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Gordie Howe, upon the passing of Jean-Claude Tremblay, expressed surprise when Mr. Hockey found out the former Canadian and Nordique defenseman was not in the Hall of Fame. "He's got five Cups. I've only got four," said Mr. Hockey.

In a broader picture, Mr. Hockey has defined the very problem of the Hall of Fame: there are so many people elected that few know (or have even heard of) all of the honoured. The level of excellence has been lowered so that if one wins five Stanley Cups, the expectation is they should be enshrined.

In his 2003 autobiography, *Thunder and Ice*, Phil Esposito comments that his Hall of Fame induction day meant little.

Said the man who trailed just Gordie Howe on the NHL's all-time goal scoring list when he retired in 1980, "It wasn't that big a deal to me because I feel there are some players in the Hall who shouldn't be there, and as a result it sort of cheapens it for everyone."

The Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee's selection methods and criterion have come under ridicule and discussion since the first election in 1945. Even today, the selection method works something like this: a player is nominated, and the 18 committee members say yea or nay. If 75% of the voting members approve, we will soon be honoring a new member of the Hockey Hall of Fame. And no one on the committee goes home until someone gets chosen.

The current committee is made up of retired players, current Hall of Famers, an executive or two, and a journalist or two. The main problem with the Toronto-centric nature of the Hall is a disproportionate amount of Maple Leafs in its environs, and a nearly complete lack of Americans and Europeans. Other organizations, such as the United States Hall of Fame and the IIHF Hall of Fame, have formed to fill the gap, but their niche view has left a vacancy in terms of a hockey hall of fame truly representative of the best hockey players of all-time, the best hockey leaders of all-time, all enshrined yet limited in numbers so that only the best of the best are recognized.

But more importantly, future hockey fans can learn the game's great legacy.

This is what we hoped to accomplish. No one and no one subject was sacred. We didn't prejudge the original WHA just because Harold Ballard lost some players. We were unified in our stated goal: to protect the legacy of those who were its greatest players, and those who were great for the game.

We are a committee of 21 researchers – some Society of International Hockey Research members and others not – from across the globe, spanning career fields, all with one goal: to make our Hall of Fame the best of the best. Since it is incredibly inhumane to just kick members out because they are no longer "good enough," a new Hall, with new, consistent voting requirements, provides one solution.

So who's in, who's out, and who's making these decisions?

Well, don't worry. We didn't kick out Gordie Howe, or Bobby Hull or Bobby Orr, and we managed to protect Eddie Shore and Howie Morenz. And Bill Cook. Larry Murphy, however, was booted out of Toronto a second time.

Like Toronto, we are prejudiced against defenseman with a team-first mentality, even though hockey, if nothing else, is the ultimate in team sports. But when you are looking at a ballot, like we did in 1985, with Howe, Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, John Bucyk, Andy Bathgate, Bernie Parent and Ken Dryden, Yvan Cournoyer and Gerry Cheevers, and then add in Alexander Ragulin, Nikolai Sologubov, Lars-Erik Sjoberg and Tord Lundstrom for international flavor, and you can only pick five, well, several great defensemen were left behind the play.

Here's the summary with who we have elected. Our processes and some thoughts follow on the remaining pages:

SUMMARY

BUILDERS

Patrick, Lester 1946
Patrick, Frank 1946
Ross, Art 1948
Smythe, Conn 1948
Adams, Jack 1954
Hewitt, Foster 1961
Taylor, Fred "Cyclone" 1964
Lindsay, Ted 1974
Howe, Gordie 1987
Richard, Maurice 1988
Orr, Bobby 1989
Beliveau, Jean 1989
Hull, Bobby 1990
Plante, Jacques 1993
Selke, Frank 2003
Gretzky, Wayne 2004

HONOURED MEMBERS

Malone, Joe 1945
Ross, Art 1945
Taylor, Fred "Cyclone" 1945
Baker, Hobie 1945
Gerard, Eddie 1945
Morenz, Howie 1945
Lalonde, Edouard "Newsy" 1945
Vezina, Georges 1945
Benedict, Clint 1945
Clancy, Francis "King" 1945
Nighbor, Frank 1945
Stewart, Nels 1946
Cook, Bill 1946
Joliat, Aurele 1946
Conacher, Charlie 1946
Hainsworth, George 1946
Frederickson, Frank 1947
Clegghorn, Sprague 1947
Gardiner, Chuck 1947
Thompson, Cecil "Tiny" 1947
Conacher, Lionel 1948
Dye, Cecil "Babe" 1948
Keats, Gordon "Duke" 1948
Boucher, Frank 1949
Goodfellow, Ebbie 1949
Shore, Eddie 1949
Smith, Reginal "Hooley" 1949
Bowie, Russell 1950
Jackson, Busher 1950
Johnson, Ching 1950
Johnson, Ernie "Moose" 1950
Primeau, Joe 1951
Seibert, Earl 1951
Clapper, Aubrey "Dit" 1952
Apps, Syl 1953
Phillips, Tommy 1953
Pitre, Didier 1954
Durnan, Bill 1956
Blake, Toe 1958
Broda, Turk 1958
Cameron, Harry 1959
Malecek, Josef 1959
Abel, Sid 1960
Lach, Elmer 1961
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 1961
Smith, Tommy 1961

Bobrov, Vsevolod 1962
Brimsek, Frankie 1962
Howe, Syd 1962
Schmidt, Milt 1962
MacKay, Mickey 1963
Cowley, Bill 1963
Kennedy, Ted 1963
Bentley, Max 1964
Denneny, Cy 1965
Richard, Maurice 1965
Quackenbush, Bill 1965
Bouchard, Emile "Butch" 1966
Stewart, Jack 1966
Bentley, Doug 1967
Bain, Dan 1970
Johansson, Sven "Tumba" 1970
Lindsay, Ted 1970
Connell, Alec 1971
Kelly, Leonard "Red" 1972
Dunderdale, Tommy 1972
Geoffrion, Bernie 1973
Harvey, Doug 1974
Moore, Dickie 1974
Sawchuk, Terry 1975
Bower, Johnny 1975
Holmes, Harry "Hap" 1975
Beliveau, Jean 1976
Grant, Mike 1976
Hall, Glenn 1976
Pilote, Pierre 1977
Hall, Joe 1977
Foyston, Frank 1978
Lehman, Hugh 1978
Horton, Tim 1979
Plante, Jacques 1980
Richard, Henri 1982
Mahovlich, Frank 1983
Orr, Bobby 1984
Howe, Gordie 1985
Hull, Bobby 1985
Mikita, Stan 1986
Esposito, Phil 1986
Kharlamov, Valeri 1986
Bucyk, John 1987
Cournoyer, Yvan 1987
Mikhailov, Boris 1987
Dryden, Ken 1988
Olmstead, Bert 1988
Sologubov, Nikolai 1988
Carnegie, Herb 1990
Tretiak, Vladislav 1990
Park, Brad 1991
Bossy, Mike 1992
Gadsby, Bill 1992
Potvin, Denis 1993
Dionne, Marcel 1994
Perreault, Gilbert 1994
Firsov, Anatoli 1995
Keon, Dave 1995
Bathgate, Andy 1996
Delvecchio, Alex 1996
Lafleur, Guy 1996
Savard, Serge 1996
Robinson, Larry 1997
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 1997

Yakushev, Alexander 1997
Howell, Harry 1998
Laperriere, Jacques 1998
Maltsev, Alexander 1998
Salming, Borje 1998
Tremblay, Jean-Claude 1999
Trottier, Bryan 1999
Nedomansky, Vaclav 2000
Parent, Bernie 2000
Stastny, Peter 2000
Clarke, Bobby 2001
Gainey, Bob 2001
Pronovost, Marcel 2001
Pulford, Harvey 2001
Lemaire, Jacques 2002
Ullman, Norm 2002
Ratelle, Jean 2003
Gretzky, Wayne 2004

REFEREES/EXECUTIVES

Patrick, Frank 1945
Patrick, Lester 1945
Ross, Art 1948
Ion, Mickey 1948
Smythe, Conn 1948
Waghorne, Fred 1951
LeSueur, Percy 1952
Irvin, Dick 1953
Gorman, Tommy 1953
Adams, Jack 1954
Creighton, James 1961
Day, Clarence "Hap" 1961
Blake, Hector "Toe" 1964
Selke, Frank 1964
Livingstone, Ed 1965
Tarasov, Anatoli 1969
Storey, Red 1971
Chernyshev, Arkady 1972
Udvari, Frank 1972
Pollock, Sam 1975
Bauer, David 1976
Northey, William 1977
Bowman, Scott 1979
Hunter, Bill 1987
Imlach, George "Punch" 1990
Johnson, Bob 1995
Tikhonov, Viktor 1995
Kilrea, Brian 1997
Torrey, Bill 1997
Arbour, Al 1998
Boucher, Frank 1998
Sinden, Harry 2004
Van Hellemond, Andy 2004

CONTRIBUTORS

Hewitt, Foster 1958
Stanley, Lord Frederick 1975
Coleman, Charles 1977
Gallivan, Danny 1984
McFarlane, Brian 1990
Lecavalier, Rene 1994
Ozerov, Nikolai 1997
Meeker, Howie 2002

OUR HALL

We have four categories of our Hall – we don't like the term Builder as originally used.

The first is Honoured Members. This is where the greats of the game lace them up. Whether elected as a first-time inductee or as an Oldtimer (retired more than twenty years), they are placed in the Hall together.

The second category was for executives and referees. Coaches fell into this category, as did GMs and owners.

The third category, added later, was a Contributors category. This was a catch-all for anybody not directly employed by the league or its teams, but whom when people think of this person, they think of their contribution to the sport. Foster Hewitt would be the first prominent member of this category. Dolores Claman, while she had her supporters, did not. Who's Dolores Claman you ask? She's the one who wrote the Hockey Night and Canada theme song.

The fourth category was the Builder category. A Builder was a person who elevated the game and brought the status of hockey to a higher level. Frank Patrick was the perfect example of a Builder. Harold Ballard was not. In order to achieve Builder status, one had to be elected in another category. After being elected, the person then had to be renominated from someone on the election committee and gain 15 votes. There were three exceptions to this rule. Their surnames are Patrick, Patrick and Gretzky.

Once elected, a person's conduct off the ice could not be considered grounds for removal, except for the Builders category.

L'AFFAIRE EAGLESON

We tried to vote in context of the times, so that the 1945 ballot, for example, would be voted on with 1945 knowledge. This was where the committee had its largest shortcoming. This became poignant when considering Alan Eagleson's contributions to the game.

"I personally did not have this problem," said Jason Kasiorek. "But it was obviously a concern, as some members in the first few ballots that were considered all-time greats could not get in because of comparisons to future stars."

Eagleson had a large group of balloters who wanted to enshrine him for his contributions to player agents, his organizational abilities for the Summit Series and the Canada Cup, and then eventually remove him for exposing his crimes for which he was convicted in two countries.

Longtime sports journalist Larry Robertson pushed for Eagleson's enshrinement.

"I believe that on the basis of what he accomplished for the game of hockey internationally and for Canada (he got us back onto the world stage) he deserves to be in. He also helped form the NHL Players Association (after the dismal failure of the one in the 1950s)," Robertson said.

"Granted he got caught up in greed and fraud, but on the basis of what he accomplished for the game before situations got out of hand he deserves to be in anyone's hall of fame."

Others changed their opinions as time went on.

“I voted for Eagleson for a while, and then stopped as his support never mounted and the years got later, it is obvious that other committee members had a hard time voting for him because of what we know now,” Kasiorek said.

Author Joseph Nieforth was another who had no problem sorting out the news from the times. “In the Eagleson case I began voting for him based on what would have been known at that point. After awhile I gave up on that tact since it looked like few committee members were taking that approach,” Nieforth said.

Karl-Eric Reif was one who did not vote in context of the times.

“If we had really fully immersed ourselves in the context of the year of each election – if that's even realistically possible to do without being psychotically disassociative – most of the statistics that spoke eloquently on behalf of many of the early nominees wouldn't have been available to us, for instance, and we'd have been more likely to simply recapitulate the work of the early HHoF committees,” Reif said.

Arthur Chidlovski revealed a story from his childhood in Moscow, and why he would not vote for Eagleson.

“As a representative of international hockey, I probably should be the first one to vote for Alan Eagleson. He brought Canada back to the international hockey and was behind the most exciting and colorful international tournaments of that time,” Chidlovski said.

“And I don't vote for the Eagle because of a rather personal reason. He put me in trouble! All of you probably remember his escape from police in Luzhniki Arena and the one-finger salute that he showed to me and millions of Russians that September 1972 night.

“Later on he explained to me and millions of Russians that it wasn't what one might think - it meant a thumb up or number one. For most Canadians who know what thumbs-up looks like, it wasn't convincing and the whole episode was edited out of the game broadcast.

“The funny thing about it is that Eagleson's gesture has no meaning in Russia. But I and millions of other Russians who watched that game are good learners and it was a lesson of how to show number one.

“In 1989, I got to the USA for the first time and I was asked by U.S. Customs how many suitcases I had. Being a good student, I showed the customer officer the Eagleson's “one” gesture and was almost deported.”

OUR COMMITTEE

We had 21 members of the committee. The major advantage our committee had over other selection committees is that we represented every major hockey playing area, with an age range from 28 to 63.

Said committee member Keith Lenn, “One would be hard-pressed to come up with a more knowledgeable and eclectic group of hockey historians, researchers, authors, collectors, statisticians, scouts, and fans than our committee of twenty-one. I will be as bold to say that the overall knowledge base of this group would rival, if not surpass, any collection of players (past or present), front-office personnel, and beat writers that one could muster up.”

A wide diversity of background and credentials is what Committee Chair Morey Holzman was looking for.

“I would consider it an incredible day if four of the 16 members of the Hockey Hall of Fame committee in Toronto know why the Stanley Cup is engraved with PORTLAND, PCHA Champions, and why the owner of the Portland Rosebuds felt he could justify the engraving,” Holzman said.

“Heck, I'd be impressed if four of them know who the owner of the Rosebuds was. Point being, they are not the most knowledgeable hockey people – just the best connected. Most of this committee could have answered that question before being appointed.”

Here's who we are, and our qualifications:

CHIDLOVSKI, ARTHUR, 40. Lives in Boston. Born in Moscow, U.S.S.R. and grew up rooting for the Soviet National Team. Immigrated to the United States in 1990. His background includes TV and film production, documentary filmmaking and professional web development. He authored The Summit in 1972 and The Summit in 1974 web sites.

DAVIS, LLOYD, 38. Lives in Toronto. During his 10 years in publishing he has worked on books that run the gamut from gardening to investing to the Titanic. He has had a hand editing in such books as Total Hockey, Kings Of The Ice, Full Spectrum, Messier and Deceptions and Doublecross.

FITZSIMMONS, ERNIE, 63. Lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The vice president of SIHR was a longtime hockey referee and statistician and media liaison for the Fredericton Express and Fredericton Canadiens AHL teams. Co-author of From Pond-to-Pro and Total Hockey, Ernie self-published his own book on Fredericton's history from 1895 to 1945. A collector of hockey photos, Ernie's collection of more than 20,000 photos resides at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, and is the driving force behind the SIHR hockey record database.

FYFFE, IAIN, 28. Lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick. A chartered accountant who specializes in hockey's statistical analysis and historical data. He is the SIHR vice president for the Atlantic region and has published several articles in the Hockey Research Journal. He writes an online column at www.hockeyzoneplus.com and www.puckerings.com.

HOLLAND, DAVID, 41. Lives in Calgary, Alberta. A full-time environmental consultant and a spare-time hockey researcher, currently working on a publication about the history of the teams that have represented Canada at the World Hockey Championships.

HOLZMAN, MOREY, 40. Lives in Escondido, California. Originally hails from Detroit. Co-author of Deceptions and Doublecross: How the NHL Conquered Hockey (Dundurn, 2002). Now an Enrolled Agent, the former journalist is a contributor to several books and the head of this committee.

HOUDA, PATRICK, 35. Lives in Stockholm, Sweden. A long-time hockey researcher who once “bird-dogged” for the St. Louis Blues. Co-author of World Cup of

Hockey (Warwick, 2002). Major contributor to Total Hockey, Total Hockey 2, and several NHL Official Record Books. Regular writer for European NHL magazine Pro Hockey.

JENNINGS, GORD, 63. Lives in Plantagenet, Ontario. Originally hails from St. Catharines, Ontario. A former Montreal Canadiens season-ticket holder for ten years, Gord attended his first hockey game on January 10, 1950, a OHA junior contest between the Toronto Marlies and the St. Catharines TPs. He spends his time now collecting St. Cath memorabilia.

KASIOREK, JASON, 33. Lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A life-long Red Wings fan and now a Griffins (AHL) season-ticket holder, the computer systems administrator writes scouting and game reports for www.redwingscentral.com. Jason also has a website tribute to the WHA's Edmonton Oilers at <http://members.hockeyresearch.com/jkasiorek>.

LENN, KEITH, 37. Lives in Thiells, New York. A public school teacher and avid hockey memorabilia collector. His monthly column, "Penned by Lenn" appears on the Professional Hockey Players' Association website, www.phpa.com. Keith also writes and created www.hockeysandwich.com.

MATIC, ROB, 37. Lives in London, Ontario. A Montreal Canadiens fan who grew up in Leafs' Country, Rob was our alternate voter in case someone missed an election. His vote counted almost every time.

