 32 seconds into the third, he put in his second of the game assisted by Jonathan and Park. After a Ratelle goal made it 4-2, O'Reilly put in the hat trick goal with 24 seconds left in the game, again assisted by Jonathan, along with Peter McNab.

O'Reilly came away with a four point night, as did Jonathan with his goal and three assists. Ratelle had three points on a goal and two helpers. Terry led all skaters with seven of the 24 shots put toward Vachon. Considering Boston also had the likes of Mike Milbury and John Wensink in the line-up, it's a bit surprising that only three minor penalties were called in the game.

Milestones: Rogie Vachon Records Career Shutout Number 50 Against Surging Flyers

For Vachon, it was a long time between his first NHL shutout and number 50. The first was recorded in just his 8th NHL game on March 5, 1967. That night, his Montreal Canadiens beat the New York Rangers 2-0 with help from Rogie's 29 saves. His 50th happened in his 10th game as a member of the Boston Bruins in 1980.

On November 16, 1980, The Bruins hosted the Philadelphia Flyers at Boston Garden. At that point in the season, the Flyers had lost just four of their first 18 games while the Bruins had won just four of 16. Half the game went by scoreless until Brad Park put one past Phil Myre at 9:35 of the second period, assisted by Stan Jonathan and Peter McNab. That would stand as the game winning goal in the 1-0 victory.

Vachon faced just 19 shots in the shutout. Philadelphia goalie Phil Myre had a great game in the losing cause, turning away all but one of 30 shots put his way. Tom Gorence gave Rogie the most trouble with five shots on net.

Rogie would not record another shutout in 1980-81 over 53 games. He added one more to the total in 1981-82, his final year in the NHL, and finished with 51 blanks. That mark places him in a four way tie for 28th all-time with Dave Kerr, Tomas Vokoun and Curtis Joseph. Vachon was finally inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2016.

Grant Fuhr Has 2 Assist Period During Record Setting Season

In 1983-84, Grant Fuhr set the current NHL record of 14 points by a goaltender in a single season. On November 6, 1983, he put up a unique two assists in the same period. The Edmonton Oilers were visiting the Jets at the Winnipeg Arena. In typical 80's fashion, 13 total goals were scored with the Oilers coming out ahead 8-5.

More than halfway through the third period, the Jets actually held a 5-4 lead. But, at 12:39, Wayne Gretzky scored his 18th of the year to tie the game up with helpers going to Jari Kurri and Fuhr. The final blow came with just eight seconds left in the game with Gretzky scoring again, this time assisted by Fuhr and Randy Gregg.

Along with the offense, Grant also made 28 saves on 33 shots. He also was assessed a high sticking minor in the second frame. Gretzky led the skaters with four goals and three assists for seven points. Doug Soetaert made 28 saves for Winnipeg in the loss.

Grant's 14 assists in 1983-84 topped the previous mark of eight, set three years earlier by Mike Palmateer of the Washington Capitals. Prior to that, the record belonged to Gilles Meloche of the California Golden Seals with six helpers in 1974-75.

Hextall and Goldsworthy Push North Stars To Team's First 10 Goal Game

To date, the Minnesota North Stars / Dallas Stars franchise has scored ten goals in a single game nine times, only scoring more on one occasion. The record of 15 was set in 1981 in a game against the Winnipeg Jets. On March 7, 1973 at the Met Center against the Pittsburgh Penguins, the North Stars put up ten for the first time in franchise history.

Leading the way for the North Stars were Dennis Hextall and Bill Goldsworthy, each with four point games. Hextall recorded his first of two career hat tricks in the NHL, scoring his 24th, 25th and 26th goals of the 1972-73 NHL season. He also assisted on a goal by Goldsworthy in the second period.

Goldie scored his 24th and 25th of the season while assisting on two of Hextall's goals. All Minnesota goals were scored on Andy Brown. The Pittsburgh goalie was left in for the duration, making 32 saves on 42 shots.

For the Stars, Jude Drouin, Buster Harvey and J.P. Parise also had great games with three points each. Eddie Shack led the Penguins with two goals while Syl Apps had three assists. Minnesota's Cesare Maniago made 30 saves for the win.

Dennis finished the 1972-73 season with a career best 30 goals and 82 points, leading the team in scoring. He also led with 140 penalty minutes. Goldsworthy finished with 27 goals and 60 points, fifth on the team in scoring.

Tim Horton Breaks NHL Record In 1964 Game Against The New York Rangers

On March 15, 1964, the Toronto Maple Leafs traveled to Madison Square Garden for a game against the New York Rangers. Tim Horton made history in the game with his third period goal on New York goalie Jacques Plante, assisted by Dave Keon and Allan Stanley.

The goal, scored at 1:34 of the third, was just seven seconds after Jim Neilson tied the game at 1-1. No, the record was not for the fastest two goals. The marker stood as the game winner and was Horton's seventh GWG of the 1963-64 season. This broke the record for most game winners by a defenseman.

The previous record belonged to Baldy Northcott of the Montreal

Maroons, set 31 years earlier in 1932-33. That year, Northcott had six game winners out of his 22 total. Horton's seven made up most of his season total of nine goals in 1963-64. Since, Tim's total was tied on a handful of occasions and broke by Oliver Ekman-Larsson of the Arizona Coyotes in 2015-16 with eight.

That year, Horton was runner-up for the Norris Trophy behind Pierre Pilote of the Chicago Blackhawks. Never a Norris winner, this was the first of two times that Tim would finish second in voting. His 7 GWG in 63-64 might have been a defenseman record but the number placed him in a three way tie for third overall, two behind leader Bernie Geoffrion of the Montreal Canadiens and one behind second place Ken Wharram of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Barry Gibbs Records 5 of his 40 1974-75 Points in One Game

1974-75 was actually a career year for Barry Gibbs with his 40 points spit between the Minnesota North Stars and Atlanta Flames. Five of those were recorded in a December 21, 1974 North Stars home game against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

In the 8-7 win, Barry got Minnesota back into the game, scoring his fourth of the season at 10:40 of the first period. In the first half of the frame, the Penguins had jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead on goals by Bob Kelly, Rick Kehoe, Ron Schock and Syl Apps.

Before the period was over, the game was tied at 4 and Gibbs had three assists on two goals by Murray Oliver and one by Bill Goldsworthy. He added a fourth assist on Blake Dunlop's game winning goal at 17:59 of the third, also assisted by Fred Stanfield. The goal made the score 8-7, the final score in the Minnesota victory.

This was Barry's 33rd game of the year for the North Stars. He would play four more with the team before a January 4, 1975

trade sent him to the Atlanta Flames for Dwight Bialowas and Dean Talafous. In 39 games that year, Gibbs totaled just 16 points on three goals and 13 assists.

Between 1967-68 and 1979-80, Barry Gibbs played 796 regular season and 36 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Boston Bruins, Minnesota North Stars, Atlanta Flames, St. Louis Blues and Los Angeles Kings.

Johnny Bucyk and Bob Perreault Give Bruins Fans Hope After Shocking Win Over Habs In 1962-63 Season Opener

When the 1961-62 NHL season ended, the Montreal Canadiens were first overall with 42 wins and 98 points. The Boston Bruins finished in last with just 15 wins and were 22 points behind the next competitor. Yet, when 1962-63 started, the Bruins charged out of the gate and caught the Habs off-guard.

On October 11, 1962 at Boston Garden, John Bucyk scored the game winning goal just 4:23 into the first period, scoring on Jacques Plante and assisted by Wayne Connelly and Murray Oliver. Bucyk would also score the third goal of the game for Boston in the 5-0 win while assisting on a Doug Mohns goal for a three point game. Mohns also had 2 goals and an assist in the match.

In net for Boston was Bob Perreault, playing just his tenth game in the NHL and his first since the 1958-59 season. He would play just 31 over his career. Perreault stopped all 28 Montreal shots for his third and final NHL shutout. A minor pro legend, Perreault would win four Calder Cup championships in the AHL along with one in the WHL with the San Francisco Seals.

Unfortunately for the Bruins, it was the only win in their first 17 games of the season. They finished 1962-63 with 14 wins, one less than the year before. Against the Canadiens, they would win a 2-1 squeaker on Valentine's Day but would be 2-7-5 in the

season series.

NHL Milestones: Gilles Gilbert Records 1st NHL Shutout Against Expansion Islanders

1972-73 was the fourth season Gilles Gilbert had spent time with the Minnesota North Stars. However, he saw little action over that time and had some time to hone his skills in the minors.

Originally a third round pick by the Stars at the 1969 NHL Amateur Draft after playing junior with the London Knights, 1972-73 was the year Gilbert became a regular in the NHL.

The New York Islanders were playing just the 13th game of their existence on November 11, 1972 when they visited the North Stars at the Met Center. Still, they gave up a fight and put 26 shots toward Gilbert in the 3-0 loss. Gilles stopped them all for the first of his 18 career shutouts in the National Hockey League.

He was also assessed a minor penalty for leaving his crease during a melee. At 17:08 of the second, Dennis Hextall of the North Stars had a scrap with Islanders goalie Gerry Desjardins. Gilbert must have meandered too close to the action. Hextall and Gilles were the only Minnesota players to receive penalties while Don Blackburn and Arnie Brown from the Isles received misconducts to go with the Desjardins major.

It was the first of two shutouts Gilbert recorded with the North Stars. The other was also against the Islanders, this time at Nassau County Coliseum on January 16, 1973. This time he faced 29 shots while Billy Smith of the Islanders allowed just a single goal on 16 shots in the 1-0 Minnesota win.

Prior to the start of the 1973-74 NHL season, Gilles was traded to the Boston Bruins for Fred Stanfield. He was thrust into the number one role with the Bruins and played the better part of his NHL career in Boston.

Dick Cherry Finishes Off Penguins In 1969 Game With Shorthanded Game Winner

The younger brother of Don Cherry got into 145 regular season and four playoff games in the NHL as a solid, stay-at-home defenseman. On January 26, 1969 at the Spectrum, his late offensive outburst lifted his Philadelphia Flyers over the visiting Pittsburgh Penguins in a tight match.

In the first half of the game, the Penguins jumped out to a 3-0 lead with goals by Wally Boyer, Billy Dea and Ken Schinkel. At 10:16 of the second, the Flyers started climbing back with a goal by Forbes Kennedy. Before the period was over Jean-Guy Gendron brought the home team within one.

Just over eight minutes passed in the third before Andre Lacroix tied the score. It began to look like the game would end deadlocked. But, with Myron Stankiewicz of the Flyers in the box for tripping, Cherry put in his second of the season, shorthanded, on Pittsburgh goalie Les Binkley with help from Dick Sarrazin. To top off the night, Cherry scored into the empty net with 14 seconds left in the game to make the final score 5-3.

Dick Cherry scored just 12 regular season goals in the NHL plus one in the playoffs over his time in the league. His first taste of the NHL came in 1956-57 when he played six games for the Boston Bruins. Over a decade later, he returned to the NHL with the Flyers for the 1968-69 and 1969-70 seasons.

By the way, it should also be noted that Dick Sarrazin had four assists in this game. Sarrazin saw even less time in the NHL than Cherry but enjoyed a decent 1968-69 season with 16 goals and 46 points over 54 games with the Flyers.

Milestones: Jean Ratelle Becomes 1st Ranger To Have 100 Point Season

The numbers Jean Ratelle put up for the New York Rangers in 1971-72 account for one of the greatest performances in team history. Playing just 63 games, Jean scored 46 and assisted on 63 for 109 points. Despite missing 15 games, he still finished third in the race for the Art Ross Trophy and was the first player in New York Rangers history to reach the 100 point plateau in a single season.

On February 20, 1972, Ratelle scored two goals and assisted on a Bobby Rousseau marker to notch points 100, 101 and 102. His 100th point came in the form of a goal scored at 8:05 of the first period on Detroit Red Wings goalie Andy Brown, assisted by Rod Gilbert and Vic Hadfield. It marked the first of two times during his lengthy NHL career he would reach that 100 point plateau.

A little over a month later, Vic Hadfield became the second Ranger to reach 100. On March 25, 1972, he recorded points number 100, 101 and 102 in a road game at the Forum against the Montreal Canadiens, a goal and two assists. The 100th point was an assist on a first period goal by Walt Tkaczuk. No doubt, Hadfield's final tally of 106 points would have been higher had not Ratelle missed the last 15 games of the season.

Since, just Jaromir Jagr, Brian Leetch, Mark Messier, Artemi Panarin and Mike Rogers have surpassed the 100 point plateau for the Blue Shirts. Ratelle's second time was a split season with the Rangers and Boston Bruins in 1975-76.

6,338 Days After Going 1-2 In The 1971 NHL Amateur Draft, Marcel Dionne Assists On Guy Lafleur's 1st Goal As A New York Ranger

At the 1971 NHL Amateur Draft, the Montreal Canadiens selected Guy Lafleur first overall while the Detroit Red Wings took Marcel Dionne next. Both had exceptional individual careers, although Lafleur won five Stanley Cup championships with the Habs while Dionne played just 49 games in the post season.

Marcel was traded from the Los Angeles Kings to the New York Rangers on March 10, 1987 with Jeff Crossman for Bobby Carpenter and Tom Laidlaw. Guy joined the Blue Shirts for the start of the 1988-89 NHL season after a three year retirement. On October 16, 1988, Lafleur's fifth game with NYR, the two connected for Guy's first goal since he retired.

The Rangers hosted the Vancouver Canucks at Madison Square Garden. Lafleur scored the first goal of the game at 7:22 of the first period on Vancouver goalie Steve Weeks, assisted by Dionne and Brian Mullen on the powerplay.

Getting his touch back, The Flower then assisted on a Brian Leetch goal 3:37 later, also on the powerplay. Unfortunately for the home team, that was the end of the scoring for the Rangers. The Canucks clawed back with a goal by Normand Rochefort and two by Petri Skriko to win 3-2.

In his first game against his old club on November 11, 1988, also at MSG, Lafleur scored New York's first goal of the game, again assisted by Dionne. Again the outcome was in favour of the visitors with Montreal winning the game 4-2.

Guy Lapointe Records His Only NHL Hat Trick But Habs Lose To Sabres At The Forum

Guy Lapointe put up a career high 28 goals for the Montreal Canadiens in 1974-75 and placed third in voting for the Norris Trophy behind Bobby Orr and Denis Potvin. The defenseman had a five point game against the Buffalo Sabres on November 13, 1974 but Montreal lost the game 8-6. Lapointe still had a +2 in the game, despite the loss.

In the first period, with the Sabres ahead 3-0, Lapointe assisted on an Yvon Lambert goal at 13:47. After Rene Robert restored the three goal lead, Guy put in his sixth of the 1974-75 NHL season at 18:56 of the first with help from Guy Lafleur and Jacques Lemaire.

In the second, Buffalo again struck for three straight markers before Lapointe did his best to stop the bleeding. He scored his 7th of the season and second of the game at 14:52 to make the score 7-3 Buffalo. At 18:44, with Montreal's Glen Sather in the penalty box, Pete Mahovlich scored shorthanded, assisted by Lapointe and Serge Savard.

In the third, Lapointe brought the Canadiens closer with his hat trick goal at 10:25 to make it 7-5 and cap off his five point game. Rene Robert scored his third of the game shortly after and Bob Gainey finished off the scoring less than a minute after that. Defense partner Savard ended up with three assists and a +5.

Ted Irvine And The Los Angeles Kings Break A 29 Year Old Record In 1969 Playoffs

The Los Angeles Kings and Oakland Seals had a tight opening round playoff series in 1968-69, going the full seven games. The Kings advanced but were outscored by the Seals 25-23 over the set. Surprisingly, only one game needed overtime to decide a winner. That game was the first of the series.

On April 2, 1969, the Seals hosted L.A. At the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena for game 1 of the best of seven quarter-final. Oakland led after the first period 2-1 and held a 3-2 lead going into the third. However, Eddie Joyal of the Kings scored a pair to put his team up 4-3. Gene Ubriaco scored at 17:22 of the third to tie things up and force overtime.

Just 19 seconds into the extra frame, Ted Irvine scored on Gary Smith, assisted by Jimmy Peters. This broke the record for the shortest overtime in NHL history. The previous mark was 25 seconds in a March 19, 1940 game won by Syd Howe and the Detroit Red Wings in a 2-1 win over the New York Americans.

The record has since been broken several times and now belongs to Brian Skrudland and the Montreal Canadiens. Skrudland scored on Calgary Flames goalie Mike Vernon just nine seconds into overtime on May 18, 1986 to give the Habs a 3-2 win.

Richard Brothers Take It To The Leafs With A Combined 10 Points In An Early 1957 Match

On October 17, 1957 the Montreal Canadiens hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Forum. The Leafs had lost their first two games of the 1957-58 NHL season and would not get their first win on this night. The brothers Richard combined for ten points in the game, scoring five of Montreal's goals in a 9-3 win.

It was the Pocket Rocket leading the scoring with a hat trick, while assisting on two goals by his brother and one by Jean-Guy Talbot for a six point game. The Rocket had two goals and assisted on the first two goals of the game (one by Henri and one by Dickie Moore) for a four point match. By the end of the game, both Richard brothers had six goals over the first five games of the year.

In the 9-3 rout, Dickie Moore and Doug Harvey also had three

point games. It was Claude Provost that put in the game winning goal, scoring on Ed Chadwick at 10:25 of the second period, assisted by Phil Goyette and Harvey, to make the score 4-3.

Toronto's losing streak to start the 1957-58 season would end at three. The Boston Bruins came to town two nights later, sporting a 4-0 record to start the campaign. The Maple Leafs put an end to that with a 7-0 win. Chadwick recorded the shutout while Brian Cullen and Billy Harris both had hat tricks.

Glenn Anderson Starts And Finishes Record 12 Goal Second Period Between Oilers And Hawks

On December 11, 1985, the Edmonton Oilers visited Chicago Stadium to take on the Blackhawks. The Oilers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first period with Glenn Anderson scoring his 21st of the season and first of three in the game.

In the second, it simply got crazy. At 1:20, Anderson scored his 22nd of the season and second of the game, assisted by Wayne Gretzky and Don Jackson. With ten seconds left in the frame, Glenn scored his hat trick goal, assisted by Gretzky and Paul Coffey. In between, ten different players scored a goal, six from Chicago and four from Edmonton. The score at the end of two was 10-6 Oilers.

The third period was a little calmer with just five goals, three by Chicago and two by Edmonton with the game ending in a 12-9 score for the visitors. Anderson assisted on three goals by Jari Kurri in the game for a six point night. Wayne Gretzky didn't score but had seven assists.

Both teams used a pair of goalies in the match. Andy Moog and Grant Fuhr faced a combined 46 shots. Murray Bannerman played two periods for Chicago, allowing ten goals on 36 shots. Bob Sauve came in for the third and made six saves on eight shots.

Not The Goal Scoring Duel You'd Expect In A 1972 Game Between The Habs And North Stars

Frank Mahovlich scored 43 goals in 1971-72 for the Montreal Canadiens. Lou Nanne had a career high 21 goals for the Minnesota North Stars that year, the only time he scored 20 or more. On January 27, 1972 at the Montreal Forum, The Big M recorded the 13th of his 14 NHL career hat tricks. The same night, Nanne recorded the lone three goal game of his NHL career.

The Canadiens and North Stars went into the game very evenly matched and the end result reflected that. The first period featured seven goals with the Stars coming out with a 4-3 edge after 20. After J.P. Parise put the visitors up 2-1 at 5:32 of the first frame, it was all Nanne and Mahovlich for the rest of the period, both scoring two goals.

Lou scored his 14th of the campaign at 7:40, followed by Frank's 23rd at 8:49. 51 seconds later, Mahovlich scored again. It took Nanne just 32 seconds to respond with his second of the game. In the second, Mahovlich scored his hat trick goal to make the score 5-4 Minnesota. All three of Frank's goals were assisted by his brother Pete. He also assisted on a Guy Lafleur goal for a four point night.

Lafleur tied the score at 5-5 with an unassisted marker on Cesare Maniago at 5:29 of the third. Nanne put in his third of the night and the game winner at 16:24, putting his 16th of the season past Phil Myre with help from Murray Oliver and Ted Harris. Lou also had a four point night, assisting on a Dean Prentice goal. The two opponents combined for 18 shots with Mahovlich firing ten and Nanne eight.

Alex Delvecchio Does All The Scoring In 1958 Red Wings Win Over Chicago

Fats played 1,550 regular season games in the NHL and scored 456 goals. However, Alex had just three hat tricks over his lengthy career. The first came on October 18, 1958 in a 3-1 win at Chicago Stadium against the Blackhawks.

Delvecchio opened the scoring at 1:48 of the first period, putting his first of the 1958-59 NHL season past Chicago goalie Glenn Hall, assisted by Gordie Howe. Before the period was up, Ed Litzenberger tied the score at 1-1 but it would be the only goal the Blackhawks would get past Detroit goalie Terry Sawchuk.

At 1:25 of the second, Delvecchio scored his second of the match and what would serve as the game winning goal, assisted by Howe and Ullman. It was a power play marker with Al Arbour in the box. Alex completed the scoring with his hat trick goal at 5:47 of the third, again assisted by Mr. Hockey.

That year, Delvecchio went on to score 19 goals while adding 35 assists for 54 points. He would also sit a total of three minor penalties over 70 games and earned the Lady Byng Trophy for the first of three times over his NHL career. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1977.

Bernie Nicholls Has 4 Goal / 6 Point Game Vs. Oilers To Give Kings Their 1st Win Of 1983-84

On October 20, 1983 at the Forum in L.A., the Los Angeles Kings played their 7th game of the 1983-84 NHL season and captured their 1st win. The Oilers had won their first seven of the season but would get shut down by Nicholls and Kings goalie Mike Blake, losing 7-2.

