



HOCKEY HALL OF FAME KICKS OFF MARCH BREAK WITH NHL CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT

Limited-time exhibit celebrates a century of NHL hockey through featured showcases and multimedia displays. Special permanent statue of Mr. Hockey also unveiled.

TORONTO (March 10, 2017) – Hockey Hall of Fame Chairman, Lanny McDonald, was on hand today to officially open the NHL Centennial Exhibit, a comprehensive tribute to the players and moments of the National Hockey League from 1917 – 2017. Central to the exhibit is an area dedicated to the “100 Greatest NHL Players”, as selected by a “blue chip” NHL appointed panel, represented through historic artifacts and captivating video vignettes.

Featured items in the exhibit include George Vezina final NHL career game stick (1925), Toe Blake’s sweater from the Howie Morenz Memorial Game (1937), Jacques Plante’s first goalie mask worn regularly in the NHL (1959), Gordie Howe’s Hart Trophy plaque (1960), Bobby Orr’s knee brace (1970), Mario Lemieux’s Stanley Cup jersey (1992), Wayne Gretzky’s 802 goal puck and equipment (1994), Sidney Crosby’s Stanley Cup gloves (2009), and Jonathon Toews’ Stanley Cup jersey (2010). The exhibit also includes the original 1917 minute book of the National Hockey League, which represents the first-hand account that defined the framework and birth of the National Hockey League.

“From its inception, the NHL has been the premier league of our sport. It has guided the game through innovation and excellence, and over the past century, it has offered us unforgettable moments and performances that need to be treasured and celebrated,” said McDonald. “We look forward to sharing these special memories with hockey fans of all ages.”

In further recognition of the Centennial, a larger than life statue of the incomparable “Mr. Hockey”, Gordie Howe (HHOF 1972) was unveiled with the help of his sons, Mark (Philadelphia Flyers, Detroit Red Wings), HHOF 2011 and Marty (Hartford Whalers and

Boston Bruins). The statue measuring at over eight feet tall fittingly stands guard at the entrance to the Hockey Hall of Fame where the best of hockey is celebrated.

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For more information regarding the Hockey Hall of Fame, visit <http://www.hhof.com>.

About the Hockey Hall of Fame

Established in 1943, the Hockey Hall of Fame's ("HHOF") mandate is to recognize and honour the achievements of players, builders and officials who bring special distinction to the game of hockey, and to collect, preserve, research and exhibit objects, images and resource materials connected with the game as it is played in Canada and throughout the world. As a non-profit corporation and a registered charity under the *Income Tax Act*, HHOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada.

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ORIGINAL NHL MINUTE BOOK (1917 - 25)

Scope of the Book – Addressed Topics:

1. Club Memberships & Expansion (including south of the border)
2. Finances (including pooling of money between clubs)
3. Rules (player and play-offs)
4. Player Fines and Suspensions (including isolated cases)
5. Player Movement (including French Canadian allocations)
6. Schedules
7. Pressing League Matters (including fire that destroys arena and subsequent Montreal Wanderers franchise)

Page Highlights:

- Page 1 Motion is carried that the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, and Quebec Bulldogs would form the NHL.
- Page 3 Quebec, unable to afford the move to the NHL, opts to suspend operations for the inaugural season. Their players are distributed to the other teams, including Hall of Famers Joe Malone and Joe Hall (to the Canadiens) and Rusty Crawford (to the Senators).
- Page 5 Frank Calder elected as first President of the NHL. With a salary of \$800.
- Page 9 Revised hand-written schedule. Required because of the Wanderers withdrawal from the league due to a fire that destroys their arena. The league finishes the season with just three teams.
- Page 14 Letter from Toronto Arena Hockey Club seeking permission to join the NHL.
- Page 17 Toronto Hockey Club are approved to enter the NHL.
- Page 25 Discussion of penalty rules. It is agreed that substitutes be permitted in the last five minutes of a match penalty and three minutes of a major penalty.
- Page 36 Letter from the Toronto St. Patrick's informing NHL that it had taken over as owner of the Toronto franchise, seeking approval to continue as a member/partner in the NHL.
- Page 39 Discussion and approval of pooling playoff gate receipts. Each club agrees that post-season proceeds to be equally shared.
- Page 41 Application by H.R. Thompson of Hamilton to purchase the Quebec franchise for the amount of \$5,000.
- Page 42 Accepted above motion and Frank Calder re-elected as NHL President and Secretary.
- Page 45 Hamilton and Ottawa disagree as to who holds rights to Frank Boucher. Hamilton believes that they were promised to be loaned the player for a season. Ottawa does not concur and Boucher plays for the Senators in 1921-22.
- Page 46 Letter from Tommy Gorman loaning Ottawa players Sprague Cleghorn to Toronto and Punch Broadbent to Montreal.
- Page 59 A precursor to the NHL trade deadline? It is decided that no player loaned to another club during the season be recalled after February 5th.
- Page 60 Amendment of rules regarding substitution of penalized player, offside, and high-sticking.
- Page 64 Assignment of penalty times for various infractions.
- Page 68 An agreement is reached between Ottawa and Montreal allowing Montreal to approach two French-Canadian players on Ottawa per year. Ottawa must name exceptions each year.
- Page 80 It is agreed that the playoff format to determine the championship be a home-and-home series between the first and second place team. A third game would be played if necessary.
- Page 81 League owners agree to adopt a goal crease.
- Page 89 A lengthy discussion on whether to expand to the United States takes place. The league ultimately opts not to.



HOCKEY HALL OF FAME'S NHL CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT
SAMPLE ARTIFACTS THROUGH THE DECADES

1917	Minute Book	NHL	Only behind-the-scenes account of hockey's fore-fathers and their task in shaping the NHL from its inception
1925	George Vezina	MTL	Final NHL Career Game Stick
1937	Hector (Toe) Blake	MTL	Jersey - Howie Morenz Memorial Game
1949	Woody Dumart	BOS	Jersey
1959	Jacques Plante	MTL	1st goalie mask worn regularly in the NHL
1961	Bernie Geoffrion	MTL	50th Goal Stick - ties Rocket Richard's NHL record for most goals in season
1966	Bobby Orr	BOS	1st Goal Stick
1967	Terry Sawchuck	TOR	100th Shutout Plaque
1968	Gordie Howe	DET	700th Goal Puck - 1st NHL player to reach milestone
1968	Bobby Hull	CHI	58th Goal Stick - sets NHL record for most goals in a season

1970	Bobby Orr	BOS	Infamous knee brace
1971	Jean Beliveau	MTL	Final Career NHL Goal Stick - Stanley Cup Winner
1971	Gordie Howe	DET	544th Goal Stick to tie Rocket Richard's NHL record for career goals
1973	Jacques Plant	TOR	Goalie Stick - 80th career shutout during final NHL season
1975	Guy Lafleur	MTL	1st 50-Goal Season Stick
1978	Mike Bossy	NYI	1st 50-Goal Stick - 1st rookie to reach milestone
1979	Billy Smith	NYI	Puck - 1st scored in NHL history by a goalie
1980	Peter Stastny	QUE	109th Point Stick, rookie record
1982	Wayne Gretzky	EDM	92nd Goal Stick - sets NHL record for most goals in a season
1991	Brett Hull	STL	86th Goal of the Season Stick - 3rd most in NHL history
1992	Mario Lemieux	PIT	Stanley Cup Jersey - Conn Smythe winning performance
1994	Wayne Gretzky	LAK	802nd Goal Puck & Equipment - sets NHL record for career points
1997	Jari Kurri	COL	600th Goal Gloves - 1st European to hit milestone
1998	Maurice Richard	MTL	Order of Canada
2003	Mark Messier	NYR	Jersey - surpasses Gordie Howe for 2nd place all-time in career points
2009	Sidney Crosby	PIT	Stanley Cup Gloves
2010	Jonathan Toews	CHI	Stanley Cup Jersey - Conn Smythe winning performance

Other Notable Howe Artifacts:

1960	Gordie Howe	DET	Jersey
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