

A silhouette of a hockey player in a ready stance, holding a hockey stick and skating on an ice rink. The player is positioned in the lower half of the frame, with a goal and another player visible in the background. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color with a grid pattern.

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Borje Salming Records Lone NHL Hat Trick In High Scoring Affair Between Leafs and Hawks

For a blue liner, Borje Salming put up a lot of offense. However, 81% of his 787 career points in the NHL were assists. On October 10, 1981, he record his only NHL hat trick in a game at Maple Leaf Gardens that featured a total of 17 goals scored. His three goals and one assist for four points was impressive but John Anderson and Bob Manno both one-upped Borje with five point games.

Just 27 seconds into the game, Salming scored his first of the 1981-82 NHL season, putting one past Tony Esposito, assisted by Manno. He would not get his second point until the 16:32 mark of the second, assisting on a Manno goal. This was the eight of nine goals scored between the two teams in the second period alone.

Salming then topped his first period goal, scoring just 23 seconds into the third, this time with help from Rocky Saganiuk and Laurie Boschman. His hat trick goal came up next, scored at the 7:08 mark, assisted by Manno and Ron Zanussi.

Grant Mulvey had three goals for Chicago while Denis Savard had four assists. Tony Esposito stopped 33 of 42 shots and actually had a better save percentage than Toronto goalie Vincent Tremblay who let in eight on 28 shots.

Dale Hawerchuk Ruins Ken Wregget's Night With A 6 Point Game Against The Maple Leafs

The Winnipeg Jets paid a visit to Maple Leaf Gardens on March 5, 1988 for a game against the Buds. Dale Hawerchuk set the tone, scoring on Ken Wregget just nine seconds into the match. It was his 40th of the season, assisted by Mark Kumpel. Tom Fergus brought Toronto even at 13:31 of the first but it was all Winnipeg

after that with nine unanswered goals in a 10-1 win.

Hawerchuk assisted on all of Paul MacLean's hat trick goals, as well as a single by Andrew McBain (the game winner). Dale scored his second of the game and 41st of the season at 11:55 of the third, assisted by Mario Marois and Fredrik Olausson to complete the six point outburst.

Despite all the points, Hawerchuk was responsible for just three of the 50 shots put on Wregget. Marois and goalie Daniel Berthiaume were the only Winnipeg players to not register a shot. Berthiaume had a light night with just 18 shots put his way.

For the first overall pick at the 1981 NHL Entry Draft, 1987-88 was the last of five consecutive seasons topping the 100 point plateau for Dale. He finished with 121 on 44 goals and 77 assists for the Dan Maloney coached Jets. He finished fourth in the race for the Art Ross Trophy, 47 points behind leader Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

John Bucyk, Ed Westfall and Ted Green Come Together To Set An NHL Record That Still Stands Today

On February 25, 1971, the Bruins hosted the expansion Vancouver Canucks at the Boston Garden. Despite the mismatch, the Canucks led 2-0 after the first and the game was tied at 2-2 after the second. In the third, the flood gates blew open and Dunc Wilson could no longer control the barrage of rubber.

The first three goals by the Bruins set an NHL record that remains today. Johnny Bucyk scored at 4:50 to make the score 3-2. Ed Westfall put one past Wilson 12 seconds later. Defenseman Ted Green followed up with his fifth of the season just eight seconds after Westfall's goal. The three goals in 20 seconds is the fastest three by a single team in an NHL game.

It was Bill Mosienko's 21 second hat trick that Boston broke that

day. Mosienko's three goals in 21 seconds in a 1952 game against the New York Rangers remains the fastest three by a single player. The 1990 Washington Capitals had three of their own in a 21 second span in 1990 on a pair of goals by Stephen Leach and one by Michal Pivonka.

Boston scored a total of six goals in the third period and won the game 8-3. Dunc Wilson faced 60 shots, nine each of the sticks of Bucyk and Fred Stanfield. The Chief had a six point game on three goals and three assists. Both John McKenzie and Stanfield had five points each. Boston goalie Ed Johnson didn't exactly have an easy night, making 31 saves on 34 shots, nine from Rosaire Paiement.

Barry Beck Records His Lone NHL Hat Trick In Just His 26th Game

The Colorado Rockies selected Barry Beck second overall at the 1977 NHL Amateur Draft, behind just Dale McCourt. Beck finished second in the voting for the Calder Trophy in 1977-78, behind just Mike Bossy of the New York Islanders. On December 17, 1977 at Denver's McNichols Sports Arena, Barry recorded the only three goal game of his NHL career.

That night, the Rockies hosted the Minnesota North Stars and it's hard to believe that Colorado had the better record at that point in the 1977-78 NHL season. Just 1:18 into the game, Beck assisted on a Paul Gardner goal to put the home team up 1-0. At 11:26 of the first, Barry scored his 12th of the year, putting one past Minnesota goalie Pete LoPresti for what would be the game winning goal.

Beck scored his second of the game at 14:37 of the second to put Colorado up 4-0. This goal, like the first, was assisted by John Van Boxmeer and Chuck Arnason. Barry's hat trick goal was scored at 3:11 of the third, topping off a four point game and putting the score at 5-0.

With just seven seconds left in the game, Brad Maxwell ruined Doug Favell's shutout bid with an unassisted marker. Favell stopped 34 of 35 in the win. Beck led all skaters with seven shots on Pete LoPresti. Pete allowed five goals on 28 shots in the loss.

Bryan Trottier Completes Comeback Win Over Flyers With 1 Second Left

On January 17, 1986 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia, the Flyers hosted the New York Islanders. By the end of the second period, the home team had a comfortable 3-1 lead on goals by Brian Propp, Dave Poulin (shorthanded) and Ilkka Sinisalo. The Islanders, however, weren't about to role over and die.

At 2:20 of the third period, Mark Hamway began the comeback, scoring his fourth of the season from Gord Dineen and Duane Sutter. Duane's brother Brent tied the score at 3-3 just over ten minutes later with his ninth of the 1985-86 NHL season, putting one past Philadelphia goalie Bob Froese with help from Mikko Makela and Denis Potvin.

Just when it seemed like overtime would be needed, Trottier netted his 21st of the campaign with just one second remaining on the clock. Mike Bossy and Greg Gilbert had assists on Trottier's game winning goal. It was Bryan's third shot of the night on Froese.

Both Froese and New York goalie Billy Smith each faced 24 shots with Battlin' Billy making one more save. Mike Bossy, Greg Gilbert and Denis Potvin each had two point games for the Islanders. Mark Howe and Brian Propp had the same for the Flyers. Tim Kerr led all skaters with six shots on net but was left off the scoresheet.

Andre Lacroix Scores A Goal Per Period, Powering The Flyers To Victory Over Toronto

The greatest player to appear in the WHA also had some decent years in the NHL at the start of his career. Andre Lacroix, better known for soft hands and playmaking, recorded his first of three hat tricks in the NHL on October 22, 1969 against Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Lacroix started off the scoring at 2:03 of the first period, putting his first of the 1969-70 NHL season past Toronto goalie Bruce Gamble with help from Jean-Guy Gendron. He then scored the only goal of the second frame 2:50 in, assisted by Ed Van Impe and Gendron. Going into the third period, Philadelphia held a 2-1 lead.

In the third, Jim McKenny of the Leafs and Lew Morrison of the Flyers exchanged goals to make it 3-2. Andre scored his hat trick goal at the 7:39 mark to put Philly up 4-2. It would be all they'd need in the 4-3 win.

Jean-Guy Gendron assisted on all three of Lacroix's goals for a three point game. Bernie Parent made 32 saves for the win, facing six shots each from Ron Ellis and Mike Walton. Lacroix led the Flyers with six shots on Gamble.

In his three full seasons with Philadelphia, Andre scored at least 20 goals in each. When he jumped to the WHA for the 1972-73 season, he surpassed the 100 point plateau in six consecutive campaigns. He topped out with a career high 147 with the San Diego Mariners in 1974-75.

Dale Hunter Starts 1983-84 Off With A Bang On Opening Night

Dale Hunter had an amazing October for the Quebec Nordiques to start the 1983-84 NHL season. He scored seven goals and added 15 assists for 22 points over 13 games. That pace, projected over an 80 game schedule, had Hunter putting up 135 points. That would have placed him runner-up for the Art Ross Trophy behind Wayne Gretzky's 205. However, Dale would come down to earth and finish the season with 79 points in 77 games.

On October 4, 1983, the Nordiques hosted the New York Islanders for what was the first game of the season for both clubs. Dale did spend time in the penalty box, assessed a pair of minors throughout the game but he left the fighting to Mario Marois and Duane Sutter. Hunter scored his first of three goals 19 seconds into the second period on Roland Melanson, assisted by Michel Goulet, to tie the score 1-1.

Hunter assisted on a Michel Goulet goal at 7:52 of the second before scoring what would be the game winner at 15:29 of the frame, assisted by Louis Sleigher and Goulet. With the score 6-3 near the end of the third and the Nordiques on the penalty kill, Dale put in the hat trick goal shorthanded with nine seconds left in the game, assisted by Goulet.

The combo of Hunter and Goulet combined for nine points with Michel scoring one and adding four assists. Meanwhile, the trio of Stastny brothers was held to two points on Peter's goal and assist. Dan Bouchard made 19 saves on 22 shots for the win. Melanson allowed the seven goals on 27 shots. For Hunter, it was the first of four 4-point games in the month of October, 1983.

Brad Park Makes His Final 2 Goals With The Bruins Count

The Boston Bruins and Buffalo Sabres met in the quarter-finals of the 1983 Stanley Cup playoffs and it was a bit of a swan song for Brad Park. The following year, he would be in Detroit and though the Red Wings made the playoffs in Brad's two years there, they would not go far. In seven games against the Sabres in 1983, Park scored three and assisted on 5 for eight points, not bad for a blue liner in his mid 30's.

In game seven on April 24, 1983 at Boston Garden, the Bruins were down 2-1 midway through the game when Brad took control. Ric Seiling had put Buffalo up 2-0 with a pair of goals before Barry Pederson cut the margin at 6:32 of the second. Park scored at 9:21 of the second, assisted by Rick Middleton and Mike O'Connell to tie the score.

After a scoreless third period, Brad struck early in the first overtime, putting one past Buffalo goalie Bob Sauvé at 1:52 with help from Pederson. The goal broke the 2-2 deadlock in the game and the 3-3 deadlock in the series. It was Brad's third and final goal of the 1983 playoffs and the last playoff goal he would score over his NHL career.

The Gerry Cheevers coached Bruins went on to face the New York Islanders in the semi-final and were ousted in six games. Brad added three assists in the effort. Boston was simply outgunned by the powerful Islanders, outscored 30-21 in the set. New York would go on to sweep the Edmonton Oilers for their fourth consecutive Stanley Cup title.

Ron Schock's Double Overtime Goal Gives Blues Game 7 Win Over North Stars In 1968 Playoffs

He only played in games six and seven in the semi-final series between the St. Louis Blues and Minnesota North Stars. Over a total of 12 playoff games in 1967-68, he scored just a single goal. But, that single goal was a big one for Ron Schock and the Blues.

For the expansion St. Louis Blues, there was a lot of extra hockey during their run to the 1968 Stanley Cup finals. In their first round series with the Philadelphia Flyers, the full seven games were needed with two games decided in double overtime. In their semi-final with Minnesota, four of the seven needed extra time.

Game 7 of the semi-final was played at St. Louis Arena on May 3, 1968. The game was scoreless until Walt McKechnie scored for the North Stars with just 3:11 left in regulation. 31 seconds later, Dickie Moore scored for the Blues to tie the match 1-1 and force overtime. After a scoreless first overtime period, Ron Schock scored the magic game and series winning goal at 2:50 of the second OT on Minnesota goalie Cesare Maniago, assisted by Gerry Melnyk and Bill McCreary.

Despite Schock scoring the game winner, it was certainly Glenn Hall who gave the Blues the win. Hall faced 45 shots, allowing just the McKechnie goal. Maniago stopped 36 of 38 in the loss. Bill McCreary of the Blues and Wayne Connelly of the Stars led with eight shots each, neither scoring a goal.

Tom Lysiak Comes Up Big Vs. Flyers With 2nd 5 Point Game Of 1974-75

In his sophomore season with the Atlanta Flames, Tom Lysiak led the team with 77 points in 77 games. Ten of those 77 came in just two games, a five point game early against the Detroit Red Wings and another five pointer against the Philadelphia Flyers on February 26, 1975 on the Omni in Atlanta.

In this one, the Flames got to Philly standout Bernie Parent with seven goals on just 24 shots. The only time the Flyers had the lead in the game was after Don Saleski opened the scoring at 3:51 of the first period. For Lysiak, his first of five points didn't come until there was just over four minutes left in the second period. At 15:55, he assisted on Eric Vail's 26th of the 1974-75 NHL season to put Atlanta up 3-1.

After Dave Schultz brought the Flyers back within one just 32 seconds later, Lysiak scored his first of the game and 16th of the season with eleven seconds left in the frame, assisted by Randy Manery and Buster Harvey.

In the third period, Tom was in on all three Atlanta goals. At 2:08, he and Vail assisted on the game winning goal scored by Barry Gibbs. Later in the period, he assisted on a goal by Hilliard Graves before closing out the scoring with his second of the game with two and a half minutes left in the match.

Dan Bouchard made 33 saves in the win while also picking up 14 minutes in penalties on two minors and a ten minute misconduct. Barry Gibbs, Hilliard Graves, Buster Harvey, Randy Manery and Eric Vail all had two point games for the Flames. Bobby Clarke the Flyers with three points on three assists.

Pete Mahovlich And His Unique Game Winner Against The North Stars In 1973

When it comes to the clock, Peter Mahovlich is best known for his two goals in five seconds in a game against the Chicago Blackhawks in 1971. In an away game against the Minnesota North Stars on November 21, 1973 at the Met, the Little M scored a goal that was just as unique.

After the first period, the North Stars held a 3-2 lead on goals by Murray Oliver, Dennis Hextall and Bill Goldsworthy. Henri Richad and Frank Mahovlich scored for the Habs. The only goal of the second period was by Pete, putting his fifth of the 1973-74 NHL season past Minnesota goalie Cesare Maniago with help from Jacques Laperriere.

What looked like a scoreless third period changed direction when Frank Mahovlich was assessed a minor for hooking and a ten minute misconduct at 18:21, opening the door for a possible late win for the home team. However, it was Pete Mahovlich that got the win for Montreal in dramatic style. He scored shorthanded with just four seconds left in the game, assisted by Serge Savard and Guy Lapointe.

Montreal came out with the 4-3 win while Minnesota wallowed in a terrible start to the season, winning just three of their first 18 games. This started a four game winning streak for the Canadiens, the first three on the road.

Bittersweet Hat Trick For Reed Larson Against Penguins In 1981

Great game for Reed Larson, terrible game for Gilles Gilbert. The two didn't quite balance out for the Detroit Red Wings on January 3, 1981 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena against the Penguins. Larson recorded his first of three hat tricks over his NHL career while also adding an assist for a four point game.

Unfortunately, Gilbert let in five goals on 15 shots and was relieved of his duties just 1:50 into the second period. Gilles allowed four in the first period, two by Greg Malone with singles by Paul Gardner and Peter Lee. Lee scored again at the 1:50 mark of the second to make the score 5-2 and bring an end to Gilbert's night. Larry Lozinski did admirably in relief, allowing just one goal on 30 shots.

As for Larson, his first goal was an attempt to stop the bleeding after Pittsburgh went up 2-0 before the game was two minutes old. His second came at 18:37 of the first with help from John Ogrodnick and Dale McCourt, making the score 4-2 Penguins.

He assisted on a Mark Kirton goal in the second and scored the final goal of the game at 5:32 of the third, assisted by Ogrodnick and Willie Huber to bring the Wings within two. The game would end in a 6-4 win for the home team. Larson led the Red Wings with six of the just 18 shots put on Greg Millen in the game.

Wilf Paiement Nearly Catches Gus Bodnar's Record For Fastest 3 Assists

Gus Bodnar set the current record for the fastest three assists in an NHL game over 70 years ago when he assisted on all three of Bill Mosienko's goals over a 21 second span. Just four players have recorded three assists in less than a minute. Wilf Paiement came the closest to beating Bodnar's record in a game on February 16, 1985 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena.

Paiement and his Quebec Nordiques were rude guests, taking out the Penguins 8-1. In the second period with the score already 3-0, Wilf began helping his teammates score goals. At 14:07, him and Paul Gillis had assists on Michel Goulet's 39th of the 1984-85 NHL season.

14 seconds later, it was again Paiement and Gillis setting up Brent Ashton for his 21st. 15 seconds after that, it was Wilf and Ashton helping Brad Maxwell scored his sixth of the campaign. Making this feat even greater is that all three goals were scored even strength and without the benefit of the man advantage.

Wilf added his fourth point of the game at 8:32 of the third period, putting his 12th of the season past Pittsburgh goalie Roberto Romano, assisted by Alain Lemieux and Alain Cote. Romano had replaced Denis Herron for the third period and put in a decent frame, allowing just the one goal on 13 shots. Herron had let in seven goals on just 22 shots over the first two frames.

The scoring stopped there but Paiement's night wasn't quite over yet. At 15:42, Gary Rissling broke Richard Sevigny's shutout attempt and Wilf took exception. Wilf and Gary dropped the gloves and both received five for fighting and ten minute misconducts. On the night, Paiement had a goal, three assists and 17 penalty minutes.

Mike Walton Scores His Only Penalty Shot Goal In A Rather Unique Situation

Mike Walton was awarded three penalty shots during his NHL career. He only scored on the first one. That happened on March 9, 1968 at Maple Leaf Gardens against the Detroit Red Wings. In a tight game between Toronto and the Wings, Mike's goal was the insurance marker late in the third period.

What makes his penalty shot goal unique is that Roy Edwards was not between the pipes for the Wings despite playing the full 60 minutes. Detroit decided to bring Roger Crozier off the bench cold to try and stop Shakey. The switch didn't work out and Edwards was back in for the remainder of the game. Crozier is on record with a .000 save percentage and no time played.

For Walton, it was his second point of the game and of the third period. He assisted on a Ron Ellis goal at 4:54 to tie the match at 4-4. The marker touched off a four goal flurry between the two teams that saw four goals scored in 2:02. The last of the four was Dave Keon's eleventh of the 1967-68 NHL season, making it 6-5 Toronto and serving as the game winner in the 7-5 victory for the home team.

Walton had two more penalty shots over his NHL career and was stopped on both. The second, interestingly, came the day after his goal against the Wings. Playing the Blackhawks at Chicago Stadium, he was stopped by Jack Norris. Norris earned a 27 save 4-0 shutout.

The next came over a decade later as a member of those Blackhawks. In game 3 of their quarter-final series against the New York Islanders on April 20, 1979, Glenn Resch stopped Walton's attempt. Again, Mike's team lost the game 4-0.

Denis Savard Puts Up 6 Points For The Blackhawks In A 1987 8-5 Win Over Minnesota

Denis Savard had a career high 131 points in 1987-88. Having a six point night 15 games into the season sure helped him get there. On November 8, 1987, the Hawks hosted the North Stars at Chicago Stadium and it was a true 80's style game with 13 goals scored between the two rivals. Seven of the 13 were on the power play.

Savard recorded just a single assist in the first period, setting up Dan Vincelette for his first of 20 career goals in the NHL. In the second, he assisted on a Wayne Presley goal (also assisted by Vincelette) to put the Hawks up 3-2. Less than three minutes later, Denis scored his eleventh of the season with assists going to Doug Wilson and goalie Bob Mason.