Bernie was the only goal scorer in the first period, putting a pair past Andy Moog. The first was an even strength marker. The

second, at 18:29 of the first, was scored on the power play with Jari Kurri in the box for slashing. Nicholls added a shorthanded goal with three minutes left in the second with teammate Wes Jarvis just three seconds away from returning to the ice.

Nicholls score his fourth of the game and eighth of the season at 14:54 of the third, assisted by Jim Fox and Brian MacLellan. Fox had a decent game of his own with four points on a goal (the game winner) and three helpers. MacLellan wasn't far behind with a goal and two assists. Bernie's two helpers were on goal by those two guys.

A few years later as teammates in Los Angeles, Bernie and Wayne Gretzky would combine for 318 points in 1988-89. On this night, Gretz was able to manage just a single goal on L.A. goalie Mike Blake. Mike had a busy night, stopping 36 of 38 in the win.

Pete Stenkowski Steps It Up For His New Team With A Goal, Two Assists and Fight With Reggie Fleming

On March 3, 1968, the Toronto Maple Leafs traded Pete Stenkowski, Carl Brewer, Frank Mahovlich and Garry Unger to the Detroit Red Wings for Doug Barrie, Paul Henderson, Floyd Smith and Norm Ullman. Stenkowski arrived in Detroit in time to play 13 games for his new club to end the 1967-68 NHL season. When 1968-69 started, he was ready to step it up a notch.

In the third game of the season, the Red Wings hosted the New York Rangers at Olympia. The Rangers ran into a couple of Big Petes in this one. Pete Mahovlich scored his first of the season and assisted on a Nick Libett goal for a two point game. However, it Stenkowski that put in a memorable performance.

Stemmer assisted on the only goal of the first period, scored by Gary Bergman on Ed Giacomin at 18:43. Just 44 seconds later, he dropped the gloves with legendary tough guy Reg Fleming, both

receiving five for fighting.

After Bob Nevin put the Rangers up 2-1 with a pair of goals to start the second, Stemkowski fed Alex Delvecchio at 8:45 of the period to tie it up. In the third, with the Wings up 5-2, Stemkowski scored his first of the season at 10:39 with help from Delvecchio and Bruce MacGregor.

Pete came away with the Gordie Howe Hat Trick with Mr. Hockey himself on the same bench. Howe had a quiet night with just a single assist. Stemkowski went on to score 21 goals that year, eclipsing his previous best of 13 with the Maple Leafs in 1966-67. He would go on to have five 20+ goal seasons, two with the Red Wings and three with the Rangers.

North Stars Simply A Payne In The Backside For The Bruins In The 1980-81 Stanley Cup Playoffs

During the 1980-81 NHL regular season, the Minnesota North Stars and Boston Bruins each finished with 87 points and in the middle of the Adams Division standings. The two faced off in an opening round best of five series to start the playoffs. Minnesota's Steve Payne was the main reason the North Stars swept the series in three games.

In game one at Boston Garden on April 8, 1981, Payne scored three of Minnesota's five goals, including the game winner 3:34 into overtime on Rogie Vachon, assisted by Tim Young and Al MacAdam. Steve also scored the opening goal of the match before scoring his second of the game 37 seconds into the third period to tie the game at 3-3.

Game 2 was the following night, again at Boston Garden. Payne led the Stars again, this time with two goals and two assists for four points in a 9-6 win. His two goals were scored on Vachon before Rogie was pulled after the second and replaced by Marco Baron. Dino Ciccarelli also had a four point game and his lone

goal at 2:47 of the third stood as the game winner.

Game 3 at the Met Center on April 11, 1981 was full of the odd and unusual. The home team jumped out to a 4-0 lead with Payne's goal at 18:33 holding on as the game winner. It was first of two, to go with an assist on an Al MacAdam goal for a three point game. There were four shorthanded goals in the 6-3 Minnesota win, three by Boston (2 by Bobby Lalonde) and one by the Stars.

Over the three games, Steve Payne had seven goals and three assists for ten points with two of the goals being game winners. His first game of the next series against the Buffalo Sabres came with two more goals, including the GWG. The North Stars advanced to the Stanley Cup final before losing out in five to the New York Islanders. Over the whole playoff run, Payne had 17 goals and 12 assists for 29 points over 19 games.

NHL Debuts: Pierre Larouche Scores 1st NHL Goal in 1st NHL Game

Pierre Larouche was taken eighth overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft. He was coming off a ridiculous season in the QMJHL with the Sorel Black Hawks, scoring 94 goals and assisting on 157 for 251 points over 67 games. He scored his first of 395 career NHL goals in his first game with the Penguins.

On October 9, 1974, Pittsburgh started their 1974-75 NHL season on the road against the Minnesota North Stars. Larouche scored at 10:34 of the second period to give the Pens a 2-0 lead. The goal was scored on Minnesota goalie Cesare Maniago and assisted by Chuck Arnason. It was Arnason's second assist of the game.

Larouche was a +2 in the game with three shots on net. After the North Stars came back to tie the game at 2 before the second was over, Syl Apps sealed the deal with a pair of third period goals to

give Pittsburgh a 4-2 win.

He would add 30 more goals over his rookie season, finishing with 31 to go with 37 assists for 68 points. In the voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year, Pierre was the runner-up to Eric Vail of the Atlanta Flames with Danny Gare, Bob Hess and Ron Greschner also in the running.

When Gretzky and Kurri Are Away, The Whalers Will Play

The absense of Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri would certainly have an effect on the 1983-84 Edmonton Oilers. However, losing 11-0 to a much weaker Hartford Whalers team couldn't have rested entirely on the two missing players. On February 12, 1984, the Whalers hosted the Oilers at the Hartford Civic Center and a win from the home team was never in doubt.

Ron Francis scored the game winning goal just 1:26 into the game. It was the first of six power play goals Hartford would score. It was also the first of four goals for Francis while assisting on a Greg Malone goal in the second period for a five point game. Ron set a franchise record with his fifth of the game, scoring it just eight seconds into the third period. The goal in eight seconds to start a period remained a Whalers record but with the Carolina Hurricanes now stands at 6 seconds.

Malone had five points of his own. The off-season acquisition from the Pittsburgh Penguins had a hat trick and assisted on goals by Francis and Bob Crawford. Not bad for a guy who put up a modest 17 goals and 54 points in 1983-84.

Also of note in this game, Ray Neufeld of the Whalers put up the Gordie Howe Hat Trick with a second period goal, an assist on the first goal of the game by Ron Francis and a first period tilt with Randy Gregg. Greg Millen had to do a bit of work for the shutout, turning away all 28 shots.

Ron Ellis Scores All 3 Toronto Goals In 5-3 Loss To Canucks In 1972

The 1971-72 Toronto Maple Leafs weren't great but they were a playoff team. The 1971-72 Vancouver Canucks were in their second NHL season and finished dead last in the 14 team league. On March 24, 1972, the Pacific Coliseum crowd was treated to a rare win by the home squad.

Ron Ellis came to play for the Buds. He scored a goal in each period, his 19th, 20th and 21st of the season, for the fourth of his six NHL career hat tricks. His nine shots on Dunc Wilson led all skaters and accounted for nearly a third of the 31 shots put on the Vancouver goalie. Linemates Paul Henderson and Norm Ullman benefited from the hat trick with two assists each.

Bobby Schmautz led the Canucks with two goals on Jacques Plante. Andre Boudrias scored the game winner at 8:09 of the third, putting in his 25th of the season with help from Wayne Connelly and Dave Balon. Balon and Wayne Maki also had singles for the Canucks.

The next night, the Maple Leafs got their act together, shutting out the Los Angeles Kings 4-0 at the Forum. Ellis scored the game winner at 3:37 of the first on L.A. goalie Billy Smith, assisted by Dave Keon. It was his third GWG in the month of March, 1972. Ron also added an assist on a Paul Henderson goal for a two point night. Bernie Parent was in net for the Maple Leafs, making 23 saves for the shutout.

NHL Debuts: Butch Goring Does Something Very Uncharacteristic In His 1st NHL Game

Butch Goring played 1,107 regular season games in the NHL between 1969-70 and 1984-85. Over that time, he received just 102 minutes in penalties. This was a ridiculously low number considering Butch played in the 1970's and 1980's.

Goring's first NHL game was played on November 26, 1969 for the Los Angeles Kings on the road against the Blackhawks at Chicago Stadium. He had no goals or assists, just like everyone else on the Kings in the 6-0 shutout loss to Tony Esposito and the Hawks.

What Butch did get on the scoresheet for was a minor penalty for hooking at 7:22 of the second period. This resulted in a Chicago powerplay goal by Lou Angotti to make the score 3-0. Bobby Hull and Gilles Marotte had helpers on that marker.

This was one of four minor penalties Goring would be assessed in his rookie 1969-70 season. Over the next four seasons, he would take just one minor in each. Despite his clean play, Butch won the Lady Byng Trophy just once, in 1977-78 with the Kings. In 1980-81 with the New York Islanders, he did not visit the penalty box once over 78 games while also producing 23 goals and 60 points. Yet, he was seventh in voting for the Byng that year.

The following night, Goring was able to net his first NHL goal, breaking a Roger Crozier shutout attempt at 18:38 of the third period in a 5-1 loss to the Red Wings at Detroit Olympia.

Dean Prentice's 6 Point Game Propels Bruins To An 11-0 Win At Maple Leaf Gardens

If the Boston Bruins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 11-0 in the early 1970's, it wouldn't be much of a story. However, when it happens in Toronto on January 18, 1964, it's kind of a big deal. The Bruins were cozy in the basement of the six team league while the Buds were heading for their third consecutive Stanley Cup championship.

Dean Prentice recorded his fifth of six career NHL hat tricks in the game while also assisting on all three goals of Andy Hebenton's hat trick for a six point game. Four of his six points

came in the first period with Boston establishing a 6-0 lead after 20. Prentice scored his three on just three shots while Hebenton put six toward Leafs goalie Don Simmons.

Murray Oliver led the way with nine shots while scoring on two and adding two assists. John Bucyk also enjoyed a four point game with a goal and three helpers. Ed Johnston turned away 26, including six off the stick of Eddie Shack, for the shutout.

For the Bruins, this was the third win in a row, including a 6-3 home win over the Maple Leafs two games prior. The following day, they managed a tie with the Montreal Canadiens before resuming their losing ways. They were 0-10-1 leading up to this modest winning streak. Five of their 18 wins in 1963-64 were against Toronto.

Ron Lalonde Nets 1st Ever Hat Trick In Washington Capitals History (In An 8-5 Loss)

The expansion 1974-75 Washington Capitals were not a good team. They won just eight of 80 games, had the NHL's lowest goals scored with 181 and the most scored against with 446. On December 15, 1974, the Caps traded Lew Morrison to the Pittsburgh Penguins for Ron Lalonde. There were no expectations that Ron would solve the team's offensive woes but, he became the first in Capitals history to have a three goal game.

On March 30, 1975, Washington hosted the Detroit Red Wings for what was their 77th game of the 1974-75 NHL season. The Capitals did well to have a 5-2 lead past the halfway point of the game. Lalonde scored the team's 3rd, 4th and 5th goals of the match and his 9th, 10th and 11th of the season. The goals were scored on Detroit goalie Terry Richardson and all three were assisted by Bob Gryp.

However, Marcel Dionne got things going for the Wings at 17:33 of the second, just 31 seconds after Lalonde's hat trick goal.

Marcel would get one more before the period was done to make it 5-4 Washington. Detroit came out in the third and scored four straight goals to make the final score 8-5. Two of the Wings goals were scored by Bill Hogaboam just 12 seconds apart.

This was the only hat trick in Ron Lalonde's NHL career. He played 397 regular season games in the NHL between 1972-73 and 1978-79 with the Penguins and Capitals, scoring 45 goals and totaling 123 points. He did not appear in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Originally, he was a fourth round pick by the Pens at the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft after playing junior for the Peterborough Petes.

Paul Henderson Dominates For Red Wings With 5 Points In 5-4 Win Over The New York Rangers

On October 27, 1966, the New York Rangers paid a visit to Detroit Olympia for a matchup with the Red Wings. The home team went into the game losing its first four games of the young 1966-67 NHL season. It seems Paul Henderson had had enough of it, recording his first of four career hat tricks and then some.

Up until 2:30 of the second, the possibility of a fifth straight loss to open the campaign was starting to look pretty real. The Rangers were up 2-0 on goals by Bernie Geoffrion and Don Marshall when Norm Ullman got the home squad on the board, scoring on Ed Giacomin with help from Henderson. 31 seconds later, Henderson scored his first of the game, assisted by Ullman and Gary Bergman.

Paul carried on and had the natural hat trick with over five minutes still remaining in the second frame. With just a second left in the period, Marshall scored for the Rangers to make it close. Henderson came through with his fourth goal and fifth point of the game at 12:55 of the third to ice the 5-3 win.

The duo of Henderson and Ullman combined for five goals, four

assists and nine points while putting 13 of the team's 49 shots on Giacomin. Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio were both left off the scoresheet. For the Rangers, the trio of former Montreal Canadiens consisting of Geoffrion, Marshall and Phil Goyette combined for eight points in the loss.

NHL Debuts: Denis Savard Wastes No Time Building His 1,338 Point NHL Career

The Chicago Blackhawks selected Denis Savard third overall at the 1980 NHL Entry Draft. The only two players to go ahead of him were Doug Wickenheiser (Montreal Canadiens) and Dave Babych (Winnipeg Jets). Savard proved immediately to be the right choice for Chicago.

The Blackhawks opened the 1980-81 NHL season at home against the Buffalo Sabres. Denis had his first NHL point just 2:41 into the game, assisting on a John Marks goal, scored on Buffalo goalie Bob Sauve.

In the second period, Savard added two more points, assisting on goals by Darryl Sutter and Rich Preston, both on the powerplay. The Hawks won the game 4-3 and the rookie had a three point debut. Over his first three games, Denis scored a goal and assisted on five for six points.

Playing 76 games for Chicago in 1980-81, Savard totaled 28 goals and 47 assists for 75 points. He was fifth in voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year behind winner Peter Stastny, along with other contenders Larry Murphy, Don Beaupre and teammate Darryl Sutter. The following year, he jacked his totals up to 119 points, showing no signs of a sophomore jinx.

Tiger Williams Holds An Unlikely Spot In Los Angeles Kings History

In 1986-87, the NHL career of Dave “Tiger” Williams was nearing the end. Still, in his last full season, he sat a career high 358 penalty minutes and still scored 16 goals. He's in the Kings record books not for the PIM but for one of those 16 markers.

On February 14, 1987, the Kings hosted the Hartford Whalers at the Forum. Tiger was certainly not Mike Liut's sweetheart on this Valentine's Day. Williams caught the Hartford goalie off-guard, scoring his 12th of the 1986-87 NHL season just seven seconds into the game, assisted by Bernie Nicholls and Dean Kennedy.

This stands today as the fastest goal to start a game in L.A. Kings history. Dave was left off the scoresheet, and even stayed out of the penalty box, for the rest of the game. The Kings won 5-2 powered by three point games from both Marcel Dionne and Luc Robitaille.

By the way, that 358 PIM Tiger sat in 1986-87 was also a team record for a few years. Marty McSorley now holds the mark with 399 during the 1992-93 season. Williams finished out the year with the Kings but played just two with the team the following year before playing his final 26 games with those same Hartford Whalers.

Milestones: The Flower Nets Number 500 Against The Mickey Mouse Organization

True, it was against the team Wayne Gretzky infamously called a Mickey Mouse organization just the month before. But, Guy Lafleur still had to get the puck past Glenn “Chico” Resch to score the 500th goal of his NHL career.

On December 20, 1983, the Montreal Canadiens played the New Jersey Devils on the road at the Brendan Byrne Arena. The Devils

had won just seven of their first 32 games and would not get number eight on this night. The Habs improved to the .500 level with a 6-0 win as Richard Sevigny made 20 saves for the shutout.

With the game 5-0, Lafleur scored the milestone goal on Resch at 8:34 of the third period, assisted by Pierre Mondou and Bob Gainey. It was his second point of the game after assisting on a second period Mondou goal, also assisted by Gainey.

Far from his franchise record of 60 goals in 1977-78, Guy still had a decent year in 1983-84 with 30 goals in his final campaign with the Canadiens. After playing just 19 games in 1984-85, he was away from the game for 3 years before a comeback in 1988-89 that saw him play three years with the New York Rangers and Quebec Nordiques. When it was all said and done, Lafleur scored 560 regular season and 58 playoff goals in the NHL.

Blake Dunlop and Jorgen Pettersson Each Have 5 Points In A 6-3 Blues Win Over Nordiques

Usually, if you have two players on the same team put up five point games, the final score is high. On January 6, 1981, it was simply an average game with the St. Louis Blues beating the Quebec Nordiques 6-3. Blake Dunlop and Jorgen Pettersson were involved in all St. Louis goals but one.

Blake Dunlop scored his eighth of the 1980-81 NHL season at 6:09 of the third on Quebec goalie Ron Graham, assisted by Pettersson and Wayne Babych. He also assisted on two goals by Pettersson, one by Babych and one by Craig Norwich.

Jorgen Pettersson scored his 12th of the season at 6:26 of the second, assisted by Babych and Dunlop, to make the score 3-0 St. Louis. He also scored the final goal of the match at 18:20, assisted by Dunlop. Added to that were assists on goals by Babych, Norwich and Dunlop.

That year, the rookie Pettersson put up 37 goals and 36 assists for 73 points in 62 regular season games. A pro in Sweden since 1974-75, the 24 year old placed sixth in the voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year. Dunlop had a career year with 67 assists and 87 points for the Blues. The assist total placed him in a seventh place tie with Randy Carlyle of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Milestones: Gump Worsley Records 40th Career Shutout In Goaltending Duel With Glenn Hall

On March 11, 1969, the fans at St. Louis Arena were treated to a battle between two future Hockey Hall of Fame goalies in a game between the Blues and Montreal Canadiens. For Gump Worsley, it would certainly have some significance.

Worsley turned away 26 shots for the shutout that night in a 3-0 Habs win. It was the 40th blank of his NHL career and it turned out to be his last shutout wearing a Montreal Canadiens jersey. Bob Plager led the way for the Blues with four shots on Gump.

At the other end, Glenn Hall saved 31 of 34 shots, allowing goals by Yvan Cournoyer, Henri Richard and Mickey Redmond. The first two Montreal goals were scored on the power play. In the end, it was Hall that had the last laugh, finishing his career with nearly double the shutouts as Worsley, 84-43.

After helping the Habs to one last Stanley Cup championship that year, Worsley played just six games for the team to start 1969-70 before being dealt to the Minnesota North Stars. Gump played with the Stars until the end of the 1973-74 campaign, adding just three more shutouts to his career total. The 43 blanks ties him for 41st all-time with Craig Anderson.

Without Lee Fogolin, This Jari Kurri / Wayne Gretzky Feat Would Not Have Been Possible

On December 21, 1983, the Edmonton Oilers hosted the Winnipeg Jets at the Northlands Coliseum. As it was 1983-84 in Edmonton, there were lots of goals with the Oilers winning 7-4. Two of the Edmonton goals were scored in very unique fashion.

At 19:06 of the first period, Lee Fogolin was assessed a two minute minor for slashing. Not just before that penalty was killed but before the period was over, the Oilers scored two goals. At 19:33, Jari Kurri scored his 29th of the 1983-84 NHL season shorthanded on Winnipeg goalie Brian Hayward, assisted by Wayne Gretzky.

Just 15 seconds later, at 19:48, the two struck again. This time, it was Gretzky putting in his 38th of the season, assisted by Kurri. Two shorthanded goals within 15 seconds, amazing, yes. Yet, Esa Tikkanen of the Oilers would score a pair of shorties just 12 seconds apart in a November 12, 1988 game against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Gretzky wasn't quite done. He scored his 2nd shorthanded and third overall goal of the game with just 19 seconds left in the match. The goal was into the empty net with Dave Hunter serving two for roughing. Wayne finished the game with five points while Kurri had four on two goals and two assists.

Goaltending Battle Between Ken Dryden and Dan Bouchard At The Omni In 1976

The 1976-77 Montreal Canadiens were a dominant force, perhaps one of the best NHL teams ever put together. When the Habs visited the Atlanta Flames on November 10, 1976, the home team was up for the challenge. With exception of a 7:34 stretch in the second period, neither Ken Dryden or Dan Bouchard allowed anything past.

Bouchard stopped 36 of the 38 shots put his way but it was Dryden that had more work. Ken made 41 saves on 43 shots in what ended in a 2-2 tie. All four goals were scored within a span of just over seven and a half minutes in the middle of the second period.

At 4:38 of the second, Guy Lafleur broke the 0-0 tie with his 15th of the season, assisted by Steve Shutt and Pete Mahovlich. Atlanta waited just 25 seconds to respond. Bobby Simpson scored his second of the campaign at 5:03, assisted by Ken Houston and Bill Clement.

Clement then put the Flames up by one with his sixth of the year at 8:56, assisted by Larry Carriere. Serge Savard rounded out the scoring with his second of the 1976-77 season at 12:12 with help from Rejean Houle and Mario Tremblay. 81 shots and five powerplays couldn't produce more than four goals and couldn't decide a winner.

That year, Dryden led the NHL with a .920 save percentage and ten shutouts. Out of those ten, he faced 30 shots just once, in a game against the Washington Capitals. Despite his performance against the Habs, Bouchard had an off year, posting a .877 save percentage and 3.51 goals against average with just one shutout.