NIEFORTH, JOSEPH, 41. Lives in Toronto. Originally hails from Carroll's Corner, Nova Scotia. Co-author of Deceptions and Doublecross: How the NHL Conquered Hockey (Dundurn, 2002). Contributor to Total NHL, NHL Official Guide & Record Book and the Hockey Hall of Fame's website, legendsofhockey.net. Joe is SIHR's 2004 winner of the Brian MacFarlane Award for outstanding research.

PELLETIER, JOE, 30. Lives in Northern British Columbia. Co-author of World Cup of Hockey (Warwick, 2002). Creator of 1972SummitSeries.com. Compiled several biographies of retired players with Patrick Houda for legendsovertime.com.

REIF, KARL-ERIC, 48. Lives in Western New York. Co-author of five hockey books (with Jeff Z. Klein), including The Hockey Compendium and The Death of Hockey. A former sports writer and sports columnist for The Village Voice, The American and The Hockey News. Founder of the website Above and Beyond Hockey. Karl's work has also appeared in The New York Times, Sport, Inside Sports, and Goal.

ROBERTSON, LARRY, 56. Lives in Burlington, Ontario. A former sports editor for three different Burlington newspapers, Larry has spent 35 years covering the NHL, OHA Senior A, Major Junior, and Tier II provincial juniors. Larry was the first person hired to be an assistant curator for Lefty Reid at the Hockey Hall of Fame when it was

located on the CNE grounds. Larry co-wrote the first Hockey Heritage, published by the Hall of Fame in 1969. In addition to his love of hockey, he was the Chief Statistician Information Officer for the Canadian Football League from 1982 to 1992. Currently, he writes The Sports Page program insert for the AHL's Hamilton Tigers.

ROSENTHAL, HOWARD, 54. Lives in Philadelphia. A Flyers fan since the team's inception in 1967. Wrote a weekly report during 1997-98 on the Flyers' AHL affiliate, the Philadelphia Phantoms, for In The Crease.

STEWART-CANDY, DAVID, 35. Lives in East Vancouver, British Columbia. Compiled the International Ice Hockey Almanac league-standings project. Has contributed to several books including Total Hockey and Deceptions and Doublecross: How the NHL Conquered Hockey, and to the independent hockey movie Rhino Brothers.

SWIFT, BILL, 56. Lives in Connecticut. Tax attorney and hockey researcher has been a hockey fan since 1961. Amongst the games he attended were the Flyers' first home game in 1967, the game Red Berenson scored six goals, the game Guy Lafleur scored his 500th career goal, the first game of the Summit Series in 1972, Gordie Howe's last NHL game, all three games at Rendez-vous '87 and Challenge Cup '79.

TREMBLAY, SEBASTIEN, 30. Lives in Ottawa. Raised in Quebec City. Hockey fan who grew up watching his hometown Quebec Nordiques and is a self-proclaimed addict of the art of goaltending.

UNDERWOOD, BILL, 42. Lives in Philadelphia. Former NHL scout for the Quebec Nordiques and GM of the ill-fated Plattsburgh Pioneers of the QMJHL (don't look for their records, the QMJHL expunged them). A scout for more than 20 years, he has been head scout at major junior and minor pro level.

WYMAN, MIKE, 47. Lives in Montreal. Originally from Arvida, Quebec. Lifelong hockey fan writes a history column called Old School for www.insidehockey.com. His work has also appeared in The Hockey News.

Universally, the committee anointed Arthur Chidlovski, the hockey fan who grew up in the Soviet Union, as the most influential member of the committee.

Bill Underwood, the former Nordique scout, spoke for the committee when he stated, "Arthur's anecdotes about the earlier Soviet players who I never had the pleasure of seeing and insights into the general attitudes in Soviet hockey from someone who grew up there were priceless!"

Karl-Eric Reif also praised the European content, as small as it was, on the committee. "Arthur Chidlovski's deep well of knowledge on Soviet hockey and Pat Houda's expertise on European hockey were often enlightening and thought-provoking. I was already eager to cast votes for some of the better-known Soviet and Czech players of the post-Summit-Series era, but they convinced me to add votes for a few lesser-known (to me and most of North America) Soviets, Czechs, and Scandinavians of the 1950s and '60s," Reif said.

Not that we always got along or played follow the leader. One heated discussion between Underwood and Iain Fyffe led Reif to send the following e-mail to Chair Morey Holzman, “Aw, c’mon ref. Let ‘em go. C’mon ref.”

Did we mention the Hanson Brothers received several votes as well?

By and large the committee was cohesive. We grew into a family, much the same way a Stanley Cup champion grows on their path. Away from the balloting, which took place twice a week for about 10 months, we had births, deaths, a wedding and business trips.

We started with 20 members for the 1945 ballot, and added an alternate in 1949, and didn’t lose a single member after that. That dedication was shown most aptly by Bill Swift, the international tax attorney, who e-mailed his votes from Mexico City, Milan, London and Calais, France, amongst other places. Bill was one of three committee members who never missed a vote.

OUR RULES

From the outset, we were out to change some rules and maintain some consistency. We merged the voting rules of baseball’s hall of fame with hockey’s culture, trying to keep hockey’s unique Canadian flavour, while recognizing that the sport is international. Voters were given five votes each in the Honoured Players and Oldtimers category; three in the other categories.

Like the baseball hall of fame, a player had to wait five years before being qualified for election. There were no exceptions, even in the tragic cases of Terry Sawchuk and Tim Horton.

Like the baseball hall of fame, a candidate had to garner 75% of the votes for election, which usually meant 15 of the 20 votes.

Like baseball’s modern qualification rules, a player had 15 chances to be elected as an Honoured Member, before he was given a second chance as an Oldtimer.

And one rule we added as went along: anyone with less than four votes was dropped from the next ballot. Some of our ballots were quite hefty, and this mechanism thinned them out, although anyone from the committee was free to nominate anyone they chose at any time.

Not all the committee members were happy with these predetermined decisions.

Keith Lenn had proposed we just run down a list of players and voted yes or no for their inclusion. Lenn said, “While the actual voting process may not have been what I would consider ideal for this exercise, it was fair nonetheless because we stuck to the rules. Again, I believe that a ‘yes/no’ approach would have served our committee better and inducted players in a more timely fashion, preventing the logjams that occurred due to the finite numbers of players/builders/contributors, etc. that we could select in each round.”

Long-time Flyers fan Howard Rosenthal desired to see us take baseball’s weighted-scale approach, awarding five-point for a first-place vote, three for a second-place and one for a third-place vote. It should also be noted the NHL uses the weighted method when determining its awards at the end of the season.

Rosenthal said, “My only criticism of the process is that there was no weighted voting, so that a voter's first- and fifth-place choices counted equally and a sixth-place

choice did not count at all. I think that weighted voting would have allowed a more accurate evaluation in each individual election, although I don't know how much difference it would have made in which nominees were elected over the course of 60 elections.”

OUR INITIAL THOUGHTS

A majority of the committee held the current Hall of Fame selection committee with some degree of contempt. Viewed as an NHL-centric Old Boys Club, the current head of the Hall of Fame's Selection Committee is NHL Vice President Jim Gregory. This dual-role certainly smells like conflict of interest, which has led numerous hockey fans to raise eyebrows. Perhaps no more a selection than Bernie Federko, with his former GM Emile Francis on the Hall's selection committee, drew the ire of most of us to join this project.

Rob Matic, the London, Ontario-based hockey fan who said he felt a little intimidated to join the group, said even ordinary hockey fans have this perception. He said, “The Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee is an Old Boys' Network who votes for their favourites or for those who tow the company line.”

Said book editor Lloyd Davis, “I wasn't particularly motivated to right historical wrongs. There are a couple of players whose absence from the HHOF puzzles me – Mark Howe, for instance. But I've never felt the urge to lobby for a Paul Henderson or Ron Ellis or Dino Ciccarelli. I was hoping the panel would be a bit more selective than the actual Hall, and would avoid voting in every 1,000-point player from the 1980s or every Original Six netminder with a goals against average below 3.00.”

Arthur Chidlovski echoed Davis' sentiment, noting the IIHF Hall of Fame is even more limiting than the Hall of Fame in Toronto.

“I felt that there were some players that were unfairly overlooked by the HHOF. Jean-Claude Tremblay, Mark Howe and, of course, many European stars that didn't have a chance to play in the NHL. On the other hand, the IIHF Hall of Fame ignores many NHL stars because for, a variety of known reasons, they didn't play in the World Championships and Winter Olympics tournaments,” Chidlovski said.

NEW-FOUND RESPECT FOR THE CHORE?

The committee was split in the area of whether they had new respect for the Hall's Selection Committee as a result of this exercise.

SIHR President Ernie Fitzsimmons expressed disappointment that the Hall of Fame has elected some above average players at the expense of some better players. This project changed his opinion.

“I can understand the problem getting a consensus when I could probably win a Stanley Cup with those I couldn't include on my ballot in many seasons,” Fitzsimmons said.

Mike Wyman was at the opposite side of the spectrum.

“If anything, it has made me more aware of the HHoF's shortcomings when considering non-NHLers,” Wyman said. “In 2002, they saw fit to enshrine Bernie

Federko and Clark Gillies, who probably deserve to be in the Hall of the Very Good but who really ought not be in the HHoF. Then last year they go and induct Brian Kilrea, a career junior coach, just when I figured them as a pure Old Boys outfit. Mind you, they also put Mike Illitch in for buying a team and writing a mess of cheques. Go figure.”

Larry Robertson said to compare the two Halls would be unfair.

“Those selection committees, as biased as they may have been, voted on participants of their time, and times previous. We, however, were taking an overview of the game back to its earliest beginnings, and trying at times to see how close we could come to matching our results with those of the selectors who had gone before us.”

One area we differ from the real Hall is that we announce our voting results. Jim Gregory, the Hall committee’s current director, has been quoted as saying that they do not release results because they wish not to offend or embarrass players who do not get in.

Said Committee Chair Morey Holzman, “The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto has it wrong. There's no shame in gaining just one vote, unless the candidate happens to be a Jean Beliveau, and then the shame is on the committee. One vote means that you struck someone on the committee as a worthy member of the Hall, and that in of itself is an accomplishment.”

THE ELECTIONS

1945

The first election brought its first controversy: Chair Morey Holzman refused to put Lester and Frank Patrick on the ballot because he determined they should automatically qualify as Builders for the first ballot included with Builders.

“Of the many, this may have been my biggest mistake,” Holzman said. “I effectively took two votes out of everybody’s hands by saying that the Patricks were automatic. We had 23 Oldtimers on the initial ballot who are enshrined in Toronto. I was trying to give everyone two extra votes, and I shouldn’t have done that. Two people voted for Frank Patrick anyway.”

Because we decided we wanted to induct a large initial class, we chose the top five vote getters in both the Oldtimers and Honoured Members categories, regardless of vote totals.

On the initial ballot, we had three players tied with seven votes apiece, so we inducted all three.

The initial class for 1945:

HONOURED MEMBERS:

HOWIE MORENZ (C)	FRANK NIGHBOR (LW)
EDOUARD “NEWSY” LALONDE (C)	JOE MALONE (C)
GEORGES VEZINA (G)	ART ROSS (D)
CLINT BENEDICT (G)	FRED “CYCLONE” TAYLOR (D-R)
FRANCIS “KING” CLANCY (D)	HOBART “HOBIE” BAKER (R)
	EDDIE GERARD (D)

Here is how the final voting went:

Honoured Players:					
Howie Morenz	16	Harry Cameron	1	Joe Hall	3
Georges Vezina	13	Sprague Cleghorn	1	Didier Pitre	3
Newsy Lalonde	12	Frank Frederickson	1	Harvey Pulford	3
Clint Benedict	7	Harry Holmes	1	Mike Grant	2
Francis Clancy	7	Ernie Johnson	1	Jack Laviolette	2
Frank Nighbor	7	Ching Johnson	1	*Frank Patrick	2
Aurele Joliat	6			Tommy Phillips	2
Lionel Conacher	4	Oldtimers:		Hod Stuart	2
Charlie Gardiner	4	Joe Malone	18	Jack Darragh	1
George Hainsworth	3	Art Ross	12	Herb Gardner	1
Nelson Stewart	3	Fred Taylor	12	Jack Gibson	1
Bill Cook	2	Hobart Baker	6	Billy Gilmour	1
Babe Dye	2	Eddie Gerard	6	Ernie Russell	1
Gordon Keats	2	Dan Bain	3	Tommy Smith	1
Irving Bailey	1	Thomas Dunderdale	3	Marty Walsh	1
		Si Griffis	3	Harry Westwick	1

* - Patrick was declared ineligible, but two committee members voted for him anyway.

“We fell into the same trap that the actual Hall of Fame did,” said Iain Fyffe. “Hobey Baker's tragic death and word-of-mouth quality (he never played high-level competition) got him inducted. What a player accomplished as a player should determine his worthiness as a Hall-of-Famer; Baker accomplished little.”

1946

We had our first unanimous ballot. Two members who had committed to vote but had not voted dropped out. We had 18 members voting. Lester Patrick was unanimously elected as a Builder. Frank Patrick was selected as well. Originally, we did not require that someone be elected in another category before they became a Builder.

We changed the requirements so that a person needed to be named on 75% of the ballots cast in order to be elected as an Oldtimer. None of the Oldtimers qualified for the Hall on this ballot.

For 1946, we continued to elect the top five finishers in the Honoured Players category. We added the coaches/executives/referees category for this election as well. The highest vote getter in this category was Mickey Ion, the longtime PCHA referee.

The class of 1946:

HONOURED MEMBERS

NELSON STEWART (RW)
BILL COOK (RW)
AURELE JOLIAT (RW)

CHARLIE CONACHER (LW)
GEORGE HAINSWORTH (G)

BUILDERS

FRANK PATRICK

LESTER PATRICK

Here is how the voting went:

Honoured Players:	Oldtimers:	Off-Ice/Referees:
Nelson Stewart 13	Dan Bain 8	Mickey Ion 10
Bill Cook 10	Mike Grant 7	James Creighton 9
Aurele Joliat 10	Frank McGee 7	Frederick Stanley 8
Charlie Conacher 9	Tommy Phillips 7	Fred Wagborne 8
George Hainsworth 6	Thomas Dunderdale 6	Pete Muldoon 6
Sprague Cleghorn 5	Joe Hall 6	Cecil Hart 2
Frank Frederickson 5	Didier Pitre 6	
Lionel Conacher 4	Si Griffis 5	
Charlie Gardiner 4	Jack Darragh 4	Builders:
Ernie Johnson 4	Jack Laviolette 4	Lester Patrick 18
Gordon Keats 4	Tommy Smith 4	Frank Patrick 16
Cecil Thompson 4	Riley Hern 3	Art Ross 12
Marty Barry 2	George Prodgers 3	Conn Smythe 11
Babe Dye 2	Harvey Pulford 3	Fred Taylor 9
Harry Holmes 2	Marty Walsh 3	Tom Gorman 6
Irving Bailey 1	Russell Bowie 2	Hartley 3
Harry Cameron 1	Ernie Russell 2	Patton 2
Ivan Johnson 1	Hod Stuart 2	Phil Ross 1
Herbie Lewis 1	Jimmy Gardner 1	
Reginald Smith 1	Jack Gibson 1	
	Harry Westwick 1	

“We originally did not require someone to be elected in another category before becoming a Builder,” said Chair Morey Holzman. “This led to confusion amongst many members, and so we changed it for 1947. I was also disappointed that with the rules we set up that someone with one-third approval from the committee (George Hainsworth) could get elected.

“Don’t get me wrong. In due time Hainsworth would have been elected with more than 75% of the vote. But I became concerned with weaker ballots approaching that someone else might get elected with such a small vote.”

1947

We changed the procedure slightly for 1947. Instead of automatic entry for the first five finishers, we elected the top four, as there was a tie for fifth. We firmed up the committee with the addition of Lloyd Davis, who proved to be a very valuable asset to the committee.

For Odie Cleghorn, Hugh Lehman and Harry Holmes, they were on their last ballot as a Honoured Player. If they did not get elected in 1947, they would have to be elected as an Oldtimer.

The class of 1947:

HONOURED MEMBERS

FRANK FREDERICKSON (C)
SPRAGUE CLEGHORN (D)

CHARLIE GARDINER (G)
CECIL "TINY" THOMPSON (G)

Here is how the final voting went:

Honoured Players:		Oldtimers:		Off-Ice/Referees:	
Frank Frederickson	10	Thomas Dunderdale	8	Mickey Ion	13
Sprague Cleghorn	9	Dan Bain	7	James Creighton	10
Charlie Gardiner	9	Mike Grant	7	Fred Waghorne	9
Cecil Thompson	9	Tommy Phillips	7	Frederick Stanley	8
Lionel Conacher	7	Didier Pitre	7	Pete Muldoon	5
Cecil Dye	7	Russell Bowie	6	Cecil Hart	2
Gordon Keats	6	Joe Hall	6		
Hugh Lehman	6	Jack Darragh	5		
Ernie Johnson	5	Si Griffis	5		
Ivan Johnson	4	Frank McGee	5		
Reginald Smith	4	Harvey Pulford	5		
Harry Cameron	3	Jack Laviolette	4	Art Ross	12
Harry Holmes	3	Tommy Smith	4	Conn Smythe	11
Marty Barry	2	Riley Hern	3	Tom Gorman	10
Irving Bailey	1	Ernie Russell	3	Dick Irvin	10
Odie Cleghorn	1	Marty Walsh	3	Jack Adams	9
		George Prodgers	2	Fred Taylor	9
		Hod Stuart	2	Hartley	5
		Jimmy Gardner	1	Patton	3
		Harry Westwick	1	Phil Ross	2

"A good election, but I could see that there were flaws in the rules. I wanted to go one more election before making changes," said Chair Morey Holzman.