Going into the third frame, Chicago held a slim 4-3 lead. At the 5:51 mark, Savard scored his second of the game, unassisted, on Don Beaupre to give his team a two goal edge. Later in the period, with the score 6-5 Chicago, Savard assisted on Rick Vaive's second of the game. With 50 seconds left in the match and Dave Manson serving a major penalty for cross checking, Denis scored his hat trick goal shorthanded into the empty net.

Doug Wilson came out with a four assist night for the Hawks. Goalie Bob Mason turned away 31 of 36 shots for the win to go with his assist. For the visitors, Dave Archibald had a three point game while Dino Ciccarelli led all skaters with seven shots on Beaupre, only scoring on one.

Jim Neilson Makes His Only Career Shorthanded Goal Count In 1964 Against The Habs

Over 1,023 regular season games in the NHL, Jim Neilson scored 69 goals. Just one of those was scored on the penalty kill. Eleven of the 69 were game winners. On March 7, 1964 at the Montreal Forum against the Canadiens, His goal late in the second period fit both those categories.

Facing the much more powerful Canadiens in their barn was a daunting task for the New York Rangers but they were certainly up for it in this game. After Bill Hicke opened the scoring early to give Montreal a 1-0 lead, Bob Nevin came back to tie it later in the first period, scoring his tenth of the 1963-64 NHL season on Charlie Hodge, assisted by Harry Howell and Phil Goyette.

In the second frame, it was the Rangers that scored early with a Don Marshall unassisted goal before Bobby Rousseau tied things at 2-2 with his 25th of the year. It was Marshall who was assessed a minor for tripping at 17:43 of the second. Neilson scored his fourth of the year at 19:29, assisted by Dick Duff and Nevin, with Donnie still in the box.

That shortie held on as the game winner with the teams going scoreless in the third. New York goalie Jacques Plante stood on his head to fend off his former team, stopping 38 of 40 shots. Hodge had a much quieter night, facing just 21 in the loss.

Gilbert Perreault Leads Crazy Sabres Comeback Against Penguins In 1976

On March 10, 1976, the hockey fans at Pittsburgh Civic Arena experienced NHL hockey at its wildest. The first period was tame with Craig Ramsay and Rick Martin (assisted by Gilbert Perreault) scoring for Buffalo while Stan Gilbertson kept it close, scoring for the Pens. The score remained 2-1 until nearly halfway through the game. Then it got a little nuts.

Over a span of 6:24 in the second, between Lowell MacDonald's goal at 8:13 and Rick Kehoe's third of the period at 14:37, Pittsburgh scored five straight goals to go up 6-2. That lead stood until over halfway through the third period. That was when Buffalo struck.

At 11:25 of the third, Craig Ramsay scored his 19th of the 1975-76 NHL season and second of the game, assisted by Danny Gare. Just 19 seconds later, Jim Lorentz cut the score to 6-4 with help from Fred Stanfield and Jacques Richard. 56 seconds after that, Rene Robert cut the lead to just one with his 31st of the campaign, assisted by Perreault and Lee Fogolin.

It was Perreault that tied the score at 6-6, putting one past Michel Plasse at 15:05 of the third, assisted by Robert and Jim Schoenfeld. It looked like the game would end in a deadlock but with just 21 seconds left in the game, Gil popped in his 36th of the season, assisted by his French Connection linemates, Martin and Robert. Buffalo came out with the 7-6 win.

Perreault had a four point game with two goals and two assists. On the Pittsburgh side, Rick Kehoe had the hat trick while Pierre Larouche and Ron Stackhouse had three assists each. Buffalo's Al Smith made 34 saves on 40 shots in the win. Michel Plasse also faced 40 shots, led by six off the stick of Danny Gare.

Joel Quenneville Puts Up A Shorthanded Game Winner In 1986-87 Hartford Whalers Season Opener

Joel Quenneville did not score a lot of goals. Over 803 regular season games in the NHL, he scored 54. In 32 playoff games, he did not put a single puck in the net. 1980-81 was his career best with ten as a member of the Colorado Rockies. In 1986-87, Quenneville played just 37 games for the Hartford Whalers and scored a total of three goals.

However, the first of those three was scored in dramatic fashion in Hartford's first game of the 1986-87 NHL season. At home at the Hartford Civic Center against the Calgary Flames, the visitors had a comfortable 5-2 lead until the 6:32 mark of the third period. That's when the Whalers struck with four unanswered to win the game 6-5.

Stew Gavin's game-tying marker at 13:38 chased Calgary starter Reggie Lemelin from the game. Mike Vernon came in in relief and it looked like the game might stay at 5-5. Hartford's Ulf Samuelsson took a slashing penalty at 18:08, putting the Whalers down a man. With just 20 seconds left in the game, Quenneville put home the shortie, with help from Dave Tippett and Doug Jarvis, to secure the win. It was his only shot on net in the game.

Paul Lawless had a pair of goals for Hartford with John Anderson, Ray Ferraro and Gavin putting in singles. Mike Liut made 26 saves on 31 shots for the win while his second cousin Ron Francis was left off the scoresheet.

Mickey Redmond Scores Overtime Game Winner For Montreal In 1969 Stanley Cup Playoffs

Mickey Redmond was twice a 50 goal scorer in the National Hockey League. However, he scored just two goals in the post season over his NHL career. The second of those two was a big one, giving the Montreal Canadiens a 2-0 lead over the Boston Bruins in their semi-final series in 1968-69.

The first game of the set was decided in overtime, with Ralph Backstrom giving the Habs a 3-2 win, scoring just 42 seconds into the extra frame. The series clinching game also went to OT with Jean Beliveau scoring over halfway through the second extra frame. In game 2, it was the young Mickey Redmond giving the Habs the victory.

In this match on April 13, 1969 at the Montreal Forum, no goals were scored in the first period. The second ended in a 2-2 tie and at the end of regulation, the score was knotted at 3-3. At 3:31 of the first overtime period, Ted Green of the Bruins took a minor for hooking. At 4:55, Redmond scored on the power play, putting one past Ed Johnston, assisted by Serge Savard and John Ferguson.

For Mickey, it was his only point in the game. Yvan Cournoyer led with a goal and two assists while Jean Beliveau, Dick Duff and Serge Savard all had two points each. On the Boston side of things, both John Bucyk and John McKenzie had two points in the loss.

Rod Gilbert Scores 4 To Give Rangers 5-4 Win Over Red Wings

It was the last of his seven NHL career hat tricks. It was the last of his three NHL career four goal games. It came just over a year after scoring four in a game against the same Detroit Red Wings. On February 2, 1975, Rod Gilbert's four goals could only help the New York Rangers to a 5-5 tie. On February 7, 1976, his four goal game put the Rangers over their foes, 5-4.

In this game at Detroit Olympia, Rod opened the scoring at 7:57 of the first period with a power play goal on Doug Grant, assisted by Phil Esposito and Steve Vickers while Detroit's Dan Maloney was in the box for slashing.

Gilbert's second of the game and 25th of the 1975-76 NHL season was scored at 14:17 of the first, assisted by Wayne Dillon and Steve Vickers, to make the score 3-2 New York. Dan Maloney tied the game early in the second but Gilbert quickly regained the lead with his hat trick goal just over three minutes later. The second period ended with the Rangers up 4-3.

1:17 into the third period, Rod struck with what would stand as the game winning goal. Vickers had his third of three assists in the game with Doug Jarrett also getting a helper. Gilbert scored the four goals on just four shots. The Rangers put a modest 22 shots on Grant while Detroit had nearly double with 42.

Terry Ruskowski Battles For Blackhawks Win Over Detroit In 1979

Originally a fourth round pick by the Chicago Blackhawks at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft, Terry Ruskowski finally began play for the Hawks in 1979-80 after five years in the WHA. A bundle of offense and toughness, these skills were on full display in Terry's 30th game with the team, a home game against the Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Stadium on December 16, 1979.

Ruskowski spent five minutes in the penalty box, starting at the 2:17 mark of the second period, after a scrap with Jean Hamel. Not long after he got out at 10:39, he assisted on what would be the game winning goal scored by Grant Mulvey on Rogie Vachon.

The third period was a bit of a reversal of the second for Terry. He scored first, his seventh of the 1979-80 NHL season 1:01 into the frame, assisted by Mulvey and Greg Fox, to make the score 6-1 Chicago. He followed that up at the 7:49 mark, dropping the gloves with Reed Larson. The score ended 7-3 with Ruskowski recording a goal and assist to go with his ten minutes in penalties.

Mike Foligno had a similar game for the Red Wings in the losing cause. Foligno recorded an assist on each of Errol Thompson's hat trick goals (the only goals Detroit would score) while having a first period fight with Ted Bulley and a third period dust-up with Greg Fox.

No Gretzky, Kurri or Messier? No Problem. Pat Hughes Has The Offense Covered For The Oilers

On February 3, 1984, a shorthanded Edmonton Oilers team hosted the Calgary Flames at Northlands Coliseum for a chapter of the Battle of Alberta. The Oilers were missing the trio of Wayne Gretzky, Jari Kurri and Mark Messier. However, goal scoring was not an issue. After the first period, they were up 5-0 and it was 8-0 before Calgary finally got on the scoreboard.

Pat Hughes was the third player to have a five goal game in 1983-84, following Jari Kurri and Bengt-Ake Gustafsson. To date, there have been just 48 different NHL players to accomplish the rare feat. His first goal of the game came just 23 seconds into the match, putting one past Don Edwards with help from Dave Hunter. Before the first was over, Pat had a hat trick.

The Oilers struck hard and fast in the second. Glenn Anderson scored the team's sixth of the game just 19 seconds in. Hughes followed up with his fourth of the game and 20th of the 1983-84 NHL season at the 1:50 mark. Jaroslav Pouzar made it 8-0 just 46 seconds later. The last goal for Hughes was also the last for the Oilers in a 10-5 victory, scoring at 11:50 of the third, again assisted by Dave Hunter.

Ken Linseman and Glenn Anderson both had four point games for Edmonton. On the losing side, Eddy Beers scored three of Calgary's five goals. Hughes led all skaters with ten shots on net. Grant Fuhr stopped 34 of 39 shots for the win.

The five goals helped Pat Hughes to a career high 27 in 1983-84. He was a 20 goal scorer three times, all with the Oilers. Between 1977-78 and 1986-87, he played 573 regular season and 71 playoff games in the NHL with the Montreal Canadiens, Pittsburgh Penguins, Edmonton Oilers, Buffalo Sabres, St. Louis Blues and Hartford Whalers. He was a three time Stanley Cup champ, once with Montreal and twice with Edmonton.

Golden Seals Rookie Dennis Maruk Scores 4 In Just His 21st NHL Game

Dennis Maruk scored just three goals over his first 20 NHL games with the California Golden Seals in 1975-76. On November 21, 1975 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena he more than doubled that total with a four goal game against the Penguins.

He started the scoring 2:24 into the first period with his fourth of the season, putting one past Pittsburgh goalie Gary Inness, assisted by Bob Murdoch and Al MacAdam. His second of the game came just over six minutes later with help from MacAdam and Mike Christie. His were the only goals for the Seals in the first frame and the period ended with the score tied 2-2.

Maruk scored his hat trick goal in style with a shorthanded marker at 5:25 of the second while Gary Sabourin was in the box for holding. At 13:44 of the second period, the only goal Dennis didn't score for California turned out to be the game winner. Bob Murdoch put in his seventh of the campaign to make the score 4-3 in what would be a 5-3 Golden Seals win.

In an interesting coincidence, Maruk's fourth goal of the game came at 5:25 of the third, the same time as his second period goal. Murdoch and Christie assisted on this one. Dennis was responsible for seven of the 33 shots put on Inness in the game. In typical Gilles Meloche fashion, the California goalie made 43 saves on 46 shots in the win.

For Maruk, this was his first of 12 career hat tricks and the first of four 4-goal games. He finished his rookie 1975-76 season with 30 goals and 32 assists for 62 points, a point behind Al MacAdam for the team lead. He finished third in voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year behind winner Bryan Trottier and runner-up Glenn Resch.

George Armstrong's Double OT Goal Gives Maple Leafs Only Win In 1961 Playoffs

The 1960-61 Toronto Maple Leafs finished second overall, 24 points ahead of the fourth place Detroit Red Wings. What should have been an easy trip to the Stanley Cup final turned into disaster for the Maple Leafs, losing the semi-final in five games. The first place Montreal Canadiens went one more game but lost their semi-final series to the third seed Chicago Blackhawks, setting up an underdog final.

In game one, Toronto hosted the Wings at Maple Leaf Gardens. The Leafs never held a lead during regulation time. Alex Delvecchio put the visitors up 1-0 with a goal on Cesare Maniago just 14 seconds into the match, assisted by Gordie Howe. Bob Nevin tied the score with the only goal of the second frame. In the third, Howie Young scored early for Detroit and Ron Stewart tied the score at 2-2 with just over five and half minutes to go.

In the first overtime, the Red Wings successfully killed off a Toronto power play with Howie Young assessed a minor for slashing at 12:09. At 4:51 of the second extra frame, Captain Armstrong finally put one past Terry Sawchuk for the win, assisted by Dick Duff and Allan Stanley.

Maniago, playing his first NHL playoff game, turned away 37 of 39 shots for the win. For Armstrong, it was his only goal of the playoffs. The Wings outscored the Leafs 13-5 over the next four games to take the series. Sawchuk earned a 29 save shutout in game 3.

Montreal's Number 23 Scores Career High 23rd Goal Against Islanders In 1980-81

Bob Gainey is known as one of the top defensive forwards all-time in the NHL. The Peterborough, Ontario native could provide offense, as well. He finished his NHL career with 239 goals and had four seasons with 20 or more. In 1980-81, Gainey put up a career high 23. Number 23 was scored on March 31, 1981 at the Montreal Forum against the New York Islanders.

The Habs and Isles traded goals in the first period and went through much of the second tied at 1-1. At 16:52 of the second, Gainey scored his 23rd of the 1980-81 NHL season on Roland Melanson, assisted by Rod Langway and Doug Jarvis to make the score 2-1. It would be all the Canadiens would need and Bob's goal would stand as the game winner in the 3-1 victory.

Gainey's 47 points that year also stood as a career best. Montreal finished first in the Norris Division and third overall in the NHL behind the Islanders and St. Louis Blues. However, they were a quick exit from the Stanley Cup playoffs, swept by the Edmonton Oilers in the opening round.

Between 1973-74 and 1988-89, Bob Gainey played 1,160 regular season and 182 playoff games in the NHL, all with the Canadiens. The five-time Stanley Cup champion and four-time Selke Trophy winner had his number 23 retired by the Habs in 2008, interestingly on February 23. Gainey was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992.

NHL Milestones: Greg Millen's First Shutout

The hockey world lost Greg Millen yesterday. To honour Greg, we're taking a look at the first of his 17 shutouts in the NHL.

It took just seven games before Greg Millen had his first blank in the National Hockey League. On December 13, 1978, the Pittsburgh Penguins were hosting the St. Louis Blues at the Civic Arena. It was the rookie's first start since November 26, 1978 at Maple Leaf Gardens when he was pulled after the first period. In that match, Greg allowed three goals on ten shots in an 8-2 loss to the Leafs.

The Blues came to town winning just six of their first 28 games in 1978-79 and Millen wasn't about to allow them victory number seven. Greg made 33 saves in the game with Larry Patey and Inge Hammarstrom leading St. Louis with five shots each. After a scoreless first period, George Ferguson scored what would be the game winning goal at 2:50 of the second, putting one past Ed Staniowski with help from Pete Mahovlich.

Orest Kindrachuk and Greg Malone scored for the Penguins in the third to make the final score 3-0 for the home team. Millen would add one more to his shutout total in 1978-79, blanking the Minnesota North Stars 5-0 on January 16, 1979 in a 25 save affair.

Between 1978-79 and 1991-92, Greg Millen played 604 regular season and 59 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Pittsburgh Penguins, Hartford Whalers, St. Louis Blues, Quebec Nordiques, Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings. In 1988-89 with the Blues, he led the NHL with six shutouts.

Jim Lorentz Comes Up Big In A 5-3 Win Over The Los Angeles Kings In 1973

After his three-team 1971-72 NHL season that saw him play for the St. Louis Blues, New York Rangers and Buffalo Sabres, Jim Lorentz settled in with Buffalo in 1972-73. He had his most productive goal scoring season with 27 and helped the Sabres reach the post season for the very first time. On February 1, 1973 at the Aud in Buffalo, Lorentz's skills were on full display.

Jim opened the scoring at 15:18 of the first, putting his 19th of the season past L.A. goalie Rogie Vachon, assisted by Hugh Harris and Tracy Pratt. After Mike Corrigan gave the Kings a 2-1 lead in the second, Lorentz assisted on a Harris goal to tie the score. The French Connection gave the Sabres a 3-2 lead with a goal by Gilbert Perreault, assisted by Rick Martin and Rene Robert.

At 7:42 of the third, Lorentz scored his second of the game to make it 4-2 Buffalo. That would be all they'd need in a 5-3 win and Jim's 20th of the season was the game winner. He added an assist on a Jim Schoenfeld empty-net goal with just two seconds left in the match for a four point game.

For Lorentz, it was four goals in two games, having scored a pair in the previous game, an 8-5 loss to the Atlanta Flames. After being left off the scoresheet in the following game, the next would see Jim score two more in a 5-1 win over the New York Islanders. He then went into a cold snap over the final 26 games of the 1972-73 NHL season, scoring just five more and netting zero over six playoff games.

Ken Dryden Does All He Can But Habs Can't Beat Flyers In 1975 Match-Up

It was an early season "Clash of the Titans" on November 6, 1975 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. It would be a preview of the Stanley Cup final series that year. Except, in this game it was the Flyers coming out on top of the Montreal Canadiens. Certainly one player that couldn't be blamed for the loss was goaltender Ken Dryden.

Number 29 stopped 46 of 48 shots in the 3-1 loss. He watched the third Philly goal from the bench with the net empty and the extra attacker on. He stopped nine of ten off the stick of Rick MacLeish alone. Unfortunately, the one that got by turned out to be the game winner. MacLeish scored his seventh of the 1975-76 NHL season at 16:31 of the second, assisted by Gary Dornhoefer and Ross Lonsberry, to make the score 2-1.

Dryden even factored in on what little scoring the Habs did. Ken assisted on the lone Montreal goal, scored by Guy Lafleur on Wayne Stephenson at 5:02 of the first. Pete Mahovlich also had a helper on the goal. Stephenson turned away 26 of 27 in the win and Dornhoefer was the only player with two points, scoring into the empty net with six seconds left to go with his earlier assist.

Ken got some redemption three nights later on the road against the Minnesota North Stars. He stopped all 17 shots in a 6-0 Montreal win. Interestingly, the previous game between the Canadiens and North Stars eight days earlier ended with another 6-0 shutout for Dryden. In that game, he had to stop just 14 shots.

Dave Keon Finds An Offensive Oasis Against Chicago In Latter Half Of 1965-66 NHL Season

Going into a March 5, 1966 game at Maple Leaf Gardens against the Chicago Blackhawks, Dave Keon had gone the previous nine games without a goal. Following this matchup, he would score just three over the final 14 games of the 1965-66 NHL season. However, on this night, Keon was in the zone.

Just 1:07 into the match, Keon scored what would remain as the game winning goal in the 5-0 Toronto victory. It was his 19th of the season, scored on Chicago goalie Glenn Hall, assisted by Bob Baun and Allan Stanley. It was the only goal of the first period.