Rick Martin Makes Buffalo Sabres History In Final Game Of 1973-74

In 1973-74, Rick Martin became the first 50 goal scorer in Buffalo Sabres franchise history and certainly did it dramatic style. Rick waited until the last game of the year, in front of the home crowd at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, to reach the milestone.

On April 7, 1974 in a game between the Sabres and St. Louis Blues, number 50 was scored at 8:39 of the first period on St.

Louis goalie Wayne Stephenson with assists to Paul Terbenche and Don Luce. He didn't stop there.

After a scoreless second period, Rick put the Sabres up 3-0 at 2:47 of the third with his second of the game and 51st of the season, assisted by Luce and Mike Robitaille. In the 5-2 victory for the Sabres, this goal served as the game winner.

Still, Martin wasn't quite done. With 47 seconds left in the game, he scored the hat trick goal and his 52nd of the 1973-74 NHL season with helpers going to Norm Gratton and Gilbert Perreault. It was the first of consecutive 52 goal seasons for Rick. He did it again in 1974-75 but while missing 12 games.

Boston Bruins 1st Round Pick Normand Léveillé Catches Fire In 4th NHL Game

The Boston Bruins selected Norm Leveille 19th overall at the 1981 NHL Entry Draft out of the Chicoutimi Saguenéens of the QMJHL. He was a 55 goal scorer in his final year of junior and there was hope he'd do the same in the NHL.

In his first three NHL games at the start of 1981-82, Leveille was left off the scoresheet. However, in game number 4, it all came together for the rookie. On October 14, 1981, the Bruins paid a visit to Chicago Stadium to take on the Blackhawks. Normand wasted no time in this one. He scored his first NHL goal just 36 seconds into the match, putting one past Murray Bannerman, assisted by Terry O'Reilly and Tom Fergus.

Leveille then scored his second of the game at 18:45 of the second period, assisted by Brad Park. This marker put the Bruins up 6-5 and served as the game winning goal in an 8-5 win for the visitors. Norm had five shots on Bannerman in the game.

Leveille would go on to score 14 and assist on 19 for 33 points over 66 games in his rookie season. In 1982-83, he was off to a

point per game start but the unthinkable happened when he suffered a career ending brain aneurysm at Pacific Coliseum in a game against the Vancouver Canucks, the ninth game of the season for Normand and the Bruins.

Bobby Smith's 7 On 11/11 Help North Stars To One Of The Biggest Blowouts In NHL History

On November 11, 1981, Doug Soetaert and the Winnipeg Jets wished they'd never gone into the Met Center for a road game against the Minnesota North Stars. The Jets trailed the Stars by just a goal (2-1) until 4:05 of the second before the flood gates opened. Minnesota scored eight goals in the second period, including the first of four on the night by Bobby Smith.

At 4:05, Kent Erik Andersson scored for the North Stars (assisted by Smith and Dino Ciccarelli). It was the first of four goals scored in a span of 1:11, three by Minnesota and one by Winnipeg. Not an NHL record but close. The record at the time stood at 1:05 in a 1966 game between the Maple Leafs and Canadiens.

Along with Smith's four goals (the last 3 on the powerplay), Bobby added three assists on goals by Andersson, Dino Ciccarelli and Curt Giles for a seven point game. Smith was responsible for seven of the 51 shots put toward Winnipeg goalie Doug Soetaert. 15 of those 51 shots went in. This stands today tied for the second most by one team in an NHL game. The Montreal Canadiens hold the record with 16 in a 1920 win over the Quebec Bulldogs.

Despite the 15-2 blowout win, North Stars goalie Gilles Meloche had to work for the win, as usual. Gilles turned away 40 of 42 shots in the game, allowing goals by Morris Lukowich and Bengt Lundholm. Included in Soetaert's 15 goals allowed were a pair of shorthanded markers, one by Neal Broten and one by Anders Hakansson (assisted by Gilles Meloche).

Charlie Hodge Records Seals 1st Ever Shutout In Just The Franchise's 2nd Game

Things were looking bright for Oakland Seals fans with the team winning its first two games of their inaugural 1967-68 NHL season. They had to wait until just the second game to see the team's first shutout. Unfortunately, following the 2-0 start, the Seals went into a tailspin, going winless in the next 14.

Charlie Hodge was the first player Oakland selected at the 1967 NHL Expansion Draft, sixth overall, out of the Montreal Canadiens. The two-time winner of the Vezina Trophy still had some gas in the tank, appearing in 58 games for the Seals in 1967-68. He was between the pipes on October 14, 1967 at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena in a game against the Minnesota North Stars.

Hodge turned away a modest 20 shots for the shutout win. Cesare Maniago had it a bit tougher at the other end of the ice, allowing six goals on 38 shots in the 6-0 loss. For Charlie, it was the 22nd blank of his career. He would add two more that year and his career total stayed at 24.

Gerry Ehman scored what was the game winning goal at 12:57 of the first period, assisted by Bill Hicke. The goal was on the power play with Bill Plager in the box for holding. For Hicke, it was his first of four assists in the game. Kent Douglas had a three point game for the Seals with a goal and two assists.

NHL Debuts: Mario Lemieux

What Mario Lemieux did with the Laval Voisins in the QMJHL prior to being the first overall pick by the Pittsburgh Penguins at the 1984 NHL Entry Draft was nothing short of outrageous. In his second of three years, he scored 84 goals and added 100 assists for 184 points in 66 games. However, that was bush league compared to his 133 goals and 149 assists for 282 points in his third year.

So, when Lemieux arrived in the NHL, there were some serious expectations. He didn't disappoint. He totaled 100 points in his rookie season and earned the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year, leaving runner-up Chris Chelios of the Montreal Canadiens in his dust. His first game was played on October 11, 1984 at the Boston Garden against the Bruins.

Just 2:59 into the game, Super Mario had the first of 690 career goals in the NHL, scored on Boston goalie Pete Peeters, unassisted. His first NHL assist came at 16:49 of the second period when he set up Warren Young for his second goal of the game with Rick Kehoe also getting a helper.

It wasn't enough to top the home team. Boston came away with a 4-3 win with Ray Bourque getting the game winner at 14:38 of the third. Still, it gave Penguins fans hope that winning ways might be on the horizon. Pittsburgh wouldn't see post season action until 1988-89 but Lemieux would eventually lead the team to consecutive Stanley Cup championships in 1990-91 and 1991-92.

Captain Comes Through With 3 Goals In 1959 Blackhawks Win Over The Rangers

Before Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita came into their own, it was Ed Litzenberger who was the offensive star for the Chicago Blackhawks. Litz had three consecutive seasons with over 30 goals (32, 32, 33) from 1956-57 to 1958-59. In each of those three campaigns, he was among the top four goal scorers in the NHL.

After taking over as team captain for Gus Mortson at the start of 1958-59, Litzenberger had a career year. His talents especially shone through on February 7, 1959 at Madison Square Garden against the New York Rangers. Ed recorded his second of two career hat tricks and added an assist for a four point game in the 6-3 Chicago win.

After assisting on the first goal of the game, scored by Tod Sloan, Litzenberger scored his 25th and 26th of the 1958-59 NHL season in the second period, both assisted by Ted Lindsay. His second, at 9:53 of the second on Gump Worsley, stood as the game winner. The hat trick goal was scored at 18:34 of the third, again assisted by Lindsay.

Lindsay equaled Ed's point total with four assists. Glenn Hall made 23 saves on 26 shots for the win. The game featured an interesting melee early in the third that saw three Hawks and two Rangers penalized. The highlight was a fight between two up and comers, Bobby Hull and Eddie Shack.

John Tonelli Goes Big For His 1st NHL Hat Trick, Scores 25% Of His 1980-81 Goals In One Game

1980-81 was the first of nine seasons with at least 20 goals in the NHL for John Tonelli, scoring exactly 20. Five of those 20 came in a single game. On January 6, 1981, Tonelli and the New York Islanders hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs with John and Mike Bossy stealing the show.

Tonelli scored five of New York's six goals on Jiri Crha in the 6-3 win while Bossy assisted on all six Islanders goals. John's hat trick goal at 1:53 of the third period, his 12th of the 1980-81 NHL season, stood as the game winner. Of course, Bossy assisted along with Stefan Persson. John had a pretty nifty 83% shooting percentage while leading the team with six shots on net.

John Tonelli played 1,028 regular season and 172 playoff games in the NHL between 1978-79 and 1991-92 with the Islanders, Calgary Flames, Los Angeles Kings, Chicago Blackhawks and Quebec Nordiques. His best season offensively came in 1984-85 when he had an even 100 points on 42 goals and 58 assists.

Dunc Wilson Records 1st Shutout In Vancouver Canucks History In Goaltending Duel With Bernie Parent

In their inaugural NHL season, 1970-71, the Vancouver Canucks had 11 games when they allowed just a single goal but did not record a shutout. The first blank came in the tenth game of the 1971-72 NHL season in an October 27, 1971 in Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens. Opposing goaltender Bernie Parent also recorded a shutout in the 0-0 tie.

Dunc Wilson stood tall to stop all 34 shots put his way. Jim Dorey led the way for the Leafs with six shots while Paul Henderson and Mike Pelyk each recorded five. Bernie Parent had it a bit easier in the Toronto nets, facing just 20 shots in the game and stopping them all.

For Wilson, it was his first of eight career shutouts in the National Hockey League. Two of the eight were recorded with the Canucks, he had a single blank as a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs and in 1976-77 he had a career year with five shutouts in 45 games with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

For Bernie Parent, it was his first of three shutouts for the Maple Leafs in 1971-72 and 12th of his career. He would go to record 54 blanks over his Hockey Hall of Fame career with the Boston Bruins, Philadelphia Flyers and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Art Ross Trophy Winner Gets Big Boost From 6 Point Game Against The Maple Leafs

1965-66 was a great year for Bobby Hull. He broke his own goal scoring record with 54 while winning his third Art Ross Trophy and second Hart Trophy. The Toronto Maple Leafs helped out a lot. Hull had a hat trick in the season opener against the Leafs. A few weeks later, he put up a six point game in a 9-0 blowout. Over 14 games against Toronto, he scored eleven and assisted on ten for 21 points.

On November 7, 1965, the undefeated Blackhawks hosted the Buds at Chicago Stadium. They wasted no time jumping out to a 5-0 lead after 20. Hull assisted on the first goal of the game, scored by Phil Esposito. Of course, that was the game winner. Bobby also assisted on a Chico Maki shorthanded marker halfway through the first frame.

In the second, he found the back of the net, scoring twice on Terry Sawchuk. The first, at 1:20 was assisted by Esposito. The second, at 19:22, was assisted by Stan Mikita and Pierre Pilote. Sandwiched between the two markers was the Golden Jet's third assist of the game on Mikita's second of the 1965-66 season.

Just one goal was scored in the third and it came off the stick of

Hull. His eleventh of the season and third of the game was scored at 12:55 with help from Esposito and Chico Maki. Bobby led all skaters with eight shots on net. Glenn Hall had to work for the shutout, making 40 saves.

Milestones: Norm Ullman Becomes Just The 5th Player In NHL History To Record 1,000 Points

Norm Ullman might not be a name many would consider when asked who were the first five to 1,000 points in the National Hockey League. Accomplishing the feat after him were the likes of Stan Mikita, Johnny Bucyk, Frank Mahovlich and Henri Richard. The four that came before were Gordie Howe, Jean Beliveau, Alex Delvecchio and Bobby Hull.

Ullman went into the 1971-72 NHL season just three points shy of the landmark achievement. In the third game of the season, Norm's Toronto Maple Leafs were hosting the New York Rangers at Maple Leaf Gardens on October 16, 1971. After getting an assist in his second game of the year, Ullman was down to just two points away.

His first point of the game came at 14:55 of the first period, assisting on a Paul Henderson power play goal on Rangers goalie Gilles Villemure. The 1,000th point came in the form of another assist at 5:40 of the third. This time, it was on a Ron Ellis goal. Unfortunately for Toronto, that was the last goal of the game in a 5-3 loss to New York.

Over the rest of his NHL career, Ullman added 229 to his point total, finishing with 1,229. He missed the 500 goal mark by just ten. In the WHA, Norm added 130 points over 144 games with the Edmonton Oilers.

Pat Lafontaine Re-Writes New York Islanders Record Book With 2 Goals in 8 Seconds

1984-85 was Pat Lafontaine's first "full" year in the NHL after joining the New York Islanders late in 1983-84 after competing for the U.S. at the Winter Olympics. However, he managed just 67 of New York's 80 games, scoring 19 goals. Two of those came within an eight second span, erasing the previous franchise record of ten seconds set by Clark Gillies in 1974-75.

On February 16, 1985, the Islanders hosted the Hartford Whalers. Despite being at opposite ends of the standings, the Whalers put up a fight and the game ended in a 4-4 tie. It was 3-1 Hartford when Pat scored his first goal at 8:53 of the second on Greg Millen, assisted by Tomas Jonsson and Dave Langevin.

Just eight seconds later, at 9:01, Lafontaine put another one past Millen, his 13th of the 1984-85 NHL season, assisted by Pat Flatley and Greg Gilbert. This tied the game and both teams exchanged goals in the third to end up tied at 4.

Lafontaine went on to score 468 regular season goals over just 865 games in the NHL between 1983-84 and 1997-98 with the Islanders, Buffalo Sabres and New York Islanders. He had a string of six straight years with at least 41 goals. Included were a pair of 50 goal campaigns, 54 with the Islanders in 1989-90 and 53 with the Sabres in 1992-93.

Rod Gilbert's 4 Goal Performance At Home Can't Give Rangers Win Over Lowly Wings In 1975 Game

On February 2, 1975, the New York Rangers hosted the Detroit Red Wings at Madison Square Garden. The Rangers lost just 15 of their first 50 games in 1974-75 while the Wings won just 13 over that time. Still, the Blue Shirts could muster just a tie on this night, despite Rod Gilbert putting in a four goal performance.

Gilbert scored his 26th and 27th of the season on Detroit goalie Jim Rutherford in the first period. These went with a Jerry Butler goal to give the Rangers a 3-0 lead. Rod added his 28th of the season and third of the game at 4:02 of the second to make the score 4-0. However, Detroit came back with four straight goals of their own to make it a 4-4 tie going into the third.

Rod put the Blue Shirts back up by a goal with his 29th of the season and fourth of the game at 5:10 of the third. But, Bill Hogaboam scored his second of the match for the Red Wings just 46 seconds later and the game ended in a 5-5 tie. Hogaboam added an assist for a three point game to lead the Wings.

Jim Rutherford turned away 44 of 49 shots, including eleven by Gilbert. Gilles Villemure stopped 20 of 25 shots for the Rangers. Jean Ratelle, Dale Rolfe and Steve Vickers had two assists each. Hank Nowak of the Wings dropped the gloves with Ron Greschner in the first and Bert Wilson in the third while also assisting on a Pierre Jarry goal.

Stan Mikita Scores OT Game Winner In Last Chicago Victory Before NHL Record Playoff Losing Streak

In the 1974-75 Stanley Cup playoffs, the Chicago Blackhawks dispensed with the Boston Bruins in the preliminary round before taking on the Buffalo Sabres in the quarter-final. In that set, Chicago would win just one game. That win would be their last in the post season for just shy of 5 years. The 16 game playoff losing streak stands today as an NHL record. To their credit, they qualified in each of those five years.

On April 17, 1975, the Hawks hosted the Sabres at Chicago Stadium for game 3. Buffalo was up 2-0 in the series. Buffalo never led in the game but refused to go away. With the home team leading 4-3 after two, Jim Schoenfeld tied the game midway through the third and an overtime period was needed to decide a winner.

At 2:31 of the extra frame, Stan Mikita scored his third of the playoffs, putting one past Gerry Desjardins, assisted by Cliff Koroll and Dick Redmond. Along with his earlier assists on goals by Redmond and Koroll, Stan had himself a three point match. Unfortunately, Chicago would lose the next two games and the series.

The following year, they were swept in four by the Montreal Canadiens. In 1976-77, it was two and out to the Islanders. 1977-78 was close with two of the four losses to Boston going to overtime. In 1978-79, they were again swept by the Isles, this time in four.

Finally, on April 8, 1980, the streak was broken. In the first game of the playoffs on April 8, 1980, Doug Lecuyer scored in overtime on Mike Liut to give the Hawks the victory. Mikita was retired by this point but Tony Esposito played both this game and the last win in 1975.

Toronto Maple Leafs Set NHL Playoff Record While Jumping Out To A Quick Lead Over Atlanta In 1978-79

Game 1 of their best of three preliminary round featured a brawl and little scoring with Toronto winning 2-1 over the Flames on two goals by Walt McKechnie. Game 2 was definitely a different style match with eleven total goals scored.

The Maple Leafs made history starting with Darryl Sittler's first of the game and first of the playoffs at 4:04 of the first period, scored on Dan Bouchard with the lone assist going to Pat Boutette. 12 seconds later, Sittler scored another with help from Lanny McDonald. Just 23 seconds after Sittler opened the scoring, Ron Ellis made it 3-0, assisted by Dan Maloney and Joel Quenneville.

The three goals by one team in 23 seconds broke a playoff record

set by the Montreal Canadiens 60 years before when the Habs put three past the Ottawa Senators in 40 seconds. The closest any team has come since is the Anaheim Ducks in 2014-15 with three in 37.

Toronto won the game 7-4 and the series 2-0. However, they were swept in the quarter-final by the Canadiens. Despite not winning a game in the set, it was closer than it looked with game three decided 5:25 into the second overtime period and game four also needed an extra period.

That Kid From Brantford Puts A Hat Trick Past Tony Esposito

On November 15, 1978, the Chicago Blackhawks paid a visit to Madison Square Garden to take on the New York Rangers. It did not go well for the visitors. The other kid from Brantford, Ontario was still toiling in the WHA at this point in time but Brantford born Pat Hickey provided much of the offense for the Rangers on this night.

Hickey opened the scoring just 1:03 into the game, putting his first of three past Tony Esposito with help from Ulf Nilsson and Carol Vadnais. Vadnais scored a shorthanded goal less than five and half minutes later. 41 seconds after the Vadnais goal, Hickey assisted on an Anders Hedberg marker to put the Rangers up 3-0.

He scored his second of the game at 16:56 of the second with help from Nilsson and Ron Greshner to make the score 5-0 NYR. Phil Esposito got in on the act, scoring on his brother at 6:24 of the third to make it 6-0. Before the game was over, Pat scored his third of the night and seventh of the 1978-79 NHL season while also assisting on an Ulf Nilsson goal for a five point game.

The trio of Hickey, Nilsson and Hedberg combined for 13 points in the game with Ulf scoring one and assisting on four while Anders had a goal and two assists. Pat led all skaters with six

shots on Esposito. Tony faced 39 in the game while Rangers netminder John Davidson stopped 32 of 33 in the win.

Bucyk Scores 4 But Bruins Lose Stinker To Expansion Islanders At Boston Garden

Going into this game on January 18, 1973 at the Boston Garden, the New York Islanders had won just four games over their 45 game existence in the NHL. The Bruins were, of course, the powerhouse of the league and had lost just eleven of 43 to start the 1972-73 season. Bruins fans could not have been happy with the outcome.

After spotting the visitors a 5-0 lead, John Bucyk finally got the Bruins on the board with his first of the game and 21st of the season, scored on Billy Smith and assisted by Bobby Orr and Wayne Cashman. He scored his second and third of the game in the second period, bringing Boston within two. His fourth of the match came at 12:37 of the third, making the score 8-7 for the Islanders. Billy Harris capped off the scoring at 17:24, making the final score 9-7.

Former Bruin Ed Westfall had a pair of goals for NYI, as did Don Blackburn and Billy Harris. All Islanders players but Dave Hudson and goaltender Smith had at least a point in the game. Despite the loss, Wayne Cashman also had a four point game on two goals and two assists while Phil Esposito and Bobby Orr each had three assists.

The Bruins went into the Pittsburgh Civic Arena two nights later and were blanked 3-0 with Jim Rutherford getting the shutout and former Bruin Eddie Shack assisting on the game winning goal. The Islanders lost their next game against the St. Louis Blues but again put up impressive offensive numbers in the following match with an 8-1 win over the California Golden Seals.

NHL Milestones: PK Specialist Puts In His First Shorthanded Goal vs. New York Rangers

Derek Sanderson sits tied for 12th all-time with 34 career shorthanded goals. With only 598 regular season games played over his career, Sanderson has a better SHG per game average than any of the players above him. The all-time leader, of course, is Wayne Gretzky with 73 but he had the benefit of a 1,487 game NHL career.

In his tenth game of the 1967-68 NHL season, Sanderson scored the first of those 34 in a game at Madison Square Garden on November 8, 1967 against the New York Rangers. His first of two goals scored on Ed Giacomin in the game came at 9:07 of the second period while Don Awrey was in the box for interference. None other than his PK partner Ed Westfall got an assist.

As an encore, the rookie scored his second goal of the game (even strength) just six seconds into the third period. Not quite a record but pretty close. The fastest goal to start a period is four seconds. This was the fourth goal of the game for the Bruins in a 6-3 win, making this Derek's first career game winner. He added an assist on the final goal of the game by Tommy Williams, also assisted by Eddie Shack, for a three point game.

Sanderson went on to score 24 goals in 1967-68 but that was his only shortie of the season. That number would increase over the coming years and he led the NHL in 1971-72 with seven shorthanded markers. He was awarded the Calder Trophy in 1967-68 as NHL rookie of the year, ahead of runner-up Jacques Lemaire and other contenders Doug Favell, Bill Flett and Les Binkley.

No Love Shown For The Kings By Bryan Trottier On Valentine's Day, 1978

On February 14, 1978, the New York Islanders hosted the Los Angeles Kings for a Valentine's Day matchup. Dave Taylor of the Kings scored first, putting one past Glenn Resch early in the first period, assisted by Gary Sargent and Randy Manery. Then, Bryan Trottier got things rolling for the home team.