1948

We had a problem with a couple of people who signed up to volunteer for the project, but then they disappeared off the face of the Earth. We added Mike Wyman for the 1948 election.

We took the top three vote getters for the Honoured Players category, and held firm on the 75% rule for the other categories.

The class of 1948:

HONOURED MEMBERS

LIONEL CONACHER (D)

GORDON "DUKE" KEATS (C)

CECIL "BABE" DYE (RW)

OFF-ICE/REFEREES

MICKEY ION

BUILDERS

ART ROSS

CONN SMYTHE

Here is how the final voting went:

Honoured Players:		Oldtimers:		Builders:	
Lionel Conacher	15	Thomas Dunderdale	11	Art Ross	17
Cecil Dye	14	Tommy Phillips	10	Conn Smythe	15
Gordon Keats	12	Dan Bain	9	Tom Gorman	14
Ernie Johnson	10	Russell Bowie	9	Jack Adams	12
Reginald Smith	10	Mike Grant	9	Fred Taylor	10
Ebbie Goodfellow	9	Didier Pitre	8	Dick Irvin	8
Ivan Johnson	8	Frank McGee	7	Patton	4
Bun Cook	6	Joe Hall	6	Phil Ross	3
Harry Cameron	5	Harvey Pulford	5	Charles Hartley	2
Marty Barry	4	Jack Darragh	4		
Irving Bailey	2	Jack Laviolette	4		
Georges Mantha	2	Si Griffis	3		
		Harry Holmes	3		
		Hod Stuart	3		
		Tommy Smith	2		
		Riley Hern	2		
		Hugh Lehman	2		
		Ernie Russell	1		
		Marty Walsh	1		
		Odie Cleghorn	1		

Off-Ice/Referees:	
Mickey Ion	17
James Creighton	13
Fred Waghorne	10
Frederick Stanley	8
Pete Muldoon	4
Cecil Hart	2

“It was becoming obvious that the vast majority of committee members were continuing to pick the same people,” said Chair Morey Holzman. “There was little variance of the votes – just the deletion of an elected member meant those votes were being redistributed. The result was a logjam, especially in the Oldtimers category.”

1949

We had a full ballot for the first time, with all 20 members casting votes.

We took the top three vote getters for the Honoured Players category, and held firm on the 75% rule for the other categories. We had a tie for third, so we elected four members. Some of our committee wondered quite loudly if we were inducting too many people too early. Other committee members voiced concerns that we were not electing enough members.

“Coming into the last three ballots, I had Fred Waghorne pencilled in as a referee. He had 14 votes. He finished with 14 votes. This was a strange election. After 10 ballots, Ebbie Goodfellow was leading Eddie Shore,” said Chair Morey Holzman.

Joe Pelletier was ecstatic with the results.

“I couldn't be more pleased with the results of this election, as Boucher, Goodfellow and Smith are all personal favorites. Shore was a no brainer,” Pelletier said.

Our other Joe, Joseph Nieforth, was less than thrilled that Harry “Hap” Holmes was dropped from the ballot due to lack of support.

“I am truly surprised that Harry Holmes was dropped from the ballot. He only backstopped four Stanley Cup winners and appeared in the undecided 1919 series,” Nieforth said.

Tommy Gorman and Fred Waghorne finished with fourteen votes, instead of the require fifteen. Under a weighted system, they probably would have been elected. Instead, they would have to wait at least one more year.

The class of 1949:

HONOURED MEMBERS

FRANK BOUCHER (C)

EDDIE SHORE (D)

EBBIE GOODFELLOW (LW-D)

REGINALD “HOOLEY” SMITH (C)

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS	HONOURED PLAYERS	MANAGERS/EXECS/REFS
Phillips, Tommy 12	Shore, Eddie 17	Waghorne, Fred 14
Bowie, Russel 11	Goodfellow, Ebbie 14	Creighton, James 13
Dunderdale, Tommy10	Boucher, Frank 13	Muldoon, Pete 11
Grant, Mike 10	Smith, Hooley 13	Hart, Cecil 5
Bain, Dan 9	Johnson, Moose 10	
Hall, Joe 7	Jackson, Busher 9	
McGee, Frank 7	Cameron, Harry 6	
Pitre, Didier 7	Johnson, Ching 6	BUILDERS
Stuart, Hod 4	Cook, Bun 4	Gorman, Tommy 14
Laviolette, Jack 3	Aurie, Larry 2	Adams, Jack 12
Lehman, Hugh 3	Bailey, Ace 1	Irvin, Dick 12
Pulford, Harvey 3	Barry, Marty 1	Taylor, Cyclone 10
Smith, Tommy 3		Stanley, Lord Frederic 9
Darragh, Jack 2		Hartley, 4
Griffis, Si 2		Patton 4
Hern, Riley 2		Ross, Phil 4
Prodggers, Goldie 1		
Russell, Ernie 1		

1950

The 1950 election saw our lowest turnout. Only 15 members cast votes, which then meant 12 were needed for election.

That being said, we added Johnson & Johnson to our Hall of Fame, as well as a Busher and a Bowie.

One player's vote total sparked a lively debate.

Hod Stuart, one of the original members of the Hall of Fame, only gained one vote from the committee. The committee was split on Stuart's worthiness due to his tragic death in 1907 at age 27. (He dove from a rock into a lake, broke his neck and drowned.) Stuart's legacy, unknown to all but a handful of hockey people, was the engraving of the Stanley Cup with the player's names. Every player who has his name engraved on team sport's only individual legacy to its champions owes a debt of gratitude to Stuart. The 1907 Montreal Wanderers inscribed the names of the entire team inside the silver bowl, and no one was going to demand it be buffed out after Stuart's death.

In the Canadian magazine MacLeans, a panel of hockey experts in 1925 concluded Stuart was on the all-time team at defense. Westerners and former players Lester Patrick (Victoria) and Harry Scott (Calgary) listed Stuart as the best defenseman of all-time.

Said Morey Holzman, "He was a great defenseman, no doubt about it, but I feel he did not play long enough to merit inclusion. He created a scandal in Pittsburgh while playing in the IHL, and was by most accounts, the best defenseman in the first decade of the 1900s.

"But I wonder if we would have voted in Wayne Gretzky had he died in 1981. Or Gordie Howe if he would not have survived the Kennedy hit in 1950."

Iain Fyffe concurred.

"The actual Hall of Fame was easily swayed by tragic deaths in its early years. Hod Stuart, Hobe Baker, Scotty Davidson. In my opinion none of these deserve induction based on their playing careers; they may have been great had they continued to play, but they did not. Even Frank McGee, to me, had too short a career for the World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame."

Joe Pelletier disagreed, drawing parallels to Bobby Orr.

"Stuart played from 1895 through 1907 - 12 seasons," Pelletier said. "Let's eliminate those early years where the statistics are all but missing and when he was still a teenager. We'll just look at when he joined the Ottawa Silver Seven in 1898, and he would have been 18 or 19 years old. Over the next NINE seasons he would go on a spectacular career that had earned him the reputation as the best defenseman or rover in all of hockey, and some even said the best hockey player in the world. Then he tragically died.

"Bobby Orr had a very similar career. Looking at approximately the same ages, Orr quickly established himself as the best in the world. His career would be basically over after eight seasons.

"Our Hall will be forever empty without him."

HONOURED MEMBERS

RUSSEL BOWIE (R)

HARVEY "BUSER" JACKSON

(RW)

ERNIE "MOOSE" JOHNSON (D)

IVAN "CHING" JOHNSON (D)

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS		HONOURED PLAYERS		BUILDERS	
Bowie, Russel	12	Johnson, Ching	13	Gorman, Tommy	11
Dunderdale, Tommy	10	Jackson, Busher	12	Irvin, Dick	10
Phillips, Tommy	10	Johnson, Moose	12	LeSueur, Percy	9
Grant, Mike	8	Cameron, Harry	8	Adams, Jack	8
Bain, Dan	7	Cook, Bun	8	Stanley, Sir Frederic	6
Campbell, Lorne	3	Barry, Marty	5	Taylor, Cyclone	6
Griffis, Si	3	Bailey, Ace	4	Hartley	4
Hall, Joe	3	Aurie, Larry	2	Shore, Eddie	4
Laviolette, Jack	3	March, Harold "Mush"	2	Ross, Phil	2
McGee, Frank	3	Finnigan, Frank	1	Patton	1
Pitre, Didier	3	Gagnon, Johnny	1		
Darragh, Jack	2				
Smith, Tommy	2	MANAGERS/EXECS/REFS			
Breen, Billy	1	Creighton, James	11		
Lehman, Hugh	1	Waghorne, Fred	11		
Prodgers, Goldie	1	Calder, Frank	6		
Pulford, Harvey	1	Kennedy, George	6		
Russell, Ernie	1	Muldoon, Pete	6		
Stuart, Hod	1	Hart, Cecil	2		

1951

The 1951 election saw a better turnout. Eighteen members cast votes, which then meant 14 were needed for election.

Fred Waghorn, Earl Seibert and Joe Primeau were elected.

Waghorn's enshrinement was heavily endorsed by long-suffering Sabre fan (and hockey writer) Karl-Eric Reif.

"If one referee is deserving of enshrinement, it must be the British-born Waghorn, who not only reffed more than 2,000 games during a 50-year career that began before the Stanley Cup was created, but is the only official to offer genuine, positive innovation to the game in that role," Reif said.

"It was Waghorn who instituted the practise of dropping the puck for face-offs, rather than placing it on the ice between the players' sticks, as had been the custom. It was Waghorn who replaced the referees' steel whistles with hand-held bells in the days of outdoor hockey in subfreezing temperatures, then replaced the bells with whistles again, once games moved indoors. And it was Waghorn whose Solomonic judgment provided one of the game's best-known rules and greatest yarns: while Waghorn was reffing a turn-of-the-century contest, the puck struck a goalpost and split in half, one part going through the uprights and across the line, the other part skittering wide. The attacking team claimed goal, but Waghorn ruled otherwise, declaring that the puck had not entirely crossed the goal line."

HONOURED MEMBERS

JOE PRIMEAU (C)

EARL SEIBERT (D)

REFEREES/OFF-ICE EXECUTIVES

FRED WAGHORN

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS		HONOURED PLAYERS		MANAGERS/EXECS/REFS	
Phillips, Tommy	11	Primeau, Joe	14	Waghorne, Fred	15
Pitre, Didier	9	Seibert, Earl	14	Creighton, James	10
Smith, Tommy	9	Cameron, Harry	11	Muldoon, Pete	8
Bain, Dan	8	Cook, Bun	6	Kennedy, George	7
Dunderdale, Tommy	8	Simpson, Joe	6	Calder, Frank	3
Grant, Mike	8	Weiland, Cooney	6	Hart, Cecil	3
Hall, Joe	5	Coulter, Art	4		
Hern, Riley	4	Aurie, Larry	3	BUILDERS	
McGee, Frank	4	Barry, Marty	2	Gorman, Tommy	13
MacKay, Mickey	3	Finnigan, Frank	2	Irvin, Dick	12
Pulford, Harvey	3	Gagnon, Johnny	2	LeSueur, Percy	11
Stuart, Hod	3	Gottselig, Johnny	2	Stanley, Sir Frederic	11
Griffis, Si	2	Bailey, Ace	1	Adams, Jack	9
Holmes, Harry	2	Carr, Lorne	1	Taylor, Cyclone	6
Laviolette, Jack	2	March, Harold "Mush"	1	Hartley	5
Prodgers, Goldie	2			Shore, Eddie	4
Breen, Billy	1			Ross, Phil	3
Campbell, Lorne	1			Patton	1
Darragh, Jack	1				
Lehman, Hugh	1				
Russell, Ernie	1				

1952

The 1952 election was a yawner, as these things go. Eighteen members cast votes, which then meant 14 were needed for election.

Dit Clapper was a near-unanimous selection as the first NHL player to participate in 20 different seasons was selected on 17 ballots. Also elected, as a builder, was Percy LeSueur.

Despite a stellar career as the goaltender for the Silver Seven of Ottawa, LeSueur's greatest contributions came off the ice. He invented goal nets, and was a long-time manager, executive and referee at various levels in hockey.

HONOURED MEMBERS

DIT CLAPPER (RW-D)

REFEREES/OFF-ICE EXECUTIVES

PERCY LeSUEUR

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS

Phillips, T 12
Pitre 11
Bain 8
Smith, T 8
Dunderdale 7
Hall, Joe 6
McGee, Frank 6
Grant, Mike 4
Laviolette 3
Pulford, Harvey 3
Stuart, H 3
Darragh, J 2
Griffis 2
Hern, Riley 2
Holmes 2
MacKay, Mickey 2
Breen, Billy 1
Campbell, L 1
Lehman 1
Prodgers 1

Russell, E 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Clapper, Dit 17
Cowley, Bill 11
Cameron, Harry 9
Cook, Bun 9
Barry, Marty 7
Coulter, Art 6
Simpson, Joe 6
Aurie, Larry 3
Weiland, Cooney 3
Bailey, Ace 2
Gagnon, Johnny 2
March, Harold "Mush" 2
Patrick, Lynn 2
Finnigan, Frank 1
Gottselig, Johnny 1
Jackson, Art 1

COACHES/MANAGERS EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 11
Muldoon 10
Calder, F 7
Kennedy, George 7
Hart 3

BUILDERS

LeSueur 15
Gorman 12
Irvin 12
Stanley, F 10
Adams, Jack 8
Taylor 6
Hartley 3
Patton 3
Ross, Phil 3
Shore, Eddie 3

1953

Some of the committee members became restless because the early game's stars were not being elected in rapid fashion. The viewpoint was best expressed by Jason Kasiorek, who said, "I think our problem is not that we don't feel the majority of these players are worthy of induction, but we do disagree in the order we feel they should be elected."

Lloyd Davis captured the mood of the majority when he said he was not convinced that the true greats of the game would eventually become enshrined. Davis said, "I don't think it's necessarily a "problem" that players are not being inducted in this category. That's the attitude the actual HOF seems to hold, as evidenced by its policy that it must induct at least one player a year. And suddenly we're introduced to Clark Gillies, Hall of Famer."

Syl Apps and Tommy Phillips were elected to our hall, as were legendary coaches Tommy Gorman and Dick Irvin.

On his last ballot as a regular Honoured Member, Harry Cameron fell short with 11 of the requisite 15 votes.

HONOURED MEMBERS

SYL APPS (C)

TOMMY PHILLIPS (LW)

BUILDERS

TOMMY GORMAN

DICK IRVIN

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS

Phillips, T 15
Pitre 13
Smith, T 11
Bain 9
Dunderdale 8
Hall, Joe 6
McGee, Frank 6
Grant, Mike 5
Pulford, Harvey 4
Stuart, H 4
Holmes 3
Laviolette 3
Lehman 3
Campbell, L 2
Griffis 2
Prodgers 2
Darragh, J 1
Hern, Riley 1
Russell, E 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Apps, Syl 15
Cameron, Harry* 11
Cowley, Bill 11
Boucher, George* 8
Cook, Bun 8
Weiland, Cooney 7
Barry, Marty 6
Simpson, Joe 6
Coulter, Art 4
Bailey, Ace 3
Aurie, Larry 2
Bruneteau, Mud 2
Finnigan, Frank 2
Gagnon, Johnny 2
Karakas, Mike 2
Gottselig, Johnny 1
Patrick, Lynn 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 14
Muldoon 12
Kennedy, George 9
Calder, F 7
Hart 3

BUILDERS

Gorman 17
Irvin 16
Adams, Jack 12
Stanley, F 10
Taylor 9
Hartley 5
Shore, Eddie 4
Patton 3
Ross, Phil 1

1954

The 1954 vote saw the committee elect a couple of Oldtimers, but none of the recently retired players. Bill Cowley just missed election with 14 votes. But Didier Pitre was elected in the Oldtimers category and Jack Adams was selected in the Builders.

HONOURED MEMBERS

DIDIER PITRE

BUILDERS

JACK ADAMS

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS

Pitre 16
Smith, T 13
Cameron, H 10
Dunderdale 9
Bain 8
Grant, Mike 5
Hall, Joe 5
Hern, Riley 4
Holmes 4
McGee, Frank 4
Pulford, Harvey 4
Stuart, H 4
Russell, E 3
Boucher, G 2
Campbell, L 2
Griffis 2
Laviolette 2
Darragh, J 1

Lehman 1
Prodgers 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Cowley, Bill 14
Schriner, Sweeney 11
Howe, Syd 10
Cook, Bun 9
Bailey, Ace* 7
Weiland, Cooney 7
Barry, Marty 6
Coulter, Art 6
Hextall, Bryan 6
Simpson, Joe* 6
Aurie, Larry 2
Finnigan, Frank 2
Karakas, Mike 2
Patrick, Lynn 2
Bruneteau, Mud 1

Gagnon, Johnny 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 13
Muldoon 11
Kennedy, George 8
Calder, F 7
Brown, George 3
Hart 3

BUILDERS

Adams, Jack 15
Stanley, F 12
Taylor 8
Hartley 7
Shore, Eddie 7
Patton 5
Ross, Phil 5

1955

The 1955 vote saw the committee have its first election without electing a single member. Twenty ballots were cast, and the election hinged on the last ballot. Hence, Bill Durnan just missed being elected.