Chicago's Stan Mikita took a cross checking penalty after the buzzer at the end of the first period. Dave jumped on the power play opportunity 50 seconds into the second with help from Kent Douglas and George Armstrong. Keon made it the natural hat trick at 12:17 of the second, assisted by Larry Hillman. George Armstrong and Ron Ellis scored for the Leafs in the third to make the final 5-0.

Keon had six shots on net but it was Bob Pulford leading the way with eight, despite being left off the scoresheet. Bruce Gamble made 33 saves for the shutout. As expected, Bobby Hull led the Blackhawks with six shots but couldn't get one past Gamble.

Jerry Korab Breaks A Buffalo Sabres Franchise Record In 1975

On December 4, 1975 at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, defenseman Jerry Korab broke Steve Atkinson's franchise record for the fastest goal to start a period when he scored just six seconds into the third frame of a game against the New York Rangers.

Korab's goal, scored on New York goalie John Davidson

unassisted, tied the score at 5-5. The goal six seconds into the period broke Atkinson's mark of nine seconds, set back in 1972. Since, Alex Mogilny set the current record with a goal five seconds into a period in a 1991 game.

In the match, Rick Middleton put the Rangers up 6-5 at the 7:43 mark, assisted by Greg Polis. Korab then was involved in the next goal, assisting on a Rene Robert marker to tie the game back up at 6-6. That is how the match would end.

Korab and Robert led the Sabres with two points each while Danny Gare led in shots with six, scoring on one. On the Rangers side, Greg Polis had a three point game while Phil Esposito had a pair of goals. In typical fashion, one of Espo's goals was on the power play while Don Luce scored a shortie for the Sabres.

What was interesting about this game is that each period started with a fast goal. In the first, Esposito scored his 12th of the 1975-76 NHL season just 28 seconds in, assisted by Bill Collins and Steve Vickers. Danny Gare scored his 19th of the campaign 27 seconds into the second, unassisted.

Guy Lafleur Sets The Tone In Game 1 Of The 1977 Stanley Cup Playoffs

The Montreal Canadiens went 12-2 in the 1977 Stanley Cup playoffs to capture their second of four consecutive titles. In game one of their quarter-final series against the St. Louis Blues on April 11, 1977 at the Montreal Forum, it was Guy Lafleur that took control. The Flower had a hat trick and three assists for a six point game in the 7-2 win for the Habs.

Lafleur wasted no time, opening the scoring 51 seconds into the game, putting one past St. Louis goalie Ed Staniowski, assisted by Larry Robinson and Serge Savard. After 20, Guy had two goals and an assist while the Canadiens had a 4-1 lead.

In the second frame, Lafleur scored his hat trick goal at 11:27 and assisted on a Guy Lapointe marker at 14:33. With the score 6-1 Montreal going into the second intermission, Staniewski's night was over, replaced by Ed Johnston for the third.

Montreal scored just one goal on the veteran Johnston, peppering him with ten shots. The lone goal for the Canadiens was scored by Bill Nyrop, assisted by Jacques Lemaire and, of course, Lafleur. The Blues got one back later in the period with a Brian Sutter goal, assisted by a young Bernie Federko. Bernie had a goal and assist in the loss.

The Canadiens went on to sweep the series in four games, outscoring the Blues 19-4. Lafleur scored five and assisted on seven for 12 points over the four games. Two of his markers were game winners and he assisted on another. Over 14 playoff games that year, Guy scored nine, totaled 26 points and was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

Red Kelly Leads The Way In 10-1 Maple Leafs Win In 1964-65 (season high for goals by 1 team)

The 1964-65 NHL was not highly offensive. Besides Toronto's 10 goal outburst against the New York Rangers, the next highest by one team was a trio of seven goal games. There were just two players with 30 or more goals (Norm Ullman-42, Bobby Hull-10). The game between the Maple Leafs and Rangers at Madison Square Garden on March 21, 1965 was certainly a rarity that year.

The first goal of the game wasn't scored until the 15:30 mark of the first period. Red Kelly put his 16th of the 1964-65 NHL season and first of three in the game past Marcel Paille, assisted by Andy Bathgate and Frank Mahovlich. That was it for the first period. The Leafs carried a slim 1-0 lead until George Armstrong scored at 4:06 of the second.

At 14:18 of the second, Kelly scored his second of the game,

assisted by Pete Stemkowski and George Armstrong and the period ended with Toronto up 4-0. A tough climb but the Rangers weren't out of it, by any means. Just 27 seconds into the third, Don Marshall put one past Johnny Bower to make it 4-1. But, less than three minutes later, the flood gates burst open.

Kelly assisted on a Bob Pulford goal at the 3:06 mark. Toronto then scored four more before Red completed his hat trick with the final goal of the match scored with just a little over a minute left. Kelly had four of the 43 shots put on Marcel Paille in the game. George Armstrong and Andy Bathgate also had four point games for the Leafs. Bower stopped 28 of 29 shots in the win.

The Only Goalie To Blank The Habs In 1976-77? The Popcorn Kid

In just his ninth NHL game, Mike Palmateer did something no other NHL goalie could do in 1976-77 – earn a shutout against the mighty Montreal Canadiens. Palmateer had to stand on his head to do it, facing 39 shots in the 1-0 win on November 17, 1976 at Maple Leaf Gardens.

By 8:26 of the first period, the scoring was done for the night. Lanny McDonald put his 14th of the season past Ken Dryden with help from Darryl Sittler and Ian Turnbull for what would remain as the game winning goal. Dryden made 29 saves of his own in his near perfect game.

Guy Lapointe led with six shots while Steve Shutt and Rejean Houle had five each. It was a defenseman that led the Leafs in shots as well with Borje Salming putting six on Dryden. The game also featured a fight between two Toronto Marlboros grads with Shutt and Brian Glennie going toe-to-toe in the second period.

Despite this only being Palmateer's ninth NHL game, it was not his first shutout. In Toronto's previous game, Mike stopped all 30

shots in a 3-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks at the Pacific Coliseum. Bob Neely, Pat Boutette and Inge Hammarstrom provided the offense, each scoring a single on Vancouver goalie Cesare Maniago.

Rick MacLeish Eliminates The Islanders In 1974-75 Semi-Final Series

The Philadelphia Flyers were dealing with a monumental comeback by the New York Islanders in the semi-final series of the 1975 Stanley Cup playoffs. The Flyers had taken a 3-0 lead in the set but the pesky Islanders had come back with three wins of their own. Game seven was played on May 13, 1975 at the Spectrum. Rick MacLeish stepped up to make sure his team was going back to the finals for a second consecutive year.

After Gary Dornhoefer scored just 19 seconds into the game, MacLeish scored what would be the game winner at just the 2:27 mark of the first period, assisted by Bill Barber and Bobby Clarke. Before the period was up, he had his second of the night and ninth of the playoffs, scoring on Glenn Resch at 7:11, assisted by Larry Goodenough.

After a scoreless second period, Rick's hat trick goal was scored at 18:52 of the third into the empty net to make the final score 4-1. MacLeish led with eight shots on net with Reg Leach not far behind with seven. Bernie Parent faced just 15 shots from the Islanders in the win.

For MacLeish, it was the second hat trick of that 1974-75 post season. In the opening game against the Toronto Maple Leafs in the quarter-final, he scored three and had an assist for a four point game. In the final series against the Buffalo Sabres, Rick had just a single goal over six games.

Mike Bullard Lights Up The St. Louis Blues With 4 Goals and 2 Assists In 1984

On December 5, 1984 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, the Penguins were chasing just their seventh win over the first 24 games of the 1984-85 NHL season. Mike Bullard took it upon himself to make sure that happened, putting in a six point game. In fact, Mike was in on all but one Pittsburgh goal in the 7-4 win.

Bullard scored the first goal of the game at 10:41 of the first period, putting a power play goal past St. Louis goalie Mike Liut, assisted by John Chabot at Moe Mantha. With 40 seconds left in the period, he assisted on a Mark Taylor goal to put the Pens up 2-0.

In the second, Greg Paslawski put the Blues on the board just 29 seconds into the frame. Bernie Federko tied the score at the 7:00 mark. At 8:59, Bullard scored his second of the game and 12th of the 1984-85 season, again on the power play.

When Mike scored his hat trick goal at 5:37 of the third, it put the Penguins up 5-4 and would serve as the game winning goal. He followed that up with an assist on Mark Taylor's second of the game before scoring his fourth of the match at 18:49, his third power play goal of the game.

Benefiting from his performance were John Chabot with four assists and Moe Mantha with three helpers. For St. Louis, Bernie Federko, Kevin LaVallee and Joe Mullen all had two point games while Rob Ramage led all skaters in the game with eight shots on net. Roberto Romano got the win, making 38 saves on 42 shots.

Vic Stasiuk Breaks Boston Bruins Franchise Record In 6-3 Win Over Toronto In 1959

1959-60 was a career year for Vic Stasiuk, putting up 29 goals and 39 assists for 68 points. He was the seventh highest goal scorer in the NHL and finished ninth in the hunt for the Art Ross Trophy. On November 1, 1959, he had just a single goal against the Toronto Maple Leafs but it was a significant one.

Just eight seconds into the second period, Stasiuk put his third of the 1959-60 NHL season past Toronto goalie Johnny Bower, assisted by Bronco Horvath and Fern Flaman. This was the fastest goal to start a period in franchise history, breaking the previous record of nine seconds set by Flem Mackell in 1953. This was the only goal scored in the second period and put the Bruins up 3-2. He also assisted on two Horvath goals for a three point game.

The previous record by Mackell was set on February 14, 1953 in a 5-4 win over the New York Rangers. Flem scored nine seconds into the first period. It was his 20th of the 1952-53 season, assisted by Johnny Peirson and scored on Gump Worsley.

Since, the record has been upped to six seconds and three players have done it for the Bruins. The first was Derek Sanderson in 1967, followed by Ray Bourque in 1982 and Brad Marchand in 2011. The NHL record is four seconds and belongs to four players: Claude Provost, Denis Savard, James van Riemsdyk and Brandon Montour. Montour's is extra impressive as it was scored in overtime.

Pat Boutette Puts Up Superstar Numbers In October, 1982

Pat Boutette was on fire right out of the gate for the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1982-83. After the first month of the season, Boutette was on pace for an 80 goal season with 13 in his first 13 games. The only two hat tricks of his NHL career were recorded within span of just over two weeks. His shooting percentage was humming along at over 35%.

Boutette's first hat trick came in his fourth game, on October 12, 1982 in a 5-4 win at home over the Vancouver Canucks. His third of the match and game winner was scored with just 1:04 left in the third on Richard Brodeur. What is interesting is that six different players had a single assist on Pat's goals and he seemed to be clicking with however he was playing with.

The second three goal game came on October 27, 1982 in a home 7-5 win over the Washington Capitals. Again, he scored the game winner, this time on his second of the game. The hat trick goal was put in the empty net with Caps goalie Dave Parro on the bench for the extra attacker. Rick MacLeish assisted on two Boutette goals while adding another on a Paul Gardner marker for a three point game.

Once November started, Boutette came down to a level more typical of his NHL career. Over the rest of the 67 games in 1982-83, Pat scored 14 more goals to finish with 27. Still, it was one off his career high of 28 scored with the Hartford Whalers in 1980-81.

Between 1975-76 and 1984-85, Pat Boutette played 756 regular season and 46 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Hartford Whalers and Pittsburgh Penguins. He was a second round pick by the Maple Leafs at the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft while playing for University of Minnesota-Duluth.

10 Years Before Their Last Stanley Cup Championship, Sid Smith Powers Maple Leafs To A Franchise Record

On March 16, 1957, the Toronto Maple Leafs hosted the New York Rangers at Maple Leaf Gardens. In a bit of a rarity for the era, the Leafs were destined to not qualify for the post season while the Rangers were on track to capture the fourth seed. On this night, you wouldn't know that that was the case.

The Maple Leafs hit Gump Worsley hard with 47 shots, scoring on 14. Ed Chadwick faced his fair share in the Toronto nets, as well, turning away 32 of 33 in the 14-1 win. For the Leafs, the 14 goals remain a franchise record to this day. They came close in 1970-71 when they blanked the Detroit Red Wings 13-0. In the 21st century, their best is ten goals in a single game.

Everyone but Chadwick, Jim Morrison and “The Scoreless Wonder” Jimmy Thomson were left off the scoresheet for Toronto. Leading the way was Sid Smith, a Maple Leafs standout that was in his final full season in the NHL. Smith scored three goals on Worsley, including what would be the game winner, his 14th of the 1956-57 season, scored at 6:07 of the first to make the score 2-0. He added two assists for a five point game.

In the second period, Smith assisted on a Ron Stewart goal at 15:39, making the score 6-0. Just 16 seconds later, Sid scored his second of the game, assisted by Stewart and Ted Kennedy. After assisting on Stewart's second of the game at 4:22 of the third period, Smith put in his hat trick goal at 11:55, assisted by Kennedy and Al MacNeil.

Ron Murphy scored the lone goal for the Rangers with help from Dave Creighton and Camille Henry. George Armstrong, Brian Cullen and Ted Kennedy were just behind Smith with four points each. Barry Cullen, Dick Duff and Ron Stewart all had three points.

Pierre Larouche Has 3 Points In First Game With Montreal (Against The Pittsburgh Penguins)

On November 29, 1977, Pierre Larouche was traded from the Pittsburgh Penguins to the Montreal Canadiens with the rights to Peter Marsh for Peter Lee and Pete Mahovlich. Yes, an all-Peter trade. That night, he suited up with his new team for the first time, at the Montreal Forum against the team that traded him.

Three of the four Peters dressed for the game. Peter Marsh did not. He never played a game with the Penguins or Canadiens, instead playing in the WHA with the Cincinnati Stingers from 1976-77 to 1978-79 before moving on to the NHL's Winnipeg Jets and Chicago Blackhawks. Lee and Mahovlich did not factor into the game's scoring but Larouche had three assists in the 9-1 Habs win.

Larouche's first point as a Montreal Canadien came at 16:17 of the first period when he and Larry Robinson assisted on an Yvon Lambert power play goal on Pittsburgh goalie Denis Herron. In the third period, Pierre assisted on a pair of Rejean Houle goals, the first 57 seconds into the period and the second at the 17:47 mark.

Following that game, Larouche would not have a point over the next three games before going on a hot streak. Over the following six matches, he had six goals and six assists for 12 points. Pierre finished the 1977-78 season with 23 goals and 37 assists for 60 points. He had just eleven points over 20 games with the Pens before putting up 49 in 44 with the Habs.

Lou Angotti Nets Shorthanded Game Winning Goal For Chicago In 1972 Game Against Detroit

On November 12, 1972, the Chicago Blackhawks hosted the Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Stadium for a matchup between two teams quite even in the standings. Dennis Hull led the Hawks with two goals and an assist but it was Lou Angotti putting up the game winner on the penalty kill.

Stan Mikita opened the scoring for Chicago at 2:04 of the first period, assisted by Jerry Korab and Chico Maki. It was Hull that entered the penalty box at 8:35 of the first to serve a minor for tripping. At 9:07, Angotti put one past Detroit goalie Denis DeJordy with help from Maki to make the score 2-0.

Chicago would score five straight goals in the 5-1 win. Just 17 seconds into the third period, Alex Delvecchio scored the lone goal for the Wings, assisted by Red Berenson and Marcel Dionne. It was the only blemish on Gary Smith's 24 save performance in the win.

For Angotti, it was the last of his four shorthanded goals in the NHL. Between 1964-65 and 1973-74, Lou played 653 regular season and 65 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the New York Rangers, Chicago Blackhawks, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins and St. Louis Blues. He also appeared in 26 games in the WHA with the Chicago Cougars in 1974-75.

31% of Poul Popiel's Regular Season NHL Goals Were Game Winners

Poul Popiel is best known for his play in the WHA but the blue liner got into 224 NHL games before the Rebel League's inaugural 1972-73 season. His first NHL goal was scored for the Los Angeles Kings in the 1967-68 playoffs. His first regular season goal was scored in the following season for the Detroit Red Wings in a big shutout win over the Montreal Canadiens.

On January 15, 1969 at the Montreal Forum, Popiel scored on Tony Esposito 53 seconds into the game, unassisted. It was his only shot on net in the game. Frank Mahovlich, Alex Delvecchio and Nick Libett also scored for the Wings in the 4-0 win. Roy Edwards was spectacular with 36 saves for Detroit.

It was the first of two goals Poul scored in 1968-69. The other one was also a game winner in another shutout victory for Detroit, this time 3-0 over the Pittsburgh Penguins. In this one, he scored at 14:24 of the first on Pittsburgh goalie Marv Edwards, assisted by Libett and Pete Stemkowski. Again, it was Roy Edwards with the blank, turning away all 26 shots.

Over his 224 regular season games in the NHL, Popiel scored 13 goals. Four of those were game winners. The other two were scored with the Vancouver Canucks during the club's inaugural 1970-71 season. The first was early in the season against the Buffalo Sabres. Poul put up his only two goal game with a pair in the second period on Roger Crozier, both assisted by Rosaire Paiement and Andre Boudrias.

Norm Ullman Goes Out In Style In Last Game As A Red Wing

On March 3, 1968, Norm Ullman was the hero in Detroit's 5-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens at home. Shortly after, on the same day, Ullman was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs with Doug Barrie, Paul Henderson and Floyd Smith for Carl Brewer, Frank Mahovlich, Pete Stemkowski and Garry Unger.

In that game against the Habs at Detroit Olympia, Norm was on a mission, putting nine shots on Montreal goalie Rogie Vachon. After the first period ended with the score tied 1-1, Ullman assisted on a Gary Bergman shorthanded goal at 3:16 of the second period to put the Wings up by one. At 11:50 of the second, Ullman scored his 29th of the 1967-68 NHL season, assisted by Gordie Howe and Paul Henderson for what would stand as the winning goal.

After Jacques Lemaire got one back for the Canadiens in the third, Norm quickly put his team back up by two goals with his 30th of the campaign at 7:03, assisted by Howie Young and Floyd Smith. This capped off his three point game while Henderson put the icing on his time with Detroit, scoring his 13th of the season to make the score 5-2.

Ullman hit the ground running with his new club. In his first game as a Maple Leaf, on March 6 against the Philadelphia Flyers, he had three points on a goal and two assists in a 7-2 win. The next game was against his former club and, again, Norm had three points, this time on two goals and an assist in a 7-5 Toronto victory over the Red Wings.

Stan Jonathan Keeps Bruins Alive With Hat Trick In Game 6 Of The 1978-79 Semi-Final

Going into game 6 at Boston Garden on May 8, 1979, the Montreal Canadiens held a 3-2 lead in their semi-final series with the Bruins. Stan Jonathan stepped it up to make sure there would be a game 7. He had missed much of the 1978-79 NHL regular season, appearing in just 33 games, but was ready to go for the playoffs.

After Larry Robinson started the scoring at 8:05 of the first period with his sixth of the post season, Jonathan tied the game less than two minutes later, scoring his second of the playoffs on Ken Dryden, assisted by Gary Doak and Terry O'Reilly. The teams traded goals again and the period ended in a 2-2 tie.

Wayne Cashman scored the only goal in the second period, his second of the playoffs, for what would be the game winner. The third period belonged to Jonathan. He scored at 7:23 with help from Bob Miller and Rick Smith then added the hat trick goal at 15:24, assisted by Cashman and Mike Milbury. The game ended in a 5-2 score and tied the series at three apiece.

Unfortunately for Boston, game seven did not go their way. At the Montreal Forum on May 10, 1979, the Bruins had a 4-3 lead with just over a minute left in the third period. With Peter McNab in the penalty box serving the infamous Too Many Men penalty, Guy Lafleur tied the game with just 1:14 left. Yvon Lambert scored at 9:33 of the first overtime period on Boston goalie Gilles Gilbert for the win. Gilbert faced 52 shots in the loss.