Trottier responded just less than two minutes later, tying the game with his 36th of the 1977-78 NHL season, scored on Rogie Vachon with helpers going to Jude Drouin and Clark Gillies. The second period saw the Kings regain the lead with a goal by Butch Goring but the third belonged to Trottier and the Islanders.

At 1:18 of the final frame, Denis Potvin tied the score at 2-2 with his 20th of the campaign, set up by Trottier with an additional assist to Bill Harris. With L.A.'s Mike Murphy in the box for tripping, Trottier scored the game winning goal at 10:50 with the game ending 3-2 for the Isles. It was his 37th of the campaign, assisted by Potvin and Stefan Persson.

Bryan put up 46 goals that year to go with his 77 assists for 123 points. He was runner-up to Guy Lafleur for the Hart Trophy, an award he would win the following season. The game winner against the Kings was one of six for Trottier in 1977-78.

Doug Keans Gets His 1st Two of Four Career NHL Shutouts In Consecutive Games With The Bruins

They weren't back to back shutouts for the Boston Bruins but they were for goaltender Doug Keans. On January 16, 1984, he stopped all 27 shots against the New York Islanders. Pete Peeters played the next two games for the Bruins before Keans blanked the Hartford Whalers on January 21, 1984. For Doug, these were the 6th and 7th victories in an eight game win streak.

The January 16 games against the Islanders was played at Boston Garden. Gord Kluzak scored his seventh of the 1983-84 NHL season on Billy Smith at 6:10 of the first period, assisted by Rick Middleton on the power play. This served as the game winning goal in the 2-0 victory.

Doug actually had more work against the Whalers on January 21 at the Hartford Civic Center, despite the teams being on opposite ends of the standings. Keans turned away all 32 shots put his way in another 2-0 win. Mike O'Connell scored at 11:04 of the first on Greg Millen while Rick Middleton rounded out the scoring.

1983-84 was Doug's first year with the Bruins after playing sparingly with the Los Angeles Kings over the previous four seasons. With Boston, Keans saw a decent amount of action for five years between 1983-84 and 1987-88, backing up Peeters, Pat Riggin, Bill Ranford and Reggie Lemelin.

Jerry Toppazzini Nets 1st Of 1957-58 NHL Leading 8 SHG Vs. Terry Sawchuk And The Red Wings

Over his NHL career, Jerry Toppazzini scored 22 of his 163 goals on the penalty kill. In 1957-58, he led the league with eight shorthanded markers, an NHL record at the time. Along with his two shorthanded assists, over 20% of Jerry's 48 points in 57-58 were while his Boston Bruins were a man short.

He scored the first of the eight on November 10, 1957 at Boston Garden against the Detroit Red Wings. At 1:45 of the second period, Fern Flaman was assessed a minor for tripping. Just 15 seconds later, Toppazzini scored on Terry Sawchuk, assisted by Fleming Mackell. Jerry also had two assists in the game, included a helper on the game winning goal by Don McKenney in the 4-2 Boston win.

On Christmas Day, the Bruins hosted Detroit again and again, Toppazzini showed off his penalty killing ability. Three seconds

after killing off the first penalty on a 5 on 3 PK, Allan Stanley scored for Boston, assisted by Jerry. With Fleming Mackell still in the box, Toppazzini scored 59 seconds later, unassisted, for two shorthanded points on the same penalty kill. Again it was Sawchuk in net. The Bruins came out on top 4-1 in the game.

Toppazzini's eight shorthanded goals in 1957-58 stood as a Boston Bruins team record until 2001-02 when Brian Rolston scored nine, with the benefit of 18 more games. At the time, it was an NHL record, breaking the previous mark of six by Cecil Dillon of the New York Rangers in 1934-35.

Eddie Joyal's One Man Show With The Los Angeles Kings In 1968-69

In 1968-69, Eddie Joyal had a career year, leading the Los Angeles Kings with 33 goals. Among those 33 goals were Joyal's only two career hat tricks. In both games, he was involved in all the offense for the Kings.

On December 4, 1968, L.A. hosted the Philadelphia Flyers at the Forum. Jean-Guy Gendron put the Flyers up 1-0 at 4:36 of the first period. That slim lead held until Joyal scored his first of the game and seventh of the season on Philly goalie Bernie Parent with help from Bill White and Real Lemieux.

The score remained tied until Eddie struck again, this time at 12:10 of the third, unassisted. He added the insurance goal at 17:07 of the third for the hat trick in the 3-1 win. He led all shooters with seven shots on net. Parent faced a total of 38 while Los Angeles goalie Gerry Desjardins turned away all but one of 14.

The 2nd hat trick came on February 19, 1969 on the road against the Minnesota North Stars. Joyal did all he could, scoring his 25th, 26th and 27th of the 1968-69 season and assisted on a Bill Flett goal. It wasn't enough with the Kings falling 7-4 to the Stars.

Again, Eddie led the way with eight shots on Minnesota goalie Cesare Maniago, equaling the shot total of Bill Goldsworthy who had a three point night for the home team.

Eddie Joyal played 465 games in the NHL between 1962-63 and 1971-72 with the Detroit Red Wings, Toronto Maple Leafs, Los Angeles Kings and Philadelphia Flyers. He also played 239 regular season and six playoff games in the WHA between 1972-73 and 1975-76 with the Edmonton Oilers.

Bob Probert Stays Out Of The Box And Records Lone Career Hat Trick On New Year's Eve, 1987

A New Year's resolution to become a clean, high scoring forward? Not likely. The fact is, in 1987-88, Bob Probert, with the help of Steve Yzerman, was putting up an amazing season. 29 goals, 62 points and 398 penalty minutes is something you just don't see very often. On December 31, 1987, Probie's offensive skills were on full display.

The St. Louis Blues paid a visit to the Joe Louis Arena to take on the Red Wings. Probert recorded the only hat trick of his NHL career, helping Detroit to a 7-2 win. Bob also assisted on a goal by Yzerman that made the score 3-0 with the first period barely half over. This goal would stand as the game winner.

The temptation had to have been there in what was a rough and tumble game but Probert managed to stay out of the penalty box. There were three fights in the match, involving his Detroit teammates Lee Norwood, Doug Halward and Darren Veitch. 89 total minutes in penalties were handed out in the game.

Probert was a perfect three goals on three shots directed toward Rick Wamsley in the game. His linemate Yzerman had a goal on six shots while assisting on three for a four point night, as well. It should be noted that things were back to normal in Detroit's next game with Bob getting in a scrap against the Winnipeg Jets and

accumulating 24 PIM while Stevie-Y got the natural hat trick.

Summerside, PEI's Errol Thompson Plays Big Role In Near Record Setting Game Between Leafs And Hawks

On February 20, 1977 at Chicago Stadium, it was not a clinic in defense or goaltending. The visiting Toronto Maple Leafs combined with the Chicago Blackhawks for 18 goals in the match. Errol Thompson led the way with a hat trick and two assists on goals by Lanny McDonald and Darryl Sittler for a five point game.

Thompson's hat trick goal and assist on Sittler's 25th of the season were part of a four goal flurry at the start of the third period. Chicago's Pit Martin scored at 1:04, followed by the Sittler goal just 25 seconds later. Thompson netted his 14th of the 1976-77 season at 2:07 before Grant Mulvey scored for the Hawks at 2:40. The four goals in 1:36 are some of the fastest in NHL history but not a record.

The 18 total goals scored at the time was highest in the “modern era” of NHL hockey. In 1943-44, a year when rule changes saw an offensive explosion, there were two games with 19 total goals. The record is 21 goals in a game between the Toronto St. Pats and Montreal Canadiens in 1920 when hockey was a whole different thing compared to today's game.

In this game, Wayne Thomas made 38 saves on 46 shots for Toronto while Gilles Villemure allowed 9 goals on 37 shots with the final goal going into the empty net. Ian Turnbull also had a five point game with a goal and four assists. Lanny McDonald scored two, including the game winner, and assisted on two for four points.

Milestones: Steve Shutt Scores 1st NHL Goal in 3rd Period Habs Explosion

The 4th overall pick at the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft was the first Montreal Canadiens player to score 60 goals in a season and he scored 424 over his NHL career but he didn't get his first marker until his 16th game.

On December 2, 1972, the Canadiens went down to Georgia to play the Atlanta Flames at the Omni. Going into the third period, the home team had a 3-1 lead. Over a span of 1:58, the lead changed hands. Montreal started the scoring at 1:49 of the third with a goal by Jim Roberts, assisted by Henri Richard and Guy Lapointe.

Jacques Laperriere tied the game with his first of the season at 3:09, assisted by Shutt and Guy Lafleur. 32 seconds later, Steve Shutt had his first career goal, scored on former Canadien Phil Myre, assisted by Lafleur and Pete Mahovlich. It would have been the game winning goal if not for John Stewart of the Flames scoring late on Ken Dryden. The game ended in a 4-4 tie.

Shutt scored just eight goals in his rookie 1972-73 season. His best outing was a four point game against the Philadelphia Flyers on February 17, 1973 when he scored a pair on Philly goalie Bobby Taylor and assisted on goals by Yvan Cournoyer and Jacques Lemaire.

O-Pee-Chee and Topps felt he probably wasn't going to pan out as an NHL regular. O-Pee-Chee didn't issue a Steve Shutt rookie card until 1974-75 and Topps waited until 1975-76, the year he scored 60 goals for the Habs.

Pat Lafontaine Finds His NHL Groove In Just 2nd Game With Islanders

Less than two weeks after he played for the U.S. At the 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Yugoslavia, Pat Lafontaine was fitting in quite nicely with the New York Islanders. Pat was the third overall pick by New York at the 1983 NHL Entry Draft, behind Brian Lawton and Sylvain Turgeon. Playing just 15 regular season games with the Isles in 1983-84, he scored 13 goals and totaled 19 points.

He played his 2nd NHL game on March 3, 1984 when New York traveled to Toronto for a game at Maple Leaf Gardens. In a wild, 80's style 11-6 win for the visitors, Pat didn't just score his first NHL goal but his first three. At 11:31 of the first period, Lafontaine scored his first on Allan Bester, assisted by Bob Bourne and Denis Potvin.

Before the first period was up, he had his first assist, setting up John Tonelli for NYI's fourth goal of the opening frame. In the third period, he added three more points to the total in a span of just over eight minutes. He scored his second of the game at 4:05 on Rick St. Croix, assisted on a John Tonelli goal at 11:22 and put in the hat trick marker at 12:14 for a five point game.

Lafontaine would go on to score 468 regular season goals in the NHL between 1983-84 and 1997-98 with the Islanders, Buffalo Sabres and New York Rangers. He was a 50 goal scorer twice, putting up a career best 54 in 1989-90. Pat was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2003.

Lorne Ferguson Powers Detroit To Win Over Rangers With Hat Trick, Including 2 Shorthanded Goals

Palmerston, Ontario's Lorne Ferguson scored just four shorthanded goals over his 422 game NHL career. Two of those came in one game (one period). On February 2, 1957, his Detroit Red Wings played the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. The Wings won the game 5-4, largely behind the efforts of Ferguson.

In the first period, Lorne tied the score at 1-1 with a shorthanded marker at 7:05, assisted by Metro Prystai while Ted Lindsay was in the box for high sticking. Later, at 17:14, he assisted on an Alex Delvecchio goal that put the Wings up 3-1. With 14 seconds left in the frame, Ferguson got his second shortie of the game, again assisted by Prystai, this time with Warren Godfrey in the box for slashing.

Lorne scored what would be the game winning goal at 11:10 of the second period on Rangers goalie Gump Worsley with help from Delvecchio. The Rangers clawed back but couldn't catch up to Ferguson and the Red Wings. Lorne ended up with four points in the match.

This was a good portion of his scoring in 1956-57, finishing with 13 goals and ten assists for 23 points over 70 games. Between 1949-50 and 1958-59, Lorne Ferguson played 422 regular season and 31 playoff games in the NHL with the Boston Bruins, Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks. He was a 20 goal scored once, with the Bruins in 1954-55.

Bobby Orr And The Bruins Beat Up On The L.A. Kings At Boston Garden In 1971

Going into their game at Boston Garden against the Bruins on November 14, 1971, the Los Angeles Kings had won just three of their first 16 games of the 1971-72 NHL season. It would not get better on this night. After spotting the Kings the first goal of the game, scored by Eddie Joyal at 2:02 of the first, it was pretty much all Boston in the 11-2 win.

Bobby Orr had two points per period for a six point game. In the first, he scored his 5th of the season on Gary Edwards, assisted by Derek Sanderson, to make the score 4-1. Earlier in the frame, he assisted on a Phil Esposito goal that opened the scoring for the home team.

Orr started the second frame with his second of the game at 2:08, assisted by Ed Westfall. Bobby then assisted on the last goal of the period, scored by Westfall. In the third, he assisted on Boston's first of the period, scored by Mike Walton. He capped the game's scoring at 17:19 with his hat trick goal, assisted by Esposito.

Number 4 led all skaters with eight of the 35 shots put toward Edwards. Gary was in for the duration. Esposito came out with a five point game on two goals and three assists while Westfall had four points on a goal and three helpers.

On Opening Night, Rogie Vachon Is 1st NHL Goalie To Record A Shutout For The 1977-78 Season

On October 12, 1977, Rogatien Vachon and the Los Angeles Kings started the 1977-78 NHL season off right. The Kings blanked the visiting Cleveland Barons 2-0 to remain undefeated on the campaign. Rogie stopped all 24 shots put his way for what was his 42nd career shutout. Gilles Meloche did well at the other end, allowing just the two goals on 28 shots.

The game winning goal was scored at 12:18 of the first period by Ernie Hicke, assisted by Marcel Dionne and Glenn Goldup. The trio would combine for the only other goal of the game, as well. 39 seconds into the third period, Dionne scored with help from the other two.

Just to keep the crowd into the match, there were a couple of heavyweight bouts, as well. In the first period, Dave Schultz from the Kings went toe-to-toe with Reg Kerr of the Barons. Halfway through the third, It was L.A.'s Dave Hutchison dropping the gloves with Cleveland's Bob Girard.

That year, Vachon recorded four shutouts for the Kings, his lowest total since 1972-73 when he also had four. It was also his last year with Los Angeles. He began the 1978-79 NHL season with the Detroit Red Wings, playing two years in the Motor City before finishing his career with the Boston Bruins.

Guy Chouinard Sets Calgary Flames Record In Wild One At The Stampede Corral

On February 25, 1981, the Calgary Flames hosted the New York Islanders at the cozy Stampede Corral. Both teams were having great years but the Isles had a 12 point edge in the standings going into the game. The final score was unexpected, to say the least.

This was the first year in Calgary for the Flames. While in Atlanta, the most assists in a game by any player was four (by several). On this night, Guy Chouinard would set the present day franchise record with six helpers. Gary Suter since equaled it in 1986. Guy set up two goals by Bob MacMillan along with singles by Paul Reinhart, Kent Nilsson, Eric Vail and Don Lever.

The visitors held a 4-3 lead after the first period. Calgary then went on the attack with eight straight goals on Glenn Resch,

winning the game 11-4. The eleven markers set a franchise record at the time. It now stands at 13 by way of a 13-1 win over the San Jose Sharks in 1993.

Kent Nilsson benefited the most from Chouinard's assistance with three goals to go with his two helpers for a five point game. MacMillan had an assist to go with his two goals while leading with six shots on Resch. Ken Houston of the Flames recorded the Gordie Howe Hat Trick with a goal, assist and first period scrap with Clark Gillies.

The One Road Shutout During The 1973-74 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs

In the 1973-74 post season, five shutouts were recorded (2 by Bernie Parent, 2 by Tony Esposito and 1 by Gilles Gilbert) but only one was put up by an away team. The quarter-final series between the Chicago Blackhawks and Los Angeles Kings was a goaltending duel between Tony Esposito and Rogie Vachon. Game 3 was played at the Forum in L.A. on April 13, 1974 and just one goal was scored.

Just 40 seconds into the match, Germain Gagnon scored that lone goal for the Blackhawks on Vachon, assisted by Stan Mikita and Cliff Koroll. Rogie would face just nine more shots in the game and would stop them all. At the other end, Tony Esposito was much busier, stopping all 32 shots put his way for the shutout win.

The win put the Hawks up 3-0 in the series. The Kings would take game four but Tony-O would shut them down again in game 5 with another 1-0 victory, this time at Chicago Stadium. Over the five games, Chicago outscored the Kings by just a 10-7 margin, meaning they advanced to the semi-final with just a two goals per game average.

Things would be different in the next round. Over six games

against the Boston Bruins, Chicago allowed 28 goals and lost the series in six. Tony's brother Phil had six goals and two assists in the set, firing 32 shots on the Chicago nets.

Barry Pederson Scores A Shorthanded Game Winning Goal For Bruins Vs St. Louis Blues

In 1982-83, Barry Pederson of the Boston Bruins had ten game winning goals. This tied him for second in the NHL with Glenn Anderson of the Edmonton Oilers, just two behind leader Brian Propp of the Philadelphia Flyers. His second of the ten came in a November 14, 1982 game against the St. Louis Blues at Boston Garden.

After a scoreless first period, four goals were scored over a seven minute span in the second, three by Boston and one by St. Louis. With 43 seconds left in the frame, Pederson scored his sixth of the season on Mike Liut with Terry O'Reilly in the box for charging. This made the score 4-1, all Boston would need in a 7-3 win.

Barry also assisted on Ray Bourque's second of the game at 16:28 of the third the last goal scored in the match. Bourque had himself quite a game with two goals and two assists for four points. Keith Crowder, Luc Dufour, Peter McNab and Brad Palmer also scored for the Bruins while Vaclav Nedomansky, Perry Turnbull and Wayne Babych scored for the Blues.

Along with his ten GWG, Pederson led the team in 82-83 with 107 points. It was his first of two consecutive years topping the 100 point plateau, contributing 116 the following year, good for sixth in the NHL. Perhaps most impressive was Barry's 14 goals and 32 points over 17 playoff games in 82-83, one point behind team leader Rick Middleton.

Defensive Defenseman Bill Quackenbush Assists On All 3 Boston Goals In Win Over Leafs

The Boston Bruins and Toronto born Bill Quackenbush hosted the Maple Leafs at the Boston Garden on January 20, 1955. One of the coolest names in hockey history, Bill was also an outstanding blue liner. Never tearing up the scoring race, on this night, Quackenbush was in on all the goals.

In a 3-0 shutout win, the Bruins evenly distributed their goals, one per period. The first and game winner was scored 6:53 into the game by Ed Sandford on Harry Lumley, assisted by Quackenbush and Hal Laycoe. Nearly a perfect 20 hockey minutes later, Lorne Ferguson scored at 6:50 of the second with helpers going to Bill and Cal Gardner.

The three assist night was complete after a Leo Labine goal at 16:35 of the third. Don McKenney also had an assist on the goal. On the 1954-55 NHL season, Quackenbush scored two and assisted on 20 for 22 points over 68 games. This was pretty consistent with his season average throughout his career.

Grabbing the shutout was John Henderson, his fifth and final blank in the NHL. John played 45 regular season and two playoff games for Boston that year, his rookie season. Despite decent numbers, the Bruins brought in Terry Sawchuk for 1955-56. In the days when one goalie played pretty much all the games, Henderson had one last match in 1955-56 and would never appear in the league again.

Danny Grant Scores 2 Vs. Caps To Become 2nd 50 Goal Scorer In Red Wings History

Mickey Redmond reached the 50 goal plateau in both 1972-73 and 1973-74, becoming the first Detroit Red Wing to accomplish the feat. Danny Grant became the second in 1974-75, scoring exactly 50. Goals number 49 and 50 were scored on April 2, 1975 at Detroit Olympia against the Washington Capitals.

It was the back half of a home-and-home between the two teams. A few days earlier, Grant had a goal and two assists against the Capitals. In six games against the new expansion franchise, Danny scored five and assisted on seven for 12 points.

In this game, the Caps jumped out to a 2-0 lead by the end of the first period. However, by just the 9:30 mark of the second, Grant made the score 4-2 Detroit with his 49th of the year, scored on John Adams and assisted by Marcel Dionne and Phil Roberto. In the 8-3 Red Wings win, Danny's first goal of the game served as the game winner.

The milestone goal came at 6:16 of the third, again assisted by Dionne and Roberto. Marcel had a pretty good game himself, as usual, scoring one and assisting on three for four points. As for Grant, he would stop at 50 on the season, left off the scoresheet in the final two games of the year. This left Redmond's team record of 52 safe until 1984-85 when John Ogronick scored 55.

Gary Suter Sets Rookie Record In April 4, 1986 Battle Of Alberta

In a game that featured a combined 12 goals and 240 minutes in penalties, Gary Suter had a chance to set an NHL record that still stands today, solidifying his hold on the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year in 1985-86.

At the Calgary Saddledome, the Calgary Flames hosted the

Edmonton Oilers for a late season game. Rookie defenseman Gary Suter assisted on six goals, something that had not been done before and has not be done since. He had helpers on a pair of goals by Joe Mullen along with singles by Dan Quinn, Paul Reinhart, Joel Otto and Lanny McDonald in the 9-3 win for the Flames.

Joe Mullen had a five point game with his pair of goals and three assists. Joel Otto had a unique Gordie Howe Hat Trick with a goal, two assists and 27 minutes in penalties for his part in a late third period brawl.

Suter had 18 goals and 50 assists for 68 points from the blue line in 1985-86. He had a hefty lead in voting for the Calder over runner-up Wendel Clark of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Calder was the only individual award for Gary, a Stanley Cup champion with the Flames in 1988-89. He went on to play 1,145 regular season and 108 playoff games in the NHL with the Flames, Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks.