For those who wanted a smaller Hall of Fame than in Toronto, this was good news.

“I’m actually quite proud of this group for having a no-election year, although I’m surprised it was this year,” said Joe Pelletier.

Here is how the final voting went:

OLDTIMERS

Cameron, H 10
Smith, T 10
Chabot, Lorne 8
Bain 6
Dunderdale 6
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 6
Grant, Mike 5
Hall, Joe 5
McGee, Frank 5
Hern, Riley 4
Mantha, Sylvio 4
Pulford, Harvey 4
Laviolette 3
Lehman 3
Prodgers 3
Simpson 3
Stuart, H 3
Boucher, G 2
Holmes 2
Russell, E 2
Bailey, Ace 1
Campbell, L 1
Darragh, J 1
Griffis 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Durnan, Bill 14
Malecek, Josef 11
Schriner, Sweeney 11
Howe, Syd 9
Cowley, Bill 8
Cook, Bun 7
Barry, Marty 5
Weiland, Cooney 5
Patrick, Lynn 4
Coulter, Art 3
Drillon, Gordie 3
Hextall, Bryan 3
Reardon, Kenny 3
Aurie, Larry 2
Colville, Neil 2
Finnigan, Frank 2
Gagnon, Johnny 2
Karakas, Mike 2
Bruneteau, Mud 1
Patrick, Muzz 1

COACHES/MANAGERS EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 12
Muldoon 9
Day, Clarence "Hap" 8
Hewitt, Foster 7
Livingstone, Ed 6
Kennedy, George 5
Calder, F 4
Hart 3
Brown, George 2
Cotton, Harold "Baldy" 1
Northey, William 1

BUILDERS

Northey, William 10
Stanley, F 10
Ross, Phil 8
Shore, Eddie 8
Taylor 8
Hartley 7
Patton 6
Day, Clarence "Hap" 4
Gibson, Jack 4

1958

Wyman's pitch after the 1957 election worked as two members changed their votes and elected Toe Blake. Blake finished second in the election as Maple Leaf goalie Turk Broda was also elected.

In the off-ice category, legendary Hockey Night In Canada broadcaster Foster Hewitt was elected, although surprisingly not unanimously. Foster received 17 votes.

HONOURED MEMBERS

HECTOR "TOE" BLAKE (LW)

"TURK" BRODA (G)

REFEREES/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

FOSTER HEWITT

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Cameron, H 14
Smith, T 11
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 11
Chabot, Lorne 8
Dunderdale 6
Hall, Joe 6
Bain 5
Grant, Mike 5
McGee, Frank 4
Pulford, Harvey 4
Hern, Riley 3
Laviolette 3
Lehman 3
Simpson 3
Stuart, H 3
Bailey, Ace 2
Russell, E 2
Campbell, L 1
Griffis 1
Holmes 1
Mantha, Sylvio 1
Prodgers 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Broda, Turk 17
Blake, Toe 16
Malecek, Josef 14
Cowley, Bill 10
Howe, Syd 7
Schriner, Sweeney 6
Cook, Bun 5
Bauer, Bobby 4
Barry, Marty 3
Reardon, Kenny 3
Aurie, Larry 2
Finnigan 2
Weiland, Cooney 2
Conacher, Roy 1
Drillon, Gordie 1
Gagnon 1
Hextall, Bryan 1
Karakas, Mike 1
O'Connor, Buddy 1
Orlando, Jimmy 1
Patrick, Lynn 1

Pratt, Babe 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Hewitt, Foster 17
Creighton 13
Day, Clarence "Hap" 11
Livingstone, Ed 8
Muldoon 7
Northey, William 7
Stanley, F 7
Calder, F 5
Kennedy, George 5
Hartley 4
Gibson, Jack 3
Hart 3
Patton 2
Brown, George 1

BUILDERS

Shore, Eddie 8
Taylor 7

1959

The 1959 ballot sees our first significant departure from the Hockey Hall of Fame. Enshrined are Harry Cameron and Czech legend Josef "Pepi" Malecek. Both received 15 votes.

Cameron was known as the first player to curve his shot from the point.

Malecek was the first to score 1,000 goals, tallying 1,006 goals in 562 games.

Swedish journalist Patrick Houda called him, "The Wayne Gretzky of Europe."

Joseph Nieforth was happy with the results.

"I must say that I am very pleased with this selection. Cameron finally gets his recognition and Malecek becomes our first European-based player to be inducted," Nieforth said.

James Creighton, the Halifax man who introduced hockey to Montreal, Ottawa and Lord Stanley's sons, just missed being enshrined in the off-ice category, as did Hap Day, who led the Maple Leafs to four Stanley Cups in the 1940s.

HONOURED MEMBERS

HARRY CAMERON (D)

JOSEF "PEPI" MALECEK (C-D)

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Cameron, H 15
Smith, T 11
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 10
Chabot, Lorne 8
Bain 7
Dunderdale 7
Hall, Joe 6
Grant, Mike 5
McGee, Frank 4
Holmes 3
Laviolette 3
Lehman 3
Pulford, Harvey 3
Stuart, H 3
Bailey, Ace 2
Russell, E 2
Simpson 2
Griffis 1
Hern, Riley 1
Mantha, Sylvio 1
Prodders 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Malecek, Josef 15
Abel, Sid 13
Lach, Elmer 13
Howe, Syd 10
Cowley, Bill 9
Schriner, Sweeney 6
Stewart, Jack 5
Bauer, Bobby 4
Cook, Bun 4
Reardon, Kenny 3
Weiland, Cooney 3
Drillon, Gordie 2
Barry, Marty 2
Aurie, Larry 1
Conacher, Roy 1
Gagnon 1
Hextall, Bryan 1
Karakas, Mike 1
Lee, Bobby 1
Orlando, Jimmy 1

Patrick, Lynn 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 14
Day, Clarence "Hap" 14
Livingstone, Ed 8
Muldoon 8
Northey, William 8
Kennedy, George 7
Stanley, F 7
Calder, F 5
Hart 3
Hartley 3
Gibson, Jack 2
Patton 2
Brown, George 1

BUILDERS

Hewitt, Foster 13
Shore, Eddie 8
Taylor 7

1960

Chair Morey Holzman introduced what would amount to be the final rule change in the election proceedings. Due to clogging on the lists, largely due to committee members voting for their favorite player even though the rest of the committee is not supporting the nominee, Holzman's new rule stated that a candidate must be on at least four ballots to stay on the list.

This fractured the ballot as little, as this election became known as the Near Miss Election.

Sid Abel squeaked in with 15 votes, but Elmer Lach, Tommy Smith, Hap Day, James Creighton and Builder Candidate Foster Hewitt fell one vote shy.

HONOURED MEMBERS

SID ABEL (C)

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Smith, T 14
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 13
Bain 9
Chabot, Lorne 9
Dunderdale 9
Hall, Joe 6
Grant, Mike 5
McGee, Frank 5
Holmes 4
Stuart, H 4
Griffis 3
Lehman 3
Pulford, Harvey 3
Bailey, Ace 2
Campbell, L 2
Laviolette 2
Prodgers 2
Russell, E 2
Simpson 2 1
Hern, Riley 1

HONOURED PLAYERS

Abel, Sid 15
Lach, Elmer 14
Howe, Syd 13
Schmidt, Milt 13
Cowley, Bill 9
Brimsek, Frankie 7
Bauer, Bobby 4
Cook, Bun 4
Stewart, Jack 4
Weiland, Cooney* 3
Barry, Marty 2
Schriner, Sweeney 2
Aurie, Larry 1
Drillon, Gordie 1
Dumart, Woody 1
Gagnon 1
Hextall, Bryan 1
Meeker, Howie 1
Patrick, Lynn 1
Reardon, Kenny 1
Stewart, Gaye 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Creighton 14
Day, Clarence "Hap" 14
Livingstone, Ed 12
Muldoon 10
Kennedy, George 8
Stanley, F 7
Northey, William 6
Calder, F 4
Hartley 4
Hart 3
Gibson, Jack 1
Patton 1

BUILDERS

Hewitt, Foster 14
Blake, Toe 10
Shore, Eddie 4
Taylor 4

1961

The Class of 1961 represented one of the largest classes we inducted. Filtering out candidates that did not gain 25% of the ballot resulted in at least one member from each category getting elected.

Elmer Lach was selected as a Retired Player, Tommy Smith and Roy Worters were chosen as Oldtimers, James Creighton and Hap Day were selected as managers and Foster Hewitt was selected as a Builder. Milt Schmidt just missed election with 14 votes, as did Eddie Livingstone.

HONOURED MEMBERS

ELMER LACH (C)

ROY WORTERS (G)

TOMMY SMITH (C)

REFEREES/OFF-ICE MANAGEMENT

CLARENCE "HAP" DAY

JAMES CREIGHTON

BUILDERS

FOSTER HEWITT

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Smith, T 15
Worters, Roy "Shrimp" 15
Chabot, Lorne 12
Bain 11
Dunderdale 11
Holmes 7
Hall, Joe 6
McGee, Frank 6
Grant, Mike 5
Stuart, H 5

HONOURED PLAYERS

Lach, Elmer 18
Schmidt, Milt 14
Cowley, Bill 12
Howe, Syd 12
Brimsek, Frankie 11
Stewart, Jack 6
Jaenecke, Gustav 5
Cook, Bun 4
Rayner, Chuck 4
Ball, Rudi 3
Bouchard, Butch 3
Bauer, Bobby 2
Goldham, Bob 1
Quackenbush, Bill 1
Heller, Ott 0
Peters, Jimmy 0
Sandford, Ed 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Day, Clarence "Hap" 16
Creighton 15
Livingstone, Ed 14
Kennedy, George 8
Muldoon 8
Northey, William 7
Hartley 5
Calder, F 4
Stanley, F 4

BUILDERS

Hewitt, Foster 15
Blake, Toe 8
Taylor 4
Shore, Eddie 3

1962

The Class of 1962 was a class of legends. Soviet legend Vsevolod Bobrov joined Frankie Brimsek, Syd Howe and Milt Schmidt on the Honoured Roll.

Bobrov, a first-time eligible candidate, scored 243 goals in 130 Soviet Elite League games from 1947-57, and added 91 goals in 57 games in international play. According to Arthur Chidlovski, Bobrov's superstar status has children in the U.S.S.R. flocking to hockey.

"For people in Russia in the 1940's and 1950's, Bobrov was a household name. His talent, style and success made him the major attraction to the sports arena of that time," Chidlovski said. "He was the only person who was the captain of the national team USSR in both soccer and hockey. People followed Bobrov's hair style and there was even the so-called Bobrov's fashion style."

Bobrov, who is not honored by the Hockey Hall of Fame, marks a significant departure by our committee.

Brimsek was the original Mr. Zero and one of the first American stars in the NHL. Howe was hockey's all-time scorer when he retired, and Schmidt was the star of the Bruins' Kraut line.

Just missing was Toe Blake, who received 14 votes as a coach.

HONOURED MEMBERS

VSEVOLOD "SEVA" BOBROV (LW)

SYD HOWE (C)

FRANK BRIMSEK (G)

MILT SCHMIDT (C)

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Bain 12
Chabot, Lorne 11
Dunderdale 11
MacKay, Mickey 11
Hall, Joe 9
Grant, Mike 8
Holmes 8
Lehman, Hugh 6
Stuart, H 6
Barry, Marty 5
McGee, Frank 5
Johansson, Lulle 3
Torriani, Richard 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bobrov 16
Brimsek, Frankie 16
Howe, Syd 16
Schmidt, Milt 16
Cowley, Bill 11
Kennedy, Ted 8
Stewart, Jack 5
Cook, Bun 4
Jaenecke, Gustav 2
Rayner, Chuck 1

COACHES/MANAGERS/ EXECUTIVES/REFEREES

Blake, Toe 14
Kennedy, George 13

Livingstone, Ed 13
Selke, Frank 12
Muldoon, Pete 10
Northey, William 9
Stanley, Frederick 7
Hartley 5
Calder, F 4

BUILDERS

Creighton, James 10
Blake, Toe 8
Taylor, Cyclone 8

1963

The Class of 1963 welcomes Duncan “Mickey” MacKay, Bill Cowley and Ted Kennedy. MacKay, also known as The Wee Scot, was a star in the old Pacific Coast Hockey Association. Cowley was the game’s first true playmaker, and Teeder Kennedy was a Maple Leaf legend.

HONOURED MEMBERS

BILL COWLEY (C)

TED KENNEDY (C)

DUNCAN “MICKEY” MACKAY
(LW)

Here were the final results:

OLDTIMERS

MacKay, Mickey 16
Bain 14
Dunderdale 12
Chabot, Lorne 10
Holmes 8
Denneny, Cy 7
Lehman, Hugh 7
Grant, Mike 6
Hall, Joe 5
McGee, Frank 4
Stuart, H 4
Barry, Marty 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Cowley, Bill 16
Kennedy, Ted 15
Stewart, Jack 13
Cook, Bun* 7
Watson, Harry 7
Thomson, Jimmy 3
Warwick, Bill 2
Warwick, Grant 2

BUILDERS

Taylor, Cyclone 13
Creighton, James 10
Blake, Toe 9

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECES

Blake, Toe 13
Selke, Frank 13
Northey, William 12
Livingstone, Ed 11
Kennedy, George 10
Muldoon, Pete 6
Calder, F 4
Hartley 4
Stanley, Frederick 4

1964

The Class of 1964 The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Max Bentley as an Honoured Member. We also welcome Coach Toe Blake, already inducted as a player, Frank Selke and Cyclone Taylor as Builders.

OLDTIMERS

Bain 14
Denneny, Cy 14
Dunderdale 10
Chabot, Lorne 9
Grant, Mike 8
Lehman, Hugh 8
Hall, Joe 7
Holmes 6
McGee, Frank 6
Stuart, H 5
Barry, Marty 4
Watson, Harry E. (amateur) 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bentley, Max 16
Quackenbush, Bill 13
Stewart, Jack 13
Mosienko, Bill 6
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 6
Smith, Sid 3
Curry, Floyd 1
Egan, Pat 0
Prystai, Metro 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECS

Blake, Toe 16
Selke, Frank 15

Livingstone, Ed 14
Kennedy, George 11
Muldoon, Pete 10
Northey, William 10
Hartley 4
Stanley, Frederick 4
Calder, F 3

BUILDERS

Taylor, Cyclone 17
Creighton, James 10
Blake, Toe 9

1965

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to announce its first unanimous Honoured Member: Maurice Richard. Joining the Rocket, as an Honoured Member is Cy Denneny and Bill Quackenbush. Elected in the Managers category is Eddie Livingstone.

“What a pleasure to read that Livvy gets his due,” said Lloyd Davis, editor of Deceptions and Doublecross, the book that brought the former Toronto Blueshirts owner’s plight to the limelight.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Denneny, Cy 15
Bain 12
Connell, Alex 7
Dunderdale 7
Chabot, Lorne 5
Grant, Mike 5
Holmes 5
Barry, Marty 4
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 4
Foyston, Frank 4
Hall, Joe 4
Lehman, Hugh 4
Siebert, Babe 4
Mantha, Sylvio 3
McGee, Frank 3
Stuart, H 3
Watson, Harry E. (amateur) 3

Horner, Red 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Richard, Maurice "Rocket" 20
Quackenbush, Bill 16
Stewart, Jack 14
Bouchard, Butch 13
Reardon, Ken 8
Mosienko, Bill 5
Francis, Emile 4
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 4
Henry, Jim 1
Smith, Sid 1
Couture, Gerry 0
Curry, Floyd 0
Egan, Pat 0

Leswick, Tony 0
Mosdell, Kenny 0
Prystai, Metro 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECs

Livingstone, Ed 18
Muldoon, Pete 14
Northey, William 14
Kennedy, George 12
Stanley, Frederick 6
Calder, F 5
Hartley 5

BUILDERS

Creighton, James 12
Blake, Toe 10

1966

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to induct Emile "Butch" Bouchard and "Black" Jack Stewart into the Hall of Fame.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Bain 12
Connell, Alec 8
Dunderdale 8
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6
Chabot, Lorne 6
Grant, Mike 5
Holmes 5
Horner, Red 5
Lehman, Hugh 5
Stuart, H 5
Barry, Marty 4
Foyston, Frank 4
Hall, Joe 4
Watson, Harry E. (amateur) 4

Mantha, Sylvio 3
McGee, Frank 3
Siebert, Babe 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bouchard, Butch 17
Stewart, Jack 16
Reardon, Ken 10
Lumley, Harry 7
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 6
Francis, Emile 3
McNeil, Gerry 1
Skov, Glen 1
Gardner, Cal 0
Guidolin, Bep 0

Reibel, Earl 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECES

Northey, William 13
Kennedy, George 12
Muldoon, Pete 12
Stanley, Frederick 7
Calder, F 6
Hartley 5

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Blake, Toe 10
Creighton, James 7

1967

The Class of 1967 consists of...Doug Bentley.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Bain 11
Dunderdale 10
Connell, Alec 9
Holmes 7
Stuart, H 7
Chabot, Lorne 6
Grant, Mike 6
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 5
Hall, Joe 5
Foyston, Frank 4
Horner, Red 4
Lehman, Hugh 4
Barry, Marty 3

Watson, Harry E. (amateur) 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bentley, Doug 17
Reardon, Ken 11
Lumley, Harry 8
Olmstead, Bert 8
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 6
Armstrong, Bob 1
Sloan, Tod 1
Bonin, Marcel 0
Hergesheimer, Wally 0
Wilson, Johnny 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECs

Northey, William 14
Kennedy, George 12
Muldoon, Pete 11
Hartley 7
Stanley, Frederick 7
Calder, F 5

BUILDERS

Blake, Toe 10
Richard, Maurice 10
Creighton, James 8

1968

The Class of 68 is...empty. Here are the results.