Ross Lonsberry's Buzzer Beater Game Winning Goal In 1970

On January 28, 1970, the New York Rangers met the Kings at the Forum in Los Angeles. Ross Lonsberry was on the scoresheet a few times but not offensively until the final second of the game. In a match that ended in a flurry of goals, the home team came out on top 5-4.

Lonsberry accumulated nine minutes in penalties, starting with a minor for hooking just 47 seconds into the game. In the second period, he squared off with New York's Brad Park. Both got five for fighting with Park receiving the extra ten minute misconduct. It was the second fight for Brad after dropping the gloves with Skip Krake in the first period.

Ross added to his PIM total in the third, taking another hooking call. Despite the penalties, there were no power play goals in this game. At 10:12 of the third period, Walt Tkaczuk scored for the Rangers, tying the game at 3-3. In the final 2:38, three goals were scored. First, Bill Flett regained the lead for the Kings with his eighth of the year at 17:22. At 18:49, Bob Nevin again tied the score with bad-boy Brad Park assisting.

It looked like things would remain tied at 4-4. However, Lonsberry had other plans. With just one second left on the clock, he put his ninth of the 1969-70 NHL season past New York goalie Ed Giacomin, assisted by Leon Rochefort and Larry Cahan, giving the Kings the 5-4 win. It was the 31st shot on Giacomin in the game with Bill Flett leading the way with seven. Wayne Rutledge made 22 saves in the win.

Stan Mikita Scores His Only Career Playoff Overtime Goal Against the Buffalo Sabres In 1975

Stan Mikita had a long, long NHL career. Over 20+ seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks, he scored 541 regular season and 59 playoff goals. Just one of those goals was scored in overtime. On April 17, 1975, the Blackhawks hosted the Buffalo Sabres at Chicago Stadium for game three of their quarter-final series. Buffalo went into the game with a 2-0 lead.

A front-loaded game that saw five goals in the first period, two in the second and just one in the third, ended regulation time deadlocked at 4-4. The visitors never held a lead in the game and Jim Schoenfeld's first of the playoffs at 8:23 of the third meant overtime would be necessary.

Mikita scored just 2:31 into the first extra frame, assisted by Cliff Koroll and Dick Redmond. It was his third shot of the game on Gerry Desjardins and his third point, having assisted on goals by Redmond and Koroll. Desjardins stopped 20 of 25 in the loss while Tony Esposito made 26 saves in the win.

Unfortunately for the Blackhawks, it would be the only win of the series and Buffalo advanced in five games. A bit of a storybook season for the Sabres in just their fifth year of existence, they would take six games to oust the Montreal Canadiens in the semi-final before falling in six to the Philadelphia Flyers in the Stanley Cup final.

Richard Brodeur Allows 4 1st Period Goals, Gets Pulled After 20 But Still Gets The Win

This is the 80's. In a game at the Pacific Coliseum on January 16, 1987, the Vancouver Canucks hosted the Calgary Flames for a wild one. Vancouver goalie Richard Brodeur allowed four goals on 16 shots in the first period. Lanny McDonald put one past him 44 seconds into the game, Mike Bullard had a pair and Steve Bozek put in a single.

Brodeur was pulled after the first period and replaced by Frank Caprice for the rest of the game. Fortunately for King Richard, the Canucks set a franchise record for most goals in a period with six and actually led 6-4 after the first 20. Caprice made 22 saves on 23 shots over his two periods but it was Brodeur that was credited with the win in the 9-5 victory for the home team.

Tony Tanti scored what would be the game winning goal at 18:27 of the first period, unassisted on Mike Vernon. The goal caused Vernon's exit from the game, replaced by Rejean Lemelin. Nine different players scored goals for Vancouver in the game and just Dave Lowry, Dave Richter and the goalies didn't record a shot on net. 13 different Canucks recorded at least a point.

1986-87 would be Brodeur's last full season in Vancouver after coming over from the New York Islanders for the 1980-81 NHL season. He played 385 regular season and 33 playoff games in the NHL between 1979-80 and 1987-88 with the Islanders, Canucks and Hartford Whalers. Between 1972-73 and 1978-79, he played 305 regular season and 51 playoff games in the WHA, all with the Quebec Nordiques.

Pit Martin Scores 4 Goals In 5-3 Win Over His Future Team

On January 27, 1966, the Bruins hosted the Chicago Blackhawks at Boston Garden. Going into the game, the Bruins had won just ten of their first 40 games of the 1965-66 NHL season. Pit Martin took it upon himself to give the home team their 11th win of the campaign.

Martin scored the first two goals of the game, his eighth and ninth of the season. The first, at 4:02 of the first, was scored on Glenn Hall and assisted by John Bucyk. Bucyk would assist on all four of Pit's goals. The second was scored at 15:17 of the first, also assisted by Al Langlois. The second period started with Boston up 3-0.

Bobby Hull ruined Ed Johnston's chances of a shutout, scoring his 40th of the season 1:26 into the second. After Doug Mohns scored to make it 3-2, Martin put in his hat trick goal at 11:02, this time assisted by Ron Stewart and Bucyk. With 40 seconds left in the frame, future Bruin Phil Esposito scored his 16th of the season to tighten the score at 4-3 Bruins.

2:02 into the third, Martin scored the insurance goal to set the final score at 5-3. Pit would score just five more goals for Boston in 1965-66. Still, in his 41 games after coming over from the Detroit Red Wings, he was a seventh in scoring (4th in goals) on a offensively lacking Bruins team. Of course, he wouldn't stay in Boston long. On May 15, 1967, he was traded to the Hawks with Gilles Marotte and Jack Norris for Phil Esposito, Ken Hodge and Fred Stanfield.

Mark Hunter Puts On A Performance In 1985 Win Over Toronto

After spending his first four years in the NHL with the Montreal Canadiens and not seeing a whole lot of action, Mark Hunter was set free after being traded to the St. Louis Blues prior to the 1985-86 NHL season. Hunter responded to his new hockey home with career highs of 44 goals, 74 points and 171 penalty minutes.

On November 26, 1985, in a game against the Toronto Maple Leafs at St. Louis Arena, Mark's name was littered all over the scoresheet. Joe Mullen got the Blues on the board with a goal at the 6:00 mark of the first. Later in the period, Hunter went toe-to-toe with Chris Kotsopoulos with both receiving five for fighting.

36 seconds into the second period, Bernie Federko put the Blues up 2-0 with a goal on Toronto goalie Don Edwards, assisted by Hunter and Kevin LaVallee. Just 12 seconds later, Al Iafrate responded for the Leafs to make the score 2-1 St. Louis. For the rest of the game, it was all Mark Hunter.

At 16:56 of the second, Hunter scored his first of the game and tenth of the season on the power play, assisted by Federko and Bruce Bell. At 2:20 of the third, Mark scored shorthanded with Brian Sutter in the box for cross checking. At 11:52, he scored an even strength marker for the hat trick. That goal made it 5-1, the final score.

In all, Mark had three goals (three different ways) and an assist for four points in the game to go with his five PIM. He put a modest four of the 36 shots on Edwards while Greg Millen had an easy go of it, making 14 saves on 15 shots.

Don Maloney Ties Rangers Franchise Record With 2 Goals In 8 Seconds

On March 12, 1987 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia, Don Maloney tied a 16 year old New York Rangers franchise record for the fastest two goals by one player. Pierre Jarry also scored two goals in eight seconds in a November 21, 1971 game.

Ron Hextall started the game in net for the Flyers but was pulled less than ten minutes into the game after Ron Greschner made it 2-0 NYR at 9:26 of the first. In his place, Glenn Resch kept the Rangers off the board in the second and the first half of the third until Maloney struck. Don scored at 12:48 of the third, assisted by Kelly Kisio. He then scored at 12:56, again assisted by Kisio along with James Patrick.

Maloney's goals were the third and fourth for New York in the game and the visitors won 6-1 with Marcel Dionne adding the final goal with just four seconds left in the match. Goalie Bob Froese had come over to the Rangers from the Flyers just a few months earlier and there was some obvious bad blood. Bob had a first period fight with Peter Zezel and collected 17 penalty minutes. However, he also stopped 39 of 40 shots for the win.

For Maloney, the two goals were his 18th and 19th of the 1986-87 NHL season, the last goals he would score in the campaign, going the final four games of the season without putting one in the net. In a crazy twist to the schedule, three of New York's final five games were against Philadelphia. The two teams then met in the opening round of the playoffs with the Flyers taking the series in six games.

Bob Baun Primes Maple Leafs For 1964 Stanley Cup Playoffs With Game Winner To Finish Regular Season

Bobby Baun scored just 37 goals in 964 regular season NHL games along with three in 96 playoff games. Just four of those were game winning goals, three were scored in 1963-64. He had two during the regular season and his one in the playoffs is legendary.

Of course, the GWG in the post season came in the final series against the Detroit Red Wings. The goal was scored in the first overtime period of game 6, bringing the Leafs back to a 3-3 tie in the set. This was the famous “broken leg goal”. Baun had blocked a Gordie Howe shot earlier in the game that broke his leg just above the ankle. He continued playing despite the injury and even played game 7.

Prior to that, Baun had an offensive outburst at Detroit Olympia in the final game of the 1963-64 NHL season for both the Maple Leafs and Red Wings. He scored what would be the game winner in the 4-1 Toronto victory at 2:09 of the second, assisted by fellow blueliner Carl Brewer. It was Bobby's fourth of the campaign. Later in the period, Baun got another point, assisting on Dave Keon's 23rd of the year.

In net that game for Detroit was Pat Rupp. This was the only NHL game for Rupp, a career minor-leaguer. He stopped 26 of 30 shots for the loss, also allowing a pair of goals by Frank Mahovlich to go with markers by Baun and Keon. Pat won consecutive Turner Cup championships in the IHL with the Dayton Gems and was the recipient of the James Norris Memorial Trophy in 1968-69 as the IHL's top goaltender.

Gordie Howe Celebrates New Year's Eve At Detroit Olympia With 3 Goals For The Red Wings

Going into their game against the Toronto Maple Leafs on December 31, 1961, the Detroit Red Wings were mired in a 0-5-1 winless streak. Gordie Howe was determined to end 1961 on a winning note, even if the 1961-62 NHL season did not turn out well for the Wings.

Mr. Hockey opened the scoring at 13:11 of the first period on the power play, scoring his 16th of the season on Toronto goalie Johnny Bower, assisted by Alex Delvecchio and Vic Stasiuk. At 15:40, Howe was awarded the second of just two penalty shots over his NHL career. His record remains two for two, scoring on both.

Toronto erased Detroit's 2-0 lead with goals by George Armstrong and Dave Keon to start the second period. However, at 14:19, Vic Stasiuk scored what would be the game winning goal, assisted by Delvecchio and Norm Ullman. Gordie put the icing on the cake with the insurance goal at 11:01 of the third, assisted by Vic Stasiuk.

Howe was bound to score, putting nine shots on Bower in the game. Terry Sawchuk stopped 27 of 29 for Detroit in the win. Vic Stasiuk also had a three point game with a goal and two assists. Dave Keon led the Maple Leafs with a goal and assist for two points.

Andre Dupont Eliminates The Maple Leafs With Overtime Game and Series Winner In 1975

Not Bobby Clarke, Bill Barber or Rick MacLeish. It was Moose Dupont from Trois Rivieres, Quebec who put in the overtime goal in game four of the 1974-75 quarter-final series between the Philadelphia Flyers and Toronto Maple Leafs. For Dupont, it was his second of just three goals over 17 games in that playoff run to the Stanley Cup for the Flyers. His two against the Leafs were both game winners.

After Bernie Parent put up a pair of shutouts to give Philadelphia a 3-0 lead in the series, game four was a tight one on April 19, 1975 at Maple Leaf Gardens. The first period ended with each team scoring a pair of goals. Bill Barber put the Flyers up 3-2 with the lone goal of the second period. Ron Ellis tied the game back up in the third to force overtime.

Just 1:45 into the first extra frame, the unlikely duo of Dupont and Dave Schultz connected to send the Maple Leafs golfing. For Moose, it was his second of the series, scoring the game winner in the game two 3-0 win. For Gord McRae, it was the fourth puck to get past him on 33 shots. Bernie Parent made 28 saves in the win.

In the first period, Reggie Leach scored both goals for the Flyers. Ron Ellis had a pair for Toronto with Blaine Stoughton recording the other Leaf goal. Bobby Clarke, Tiger Williams and Borje Salming each had two assist games. Typical of a Broad Street Bullies game, there were a couple of scraps. Schultz and Dave Dunn went at it in the second while Orest Kindrachuk and Errol Thompson went toe-to-toe late in the third.

Charlie Burns Leads Bruins To Victory Over The Blackhawks With 2 Shorties

Charlie Burns led the NHL with four shorthanded goals in 1960-61, one ahead of both Don Marshall and Claude Provost of the Montreal Canadiens. Two of those four came in a December 8, 1960 game against the Chicago Blackhawks at the Boston Garden.

In the first period, Boston jumped to a 2-0 lead on goals by John Bucyk and Don McKenney. With six minutes left in the frame, Dallas Smith took a minor for interference. Burns scored his first SHG of the game 1:20 into that penalty kill, assisted by Doug Mohns, making the score 3-0 for the home team.

With the score 4-1 Boston, Burns put one past Glenn Hall for his second shortie of the game and sixth goal of the 1960-61 NHL season at 6:20 of the third period with Mohns in the box for hooking. As if to try and make things fair, Charlie took a minor for hooking a little over a minute later but the Blackhawks were unable to capitalize. The final score was a 5-1 win for Boston.

Burns had five shots on net but it was Jim Bartlett who led the Bruins with seven, not scoring on any of them. Ed Litzenberger put seven shots on the Boston net but Ken Wharram was the only Chicago player to put a puck past Bruce Gamble in the game.

Between 1958-59 and 1972-73, Charlie Burns played 749 regular season and 31 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Deroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins, Oakland Seals, Pittsburgh Penguins and Minnesota North Stars.

Jean Pronovost Scores Them All For The Penguins In 1975 Win Over Caps

The Washington Capitals were chasing just the seventh win of their inaugural 1974-75 NHL season. Michel Belhumeur ensured they had a chance, making 42 saves on 45 shots. However, they ultimately finished this game on February 26, 1975 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena with a 3-1 loss, their 53rd of the year, thanks to the efforts of Jean Pronovost.

Nearly half the game went without a goal before Pronovost opened the scoring at 8:13 of the second period with his 34th of the season, assisted by Pete Laframboise and Bob Paradise. The score remained 1-0 entering the second intermission.

The third period was book-ended by Jean. With Yvon Labre in the box for the Caps, Pronovost scored just 17 seconds into the third frame on the power play, assisted by Laframboise and Lowell MacDonald. Later, Ron Anderson broke the shutout attempt by Pens goalie Gary Inness to bring the Caps within one.

With Washington's Mike Bloom serving a double minor, Pronovost scored his third of the game, again on the power play, with just two seconds remaining in the game. Once again, Pete Laframboise was the setup man, getting his third assist of the game with Lowell MacDonald getting his second.

For Jean, it was the first of five hat tricks over his NHL career. Interestingly, his first two were against the Capitals and his fifth was as a member of that team.

J.P. Parise Breaks Pit Martin's Record For Fastest OT Goal, Giving Isles 1st Ever Playoff Series Win

It was the first trip to the Stanley Cup playoffs for the New York Islanders and like a scripted storybook, the opening series was against their natural rivals from day 1, the New York Rangers. In the best of three preliminary round, the Isles won the first game and the Rangers took the second, making the third necessary. On April 11, 1975, the two squared off at Madison Square Garden to decide which team would advance.

The Islanders went into the third period with a seemingly safe 3-0 lead on a first period goal by Clark Gillies and a pair of second frame markers by Denis Potvin. Potvin's second goal was scored shorthanded. However, the Rangers came roaring back in the third with two goals by Bill Fairbairn and the game tying goal by Steve Vickers to force overtime.

Just eleven seconds into the extra period, J.P. Parise put one past Ed Giacomin, assisted by Jude Drouin. Giacomin had replaced Gilles Villemure after the third Islanders goal midway through the game and had faced just four shots going into overtime. Parise's goal clinched the series and broke Pit Martin's record of 12 seconds set in 1972.

The duo of Parise and Drouin was relatively new to New York hockey fans. Jean-Paul was traded from the Minnesota North Stars on January 5, 1975 for Ernie Hicke and Doug Rombough. Two days later, the two clubs made another deal with Minnesota sending Jude to New York for Craig Cameron.

The Islanders moved on to the quarter-finals and took out the Pittsburgh Penguins in seven games. Their semi-final series with the Philadelphia Flyers also went the distance with the Flyers coming out on top. That series saw Philly go up 3-0 before the Islanders came back with three straight wins. Drouin and Parise connected again in overtime with Jude scoring the game winner assisted by J.P. in game four of the series.

John McKenzie Records Hat Trick In 99 Shot Game Between Bruins and Red Wings In 1971

The Boston Bruins put 56 shots on Detroit goalie Gerry Gray on March 18, 1971 at the Boston Garden, scoring on seven. Johnny McKenzie only had four of those shots but led the home team to victory with three goals. In the 7-3 win for the Bruins, Ed Johnston faced his fair share of rubber, turning away 40 of 43.

McKenzie opened the scoring at 2:57 of the first period with his 27th of the 1970-71 NHL season, assisted by Don Awrey and Ted Green. Nearly 40 hockey minutes went by before John scored his second of the game. At 2:40 of the third, he netted his 28th of the year, assisted by Green and John Bucyk. 3:30 later, he scored the hat trick goal on the power play with help from Phil Esposito.

The big shooters in the game were Wayne Carleton and Phil Esposito from the Bruins with nine shots each. Boston's Bobby Orr and Mickey Redmond from the Red Wings had seven each. Neither had a goal in the game. Ken Hodge scored a single marker on his seven shots and it turned out to be the game winner.

For Detroit goalie Gerry Gray, it was his fourth of just eight games in the National Hockey League. It was the most shots he faced in a single NHL game, although he also handled 38 of 40 in a 2-2 tie with the Philadelphia Flyers, his first NHL game. Gray's only win came against the Vancouver Canucks a week after the Boston match, making 19 saves on 22 shots in a 4-3 win.

Hardy Astrom Stops 49 Shots To Give Colorado Rockies A Win Over The Rangers In 1981

Over his time with the Colorado Rockies, goalie Hardy Astrom would face 50 or more shots on two occasions. The first was exactly 50 in a 2-1 loss to the Toronto Maple Leafs early in the 1979-80 season. The second was on January 15, 1981 at home against the team he started his NHL career with and it resulted in a win for the Rockies.

The Rangers spotted Colorado a 2-0 lead in the first period with goals by Mike Gillis and Walt McKechnie on New York goalie Doug Soetaert. McKechnie's marker was shorthanded with Dave Watson in the box for roughing. After bombarding Astrom with 52 shots, the visitors could get no closer than a 3-3 score.

Gillis scored his third of the game at 15:18 of the third period to seal the deal at a 4-3 win. Soetaert took the loss, allowing four goals on just 22 shots. For the Rockies, it was their 16th win in 55 games. Unfortunately, Colorado would then win just one of their next 17 games.

Hardy Astrom played most of his pro career in Sweden. He played 83 games in the NHL between 1977-78 and 1980-81 with the Rangers and Rockies. Astrom did not record a shutout in the NHL but did have an assist in a 6-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks on December 17, 1980. He made 28 saves on 29 shots and had the lone helper on Joel Quenneville's game winning goal.