“The Scoreless Wonder” Scores Only Goal Of The Game In 9th Match With New Team

Jim Thomson arrived with the Chicago Blackhawks prior to the 1957-58 NHL season for the same reasons Ted Lindsay was also exiled to the Hawks by the Red Wings. Both wanted a player's union and the owners didn't much like that. It was Thomson's final year in the NHL and he tied his career best for goals scored in a season with 4.

On October 29, 1957, the Blackhawks hosted Detroit at the Chicago Stadium. Lindsay got a bit of revenge with a win but it was Thomson scoring the only goal of the game. It took until the last half of the third period to see a puck go in. At 12:56, Jimmy put one past Terry Sawchuk, assisted by Jack McIntyre and a young Bobby Hull. It was the game winner a 1-0 victory with Glenn Hall getting the blank.

Dubbed “The Scoreless Wonder” by his Toronto Maple Leafs teammates, Thomson scored just 19 goals over 787 regular season NHL games. Four of those were game winners and just one was shorthanded. When he scored this on Sawchuk, Jim hadn't had a goal since March 20, 1955 in a game between the Leafs and New York Rangers.

Still, Thomson was a quality blue liner and was twice named a Second Team All-Star. He helped Toronto to four Stanley Cup championships in his first five full years with the club. For a short time in 1956-57, he was team captain for the Maple Leafs.

Gregg Sheppard Scores 3 In Just His Second NHL Game

He toiled in the minors for more than three years before getting his shot at the show with the Boston Bruins. Gregg Sheppard's first NHL game was against the Toronto Maple Leafs and he didn't factor into the 3-2 Boston win. However, his second game was the following night, October 29, 1972, against the expansion New York Islanders at the Boston Garden and Sheppard made his case for the Bruins to keep him in the lineup.

Sure, the Islanders were playing just their eighth game of their existence. Still, a hat trick in your second NHL game is a hat trick in your second NHL game. Gregg scored Boston's first goal of the game at 16:01 of the first after the Islanders had jumped out to a 1-0 led on an early goal by Brian Spencer.

By the time he got his second of the game at 5:53 of the third, Boston was already comfortably ahead 6-1. Sheppard's third goal, scored on New York goalie Billy Smith, came at 14:22 of the third and made the score 8-1. Johnny Bucyk would add one just 38 seconds later to make the final score 9-1. The Boston goaltending combo of Ross Brooks and Ed Johnston faced just 16 shots while Smith took on 39 at the other end.

To further prove he belonged in the NHL, Sheppard recorded three more three point games in the month of November, 1972, one each against the California Golden Seals, Toronto Maple Leafs and Philadelphia Flyers. He finished his rookie season with 24 goals and 50 points over 64 games. This got him a look for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year, finishing sixth in voting.

First NHL Player To Reach Career 3,000 PIM (and doesn't even get a hockey card that year)

Dave 'Tiger' Williams went into the 1984-85 NHL season just six penalty minutes shy of 3,000 in his career. It didn't take long to reach the milestone. Playing for the Detroit Red Wings, Tiger collected five minutes in the first game of the year after a fight with Chicago's Behn Wilson. This left him at 2,999 PIM going into an October 13, 1984 matchup with the New Jersey Devils at Joe Louis Arena.

In a feisty first period that featured three bouts, Williams went toe-to-toe with New Jersey's John MacLean 10:07 into the game, adding five minutes to his career total. This put him at 3,004 and made him the first NHL player to ever reach this milestone. Before the game was over, he added a two minute minor to his total.

Seven seconds after his bout with MacLean, a young Steve Yzerman dropped the gloves with Jan Ludvig. Stevie-Y would also assist three of Detroit's goals in a 4-1 win. Williams did not get involved in the scoring but had two shots on Jersey goalie Ron Low. Ron Duguay had a three point night for the Red Wings with two goals and an assist.

The Tiger played 55 games for Detroit in 1984-85 before being first sent to the minors then shipped to the Los Angeles Kings to finish out the season. He was not featured on a hockey card in 1984-85, despite playing a healthy 67 games. He had a

resurgence with the Kings, scoring 20 goals in 1985-86 while sitting 320 PIM. His 3,966 career penalty minutes remains the most in NHL history, over 400 minutes more than second place Dale Hunter.

Kent Nilsson Wows Home Crowd In Inaugural NHL Game For The Calgary Flames

Prior to the start of the 1980-81 NHL season, the Atlanta Flames relocated to Calgary, Alberta. For their first three years, the Flames played out of the 7,500 seat Stampede Corral. The first regular season game the team played in that cozy venue was on October 9, 1980 against the Quebec Nordiques. The game ended in a 5-5 tie but the home crowd got a look at what was going to be an exciting team.

Michel Goulet scored the first goal of the game at 8:10 on Calgary goalie Dan Bouchard with help from Dale Hunter and Dale Hoganson. The lead didn't last long with Guy Chouinard tying the match just 35 seconds later. Before the first frame was done, Ken Nilsson had assists on goals by Willi Plett and Chouinard to put the Flames up 3-1.

Nilsson scored his first of the season at 4:55 of the second but the Nordiques came back with three of their own, including two by Jacques Richard, and the second period ended with the score tied 4-4. Nilsson scored his second of the game at 6:57 of the third but Goulet quickly tied it up 49 seconds later to finish off the scoring.

Kent had a nice four point game to start the season. He would go on to score 49 while adding 82 assists for 131 points in 1980-81. Both the assist and point totals remain as franchise single season records. Five nights later, the Flames got their first win in Calgary, beating the Los Angeles Kings 4-2. Kent assisted on the game winning goal by Kevin LaVallee that night.

Dunc Wilson Gets No Relief Against The Flyers In 1977-78

The Pittsburgh Penguins had a pair of games against their cross-state rival Philadelphia Flyers over the first five games of the 1977-78 NHL season. Things did not go well for the Pens. The first was an 8-2 home loss and the second was an 11-0 beatdown at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. Dunc Wilson stayed in the Pittsburgh nets for the duration, facing a total of 90 shots over the two games.

The previous season, Dunc had a 2.95 GAA and tied for third in the NHL with Bernie Parent, both posting five shutouts. Playing just 21 games in 1977-78, Wilson had a 4.84 GAA with zero blanks. Over his career, Dunc played 287 regular season games between 1969-70 and 1978-79 with the Flyers, Canucks, Maple Leafs, Rangers and Penguins. He never appeared in a playoff game.

In the 8-2 loss, he turned away 28 of 36 shots. Bobby Clarke led the way for the Flyers with a goal and four assists for a five point game. Bob Kelly was next in line with two goals and one assist for three points. Tom Bladon scored shorthanded and Ross Lonsberry was credited with the game winner.

Wilson faced 54 shots in the 11-0 loss in Philly. Bobby Clarke again led the Flyers, this time with a goal and three assists for four points. Bob Kelly, Orest Kindrachuk, Rick Lapointe, Reg Leach and Jimmy Watson all had three point games. Just Bob Dailey, Gary Dornhoefer, Paul Holmgren and Joe Watson went without a point. Bernie Parent made 20 saves for the shutout.

John Tonelli Reaches The 100 Point Plateau In The Final Game Of 1984-85

In 1984-85, Brent Sutter and John Tonelli became the 4th and 5th different players in New York Islanders history to total 100 points or more in a single season. Mike Bossy, Denis Potvin and Bryan Trottier accomplished the feat before them. Just Pat Lafontaine and Pierre Turgeon have done it since with the Islanders.

It took Tonelli the full 80 games to reach the plateau. Not just John, but the whole team was shutout in game 79 in a 3-0 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers. Game 80 was at home against the New Jersey Devils on April 6, 1985 and Tonelli sat at 99 points. It looked bleak. Don Lever scored for the Devils at 18:45 of the second period to put them up 5-4 in the game. It was looking like the third period would go without a goal.

However, with just 48 seconds left in the game, Tonelli scored his 42nd of the year on New Jersey goalie and former Islander Glenn Resch, assisted by Mike Bossy and Clark Gillies. John had his 100th point and the Islanders settled for the 5-5 tie after five minutes of overtime failed to produce another goal.

As for Brent Sutter, he had an assist in the game and ended the 1984-85 NHL season with 102 points. His 100th came back on March 12, 1985 in a road game against the St. Louis Blues. In that 6-5 win, Brent had four points on two goals and two assists with the fourth point being number 100. He would have finished with a higher total but missed ten games near the end of the campaign, returning for the final two games of the regular season.

Milestones: Mark Messier's 1st NHL Goal Gives Oilers A Late Tie With Detroit

Mark Messier scored his first National Hockey League goal in his second NHL game, a home match against the Detroit Red Wings at Northlands Coliseum on October 13, 1979. Dale McCourt gave the Red Wings a 3-2 lead, scoring on Eddie Mio at 12:53 of the third, assisted by Willie Huber and Mike Foligno.

At 17:36, Messier tied the game at 3-3 with his first NHL career goal, scored on Rogie Vachon unassisted. For Mark, it was the first of 694 over his career, the ninth most all-time. Blair MacDonald did the rest of the scoring in the game for Edmonton with his first and second of the 1979-80 campaign.

Messier scored just 12 goals over 75 games in his first year in the NHL with the Oilers. After getting that first against Detroit, he went 19 before getting number 2. His numbers would steadily increase with 23 goals in 1980-81 and 50 in 1981-82. Mark would only reach the 50 plateau once over his legendary career but he surpassed 100 points on six occasions.

In that October 13 game, Detroit rookie Mike Foligno also scored his first NHL goal, putting one past Mio at 7:08 of the third with help from Pete Mahovlich and Errol Thompson. He then assisted on Dale McCourt's go-ahead goal to complete the Gordie Howe Hat Trick. In the first period, he dropped the gloves with Edmonton's Brett Callighen.

Bob Nevin and Ed Giacomin Power The Rangers To Victory At Chicago Stadium In 1968

Two evenly matched teams. One unfriendly venue for visiting opponents. The New York Rangers came into Chicago Stadium on March 20, 1968, chasing down the Montreal Canadiens for first place. The Chicago Blackhawks were fighting for their playoff lives, in a battle with the Toronto Maple Leafs for the final playoff spot.

Team captain Bob Nevin had perhaps his best game of the season, recording his second of five career hat tricks. Nevin started the scoring at 8:21 of the first period, putting his 25th of the 1967-68 NHL season past Dave Dryden with help from Don Marshall. Midway through the second, Bob assisted on a Marshall goal that put New York up 3-1.

However, in the third period, Stan Mikita and Doug Mohns scored for the Blackhawks to tie things up at 3-3. Then, Nevin took control. At 14:27, he scored his second of the game and 26th of the season, assisted by Phil Goyette. It turned out to be the game winning goal in a 5-3 Rangers win. Nevin rounded out the scoring at 18:17 with the hat trick goal, assisted by Marshall and Goyette.

It would have been a different story without Ed Giacomin between the pipes. Eddie was barraged with 51 shots, stopping all but three for the win. Gilles Marotte had eight of those shots and was kept off the scoresheet. Bobby Hull (also without a point in the game) and Stan Mikita each had seven. Mikita had a goal and assist.

Toronto's “Other Swede” Puts In 5 Point Game Against The Capitals In 1977

Borje Salming gets all the attention as the first player from Sweden to star with the Toronto Maple Leafs. But, also joining the Leafs for the 1973-74 NHL season was Inge Hammarstrom. Despite staying out of the spotlight and facing criticism for his soft play, Hammarstrom was a 20 goal scorer in his first year and went on to three more 20+ goal campaigns over his six year NHL career.

On February 12, 1977, Toronto hosted the Washington Capitals at Maple Leaf Gardens. The outcome of this game was never in question. Caps goalie Bernie Wolfe allowed five goals on eleven shots before getting pulled after the first period. Ron Low let in another five on 26 shots over the next two periods. Inge Hammarstrom led the Buds with a goal and four assists for a five point game.

Hammarstrom's lone goal, his 18th of the 1976-77 NHL season, was scored at 15:57 of the first, assisted by Darryl Sittler and Borje Salming. He assisted on two Sittler goals along with singles by Kurt Walker and Lanny McDonald.

Mike Palmateer turned away all 30 shots for the shutout in the 10-0 rout. Darryl Sittler and Lanny McDonald both had four point games on two goals and two assists each. Ian Turnbull also had a four point night with four helpers. Just Bob Neely and Palmateer were left without a point in the match. Tiger Williams nearly had the Gordie Howe Hat Trick with a goal and fight with Bill Riley but lacked an assist.

Don Luce Puts Up His Lone Career Hat Trick In Style, Giving The French Connection The Night Off

Sure, on December 22, 1974 at the Capital Center, the expansion Washington Capitals probably put all their focus on stopping the trio of Gilbert Perreault, Rene Robert and Rick Martin. The Caps effectively shut down the powerful French Connection line but this created room for Don Luce, Craig Ramsay and Bill Hajt to shine.

Considering the Caps were chasing just their fourth win in their first 35 games and the Sabres had lost just six of their first 33 in 1974-75, holding Buffalo to just four goals was an accomplishment. Leading the way with his only NHL career hat trick was Luce. After assisting on what was the game winning goal, scored shorthanded by Ramsay at 19:53 of the first, Luce went to work in the second period.

At 9:59 of the second frame, Don made it 2-0 Buffalo with his 17th of the 1974-75 NHL season. It was the only even-strength goal of the game. At 13:25, with Gilbert Perreault in the box for high sticking, Luce struck again shorthanded, scoring on Ron Low with help from Ramsay. Just 23 seconds later, with Perreault still in the sin bin, Luce scored his hat trick goal, this time assisted by Bill Hajt.

That was it for scoring. The game ended 4-0 with Gary Bromley getting the 27 save shutout. Ron Low made 37 saves on 41 shots for the home team. Don Luce was in the midst of a career year, finishing with 33 goals and 43 assists for 76 points. He added 13 more points over 16 playoff games with the Sabres reaching the Stanley Cup final before bowing out to the Philadelphia Flyers.

Tim Young Puts Up Only 5 Goal Game In Minnesota / Dallas Franchise History

Tim Young scored 24 goals over 73 games with the Minnesota North Stars in 1978-79. Five of those came in a game against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden on January 15, 1979. To date, this is the only time a member of the Minnesota North Stars / Dallas Stars has achieved this milestone. Just 48 different players have scored five or more in a game in NHL history.

In the first period, the scoring was started with Young doing what he did best, setting up the goal. He had a helper on a Jim Roberts goal 2:06 into the frame. Just 49 seconds later, Tim had his first of the night and eleventh of the 1978-79 NHL season. In the 8-1 North Stars win, this served as the eventual game winner.

In the second period, he added his 2nd and 3rd of the game. His first three were scored on Rangers goalie Doug Soetaert. Over two periods, Soetaert allowed five goals on just 13 shots and was pulled in favour of Wayne Thomas in the third period. Thomas didn't have it much better, allowing three goals on eight shots, including Young's 4th and 5th of the match.

The six point, five goal game was impressive enough. The fact that Tim scored on all five shots he had on net made it even more special. It was just the first of two hat tricks in his NHL career. Gilles Meloche allowed the Minnesota offense to do their thing by stopping 33 of 34 shots in what was a typical night at the office for one of the most underrated goalies in NHL history.

Norm Ullman Puts Up Detroit's Only Hat Trick Of 1962-63

The Detroit Red Wings reached the Stanley Cup final in 1962-63 and had three players among the top ten in goal scoring, including the NHL leader Gordie Howe. However, the team would see just a single hat trick over their 70 regular season and eleven playoff games. Still, they were one up on the Boston Bruins who didn't record a single hattie.

On March 14, 1963, the Red Wings hosted the New York Rangers at Detroit Olympia. Ullman scored the second goal of the game at 12:23 of the first period on Rangers goalie Gump Worsley, assisted by Bill Gadsby and Floyd Smith to make it 2-0 Detroit. Norm didn't score in the second but the two teams combined for six goals, ending the period with a 5-3 score in favour of the Wings.

Ullman scored his 22nd of the 1962-63 NHL season just 28 seconds into the third period, assisted by Vic Stasiuk and Floyd Smith. After Andre Pronovost made it 7-3, Norm struck with the hat trick goal at 11:59 of the frame, assisted by Stasiuk and Pete Goegan. The teams would trade goals after that and the final score ended up 9-4 for the home team.

Norm went on to score 26 goals that season to go with his 30 assists for 56 points. He finished tenth in goal scoring, a single marker behind Johnny Bucyk and 12 behind leader Gordie Howe. In the playoffs, despite losing to the Toronto Maple Leafs in the final, Ullman and Gordie Howe tied for the scoring lead with 16 points each over the eleven games.

Wayne Thomas Stops 51 of 53 In History Making Game Between Maple Leafs And Rockies

Since the NHL started officially recognizing shots on net as a stat in 1959-60, just four games have had a combined total of 100 or more between two teams. The record of 104 is closing in on 50 years old. That mark was set on December 18, 1976 in a game at Maple Leaf Gardens between Toronto and the Colorado Rockies. Amazingly, despite the shot total, there were just six goals scored in the match.

The game went without a goal until 3:30 of the second period when Tiger Williams scored on Michel Plasse, assisted by Pat Boutette and Jack Valiquette, to put the home team up 1-0. Inge Hammarstrom had a pair of goals for the Maple Leafs but it was Jim McKenny who scored the game winning goal with help from Darryl Sittler. Just Gary Croteau and Dave Hudson were able to put pucks past Wayne Thomas for the Rockies.

Thomas faced 53 shots while Plasse wasn't far behind with 51. Wayne kept the ball going, stopping 34 of 36 in Toronto's next game, a 6-2 win over the Atlanta Flames. Plasse was given the night off in Colorado's next matchup and was probably quite thankful for that. Doug Favell was peppered with 55 shots in a 4-3 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers.

In 1988, the Chicago Blackhawks and Minnesota North Stars came close with a 103 shot game, with the help of overtime. That game ended in a 7-7 tie. Bob Mason had 63 shots come his way in the Chicago net while the North Stars had 40 shots against them, 27 with Jon Casey in net and 13 with Don Beaupre as the keeper.

Murray Oliver Has Big Bruins Breakout Game Against Maple Leafs In 1961

Murray Oliver came over to the Boston Bruins from the Detroit Red Wings in the latter half of the 1960-61 season. After scoring 20 goals for Detroit over just 54 games in his rookie season, his numbers dropped in 60-61 with 17 in 70. To start 1961-62, Oliver didn't score his first until his 18th game of the campaign. Going into a December 23, 1961 game against Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens, he had just three in 32.

That would all change in this 7-4 win over the Maple Leafs. Oliver scored the first goal of the game, at 8:31 of the first period on Johnny Bower, assisted by Johnny Bucyk and Leo Boivin. He then scored the last goal of the second period, his second of the game and fifth of the 1961-62 NHL season, at 18:47 with help from rookie Ed Westfall. This goal made the score 5-1 for the Bruins.

Toronto made a valiant effort in the third, making the score 6-4 on goals by Dick Duff, Frank Mahovlich and George Armstrong. Murray finished off the scoring with his hat trick goal at 18:44, unassisted. Prior to that, he assisted on a John Bucyk goal for a four point game. Bucyk and Don McKenney were close behind with three points each.

Don Head stood on his, well, head in the Boston nets, making 38 saves on 42 shots. Johnny Bower had a less than stellar game, allowing the seven goals on 28 shots. There were only five minor penalties called in the match but the Bruins made the most of their three power play opportunities, scoring on two of them. Both times, it was Bob Pulford serving the minor for the Leafs.

A Historic 1968-69 “Nothing Game” Between The Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings

It was the final game of the 1968-69 NHL regular season for both the Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings and both clubs had been eliminated from the post season. Still, the March 30, 1969 meeting between these two Original 6 teams at Chicago Stadium was one not to miss. The 9-5 Chicago win had all sorts of historic and unique twists and turns.

For starters, Pat Stapleton became the second NHL defenseman to record six assists in a game, tying Babe Pratt's 25 year old record. This record remains today, since tied by Bobby Orr, Ron Stackhouse, Paul Coffey, Gary Suter and Kris Letang. Whitey had helpers on two goals by Pit Martin, two by Stan Mikita (both shorthanded), along with singles by Ken Wharram and Bobby Hull.

The Stapleton assist on Bobby Hull's goal with eleven seconds left in the second period was historic on it's own. That was Hull's 58th goal of the season, setting a new NHL record. Of course, Phil Esposito would break that mark two years later.

On the Red Wings, Gordie Howe had four points on two goals and two assists to give him 103 on the season. Not a record, but close. No one had crossed the 100 point line prior to 1968-69. Phil Esposito and Bobby Hull both beat Mr. Hockey to the punch a little earlier in the season.

Also of note, Pit Martin had a four goal game for the Blackhawks with just four shots on net. Frank Mahovlich scored his 49th of the season for the Red Wings. This was as close to 50 that the Big M would get during his NHL and WHA career.

10 Goals By 10 Different Players In 1st Period Of 1982 Game Between Habs and Sabres

The ten goals in a single period on October 26, 1982 at the Montreal Forum was not quite an NHL record with the Sabres and Maple Leafs combining for 12 in a game during the 1980-81 season. Still, ten goals in a period is a rarity and ten goals by ten different players is even rarer. The match ended in a 7-7 tie and Ryan Walter from the Canadiens was the only player to score more than one goal.

Buffalo jumped to a 3-0 lead by the 5:25 mark of the first period, scoring their second and third goals within a 25 second span. With the period just a little more than half over, Montreal came back with three goals of their own. Each team put in an additional pair of goals before the frame was over. Montreal's starting goalie Rick Wamsley was replaced by Richard Sevigny for the second period after making just three saves on eight shots.

