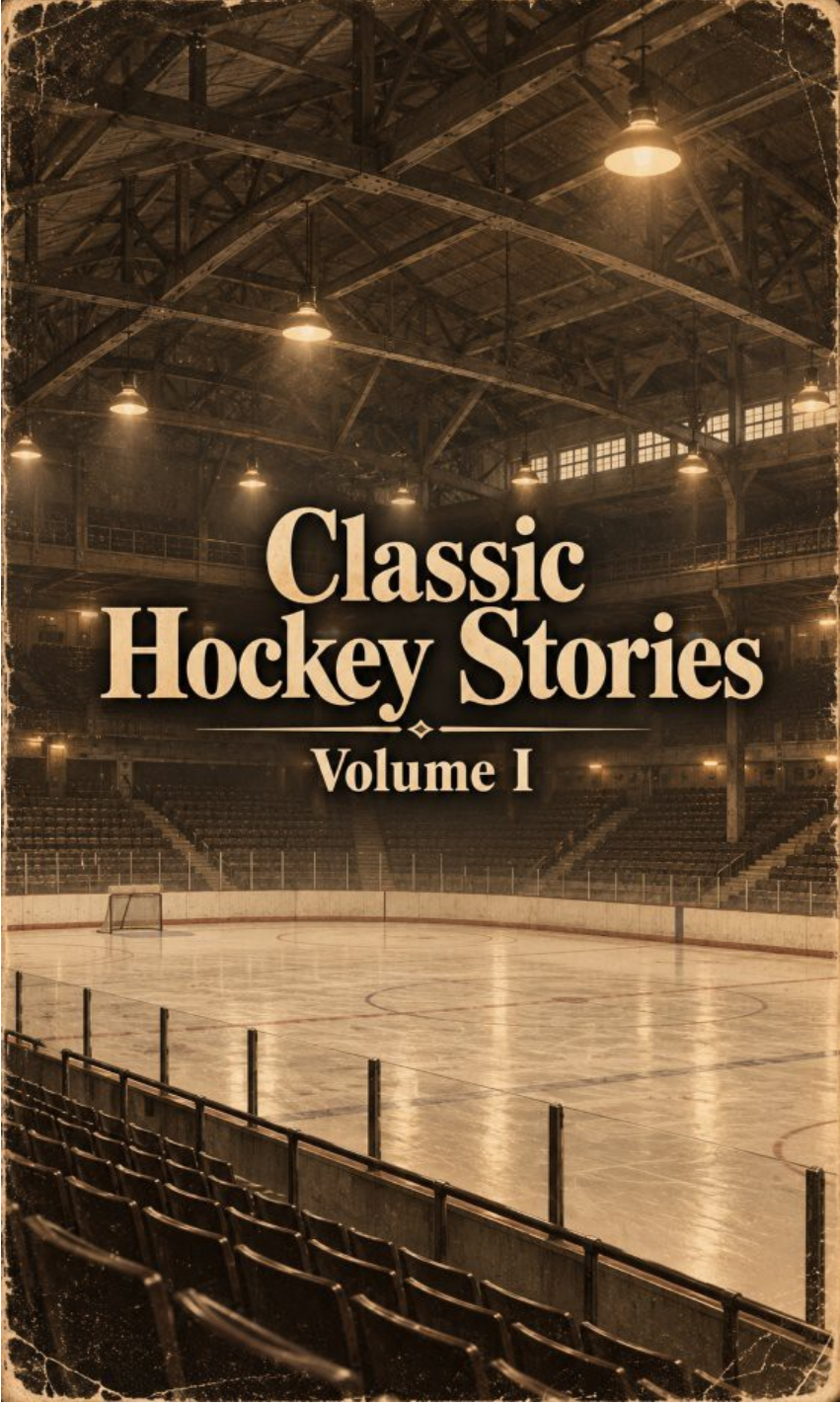


A vintage, sepia-toned photograph of an empty indoor hockey rink. The rink is viewed from the side, showing the ice surface with red and blue markings. In the background, there are tiered wooden bleachers and a high, arched wooden ceiling with exposed beams and several hanging pendant lights. The text "Classic Hockey Stories" is overlaid in a large, stylized serif font, with "Volume I" below it in a smaller, simpler serif font, separated by a small diamond symbol.

Classic Hockey Stories

Volume I

The following are 20 classic stories from the history of the National Hockey League in infographic form.