Marc Tardif Scores In Each Period Against Flyers For First NHL Hat Trick

1970-71 was the first full season in the NHL for Marc Tardif. He got his start the year before, appearing in 18 games for the Montreal Canadiens. He scored three goals over those 18 games. On December 27, 1970 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia, he equaled that total in just one game, a 4-2 win over the Flyers.

Tardif opened the scoring at 7:47 of the first period, putting his seventh of the campaign past Philadelphia goalie Doug Favell, assisted by Yvan Cournoyer and Terry Harper. He opened the scoring in the second, as well, getting his second goal of the game at 4:34 with help from Jean Beliveau and Cournoyer. That marker made it 3-0 for the Canadiens and held on as the game winner.

Marc scored the only goal of the third period for the hat trick, again assisted by Beliveau and Cournoyer. His four shots on Favell in the game were the most by any Montreal player and were equaled by Jean-Guy Gendron, Larry Hillman and Andre Lacroix of the Flyers. Phil Myre made 25 saves for Montreal in the win.

Over 76 games in 1970-71, Tardif scored 19 goals and improved to 31 the following season. His NHL best came in 1981-82 when he scored 39 with the Quebec Nordiques. These numbers paled in comparison to what he did in the WHA. He scored no less than 40 goals in any of his six seasons in the league and had campaigns of 71 and 65 goals, leading the league in both.

2/3 Of The French Connection Explode For Combined 6 Points In 3rd Period Vs. Rangers

Typically, it was Gilbert Perreault leading the way in the points department for the Buffalo Sabres. Not on January 10, 1974 at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium against the New York Rangers. Gil had just a single assist in the game while his linemates Rene Robert and Rick Martin combined for eight points in the game, six in the third period and four in the first 31 seconds of that frame.

Both Rico and Rene assisted on the only goal of the first period, scored by Jim Lorentz late on New York goalie Ed Giacomin. Both were left off the scoresheet in the second with Lorentz and Brad Park exchanging goals to make it 2-1 Buffalo going into the third.

Just 21 seconds into the final frame, Robert scored his 13th of the 1973-74 NHL season, assisted by Martin and Perreault. Not to be outdone, Rick scored his 29th of the year just ten seconds later, assisted by Robert and Jerry Korab. With the game well in hand, Martin scored his second of the match at 14:54 with the lone helper going to Robert. Ted Irvine of the Rangers rounded out the scoring in the 7-2 win for the home team.

That year, Martin became the first player in franchise history to reach the 50 goal plateau, scoring 52. He would equal that total again in the following campaign. Robert finished with just 65 points while Perreault had 51 points, playing just 55 games. The Sabres did not qualify for the post season but came roaring back in 1974-75, reaching the Stanley Cup final.

Bernie Wolfe Has Goalie Fight With Rogie Vachon In 1979, Despite Not Playing In The Game

Goalie fights are rare. This one takes rare to a different level. First off, neither Bernie Wolfe or Rogie Vachon modeled their game after Billy Smith. Excluding this game between the Detroit Red Wings and Washington Capitals at the Capital Center on January 19, 1979, Wolfe received just a single minor penalty over his NHL career. Vachon was assessed 32 PIM over 795 regular season games, not counting this one.

At the time, both must have been frustrated with the direction of their careers. Vachon came to Detroit from the Los Angeles Kings in the off-season and his numbers ballooned with the Wings. Wolfe would play just two more games in the NHL after this, allowing a combined 13 goals, both losses.

In a 5-1 Capitals win, Gary Inness stopped 34 of 35 shots put toward him, including six from Willie Huber. Vachon let in five on 28 shots. After the final buzzer, a melee broke out that saw four fighting majors, four misconducts and two game misconducts handed out. One of the fights was between Wolfe and Vachon, both receiving five for fighting and a ten minute misconduct.

Rogie's NHL journey is a well-known one but Bernie Wolfe's is a little more under the radar. He played Canadian university hockey before going pro with the Maine Nordiques of the NAHL in 1974-75, joining the Richmond Robins in the AHL later that year. The Capitals signed him as a free agent and Bernie shared duties with Ron Low in 1975-76, putting up considerably better numbers than his goaltending partner. Over four years, Wolfe played 119 games for the Caps before retiring.

John Anderson Powers Toronto's Win Over Detroit With An All Power Play Hat Trick

On March 24, 1985 at Joe Louis Arena, the Toronto Maple Leafs were looking for just their 19th win over the first 74 games of the 1984-85 NHL season. John Anderson, with help from Bill Derlago, made it happen with Toronto coming out on top 5-3. Six of the eight combined goals were scored with the man advantage. Anderson scored half of those.

The Red Wings opened the scoring in the first with a “legends” goal. Danny Gare put in his 24th of the season at 2:56, assisted by Brad Park and Darryl Sittler. It was the only goal of the first period. Anderson went to work in the second with a pair of power play goals, his 23rd and 24th of the campaign. Before the period was over, Derlago scored his 25th shorthanded with Jeff Brubaker in the box for hooking.

Anderson scored his hat trick goal at 4:08 of the third period. This one made the score 4-1 and would stand as the game winning goal. Derlago assisted on this one, as well, and finished the night with four points on a goal and three assists. Borje Salming wasn't far behind with three points on three assists.

John also led all skaters in shots with seven of the 32 put on Greg Stefan. Tim Berhardt allowed three on 20 shots for Toronto in the win. For Detroit, Danny Gare had a pair. At the end of this game, Gare, Derlago and Anderson were all tied with 25 goals each. Anderson would finish the season with 32 with Derlago one behind. Gare scored just two more and finished with 27.

Doug Wilson Pounds Away At Richard Brodeur And The Canucks To Get A Win For The Blackhawks

1981-82 was a magical year for Doug Wilson. His 39 goals for the Chicago Blackhawks still rank today as the fourth most by a defenseman in a single NHL season with just Paul Coffey and Bobby Orr ahead of him. He was awarded the Norris Trophy and helped the Hawks reach the semi-final before bowing out to the Vancouver Canucks.

It was the Canucks the Blackhawks hosted on January 10, 1982 at Chicago Stadium. Wilson put ten of the 47 shots on Richard Brodeur in the game. Brodeur allowed just three past him in the 3-2 loss. Doug put the Hawks up 2-1 at 16:49 of the second, assisted by Doug Crossman and Reg Kerr on the powerplay with Tiger Williams in the box for high sticking.

1:10 into the third period, Wilson struck again with his 17th of the 1981-82 NHL season, assisted by Crossman and Denis Savard. Again, it was on the power play with Doug Halward serving two for hooking. This marker put Chicago up 3-1 and served as the game winner. It was Halward that made it close, scoring for the Canucks with eight seconds left in the game to make it a 3-2 final.

Doug Wilson played 1,024 regular season and 95 playoff games in the National Hockey League between 1977-78 and 1992-93 with the Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks. The Hockey Hall of Fame finally righted a wrong by inducting Doug in 2020, more than a quarter century after he retired.

Ralph Backstrom Leads The Way In 7-0 Habs Win Over Chicago In 1967

Ralph Backstrom scored just four goals for the Montreal Canadiens in the first 18 games of the 1967-68 NHL season. After their road game on November 23, 1967 at Chicago Stadium against the Blackhawks, he was left off the scoresheet for the next seven. However, on this particular night, Backstrom was on fire.

The boy from Kirkland Lake, Ontario started the scoring at 5:47 of the first period, putting his fifth of the season past Denis DeJordy with help from Claude Larose. Before the period was over, Ralph had his second of the game, assisted by J.C. Tremblay and Dick Duff, to make the score 3-0.

The hat trick goal was scored on the power play at 10:28 of the second with Doug Jarrett in the box for tripping. Tremblay and Yvan Cournoyer had helpers. Later in the frame, Backstrom set up Larose for his first of the season. His second assist of the game came at 6:44 of the third on a Cournoyer goal to cap the five point game. Ralph was responsible for ten of the 32 shots put towards his future Los Angeles Kings teammate in the game.

Montreal came out with a 7-0 shutout win with Gump Worsley making a casual 15 saves for his second blank of the year and 31st of his NHL career. His first of the season was also a 15 save affair against the Toronto Maple Leafs. It was the first of two times he shut out the Blackhawks in 1967-68.

The Chief's Buzzer Beater For The Bruins Drops Red Wings In 1968

After assisting on John McKenzie's opening goal at 7:33 of the first period of a game at Detroit Olympia on February 22, 1968, it was a long time before Johnny Bucyk got on the scoresheet again. It certainly looked like he would not. Gordie Howe tied the game with his 28th of the 1967-68 NHL season before the first was over. Howe and Phil Esposito traded goals in the second but nothing was going into the nets in the third.

That is, until just one second left on the clock. Bucyk put his 25th of the year past Detroit goalie Roger Crozier, with help from Don Awrey and Ted Green, to give the Bruins a 3-2 victory. It was the third of three shots John put on Crozier in the game and the last of 29 total for Boston.

Gerry Cheevers was much busier in goal for the Bruins and deserved a star for his performance. Cheevers turned away 37 of 39 shots with two of Gordie Howe's game leading seven shots going in. The game featured a first period fight between Esposito and Detroit's Jim Watson.

For The Chief, it was the second of four game winning goals in 1967-68. His fourth was a late goal, as well, scored with less than five minutes remaining in a 2-1 win over the New York Rangers on March 13, 1968. That one was scored on Ed Giacomin and assisted by Esposito and McKenzie. Ed Westfall scored the first goal for the Bruins shorthanded and Cheevers stopped 39 of 40 shots.

Everyone Knows Of Bill Mosienko's 3 Goals In 21 Seconds But Gus Bodnar Also Set An Unbreakable Record In That Game

On March 23, 1952, Bill Mosienko scored three goals for the Chicago Blackhawks over a span of just 21 seconds in the third period of a 7-6 win over the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. The closest anyone has come to that record is Jean Beliveau a few years later with three in 44 seconds. No one else over the 70+ years since has scored a hat trick in less than a minute.

Mosienko's record can certainly be considered unbreakable but so is the record Gus Bodnar set in that game. Bodnar assisted on all three Mosienko goals and holds the mark for the fastest three assists in an NHL game. Since, three other players have gone under a minute and Wilf Paiement came real close with the Quebec Nordiques in 1985 with three helpers in 29 seconds (3 different goal scorers).

That game was the last of the 1951-52 NHL season for both the Blackhawks and Rangers. Neither team qualified for the post season. Mosienko scored the first goal at 6:09 of the third, his 29th of the season, on New York goalie Lorne Anderson. He then scored eleven seconds later. The hat trick goal was scored at 6:30 to make the score 6-5 Rangers. After being down 6-2 before Bill's rampage, a pair of Sid Finney goals to end the game gave the Hawks the 7-6 win.

What the hat trick did was leapfrog Mosienko over Ted Lindsay and Bernie Geoffrion to finish second in the NHL with 31 goals, 16 behind leader Gordie Howe. Bodnar, who also had a goal of his own in the game (assisted by Mosienko and Bill Gadsby) finished the year with 40 points, a pretty standard performance for Gus over his 12 year NHL career.

Parker MacDonald Scores 1962-63 NHL Leading 8th Game Winner Vs. New York

Parker MacDonald and Frank Mahovlich tied for the league lead in game winning goals for the 1962-63 NHL season with eight each. For Parker, three were scored against the Chicago Blackhawks and three against the New York Rangers. His last of the eight came against the Rangers on February 24, 1963 at Madison Square Garden.

MacDonald's Detroit Red Wings went into the third period down 2-1. Andy Bathgate had scored a pair for the Rangers and Norm Ullman had the single for the Red Wings. The lead held until over halfway through the third, at 11:14, Parker scored his 28th of the year, assisted by Doug Barkley and Gordie Howe.

At the 13:02 mark, MacDonald put home his second of the game, 29th of the season and the game winner, again assisted by Gordie Howe. For Mr. Hockey, it was his third assist of the match. Parker's two goals came on six shots put toward New York goalie Gump Worsley. Worsley faced a total of 45 while Terry Sawchuk stopped 28 of 30 for Detroit.

1962-63 was a career year for MacDonald, scoring 33 and assisting on 28 for 61 points. His goal total placed him fifth in the NHL, just five behind leader and teammate Gordie Howe. Between 1952-53 and 1968-69, he played 676 regular season and 75 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins and Minnesota North Stars.

Ken Schinkel (and Ron Schock but no Shack) Powers Penguins To Playoff Win Over Oakland Seals

The Pittsburgh Penguins swept the Oakland Seals in their quarter-final series in the 1970 Stanley Cup playoffs. Game three was played at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena on April 11, 1970. The Seals jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on a shorthanded goal by Earl Ingarfield. The hope for a home team win was lost in the second with the Pens scoring three straight goals.

Nick Harbaruk, Ken Schinkel and Jean Pronovost all scored on Oakland goalie Gary Smith, putting Pittsburgh up 3-1 with the game just over half done. Ted Hampson brought the Seals within one with an early third period marker, assisted by Harry Howell. Schinkel, Schock and Prentice then took over to guarantee the win.

At 9:33 of the third, Schinkel scored his second of the game and the playoffs on the power play with Doug Roberts of the Seals off for cross checking. Ron Schock and Dean Prentice had helpers on the goal. The three connected again at 14:09 with Ken's hat trick goal, putting the finishing touches on a 5-2 Pittsburgh victory, giving them a 3-0 series lead.

This was a bright light for Schinkel in the playoffs. Over the other nine post season games that year, he scored just one more goal and added a single assist. Prentice finished the game with three assists and Les Binkley made 27 saves in the win. Pittsburgh would move on after a game four 3-2 overtime win before being eliminated in six games by the St. Louis Blues in the semi-final.

Mark Messier Scores 4 Of Edmonton's 5 Goals In Win Over Canadiens In 1982

For Mark Messier, it was the fourth of 23 career hat tricks in the NHL and his first of five 4-goal games. On December 19, 1982, the Oilers hosted the Habs at Northlands Coliseum and, at the time, Montreal had the better record. Perhaps, Montreal spent too much energy shutting down Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri and forgot about Messier.

After a scoreless first half of the game, Moose opened the scoring at 11:59 of the second period on the powerplay, 19 seconds after Steve Shutt was assessed a minor for tripping. The goal was unassisted and one of seven shots Messier would put on Montreal goalie Richard Sevigny. The Oilers bombarded Sevigny in the game with 51 shots.

Less than two minutes later, Messier had his second of the game and 19th of the 1982-83 NHL season, assisted by Gretzky and Glenn Anderson. It was the only point for both those players in the game. Edmonton's 2-0 lead was erased by goals from Ryan Walter and Gilbert Delorme. However, at 7:30 of the third, Messier scored his hat trick goal, again unassisted, and it turned out to be the game winner.

With 33 seconds left in the game and Sevigny on the bench for the extra attacker, Mark put in his fourth, assisted by Dave Lumley and Charlie Huddy. Lumley was the only other Oiler with more than a single point in the game, putting up two assists. Ryan Walter was in on both Montreal goals, scoring one and assisting on Delorme's. Grant Fuhr made 29 saves in the win.

Ivan Boldirev Scores Half Of His Team's 8 Goals In A Rare Golden Seals Win In 1973-74

1973-74 was a disaster for the California Golden Seals. The team finished with just 13 wins and 36 points, dead last in the NHL, 20 points behind the next competitor. Reg Leach is still tied for the seventh worst plus/minus of all-time with a -62. Ivan Boldirev didn't do much better with a -53.

Still, on January 9, 1974 in a home game against the St. Louis Blues at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena, Boldirev and the Seals put on a show. Ivan had four goals, helping the team to just their ninth win over 40 games. His first came late in the first period, tying the game 2-2. Floyd Thomson scored shortly after and then again early in the second to give the Blues a 4-2 lead.

California didn't let old habits set in. They scored four unanswered before the period was over, two by Boldirev, to take the lead at 6-4. Ivan started the scoring in the third with his fourth of the game and 14th of the 1973-74 NHL season at 11:36. This would stand as the game winner. The Blues made it interesting, scoring two to make it a one goal game with 34 seconds left. Rick Kessel finished off the scoring with an empty-net goal with just four seconds left, his first of the season.

Boldirev led the way with eight shots on net. Leach had seven, putting one in and adding an assist. Both players would be gone from California by the start of 1974-75 with Ivan moving to the Chicago Blackhawks and Reggie going to the Philadelphia Flyers.

Mike Liut Gets Lit Up By His 2nd Cousin In Their 1st Game Against Each Other

Ron Francis started the 1981-82 season in the OHL with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. 25 games in, he was brought up to the Hartford Whalers and went along at more than a point per game clip over 59 games with the team that year. In his 11th game with the Whalers, he came up against the St. Louis Blues and his second cousin Mike Liut.

On December 9, 1981, the Blues came for a visit at the Hartford Civic Center and it didn't go well for the visitors. Francis assisted on a Blaine Stoughton goal at 8:02 of the second that turned out to be the game winner in the 5-1 victory. Before the period was over, Ron had a pair of powerplay goals to put the Whalers up 4-0.

At 15:53 of the third, he assisted on Stoughton's second of the game and 20th of the season to complete the four point night. Liut stopped 35 of 40 shots in the loss, included six from Stoughton and four from his second cousin. On the winning side, Greg Millen stopped all but one of 34 shots for Hartford.

The two would become teammates a few years later. On February 21, 1985, Liut was traded to the Whalers with Jorgen Pettersson for Greg Millen and Mark Johnson. Near the end of the 1989-90 NHL season, Mike was traded to the Washington Capitals for Yvon Corriveau. Francis was with Hartford an extra year before being shipped to the Pittsburgh Penguins near the end of 1990-91.

Doug Gilmour Adds To His Hot November, 1986 With 3 Point Game Against Maple Leafs

1986-87 was Doug Gilmour's first 100+ point season in the NHL and the only time he would score more than 40 goals. His 105 point campaign with the St. Louis Blues was fueled by a month of November that saw him collect 21 points in 14 games. Three of those came on November 12, 1986 against a team he would star for in the future.

A home game at the St. Louis Arena, it was an early season battle between two Norris Division rivals. Both would finish the 1986-87 season with 32 wins apiece. However, in the tight five team Norris, the Blues finished first and the Maple Leafs finished last. This game was a typical tight battle between the two teams and ended with a 4-2 win for the home team. Gilmour was in on all but one of the St. Louis goals.

After a scoreless first period, Steve Thomas put the Leafs on the board at the 4:52 mark of the second, putting one past Rick Wamsley with help from Rick Vaive and Al Iafrate. Gilmour responded exactly five minutes later with his fifth of the season, assisted by Brian Sutter and Jim Pavese. Before the period was over, Doug assisted on Mark Hunter's go-ahead goal and the score was 2-1 Blues going into the third.

Gilmour scored what would be the game winning goal at 6:57 of the third on the power play, scoring his sixth of the season, assisted by Hunter and Tim Bothwell. Gilmour, Hunter and Brian Sutter had five shots each, accounting for almost half of the 36 put toward Ken Wregget in the game. Wamsley turned away 36 of 38 in the win.

Jim Pavese also recorded three points, all assists. Mark Hunter had the Gordie Howe Hat Trick with a goal, assist and first period fight with Mike Allison. Steve Thomas led all shooters with eight shots on net.

Claude Provost Knocks Maple Leafs Out of 1965 Stanley Cup Playoffs With Game 6 OT Goal

Claude Provost led the Montreal Canadiens during the 1964-65 NHL regular season with 27 goals. The total placed him fifth in the league. However, when it came to the playoffs, Claude scored just two goals over 13 games. His second and last of the post season was scored in game 6 of the semi-final between Montreal and Toronto on April 13, 1965 at Maple Leaf Gardens. It was a big one.