OLDTIMERS

Bain 11
Connell, Alec 11
Dunderdale 10
Holmes 9
Lehman, Hugh 7
Chabot, Lorne 6
Foyston, Frank 5
Grant, Mike 5
Horner, Red 5
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 4
Stuart, H 4
Hall, Joe 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Reardon, Ken 10

Babich, Yevgeny 7
Lumley, Harry 7
Olmstead, Bert 7
Modry, Bohumil 6
Drobny, Jaroslav 5
Guryashev, Alexey 5
Puchkov, Nikolai 3
Shuvalov, Victor 3
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 3
Fontinato, Louie 1
St. Laurent, Dollard 1
Sullivan, Red 1
Tarasov, Anatoli 1
Juzda, Bill 0
Lewicki, Danny 0
Lynn, Vic 0

Whitlock, Bucko 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECS

Kennedy, George 11
Northey, William 11
Muldoon, Pete 10
Brown, Walter 7
Calder, F 6
Hartley 6
Hewitt, William 6
Stanley, Frederick 4

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 10
Blake, Toe 8
Creighton, James 7

1969

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome this year's inductee:
Coach Anatoli Tarasov.

Here are the results:

OLDTIMERS

Bain 13
Dunderdale 13
Connell, Alec 12
Holmes, Hap 10
Lehman, Hugh 8
Grant, Mike 7
Hall, Joe 7
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6
Chabot, Lorne 6
Foyston, Frank 5
Stuart, Hod 5
Horner, Red 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Reardon, Ken 12

Drobny, Jaroslav 10
Babich, Yevgeny 9
Olmstead, Bert 9
Modry, Bohumil 8
Lumley, Harry 7
Guryashev, Alexey 6
Shuvalov, Victor 6
Flaman, Fernie 3
Puchkov, Nikolai 3
Trojak, Ladislav 3
Watson, Harry P. (Leaf) 3
Chevrefils, Real 0
Turner, Bob 0
White, Sherman 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECs

Tarasov, Anatoli 15
Kennedy, George 12
Northey, William 12
Chernyshev, Arkady 9
Muldoon, Pete 9
Hewitt, William 6
Brown, Walter 5
Hartley, Charles 5
Stanley, Frederick 5
Calder, Frank 3

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Blake, Toe 11
Creighton, James 10

1970

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Ted Lindsay, Sven "Tumba" Johansson and Dan Bain. SIHR President Ernie Fitzsimmons lobbied hard for Bain's induction. Said Lloyd Davis, "Oh, great! Now that Dan Bain is in the Hall, I have to go and revise the ballot template I've been using since about 1948! When Ernie asked me if I might consider throwing my support behind Bain, I said, 'Consider it? I've been trying to *will* him into the Hall for so long!'

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Bain 16
Dunderdale 14
Connell, Alec 12
Holmes, Hap 11
Grant, Mike 8
Chabot, Lorne 7
Foyston, Frank 5
Hall, Joe 5
Lehman, Hugh 5
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 4
Stuart, Hod 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Lindsay, Ted 19

Johansson, Tumba 16
Reardon, Ken 11
Drobny, Jaroslav 8
Modry, Bohumil 7
Babich, Yevgeny 6
Olmstead, Bert 6
Lumley, Harry 5
Shuvalov, Victor 5
Johnson, Tom 4
Guryashev, Alexey 3
Migay, Rudy 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECS

Storey, Red 12
Kennedy, George 11

Northey, William 11
Muldoon, Pete 10
Udvari, Frank 10
Chernyshev, Arkady 9
Brown, Walter 6
Hartley, Charles 6
Hewitt, William 6
Stanley, Frederick 4
Campbell, Clarence 2

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Blake, Toe 10
Creighton, James 8

1971

We welcome to our Hall Alec Connell and Red Storey. Although it had no influence in our voting, one of our committee members interviewed Storey during our exercise.

Reported Mike Wyman, "Spent a wonderful afternoon with Mr. Storey ("The name's Red, son.") last spring. He had a lot to say about Clarence Campbell, none of it good. My favorite quote was that he was "arrogant, alcoholic, incompetent and a complete asshole".

"When I mentioned that I had worked at the Duty Free shop at the Montreal Airport that resulted in his Campbell's criminal conviction, he went into a tale about how Campbell and his cronies had stolen the company from a fellow by the name of Andy Anton, at one time a semi-pro hockey player.

"He wasn't too keen on the way Campbell treated Maurice Richard and mentioned that after '55 he would surreptitiously take Richard's stick from him any time that the Rocket got into a fight, 'just in case.'

Said that Campbell tried to get him canned from his local radio show as well as banned from Hockey Night in Canada and keep him out of the HHoF. Seems that Campbell said something to the effect that Storey would be back the next season, hat in hand, asking for his \$11,000 a year reffing job back because, 'Red's too dumb to be able to feed his family.'"

Here is the final tally:

OLDTIMERS

Connell, Alec 15
Dunderdale 13
Holmes, Hap 11
Grant, Mike 8
Chabot, Lorne 7
Hall, Joe 7
Lehman, Hugh 7
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6
Stuart, Hod 6
Foyston, Frank 5

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Blake, Toe 11
Creighton, James 10

HONOURED PLAYERS

Olmstead, Bert 13
Drobny, Jaroslav 11
Reardon, Ken 10
Sologubov, Nikolay 8
Babich, Yevgeny 7
Johnson, Tom 7
Lumley, Harry 6
Modry, Bohumil 6
Tregubov, Ivan 5
Shuvalov, Victor 3
Stasiuk, Vic 1
Litzenberger, Ed 0
Regan, Larry 0
Rollins, Al 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECS

Storey, Red 17
Kennedy, George 13
Udvari, Frank 13
Northey, William 12
Chernyshev, Arkady 8
Muldoon, Pete 8
Hewitt, William 7
Hartley, Charles 6
Brown, Walter 5
Stanley, Frederick 3

1972

We welcome four new members of the Hall: Tommy Dunderdale, Red Kelly, Frank Udvari and Arkady Chernyshev.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Dunderdale 17
Holmes, Hap 13
Foyston, Frank 11
Grant, Mike 11
Lehman, Hugh 9
Hall, Joe 8
Reardon, Ken 8
Chabot, Lorne 6
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 5
Stuart, Hod 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Kelly, Red 18
Drobny, Jaroslav 14

Olmstead, Bert 10
Sologubov, Nikolay 10
Babich, Yevgeny 7
Modry, Bohumil 7
Johnson, Tom 5
Lumley, Harry 5
Tregubov, Ivan 5
Almetov, Alexander 2
Bjorn, Lars 2
Labine, Leo 1
McLeod, Jackie 1
Mortson, Gus 1
Hay, Billy 0
Loktev, Konstantin 0
Petterson, Ronald 0

COACHES/MANAGERS/EXECES

Chernyshev, Arkady 16
Udvari, Frank 15
Kennedy, George 13
Northey, William 13
Muldoon, Pete 9
Hartley, Charles 8
Hewitt, William 8
Brown, Walter 6

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Creighton, James 12
Blake, Toe 10

1973

At the suggestion of Howard Rosenthal, we added another category, Contributors. These are off-ice personalities that have helped transform and popularize the game. We limited the number of votes, however, to three for contributors and three for executives.

Said Lloyd Davis, "It may seem frivolous even to consider the nomination of someone who didn't play or administer the game. Then again, Foster Hewitt did neither. I think nominations such as this one do give us another opportunity to think differently from the actual HHOFF, by recognizing some of the cultural signifiers that make the sport a little more important to those who follow it."

We welcome to our Hall, Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion. Bernie's induction, makes his children the first people to have their father and grandfather (Howie Morenz) elected to our Hall.

OLDTIMERS

Holmes, Hap 14
Foyston, Frank 12
Grant, Mike 12
Lehman, Hugh 12
Reardon, Ken 11
Hall, Joe 9
Chabot, Lorne 7
Stuart, Hod 7
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Geoffrion, Bernie 18
Moore, Dickie 14
Olmstead, Bert 11
Sologubov, Nikolay 10
Drobny, Jaroslav 9

Modry, Bohumil 6
Johnson, Tom 5
Lumley, Harry 5
Babich, Yevgeny 4
Tregubov, Ivan 4
Glover, Fred 1
MacKell, Fleming 1
Bassen, Hank 0
Chadwick, Ed 0
Masterton, Bill 0
Toppazzini, Jerry 0

EXECUTIVES

Northey, William 13
Kennedy, George 12
Kryczka, Joe 8
Hewitt, William 7

Muldoon, Pete 7
Hartley, Charles 6
Brown, Walter 4
Ahearne, Bunny 3
Hay, Charlie 2
Starovoitov, Andrei 0

CONTRIBUTORS

Ferguson, Elmer 10
Eagleson, Alan 9
Esaw, Johnny 5
Moir, Bob 5

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 14
Creighton, James 12
Blake, Toe 10

1974

We welcome to our Halls, the great defenseman Doug Harvey, Dickie Moore and recognize as a Builder Ted Lindsay.

Here are the results:

OLDTIMERS

Foyston, Frank 12
Holmes, Hap 12
Grant, Mike 11
Lehman, Hugh 11
Hall, Joe 10
Reardon, Ken 9
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6
Shuvalov, Victor 6
Stuart, Hod 6
Chabot, Lorne 5
Aurie, Larry 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Harvey, Doug 19
Moore, Dickie 15
Pilote, Pierre 11
Alexandrov, Veniamin 8
Olmstead, Bert 7
Sologubov, Nikolay 7

Drobny, Jaroslav 5
Babich, Yevgeny 4
Johnson, Tom 4
Modry, Bohumil 4
Stanley, Allan 2
Zeidel, Larry 2
Harris, Billy (Leaf) 1
Lumley, Harry 1
Wharram, Ken 1
Creighton, Dave 0
Mayasich, John 0
Mickoski, Nick 0
Tregubov, Ivan 0
Witiuk, Steve 0

EXECUTIVES

Bauer, Fr. David 12
Imlach, George 9
Kennedy, George 9
Pollock, Sam 8

Muldoon, Pete 7
Northey, William 5
Brown, Walter 4
Hewitt, William 3
Hartley, Charles 2
Kryczka, Joe 2
Strachan, Jim 1

CONTRIBUTORS

Stanley, Lord Frederick 10
Ferguson, Elmer 9
Eagleson, Alan 8
Esaw, Johnny 3
Moir, Bob 1

BUILDERS

Lindsay, Ted 15
Richard, Maurice 11
Blake, Toe 8
Creighton, James 8

1975

The Class of '75 welcomes Terry Sawchuk, Johnny Bower, and Hap Holmes as Honoured Members. For all the hullabaloo over Sawchuk, two people still did not vote for him.

Iain Fyffe, who has done a tremendous amount of work in statistical analysis of goaltenders, was one of those. "I firmly believe Terry Sawchuk is one of the most overrated goaltenders of all time. He was probably a great goalie for his first four or five years, but as he went on he was clearly overtaken by players such as Glenn Hall, Jacques Plante, and Johnny Bower. Not that being the fourth-best goalie in the world is bad, and he may well have deserved election eventually, but I certainly don't think he should have been anywhere near unanimous. He was something like the Martin Brodeur of his era; he had great numbers (wins, shutouts) that were largely due to his team and have little informative value about his ability," Fyffe said.

In the Executives category, we welcome Canadiens GM Sam Pollock, aka The Godfather. And in the Contributors category, we welcome Lord Stanley.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Holmes, Hap 16
Hall, Joe 12
Grant, Mike 11
Lehman, Hugh 10
Reardon, Ken 11
Foyston, Frank 8
Chabot, Lorne 6
Stuart, Hod 7
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 5
Aurie, Larry 3
Shuvalov, Victor 3

CONTRIBUTORS

Stanley, Lord Frederick 16
Eagleson, Alan 11
Ferguson, Elmer 11

HONOURED PLAYERS

Sawchuk, Terry 18
Bower, John 16
Pilote, Pierre 14
Sologubov, Nikolay 10
Alexandrov, Veniamin 9
Olmstead, Bert 6
Drobny, Jaroslav 5
Babich, Yevgeny 4
Johnson, Tom 4
Provost, Claude 3
Boivin, Leo 2
Modry, Bohumil 2
Henry, Camille 1
Mayorov, Boris 1
Wilson, Johnny 1
Horvath, Bronco 0
Maloney, Phil 0
McKenney, Don 0

Murphy, Ron 0
Vasko, Elmer "Moose" 0

EXECUTIVES

Pollock, Sam 18
Bauer, Fr. David 10
Imlach, George 10
Northey, William 8
Muldoon, Pete 6
Kennedy, George 5
Brown, Walter 1

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Creighton, James 11
Blake, Toe 10

1976

In this, the year of the American Bicentennial, we elect a Canadian who barnstormed in the States, a goalie nicknamed Mister who played or worked for every team that ever existed in the States (not true, it just seems that way), and two other guys who came in as visitors.

So in the spirit of "Give us your tired, your poor," etc. our Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome, Mike Grant, Glenn Hall, Jean Beliveau and Contributor Father David Bauer.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Grant, Mike 18
Hall, Joe 12
Reardon, Ken 12
Foyston, Frank 10
Lehman, Hugh 10
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 8
Stuart, Hod 8
Chabot, Lorne 7
Shuvalov, Victor 5
Aurie, Larry 3

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 11
Ferguson, Elmer 9

HONOURED PLAYERS

Beliveau, Jean 20
Hall, Glenn 19
Pilote, Pierre 13
Pronovost, Marcel 9
Olmstead, Bert 8
Sologubov, Nikolay 8
Alexandrov, Veniamin 6
Armstrong, George 5
Drobny, Jaroslav 4
Johnson, Tom 3
Arbour, Al 1
Babich, Yevgeny 1
Dineen, Bill 1
Ferguson, John 1

Hodge, Charlie 0
Talbot, Jean-Guy 0

EXECUTIVES

Bauer, Fr. David 16
Northey, William 10
Muldoon, Pete 8
Kennedy, George 7
Imlach, George 13

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Creighton, James 8
Blake, Toe 9

1977

We welcome Hall to our Hall. "Bad" Joe Hall and Pierre Pilote are inducted into our Honoured Members wing. William Northey is inducted in the Builders wing. And Charles Coleman is inducted in the contributors wing.

Committee chair Morey Holzman was not thrilled with Northey's selection. "The more research I did into the Montreal Arena Company and the machinations between Northey, Calder and the Toronto Hockey Club, the more I disliked the man. Alan Eagleson's a saint compared to Northey, but a stupid saint – Eagleson got caught."

Joe Pelletier was non-plussed, and pushed for Northey's induction from the beginning.

"I think we are really missing the boat by not electing this 1947 HHOFF builder inductee. He was instrumental in the development of hockey in Montreal and creating the Allan cup and Canadian Hockey Association," Pelletier said.

"The Allan Cup was donated by Sir H. Montagu Allan, but it was William Northey that spearheaded the movement of the once proudly coveted trophy that still is competed for today.

"The Stanley Cup, when it was an amateur trophy, saw proceeds from the games to the teams, thus leading to abuses of the principles of amateurism as clubs gathered star players from all parts of the country, regardless of cost, knowing that if they got into a Stanley Cup series their share of the receipts would take care of the extra expenses in building up a championship team.

"William Northey saw what was good and pure in this game, and tried to keep it that way. Northey remained active with the Allan Cup, serving as trustee. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Canadian Hockey Association in 1914, serving as the first chairman of the organization. The CHA was Canada's first governing body of amateur hockey, and has grown into a significant force over the years."

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Hall, Joe 17
Lehman, Hugh 12
Foyston, Frank 11
Reardon, Ken 11
Chabot, Lorne 8
Shuvalov, Victor 8
Stuart, Hod 7
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6

HONOURED PLAYERS

Pilote, Pierre 18
Olmstead, Bert 13
Pronovost, Marcel 13
Alexandrov, Veniamin 12
Sologubov, Nikolay 11

Drobny, Jaroslav 8
Davydov, Vitaly 7
Armstrong, George 4
Provost, Claude 3
Duff, Dick 2
Evans, Jack "Tex" 0
Goyette, Phil 0
Hay, Jim 0
Konovalenko, Viktor 0
Marshall, Don 0
Pronovost, Andre 0

EXECUTIVES

Northey, William 15
Imlach, George 13

Muldoon, Pete 11
Kennedy, George 10

CONTRIBUTORS

Coleman, Charles 16
Cote, Will 10
Eagleson, Alan 8
Ferguson, Elmer 6

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 8

1978

We welcome to our Hall a couple of old-timers: Frank Foyston and Hugh Lehman. Had to wait until the final vote came in before announcing the results.