Although this a subscriber perk from our Facebook Page: [Vintage Hockey Cards Report](#) , please feel free to share with friends and family who just might be interested in the history of this great game.

Yes, the imagery has been enhanced for presentation by the evil AI but the content has been researched and created by the real human being behind VHCRReport.

Similar eBooks will come out monthly but for now, I sincerely hope you enjoy this one!



BOBBY ORR STARTS THINGS OFF WITH A BANG

IN HIS CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS DEBUT

OCTOBER 7, 1976

CHECKERDOME
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



BLACKHAWKS

6-4



BLUES

1976-77 NHL SEASON

A LEGEND IN A NEW SWEATER

1st

1:32

FIRST POINT

Just 1:32 into the game, Bobby Orr picked up his first point as a Blackhawk, assisting on a Pit Martin goal against Ed Staniowski.

2nd

1:27

FIRST GOAL

Just 1:27 into the second period, Orr scored his first goal in a Chicago uniform. Assists went to Cliff Koroll and Dick Redmond, giving the Hawks a 3-1 lead.

2nd

LATER

ANOTHER ASSIST

Later in the second period, Orr assisted on an Ivan Boldirev power-play goal to put Chicago ahead 4-3.

1 GOAL 2 ASSISTS 3 POINTS

IN HIS CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS DEBUT

A BRIEF BUT IMPACTFUL RUN

Orr recorded 23 points (4 goals, 19 assists) in 20 games during the 1976-77 season. Unfortunately, his knee problems resurfaced. He did not play in 1977-78 and returned for just six games in 1978-79 before retiring.

*"A glimpse
of greatness,
one more time."*



HOCKEY HISTORY HUB

NHL HISTORY | VINTAGE HOCKEY | TIMELESS STORIES

VIC HADFIELD'S 34-MINUTE NIGHT

1971 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

APRIL 8, 1971

Madison Square Garden



VIC HADFIELD L. WING

N.Y. RANGERS

34

PENALTY MINUTES

Two fights with
Jim Harrison

SECOND PERIOD
9 penalty minutes

THIRD PERIOD
25 penalty minutes

Two fighting majors • Two minors • Two 10-minute misconducts

TORONTO 4 • NEW YORK 1

Quarter-final • Game 2 • Series tied 1-1

Paul Henderson: 2 goals

Dave Keon: 1 goal, 1 assist

DANNY GARE

THREE POINTS IN 49 SECONDS

A bizarre finish against his former team



OCTOBER 26, 1984
JOE LOUIS ARENA

GARE'S NIGHT

2 GOALS + 2 ASSISTS

4 POINTS

THE FINAL MINUTE

Detroit led 4-3. Buffalo pulled Tom Barrasso.

0:49 LEFT	BOB MANNO SCORES Assists: Dwight Foster, Danny Gare	DETROIT 5-3
0:44 LEFT	DANNY GARE SCORES Assists: Dwight Foster, Tiger Williams	DETROIT 6-3
0:15 LEFT	DANNY GARE SCORES AGAIN Set up by Tiger Williams	DETROIT 7-3

THREE EMPTY-NET GOALS

Gare added 2 goals and an assist to his first-period helper.

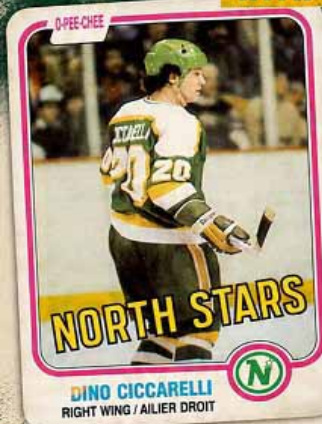
FINAL: DETROIT 7 • BUFFALO 3



MINNESOTA'S FIRST TO 50 GOALS

**DINO CICCARELLI'S MILESTONE SEASON
WITH THE NORTH STARS**

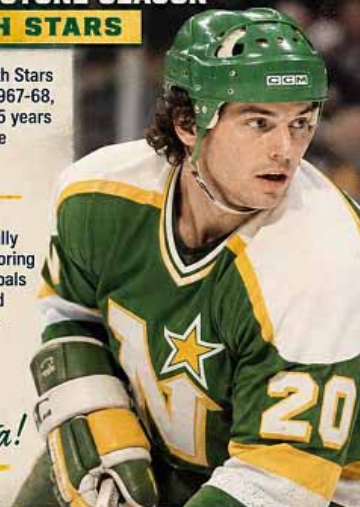
SPEED.
SKILL.
GOALS.
A STAR
IS BORN.