With the Canadiens entering the match up 3-2 in the series, Toronto came out of the gate with some fight. With Bob Baun in the box for charging, the Leafs scored not one but two shorthanded goals in the first 3:11 of the game. Dave Keon scored at 2:10 and Red Kelly scored 1:01 later.

21 seconds after the Kelly goal, John Ferguson scored for the Habs on the power play with Baun still in the penalty box. Ron Ellis put the Leafs back up by two with a goal 17 seconds later. The first period ended with Toronto leading 3-1. Montreal dug back with a Jacques Laperriere marker in the second and a Bobby Rousseau goal in the third, assisted by Provost and Jean Beliveau. The teams were knotted at 3-3 at the end of regulation time.

At 16:33 of the first overtime period, Provost scored on Johnny Bower with help from Henri Richard and J.C. Tremblay to win the game and the series for the Canadiens. In the match, Claude and Tremblay led Montreal with six shots each on Bower. Dave Keon led the Leafs with six shots on Gump Worsley, scoring on one.

The Habs moved on to the Stanley Cup final against the Chicago Blackhawks. Chicago took out the number one seed Detroit Red Wings in the other semi-final series, needing the full seven games. The final series also went seven games with Montreal coming out on top for the championship.

Al MacAdam Helps Golden Seals Stay Undefeated In 1975-76

Understand, we're talking about the California Golden Seals in their final NHL season before becoming the Cleveland Barons. A 2-0 start to the season was about as much as their fans could ask for. On October 11, 1975, the Seals paid a visit to the Detroit Red Wings at Detroit Olympia in their second game of the 1975-76 season. In their first, they beat the Atlanta Flames 4-3 at the Omni.

Charlottetown, PEI's Al MacAdam was centre stage in this match. MacAdam opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal at 8:38 of the first period. The goal was unassisted on Detroit goalie Jim Rutherford with Bob Stewart in the box for charging. The two teams went back and forth over the first two periods and the score was tied 2-2 to start the third. That was when Al went to work securing the win.

His first of the period and second of the game was scored at 1:10, assisted by Mike Christie, and served as the game winner. He put in the insurance goal with his third of the game at 16:26, assisted by Christie and Dennis Maruk. For MacAdam, it was the first of three hat tricks over his NHL career. Bob Murdoch added an empty-netter to make the final score 5-2.

Gary Simmons got the win, making 24 saves. Dennis Maruk led in the shots department with six of the 36 on Rutherford. Unfortunately for the Golden Seals, their streak would end at two games. The team would win just one of their next 12 games. They would finish the 1975-76 season with 27 wins and 65 points, out of the playoffs for the sixth year in a row.

Bill Barber Gives Flyers The Series Lead Over North Stars In 1980 Stanley Cup Playoffs

The Philadelphia Flyers and Minnesota North Stars went into game 3 of their semi-final series on May 4, 1980 at the Met Center knotted at a game apiece. Bill Barber took control in the game to give the Flyers the series lead.

It took over 15 minutes into the game but Barber got the scoring started with two quick goals on Gilles Meloche in the first period. He scored his fourth of the playoffs at 15:15 on the power play, assisted by Behn Wilson and Brian Propp. Less than two minutes later, he scored an even strength goal at 17:09 with help from Wilson and Bobby Clarke to give the Flyers a 2-0 lead after one.

Mel Bridgman scored 1:14 into the second and Barber followed up with his third of the game and eventual game winner at 6:07, assisted by Clarke and Reg Leach, to put Philadelphia up 4-0. However, the North Stars weren't done yet. While killing a Curt Giles penalty, Tom Youngmans and Tim Young scored back-to-back shorthanded goals. Tom McCarthy scored shortly after to bring the home squad within one.

At 15:30 of the third frame, Ken Linseman took an interference penalty. At 16:34, Barber scored his fourth of the game shorthanded with help from Andre Dupont. The game ended with the Flyers taking a 5-3 win in the game and a 2-1 lead in the series. They would win the next two to advance to the Stanley Cup final. The New York Islanders took them down in six games to capture their first of four consecutive championships.

Denis Potvin's Performance In 1981 Playoff Game Puts Him In Very Exclusive Group

Prior to April 17, 1981, just two defenseman had recorded a hat trick in a Stanley Cup playoff game. George Boucher was the first, way back in 1921. 50 years later, Bobby Orr accomplished the feat in 1971. Denis Potvin made it a trio in a game 2 quarter-final win over the Edmonton Oilers at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Potvin scored his first of the game and third of the playoffs at 2:26 of the second period on Edmonton goalie Andy Moog, assisted by Mike Bossy and Bryan Trottier. The second came at 9:44 of the second, assisted by Mike McEwen and Butch Goring. The hat trick goal at 3:47 of the third, also served as the game winner in the 6-3 win for the New York Islanders. Mike Bossy and Clark Gillies had helpers on that marker.

Also making the hat trick unique was that all three goals were scored on the power play. A special teams kind of game, of the combined nine goals scored in the match, six were with the man advantage and one was shorthanded. Potvin also assisted on goals by Butch Goring and Mike Bossy for a five point night.

In that quarter-final series, Denis scored six goals in six games. He would score just two more goals in that playoff year, both in a 6-3 win over the Minnesota North Stars in game three of the final series. His 25 total points over 18 games was third on the team behind Mike Bossy (35) and Bryan Trottier (29).

Dean Prentice Scores With 1 Second Left In The Game To Give Rangers 4-3 Win Over Bruins

The New York Rangers went into their home game against the Boston Bruins on November 16, 1960 wallowing in an eight game winless streak. Despite a third period comeback, it looked like it would be nine in a row without a victory. That is, until Dean Prentice took control.

The Bruins held a 3-1 lead after Bronco Horvath scored his tenth of the 1960-61 NHL season at 1:56 of the third. Just over two minutes later, the comeback began for the Rangers. Camille Henry scored at 4:03 to make the game 3-2. At 7:17, Ken Schinkel scored to tie the game, assisted by Brian Cullen and Prentice.

With just a second left on the clock, Prentice put the game winning goal past Boston goalie Don Simmons with help from Schinkel and Cullen. For Dean, it was his sixth goal of the season. He led New York with five of the 35 shots put on Simmons. Gump Worsley also faced 35 shots in the win.

For Prentice, it was his second of four game winners in 1960-61 and first of two against Boston. Coming off a career high 32 goal season in 1959-60, Dean dropped to 20 goals in 1960-61, largely due to missing 14 games.

“Fearless” Andy Brown Records His Only NHL Shutout Less Than A Month Before Being The Last Maskless NHL Goalie

On March 24, 1974, Andy Brown and the Pittsburgh Penguins hosted the Detroit Red Wings at the Civic Arena. The Wings were flat, to say the least, and the home team won easily 8-0. For Brown, it was his 56th of 62 games played in the NHL. He stopped all 23 shots for his only NHL blank.

Leading the way offensively for the Pens was Bob Kelly, scoring

three (including the game winner) and adding an assist on a Chuck Arnason goal for a four point match. Arnason, Lowell MacDonald and Bob McManama all had three points. Jean Pronovost led with seven of the 46 shots put toward Detroit goalie Doug Grant. Also featured was a fight between Steve Durbano and Bryan Watson.

Six games later, on April 7, 1974, Andy Brown became the last goalie to play without a mask. At the Omni Coliseum in Atlanta, Brown allowed six goals on 31 shots in the 6-3 loss to the Flames. The following year, he moved to the WHA to play for the Indianapolis Racers. Andy continued to shun the mask over his three years with the Racers.

Andy Brown played 62 games in the National Hockey League between 1971-72 and 1973-74 with the Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins. Prior to his first game with the Wings, he spent several years in the minors, playing on teams in the EHL, AHL and CHL. With Indianapolis in the WHA, Brown played another 86 games over three years.

Bernie Parent and the Flyers Record A Shutout At Le Colisée In 1968

March 10, 1968. More than a decade before the Quebec Nordiques would play their first NHL game at Le Colisée. The venue became a late season temporary home for the Flyers after the roof was damaged at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. On March 10, the Flyers hosted the Minnesota North Stars and history was made with Bernie Parent recording the first regular season NHL shutout at Le Colisée.

After two periods, not a goal was scored by either team. However, 1:31 into the third frame, Joe Watson scored what would be the game winning goal on Minnesota goalie Garry Bauman, assisted by Andre Lacroix. A few minutes later, Forbes Kennedy put in the insurance marker with help from Lou Angotti

to make it 2-0, the final score.

Parent made 30 saves for the blank, his third of the season and just the fourth of his NHL career to that point. He would go on to record 54 over his Hockey Hall of Fame career, currently tying him for 24th all-time with Ed Giacomin of the New York Rangers.

There would be one more blank (two actually) in the temporary Quebec home, this time a classic goaltending dual between Bernie and Terry Sawchuk of the visiting Los Angeles Kings. Parent made 32 saves and Terry made 20, neither allowing a goal in the 0-0 tie.

Dave Hutchison Didn't Score Often, But In 1976-77 When He Did It Was Likely A Game Winner

Dave Hutchison totaled 19 goals over 584 regular season NHL games. In 1976-77, he had a career high six for the Los Angeles Kings. Three of those six were game winning goals. Those turned out to be the only game winning goals of his career.

On November 3, 1976 at the Richfield Coliseum, the Cleveland Barons held a 2-1 lead over the Kings after two periods. Butch Goring tied it up just 58 seconds into the third. The game was looking like it would end in a tie but Hutchison put one past Cleveland goalie Gary Simmons with 1:09 left in the game. Tom Williams put the insurance goal into the empty net with six seconds left in the 4-2 L.A. win.

At home at the Forum on January 20, 1977, the Kings and Pittsburgh Penguins were tied at 3-3 in the second period when Hutch popped in his fifth of the 1976-77 season with help from Bob Berry and Frank St. Marseille. The score remained 4-3 until Marcel Dionne put in his 26th of the season with 1:10 left in the game to make the final score 5-3.

Hutchison's final GWG of his NHL career was scored on March

31, 1977 at the Forum in a 7-5 win over the Colorado Rockies. His sixth of the campaign, scored unassisted on Michel Plasse at 9:05 of the third made the score 6-4. Gary Croteau of the Rockies and Tom Williams of the Kings traded goals after that to make the final 7-5.

Between 1974-75 and 1983-84, Dave Hutchison played 584 regular season and 48 playoff games in the National Hockey League with the Kings, Toronto Maple Leafs, Chicago Blackhawks and New Jersey Devils. He also played 97 regular season and three playoff games in the WHA between 1972-73 and 1973-74 with the Philadelphia / Vancouver Blazers.

Rick Kehoe's Overtime Goal Keeps Penguins Alive In 1982 Stanley Cup Playoffs

It would have been a coup if the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the reigning Stanley Cup champions in the opening best of five series in 1982. The Pens finished 43 points behind the first place New York Islanders in the 1981-82 NHL regular season standings. In the first two games, the Islanders won easily, outscoring Pittsburgh by a combined score of 15-3. Yet, the Penguins would not roll over and die. Not yet, at least.

Game 3 was played at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena on April 10, 1982. The Islanders jumped to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Mike McEwen at 17:36 of the first period. The score remained that until 6:51 of the third when Pat Boutette scored his third of the playoffs with help from Kehoe and Randy Carlyle. Regulation time ended with the scored knotted at 1-1.

4:14 into the extra frame, Kehoe scored his first of the playoffs, putting one past New York goalie Billy Smith with help from Boutette and Paul Gardner. Michel Dion stood on his head, stopping 38 of 39 in the win.

In game 4, played the following night in Pittsburgh, Rick again

had the game winner and another two point game. He assisted on a Paul Gardner goal in the first to make the score 2-1 for the Penguins. His second of the playoffs, scored on Roland Melanson at 1:52 of the second held as the game winner in the 5-2 win.

Game 5 was a heartbreaker for Penguins players and fans. They held a 3-1 lead until just over five minutes left in the third period before Mike McEwe and John Tonelli scored for the Islanders to tie the game. Tonelli scored the game and series winner at 6:19 of overtime to eliminate Pittsburgh. New York would lose just two more games over the rest of the playoffs in capturing the championship.

Don Saleski Shines In Flyers Quarter-Final Game 5 Win Over The Maple Leafs In 1976

The quarter-final series between the Philadelphia Flyers and Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1976 Stanley Cup playoffs was a homer set. Each game was won by the home team. The teams went into game 5 at the Spectrum on April 20, 1976 tied at two games apiece. An unlikely hero took control for the Flyers in this one.

Bill Barber scored the only goal of the first period and the game remained 1-0 Flyers for the first half of the game. At 10:04 of the second, with Dave Schultz in the box for holding, Don Saleski put his first of the game past Wayne Thomas, unassisted. It would be the only shorthanded playoff goal of Big Bird's NHL career.

With The Hammer still in the penalty box, Toronto scored their only goal of the game 38 seconds later with Bob Neely putting in his second of the playoffs on Bernie Parent. Saleski scored his second of the game and third of the post season at 11:37, assisted by Bob Kelly. The hat trick goal was scored 4:17 into the third with help from Orest Kindrachuk. It was Don's first of four three-goal games in the NHL.

Reg Leach rounded out the scoring in the 7-1 win with a pair of goals 27 seconds apart. Philly took their 3-2 series lead into Maple Leaf Gardens two nights later and lost 8-5 to Toronto. Back at the Spectrum on April 25, the Flyers eliminated their foes with a 7-3 win. Saleski had eight points in seven games in the series. He would have just three more points in the playoffs that year, all in the semi-final against the Boston Bruins.

Carl Brewer Sets Up Wild Third Period Against Red Wings In 1960

Gary Aldcorn scored for the Detroit Red Wings at 1:42 of the first period against Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens on February 13, 1960 (no, it was not a Friday). Another goal was not scored until 2:41 of the third period and for quite some time, it looked like Detroit might have the Leafs on the ropes.

But, at that 2:41 mark, Frank Mahovlich started what would be a string of seven unanswered goals by Toronto. Defenseman Carl Brewer set up Ron Stewart for what would be the game winner at 6:10. He got his second assist on a Dick Duff goal at 13:14. It was Duff's 15th of the 1959-60 NHL season and put Toronto up 4-1.

Brewer's third and final assist of the night came at 18:28 on Duff's second of the game, making the final score 7-1 for the home team. Johnny Bower stopped 29 of 30 shots in the win. Detroit's offensive power trio of Gordie Howe, Alex Delvecchio and Norm Ullman were all left off the scoresheet.

The missing piece of the puzzle in the game, perhaps, was goaltender Terry Sawchuk. Between the pipes for the Red Wings that night was Dennis Riggan. Riggan allowed the seven goals on 31 shots. The father of Pat Riggan was playing just his fifth of 18 games over his NHL career.

Bruce MacGregor Settles In As A Ranger With 5 Point Game Against The Golden Seals

After a decade, the Detroit Red Wings traded Bruce MacGregor to the New York Rangers on February 1, 1971 with Larry Brown for Arnie Brown, Tom Miller and Mike Robitaille. After 673 games with the same team, it's understandable that their'd be an adjustment period. In his first 12 games with the Rangers, MacGregor scored two goals and assisted on five for seven points. Three of the assists came against his former team.

Often in the early 1970's, a game against the California Golden Seals was the elixir that could put magic back into a player's stick. On March 3, 1971 at Madison Square Garden, it was the elixir Bruce MacGregor was looking for, more than doubling his goal total with his new team.

After Walt Tkaczuk opened the scoring for the Rangers at 4:50 of the first period, MacGregor scored his ninth of the 1970-71 NHL season at 14:19 on Gary Smith, assisted by Larry Brown and Pete Stenkowski. This made the score 2-0 and would hold out as the game winning goal in an 8-1 New York win.

At 14:01 of the second, Bruce's even strength goal, again assisted by Stenkowski, made the score 4-1 going into the third. MacGregor opened the third with a shorthanded goal at 5:37 while Jim Neilson was in the box for tripping. Stenkowski and Andre Dupont had helpers on that hat trick goal. MacGregor finished off the game assisted on a pair of goals by Stenkowski.

Both Bruce and Pete came out with five point games with Stenkowski leading in the shots department with seven. Gary Smith was busy in the loss, turning away 38 of 46. Ed Giacomin had a relatively quiet night, facing 20 shots and allowing just a Norm Ferguson power play goal in the second.

Ron Ellis Takes It To The Hawks In 1966 Win

It was a battle of two pretty strong clubs on December 10, 1966 at Maple Leaf Gardens. The Chicago Blackhawks were on their way to being the first place team in 1966-67 by a large margin. Toronto would battle with the Montreal Canadiens for the second seed, losing out by two points but ultimately beating the Habs in the Stanley Cup final.

Ken Hodge started the scoring just 23 seconds into the game, putting his fourth of the season past Johnny Bower with help from Chico Maki. Despite the quick start, more than half the game would go by before the next goal was scored. That one was a shorthanded marker at 12:01 of the second by Toronto's Larry Jeffrey, assisted by Ron Ellis while Frank Mahovlich was in the penalty box.

Dave Keon made it 2-1 just over four minutes later and Ellis scored his first of three on the night with 45 seconds left in the frame to put Toronto up 3-1 going into the third. However, Chicago struck fast again, this time Ken Wharram put in his 13th of the year 30 seconds into the period. Phil Esposito tied the game at 3-3 less than a minute later.

In the second half of the third, Ron Ellis went to work. He scored what would be the game winning goal at 13:46, unassisted. Ron then added the insurance goal at 17:02 with help from Red Kelly to make the final score 5-3 and giving him a four point game. Ellis accounted for five of the 39 shots put on Glenn Hall in the game but it was Kent Douglas that led in that department with six. Johnny Bower turned away 31 of 34 shots for the win.

Al Secord Goes Big For His First NHL Hat Trick

1981-82 was Al Secord's first full season with the Chicago Blackhawks after being traded from the Boston Bruins on December 18, 1980 for Mike O'Connell. It was a historic season for Secord, becoming just the second player in NHL history to record 30 or more goals and 300 or more penalty minutes in a single season with 44 and 303. The only other player to accomplish this feat is Tiger Williams with his 35 and 343 the year before.

Secord began building his 44 goal season early with a four goal game against the Toronto Maple Leafs on November 1, 1981, Chicago's 12th game of the season. At home at Chicago Stadium, Al put in his first of the game at 13:14 of the first period, scoring on Toronto goalie Michel Larocque, assisted by Denis Savard. That goal made the score 2-0 Chicago.

He was left off the scoresheet in the second and the Maple Leafs came back to tie the game at 3-3 to start the third frame. Secord's first of the third period, second of the game and eighth of the season was scored at 3:46 on the power play, making the score 5-3 and serving as the game winning goal in the 9-4 Blackhawks win.

Al's hat trick goal came just eleven seconds later, assisted by Savard and Greg Fox. Later in the period, Secord closed out the game's scoring with his fourth of the game and tenth of the season, assisted by Savard and Tim Higgins. Savard had a five point game with a goal and four assists.

New York's Mark Pavelich Nets 5 In 11-3 Blowout Over The Hartford Whalers

On February 23, 1983 at Madison Square Garden, Mark Pavelich opened and closed the scoring while adding a hat trick in between. His first of five goals on Hartford goalie Greg Millen was scored just 1:17 into the game with help from Scot Kleinendorst and Mikko Leinonen. With just ten seconds left in the first frame, Pavelich scored his second of the game from Leinonen and Vaclav Nedomansky to make the score 5-1 NYR.

Barry Beck scored for the Rangers just nine seconds into the second before Mark got his third of the game at 9:06. By the end of the second frame, New York led 9-3. The third period belonged to Pavelich and in pretty dramatic fashion.