Here are the final votes:

OLDTIMERS

Lehman, Hugh 15
Foyston, Frank 15
Stuart, Hod 11
Reardon, Ken 11
Chabot, Lorne 9
Shuvalov, Victor 8
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 6

HONOURED PLAYERS

Pronovost, Marcel 14
Davydov, Vitaly 12
Ragulin, Alexander 12
Sologubov, Nikolay 12
Olmstead, Bert 11
Alexandrov, Veniamin 10

Baun, Bob 6
Armstrong, George 6
Drobny, Jaroslav 5
Fielder, Guyle 2
Martin, Seth 2
Pulford, Bob 2
Beach, George 1
Hicke, Bill 0
Morrison, Jim 0
Ronson, Len 0
Stewart, Ron 0

EXECUTIVES

Bowman, Scott 14
Imlach, George 13
Muldoon, Pete 10

Kennedy, George 9

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 11
Ferguson, Elmer 8
Doucet, Roger 7
Cote, Will 7
Smith, Kate 1

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Beliveau, Jean 11
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 7

1979

It's time to sit around the donut shop and talk hockey as we elect Tim Horton and Scott Bowman into the World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Stuart, Hod 13
Reardon, Ken 11
Chabot, Lorne 9
Cook, Bun 9
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 7
Shuvalov, Victor 7

HONOURED PLAYERS

Horton, Tim 17
Sologubov, Nikolay 11
Delvecchio, Alex 10
Firsov, Anatoli 10
Olmstead, Bert 8
Pronovost, Marcel 8
Ragulin, Alexander 8
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 8
Davydov, Vitali 5

Laperriere, Jacques 5
Alexandrov, Veniamin 3
Armstrong, George 3
Baun, Bob 3
Provost, Claude 1
Cahan, Larry 0
Drobny, Jaroslav 0
Edwards, Marv 0
Gendron, Jean-Guy 0
Kurtenbach, Orland 0
McDonald, Ab 0
Paille, Marcel 0
Perreault, Bob 0
Pulford, Bob 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Bowman, Scott 15
Imlach, George 13

Muldoon, Pete 11
Kennedy, George 10
Wilson, Lefty 3
Norris, Jim 1
Wirtz, Arthur 1

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 11
Cote, Will 7
Doucet, Roger 7
Ferguson, Elmer 6
Claman, Dolores 4

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Beliveau, Jean 12
Blake, Toe 8
Creighton, James 6

1980

The maker of the mask won the 1980 election. We welcome to the Hall: Jacques Plante.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Stuart, Hod 14
Cook, Bun 11
Reardon, Ken 11
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 10
Chabot, Lorne 10
Shuvalov, Victor 9
Barry, Marty 7
Producers, Goldie 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Plante, Jacques 16
Richard, Henri 11
Sologubov, Nikolay 9
Firsov, Anatoli 8
Delvecchio, Alex 7
Bathgate, Andy 6
Olmstead, Bert 6
Ragulin, Alexander 6

Davydov, Vitali 4
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 4
Pronovost, Marcel 3
Laperriere, Jacques 2
Hebenton, Andy 1
Jirik, Jaroslav 1
Madigan, Connie 1
Angotti, Lou 0
Ashbee, Barry 0
Harris, Ted 0
Hillman, Wayne 0
Lumley, Harry* 0
Mohns, Doug 0
Oliver, Murray 0
Rousseau, Bobby 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Kennedy, George 13
Muldoon, Pete 12

Hunter, Bill 11
Imlach, George 9
Allen, Keith 6
Snider, Ed 3
Hatskill, Ben 0

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 13
Doucet, Roger 9
Ferguson, Elmer 9
Cote, Will 7
Claman, Dolores 4

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 14
Beliveau, Jean 12
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 9

1981

The Class of 1981 is empty...Gord Jennings commented on the process when first-time candidate Henri Richard received only 13 of the necessary 15 votes.

“Wow! This is a tough group when a guy who wins 11 Stanley Cups can't get elected,” Jennings said.

Joe Pelletier also commented on the election.

“Eleven Stanley Cups and Jean Beliveau once told me the greatest and most complete player he ever played with,” Pelletier said. “Yet six people didn't think he was top five on our list? Yikes!”

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Stuart, Hod 13
Cook, Bun 9
Reardon, Ken 8
Chabot, Lorne 8
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 7
Noble, Reg 6
Lumley, Harry 6
Shuvalov, Victor 5
Pulford, Harvey 4
Laviolette, Jack 4
Griffis, Si 4
Honkavaara, Aarne 3
Barry, Marty 3
Abel, Clarence "Taffy" 3
Karakas, Mike 2
Finnigan, Frank 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Richard, Henri 13
Sologubov, Nikolay 12
Delvecchio, Alex 8

Firsov, Anatoli 8
Olmstead, Bert 7
Ragulin, Alexander 7
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 7
Bathgate, Andy 6
Laperriere, Jacques 6
Pronovost, Marcel 6
Davydov, Vitali 5
Howell, Harry 4
Svedberg, Lennart 3
Redmond, Mickey 2
Bergman, Gary 1
Binkley, Les 0
Hillman, Larry 0
Jones, Art 0
Kuzkin, Viktor 0
Marshall, Willie 0
Nesterenko, Eric 0
White, Bill 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Muldoon, Pete 11

Kennedy, George 10
Hunter, Bill 8
Ahearne, Bunny 7
Imlach, George 7
Smeaton, Cooper 5
Allen, Keith 3
Rodden, Mike 0

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 11
Doucet, Roger 7
Ferguson, Elmer 7
Cote, Will 6
Claman, Dolores 4

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 12
Beliveau, Jean 10
Blake, Toe 8
Creighton, James 6

1982

All of the comments about Henri Richard were enough to push him in. Hod Stuart still had trouble getting enough support on the old-timers ballot. He finished with 14 votes.

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Henri Richard into our Hall.

Here are the final vote totals:

OLDTIMERS

Stuart, Hod 14
Chabot, Lorne 9
Cook, Bun 9
Reardon, Ken 9
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 8
Noble, Reg 7
Pulford, Harvey 7
Griffis, Si 6
Laviolette, Jack 6
Lumley, Harry 6
Shuvalov, Victor 6

HONOURED PLAYERS

Richard, Henri 15
Sologubov, Nikolay 10
Bathgate, Andy 8
Ragulin, Alexander 8
Delvecchio, Alex 7
Firsov, Anatoli 7
Laperriere, Jacques 7
Howell, Harry 6

Olmstead, Bert 6
Pronovost, Marcel 5
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 5
Ullman, Norm 4
Armstrong, George 3
Crozier, Roger 2
Davydov, Vitali 2
Backstrom, Ralph 1
Brown, Andy 0
Gassoff, Bob 0
Goyer, Gerry 0
Hadfield, Vic 0
Nevin, Bob 0
Pappin, Jim 0
Prentice, Dean 0
Shack, Eddie 0
Van Impe, Ed 0
Villemure, Gilles 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 11
Kennedy, George 11

Ahearne, Bunny 8
Imlach, George 8
Muldoon, Pete 8
Kostka, Vladimir 5
Smeaton, Cooper 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 12
Ferguson, Elmer 7
Fischer, Red 7
Doucet, Roger 6
Schulz, Charles 5
Claman, Dolores 4
Cote, Will 4

BUILDERS

Beliveau, Jean 13
Richard, Maurice 12
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 7

1983

The Class of 1983 welcomes...Frank Mahovlich.

Here are the final vote tallies:

OLDTIMERS

Reardon, Ken 11
Stuart, Hod 11
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 8
Noble, Reg 8
Chabot, Lorne 7
Cook, Bun 7
Laviolette, Jack 7
Griffis, Si 6
Pulford, Harvey 6
Shuvalov, Victor 5
Lumley, Harry 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Mahovlich, Frank 16
Bucyk, John 11
Sologubov, Nikolay 11
Delvecchio, Alex 7
Ragulin, Alexander 7
Bathgate, Andy 6
Laperriere, Jacques 6
Firsov, Anatoli 5
Gilbert, Rod 4
Olmstead, Bert 4
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 4

Howell, Harry 3
Pronovost, Marcel 3
Ullman, Norm 3
Giacomin, Ed 1
Hull, Dennis 1
Maniago, Cesare 1
Stapleton, Pat 1
Berenson, Red 0
Broderick, Ken 0
Dornhoefer, Gary 0
Huck, Fran 0
Johnston, Ed 0
Larose, Claude 0
MacDonald, Lowell 0
Nanne, Lou 0
Plager, Barclay 0
Reid, Tom 0
Roberts, Jimmy 0
Sanderson, Derek 0
Smith, Dallas 0
Sternner, Ulf 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 11
Kennedy, George 11

Imlach, George 9
Ahearne, Bunny 7
Muldoon, Pete 7
Kostka, Vladimir 4
Smeaton, Cooper 3

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 12
Gallivan, Danny 11
Lecavalier, Rene 5
Doucet, Roger 4
Ferguson, Elmer 4
Fischer, Red 4
Cote, Will 3
Schulz, Charles 3
Claman, Dolores 2
Kelly, Dan 2

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 13
Beliveau, Jean 12
Blake, Toe 10
Creighton, James 7

1984

We had another unanimous selection in the 1984 ballot: Robert Gordon Orr.

We also welcome into the Hall, as a contributor, legendary broadcaster Danny Gallivan. Here are the results:

OLDTIMERS

Reardon, Ken 11
Stuart, Hod 11
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 9
Chabot, Lorne 9
Olmstead, Bert 9
Griffis, Si 7
Noble, Reg 7
Shuvalov, Victor 7
Cook, Bun 6
Lumley, Harry 6
Pulford, Harvey 6
Laviolette, Jack 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Orr, Bobby 20
Cournoyer, Yvan 12
Dryden, Ken 11
Bucyk, John 9
Sologubov, Nikolay 8
Tremblay, J.C. 8

Parent, Bernie 6
Delvecchio, Alex 5
Ragulin, Alexander 5
Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 5
Bathgate, Andy 3
Firsov, Anatoli 3
Laperriere, Jacques 3
Gilbert, Rod 1
O'Ree, Willie 1
Goldsworthy, Bill 0
Green, Ted 0
Holik, Jaroslav 0
Martin, Pit 0
McKenzie, John 0
Neilson, Jim 0
Starshinov, Viacheslav 0
Stemkowski, Pete 0
Wakely, Ernie 0
Watson, Bryan 0
Westfall, Ed 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 13
Imlach, George 12
Kennedy, George 8
Muldoon, Pete 8
Ahearne, Bunny 6
Kostka, Vladimir 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Gallivan, Danny 15
Eagleson, Alan 11
Fischer, Red 7
Ferguson, Elmer 6
Lecavalier, Rene 5
Doucet, Roger 4

BUILDERS

Beliveau, Jean 12
Richard, Maurice 12
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 6

1985

Having said that, the Hall welcomes new unanimous new Honoured Members:
Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Reardon, Ken 11
Stuart, Hod 11
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 9
Olmstead, Bert 9
Chabot, Lorne 7
Cook, Bun 6
Griffis, Si 6
Lumley, Harry 6
Noble, Reg 6
Pulford, Harvey 6
Shuvalov, Victor 6
Laviolette, Jack 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Howe, Gordie 20
Hull, Bobby 20
Mikita, Stan 12
Sologubov, Nikolay 10
Cournoyer, Yvan 7
Dryden, Ken 6
Bucyk, John 5
Tremblay, J.C. 5

Worsley, Lorne "Gump" 4
Parent, Bernie 3
Brewer, Carl 2
Ragulin, Alexander 2
Bathgate, Andy 1
Delvecchio, Alex 1
Lacroix, Andre 1
Apps, Syl 0
Cheevers, Gerry 0
Dryden, Dave 0
Flett, Bill 0
Hamilton, Al 0
Hodge, Ken 0
Lundstrom, Tord 0
Lutchenko, Vladimir 0
Magnuson, Keith 0
Saleski, Don 0
Schultz, Dave 0
Sjoberg, Lars-Erik 0
Smith, Gary 0
Tallon, Dale 0
Walton, Mike 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 13
Imlach, George 12
Kennedy, George 7
Ahearne, Bunny 6
Muldoon, Pete 6
Kostka, Vladimir 5
Boucher, Frank 4
Mathers, Frank 3

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 11
Lecavalier, Rene 11
Fisher, Red 8
Ferguson, Elmer 7
Doucet, Roger 4

BUILDERS

Beliveau, Jean 13
Richard, Maurice 13
Blake, Toe 9
Creighton, James 8

1986

We welcome two new members to our Hall - one of whom was elected unanimously.

We welcome Stan Mikita, Valeri Kharlamov and Phil Esposito to our Hall (Bill Hunter just missed with 14 votes). And the one elected unanimously? Mikita. Mikita had missed being elected on his first two eligible ballots.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Olmstead, Bert 12
Reardon, Ken 11
Stuart, Hod 10
Chabot, Lorne 9
Griffis, Si 8
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 7
Noble, Reg 6
Pulford, Harvey 6
Cook, Bun 5
Lumley, Harry 5
Shuvalov, Victor 5
Laviolette, Jack 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Mikita, Stan 20
Esposito, Phil 17
Kharlamov, Valeri 15
Cournoyer, Yvan 9
Dryden, Ken 8
Bucyk, John 7

Mikhailov, Boris 7
Sologubov, Nikolay 6
Holecek, Jiri 3
Tremblay, J.C. 2
Henderson, Paul 1
Lemaire, Jacques 1
Ratelle, Jean 1
Worsley, Gump 1
Ahlberg, Mats 0
Bernier, Serge 0
Burrows, Dave 0
Ellis, Ron 0
Hampson, Ted 0
Harper, Terry 0
Ley, Rick 0
Libett, Nick 0
Schmautz, Bobby 0
Tkaczuk, Walt 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 14

Imlach, George 11
Boucher, Frank 8
Kennedy, George 6
Muldoon, Pete 6
Ahearne, Bunny 5
Kostka, Vladimir 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Eagleson, Alan 10
Lecavalier, Rene 10
Ferguson, Elmer 8
Fischer, Red 7
Doucet, Roger 3

BUILDERS

Howe, Gordie 12
Richard, Maurice 12
Beliveau, Jean 10
Hull, Bobby 9
Creighton, James 5
Blake, Toe 2

1987

It is with great honours, we welcome the following into our Hall of Fame: John Bucyk, Boris Mikhailov and Yvan Cournoyer as Honoured Members. Bill Hunter is selected in the Builders category. And Gordie Howe is promoted to Builders status.

There was great debate about Bucyk. SIHR President Ernie Fitzsimmons said that Bucyk was "the hardest-hitting forward during my lifetime." Others pointed out that he had 21 seasons in the NHL, and yet was only the best left-winger once in his career. Lloyd Davis pointed out that Clark Gillies also fit that role. Summed up Howard Rosenthal, "Bucyk may never have been the best left wing in the league, but he was among the best for a very long time.

The great Russian defenseman, Nikolay Sologubov, had 14 votes in the Oldtimers category.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Sologubov, Nikolay 14
Olmstead, Bert 12
Reardon, Ken 11
Chabot, Lorne 10
Stuart, Hod 8
Griffis, Si 6
Cook, Bun 5
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 4
Lumley, Harry 4
Noble, Reg 4
Pulford, Harvey 4
Shuvalov, Victor 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bucyk, John 18
Mikhailov, Boris 16
Cournoyer, Yvan 16
Keon, Dave 13

Dryden, Ken 13
Dzurilla, Vladimir 6
Vachon, Rogatien 3
Martin, Rick 3
Watson, Jimmy 1
Grant, Danny 1
Vickers, Steve 0
Shmyr, Paul 0
Robert, Rene 0
Pronovost, Jean 0
Luce, Don 0
Dailey, Bob 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Hunter, Bill 15
Imlach, George 11
Boucher, Frank 6
Mathers, Frank 5
Kennedy, George 5

Ahearne, Bunny 5
Muldoon, Pete 4
Kostka, Vladimir 3

CONTRIBUTORS

McFarlane, Brian 13
Eagleson, Alan 9
Fisher, Red 9
Ferguson, Elmer 7
Lecavalier, Rene 6

BUILDERS

Howe, Gordie 16
Orr, Bobby 10
Richard, Maurice 9
Hull, Bobby 8
Beliveau, Jean 5
Creighton, James 4

1988

The committee is pleased to induct Ken Dryden as an Honoured Member. Also elected, in the Oldtimers category, are Nikolay Sologubov and Bert Olmstead. And elevated in the Builders category is Maurice Richard.

There were several people at 14 votes: Dave Keon, Serge Savard, and Brian McFarlane.