The Minnesota North Stars joined the NHL in 1967-68, but it took nearly 15 years before the franchise produced its first 50-goal scorer.

On March 8, 1982, Dino Ciccarelli finally broke through – scoring his 49th and 50th goals in front of a thrilled home crowd at the Met Center.

*History
Made in
Minnesota!*



MARCH 8, 1982

GAME 68

MET CENTER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



VS



**ST. LOUIS
BLUES**



**THE HOME OF
HISTORY**

CICCARELLI'S BIG NIGHT

49TH GOAL

8:18 – 1st Period

Assists: Craig Hartsburg
& Neal Broten

Gave Minnesota a 3-0 lead.

50TH GOAL

12:04 – 2nd Period

Assists: Tom McCarthy
& Neal Broten

Dino becomes the first
50-goal scorer in
North Stars history.

ASSIST

3rd Period

Assisted on Hartsburg's goal
in an 8-1 win.

Mike Liut allowed both of
Dino's goals (first two periods).
Rick Heinz came in for
the third.

FINAL SCORE

**N 8
1**



A FRANCHISE RECORD

Ciccarelli added five more goals over the final 12 games to finish the 1981-82 season with 55. That total remains the single-season record for the Minnesota North Stars / Dallas Stars franchise, tied by Brian Bellows in 1989-90.

PLAYERS WITH 50+ GOALS IN FRANCHISE HISTORY

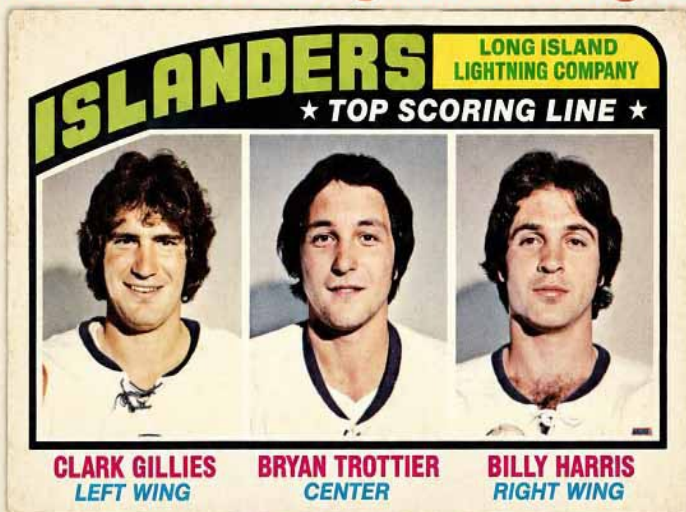
DINO CICCARELLI	1981-82	55
DINO CICCARELLI	1986-87	52
BRIAN BELLOWES	1989-90	55
MIKE MODANO	1992-93	50

A
FRANCHISE
MILESTONE.
A LEGENDARY
SEASON.



BEFORE MIKE BOSSY

The Islanders' Original Scoring Trio



1976-77 O-Pee-Chee • No. 216

1975-76 COMBINED TOTALS

98
GOALS

128
ASSISTS

226
POINTS

BRYAN TROTTIER

32 goals • 63 assists • 95 points
Calder Trophy-winning rookie

CLARK GILLIES

34 goals • 27 assists • 61 points
Second NHL season

BILLY HARRIS

32 goals • 38 assists • 70 points
Career-high goal total

THEN CAME BOSSY...

His 53-goal rookie season in 1977-78 helped reshape the Islanders' top line.



5 Maurice Richard RIGHT WING

MAURICE RICHARD

THE LAST TO SCORE FOUR
IN A STANLEY CUP FINAL GAME

MAURICE
"ROCKET"
RICHARD

GOAL SCORER
CAPTAIN
LEGEND



Only five times in NHL history has a player scored four goals in a single Stanley Cup Final game.

The last to do it? No surprise there —

Maurice "Rocket" Richard.