At 8:40 of the third, Mark scored his fourth of the game and 27th of the 1982-83 NHL season, assisted by Rob McClanahan and Tom Laidlaw. Just eleven seconds later, Laidlaw set up Pavelich for his fifth of the game and 28th of the campaign to cap off the scoring in the game.

Pavelich had some decent accuracy. His five goals were scored on just six shots. None of the five were the game winner. That went to Kent-Erik Andersson, scoring his sixth of the season at 18:36 of the first with help from Robbie Ftorek and Nick Fotiu. Greg Millen made just 26 saves on 37 shots for the Whalers while Glen Hanlon stopped 25 of 28 for the win.

Yvan Cournoyer Evens Up Quarter-Final Series Between Habs And Rangers In 1974

In their quarter-final match-up in the 1973-74 Stanley Cup playoffs, the New York Rangers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the series with 4-1 win at the Montreal Forum. Game 2, played at the Forum on April 11, 1974 would also end in a 4-1 score. However, it was the Canadiens that came out on top, powered by an Yvan Cournoyer hat trick.

After the first period, the Rangers held a 1-0 lead thanks to a Bruce MacGregor goal, assisted by Pete Stemkowski and Brad Park. Steve Shutt got the Habs on the board at the 5:03 mark of the second frame, putting one past New York goalie Ed Giacomin with help from Henri Richard. The rest of the game's offense would be provided by the Roadrunner.

Yvan put in his first of the playoffs at 18:11 of the second period, assisted by Pierre Bouchard and goaltender Michel Larocque, to put Montreal up 2-1. It would stand as the game winning goal. In the third period, Cournoyer added two more in second half of the frame, both assisted by Jacques Lemaire. Both Cournoyer and Lemaire had seven shots each, accounting for nearly half of the 31 put toward Giacomin. Larocque had it quiet, having to make just 18 saves.

Montreal also won game three of the series at Madison Square Garden two nights later to take the lead. However, the Rangers roared back with three straight wins to advance to the semi-final. They came up against the Philadelphia Flyers and were eliminated in seven games.

Al MacAdam's OT Goal Completes Sweep Of Maple Leafs In 1980 Stanley Cup Playoffs

In the game 2 7-2 win for the Minnesota North Stars in their best of five preliminary round series against the Toronto Maple Leafs, Al MacAdam had two goals and two assists. In game 3 at Maple Leaf Gardens on April 11, 1980, he had just a goal. However, that goal meant the North Stars would advance to the quarter-final round against the Montreal Canadiens.

By far the closest game of the series, Toronto help a slim 2-1 lead into the third period on goals by Terry Martin and Borje Salming. Minnesota stormed back with a pair early in the third by Tom McCarthy and Steve Christoff to take the lead. However, John Anderson scored unassisted for Toronto at 14:47 of the third to tie the score at 3-3.

Just 32 seconds into the extra frame, MacAdam put one past Jiri Crha, assisted by Curt Giles and Steve Payne for the game and series win. It was Al's fifth and final shot on Crha in the match, leading the Stars in that category. Darryl Sittler had six shots for the Leafs but did not score a goal.

Minnesota moved on to played the Canadiens in the quarter-final. Montreal was looking for their fifth consecutive Stanley Cup championship but the North Stars would knock them out in seven games. The Habs outscored Minnesota in the series 21-18. Next up were the Philadelphia Flyers in the semi-final with the North Stars falling in five games.

Vic Stasiuk Gives Former Team A Rude Welcome At Detroit Olympia

Vic Stasiuk was traded from the Detroit Red Wings to the Boston Bruins in the Terry Sawchuk trade of 1955. With Boston, he was part of the famed Uke Line, along with John Bucyk and Bronco Horvath. On January 23, 1961, he was returned to the Red Wings with Leo Labine for Gary Aldcorn, Tom McCarthy and Murray Oliver. Early in his first full season back in Detroit, he let the Bruins know they may have made a mistake.

On October 19, 1961, the Bruins limped into Detroit Olympia sporting an 0-4-1 record. They would not get their first win of the season on this day. In fact, they would go the first eight without a win before the same Red Wings came to Boston and the home team came away with a 4-0 shutout.

Detroit scored the only goal of the first period off the stick of Bill Gadsby, assisted by Stasiuk and Allan Johnson. Vic added an assist to the total with 22 seconds left in the second on a goal by Leo Labine that put the Wings up 3-1.

In the third, Stasiuk scored what would be the game winning goal just 51 seconds in, assisted by Bruce MacGregor and Marcel Pronovost. Just over a minute later, he had his second of the game, again assisted by MacGregor along with Warren Godfrey. He completed the hat trick and five point night at 15:10 of the third with his fourth of the season with help from Pronovost and Godfrey.

The final score was 7-3 for the home squad. Stasiuk's three goals were scored on the only three shots he put on Boston goalie Don Head. Terry Sawchuk made 29 saves on 32 shots in the win. For Detroit, Bill Gadsby, Warren Godfrey, Gordie Howe, Ed Litzenberger, Bruce MacGregor and Marcel Pronovost all had two points each. For Boston, Cliff Pennington led the way with three points.

6 Point Game By Anders Hedberg Steals Win From The Red Wings

The Detroit Red Wings of the 1970's and early 1980's had a knack for finding a way to lose. On October 26, 1980 at Madison Square Garden against the New York Rangers, this ability was on full display. The Wings held a 6-5 lead until there was just 1:14 left in the game before falling to the Rangers 7-6. Anders Hedberg was the driving force for the home team.

Hedberg opened the scoring at 4:50 of the first period on the power play. He put his third of the year past Detroit goalie Gilles Gilbert with help from Ulf Nilsson and New York goalie John Davidson. Later in the period, Anders assisted on a Steve Vickers goal.

In the second period, Reed Larson and Mike Blaisdell came close to a franchise record, scoring for the Red Wings just seven seconds apart. Mike Allison (assisted by Hedberg) and Anders relinquished Detroit's lead later in the frame and the second ended with a 4-4 tie.

It was rapid-fire in the third period by the Wings again in the third, although not quite what Larson and Blaisdell had done. George Lyle scored 58 seconds into the period and Mike Foligno put Detroit up 6-4 55 seconds later. Ron Greschner got one back for the Rangers at the 11:45 mark but it looked like the game would end with a Detroit win.

Hedberg took over, scoring at 18:46, assisted by Phil Esposito and Tom Laidlaw. He scored the game winner 33 seconds later, unassisted. Anders led all skaters with seven of the 37 shots put on Gilbert. John Davidson wasn't exactly fabulous in net for the Rangers, allowing the six goals on 30 shots in the win.

Steve Vickers Prepares The Atlanta Flames For Their Move To Calgary

1979-80 was the final season for the Flames franchise in Georgia. The following year, they would start anew in Calgary. The team did well over their eight years in Atlanta, reaching the post season in six campaigns (not bad for an expansion franchise in the 1970's). But, they could never get past the first round. Such was the case in the 1980 Stanley Cup playoffs.

In game one of their opening round best of five set against the New York Rangers, played on April 8, 1980 at Madison Square Garden, Don Lever gave the team hope. After a scoreless first period, Lever put the Flames up 1-0 with a goal on New York goalie John Davidson at the 4:57 mark of the second frame, assisted by Ken Houston and Pekka Rautakallio.

It was then time for Steve Vickers to shine. He tied the score with a third period marker at 8:14, putting one past Dan Bouchard with help from Ron Greschner and Ulf Nilsson. The score remained 1-1 at the end of regulation. Just 33 seconds into the first overtime period, Vickers struck again, assisted by Greshner, to give the Rangers the 2-1 win and a 1-0 series lead.

The Rangers went on to win the set 3-1 and the Atlanta chapter of the Flames story was over. For New York, those two goals by Vickers were the only ones he would score over nine playoff games in 1979-80. The Philadelphia Flyers didn't have much trouble with the Rangers in the next round, winning the series in five games and allowing just seven goals.

For The 1st Time In 50 Years A Defenseman Scores 3 Goals In A Stanley Cup Playoff Game

1970-71 was a magical year for Bobby Orr and the Boston Bruins. They did everything. Everything but advance to the second round of the playoffs. However, during that quarter-final battle with the Montreal Canadiens, Bobby Orr found a new way to get into the record books. For the first time since the early days of the NHL and the first time in the modern history of the league, a blue liner record a playoff hat trick.

It was game four on April 11, 1971 at the Montreal Forum. The Habs were up 2-1 in the series. Frank Mahovlich scored the lone goal of the first period and the score remained 1-0 through the halfway point of the match. Then, Orr struck. Bobby scored his third of the series at 11:01, putting one past Ken Dryden with help from Wayne Cashman and Ken Hodge.

Just 37 seconds into the third, Orr scored his second of the game and what would be the game winning goal, assisted by Hodge and Phil Esposito. Later in the frame, Yvan Cournoyer and Fred Stanfield exchanged goals to make the score 4-2 Boston. Don Awrey took a hooking penalty at 18:25 and the Habs pulled Dryden for the six on four advantage. Bobby put home the hat trick goal into the empty net with just three seconds left to make the final score 5-2.

Orr led all skaters with seven shots on net while Esposito and Hodge both had three assist games. Gerry Cheevers made 26 saves in the win. Unfortunately for the Bruins, the series would go the full seven with the Habs coming out on top and eventually capturing the Stanley Cup championship.

Brian Sutter Records 1st NHL Hat Trick But Blues Get Doubled Up By Canucks

1978-79 was a breakout year for Brian Sutter. Over his first two campaigns in the NHL with the St. Louis Blues, Sutter scored just 13 goals in 113 games over two seasons. In 78-79, he put in 41 over 77 games. On October 13, 1978 at Pacific Coliseum, Brian had his first three goal game. Unfortunately, the Blues lost the game 8-4. In the seven games over his career when he scored three, the Blues were just 4-3.

In the first period, 57 seconds after Ron Sedlbauer gave the home team a 1-0 lead, Sutter scored his second of the 1978-79 NHL season with help from Bernie Federko and Wayne Babych. His second of the game at 14:40 of the second, assisted by Dick Lamby and Babych, brought the Blues within two, making the score 4-2 Vancouver.

Sutter's third of the game came at 6:23 of the third, just 28 seconds after Chris Oddleifson put the Canucks up 5-3. Vancouver finished off the third with three unanswered, scored by Sedlbauer, Don Lever and Thomas Gradin. Adding to the stats, Brian had a second period fight with Oddleifson.

Sutter led the Blues with four of the 23 shots on Vancouver goalie Gary Bromley. Wayne Babych had four points on a goal and three assists while Federko had three helpers. Leading the Canucks was Don Lever with two goals and two assists along with five of the 36 shots put on St. Louis goalie Phil Myre.

Perennial Selke Trophy Candidate Nets 2 Shorthanded Goals On The Same PK In 1st 2:47 Of The Game

Steve Kasper got things rolling for the Boston Bruins in a quick and dramatic fashion in a game against Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens on January 9, 1985. 55 seconds into the match, Frank Simonetti of the Bruins was assessed a minor penalty for interference. At 1:57, Kasper scored shorthanded on Toronto goalie Rick St. Croix, unassisted.

At the 2:47 mark, with Simonetti still in the box, Kasper scored again shorthanded and unassisted. St. Croix, facing just the two shots, was pulled from the game at that point and replaced by Tim Bernhardt. Bernhardt made a valiant effort, stopping 37 of 40 shots but the Maple Leafs came up short 5-3 in the game.

Interestingly, the next goal was also on the penalty kill, this time by Russ Courtnall of the Leafs with Bob McGill off for holding. Courtnall's goal was assisted by Dan Daoust and scored on Boston netminder Pete Peeters. Before the period was up, Toronto tied the score at 2-2 with Al Iafrate scoring with 14 seconds left in the frame.

For Courtnall, it was a bit of a historic night. It was the first time facing brother Geoff Courtnall in an NHL game. Geoff also had a goal in the match, scoring Boston's final tally at 10:25 of the third, assisted by Mike O'Connell and Tom Fergus.

Dan Maloney Gets The Gordie Howe Hat Trick While Leading The Red Wings To Victory

On January 27, 1976, the Detroit Red Wings paid a visit to the Blues at St. Louis Arena. In a tight affair, it was the visitors who came out on top, helped considerably by the play of Dan Maloney.

At 15:01 of the second period, Maloney scored his 18th of the

1975-76 NHL season, putting one past St. Louis goalie Ed Johnston, assisted by Walt McKechnie. This made the score 2-0 for the Wings. Chuck Lefley responded for the Blues 44 seconds later. At the 18:00 mark of the second, Michel Bergeron scored what would be the winning goal in the 3-2 Detroit win, assisted by Maloney and Rick Lapointe.

To cap off the GHHT, Maloney went toe-to-toe with Pierre Plante at 12:50 of the third period. It was the second time in the month of January, 1976 that Dan would accomplish this feat. On January 4, at home against the Vancouver Canucks, he had a goal and assist in a 4-3 loss while also dropping the gloves with Chris Oddleifson.

That was simply Dan Maloney's style of play. 1975-76 was his first year with the Red Wings after coming over from the Los Angeles Kings. He scored 27 goals for the second consecutive season while also putting up a career high 203 penalty minutes. He would be a 20 goal scorer one more time during his NHL career, putting in exactly 20 with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1980-81.

Rosaire Paiement Records 1st Four Goal Game In Vancouver Canucks History

Orland Kurtenbach put up the first hat trick in franchise history but the next two were scored by Rosaire Paiement within a week of each other in February, 1971. The first, on February 9, 1971 at Pacific Coliseum against the Buffalo Sabres, serves as the first four goal game in the NHL history of the Canucks.

In this battle of expansion cousins, Dick Duff of the Sabres and Paiement traded goals in the first period. In the second, Murray Hall put the Canucks up 2-1. With 17 seconds left in the frame, Rosaire scored his second of the game and 14th of the season to up the lead to 3-1. However, with just one second left in the period, Ron Anderson brought the Sabres back within one.

Duff led off the third period for the Sabres, tying the score at 3-3. From there, it was all Vancouver. Ray Cullen scored what would be the game winner, followed by a pair of goals by Paiement to make the final score 6-3. Rosie led with eight of the 35 shots put toward Buffalo goalie Roger Crozier. George Gardner made 30 saves in the win.

Originally a prospect of the Boston Bruins, Paiement got his start in the NHL with the Philadelphia Flyers. He saw limited action over his three years with the Flyers, playing just 43 regular season and three playoff games. When the Canucks picked him up in the 1970 NHL Expansion Draft, Paiement instantly became an NHL star, if only for one season. He led Vancouver with 34 goals and 152 penalty minutes in 1970-71.

Dave Andreychuk Becomes 1st Sabre To Score 5 In A Game

On February 6, 1986 at the Boston Garden, the Bruins scored a healthy six goals but Buffalo's Dave Andreychuk had six points on his own in an 8-6 win for the Sabres. Andreychuk became the first in franchise history to score five in a game. To date, just Tage Thompson has repeated the feat with five in a 2022 match.

After Mike Foligno scored for the Sabres just 37 seconds into the game, Andreychuk scored a pair back-to-back to make the score 3-0 by the 14:30 mark of the first period. Boston came back with a quick pair of their own before the period was over to pull within one.

Dave started the second period scoring at 4:40 with his hat trick goal and first of three he would put past Boston goalie Doug Keans in the frame. Goal number five of the game and number 24 of the 1985-86 NHL season was scored at 17:15 of the second to make the score 7-4 for the visitors and turned out to be the game winner.

Boston head coach Butch Goring had seen enough, pulling Keans

after the second and replacing him with Pat Riggan. Keans allowed seven goals on just 17 shots. Riggan would face just four shots in the third, allowing a single goal by Paul Cyr.

Andreychuk also assisted on a Normand Lacombe goal for a six point game. Buffalo's Tom Barrasso was by far the busier goalie in the game, facing 44 shots and making 38 saves. Ray Bourque, as usual, led the way with seven but did not score. Andreychuk also had seven shots in the match.

Red Kelly Scores The Only Overtime Goal Of The Entire 1962 Stanley Cup Playoffs

There were 18 total games played in the 1961-62 NHL post season. Each series went six games with the Chicago Blackhawks taking out the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs taking out the New York Rangers in the two semi-final sets before Toronto took down Chicago in the final. Seven of the 18 were decided by just a single goal. Yet, just one needed overtime to decide a winner.

That game was game five of the series between Toronto and New York at Maple Leaf Gardens on April 5, 1962 and two overtime periods were needed. The Leafs built a 2-0 lead by the 12:21 mark of the second frame on goals by Ron Stewart and Frank Mahovlich, both assisted by Red Kelly. 1:20 after the Mahovlich marker, Jean-Guy Gendron got the Rangers on the board with help from Ted Hampson. In the third, Earl Ingarfield scored for the Blue Shirts to tie the game at 2-2.

After nothing was decided in the first overtime period, Red Kelly scored his third of the series at 4:23, assisted by Frank Mahovlich, to give Toronto a 3-2 win in the game and a 3-2 lead in the series. That game burst the bubble for the Rangers and the Buds went on to an easy 7-1 win in game 6, advancing to the Stanley Cup final.

Red Kelly's three points would have earned him the first star but two other players were outstanding on the ice that night. For the win, Johnny Bower stopped 39 of 41 shots, including a game high of nine off the stick of Johnny Wilson. For the Rangers, Gump Worsley made 56 saves on 59 shots. Frank Mahovlich led the Leafs with eight shots on Worsley, scoring on one.

Dave Burrows Makes His Only NHL Shorthanded Goal Count In 1975 Win Over L.A.

Never an offensive powerhouse, Dave Burrows scored 29 goals over 724 regular season games in the National Hockey League. Of the 29, just one was scored shorthanded. That goal came on the night of December 20, 1975 at the Forum in Los Angeles in a game between his Pittsburgh Penguins and the Kings.

After a scoreless first period, Jean Pronovost opened the scoring just 16 seconds into the second. At 5:45 of that same frame, Burrows scored his fourth of the 1975-76 NHL season with Colin Campbell in the box for holding to put the Penguins up 2-0. That goal was scored on L.A. goalie Rogie Vachon and assisted by Lew Morrison.

That shorthanded goal held on as the game winner in a 5-1 win for the visitors. Pittsburgh goalie Michel Plasse made 31 saves in the win while the trio of Rick Kehoe, Bob Kelly and Pierre Larouche had three points each. That line was responsible for 16 of the 40 shots put on Vachon with Larouche leading the way with nine.

Dave Burrows played his 724 regular season NHL games between 1971-72 and 1980-81 with the Pittsburgh Penguins and Toronto Maple Leafs. He appeared in an additional 29 in the post season, scoring just a single goal. He was originally a Chicago Blackhawks prospect but never played for that club.

Phil Esposito In On All 5 Boston Goals In 1969 Semi-Final Game 3 Win Over Canadiens

The 1968-69 Boston Bruins had a fairly easy time sweeping the Toronto Maple Leafs in the quarter-final, outscoring the Buds 17-0 in the first two games. However, they came up against a much stronger Montreal Canadiens team in the semi-final. The Habs jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the set on two overtime wins at the Forum. Phil Esposito and Gerry Cheevers took it upon themselves to get the Bruins back in the series.

Game three was played at the Boston Garden on April 17, 1969. Esposito scored what would be the game winning goal just 3:37 into the first period, putting his seventh of the playoffs past Gump Worsley, assisted by Bobby Orr. In the second, Phil assisted on an Ed Westfall goal and Boston held a 2-0 lead going into the third. That period belonged to Esposito.