After all that offense in the first, the second period belonged to Ryan Walter. The new addition to the Habs lineup for 1982-83 came over from the Washington Capitals in a September 9, 1982 trade with Rick Green while Brian Engblom, Doug Jarvis, Rod Langway and Craig Laughlin went to D.C.

Walter scored his 5th and 6th of the season on Jacques Cloutier in the second, both assisted by Guy Lafleur, to put the Canadiens up 7-5. These two goals went with a first period assist on a Doug Wickenheiser goal for a three point game.

The Sabres weren't done. In the last half of the third, Ric Seiling and Gilles Hamel scored to set the final score at 7-7. Despite all the offense, Walter was the only player with three points. Keith Acton, Guy Charbonneau, Guy Lafleur and Mark Napier had two points each for the Habs. Mike Foligno, Andre Savard, Ric Seiling and Hannu Virta had two points apiece for the Sabres.

Windsor Spitfires Grad Shines In 3rd NHL Game

The Colorado Rockies selected Paul Gagne in the first round of the 1980 NHL Entry Draft, 19th overall. Gagne played two years of major junior hockey with the Windsor Spitfires prior to that. In his second season, he scored 48 and totaled 101 points. His goal total placed him in a tie for ninth in the league. The Wayne Maxner coached Spits reached the final before being swept by the Peterborough Petes.

Gagne jumped right to the Rockies in 1980-81 without time in the minors. In his first game, he was held off the scoresheet. Paul scored his first NHL goal in his second game, a road win over the Edmonton Oilers. He scored on Eddie Mio for Colorado's 1st goal of the game, assisted by Lanny McDonald. In his third game, he progressed even further.

On October 14, 1980, the Rockies hosted the Quebec Nordiques at the McNichols Sports Arena. Gagne scored at 10:43 of the first period on Michel Plasse, assisted by Walt McKechnie and Rob Ramage to make the score 2-0. It was all the Rockies would need in a 4-1 win. Along with the game winner, Paul also scored Colorado's fourth of the game, again assisted by McKechnie and Ramage.

Paul scored 25 goals that year over just 61 games for a decent rookie season. He would again surpass the 20 goal plateau in 1984-85, scoring 24 for the New Jersey Devils. Between 1980-81 and 1989-90, he played 390 regular season games in the NHL with the Rockies, Devils, Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Islanders but never appeared in a post season game. He spent most of the 90's in Europe, playing for teams in Germany and Switzerland.

Mark Messier and Dave Lumley Set An NHL Record In 1981-82 (Oh, And Gretzky Scores His 92nd)

Sure, on March 28, 1982, Wayne Gretzky scored his 92nd of the season, setting what is still today an unbreakable NHL record. But, at the start of this game against the Kings at the Forum in Los Angeles, another NHL record was set that still stands today.

14 seconds into the game, Mark Messier scored his 47th of the season on L.A. goalie Doug Keans, assisted by Lee Fogolin. Just ten seconds later, Dave Lumley scored his 31st of the season with help from Kevin Lowe. The two goals in the first 24 seconds of the game broke the record for the fastest two goals by one team to start an NHL game. The previous mark was 29 seconds, set by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the previous season.

It was not a good night for Keans. Glenn Anderson scored a pair of goals with the second coming at the 10:51 mark of the first to make it 4-0 Oilers. After allowing four goals on seven shots, Doug was pulled and replaced by Mike Blake. Blake stopped 28 of 30 but the damage was done. Messier added another goal and at 1:50 of the third, Blake allowed the iconic 92nd goal of the 1981-82 season for Gretzky. The game ended in a 6-2 win for Edmonton.

For Lumley, his early goal was his only shot on net. He assisted on Messier's second goal of the game for a two point night. Not a Gordie Howe Hat Trick, but Dave had an interesting stats line with 14 penalty minutes in the third period. Him and Matti Hagman led with a +3 each.

Ted Irvine Takes Control In The Third To Give The Rangers A Win Over His Old Club In 1971

Ted Irvine had three hat tricks during his NHL career and they all had a similar feel. Call it the “Irvine Vortex”. All three were natural hat tricks (goals scored consecutively) and all three included the game winner.

In his first, he put the Los Angeles Kings up 3-0 in a 3-2 win over the Oakland Seals in 1968-69. His third included three unanswered goals in the third period for the St. Louis Blues to give them a 5-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins. His second was again three unanswered third period goals to give the New York Rangers a 4-2 win over Irvine's former team, the L.A. Kings.

On March 7, 1971, the Rangers hosted the Kings at Madison Square Garden. After a scoreless first period, Jean Ratelle got the home team on the board at 2:40 of the second period. However, the Kings came back late in the period with goals by Eddie Joyal and Gilles Marotte to go up 2-1.

At 3:57 of the third, Ted went to work. He scored his 16th of the season on L.A. goalie Denis DeJordy to tie things at 2-2. At 13:04, he put in what would be the game winner with help from Pete Stenkowski. With DeJordy on the bench for the extra attacker, Irvine scored the hat trick goal, unassisted, with 43 seconds left in the game.

Gilbert Perreault Sets Still Unbroken Buffalo Sabres Franchise Record With 7 Points Vs. Seals

Danny Gare's hat trick and Rene Robert's five point night both were overshadowed by Gil Perreault's performance on February 1, 1976 against the California Golden Seals at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena. Gilbert's seven points remain today as a Sabres franchise record.

In a 9-5 Buffalo win featuring 14 total goals, it was slow getting started. Robert scored the only goal of the first period, assisted by Perreault and Jocelyn Guevremont. Things opened up in the second with the Sabres scoring four and the Seals two. Perreault assisted on goals by Danny Gare and Jacques Richard.

In the third, Gil assisted on a pair of goals by Gare, the last coming with just four seconds left in the game. He also added two goals of his own, his 28th and 29th of the 1975-76 NHL season. All Buffalo goals were scored on Gary Simmons. The California netminder made just 22 saves on 31 shots. Ten of those shots were off the stick of Gare while Perreault had a modest four.

Over his legendary career with the Sabres, Perreault also had three six-point games. In that 1975-76 NHL season, Gilbert had a career year with 44 goals and 69 assists for 113 points. Despite the performance, he tied for just seventh in the voting for the Hart Trophy with Pete Mahovlich of the Montreal Canadiens.

NHL Debuts: Darcy Rota Scores 1st NHL Goal In 1st NHL Game

Darcy Rota was a first round pick by the Chicago Blackhawks at the 1973 NHL Amateur Draft, 13th overall. He was coming off a 73 goal season in junior with the Edmonton Oil Kings. He would never get above 42 in the NHL (1982-83 with Vancouver) but he showed early that he certainly could put the puck in the net.

His first NHL game was the season opener for the Blackhawks, on the road against the Los Angeles Kings at the Forum on October 10, 1973. It was a goaltending battle between two greats, Tony Esposito and Rogie Vachon. All the goals in this match were scored over an eight and half minute stretch of the second. J.P. Bordeleau scored what would be the game winner at 5:35, Dennis Hull scored at 7:40 and Rota buried the milestone goal at

14:13 in the 3-0 shutout win.

Darcy's first goal was one of four shots he put on Vachon in the game. Cliff Koroll and Stan Mikita assisted. It was the first of 21 he scored in his rookie 1973-74 NHL season to go with 12 assists for 33 points in 74 games. In the post season, Rota scored three more in eleven games. His first playoff goal was also against the Los Angeles Kings in his first playoff game.

Between 1973-74 and 1983-84, Darcy Rota played 794 regular season and 60 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Blackhawks, Atlanta Flames and Vancouver Canucks. He totaled 256 regular season goals and nine seasons with at least 20.

Mike Bossy Becomes 1st Islander and 1st NHL Rookie To Score 50

The New York Islanders hosted the Washington Capitals at Nassau Coliseum on April 1, 1978. Mike Bossy went into the game, his 69th of the 1977-78 NHL season, with 49 goals. Bernie Wolfe and the Caps left him off the scoresheet through the first two and a half periods.

Finally, at 11:52 of the third, Bossy put one past Wolfe to record number 50. The goal was on the powerplay with Washington's Bill Riley in the box for tripping. Bryan Trottier and Denis Potvin assisted. With five seconds left in the game, Mike scored his second of the game and 51st of the campaign, assisted by Clark Gillies and Potvin, again on the powerplay with Bryan Watson serving two for holding. This marker was the game winner in a 3-2 New York victory.

Wolfe and the hard luck Capitals held a 2-1 lead until Bossy scored the milestone goal. Bernie made 41 saves, including eleven off the stick of Denis Potvin. Glenn Resch faced just 18 shots at the other end of the ice, allowing goals by Guy Charron and Tom Rowe.

Bossy finished the year with 53 goals, topping the 50 goal plateau for the first of nine consecutive seasons. He broke Rick Martin's rookie record of 44 goals set in 1971-72 and is still one of only four rookie's to reach 50. The record now belongs to Teemu Selanne of the Winnipeg Jets with 76 in 1992-93 while Joe Nieuwendyk and Alex Ovechkin also reached the mark in their first year.

Pat Quinn Did Not Score Often – In 1972-73 With The Flames, He Made His 2 Goals Count

Over 606 NHL regular season games, Pat Quinn scored just 18 goals. In 1972-73, his first year with the expansion Atlanta Flames, he scored two. The First was a shorthanded marker and the second was the game winner in a match against his previous team.

On November 26, 1972, the Atlanta Flames hosted the Pittsburgh Penguins at the Omni for what was their 24th game as an NHL franchise. At 4:34 of the first period, Bill Plager was assessed a minor for cross checking. 13 seconds later, Quinn scored his first of the year, unassisted, on Pittsburgh goalie Denis Herron. He also assisted on a Jacques Richard goal in the third period, the last goal of the game in a 6-2 Atlanta win.

On January 7, 1973, the Flames were again at home, this time playing the Vancouver Canucks, Quinn's team in 1971-72. With the score tied at 2-2 going into the third period, Pat scored his second of the campaign at 1:33 of the frame on Vancouver goalie Bruce Bullock, assisted by Larry Romanchych and Bob Leiter. Atlanta went on to win 5-2.

Quinn's personal best with five goals in 1973-74 with the Flames. In eleven Stanley Cup playoff games, he did not put one in the net. His 1st NHL goal was scored on December 21, 1968 as a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs in a game against the Detroit

Red Wings. That goal also served as the game winner in an 8-3 Toronto win.

Ross Lonsberry Goes Big In Flyers 1973 Blowout Win Over The Canucks

When the Flyers won a game 9-0 in the 1970's, you'd expect to see Bobby Clarke, Rick MacLeish and Bill Barber at the top of the scoresheet. They were up there but, all below Ross Lonsberry. Ross had come to Philadelphia midway through the previous season in a trade with the Los Angeles Kings that included Bill Flett, Eddie Joyal and Jean Potvin going east while Serge Bernier, Larry Brown, Bill Lesuk and Jim Johnson headed to California.

On March 22, 1973, the Flyers hosted the Vancouver Canucks at the Spectrum. Guests were hardly ever treated well in Philly and this was no exception. 41 shots were fired at Dunc Wilson and nine went in. Lonsberry scored three of the nine, his 18th, 19th and 20th of the 1972-73 NHL season.

Ross also assisted on the opening goal of the game, scored by Gary Dornhoefer just 44 seconds into the first period. This, of course, would stand as the game winning goal. Later in the period, Lonsberry assisted on Rick MacLeish's 45th of the campaign. In all, he had a five point night.

Dornhoefer wasn't far behind with a goal and three assists while MacLeish had three points on two goals and one helper. Clarke and Barber came out with two points apiece. Doug Favell didn't exactly have it easy, facing 31 Vancouver shots for the shutout.

Ross Lonsberry played 968 regular season and 100 playoff games in the NHL between 1966-67 and 1980-81 with the Boston Bruins, Los Angeles Kings, Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins. The two-time Stanley Cup champion was a seven time 20+ goal scorer, topping out with 32 in 1973-74 with the Flyers.

Yvan Cournoyer and the Montreal Canadiens Have Offensive Explosion Vs. Blackhawks In 1975

After Red Berenson of the St. Louis Blues had a six goal game in November 7, 1968, over six years passed before an NHL player would have a five goal game again. That player was Yvan Cournoyer of the Montreal Canadiens on February 15, 1975 in a 12-3 blowout over the Chicago Blackhawks at the Montreal Forum.

The first of Yvan's five goals was the fourth of the game by the Habs, scored unassisted on Mike Veisor at 8:17 of the second. Cournoyer went through nearly half the game before recording his first of seven points on the night. Three of his goals, all in the third period, were scored on the power play. He earned his two assists on goals by Jacques Lemaire and Doug Risebrough.

The 12 goal outburst was the first time for the Canadiens since 1954 when they beat the Blackhawks 12-1. The franchise and NHL record of 16 dates back to 1920 when the Canadiens beat the Quebec Bulldogs 16-3.

In a rarity, especially for the Canadiens, not one but two players recorded Gordie Howe Hat Tricks. Larry Robinson had a goal and two assists while going toe-to-toe with Grant Mulvey in the second period. Doug Risebrough had a goal and assist and scrap with Darcy Rota.

Despite the numbers in this game, Cournoyer's goal total dropped in 1974-75. His 29 markers were down eleven from the previous season, despite playing nine more games. Still, he maintained a 12 year streak of scoring at least 24 goals per year between 1966-67 and 1977-78. His career best came in 1971-72 when he scored 47 goals, good for fourth in the NHL that year.

Doug Jarrett Scores Game Winner Shorthanded For His 4th and Final Goal Of 1967-68

Doug Jarrett was not Bobby Orr. The solid defenseman scored a modest 38 goals over 775 career regular season games in the NHL. However, on March 17, 1968, he made just his fourth of the 1967-68 NHL season count for the Blackhawks at Chicago Stadium in a late season game against the Oakland Seals.

To start his rare offensive outburst, Jarrett assisted on the opening goal of the game, scored by Bobby Hull at 1:39 of the first on Oakland goalie Gary Smith. With Chicago's Gilles Marotte in the box for high sticking, Doug scored what would be the game winning goal at 15:41 of the first, assisted by Chico Maki.

Jarrett had three of Chicago's 32 shots on Smith in the game while leading the team with a +3. Doug, Bobby Hull and Chicago Maki all had two point games with a goal and assist each. Dave Dryden stopped all but one of 23 shots for the win.

Between 1964-65 and 1976-77, Doug Jarrett played 775 regular season and 99 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Blackhawks and New York Rangers. He started out in Chicago's system as a junior in 1960-61 with the St. Catharines Teepees.

Phil Esposito Shines In His Last Game Against The Boston Bruins

By the time Phil Esposito got to his last season in the NHL, he'd been out of the Boston Bruins system for half a decade. Still, Beantown was where he spent his glory days and surely he stepped it up every time he met his old time on the ice.

The final time Esposito played against the Bruins during his NHL career was on November 26, 1980 at Madison Square Garden. His Rangers won the game 6-4, just their fifth win over the first

23 games of the year. Before the game was half over, Phil had a goal and two assists.

Ron Greschner opened the scoring at 10:05, putting one past Boston goalie Rogie Vachon, assisted by Esposito and Don Maloney. 40 seconds into the second period, Greschner scored again with Phil and Dave Silk getting helpers. At 7:54 of the second, Esposito scored his 5th of the season (third last of his career) with Greschner getting the assist. Both Greschner and Vickers had two goal games.

His final game at Boston Garden was on October 9, 1980, the first game of the 1980-81 season. The Rangers lost this one 7-2 but Phil assisted on the first goal of the game, scored by Mike Allison on Vachon at 2:44 of the first.

Carol Vadnais Provides The Offense For The Rangers But No One Provided The Defense

On November 7, 1975, Carol Vadnais and Phil Esposito were traded from the Boston Bruins to the New York Rangers for Brad Park, Jean Ratelle and Joe Zanussi. Over his first 22 games with the Blue Shirts, Vadnais had two four point games. In the second of those two, Vadnais recorded his second of two career hat tricks. Unfortunately, New York lost the game 8-6.

On January 4, 1976, the Rangers hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs at Madison Square Garden. Carol put the Rangers up 2-1 at 4:50 of the second period with his seventh goal of the 1975-76 NHL season, scored on Wayne Thomas and assisted by Pete Stemkowski and Walt Tkaczuk. Toronto followed up with four straight goals and finished the second up 5-2.

To say the least, defense was thrown out the door in the third frame. Vadnais scored his second of the game just 23 seconds in, assisted by Rod Gilbert and Phil Esposito. Lanny McDonald scored shorthanded for the Leafs at 11:46 to touch off a flurry of

goals over the next 2:33. The two teams combined for five goals in that short period, at the time the ninth fastest five goals scored in an NHL game and still the 20th fastest.

Vadnais assisted on the fourth of those five, Rod Gilbert's 13th of the season and added the final goal of the game for the hat trick at 19:09 with help from Gilbert and Esposito but it was too little, too late. Gilbert also came out with a four point game in the loss with two goals and two assists. Vadnais led all shooters with seven shots on net.

Gary Edwards And The Kings Spoil Boston's Home Opener In 1972

The Los Angeles Kings walked into the Boston Garden on October 8, 1972 and handed the Bruins a 4-2 loss. It was the second game of the year for the Kings, losing to the Pittsburgh Penguins in their first. For Boston, it was the first game of the 1972-73 NHL season.

In net for the Kings was Gary Edwards. Gary was L.A.'s number one in 1971-72 but Rogie Vachon would soon take over that role, relegating Edwards to the backup spot. On this night, he was stellar, turning away 36 of 38 shots put his way, including seven by Mike Walton and leaving Phil Esposito and Bobby Orr off the scoresheet.

Dallas Smith of Boston scored the first goal of the game just 2:16 into the first period, assisted by Fred Stanfield. However, by the end of the period, the Kings held a 2-1 lead on goals by Mike Corrigan and Butch Goring. Carol Vadnais tied it up late in the second with Stanfield getting his second assist of the game. Serge Bernier potted the winner at 11:47 of the third on Eddie Johnston and Bill Lesuk scored into the empty net at 19:38.

Unfortunately for the Kings, they couldn't keep up the pace and ended the 1972-73 regular season four points out of the last

playoff spot in the West Division. The Bruins righted the ship and finished with 51 wins and 107 points, second to just the Montreal Canadiens.

Gary Edwards played 27 games for Los Angeles that year and would not play more than 30 in a single season over the rest of his career. Between 1968-69 and 1981-82, Gary played 286 regular season and eleven playoff games in the NHL with the St. Louis Blues, Los Angeles Kings, Cleveland Barons, Minnesota North Stars, Edmonton Oilers and Pittsburgh Penguins.

Reg Fleming Scores Both Boston Goals On The Penalty Kill In 1964 2-2 Tie With Maple Leafs

1964-65 was Reggie Fleming's first season with the Boston Bruins and his career best 18 goals that year were nearly equal the 21 he scored over the previous four year with the Chicago Blackhawks combined. He was still Reggie, also collecting 136 penalty minutes in 67 games, good for ninth in the NHL, but he added a different angle to his game with the Bruins.

On October 22, 1964, the Bruins hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Garden and Fleming scored the first two of those 18, both while shorthanded. The first came at 12:25 of the first period, scored on Johnny Bower and assisted by Forbes Kennedy while Leo Boivin was in the box for high sticking.

Fleming's second of the game was scored at 9:38 of the second, unassisted to make the score 2-0 while Tom Johnson served a minor for hooking. It was all the Bruins would score in the game. Andy Bathgate put one past Ed Johnston before the second frame was up and Bob Pulford tied the game at 9:07 of the third. The tie was Boston's first point in the 1964-65 NHL season.

Reg stayed clean and stayed out of the penalty box. In fact, other than the two minors that Fleming scored during, the only other penalty was an interference call to goalie Eddie Johnston late in

the third. Reggie led the Bruins with five of the 24 shots put Bower's way. Johnston was a little busier in the Boston net, facing 36, five off the stick of Tim Horton.

Crazy 8's On Long Island: Mike Bossy Scores 4 In 8-8 Tie With Oilers (1st 8-8 Tie In 45 Years)

The Edmonton Oilers and New York Islanders were ushering in the age of offense in the NHL. On March 3, 1981, 16 goals were scored between the two teams. It was the first time an NHL game had ended in an 8-8 tie since February 16, 1936 in a game between the Montreal Maroons and New York Americans.

Mike Bossy scored goals 58 through 61 in the game, putting just four shots on Edmonton goalie Eddie Mio. In fact, Mio faced just 24 in the game while Billy Smith was a bit busier with 41. At the end of the second period, the Islanders held a 6-4 lead. However, the Oilers came firing in the third.

In a 4:09 span, Edmonton scored four goals to go ahead 8-6. Among them was Wayne Gretzky's second of the game and 44th of the 1980-81 NHL season. On the night, Gretz was one of four Oilers players with four point games, the others being Glenn Anderson, Jari Kurri and Mark Messier.

After Jari Kurri put the Oilers up 8-6, Bossy struck 47 seconds later to bring the Isles within one. Anders Kallur tied things up, scoring at 18:14 of the third, assisted by Hector Marini and Wayne Merrick. Bossy also assisted on a second period goal by Steve Tambellini for a five point match.

Golden Seals Goalie Gilles Meloche Has 2 Point Period Against The Rangers

Gilles Meloche is famous in the hockey world for facing huge amounts of shots playing game in and game out playing for bad teams throughout much of his NHL career. On January 17, 1975 at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena, he had just 25 shots put his way by the visiting New York Rangers. This gave Meloche time to contribute offensively for the hapless California squad.