Here are the results:

OLDTIMERS

Sologubov, Nikolay 19
Olmstead, Bert 15
Reardon, Ken 12
Chabot, Lorne 9
Stuart, Hod 6
Cook, Bun 4
Griffis, Si 4
Lumley, Harry 4
Pulford, Harvey 4
Shuvalov, Victor 4
Broadbent, Harry "Punch" 3
Noble, Reg 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Dryden, Ken 15
Keon, Dave 14
Savard, Serge 14
Ratelle, Jean 12
Nedomansky, Vaclav 11

Yakushev, Alexander 11
Petrov, Vladimir 8
Dzurilla, Vladimir 6
Nilsson, Ulf 3
Tardif, Marc 2
Houle, Rejean 1
Abrahamsson, Tommy 0
Beaton, Frank 0
Cashman, Wayne 0
Dupont, Andre 0
Gilbert, Gilles 0
Ketola, Veli-Pekka 0
Turnbull, Ian 0
Vadnais, Carol 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Imlach, George 12
Boucher, Frank 9
Kennedy, George 6
Mathers, Frank 6

Ahearne, Bunny 5
Mariucci, John 5
Muldoon, Pete 5
Kostka, Vladimir 4

CONTRIBUTORS

McFarlane, Brian 14
Eagleson, Alan 8
Fisher, Red 8
Lecavalier, Rene 8
Ferguson, Elmer 7

BUILDERS

Richard, Maurice 16
Orr, Bobby 13
Hull, Bobby 10
Beliveau, Jean 9
Blake, Toe 5
Creighton, James 2

1989

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome: Bobby Orr and Jean Beliveau as Builders.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Carnegie, Herb 13
Reardon, Ken 12
Shuvalov, Victor 12
Chabot, Lorne 9
Stuart, Hod 8
Griffis, Si 7
Lumley, Harry 7
Pulford, Harvey 7
Cook, Bun 6

HONOURED PLAYERS

Tretiak, Vladislav 14
Clarke, Bobby 11
Keon, Dave 11
Savard, Serge 11
Esposito, Tony 9
Lapointe, Guy 9
Firsov, Anatoli 6
Maltsev, Alexander 4
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4

Ratelle, Jean 4
Yakushev, Alexander 4
Lemaire, Jacques 3
Vasiliev, Valery 3
Pospisil, Frantisek 2
Tremblay, J.C. 2
Barber, Bill 1
Dzurilla, Vladimir 1
Petrov, Vladimir 1
Craig, Jim 0
Holt, Randy 0
Leach, Reggie 0
Lessard, Mario 0
Machac, Oldrich 0
MacLeish, Rick 0
McKechnie, Walt 0
Rota, Darcy 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Imlach, George 13
Boucher, Frank 8

Mathers, Frank 7
Kennedy, George 6
Mariucci, John 6
Muldoon, Pete 6
Kostka, Vladimir 5
Ahearne, Bunny 4

CONTRIBUTORS

McFarlane, Brian 14
Ozerov, Nikolay 10
Lecavalier, Rene 9
Eagleson, Alan 7
Fisher, Red 5
Ferguson, Elmer 4

BUILDERS

Orr, Bobby 16
Beliveau, Jean 15
Hull, Bobby 14
Blake, Toe 6

1990

Our World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Vladislav Tretiak into our Hall as an Honoured Member. Inducted in the Oldtimer's Category is Herb Carnegie. Carnegie became the first Canadian player inducted in the post-NHL era who never played in the NHL. Also inducted: George (Punch) Imlach as an executive; Brian McFarlane as a Contributor; and Bobby Hull as a Builder.

Here are the results:

OLDTIMERS

Carnegie, Herb 17
Reardon, Ken 13
Shuvalov, Victor 11
Chabot, Lorne 9
Mantha, Sylvio 7
Stuart, Hod 7
Cook, Bun 6
Griffis, Si 5
Lumley, Harry 5
Pulford, Harvey 4

HONOURED PLAYERS

Tretiak, Vladislav 15
Park, Brad 14
Clarke, Bobby 12
Keon, Dave 10
Esposito, Tony 9
Savard, Serge 9
Firsov, Anatoli 7
Yakushev, Alexander 6

Lapointe, Guy 4
Maltsev, Alexander 4
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4
Ratelle, Jean 3
Hedberg, Anders 1
Shutt, Steve 1
Sittler, Darryl 1
Boldirev, Ivan 0
Cloutier, Real 0
Holik, Jaroslav 0
Kehoe, Rick 0
Korab, Jerry 0
Larocque, Michel 0
Mondou, Pierre 0
O'Reilly, Terry 0
Ramsay, Craig 0
Savard, Andre 0
Schoenfeld, Jim 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Imlach, George 15

Boucher, Frank 9
Kennedy, George 6
Mathers, Frank 6
Ahearne, Bunny 5
Mariucci, John 5
Muldoon, Pete 5
Kostka, Vladimir 4

CONTRIBUTORS

McFarlane, Brian 15
Lecavalier, Rene 9
Ozerov, Nikolay 9
Eagleson, Alan 8
Ferguson, Elmer 5
Fisher, Red 4

BUILDERS

Hull, Bobby 18
Blake, Toe 11

1991

The 1991 election saw us induct only one new member: Brad Park.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Reardon, Ken 12
Shuvalov, Victor 11
Gadsby, Bill 10
Chabot, Lorne 9
Mantha, Sylvio 9
Cook, Bun 8
Griffis, Si 8
Stuart, Hod 7
Lumley, Harry 5
Pulford, Harvey 5

HONOURED PLAYERS

Park, Brad 17
Keon, Dave 13
Savard, Serge 11
Clarke, Bobby 10
Yakushev, Alexander 10
Esposito, Tony 7

Firsov, Anatoli 7
Lapointe, Guy 7
Nedomansky, Vaclav 7
Maltsev, Alexander 6
Ftorek, Robbie 1
Mahovlich, Pete 1
Young, Howie 1
Bubla, Jiri 0
Garrett, John 0
Lindbergh, Pelle 0
Lysiak, Tom 0
MacDonald, Blair 0
Nystrom, Bobby 0
Tremblay, Mario 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Boucher, Frank 8
Ahearne, Bunny 6
Torrey, Bill 6

Kennedy, George 5
Mariucci, John 5
Mathers, Frank 5
Sather, Glen 5
Muldoon, Pete 4
Shero, Fred 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Lecavalier, Rene 13
Eagleson, Alan 9
Ozerov, Nikolay 9
Ferguson, Elmer 6
Fisher, Red 5

BUILDERS

Plante, Jacques 11
Blake, Toe 9

1992

The Hockey Hall Class of 1992 is pleased to welcome: Mike Bossy and Bill Gadsby.
Here are the final votes:

OLDTIMERS

Gadsby, Bill 15
Mantha, Sylvio 11
Reardon, Ken 10
Chabot, Lorne 9
Shuvalov, Victor 9
Pulford, Harvey 8
Griffis, Si 7
Cook, Bun 6
Lumley, Harry 5
Stuart, Hod 5

HONOURED PLAYERS

Bossy, Mike 16
Keon, Dave 13
Perreault, Gilbert 12
Savard, Serge 11
Clarke, Bobby 9
Esposito, Tony 7
Lapointe, Guy 5
Nedomansky, Vaclav 5
Yakushev, Alexander 5

Maltsev, Alexander 4
Firsov, Anatoli 3
Carlson, Jack 1
Carlson, Steve 1
Rogers, Mike 1
Stastny, Marian 1
Baxter, Paul 0
Bouchard, Dan 0
Gare, Danny 0
Goring, Butch 0
Hlinka, Ivan 0
Lever, Don 0
MacAdam, Al 0
McNab, Pete 0
Resch, Glenn "Chico" 0
Risebrough, Doug 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Boucher, Frank 10
Torrey, Bill 9
Sather, Glen 8
Shero, Fred 5

Ahearne, Bunny 4
Mathers, Frank 4
Brooks, Herb 3
Kennedy, George 3
Muldoon, Pete 3
Mariucci, John 2

CONTRIBUTORS

Lecavalier, Rene 11
Ozerov, Nikolay 8
Eagleson, Alan 5
Hanson, Dave 5
Carlson, Jack 4
Carlson, Steve 4
Ferguson, Elmer 3
Fisher, Red 3

BUILDERS

Plante, Jacques 14
Blake, Toe 8

1993

The 1993 election saw us welcome: Denis Potvin, and Jacques Plante as a builder.
Here are the final votes:

OLDTIMERS

Mantha, Sylvio 13
Reardon, Ken 13
Chabot, Lorne 10
Shuvalov, Victor 10
Pulford, Harvey 9
Cook, Bun 8
Griffis, Si 7
Stuart, Hod 7
Lumley, Harry 6

HONOURED PLAYERS

Potvin, Denis 15
Perreault, Gilbert 14
Keon, Dave 13
Savard, Serge 12
Clarke, Bobby 10
Lapointe, Guy 8
Yakushev, Alexander 8
Esposito, Tony 7
Maltsev, Alexander 5

Nedomansky, Vaclav 5
Bilyaletdinov, Zinetula 1
Meloche, Gilles 1
Middleton, Rick 1
Edwards, Don 0
Gillies, Clark 0
Jarvis, Doug 0
Kapustin, Sergei 0
Larouche, Pierre 0
Lewis, Dave 0
Paiment, Wilf 0
Russell, Phil 0
Semenko, Dave 0
Stoughton, Blaine 0
Sutter, Brian 0
Unger, Garry 0
Williams, Dave "Tiger" 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Torrey, Bill 14
Boucher, Frank 11

Sather, Glen 10
Mathers, Frank 6
Ahearne, Bunny 5
Shero, Fred 5

CONTRIBUTORS

Lecavalier, Rene 13
Hansen Brothers 9
Ozerov, Nikolay 9
Young, Scott 6
Dowd, Nancy 4
Eagleson, Alan 4
Abel, Allen 2
Westgate, Murray 1

BUILDERS

Plante, Jacques 18
Tretiak, Vladislav 14
Blake, Toe 11

1994

We welcome into our Hall our own version of the French Connection: Marcel Dionne, Gilbert Perreault and Rene Lecavalier. Tikhonov just missed with 14 votes.

Here's the final tally:

OLDTIMERS

Delvecchio, Alex 13
Firsov, Anatoli 12
Reardon, Ken 12
Worsley, Gump 11
Mantha, Sylvio 9
Laperriere, Jacques 7
Chabot, Lorne 6
Pulford, Harvey 4
Cook, Bun 3
Griffis, Si 3
Lumley, Harry 2
Shuvalov, Victor 2
Stuart, Hod 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Dionne, Marcel 19
Perreault, Gilbert 16
Savard, Serge 12
Keon, Dave 12

Clarke, Bobby 10
Esposito, Tony 7
Maltsev, Alexander 6
Yakushev, Alexander 5
Lapointe, Guy 5
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4
Smith, Billy 3
Martinec, Vladimir 1
Brodeur, Richard 0
Dvorak, Miroslav 0
Holik, Jiri 0
Maruk, Dennis 0
McDonald, Lanny 0
Novy, Milan 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Tikhonov, Viktor 14
Torrey, Bill 11
Sather, Glen 7
Boucher, Frank 6

Hood, Bruce 4
Ahearne, Bunny 3
Mathers, Frank 3
D'Amico, John 3
Pavelich, Matt 3
Shero, Fred 2
Armstrong, Neil 1

CONTRIBUTORS

Lecavalier, Rene 15
Ozerov, Nikolay 11
Young, Scott 9
Hansen Brothers 8
Dowd, Nancy 3
Eagleson, Alan 3

BUILDERS

Tretiak, Vladislav 12
Blake, Toe 11

1995

We welcome to our World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame: Dave Keon, Anatoli Firsov, Bob Johnson and Viktor Tikhonov.

The final results:

OLDTIMERS

Firsov, Anatoli 15
Bathgate, Andy 14
Delvecchio, Alex 14
Worsley, Gump 14
Reardon, Ken 10
Laperriere, Jacques 8
Chabot, Lorne 6
Mantha, Sylvio 5
Pulford, Harvey 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Ozerov, Nikolay 13
Young, Scott 10
Hansen Brothers 9
Abel, Allen 5

HONOURED PLAYERS

Keon, Dave 17
Savard, Serge 14
Yakushev, Alexander 14
Clarke, Bobby 13
Gainey, Bob 11
Esposito, Tony 8
Lapointe, Guy 8
Maltsev, Alexander 8
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4
Federko, Bernie 1
Secord, Al 1
Beck, Barry 0
Fotiu, Nick 0
Froese, Bob 0
Gradin, Thomas 0
Greschner, Ron 0
Kampurri, Hannu 0
Lindstrom, Willy 0

Lukowich, Morris 0
O'Connell, Mike 0
Persson, Stefan 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Tikhonov, Viktor 18
Johnson, "Badger" Bob 15
Torrey, Bill 8
Boucher, Frank 5
Sather, Glen 5
Hood, Bruce 2

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 12
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Blake, Toe 9
Selke, Frank 9

1996

For 1996, we elected Guy Lafleur, Serge Savard, Andy Bathgate and Alex Delvecchio to its hallowed chips.

Lafleur is a unanimous selection.

Here is the final tally:

OLDTIMERS

Bathgate, Andy 15
Delvecchio, Alex 15
Worsley, Gump 14
Reardon, Ken 11
Laperriere, Jacques 10
Howell, Harry 9
Mantha, Sylvio 8
Pulford, Harvey 5
Chabot, Lorne 3

HONOURED PLAYERS

Lafleur, Guy 20
Savard, Serge 16
Yakushev, Alexander 14
Clarke, Bobby 12

Gainey, Bob 9
Maltsev, Alexander 7
Vasiliev, Valery 7
Esposito, Tony 6
Lapointe, Guy 4
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4
Peeters, Pete 1
Maloney, Don 0
Meagher, Rick 0
Snepsts, Harold 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Torrey, Bill 14
Boucher, Frank 12
Sather, Glen 9
McCauley, John 1

CONTRIBUTORS

Ozerov, Nikolay 14
Young, Scott 11
Hansen Brothers 7
Dryden, Ken 4
McGregor, Roy 4
Abel, Allen 3
Fischler, Stan 1

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 12
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Blake, Toe 9
Selke, Frank 9
Dryden, Ken 1

1997

Open them Hall doors wide. We need a larger podium.

Our World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to induct Honoured Members Larry Robinson and Alexander Yakushev. Also added to the Honoured Members, through the Oldtimers ballot, is Gump Worsley. We've added two former members of the Islanders front office to the Hall as well: Bill Torrey and Brian Kilrea, who admittedly, is better known for his junior coaching in Ottawa. And entering as a Contributor is Soviet broadcasting legend (and lifelong icon of our own Arthur), Nikolai Ozerov.

Ozerov was not well-known to the west, as Sweden's Patrick Houda told us.

"I would say that Ozerov's name is only known among the old journalists over here in Sweden. But the same thing goes for Foster Hewitt who was almost an icon in Canadian broadcasting," Houda said.

"Canada had Foster Hewitt, the Russians had Nikolay Ozerov, the Czechs had Josef Laufer and Sweden had Lennart Hyland. All helped popularize the sport thanks to their great radio and TV broadcasts."

Arthur Chidlovski grew up in the Soviet Union, listening to Ozerov. Chidlovski said, "Ozerov's reports from the 1972 Summit belong to the classics of TV broadcasting. When the Soviets won the first game in Montreal, Ozerov said that the 'myth of unbeatable self-praised Canadian hockey professionals is over now.'"

Chidlovski added that although not intentional, Ozerov's phraseology would sometimes send a nation of hockey fans into fits of laughter.

In 1974, the WHA played the Soviets in an lesser-known eight-game series, won by the Russians, and Ozerov was there to broadcast the only international tournaments played by Bobby Hull and Gordie Howe.

"Gordie Howe is a legend of Canadian hockey," said Ozerov. "He is 46, has over 1000 scars on his body, his hair is gray but it's still not enough for him. Life is expensive and Howe needs money. He plays himself and forces his children to play too. His sons, Mark and Marty, are playing for Team Canada too. Canadian hockey pros don't wear helmets. They wear nothing. The only one who wears anything is Bobby Hull. He wears a wig."

That was enough to convince several of the North Americans on the committee that Foster Hewitt wasn't the only person who had hickey fans turned on and tuned into the radio.

Another who made the Hall was Lorne Worsley. A lot of the committee members felt there were too many Original Six goalies already selected, but Karl-Eric Reif made a plea, which he termed Stumpin' For The Gump.

"To me, at least, there's not a single more worthy candidate in the Honoured Players category on the current ballot than Gump Worsley. Sure, it's easy to sneer at that assertion if you buy only his reputation as colourful and 'roly-poly' but then look no further and simply dismiss him as 'another journeyman goalie.'"

"Such, perhaps, is the inevitable legacy of a great goalie playing the best years of his career behind perennially godawful teams in a town where hockey barely registers as an afterthought, and finishing up in his 40s with an expansion team," Reif said.

Reif added that Worsley won four Stanley Cups in five years with the Canadiens, "I would venture that during the many years in which all of them were playing as

contemporaries, Worsley ranked just a shade behind only Bower and Plante, and easily on a par with both Sawchuk and Hall.”