STANLEY CUP FINAL • GAME 1
APRIL 6, 1957 • MONTREAL FORUM

THE GAME

- 2ND 7:37 Boston 1-0**
Fleming Mackell (Boston's only goal)
- 2ND 9:45 Montreal 1-1**
Maurice Richard (1)
- 2ND 11:27 Montreal 2-1**
Maurice Richard (2) — game winner
- 2ND 18:15 Montreal 4-1**
Maurice Richard (3)
- 3RD 7:10 Montreal 5-1**
Maurice Richard (4)
Assisted by Henri Richard



BOSTON
BRUINS

1

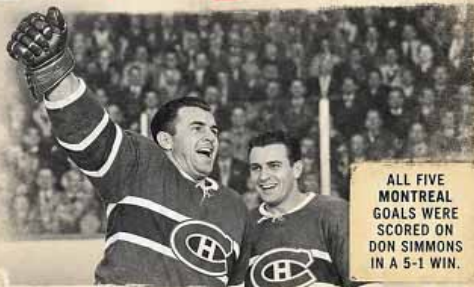


MONTREAL
CANADIENS

5

The Canadiens were the defending champions.

Boston, who missed the playoffs the previous season, had just eliminated the Red Wings.



ALL FIVE MONTREAL GOALS WERE SCORED ON DON SIMMONS IN A 5-1 WIN.

4
GOALS
IN ONE
STANLEY CUP
FINAL GAME

8
GOALS
IN THE 1957
PLAYOFFS
(HALF CAME
IN THIS GAME)

3
ASSISTS
FOR
DOUG HARVEY

2
ASSISTS
FOR
HENRI RICHARD



"The Rocket still reigns as the most recent player to score four goals in a Stanley Cup Final game."

THE CANADIENS WON THE SERIES IN FIVE GAMES FOR THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE STANLEY CUP.

THE START OF FIVE STRAIGHT.



MONTREAL CANADIENS • 1956 • 1957 • 1958 • 1959 • 1960
FIVE CONSECUTIVE STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

GORDIE HOWE'S FIRST GORDIE HOWE HAT TRICK

OCTOBER 11, 1953 • DETROIT OLYMPIA



ALL IN THE FIRST PERIOD

1 11:19 — ASSIST



Sets up Red Kelly's opening goal

2 18:02 — GOAL



Kelly returns the favour

3 18:33 — FIGHT



Drops the gloves with Fern Flaman

DETROIT 4 • TORONTO 0

HOWE: 1 GOAL • 2 ASSISTS

JUST TWO

Howe recorded only two Gordie Howe hat tricks in his NHL career.

A DEBUT TO REMEMBER

Dave Gatherum earned his only NHL shutout in his first NHL game. His NHL career lasted just three games.

FRANK MAHOVLICH'S 500TH NHL GOAL

A
CANADIAN
LEGEND
FOREVER



**PRIDE
HISTORY
TRADITION**

**MONTREAL
CANADIENS**



MONTREAL CANADIENS



FRANK MAHOVLICH



**GAME-WINNER
AT THE FORUM**

MARCH 21, 1973

MONTREAL 3 • VANCOUVER 2



THE MILESTONE



Scored at 1:27 of the third period

Assists: Henri Richard &
Guy Lapointe

Mahovlich: 6 shots on goal

GAME SNAPSHOT



Montreal outshot
Vancouver 41-25

Dunc Wilson faced
the Canadiens barrage

Ken Dryden made 23 saves

THE BIG M



533 NHL regular-season goals

1,103 points in 1,181 games

Six-time Stanley Cup
champion



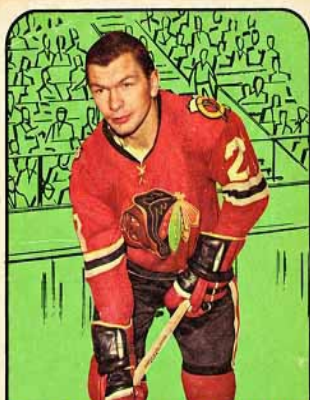
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STAN MIKITA'S FIRST FOUR-GOAL GAME

