

Hockey's Best Players

HOCKEY had been one of the sports that everyone has looked after. The excitement, fun, and thrill of this game really encourages sports enthusiasts to watch every event. However, does anyone know who are NHL's best hockey players of all time, excluding goalkeepers which we think plays a very different role compared to a forward or a defenseman, and how they are known for this sport?

Maybe we will have a good start with the most popular player in the history of hockey. The Richard Riot, which was formed when Clarence Campbell suspended him in 1955, was the revolt by his fans in support of him. Maurice Richard was so unstoppable and set a very impressive record of being the first player to score 50 goals in a single season, within 50 games. He is also the first player to score 500 goals in his hockey life, finishing with 544, which is the most ever by a Habs player.

Taking the fourth place is Mario Lemieux. Talking about athletic ability, I can say that he is one of the best. An effortless and pure skill set, and the ability to dominate his peers is what Mario was known for. He has a record of scoring 690 goals and 1,723 points. Note that he had suffered from chronic back problems and has been battling with cancer during those days. In addition, despite the time he spent away from the game, he still managed to set that record, what more if he is not sick right? Included in the awards he has received was the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP in two Stanley Cups. He also won 6 Art Ross Trophies, Hart Trophies, and the Calder Trophy, within 915 seasons.

When you say 'Power Forward', Gordie Hockey could never be left out. Rocking on the third place, he was an all time legend. With the record of 801 goals, 1049 assists, and a total of 1850 points, Gordie has been able to play in 1767 games in NHL alone, and has won six Art Ross Trophies and six Hart Trophies. At the age of 52, when he played with his sons Mark and Marty of the Hartford Whalers, he still managed to score 18 goals in the 1979-80 season.

Our first runner up would be no other than Bobby Orr, well actually, he would have been the world's greatest hockey player if not for his chronically bad knees which has cut his very brilliant career. He was a record holder of 139 points by a defenseman, led the NHL in scoring two separate occasions still as a defenseman, and won eight consecutive Norris Trophies and three Hart Trophies. He even helped the Bruins in two Stanley Cups in year 1970.

Maybe everyone is curious who is at our number one spot. Well, it would be no other than Wayne Gretzky. With an outstanding record of 894 goals, 1963 assists and a total of 2857 points, this man really shattered the record book. He has been a leader in all major offensive categories whether a regular season or the playoffs. Blessed with an extraordinary vision on ice, he was one rare athlete who has the ability to make his team mates play better. No wonder he was called as "The Great One".

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