It was certainly a mismatch. The Rangers had lost 12 of their first 42 games in 1974-75 while the Seals had won just eleven of 46. New York held a 3-2 lead going into the third period but California wasn't about to concede. At 10:15 of the third, Ron Huston put in his tenth of the year, scored on Gilles Villemure, assisted by Meloche and Dave Hrechkosy.

Steve Vickers put the Rangers back in the lead at 11:46 with his 20th of the season but the home team would walk away with a point after Al MacAdam tied the score 4-4 at 14:22. Assisting on MacAdam's goal was Len Frig and, again, Gilles Meloche.

The two assists by a goalie in one game, let alone one period, is a rare accomplishment. The fact that they occurred over a span of just 4:07 may be an NHL record. That year, he recorded a career best six points. Over 788 regular season games during his NHL career, Meloche was credited with 22 assists.

Chuck Lefley Scores Game Winner Shorthanded In 1974 Game Against The Red Wings

Chuck Lefley and Yvan Cournoyer had unique ways of starting and ending the first period of a February 15, 1974 game at the Montreal Forum against the Detroit Red Wings. Cournoyer scored just ten seconds into the match on Detroit goalie Doug Grant, assisted by Lefley and Guy Lapointe. Just a few months earlier, Yvan had tied the Habs franchise record, scoring nine seconds into a game on December 22, 1973.

Throughout the period, the Canadiens scored three goals to go up 4-0 on the visitors. At 18:55, Cournoyer took a minor penalty for hooking. 20 seconds later, Lefley scored his 15th of the 1973-74 NHL season, shorthanded and assisted by Pete Mahovlich to make the score 5-0. This served as the game winner in a 9-4 Montreal victory.

The two combined again early in the third period. Cournoyer put in his 33rd of the year with Chuck and goaltender Wayne Thomas assisting. Lefley was one of six Montreal players to finish with three points on the night, along with Guy Lafleur, Guy Lapointe, Frank Mahovlich, Pete Mahovlich and Henri Richard.

The sixth overall pick by Montreal at the 1970 NHL Amateur Draft, Chuck Lefley played 407 regular season and 29 playoff games in the NHL between 1970-71 and 1980-81 with the Canadiens and St. Louis Blues. The two time Stanley Cup champion had four 20+ goal seasons, putting up a career best 43 goals and 85 points with the Blues in 1975-76.

Milestones: Johnny Bucyk Goes Big For 1000th NHL Game

John Bucyk played his 1000th regular season NHL game on December 10, 1970 at the Boston Garden against the expansion Buffalo Sabres. On this night, the Chief proved he had a lot left in the tank at 35 years old.

After Eddie Shack of the Sabres (a former Bruin) scored the first goal of the game just over three minutes in, Bucyk and the Bruins turned up the heat. The score ended 8-2 in favour of the home team with John putting up two goals and four assists for a six point night. Both his goals came in the third period, his 16th and 17th of the 1970-71 season. He assisted on two goals by Fred Stanfield along with one each by Bobby Orr and John McKenzie.

This is a game Sabres goalie Joe Daley probably wanted to forget. Left to the dogs, Daley faced 72 Boston shots, including 15 by Bobby Orr. Bobby scored just one goal on those 15 but had three assists for a four point game. Stanfield came close to equaling Bucyk with two goals and three assists.

Bucyk went on to play 1,540 regular season games in the National Hockey League over 23 seasons. That number ties him for 17th all-time with Shane Doan, just nine games less than Alex Delvecchio. Between 1955-56 and 1977-78, John scored 556 goals and totaled 1,369 points. The two time Stanley Cup and Lady Byng Trophy winner was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1981.

Harv Puts On A Show In A 1958 7-0 Shutout Win Over The Red Wings

Doug Harvey was at the peak of his game, just a few months away from winning his fourth consecutive Norris Trophy and third consecutive Stanley Cup. The defenseman's skills were on full display on January 30, 1958 against the Detroit Red Wings at the Montreal Forum, putting up four points, including the game winning goal.

Harvey started the scoring at 10:42 of the first period on the power play, putting one past Terry Sawchuk with help from Dickie Moore and Henri Richard. This was all the Habs would need. For Doug, this was his sixth of a career best nine goals in

1957-58. Five of those nine were game winners. Before that first period was over, he had his first of three assists on a Marcel Bonin goal.

After a scoreless second period, the Canadiens got to Sawchuk in the third with five goals, the first two just 20 seconds apart. Harvey assisted on markers by Jean Beliveau and Don Marshall with the Marshall goal scored shorthanded. Dickie Moore also came away with four points on two goals and two assists while Jacques Plante recorded the 28 save shutout.

Along with the Norris Trophy win in 1957-58, Doug finished third in voting for the Hart Trophy behind winner Gordie Howe and runner-up Andy Bathgate. In the playoffs, Harvey was outstanding with eleven points in ten games, including a goal and assist in the Stanley Cup clinching game 6 win over the Boston Bruins.

Diesel and DeJordy Merciless Against The Rangers In Final Game Of 1966-67

The Chicago Blackhawks went into Madison Square Garden on April 2, 1967 for what was the final game of the 1966-67 NHL season for both the Hawks and Rangers. Chicago was overwhelming during the regular season, finishing with 41 wins and 94 points, 17 more than the second place Montreal Canadiens. But, they would fall to the Toronto Maple Leafs in the opening round.

There was a “nothing game” with New York stuck in the fourth and final playoff position. Bobby Hull, who scored his 52nd goal of the season a few games before, was left out of the lineup. Still, Chicago came through with an 8-0 shutout win. Denis DeJordy made 33 saves in the blank while Doug “Diesel” Mohns had a goal and two assists for a three point game.

Defenseman Ed Van Impe had three of his eleven assists on the

campaign in just this one game. Bill Hay scored a pair for Chicago, the final two goals of his NHL career. Ed Giacomin was pulled from the Rangers net after two periods, allowing six goals on 22 shots.

Cesare Maniago came in for the third period, allowing two on eleven shots. It was the last time Maniago would play for New York. At the 1967 NHL Expansion Draft, he was the first player taken by the Minnesota North Stars and the fourth player taken overall.

Pierre Larouche Unkind To His Old Team In 1979 Game At The Montreal Forum

On November 29, 1977 in an “all-Pete” affair, Pierre Larouche and Peter Marsh were traded from the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Montreal Canadiens for Pete Mahovlich and Peter Lee. The 8th overall pick by the Pens at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft ran into some injury problems with Montreal but was back on track in 1979-80.

The Habs hosted the Penguins on October 25, 1979 and Larouche got the ball rolling on his 50 goal season. Pierre scored four of Montreal's eight goals in the 8-5 win. He scored both Montreal goals in the first period, each assisted by Steve Shutt.

Left off the scoresheet in the second, Larouche was back for the third with two more goals and an assist on a Shutt goal. Pierre led the way with seven shots on Pittsburgh goalie Rob Holland on the way to his five point game. Steve Shutt also came away with five points on a goal and four assists. It was Guy Lafleur with the game winner, one of two markers for him on the night.

These were the third through sixth goals on the young 1979-80 season for Larouche. He finished with 50, the second time reaching the milestone. He would come close again in 1983-84, scoring 48 for the New York Rangers.

Mikita and Maki Get The 12-0 Rout Going With Shorthanded Goals On The Same Penalty Kill

On January 30, 1969 at the Spectrum, everything that could go wrong for the Philadelphia Flyers went wrong. The visiting Chicago Blackhawks put up 12 goals on 49 shots. Things got rolling early with Chicago's Dennis Hull serving a minor for holding at 1:56 of the first period.

Ten seconds after Hull entered the box, Stan Mikita scored his 18th of the 1968-69 NHL season on Doug Favell, unassisted. With Dennis still in the sin bin, Chico Maki scored another shorthanded goal for the Hawks at 3:07 of the first, again unassisted.

From there, it got ugly. After the younger Hull scored his second of the game at 17:39 of the first to make it 6-0, Favell was replaced by Bernie Parent. Doug had allowed six goals on just 15 shots. Parent allowed the same number of goals but on 34 shots and over a bit more than two periods. Despite the score, Denis DeJordy didn't exactly have it easy at the other end of the ice, having to make 37 saves for the shutout.

When it was all said and done, Dennis Hull and Pit Martin had five point games while Bobby Hull, Chico Maki, Eric Nesterenko and Jim Pappin had three points each. Pappin was the only player recording a hat trick.

Brian Cullen and Billy Harris Get Leafs In The Win Column With 3 Goals Each

The Toronto Maple Leafs lost the first three games of the 1957-58 NHL season. A home game at Maple Leaf Gardens against the Boston Bruins on October 19, 1957 was the cure for that losing streak. Ed Chadwick stopped all 30 shots put his way while Brian Cullen and Billy Harris had three goals each in the 7-0 shutout win.

Cullen scored the only goal of the first period late in the frame. At 18:06 on the power play, Brian put in his first of the year past Boston goalie Don Simmons with help from George Armstrong and Bob Pulford. It was all the Leafs would really need and the goal served as the game winner.

After Ron Stewart scored shorthanded for the Buds just 24 seconds into the second, Cullen made it 3-0 at 17:19, assisted by his brother Barry Cullen and Bob Baun. Barry would also assist on his brother's hat trick goal in the third period.

Billy Harris was not to be outdone in the third frame. He scored two goals 30 seconds apart early in the period and finished out the scoring with his hat trick goal with just 22 seconds left in the game. The duo didn't exactly go on to rip up the league that year. Harris finished with 16 goals while Cullen put up a career best 20.

Pete Mahovlich Makes History With His Pair Of Goals Against Tony Esposito And The Blackhawks In 1971

Prior to February 20, 1971, Nels Stewart held the NHL record for fastest two goals by the same player with a pair within four seconds in a 1931 game between the Montreal Maroons and Boston Bruins. Howie Meeker had the next fastest pair with two goals in six seconds in 1952.

Peter Mahovlich would not beat Stewart's record in this game between the Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Blackhawks but he would slide right in between Nels and Meeker with two goals in five seconds. Since, Deron Quint of the Winnipeg Jets tied Stewart in 1995 and Nathan Gerbe tied Mahovlich in 2011.

There wasn't much drama for the home fans at the Montreal Forum in this game. In the first period, the Canadiens were up 3-0 before the frame was half over, had a 4-0 lead by the start of the

second and led by a 5-1 margin to start the third. Rejean Houle scored the first two before Phil Roberto put in the next three for Montreal. Jean Beliveau assisted on all three Roberto goals.

At the 12:16 mark of the third, Mahovlich went to work. Pete scored his 26th of the 1970-71 NHL season on Tony Esposito, assisted by John Ferguson. Five seconds later, at 12:21, he scored his second of the game and 27th of the season, again assisted by Ferguson. Not quite an NHL record but this does remain as a Montreal franchise best. These were the only two shots on net for Mahovlich in the game.

NHL Milestones: Wayne Babych Scores On Richard Sevigny Becoming 1st Blues Player To Score 50

The St. Louis Blues were the most successful of the 1967 NHL expansion teams out of the gate, reaching the Stanley Cup final in their first three years of existence. However, they did it on solid defense and goaltending. The Blues didn't have a 50 goal scorer until the 1980-81 season.

Wayne Babych scored 54 goals in 1980-81. He would never score more than 27 in any other season during his NHL career. Number 50 was scored at the Montreal Forum on March 12, 1981 against the Montreal Canadiens. The game was marred by a second period brawl with 198 combined penalty minutes handed out during the match.

Babych scored at 14:15 of the third period on Richard Sevigny, assisted by Jorgen Pettersson and Bill Stewart. This goal made it 4-2 and a Mike Zuke goal 2:15 later made the score close but the game would end 4-3. Montreal had jumped out to a 4-0 lead with Steve Shutt scoring a pair in the first and Guy Lafleur doing the same in the second.

In 1980-81, Wayne totaled 54 goals, obviously setting a St. Louis franchise record at the time. Brett Hull came by about a decade

later and obliterated that mark, scoring 86 in 1990-91. Babych finished sixth in goal scoring that year, 14 behind leader Mike Bossy and just one back of a fourth place tie between Wayne Gretzky and Rick Kehoe.

Ed Giacomin and Gilles Villemure: NHL Opponents On The Ice For 16:42

Ed Giacomin and Gilles Villemure formed a pretty dynamic goaltending duo for the New York Rangers for several years, even sharing the Vezina Trophy in 1970-71. It all came to end in 1975-76. Prior to the 75-76 NHL season, Villemure was traded to the Chicago Blackhawks for Doug Jarrett. As it mentions on the front of Giacomin's 1975-76 O-Pee-Chee hockey card, he was sold to the Detroit Red Wings just after the start of the season.

On March 21, 1976, for the only time, they would occupy the nets at opposing ends of the ice. The Blackhawks hosted the Red Wings at Chicago Stadium and Eddie showed he still had what it takes. Giacomin turned away 26 shots in a 6-0 shutout win for Detroit.

Tony Esposito started the game for Chicago. After Dennis Polonich scored at 3:05 of the third to make it 4-0 Red Wings, Tony-O was pulled and Villemure played the final 16:42 of the game for the Hawks. Gilles faced just six shots and only saved four.

Villemure played just 15 games for Chicago in 1975-76 and only six more with the team in 1976-77 before calling it a career. Giacomin had a bit more success, seeing 81 games over three years as a backup to Jim Rutherford, putting up five shutouts (including the 50th of his NHL career) over that time.

The Roadrunner Scores A Power Play Hat Trick Vs. Maple Leafs In 1966

Yvan Cournoyer led the NHL in both power play and game winning goals in 1966-67. Amazingly, 20 of his 25 goals were with the man advantage, giving him a two PPG edge over Bobby Hull, a guy who scored 52 total. The Roadrunner had 7 GWG, tying him for the lead with two Toronto players, Jim Pappin and Ron Ellis.

On December 21, 1966, in a game against the Maple Leafs at the Montreal Forum, Yvan made contributions to both categories. He scored his 8th, 9th and 10th goals of the 1966-67 NHL season, all with the man advantage. In the 6-2 win for the Habs, his 2nd of the game and 3rd for Montreal, scored at 6:13 of the second, assisted by Dick Duff and Henri Richard, served as the game winner.

Henri Richard, Dick Duff and Bobby Rousseau all benefited with the trio getting two assists each on Cournoyer goals. Rousseau also had a helper on a Jim Roberts marker for a three point game. Ralph Backstrom had the other two Montreal goals while Larry Jeffrey and Kent Douglas score for the Leafs.

Cournoyer did quite well, to say the least, against Toronto during the 1966-67 regular season, scoring 11 over 14 games. However, the Leafs got the last laugh, limiting him to two goals and two assists over six games in the Stanley Cup final, a series won by Toronto.

Bill Barber Puts Up 4 Points In Just His 3rd NHL Game

Barber was the seventh overall pick at the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft, selected by the Philadelphia Flyers. Seeing some action in the AHL with the Richmond Robins in 1972-73, Bill's third NHL game was Philadelphia's 12th, a home game on November 4, 1972 against the Buffalo Sabres at the Spectrum.

Bill scored the first goal of the game at 4:31 of the first on Roger Crozier, assisted by Joe Watson and Rick MacLeish. This was the first of 420 career regular season goals in the NHL for Barber. He then assisted on a second period goal by Tom Bladon and a pair of Rick MacLeish markers in the third for a four point game in the 5-3 win for the Flyers.

In his rookie season, Bill Barber scored 30 and assisted on 34 for 64 points in 69 regular season games. He finished second in the voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year behind winner Steve Vickers of the New York Rangers.

Between 1972-73 and 1983-84, Barber played 903 regular season and 129 playoff games in the National Hockey League, all with the Flyers. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1990. Bill's jersey number 7 is retired by both the Flyers and his junior club, the Kitchener Rangers.

Dennis Maruk Shines In 1985-86 Playoffs But Can't Help North Stars Out Of 1st Round

Dennis Maruk is best known for being the first to 50 and first to 60 for the Washington Capitals. Unfortunately, he had a bit of "Marcel Dionne like" NHL career, playing just 34 playoff games. Nearly half of those were played with the Minnesota North Stars in 1983-84 but he was at his best offensively in 1985-86.

The North Stars met the St. Louis Blues in an opening round best of five series. The two Norris Division team finished just two points apart in the regular season and their playoff series was just as close. The Blues won in five but were actually outscored by Minnesota 20-18 in the series. Maruk factored into 65% of his team's goals with 13 points on four goals and nine assists. No other player on the team had more than 5 points.

He had points in all five games but was outstanding in a game two 6-2 home win that tied the series at 1-1. Maruk had two goals

and assisted on goals by Tony McKegney and Brian Bellows while recording a +5 in the game.

In the game five 6-3 loss to end the series, Dennis recorded two assists on goals by Brian Bellows and Ron Wilson. This would turn out to be the last playoff game Maruk would play during his NHL career.

Norm Ullman and Jean Beliveau Trade Hat Tricks In High Scoring Wings vs. Habs Matchup

1967-68 saw some high scoring games but they usually involved at least one of the new expansion teams. On December 17, 1967, two Original 6 clubs put up a combined 14 goals in a game at Detroit Olympia. Leading the way for the home squad was Norm Ullman while the gentleman Jean Beliveau did all he could to keep the Canadiens in the game.

Montreal took the early lead with a power play goal by Henri Richard at 6:10 of the first, assisted by Beliveau and Dick Duff. In a quick response, Gordie Howe tied things up just 34 seconds later. Ullman scored his first of the game late in the first to put Detroit up 2-1.

Le Gros Bill scored his first of the game 52 seconds into the second to tie the game but Ullman scored a pair to complete the hat trick and make the score 4-2. Before the period was up, Montreal scored two goals eight seconds apart, one by Beliveau and one by Richard to again tie the game.

In the third, Detroit outscored their guests 4-2 for an 8-6 win. Gary Jarrett scored his first of two for the Wings at 4:58 and that was the end of the night for Gump Worsley. Rogie Vachon came for the rest of the match and allowed two goals on 14 shots and was stuck with the loss. Beliveau scored his third of the game at 8:18 but it would not be enough.

Who score the game winning goal in the game? Well, that would be Gary Marsh, putting in his only NHL goal. Marsh played six games with the Wings in 1967-68 and just a single match for the Maple Leafs the following year for a seven game NHL career.

Chicago's John Marks Breaks NHL Record In 1975 Against The Philadelphia Flyers

Prior to November 13, 1975, the record for the fastest two goals by one player from the start of an NHL game was held by Bill Hicke of the Oakland Seals, scoring two within the first 1:33 of a game in 1969. John Marks of the Chicago Blackhawks shed a full minute off that time in a road game against the Flyers at the Spectrum.

Just 14 seconds into the match, the defenseman turned left winger scored his fourth of the 1975-76 NHL season on Wayne Stephenson, unassisted. Just 19 seconds later, he had help from Pit Martin and Cliff Koroll scoring his second of the game, both within 33 seconds of the puck drop.

That would be all the scoring for John in the game and the final ended up a 5-5 tie. Ivan Boldirev and Dennis Hull also had two point games for the Hawks while Gary Dornhoefer had a four point game for the Flyers with a goal and three assists. At the halfway point of the game, Chicago held a 5-1 led but the Flyers chipped back.

Interestingly, goals 3 and 4 of the game for Philly were scored in the final 23 seconds of the second period, one by Ross Lonsberry and one by Dornhoefer. Goal number four was scored 27 seconds into the third by Bill Barber, making it three goals in 50 seconds.

This record has since been broken and is now held by Mike Knuble of the Boston Bruins, scoring a pair in the first 27 seconds of a 2003 game against the Florida Panthers. Just a month after Marks, Rick Martin of the Buffalo Sabres came close

with a pair in 38 seconds at the start of a 5-2 win over the Minnesota North Stars.

Cowboy Takes It To The Kings In First Game Back In L.A. After Being Traded

On January 28, 1972, Bill Flett was traded from the Los Angeles Kings to the Philadelphia Flyers with Eddie Joyal, Ross Lonsberry and Jean Potvin for Serge Bernier, Larry Brown, Bill Lesuk and Jim Johnson. On March 9, 1972, Flett made his return to the Forum in Los Angeles and gave the L.A. fans a taste of what they'd let go.

Halfway through the third period, the Kings led 2-1 and Cowboy had been left off the scoresheet. However, at 10:58, Flett went to work. He scored his 13th of the season, putting one past Gary Edwards on the powerplay with help from Jean Potvin and Bobby Clarke. 30 seconds later, Bill assisted on Bobby Clarke's go-ahead goal. Just ten seconds after that, Flett scored his second of the game and 14th of the season, assisted by Clarke, to put the Flyers up 4-2. This served as the game winner in a 5-3 Flyers win.

The Cowboy wasn't quite done yet, though. Backstrom got one back for the Kings but 1:04 later, at 14:29 of the third, Flett got the hat trick goal, assisted by Rick Foley and Clarke to top a four point game on his return to Los Angeles. This was the fourth hat trick of Flett's NHL career. Interestingly, the first three were all in games against the Detroit Red Wings.

Flett and Clarke both led with seven shots each with Edwards facing a total of 32 in the Kings net. Bill finished up the 1971-72 NHL season scoring eleven goals in 31 games for the Flyers to go with his seven in 45 with the Kings for a total of 18. The following year, he exploded for a career high 43.

NHL Debuts: Mike Palmateer Puts In A Solid Performance To Become Toronto's New Number 1

Going into their tenth game of the 1976-77 NHL season, the Toronto Maple Leafs had won just a single game. Game number 10 was on the road at Detroit Olympia against the Red Wings on October 28, 1976 and Mike Palmateer was making his first start between the pipes.