There were three others with 14 ballots who just missed being elected.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Worsley, Gump 16
Howell, Harry 14
Laperriere, Jacques 14
Mantha, Sylvio 11
Pulford, Harvey 11
Reardon, Ken 11
Ullman, Norm 9

HONOURED PLAYERS

Robinson, Larry 19
Yakushev, Alexander 15
Clarke, Bobby 13
Maltsev, Alexander 11
Gainey, Bob 10
Vasiliev, Valery 9

Esposito, Tony 8
Lapointe, Guy 7
Nedomansky, Vaclav 4
Simmer, Charlie 1
Corsi, Jim 0
Hagman, Matti 0
Linseman, Ken 0
Liut, Mike 0
Pouzar, Jaroslav 0
Tonelli, John 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Torrey, Bill 17
Kilrea, Brian 15
Boucher, Frank 11
Sather, Glen 7

Brabham, Henry 3
Kelly, Pat 0

CONTRIBUTORS

Ozerov, Nikolay 16
Young, Scott 14
Conway, Russ 7
Hansen Brothers 5
Dryden, Ken 4
McGregor, Roy 3

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 12
Selke, Frank 11
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Blake, Toe 9

1998

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to induct Alexander Matsev and Borje Salming as Honoured Members. Also, from the Oldtimers grouping, Harry Howell and Jacques Laperriere are added as well. Al Arbour and Frank Boucher are added in the coaches/executives group.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Howell, Harry 18
Laperriere, Jacques 16
Mantha, Sylvio 14
Pulford, Harvey 14
Ullman, Norm 12
Reardon, Ken 9

HONOURED PLAYERS

Maltsev, Alexander 17
Salming, Borje 16
Clarke, Bobby 14
Gainey, Bob 12
Lapointe, Guy 12
Esposito, Tony 10
Nedomansky, Vaclav 6
Vasiliev, Valery 6

Smith, Bobby 2
Wilson, Doug 2
Marsh, Brad 1
Ogrodnick, John 1
Starikov, Sergei 1
Carlyle, Randy 0
Crha, Jiri 0
Kasper, Steve 0
Kerr, Tim 0
Lemelin, Rejean 0
Levo, Tapio 0
McKegney, Tony 0
Napier, Mark 0
Vaive, Rick 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Arbour, Al 19

Boucher, Frank 16
Sather, Glen 11

CONTRIBUTORS

Young, Scott 11
Hansen Brothers 8
Duff, Bob 7
Percival, Lloyd 6
Conway, Russ 5
Dryden, Ken 5
Connors, "Stompin" Tom 3

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 13
Selke, Frank 10
Blake, Toe 9
Tretiak, Vladislav 9

1999

We had a sticky situation when Iain Fyffe nominated Ernie Fitzsimmons as a Contributor. Iain cited Ernie's decades of dedication to preserving hockey history through his donation of tens of thousands of photographs to the Hockey Hall of Fame, as well as his statistical collections that helped make Total Hockey a reality. Ernie had indicated privately that he was honoured, but that he felt his nomination could also see that our committee was self-serving and self-indulgent.

The HHOFF is pleased to announce the induction of unanimous selection Bryan Trottier and JC Tremblay. Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Tremblay, J. C. 15
Parent, Bernie 12
Pronovost, Marcel 11
Reardon, Ken 11
Ullman, Norm 11
Lemaire, Jacques 10
Mantha, Sylvio 10
Pulford, Harvey 10

HONOURED PLAYERS

Trottier, Bryan 20
Nedomansky, Vaclav 14
Clarke, Bobby 13
Gainey, Bob 13
Lapointe, Guy 11
Esposito, Tony 9

Vasiliev, Valery 7
Goulet, Michel 6
Stastny, Anton 2
Taylor, Dave 2
Anderson, John 0
Ramage, Rob 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Van Hellemond, Andy 14
Sather, Glen 12
Allaire, Francois 5
Voss, Carl 5

CONTRIBUTORS

Fitzsimmons, Ernie 11
Meeker, Howie 9
Young, Scott 7

Hendy, Jim 6
Hanson Brothers 5
Duff, Bob 4
Dryden, Ken 3
Paton, John 3
Percival, Lloyd 3
Andrews, Ron 2
Henderson, Paul 2
Conway, Russ 1

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 14
Selke, Frank 11
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Blake, Toe 8

2000

This is the multi-linguistic election - each of our inductees speak at least two languages fluently.

We welcome into the Hall: Bernie Parent, Vaclav Nedomansky and Peter Stastny.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Parent, Bernie 15
Pronovost, Marcel 12
Pulford, Harvey 12
Lemaire, Jacques 11
Mantha, Sylvio 10
Reardon, Ken 10
Ullman, Norm 10
Cheevers, Gerry 7
Armstrong, George 3

HONoured PLAYERS

Stastny, Peter 18
Nedomansky, Vaclav 15
Clarke, Bobby 14
Gainey, Bob 12
Howe, Mark 10
Lapointe, Guy 8

Vasiliev, Valery 7
Esposito, Tony 7
Goulet, Michel 4
Propp, Brian 1
Larson, Reed 1
Poulin, Dave 0
Naslund, Mats 0
Larmer, Steve 0
Eriksson, Thomas 0
Andersson, Peter 0
Acton, Keith 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Sinden, Harry 13
Van Hellemond, Andy 13
Sather, Glen 12
Voss, Carl 5
Allaire, Francois 3

Branch, Dave 2

CONTRIBUTORS

Fitzsimmons, Ernie 13
Meeker, Howie 10
Young, Scott 9
Duff, Bob 8
Hendy, Jim 6
Hanson Brothers 5

BUILDERS

Pollock, Sam 13
Selke, Frank 10
Blake, Toe 9
Tretiak, Vladislav 9
Salming, Borje 2

2001

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to induct Bobby Clarke, Bob Gainey, Marcel Pronovost and Harvey Pulford. Pulford was on the initial ballot in 1945. Many committee members admitted not knowing much about the defenseman who scored three goals in his entire career, and seemed to be more remembered for booting the Stanley Cup into the Rideau River than for being the best point in the game for ten years.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Pronovost, Marcel 16
Pulford, Harvey 16
Lemaire, Jacques 13
Mantha, Sylvio 12
Ullman, Norm 11
Cheevers, Gerry 10
Reardon, Ken 9

HONOURED PLAYERS

Clarke, Bobby 16
Gainey, Bob 15
Howe, Mark 11
Vasiliev, Valery 10
Lapointe, Guy 9
Krutov, Vladimir 9

Esposito, Tony 8
Neely, Cam 6
Loob, Hakan 4
Goulet, Michel 3
Kiesling, Udo 2
Balderis, Helmut 2
Roberts, Gordie 1
Friesen, Karl 0
Christian, Dave 0
Cavallini, Paul 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Sinden, Harry 14
Sather, Glen 13
Van Hellemond, Andy 13
Voss, Carl 4

CONTRIBUTORS

Fitzsimmons, Ernie 13
Meeker, Howie 12
Young, Scott 9
Duff, Bob 7
Hendy, Jim 6
Hanson Brothers 4

BUILDERS

Selke, Frank 14
Pollock, Sam 13
Blake, Toe 10
Tretiak, Vladislav 9

2002

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to induct an old-school all-Canada group. From the Oldtimers group to be enshrined as Honoured Members: former Maple Leaf Norm Ullman (is it us, or do most people forget about his 12+ years and 9 all-star games in Detroit?), former Canadien Jacques Lemaire. Inducted as a Contributor is former Maple Leaf Calder Trophy winner, coach and Hockey Night In Canada broadcaster Howie Meeker.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Ullman, Norm 16
Lemaire, Jacques 15
Cheevers, Gerry 14
Mantha, Sylvio 13
Reardon, Ken 11

HONoured PLAYERS

Makarov, Sergei 13
Savard, Denis 12
Howe, Mark 10
Lapointe, Guy 10
Vasiliev, Valery 10
Esposito, Tony 9
Goulet, Michel 9
Hawerchuk, Dale 7
Krutov, Vladimir 6
Neely, Cam 3

Anderson, Glenn 2
Kasatonov, Alexei 2
Mullen, Joey 2
Truntschka, Gerd 2
Konstantinov, Vladimir 1
Lee, Peter 1
Loob, Hakan 1
Beaupre, Don 0
Brotten, Neal 0
Kyte, Jim 0
McCrimmon, Brad 0
Ramsey, Mike 0
Siltanen, Risto 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Sather, Glen 14
Sinden, Harry 14
Van Hellemond, Andy 13

Loicq, Paul 4
Voss, Carl 3

HONoured PLAYERS

Meeker, Howie 15
Fitzsimmons, Ernie 14
Young, Scott 10
Hendy, Jim 6
Duff, Bob 5
Hanson Brothers 4

BUILDERS

Selke, Frank 13
Pollock, Sam 11
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Shore, Eddie 8
Blake, Toe 7

2003

The World Wide Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Jean Ratelle into our Hallowed Chambers. We have also welcome the late Frank Selke as a Builder.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Ratelle, Jean 15
Cheevers, Gerry 11
Petrov, Vladimir 10
Reardon, Ken 10
Brewer, Carl 9
Holecek, Jiri 9
Mantha, Sylvio 9
Vachon, Rogie 6
Dzurilla, Vladimir 5
Nilsson, Ulf 4
Martin, Seth 3
Tardif, Marc 2
Henderson, Paul 0

HONOURED PLAYERS

Kurri, Jari 13
Fetisov, Slava 11
Gartner, Mike 11
Howe, Mark 9
Makarov, Sergei 8

Savard, Denis 7
Vasiliev, Valery 7
Esposito, Tony 6
Goulet, Michel 6
Langway, Rod 5
LaFontaine, Pat 5
Hawerchuk, Dale 4
Krutov, Vladimir 4
Lapointe, Guy 4
Khumutov, Andrei 0
Lowe, Kevin 0
Moog, Andy 0
Nilsson, Kent 0
Ruotsalainen, Reijo 0
Sutter, Brent 0
Tanti, Tony 0
Virta, Hannu 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Van Hellemond, Andy 13
Sinden, Harry 12

Sather, Glen 10
Loicq, Paul 5
Nicklin, Percy 3
Quinn, Percy 3

CONTRIBUTORS

Fitzsimmons, Ernie 13
Brewer, Carl 11
Young, Scott 11
Duff, Bob 9
Hendy, Jim 7
Slate, Ralph 4
Hanson Brothers 2

BUILDERS

Selke, Frank 15
Pollock, Sam 12
Tretiak, Vladislav 10
Shore, Eddie 10
Blake, Toe 5

2004

We welcome into our Hall, the class of 2004: Wayne Gretzky is the only Honoured Member and was a unanimous selection; Harry Sinden and Andy Van Hellemond are inducted as executives/referee category, and Wayne Gretzky was selected as a Builder.

Here are the final results:

OLDTIMERS

Schriner, Sweeney 11
Petrov, Vladimir 10
Reardon, Ken 10
Cheevers, Gerry 9
Holecek, Jiri 9
Siebert, Babe 9
Mantha, Sylvio 7
Boucher, George 5
Hextall, Bryan 5
Roberts, Gord 5
Brewer, Carl 4
Dzurilla, Vladimir 4
Nilsson, Ulf 3
Vachon, Rogie 3
Barber, Bill 2
Lemaire, Jacques 2

HONOURED PLAYERS

Gretzky, Wayne 20
Kurri, Jari 13
Fetisov, Slava 10

Gartner, Mike 10
Makarov, Sergei 8
Howe, Mark 7
Esposito, Tony* 6
Savard, Denis 6
Lapointe, Guy 5
Goulet, Michel 4
Krutov, Vladimir 3
Langway, Rod 3
Hawerchuk, Dale 2
Vasiliev, Valery 2
LaFontaine, Pat 1
Gustafsson, Bengt 0
Hextall, Ron 0
Hunter, Dale 0
Jonsson, Tomas 0
Ludwig, Craig 0
Nicholls, Bernie 0
Pervukhin, Sergei 0
Samuelsson, Kjell 0
Steen, Thomas 0

EXECS/OFF-ICE PERSONNEL

Sinden, Harry 15
Van Hellemond, Andy 15
Sather, Glen 12
Loicq, Paul 5

CONTRIBUTORS

Fitzsimmons, Ernie 13
Brewer, Carl 11
Young, Scott 10
Duff, Bob 7
Hendy, Jim 7
Slate, Ralph 3
Lynch, Budd 1

BUILDERS

Gretzky, Wayne 16
Pollock, Sam 11
Shore, Eddie 10
Tretiak, Vladislav 8
Blake, Toe 6

DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS

We voted in 11 players who the Hall of Fame – nine were Europeans. The only two North American players are Herb Carnegie and J.C. Tremblay.

We excluded 108. We have Jack Adams as a builder and the Hall has him as a player. Same with Dick Irvin.

World Wide Hall of Fame

Toronto Hall of Fame

Honoured Members: 128

Honoured Members: 227

HONOURED MEMBERS

	Esposito, Tony	Johnson, Tom
	111 Out by Our Vote	Lafontaine, Pat
	Farrell, Art	Langway, Rod
	Federko, Bernie	Lapointe, Guy
Armstrong, George	Fetisov, Viacheslav	Laprade, Edgar
Bailey, Ace	Flaman, Fernie	Lavolette, Jack
Barber, Bill	Fuhr, Grant	Lemieux, Mario
Barry, Marty	Gardiner, Herb	LeSueur, Percy
Bauer, Bobby	Gardner, Jimmy	Lewis, Herbie
Boivin, Leo	Gartner, Mike	Lumley, Harry
Boon, Dickie	Giacomin, Eddie	Mantha, Sylvio
Boucher, George	Gilbert, Rod	Marshall, Jack
Bourque, Ray	Gillies, Clark	Maxwell, Steamer
Broadbent, Punch	Gilmour, Billy	McDonald, Lanny
Burch, Bill	Goheen, Moose	McGee, Frank
Cameron, Harry	Goulet, Michel	McGimsie, Billy
Cheevers, Gerry	Green, Shorty	McNamara, George
Coffey, Paul	Griffis, Si	Moran, Paddy
Colville, Neil	Hawerchuk, Dale	Mosienko, Bill
Cook, Fred "Bun"	Hay, George	Mullen, Joe
Coulter, Art	Hern, Riley	Murphy, Larry
Crawford, Rusty	Hextall, Bryan	Noble, Reg
Darragh, Jack	Hooper, Tom	O'Connor, Buddy
Davidson, Scotty	Horner, Red	Oliver, Harry
Day, Hap	Hutton, J.B. Bouse	Patrick, Lester
Drillon, Gordie	Hyland, Harry	Patrick, Lynn
Drinkwater, C.G.	Irvin, Dick	Pratt, Babe
Dumart, Woody		
Dutton, Red		

Pulford, Bob

Rankin, Frank

Rayner, Charlie "Chuck"

Reardon, Ken

Richardson, George

Roberts, Gordon

Russel, Blair

Russell, Ernie

Ruttan, Jack

Savard, Denis

Scanlan, Fred

Schriner, Dave "Sweeney"

Seibert, Oliver

Shutt, Steve

Siebert, Babe

Simpson, "Bullet Joe"

Sittler, Darryl

Smith, Alfred E.

Smith, Billy

Smith, Clint

Stanley, Allan

Stanley, Russell Barney

Stuart, Bruce

Stuart, William "Hod"
Trihey, Harry
Walker, Jack
Walsh, Marty

Watson, Harry
Watson, Moose
Weiland, Ralph "Cooney"
Westwick, Harry "Rat"

Whitcroft, Fred
Wilson, "Phat"

HONOURED MEMBERS

11 In by Our Vote

Bobrov, Vsevolod

Carnegie, Herb

Firsov, Anatoli

Johansson, Sven
"Tumba"

Kharlamov, Valeri

Malecek, Josef

Maltsev, Alexander

Mikhailov, Boris

Sologubov, Nikolai

Tremblay, Jean-Claude

Yakushev, Alexander

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Coaches/Exec, Etc: 33

Builders & Referees: 105

BUILDERS

83 Out by Our Vote

Charles F. Adams

Weston W. Sr. Adams

T. Franklin Ahearn

J. F. (Bunny) Ahearne

Sir Montagu Allan

Keith Allen

Neil P. Armstrong

John G. Ashley

Harold E. Ballard

John P. Bickell

George V. Brown

Walter A. Brown

Frank Buckland

Walter L. Bush

J. A. (Jack) Butterfield

Frank Calder

Angus D. Campbell

Clarence S. Campbell

Joseph Cattarinich

W. L. (Bill) Chadwick

John D'Amico

Leo J. V. Dandurand

Frank Dilio

George S. Dudley

J. A. (Jimmy) Dunn

E. S. (Chaucer) Elliott

Emile P. Francis

John L. (Jack) Gibson

Frank A. Griffiths

William (Bill) Hanley

Charles Hay

George Hayes

J. C. V. (Jim) Hendy

R. W. (Bobby) Hewitson

William A. Hewitt

Fred J. Hume

Mike Ilitch

Thomas N. Ivan

W. M. (Bill) Jennings

Gordon W. Jukes

Gen. John R. Kilpatrick

Seymour H., III Knox

G. A. (Al) Leader

Robert (Bob) LeBel

T. F. (Tommy) Lockhart

Paul Loicq

John Mariucci

Frank S. Mathers

Maj. Frederic McLaughlin

John Calverley (Jake) Milford

Sen. Hartland deM. Molson

Ian "Scotty" Morrison

Monsignor Athol (Père) Murray

Roger Paul Neilson

Francis Nelson

James Norris Sr.

Bruce A. Norris

James D. Norris

J. Ambrose O'Brien

Brian Francis O'Neill

Frederick Page

Craig Patrick

M. I. (Matt) Pavelich

Allan W. Pickard

Rudy Pilous

Norman R. (Bud) Poile

Sen. Donat Raymond

John Ross Robertson

Claude C. Robinson

Michael J. Rodden

Philip D. Ross

Gunther Sabetzki

Glen Cameron Sather

J. Cooper Smeaton

Frank D. Smith

Edward M. Snider

Capt. James T. Sutherland

Lloyd Turner

William Thayer Tutt

Carl P. Voss

Arthur M. Wirtz

William W. Wirtz

John A. Ziegler, Jr.

COACHES/EXECS/ETC
11 In by Our Vote

Chernyshev, Arkady

Coleman, Charles
Creighton, James
Gallivan, Danny
Hunter, Bill
Lecavalier, Rene
Livingstone, Ed

McFarlane, Brian
Meeker, Howie
Ozerov, Nikolai
Tikhonov, Viktor