— Pittsburgh's first visit to Chicago Stadium —

DECEMBER 6, 1967



STAN
MIKITA

CENT. CHICAGO
BLACK HAWKS

4

GOALS

1

ASSIST

5

POINTS

CHICAGO 7 • PITTSBURGH 2

1ST • 3:58

Opens the scoring

Assists: Pierre Pilote & Ken Wharram

1ST • 7:36

His second goal

Unassisted

2ND • 11:32

Hat trick & winning goal

Assists: Pierre Pilote & Ken Wharram

3RD • 8:49

Goal number four

**MORE
BIG NIGHTS**

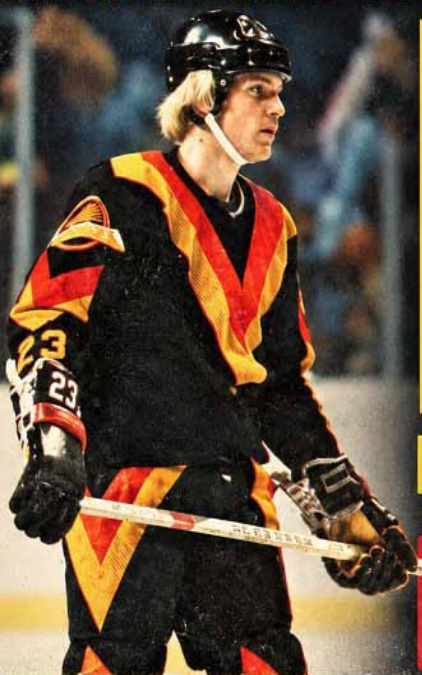
Bobby Hull: 2 goals, 1 assist, 10 shots

Pierre Pilote: 1 goal, 3 assists

Mikita recorded 16 career hat tricks —
including two four-goal games.

TWO SHOTS. TWO GOALS.

THOMAS GRADIN'S NHL DEBUT



2 GOALS

1 ASSIST

2 SHOTS

OCTOBER 11, 1978

PACIFIC COLISEUM • VANCOUVER

CANUCKS

8

ROCKIES

2

FIRST NHL GOAL

4:14 INTO HIS DEBUT
SCORED AGAINST DOUG FAVELL

TWO NIGHTS LATER

TWO MORE GOALS
IN AN 8-4 WIN OVER ST. LOUIS

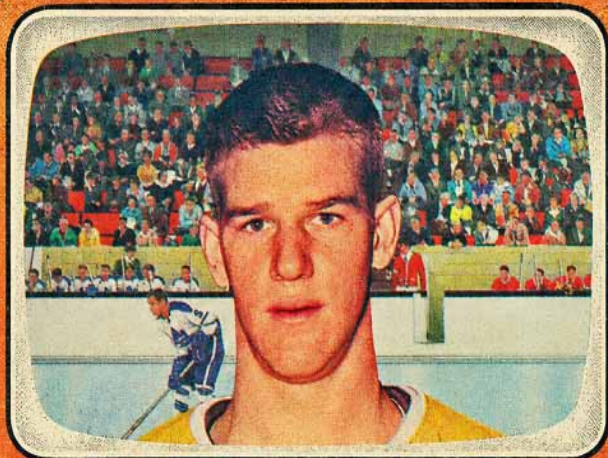
FIRST FOUR GAMES

5 GOALS + 3 ASSISTS
= 8 POINTS

1978-79 ROOKIE SEASON

20 GOALS • 51 POINTS

BOBBY ORR'S ★ FIRST NHL GOAL ★



BOBBY ORR

DEFENCE
BOSTON BRUINS

OCTOBER 23, 1966

BOSTON GARDEN

3RD NHL GAME

UNASSISTED

4:13 OF THE 3RD PERIOD

BEAT GUMP WORSLEY

TIED THE GAME 2-2

FINAL: MONTREAL 3, BOSTON 2

ROOKIE SEASON

13 GOALS • CALDER TROPHY

BRIAN SUTTER'S ENHANCED GORDIE HOWE HAT TRICK

ELIMINATES JETS IN 1981-82 PLAYOFFS



**GOALS.
ASSISTS.
A FIGHT.
AND MORE!**



STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 1981-82

FIRST ROUND • GAME 4
APRIL 11, 1982
CHECKERDOME
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



8-2



BLUES WIN SERIES 3-1

SUTTER'S BIG NIGHT



2 GOALS

7:18 (PP)
16:01



2 ASSISTS

Federko (2nd)
Mullen (3rd)



1 FIGHT

vs. Dave Babych
(7:47)



1 MINOR

Elbowing (7:47)

“ Brian Sutter could score.
Brian Sutter could fight.
On this night, he did both —
and a whole lot more.

A TRADITIONAL GORDIE HOWE
HAT TRICK IS A GOAL, ASSIST AND FIGHT.
SUTTER TOOK IT A STEP FURTHER:
**2 GOALS, 2 ASSISTS, A FIGHT
AND AN ADDITIONAL MINOR.**



ST. LOUIS BLUES
HOCKEY HISTORY

**PLAYOFF
MEMORIES
LIVE FOREVER**

DECEMBER 16, 1970

CLIFF KOROLL TIED AN NHL RECORD

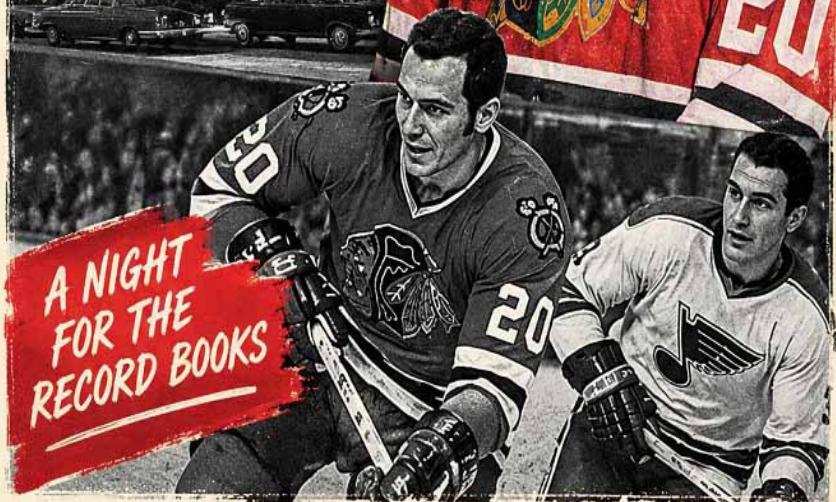


FOUR ASSISTS IN THE
SECOND PERIOD

CHICAGO STADIUM

BLACKHAWKS
VS
ST. LOUIS BLUES
DEC 16 1970

A NIGHT
FOR THE
RECORD BOOKS



DAVE TAYLOR

FROM THE 15TH ROUND TO A ROOKIE HAT TRICK



DAVE TAYLOR



1975 NHL DRAFT

15th round • 210th overall

Selected by Los Angeles
from Clarkson University

JANUARY 14, 1978

KINGS 8 • FLAMES 4

**3 GOALS
IN ONE PERIOD**

All three goals came in the second period.

4 POINTS

3 goals + 1 assist

DANNY GRANT: 5 ASSISTS

Assisted on all three
Taylor goals.



A KING FOR HIS ENTIRE NHL CAREER

1,111 regular-season games • 1977-1994

The only player from the 1975 draft to reach
1,000 NHL regular-season games.

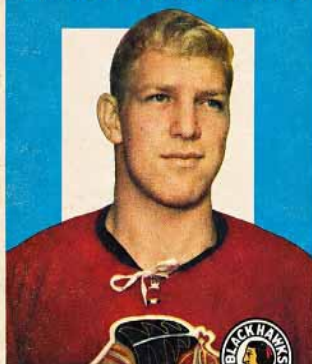
ONE POINT. ONE GAME.

HULL vs. HORVATH

The 1959–60 Art Ross Race

MARCH 20, 1960 • BOSTON GARDEN

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS



Bobby Hull / center

BOSTON BRUINS



Bronco Horvath / center

FINAL SEASON POINTS

BOBBY HULL

81

BRONCO HORVATH

80

BEFORE THE GAME

Horvath led Hull by one point and one goal.

5:48 • SECOND PERIOD

Hull's 39th goal tied the race.

SEVEN MINUTES REMAINING

Hull assisted on Eric Nesterenko's goal to take the lead.

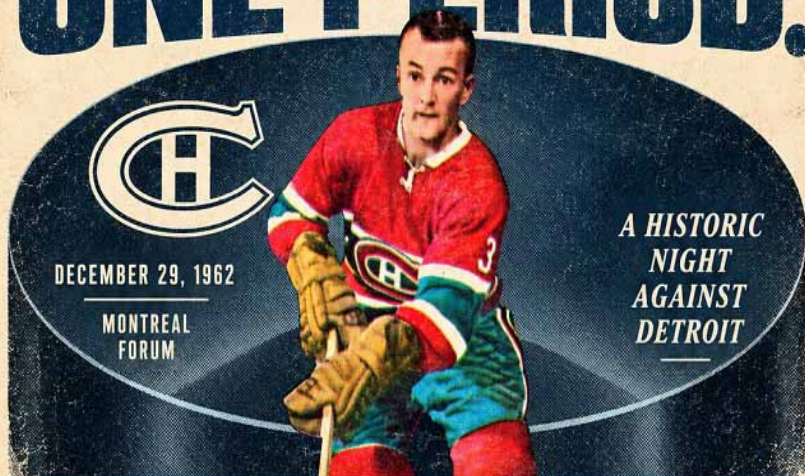
FINAL SCORE: CHICAGO 5 • BOSTON 5

Hull won his first Art Ross Trophy.

Both finished the season with 39 goals.

J.C. TREMBLAY

4 ASSISTS. ONE PERIOD.



— MONTREAL **5** • **1** DETROIT —

★ A SECOND PERIOD
FOR THE AGES ★

Bill Hicke: **2 goals**

Bernie Geoffrion: **2 goals**

**Tremblay assisted
on all four.**

★ THE FINAL NUMBERS ★

Geoffrion finished
with a hat trick

Montreal fired **51** shots

Jacques Plante stopped
25 of 26

— A MARK THAT LASTED SIX DECADES —

His four assists in one period set an NHL record for defencemen.

Kris Letang surpassed it with five in 2023.

JOHN TONELLI'S QUICK START

NOT ENOUGH TO BEAT
HIGH-POWERED OILERS



DECEMBER 5, 1984

NORTHLANDS COLISEUM
EDMONTON, ALBERTA



4



6

A CLASSIC
1980s
SHOWDOWN

TWO GOALS IN 41 SECONDS

- 🕒 0:25 Tonelli (14)
(Bossy, Diduck)
- 🕒 0:41 Tonelli (15)
(Bossy)

The Islanders took a 2-0 lead
before Edmonton had even
played a full minute.

**BUT THE OILERS
STRUCK BACK...**

Wayne
Gretzky
5 POINTS

Jari
Kurri
HAT TRICK
5 POINTS

Tonelli finished with 2 goals and an assist
in one of eight three-point games during his
career-best 1984-85 season, when he recorded
42 goals, 58 assists and 100 points.

LANNY McDONALD

HIS ONLY COLORADO HAT TRICK

FEBRUARY 6, 1981 • DENVER

A
MEMORABLE
NIGHT
IN
ROCKIES
HISTORY.



VETERAN
LEADERSHIP.
OFFENSIVE
FIREPOWER.
COLORADO
PRIDE.



A HAT TRICK
FOR THE
HIGH MILE
CITY.

Lanny McDonald delivered his only Colorado hat trick on February 6, 1981, igniting the Rockies in front of the Denver faithful.

Assisted on goals
by Lucien DeBlois
and Mike Gillis.



COLORADO 6 • PITTSBURGH 4

3 GOALS • 2 ASSISTS • 5 POINTS

THE HAT TRICK

1ST PERIOD • 5:22

Opened the scoring

Assist: Merlin Malinowski

2ND PERIOD

Put Colorado ahead 3-2

Assists: Paul Gagné &
Walt McKechnie

3RD PERIOD • 19:19

Empty-net goal sealed
the hat trick

Unassisted

18 CAREER HAT TRICKS
TORONTO 8 | COLORADO 1 | CALGARY 9

A five-point night in a 142-game Colorado chapter.



EIGHT POINTS. ONE ROCKET.

MAURICE RICHARD

DECEMBER 28, 1944 • MONTREAL FORUM



5
GOALS

3
ASSISTS

8
POINTS

MONTREAL 9 • DETROIT 1

The first eight-point game in NHL history

THE PUNCH LINE

Maurice Richard	5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS
Elmer Lach	2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS
Toe Blake	1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS

A CANADIENS RECORD FOR 80+ YEARS

Bert Olmstead tied the mark on January 9, 1954:
4 goals and 4 assists against Chicago.

Still Montreal's single-game points record.

PETE STEMKOWSKI TRIPLE-OVERTIME HERO

The goal that kept the Rangers alive



PETE STEMKOWSKI CENTER
N.Y. RANGERS

APRIL 29, 1971

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN



1:29

THIRD OVERTIME

Assists: Ted Irvine & Tim Horton

RANGERS 3 • BLACKHAWKS 2

1971 STANLEY CUP SEMIFINAL • GAME 6

HOW IT HAPPENED

1 Ratelle ties it

Jean Ratelle made it 2-2 at 4:21 of the third period.

2 Two scoreless overtimes

Neither team could find the winner in the first two extra periods.

3 Stemkowski saves the season

His goal forced Game 7 in Chicago.

SHOTS ON GOAL

NEW YORK 49 | CHICAGO 26

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