Palmateer turned away all but one shot put his way, leading the Maple Leafs to a 3-1 victory. The only puck to get past him came off the stick of Danny Grant at 8:08 of the first period, assisted by Terry Harper. Michel Bergeron led the Wings with seven shots but was left off the scoresheet. Tiger Williams, Bob Neely and Darryl Sittler did the scoring for Toronto with Borje Salming getting two assists. Sittler's goal was shorthanded with Williams in the box for roughing.

Mike put in a heck of an encore in his second game two nights later at the Met Center against the Minnesota North Stars. He allowed a single goal again, this time making 36 saves in the 5-1 victory. The only puck to get through in this match was by Lou Nanne on the power play. Lanny McDonald had a pair of goals for Toronto while Borje Salming had four assists.

In 1976-77, Mike Palmateer played 50 games for the Maple Leafs, posting a 3.22 goals against average with four shutouts. Perhaps his best performance was in a January 12, 1977 home 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Kings with Mike making an incredible 56 saves. He got some consideration for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year, finishing fifth in voting.

Ron Stewart Scores His Lone NHL Hat Trick In Style

Ron Stewart quietly went about a 21 year NHL career, appearing in 1,353 regular season and 119 playoff games. He could score, totaling 276 goals and 529 points. Yet, his only three goal game came during his third year in the league. Playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs on December 8, 1954, Stewart wowed the home crowd, scoring all the team's three goals in a 3-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens.

Ed Litzenberger gave the Habs an early 1-0 lead, scoring his seventh of the 1954-55 NHL season on Toronto goalie Harry Lumley. It would be Montreal's only lead of the game. It would also turn out to be the last goal Litzenberger would score for Montreal. Two days later, he was traded to the Chicago Blackhawks.

Stewart scored his first of the game and 10th of the season at 15:34 of the first on Charlie Hodge, assisted by Tim Horton and Rudy Migay. 5:20 into the second, he scored his second of the match and the game winning goal, assisted by Jim Morrison and Joe Klukay. Ron then put in the insurance goal at 5:57 of the third with help from Klukay and Migay.

Between 1952-53 and 1972-73, Ron Stewart played for the Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins, St. Louis Blues, New York Rangers, Vancouver Canucks and New York Islanders. His best days were with the Maple Leafs, helping the team to three consecutive Stanley Cup championships between 1961-62 and 1963-64.

In 5-1 Win Over Blackhawks In 1963, Eddie Shack and Red Kelly Combine For 8 Points

The Toronto Maple Leafs entered the Chicago Stadium on January 6, 1963 and left with 2 points after a 5-1 victory over a strong Chicago Blackhawks team. Eddie Shack put up his first NHL hat trick while him and Red Kelly finished the match with 4 points each.

Dave Keon started the scoring at 4:05 of the first, putting one past Glenn Hall with help from George Armstrong. Later in the period, Shack scored his first of the game and ninth of the 1962-63 NHL season, assisted by Kelly and Tim Horton. It was all the Leafs would really need and served as the game winner.

Late in the second, Kelly scored his eighth of the season, assisted by Shack and Frank Mahovlich. The third frame mostly belonged to Eddie The Entertainer with Shack scoring two more goals to put Toronto up 5-0 before Pierre Pilote put in Chicago's only goal of the game to cap the scoring. Red assisted on both of those goals by Eddie.

The two did not exactly bombard Hall in the Chicago net. Kelly scored on his only shot of the game and Shack missed on just one of his four. Not bad for a pair that were usually around a 10.0 shooting percentage.

NHL Debuts: Terry O'Reilly (1971-72) 1 Game, 1 Goal and No Penalty Minutes

The last regular season game of the 1971-72 season and first place in the NHL all wrapped up. No better time to give your first round pick at the 1971 NHL Amateur Draft a taste of the big leagues. Terry O'Reilly was actually the second first round pick by Boston in that draft, going 14th overall. Ron Jones was taken by the Bruins sixth overall and went on to play just eight games with the team and 54 NHL games overall.

On April 2, 1972, the Bruins hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Boston Garden. Toronto was qualified for the post season by the skin of their teeth, finishing with a four point margin over the Detroit Red Wings. It was for the most part a nothing game but it did feature a few fights, none involving Terry O'Reilly.

At 2:10 of the third period with the score tied at 3 apiece, O'Reilly netted his first of 204 career NHL goals, putting the puck past Toronto goalie Bernie Parent with assists to Don Awrey and Ted Green. Exactly a minute later, Fred Stanfield scored to make it 5-3. Billy MacMillan got one back for the Buds but Ace Bailey sealed the deal scoring into the empty net with 35 seconds left in the match.

O'Reilly returned to the AHL and Boston Braves for their playoff run before coming up to the Bruins for good at the start of the 1972-73 campaign. He would go on to play 891 regular season and 108 playoff games with the club before retiring after the 1984-85 NHL season.

Butch Goring Dominates In A 1974 Win Over His Future Team

It would still be more than half a decade before Butch Goring would be traded from the Los Angeles Kings to the New York Islanders, setting up a string of four Stanley Cup championships. On March 28, 1974 at the Forum in L.A., Goring certainly got on New York's radar. In the time before Marcel Dionne, Butch was the team's leading scorer and it showed on this night.

The Kings won the game 4-1. Goring was in on all four of those goals. Mike Corrigan opened the scoring halfway through the first period, putting in his 16th of the 1973-74 NHL season on Billy Smith with assists going to Goring and Bob Nevin. Less than two minutes later, Denis Potvin tied the game with also his 16th of the season and the period ended in a 1-1 tie.

Goring scored his 25th of the campaign at 13:23 of the second, assisted by Tom Williams and Sheldon Kannegiesser. This goal stood as the game winner. For insurance, Butch scored his 26th of the season and second of the game early in the third and also assisted on a Bob Nevin goal to round out his four point game.

Corrigan and Goring made for a contrasting duo. Mike had a goal and assist to go with his third period fight with Garry Howatt for the Gordie Howe Hat Trick. Butch had a minor for hooking in the first period. It was the only penalty he was assessed over the entire 1973-74 NHL season.

Milestones: Rod Gilbert Scores 400th Goal Playing Against Longtime Linemate Jean Ratelle

Rod Gilbert finished up his Hockey Hall of Fame NHL career with 406 regular season goals. His final year in the league, 1977-78, was just a two goal affair over 19 games. But, in 1976-77, Gilbert was still producing at a pretty rapid pace with 27 goals and 48 assists for 75 points.

Gilbert went into that 1976-77 NHL season needing 23 goals to reach the 400 goal plateau. He had 22 on the campaign going into a game against the Boston Bruins at Madison Square Garden on March 3, 1977, his 63rd game of the year.

In a 4-1 loss to the Bruins, all the scoring was done in the second period. With Boston up 3-0, Gilbert netted number 400 on the power play at 18:23 on Gerry Cheevers, assisted by Steve Vickers and Phil Esposito. It was the only blemish in a 32 save night for Cheevers.

On the opposition, long time linemate Jean Ratelle assisted on the first two Boston goals, the first by Rick Smith and the second by Brad Park, another former Ranger. Of course, Ratelle, Park and Joe Zanussi were traded to the Bruins on November 7, 1975 for

Phil Esposito and Carol Vadnais.

Rod Gilbert played 1,065 regular season and 79 playoff games in the National Hockey League between 1960-61 and 1977-78, all with the New York Rangers. Gilbert was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1982.

Hats Off To Dickie Moore and Rocket Richard

The Montreal Canadiens played the Red Wings at Detroit Olympia on October 13, 1957 for what was the third game of the 1957-58 NHL season for both clubs. Maurice Richard and Dickie Moore got greedy with the puck, combining to score all the goals on Terry Sawchuk in a 6-0 Habs win.

Just 1:42 into the game, Moore scored his first of the season with help from Jean Beliveau and Henri Richard on the power play with Gordie Howe in the box. That goal held on as the game winner. Dickie scored two more in the last half of the third period for the hat trick.

The Rocket scored two goals in the first period and added one in the third for the last regular season three goal game of his career (he would have one more in the post season). Two of Richard's goals were scored with the man advantage. Both Maurice and Moore had a single assist for four point games.

Henri Richard and Jean Beliveau did the playmaking with three assists each. Charlie Hodge turned away 27 shots for the shutout while Sawchuk allowed the six goals on 33 shots at the other end of the rink. For Dickie Moore, it was his fourth of five career hat tricks.

Rick Dudley Does All The Scoring In Buffalo's Shutout Win Over St. Louis In 1974

On October 26, 1974 at the St. Louis Arena, Rick Dudley really got the ball rolling on his career year in the NHL. With the Blues focused on the French Connection line, it was the line of Dudley, Peter McNab and Brian Spencer that provided all the offense.

Rick scored what would be the game winning goal at the nine minute mark of the first period on St. Louis goalie John Davidson, assisted by McNab and Spencer. It was a power play goal with Bob Stumpf in the box for elbowing.

Dudley's second of the game at 3:13 of the second capped the scoring in the 2-0 win for the Sabres. The goal was again assisted by McNab and Spencer. Rick's were the only two goals to get past Davidson on 38 shots. Gary Bromley made a modest 21 saves for Buffalo to attain the shutout. For Bromley, it was his first career shutout in the NHL.

In 1974-75, Dudley scored a career high 31 goals to go with 39 assists for 70 points. Rick got some consideration for the Hart Trophy, finishing tied for ninth in voting with Bob Nevin of the Los Angeles Kings. Following Buffalo's appearance in the Stanley Cup final that year, Rick jumped to the WHA, playing four years for the Cincinnati Stingers.

2 of 3 Goals As A Ranger For Pierre Jarry Came In A Pretty Unique Record Breaking Way

There was a lot going in a November 21, 1971 game at Madison Square Garden between the New York Rangers and California Golden Seals. The 12 goals the Rangers scored remain the only time the team has scored more than 11 in a game. It was the only time Jean Ratelle scored four goals in a game. And, Pierre Jarry found his place in New York's record books.

Jarry scored his first of the 1971-72 season and of his NHL career at 11:03 of the third period, assisted by Walt Tkaczuk and Jim Neilson. This was the 5th of 8 goals the Rangers scored in the third period alone and made the score 9-1. It was the goal that chased Seals goalie Gilles Meloche from the game. After letting in nine goals on 42 shots, Lyle Carter was put in to relieve Gilles.

Carter would have done better staying on the bench. Just eight seconds after his first NHL goal, Jarry had his second. The two goals in eight seconds remains a Rangers record, tied later by Don Maloney. The fact that he scored the goals on two different goalies may be a unique one of a kind in NHL history.

Pierre would score just one more goal as a Ranger before a February 20, 1972 trade sent him to the Toronto Maple Leafs for Jim Dorey. Jarry would play 344 regular season and five playoff games in the NHL between 1971-72 and 1977-78 with the Rangers, Maple Leafs, Detroit Red Wings and Minnesota North Stars. He also played 23 games in the WHA with the Edmonton Oilers in 1977-78 before retiring.

Bill Hicke Takes Advantage Of A Dennis Hextall Double Minor To Score 2 Goals In 9 Seconds

On October 17, 1969, the Oakland Seals hosted the Los Angeles Kings at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena. Dennis Hextall of the Kings was assessed a minor for hooking and a minor for tripping just 42 seconds into the game. Bill Hicke of the Seals struck hard and fast.

At 1:27 of the first, Hicke scored his first of the year on Kings goalie Gerry Desjardins, assisted by Bert Marshall and Mike Laughton. The trio raced down the ice and scored nine seconds later, allowing Hextall out of the box. At 7:57 of the first, Hicke and Laughton assisted on a Brian Perry goal to put Oakland up 3-0. They would go on to win 5-1.

It was the only three point game for Bill in 1969-70 and he finished the year with 15 goals over 69 games. Two years earlier, 12 of his 21 goals for the Seals were scored with the man advantage. The two goals in nine seconds stood as a team record.

Between 1958-59 and 1971-72, Bill Hicke played 729 regular season and 42 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers, Oakland Seals and Pittsburgh Penguins. He won two Stanley Cups with the Habs, appearing in one playoff game in 1958-59 and seven the following year.

Blair MacDonald Records 1st Edmonton Oilers Hat Trick In Their NHL History

In just Edmonton's fourth game as an NHL franchise, Blair MacDonald ticked off a historic milestone, scoring three goals at Northlands Coliseum on October 19, 1979 in a 6-3 win over the Quebec Nordiques. It was the first hat trick in Oilers history (NHL) and it just happened to also be the first ever NHL win for the team.

With the Oilers up 2-1 after the first period, MacDonald started the second period scoring a pair of goals, his 3rd and 4th of the 1979-80 NHL season. The first was assisted by Doug Hicks and Wayne Gretzky while with the second he had help from Al Hamilton and Brett Callighen. That goal served as the game winner. Both were scored on Quebec goalie Michel Dion.

The hat trick goal was scored with less than a minute left in the game, assisted by Gretzky. MacDonald also had a helper on a Brett Callighen goal for a four point game while leading the team with six shots. Marc Tardif led all skaters with seven on Eddie Mio, scoring on two and adding an assist on a Serge Bernier marker.

Blair tied Marcel Dionne for the NHL lead with four hat tricks in

1979-80, his only four three goal games in the NHL (he had 6 in the WHA). His 46 goals put him second on the team behind Gretzky's 51. His time in Edmonton would soon come to an end. He was shipped to the Vancouver Canucks 51 games into the 1980-81 season with Lars-Gunnar Pettersson for Ken Berry and Garry Lariviere.

Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks Record Just 1 Hat Trick In 1960-61

Out of the 21 hat tricks recorded in the NHL in 1960-61, the Chicago Blackhawks were responsible for just one. Despite being eventual Stanley Cup Champions, the Hawks were not overly dominant during the regular season, finishing third overall in the six team league and fourth in goals scored. A team that would become known for its potent offense was led this year by great goaltending and defense.

The only hat trick came in Chicago's third game of the year and was recorded by one of the NHL's emerging superstars. On October 9, 1960 at Chicago Stadium, Bobby Hull scored all three goals for the Blackhawks in a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers. Hull also accounted for 13 of the 38 shots put on New York goalie Gump Worsley.

The Golden Jet started the scoring at 16:14 of the first with his second of the season, assisted by Bill Hay and Murray Balfour. It was a power play goal, although Andy Hebenton probably had the penalty box door open, having nearly served his two minute sentence. The Rangers ended the second period with a 2-1 lead on goals by Harry Howell and Brian Cullen.

The third period belonged to Bobby. At 2:53, again with the man advantage, he scored with help from Ed Litzenberger and Moose Vasko to tie the game. Similar to his first goal, the Rangers had nearly weathered the storm with Don Johns seconds from leaving the box. Hull scored the game winner at 16:08, again assisted by

Red Hay.

Interestingly, Hull followed that up with another game involved in all of his team's goals, this time in a 3-0 shutout over the Maple Leafs. He assisted on Dollard St. Laurent's game winning goal, scored the insurance goal and assisted on Murray Balfour's first marker of the campaign.

Darryl Sutter Nets 1st Career Hat Trick (2 of the 3 Shorthanded) Against Oilers In 1981

After an outstanding rookie season in 1980-81, scoring 40 goals for the Chicago Blackhawks, Darryl Sutter found the injury bug and played just 40 games in 1981-82. However, he was able to put up his first of three career NHL three goal games on October 18, 1981 at Chicago Stadium against the Edmonton Oilers. Two of the three were shorthanded.

After Wayne Gretzky opened the scoring just 1:36 into the game, Sutter responded with his first of the 1981-82 NHL season at 3:21 on Edmonton goalie Andy Moog, assisted by Tom Lysiak. Later in the period, he again brought the score even at 2-2 with a goal at 16:33, assisted by Doug Wilson and Keith Brown. The marker was shorthanded with Denis Savard in the box for slashing.

In the third, Rich Preston put the Blackhawks up 6-5 with a goal at 16:33. With Ted Bulley in the penalty box late in the game, Edmonton pulled Moog for the extra attacker. Darryl scored his hat trick goal Alex Ovechkin style, into the empty net, for his second shortie of the game.

Sutter led all Chicago skaters with eight of the 44 shots put on the Edmonton net. Tony Esposito allowed five goals on 35 shots but it was good enough for the win. Doug Wilson also had a three point game for the Hawks with a goal and two assists. Wayne Gretzky led the Oilers with four points on a goal and three helpers.

NHL Milestones: Stan Mikita Puts Number 500 Behind Vancouver's Cesare Maniago

1976-77 was not an overly great year for Stan Mikita. He played just 57 games for the Chicago Blackhawks. His numbers were decent with 19 goals and 49 points over his shortened campaign but he went the final 14 games of the year with zero goals and just five assists.

It wasn't all bad. On February 27, 1977, he treated the home crowd at Chicago Stadium to his 500th career regular season goal in the National Hockey League. The Blackhawks spotted the Canucks a 4-0 lead after the second period but came back to make it close with three in the third to make the final 4-3 for Vancouver.

The third Chicago goal was scored at 13:56 of the third by Mikita on Cesare Maniago, assisted by Phil Russell. It was Stan's 17th of the season and the 500th of his NHL career, scored in his 1,221th game. He went on to add 41 more before retiring 17 games into the 1979-80 season. His 541 goals rank him 34th all-time, three behind Maurice Richard.

Despite allowing the milestone goal, Cesare Maniago had an excellent game for the Canucks in the win, turning away 27 of 30 shots. Mikita led the way for the Blackhawks with five of those shots. Tony Esposito was in the Chicago nets, making 30 saves on 34 shots.

Charlottetown's Bob MacMillan Scores A Shorthanded Game Winning Goal Vs. Buffalo In 1976

In his first full season in the NHL, Bob MacMillan was making an impact with the St. Louis Blues. Originally first round pick by the New York Rangers in 1972, MacMillan spent two years in the WHA and split 1974-75 between the Rangers and the AHL's Providence Reds before getting a fresh start with the Blues in 1975-76. On January 13, 1976, Bobby stood out as the Blues took down the more powerful Buffalo Sabres.

After Brian Spencer scored his first of two goals on the night for the Sabres, MacMillan and Red Berenson set up Garry Unger at 9:46 of the first to tie things up. Buffalo would not take the lead again in the game. At 1:46 of the second, MacMillan scored on Gary Bromley unassisted while Bert Wilson was in the box. This made the score 4-1, all St. Louis would really need in a 7-3 win.

Later in the second, Bob added his second goal of the night at 11:54, assisted by Jerry Butler and Unger. He would finish the game with three points on two goals and a helper while putting seven shots on Bromley. Garry Unger finished with the exact same offensive numbers. Yves Belanger turned away 31 of 34 shots for the win.

Between 1974-75 and 1984-85, Bob MacMillan played 753 regular season and 31 playoff games in the NHL with the Rangers, Blues, Atlanta Flames, Calgary Flames, Colorado Rockies, New Jersey Devils and Chicago Blackhawks. A six time 20+ goal scorer, the 1978-79 Lady Byng Trophy winner had a career best 38 in 1977-78, a season split between the Blues and Flames.

Milestones: Glenn Hall Records 75th NHL Shutout In Goaltending Duel With Bernie Parent

Glenn Hall finished his NHL career with 84 shutouts, placing him fourth all-time behind just Martin Brodeur, Terry Sawchuk and George Hainsworth. Number 75 came in a game when a young Bernie Parent stood on his head for the Philadelphia Flyers. Bernie stopped 40 of 41 shots in the 1-0 St. Louis Blues win at the St. Louis Arena on November 30, 1968.

For Glenn, his night wasn't a whole lot easier, facing 28 shots by the Flyers. Simon Nolet led the way with six of those. Red Berenson of the Blues led with eight shots on net and scored the game's only goal, 44 seconds into the second period with an assist to Doug Harvey.

That year, Hall shared the Vezina Trophy with fellow legend Jacques Plante. Glenn played 41 games, posting a 2.17 goals against average with eight shutouts. Plante played 37 games with a 1.96 GAA and five blanks. Jacques took the reigns in the playoffs, playing most of the games for the Scotty Bowman coached Blues, reaching the Stanley Cup final before losing to the Montreal Canadiens.

Hall played 906 regular season and 115 playoff games in the National Hockey League between 1952-53 and 1970-71 with the Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Blackhawks and St. Louis Blues. Along with his 84 regular season shutouts, he added six more in post season action. Glenn was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1975.

Rookie Joe Mullen Sets Blues Record for Fastest 2 Goals (Nearly Setting An NHL Record In The Process)

To start the 1981-82 NHL season, Joe Mullen split time with the St. Louis Blues and the Salt Lake Golden Eagles in the CHL. Perhaps his record setting performance on January 5, 1982 was the proof the Blues needed to keep him up in the show full-time.

The Blues hosted the Minnesota North Stars on this night and Mullen got his first two NHL goals in style. With the game tied at 1-1, Joe scored his first career goal at 18:22 of the second period on Gilles Meloche, assisted by Ed Kea. He then scored eight seconds later at 18:30, assisted by Brian Sutter and Larry Patey. This goal served as the game winner in a 4-1 St. Louis victory.

The two goals in eight seconds remains a franchise record today with Rich Sutter coming close in 1990 with two in ten. To make this interesting, Tim Young had scored for the North Stars at 18:11, making it three goals scored in a span of just 19 seconds. Not an NHL record but it does stand as the fifth fastest three goals in a game.

The record was also in a game involving Minnesota on February 10, 1983. In this match against the New York Rangers, Mark Pavelich scored for New York at 19:18 of the second, followed by a goal by Ron Greschner at 19:27 before the North Stars got into the act at 19:33 with a marker by Willi Plett – three goals in a span of just 15 seconds.

Playing just 45 games that year, Mullen scored 25 and assisted on 34 for 59 points. In ten playoff games, he added 18 points. He finished eleventh in voting for the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year, an award he might just have won if he'd put in a full season.

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