Again at 3:37, Phil scored his second of the game, assisted by Ron Murphy and Ken Hodge. At 10:07, Murphy put the Bruins up 4-0, assisted by Hodge and Esposito. Just 16 seconds later, Hodge scored, assisted by Espo and Dallas Smith. The game ended in a 5-0 win for the home team and Phil had a five point game. Gerry Cheevers stopped all 34 shots for his third shutout of the 1969 post season.

Boston tied the series up at 2-2 a few nights later but couldn't contain the Habs. Montreal won the following two games although the Bruins fought to the bitter end, losing in double overtime in game 6. In that game, Cheevers made 45 saves but Rogie Vachon did just a little better, turning away 50 of 51. Jean Beliveau clinched the series at the 11:28 mark of the fifth period, assisted by Claude Provost.

Denis Savard Begins 1985 Hat Trick With Penalty Shot Goal On Greg Stefan

Denis Savard had more than his fair share of penalty shots over his NHL career with five. However, he only scored on one. On December 15, 1985 at Chicago Stadium against the Detroit Red Wings, Savard was awarded the third penalty shot of his career at 7:57 of the first period. He put his 17th of the 1985-86 NHL season past Greg Stefan to tie the score at 1-1 after Steve Yzerman had given the Wings an early lead.

Going into the third period, the score was tied 3-3. Savard put in his second of the game at 8:14, assisted by Wayne Presley and Al Secord, to put the Blackhawks up by one. John Ogradnick tied things up again later in the frame. With less than three minutes left in the third, it looked like overtime might be looming.

Doug Wilson had other thoughts. The blue liner scored the game winning goal for Chicago at 17:35 with help from Troy Murray and Ed Olczyk. Savard put the nail in the coffin just 12 seconds later with his hat trick goal, making the final score 6-4 for the Hawks.

That year, Denis came as close as he would to the 50 goal plateau, scoring a career high 47. Including playoffs, he reached 51 with four goals in three games. His 116 points placed him seventh in the race for the Art Ross Trophy, 99 points behind leader Wayne Gretzky.

Pete Mahovlich Factors In On All Montreal's Goals In A 1975 5-3 Win Over The Rangers

16 points in his first eight games of March, 1975 and a follow-up to a three point game two nights before, Pete Mahovlich had a hot hand on March 9, 1975 at Madison Square Garden against the New York Rangers. The Little M had a point on all five goals scored by the Habs in the road win.

Mahovlich opened the scoring at 5:25 of the first period, scoring his 31st of the 1974-75 NHL season on the power play. He put the puck past New York goalie Dunc Wilson with help from Serge Savard and Guy Lafleur. Later in the period, he assisted on a Guy Lapointe power play goal to put the Habs up 2-0 going into the second.

The second frame involved a bit of rapid fire by Montreal before the offense took the rest of the night off. Pete scored his second of the game and 32nd of the year at 2:39. At 6:09, he assisted on Yvan Cournoyer's 28th which would stand as the game winner. Just eleven seconds later, Mahovlich assisted on Steve Shutt's 27th of the campaign to make it 5-0.

The Rangers made it a game, coming back with three goals in the third period, two by Steve Vickers and one by Orangeville, Ontario's Bert Wilson. Ken Dryden would let just the three in while making 33 saves in the win. The goaltender Wilson was the only New York player to not register a shot on net.

For Mahovlich, the five point game helped toward his career high 117 points in 1974-75. He finished fifth in the race for the Art Ross Trophy, 18 behind winner Bobby Orr. His 82 assists were seven behind co-leaders Orr and Bobby Clarke.

Duane Rupp Scores 60% Of His 1970-71 Goals In A Single Game

Duane Rupp was not an offensive defenseman. He would not be mistaken for Bobby Orr. Rupp scored 24 goals over 374 games in the NHL. On March 24, 1971, he scored 60% of his five goals for the 1970-71 season in a single game against the Detroit Red Wings at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, 12.5% of his career total in just 60 minutes of hockey.

This was not a battle of contenders. Both the Penguins and Red Wings were having a pretty dismal season in 1970-71. On this night, it was less dismal for the home team, coming out with an 8-2 win. Leading the way was Rupp with three goals and an assist for four points. He scored the first goal of the game at 5:19 of the first period, putting one past Jim Rutherford on the power play, assisted by Bob Woytowich and Jean Pronovost.

After the first ended 3-0 for the Penguins, there were no goals in the second frame. However, just 30 seconds into the third, Keith McCreary struck for the Pens with Rupp and Syl Apps getting assists. Duane scored his second of the game and fourth of the year at 6:22, giving Pittsburgh a 5-1 lead. His hat trick goal was scored with just eight seconds left in the game, assisted by Apps and Pronovost.

Rupp led all skaters with seven of the 27 shots put toward Rutherford. Pronovost one-upped Duane in the points department with five on two goals and three assists. Pittsburgh's Cam Newton made 22 saves on 24 shots in the win.

Paul Gardner Records 1st Colorado Rockies Hat Trick In 6-4 Loss To Maple Leafs

In their first year after relocated from Kansas City, the Colorado Rockies had their first hat trick on January 5, 1977. Paul Gardner scored three in a 6-4 loss to Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens. It was the first of four hat tricks over Gardner's NHL career, two with the Rockies and two with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

In the game, Bob Neely of the Leafs scored the lone first period goal, putting Toronto up 1-0. The Rockies came out in the second, guns-a-blazin'. Gary Croteau scored at the 1:53 mark to tie the game. Then, Gardner put up the first two of this three to make it 3-1 Colorado. Jack Valiquette ended the period with a shorthanded goal on Doug Favell to cut the lead to a single goal.

Gardner scored his third of the game, putting his 15th of the 1976-77 NHL season past Wayne Thomas, unassisted. Unfortunately for the Rockies, the 4-3 lead was erased by four unanswered goals by the home team. Favell faced 45 Toronto shots, allowing four with the fifth going into the empty net. 10 shots came off Gardner's stick.

Paul Gardner was a first round pick by the Kansas City Scouts at the 1976 NHL Amateur Draft, eleventh overall. He never played in Kansas City with the franchise relocating to Denver for the 1976-77 season. In that rookie year, he scored 30 goals in 60 games. The following year, he was on pace for a 50 goal season but played just 46 games, scoring 30. Between 1976-77 and 1985-86, Gardner played 447 regular season and 16 playoff games in the NHL with the Rockies, Maple Leafs, Penguins, Capitals and Sabres.

Earl Ingarfield Hat Trick Helps The 69-70 Oakland Seals To A Season High 6 Goals In Win Over Maple Leafs

The 1969-70 Seals scored a total of 169 goals, just one ahead of the last place Los Angeles Kings in that department. The team was led by Carol Vadnais with just 24 goals in 76 games. Close behind was Earl Ingarfield, scoring 21 but in only 54 games. On just two occasions, Oakland reached six goals in a game, both 6-3 wins. The first was on January 23, 1970 against the Toronto Maple Leafs at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Arena.

Ingarfield, in the waning days of his NHL career, scored a goal in each period, all on Toronto goalie Bruce Gamble. His hat trick goal at 9:48 of the third, assisted by Carol Vadnais and Ted Hampson, made the score 6-2 and got Gamble pulled from the game. In his place, Gerry McNamara did not face a single shot over his time in the net after the Seals had thrown 39 at Gamble.

Earl fired seven of those 39 but it was Gary Jarrett that led with eight despite being left off the scoresheet. Harry Howell scored the game winning goal and added an assist for a two point game from the blue line. Gary Smith made 27 saves in the win.

The other 6-3 win for the Seals in 1969-70 was against the Pittsburgh Penguins and Ingarfield had two of the goals. His 21 that year marked the third and last time he surpassed the 20 goal plateau during his time in the NHL. His career best came in 1961-62 when he put up 26 for the New York Rangers. Earl played 49 games for the newly named California Golden Seals in 1970-71 before calling it a career.

Nick Libett Does All The Scoring For The Red Wings In 3-1 Win Over Buffalo In 1972

In the midst of a career year that saw him score 31 for the Detroit Red Wings, Nick Libett took it upon himself to take down the Buffalo Sabres on January 27, 1972 at the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium. After the Wings spotted their hosts an early 1-0 lead, it was all Libett from there.

Nick scored his first of the game and 15th of the 1971-72 NHL season at 17:01 of the first period on Buffalo goalie Roger Crozier, assisted by Larry Johnston and Marcel Dionne. It was one of eight shots Libett would put on Crozier in the game, accounting for nearly a third of Detroit's total of 26.

After a scoreless second period, Libett put in his second of the match and the game winner at 8:51 of the third with help from Bill Collins and Arnie Brown. Crozier was on the bench for Nick's hat trick goal into the empty net at 19:13 of the third, assisted by Marcel Dionne and Ron Stackhouse. Dionne finished with a two point game on a pair of assists.

For Nick Libett, it would be his first and last hat trick in the NHL. Over 982 regular season games, he scored 237 goals, putting in 20 or more in six seasons. The lad from Stratford, Ontario had his start with the Wings in 1967-68 and finished up his NHL career with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1980-81.

The Boston Bruins Were Shutout Just Once In 1970-71 And It Took 2 Goalies To Do It

The 1970-71 Boston Bruins have a place in hockey history for their incredible offensive numbers. However, on November 5, 1970 at the Boston Garden against the St. Louis Blues, the well went dry for just one game. The Bruins outshot their opponents 38-24 but it was the Blues that came out with a 2-0 win.

Glenn Hall was in net for St. Louis in the first two periods, turning away all 25 shots he faced. Ernie Wakely came in for the third and made 13 stops. Hall last played on October 31 and recorded a 17 save 3-0 shutout over the Los Angeles Kings.

At the other end of the rink, Ed Johnston stopped all but one of 24 shots put his way. Frank St. Marseille scored the game winning goal at 16:57 of the second period, assisted by Jim Roberts and Tim Ecclestone. The second St. Louis goal was scored with Johnston on the bench. Roberts scored into the empty net with just two seconds remaining in the match, assisted by Bob Wall and Christian Bordeleau.

For Wakely, the scoreless period started a hot streak that saw him record three shutouts and three one goal games over his next nine starts. Later in the year, on January 6, he had another third period "relief shutout", stopping all five shots by the California Golden Seals. Unfortunately, Hall allowed six on 28 shots over the first two periods in a 6-3 loss.

March 27, 1973: Maple Leaf Gardens Hosts A Magic Game For Mickey Redmond And The Detroit Red Wings

Bill Collins actually had the more impressive game for the Detroit Red Wings, except he didn't become the first player in franchise history to score 50 goals. That honour went to Mickey Redmond. Mickey came into what was his 73rd match of the 1972-73 NHL season with 49 goals and waited until there were just over three minutes left in the game to reach the magic number 50.

At the 16:47 mark of the third period, Redmond put in his 50th of the campaign past Toronto goalie Ron Low, assisted by Gary Bergman. This made the score 6-1 Detroit. As an encore, Mickey came right back with number 51 just 18 seconds later, unassisted. The game ended in an 8-1 Red Wings win over the Maple Leafs.

At the time, him and Rick MacLeish were just the 7th and 8th players to join the 50 Goal Club. Mickey scored one more goal in the final game of the season to finish with 52. The following year, he had 51 goals and became just the third player in history to reach the plateau more than once (Bobby Hull and Phil Esposito preceded him).

As for Bill Collins, he had two goals of his own, including the game winner just 3:44 into the first period with help from Red Berenson and Ron Stackhouse. Collins also assisted on the first goal of the game by Henry Boucha. Boucha would return the favour in the second frame, assisting on the second marker by Collins, his 20th of the season.

Jacques Lemaire Opens Big Game Vs. Rangers With Penalty Shot Goal

On March 31, 1973 at the Montreal Forum, the Canadiens came up big against a strong New York Rangers team. Leading the way was Jacques Lemaire, putting up four points on a goal and three assists. The goal opened the scoring and would be the only time he would score on a penalty shot during his NHL career.

At 1:33 of the first period, Lemaire went one on one with New York goalie Ed Giacomin and put in his 43rd of the 1972-73 NHL season. It was his second of three career penalty shots. Jacques wasn't done. At 5:11, he and Marc Tardif set up Larry Robinson's second of the year. Later in the first, Lemaire and Yvan Cournoyer had assists on a Chuck Lefley goal to put the Habs up 3-0 after one.

Jacques recorded his third assist and fourth point of the game at 12:30 of the second on a goal by Murray Wilson. Marc Tardif rounded out the scoring for Montreal late in the period to make it 5-0. Steve Vickers scored the lone Rangers goal at 11:21 of the third to make the final score 5-1.

1972-73 was a career year offensively for Lemaire. He scored 44 and assisted on 51 for 95 points, adding 20 more points in 17 playoff games with the Habs capturing the Stanley Cup title. He was fourth in the NHL for goals, 11 behind leader Phil Esposito. In the battle for the Art Ross Trophy, Jacques was fifth, 35 points behind Esposito.

Michel Bergeron Scores 4 On Eddie Johnston In 6-3 Win For Red Wings In 1976

Michel Bergeron had a short but somewhat sweet NHL career. In his rookie season, 1975-76, he scored 32 goals for the Detroit Red Wings and finished fourth in voting for the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year. Four of the 32 goals were scored in a March 18, 1976 game against the St. Louis Blues at Detroit Olympia.

Three of the four were score on the power play with Bob Gassoff in the box for two of the three. Bergeron opened the scoring in the game with the only goal of the first period, scored at 3:42 on Ed Johnston, assisted by Dennis Hextall and Walt McKechnie. Michel scored Detroit's only second period goal, assisted by Nicke Libett and McKechnie. The goal was sandwiched between two St. Louis goals and the period ended in a 2-2 tie.

The Red Wings came out on fire in the third, scoring three in the first four minutes. Bergeron scored his third of the game and 26th of the 1975-76 NHL season at 1:28. His fourth goal was scored at 8:51 on the power play, this time with Red Berenson serving a minor for the Blues. Dan Maloney and Terry Harper had helpers.

Bergeron led with seven shots on Johnston. Detroit goalie Ed Giacomin turned away 21 of 24 shots in the win. Despite his great rookie season, Michel played just 229 games in the NHL between 1974-75 and 1978-79 with the Red Wings, New York Islanders and Washington Capitals. He did not play a game in the post season.

Jean-Guy Gendron's Hat Trick Helps Bruins Double Up On Maple Leafs In 1959

Jean Guy Gendron recorded two hat tricks over his NHL career and both were against the Toronto Maple Leafs. His first occurred on November 1, 1959 at Boston Garden and was half of his team's scoring in a 6-3 victory.

Gendron scored the first goal of the game and his second of the 1959-60 NHL season at 4:31 of the first period, putting one past Toronto goalie Johnny Bower with assists going to Don McKenney and Doug Mohns. Unfortunately, his minor penalty for cross checking at 9:53 of the first allowed Dick Duff to put Toronto on the board with a power play marker.

The only scoring in the second was by Vic Stasiuk, putting one past Bower just eight seconds into the period. This broke Flem Mackell's team record for fastest goal to start a period which was later broken and now stands at six seconds. Gendron went to work again in the third period.

At 4:30 of the third, just 28 seconds after Bronco Horvath scored the fourth Boston goal (the game winner), Guy scored his second of the game with help from Larry Leach and Fern Flaman. At 11:02, he completed the hat trick with his fourth of the campaign, assisted by Leo Labine and Don McKenney. Shortly after, the fireworks went off with Charlie Burns of the Bruins accumulating 22 minutes in penalties with a cross checking minor, five for fighting, five for high sticking and a ten minute misconduct.

Lindy Ruff Has Career Game Offensively In 6-2 Win Over Nordiques In 1985

Lindy Ruff was not a goal scoring machine. Averaged over his NHL career, he scored a goal every six or seven games. He did, however, record a pair of hat tricks with the Buffalo Sabres. The second and last was a biggie, scoring four against the Quebec Nordiques on December 15, 1985 at the Aud in Buffalo.

After a scoreless first period, the Sabres came out firing in the second, scoring three straight goals to start the frame. Mike Ramsey scored at 1:19 followed by Ruff scoring a pair of goals before the period was half over. At 7:29, he put in his tenth of the 1985-86 NHL season past Quebec goalie Clint Malarchuk, assisted by Mike Foligno and Dave Andreychuk.

Just short of two minutes later, Lindy scored what would be the game winner at 9:27 with help from John Tucker and Gilbert Perreault. Before the period was in the books, he put the Sabres up 4-1 with his third of the game and 12th of the season, assisted by Foligno and Phill Housley. Ruff added goal number four at 13:33 of the third period, assisted by Andreychuk and Ramsey. It was the final goal in Buffalo's 6-2 win.

A few years later, it was also against the Nordiques when Ruff was successful on his only NHL penalty shot. Now playing for the New York Rangers, Lindy scored on Quebec goalie Mario Brunetta to make the score 2-0 for the Rangers. It would serve as the game winner in a 3-1 New York win at Madison Square Garden. John Ogrodnick scored the other goals for the home team, including one just 15 seconds into the second period.

Jerry Korab Powers Sabres To 9-2 Win Over North Stars In 1978

Jerry Korab had a single hat trick over his NHL career and it came on November 19, 1978 at the Aud in Buffalo against the Minnesota North Stars. King Kong had a four point night, adding an assist on an Andre Savard goal. All four points came in the second period on the power play.

Korab scored his first of the game and fourth of the season at 4:45 of the second, assisted by Danny Gare and Don Luce. Nearer the end of the period, things got a little rough with a brawl breaking out. Minnesota got the worst of it penalty-wise and the Sabres were able to capitalize with three power play goals in a 1:09 span.

Scoring his 5th and 6th of the 1978-79 NHL season was Korab, just 23 seconds apart. Jerry then assisted on the Savard goal 46 seconds after that. Andre went to work in the third, scoring two goals to complete his own hat trick, the third goal shorthanded with Lee Fogolin in the box for interference.

Buffalo put 23 shots on Gary Edwards and eleven on Pete LoPresti. Edwards was booted from the game at 15:17 of the second for his part in the brawl after allowing three goals. LoPresti stopped just five of eleven shots in relief. Korab led the way with ten of the 33 shots. Rene Robert and Don Luce had great nights for the Sabres, as well, each with three points apiece.

Jim Pappin Finally Gets One Past Ken Dryden In Double Overtime On Chicago's 58th Shot On Net

Game one of the 1971 Stanley Cup final on May 4, 1971 at Chicago Stadium was a tight one, to say the least. After a scoreless first 32:29, Jacques Lemaire of the Montreal Canadiens opened the scoring on the power play at 12:29 of the second, assisted by J.C. Tremblay and Pete Mahovlich. It was Lemaire's seventh goal of the playoffs, scored on Chicago goalie Tony Esposito with Eric Nesterenko serving two for tripping.

At the 7:54 mark of the third period, Bobby Hull finally solved Ken Dryden, also scoring on the power play with Lemaire in the box for interference. The goal was assisted by Jim Pappin and Pat Stapleton, making the score 1-1. It would remain tied at the end of regulation time.

Both teams had power play chances in the first overtime period with Guy Lapointe assessed a minor for holding followed by Bill White entering the box for hooking. But, no goals were scored and a second overtime period was necessary.

1:11 into that fifth period, Jim Pappin scored the game winning goal, his seventh of the playoffs, assisted by Stan Mikita and Bill White. It was the 58th shot put on Ken Dryden and Pappin's sixth. Bobby Hull led the way with eleven. Tony Esposito was slightly less busy, turning away all but 37 shots in the win.

The Blackhawks would take 2-0 and 3-2 leads in the series but the Canadiens came back to win games six and seven and capture the Stanley Cup championship. Dryden, entering the playoffs with just six NHL games experience under his belt, was named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner.