

# Team Canada Alumni Association

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Members of Canada's National Women's Team from the 1992, 1994 and 1997 IIHF World Women's Championships gathered for a reunion in Ottawa, Ont., during the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.

## Message from Gord Sherven

### CHAIR OF THE TEAM CANADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Welcome to your summer 2013 Team Canada Alumni Association newsletter.

It is with a heavy heart we acknowledge the passing of Wayne Fleming, one of the greatest coaches the game of hockey has ever known. Inside you will find a tribute from some of the game's best coaches and players on his 30-plus years in the game as a coach and administrator, and the contributions he made to hockey.

In April, the Hockey Canada Foundation organized a tremendous reunion for 45 former National Women's Team players and staff who won gold medals at the 1992, 1994 and 1997 IIHF World Women's

Championships. Enjoy the article on an unforgettable Team Canada Alumni Association reunion held in Ottawa at this year's women's world championship.

You'll also find an interesting article on alumnus Rick Noonan, and the time he spent as a trainer for the Soviet Union during the 1972 Summit Series.

Congratulations to alumni Danielle Goyette and Paul Henderson for their inductions into the IIHF Hall of Fame, and to TSN's own Gord Miller, who received the Paul Loicq Award for his contributions to international hockey.

And finally, huge congratulations to Canada's National Sledge Team, National Men's Under-18 Team

and National Women's Under-18 Team for winning their respective world championships, and to every Canadian who represented their country with such pride in international competition this season.

As always there are many updates of Hockey Canada, and Hockey Canada Foundation events in the newsletter, so enjoy!

Thank you,  
Gord Sherven  
Chair, TCAA Advisory Committee ■

**Where We Want To Be - Our Vision:** Team Canada Alumni - Coming Together, Reaching Out.

**Why We Want To Go There - Our Mission:** To engage, encourage, and enable Team Canada alumni to maintain a lifelong relationship with Hockey Canada and our game.

**Who We Will Be Along the Way - Our Values:** We are committed to honouring Canada's international hockey heritage, assisting with the growth of Canadian hockey and the pursuit of international hockey excellence for Canada, while providing an opportunity for our alumni to reconnect and celebrate the game and their experiences. These objectives will be within a spirit of teamwork, inclusion, integrity, and service. ■

We currently have contact with over 1,800 alumni, of which over 700 have officially registered. The Team Canada Alumni Association was founded to help connect alumni with former teammates and offer alumni opportunities to help Hockey Canada grow the game and make the best sport in the world accessible to all Canadians.

If you have not already registered (at no cost), please contact Norm Dueck, who oversees the alumni association's activities, at [ndueck@hockeycanada.ca](mailto:ndueck@hockeycanada.ca). We want to be sure that we have updated email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of all of our alumni, so invitations can be sent for future events across the country! ■

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## Wayne Fleming: 1950-2013

by Jason La Rose



It is with great sadness that Hockey Canada acknowledges the passing of Wayne Fleming, who lost his battle with cancer March 25, 2013 in Calgary, Alta., at the age of 62.

Fleming spent considerable time with Hockey Canada during his 30-plus years in the game as a coach and administrator, playing a major role in developing content for Hockey Canada's development programs at the grassroots level, much of which is still in use today. The Winnipeg, Man., native touched countless lives, taking his technical knowledge and teaching skills to six countries, and sharing his love of the game with thousands of players and coaches.

After spending nine years as head coach of the University of Manitoba men's hockey team, winning Great Plains Athletic Conference championships in 1982-83 and 1983-84, and the CIAU Coach of the Year award in 1983-84, Fleming joined the Canadian Hockey Association in 1990 as general manager and assistant coach with Canada's Men's Olympic Team. Working under legendary Team Canada head coach Dave King, Fleming helped the Canadians to a silver medal at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France, Canada's first Olympic hockey

medal since winning bronze in 1968.

After stints as head coach of Leksands IF (Sweden - 1992-96), EHC Kloten (Switzerland - 1996-97) and EV Landshut (Germany - 1996-97), Fleming began his NHL career as an assistant coach with the New York Islanders from 1997-99 and Phoenix Coyotes during the 1999-2000 season. He returned to the CHA in August 2000 as vice-president of hockey operations and head coach of Canada's National Men's Team, leading Team Canada behind the bench at the 2001 and 2002 IIHF World Championships, and served as associate coach under Pat Quinn at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, winning a gold medal, and the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

Fleming continued his NHL coaching career as an assistant with the Philadelphia Flyers from 2002-06 and Calgary Flames from 2006-08, before serving as head coach of Avangard Omsk of the Kontinental Hockey League during the 2008-09 campaign. He was an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers in 2009-10 and had spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Lightning. ■



## A collection of quotes: In memory of Wayne Fleming

"He was a lot like Dave King, where every person from every ice hockey federation wanted to seek his advice and knowledge. We'd go into Toronto and the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation would want to meet with him, or the Germans or the Russians. They all wanted his advice and knowledge ... He knew the game at every level ... You have loyal friends and then you have loyal coaches. Wayne was able to walk the line very well ... He had this insatiable quest for knowledge, and if he felt he could learn from a coach, he had no issue being the assistant ... He saw quite a life."

– **Ken Hitchcock, former head coach and assistant coach with Canada's National Men's Team and St. Louis Blues head coach (via The Edmonton Journal)**

"Flemmer scored the hat trick; great husband, great father and great coach. He had tremendous knowledge for the game and more importantly, he enjoyed sharing it. Wayne was the consummate team man, often working behind the scenes to make major contributions to so many successful teams. What a great honour and privilege it was to have him as a friend and a colleague."

– **Dave King, Order of Hockey in Canada distinguished honouree**

"Wayne Fleming has had a huge impact on so many people around the world in the game of hockey. His hockey knowledge is exceptional, and he has shared it with people at all levels of the game, on both the men and women's side. Even more importantly, a bigger impact that Wayne has had, is how he's treated people and developed friendships with individuals. Wayne's footprint in hockey will last forever, as will the great memories we have all had with our great friend, Wayne Fleming."

– **Bob Nicholson, president and CEO, Hockey Canada**

"One of the greatest contributors to Canadian hockey, and a wonderful man."

– **Hayley Wickenheiser, Canada's National Women's Team veteran**

"It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of Wayne ... Wayne was an extremely important part of the Lightning family, on and off the ice, during his time here. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Lightning organization go out to Wayne's wife, Carolyn, and the entire Fleming family."

– **Steve Yzerman, Olympic gold medallist and Tampa Bay Lightning general manager (via public statement)**



Wayne Fleming talks with Brendan Shanahan in the Canadian dressing room after Canada beat the U.S. 5-2 to win the gold medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.



## MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

### CANADA'S NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM ALUMNAE REUNITE –AND REMINISCE – AT WOMEN'S WORLDS

by Kristen Lipscombe

From “pink power” to “black and yellow,” France St-Louis and Vicky Sunohara were on the ice for the inaugural women’s world championship in 1990, and returned with the tournament to the nation’s capital this spring, where they watched the next generation of Team Canada stars take to the ice at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women’s World Championship – and catch up with their fellow members of the first generation of women’s hockey legends.

In total, 45 current and former National Women’s Team players and staff who won gold medals at the 1992, 1994 and 1997 women’s worlds gathered in Ottawa, Ont., from April 5 to 7 to reminisce about hockey memories past, reflect on the future of the female game and soak up special moments created during an unforgettable Team Canada Alumni Association reunion.

“You know what they’re going through,” St-Louis says of watching Team Canada from the stands. “You play because you love the game, so when you’re able to play in front of all these fans, it’s unbelievable.”

Canada’s National Women’s Team alumnae who took part in this year’s reunion were part of a history-making crowd, as Canada shut out Finland 8-0 on Friday, April 5 in front of 18,013 fans.

“Especially in Ottawa, that was the first world championship, for me, it’s always going to be special ... that’s where it all started,” St-Louis says of the first-ever event, held in the same city 23 years earlier. Close to 9,000 fans filtered through the Ottawa Civic Centre doors March 15, 1990 to see Canada beat the United States 5-2 for the gold medal. “Ottawa was on fire at the time; everybody was wearing pink and the (arena) was going crazy.”

While Team Canada wore pink and white jerseys to help publicize the 1990 IIHF World Women’s Championship, this year’s event featured black and yellow jerseys worn for that opening game against Finland, in support of the Livestrong Foundation to raise money for cancer awareness and research, in partnership with Hockey Canada sponsors Nike and Sport Chek.

Canada’s National Women’s Team alumnae who took in that game were thrilled to receive their own black Team Canada sweaters.

“It was kind of like the old days, but at least (they) were in our size,” St-Louis says with a chuckle. “We were laughing about that, because usually we (received) T-shirts in XL; the old stuff from the guys, that they were not wearing anymore.”

“But at the time we didn’t care, because we were so happy to be on the team,” she says, adding the support national team players now receive is a sign of the sport’s growth both in terms of societal acceptance and skill level. “They shoot the puck better, the training has changed so much and ... the speed has improved.”

Meeting up with former teammates in the nation’s capital certainly brought back memories of winning that first women’s worlds gold medal, but the reunion itself was focused primarily on the 1992 IIHF World Women’s Championship in Tampere, Finland; the 1994 IIHF World Women’s Championship in Lake Placid, N.Y.; and the 1997 IIHF World Women’s Championship in Kitchener, Ont.

“In ’92 I was named captain, so for me that was really special,” St-Louis says. “And in ’94 it was also special, because that’s when we really found out that we were going to be in the Olympics.”

Sunohara also dreamed of playing in the Olympics, and after representing Canada at that very first women’s world championship, rejoined St-Louis and her other teammates to win her second gold medal at the 1997 women’s worlds in Kitchener.

“It brought back a lot of memories for me,” Sunohara said of this year’s reunion, which also featured a VIP meet and greet with current members of Canada’s National Women’s Team, an alumnae brunch with Hockey Canada executives, a hot stove session hosted by the Ontario Women’s Hockey Association and a hospitality suite at the Sheraton Ottawa for sharing old memories and making new ones. “Just going back there, and seeing the girls, we had so many laughs about what we did, and what we went through.” ■



Canada's gold-winning National Women's Team at the 1992 IIHF World Women's Championship





# THE '72 SUMMIT SERIES

## THE KGB AND ILL-FITTING SUITS

by Tom Hawthorn – The Globe and Mail



Canada and the Soviet Union shake hands following Game 3 of the 1972 Summit Series, a 4-4 tie in Winnipeg, Man.

A hockey trainer is medic and mechanic, shrink and security guard, gofer and jack-of-all-trades.

Rick Noonan was about to start his third season as trainer for the University of British Columbia's sports teams when called upon for the oddest assignment of his career.

The Soviet Union's hockey team was coming to this land for a series against Team Canada in 1972. They had on their roster a masseuse, but needed a scissors-and-white-tape guy to handle their day-to-day needs.

Hockey Canada asked Mr. Noonan to fill in.

"They needed someone to eat, sleep and drink – well, not drink, though we had the odd vodka – eat, sleep and live with the Russians," said Mr. Noonan, who is now 68 and living in retirement at Naramata. "I was the first one on the tarmac in Montreal when the Aeroflot jet landed. From then on, I was always last on and first off the bus."

He spent every moment of every day with the Russian players, catering to their wishes and anticipating their needs. He accompanied them to a screening of *The Godfather*. He was the only Canadian to have regular access to the Soviet locker room.

At practice, the Canadians had the finest modern equipment and snazzy red-and-white sweaters, while the Soviets carried old-fashioned sticks and sported patches on their sweaters. Off the ice, the Canadians wore flared pants, bright shirts and wide ties of garish pattern, while the Russians wore ill-fitting suits of cheap material in a dull colour.

"I know now why you were selected to accompany the Russians," Canadian goalie Ken Dryden teased the dishevelled trainer. "Your wardrobe best matches theirs."

The bonhomie would be short-lived once the puck was dropped. "I remember standing behind the Russian bench," Mr. Noonan said. "When it got 2-0, I looked over at the Canada bench and they were pretty high. At 2-1, they were still pretty cocky. At 2-2, they wondered what was going on. Then it was 5-3, 6-3, 7-3."

"The Forum was silent. You could hear a mouse squeak. People were in such shock."

After the Soviets' decisive opening victory, anguished hockey people lashed out

at anyone seen to be supporting the other side. Mr. Noonan remembers a tense time. "People will think I'm a traitor; that I'm a Russian," he said.

The presence of suspicious characters on the fringe, some KGB, some RCMP plainclothes, added to an atmosphere of menace. Canadian newspaper reporters called on the trainer's patriotism in a fruitless effort to get him to cough up useful information about Russian weaknesses.

"They didn't injure easily," he said, "and they wouldn't show it unless it was a fracture."

He kept them supplied with Coca-Cola – they gulped 72 bottles after one practice – and ensured tea with lemon was supplied in the locker room between periods. They dined on steak, salad, cold cuts, tomato juice and mineral water.

While the Canadian public – and some of the Canadian players – thought of the Russians as robots, the trainer had a more intimate glimpse. "They were subdued. Quiet. They didn't get over-emotional. They didn't panic," he said. Alexander Ragulin was the team chatterbox, while Boris Mikhailov was the team clown.

The Soviets won twice, lost once and tied once during the Canadian leg of the series.

"My job ended once we got them on the plane in Vancouver," he said. "I went back to UBC." The Soviets and Team Canada headed to Moscow for the final four games of the series.

For Game 8, the trainer joined his mentor, Rev. David Bauer, the founder of Canada's first national hockey team, a Basilian who abandoned his own promising professional career for the priesthood, in the dining hall at St. Mark's College on campus, where a crowd gathered around a television.

With 34 seconds left on the clock, Paul Henderson made a wild stab for it and fell. Another shot. Right in front. Henderson scored for Canada! Mr. Noonan and Father Bauer celebrated with students at the Catholic theological school.

"You remember where you were when it happened," the trainer said. "Same as when JFK got shot."

For 40 years, Mr. Noonan's role in that unforgettable September has been overlooked. He is not invited to reunions and does not appear in official Team Canada photographs. Like a good Canadian, he did his job as best he could, helping the Russians even as he quietly cheered for his fellow Canadians. ■



# TEAM CANADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION / HOCKEY CANADA FOUNDATION

## Recent Events Summary

### 2013 RBC CUP

May 11-19, 2013 – Summerside, P.E.I.

For the first time since 2001, the RBC Cup will make its home in Alberta after the Brooks Bandits beat the host Summerside Western Capitals 3-1 to win Canada's 43rd National Junior A Championship.

The national title was a fitting end to the season for the Bandits, who were the top-ranked Junior A team in Canada for almost the entire season (No. 1 in 22 of 23 CJHL Top 20 polls), and won a remarkable 74 of 89 regular season and playoff games.

Brooks finished atop the preliminary round standings with a 3-1 mark, the lone blemish being a loss to the Western Capitals. The Bandits then needed a two-goal third period comeback in the semifinals, beating Minnesota 5-4 in overtime after Dakota Mason tied the game from behind the Wilderness net with 18.7 seconds left.

In front of a tournament-record crowd of 4,211 in the final, Anthony Petruzzelli and Mason scored in the first eight minutes, and national player of the year Cam MacIse clinched the win with an empty-netter late to give the Bandits their first-ever national championship. ■

### 2013 TELUS CUP

April 22-28, 2013 – Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The TELUS Cup is staying in Central Alberta. For the second year in a row, the Red Deer Chiefs won Canada's National Midget Championship, blanking the Ottawa Jr. 67's 5-0 in the 40th gold medal game.

After coming up short in their first three appearances in the final, the Chiefs made it back-to-back gold medals, although this year's final had far less drama than their four-goal comeback in the final 20 minutes en route to a double-overtime win in 2012.

Despite winning only two of their five preliminary round games, Red Deer finished second in the round robin thanks to a pair of ties. Matched up with the Saskatoon Contacts in the semifinals for the second year in a row, the Chiefs rolled by the West Region champions 5-1 to set up a championship game match-up with the Jr. 67's, who had upset top-ranked Laval-Montréal in their semi.

Red Deer spread around the scoring in the final, getting goals from five different players and outshooting Ottawa 55-27 as it became just the fourth team in 40 years to repeat as national champions. ■







### 2013 ESSO CUP

April 21-27, 2013 – Burnaby, B.C.

For the first time in the five-year history of the Esso Cup, a team from Quebec has won Canada's National Female Midget Championship – LHFDQ Nord beat the North Bay Ice Boltz 5-2 in the gold medal game.

Quebec entries had gone a combined 4-13 in three appearances at the Esso Cup; LHFDQ Nord surpassed that win total in one week at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre, and almost surpassed the goal total. LHFDQ Nord scored 31 times in seven games, while the first three Quebec teams combined for 32 in 17 games.

The third-place team in the preliminary round after bookending three wins with losses in their first and last round robin games, LHFDQ Nord opened up a 5-0 lead in its 6-3 semifinal win over Regina, advancing to the gold medal game.

Trailing the Ice Boltz 2-0 early in the third period of the final, LHFDQ Nord rattled off three goals in 1:55 to take its first lead, and added two more for insurance, with Eve-Audrey Picard, Valérie Audet and Alexandria Nikolidakis all contributing two points in the deciding 20 minutes. ■



### 2013 ALLAN CUP

April 15-20, 2013 – Red Deer, Alta.

The Bentley Generals are the 105th Allan Cup champions, blanking the Clarenville Caribous 3-0 to win Canada's National Senior Championship for the second time, joining the national title they won in 2009.

The championship continued a remarkable run of success for Bentley – it reached the final at the Allan Cup for an unprecedented fifth time in six years. The Generals were the fifth host team to win the national title in the last 10 years; Bentley is just 45 kilometres from Red Deer.

After winning their preliminary round group with victories over Rosetown and Kenora, the Generals beat Kenora again in the semifinals, using a third-period penalty shot goal from Dustin Sproat to top the Thistles 3-2.

Matched up with Clarenville, the 2011 Allan Cup champions, in the final, Bentley got 33 saves from goaltender Dan Bakala, who scored an empty-net goal in the round robin win over Rosetown, and goals from Chris Neiszner, Scott Doucet and Keenan Desmet to claim the national title. ■







## 2013 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

April 2-9, 2013 – Ottawa, Ont.

For the first time since the very first tournament in 1990, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship returned to Ottawa, as the nation's capital welcomed the world's best women's players.

Canada came up short in defence of its 2012 gold medal, dropping a 3-2 decision to the United States in the final, settling for silver for just the fifth time in 15 all-time world championships.

The Canadians opened the tournament with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over the Americans, getting goals from Rebecca Johnston (Sudbury, Ont.) and Catherine Ward (Montreal, Que.) in the final nine minutes before earning a shootout victory.

Canada followed that win up by scoring victories over Switzerland (13-0) and Finland (8-0) in the preliminary round, and Russia (8-1) in the semifinals. The win over the Finns was witnessed by 18,013 fans at SBP Arena, a record crowd for a women's hockey game.

Courtney Birchard (Mississauga, Ont.) and Caroline Ouellette (Montreal, Que.) scored goals in the first two periods of the gold medal game to help send the game to the third tied 2-2, but the Americans would score the lone goal in the final frame, leaving the Canadians with the silver medal.

Marie-Philip Poulin (Beauceville, Que.), who led the tournament in scoring, was named Top Forward by the IIHF Directorate and MVP by the media. She was joined by Ward, Meaghan Mikkelson (Edmonton, Alta.) and Jennifer Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.) on the tournament all-star team. ■

## 2013 IPC SLEDGE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

April 12-20, 2013 – Goyang, South Korea

Canada's National Sledge Team is back on top of the world, winning its first IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship gold medal since 2008 with a 1-0 win over the United States in the gold medal game.

The gold is the third all-time at the world championship for Canada, which also took home the top prize from the 2000 tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Canadians flexed their offensive muscle in the preliminary round, scoring wins over Italy (5-0), Russia (4-3) and the host Koreans (5-0), to move into the semifinals against the Czech Republic, the team Canada beat for bronze in 2012.

Five was once again the lucky number for Canada in the semifinals; for the third time in four games the Canadians scored a 5-0 victory, advancing to the gold medal game for the first time since the 2008 worlds in Marlborough, Mass.

Matched up with the United States, which held the Paralympic, world championship and World Sledge Hockey Challenge gold medals coming into the tournament, Canada made sure a goal from Graeme Murray (Gravenhurst, Ont.) early in the second period stood up as the winner, beating the Americans 1-0 to win gold.

Canadian goaltender Corbin Watson (Kingsville, Ont.) was unbeatable between the pipes, stopping all 31 shots he faced over four starts, while captain Greg Westlake (Oakville, Ont.) was named the tournament's top forward. ■







## 2013 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

April 18-28, 2013 – Sochi, Russia

For the third time, the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship was hosted in Russia, and for the third time it was Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team leaving with the gold medal, beating the United States 3-2 in the final.

In addition to its 2013 gold in Sochi, played in the arenas that will host hockey at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Canada also won the 2008 world championship in Kazan and the 2003 title in Yaroslavl.

The Canadians rolled through the preliminary round, beating Slovakia (4-1), Germany (3-1) and Switzerland (10-1), before routing Sweden (6-0), the silver medalist at the last three world championships, to clinch first in Group B.

After a 6-0 rout of the Czech Republic in the quarter-finals, highlighted by a Connor McDavid (Newmarket, Ont.) hat trick, Canada survived a challenge from Finland in the semis, scoring a 3-1 win to move into the gold medal game.

Facing an American team chasing a fifth consecutive U18 gold medal, Canada got a goal and an assist from Laurent Dauphin (Repentigny, Que.), the game-winner from Frédéric Gauthier (Saint-Lin-Laurentides, Que.) late in the second period and 33 saves from Philippe Desrosiers (St-Hyacinthe, Que.), to beat the U.S. despite being outshot 35-12.

McDavid, at 16 the second-youngest to ever play for Canada at the U18 world championship, finished with 14 points in seven games and was named Top Forward by the IIHF Directorate. ■

## 2013 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

May 3-19, 2013 – Helsinki, Finland & Stockholm, Sweden

For the second year in a row, the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship was co-hosted by Scandinavian neighbours Finland and Sweden, and for the fourth year in a row, Canada's National Men's Team made a quarter-final exit.

It is the third year in a row Canada has finished fifth at the world championship.

The Canadians looked to be in good position to make a run at a 25th gold medal, winning six of seven preliminary round games and finishing second in the Stockholm Group. Canada earned victories over Denmark (3-1), Norway (7-1), Sweden (3-0), Belarus (4-1), the Czech Republic (2-1) and Slovenia (4-3), with the lone setback a shootout loss to Switzerland (3-2).

Sweden provided the opposition in the quarter-finals, and a goal from Steven Stamkos (Unionville, Ont.) gave Canada a 1-0 lead through 40 minutes. After the Swedes took a 2-1 lead midway through the third period, Claude Giroux (Hearst, Ont.) pulled Canada even and forced overtime, but the hosts would score the shootout win en route to the gold medal.

Stamkos finished as the tournament's fifth-leading scorer with 12 points (seven goals, five assists) in eight games. He now ranks eighth all-time among Canadian scorers at the world championship, with 26 points, and his 16 goals have him tied for fifth. ■





# THREE CANADIANS INDUCTED INTO IIHF HALL OF FAME

## “EACH AND EVERY INDUCTEE HAS HAD PROFOUND IMPACT IN HOCKEY”

by IIHF.com

ZURICH, Switzerland – Brilliant performances under historic pressure, as well as long-lasting excellence, were recognized this past May by the International Ice Hockey Federation. The IIHF Hall of Fame inducted Canadian legends Danielle Goyette and Paul Henderson, alongside fellow international hockey stars Peter Forsberg, Teppo Numminen, Mats Sundin and builder Jan-Åke Edvinsson.

In addition to two players, Canada was also represented at this year's IIHF Hall

of Fame induction ceremony by broadcaster Gord Miller, who was awarded the Paul Loicq Award for outstanding contribution to international hockey. The Soviet national team of 1954 won the Milestone Trophy.

The 17th class of the IIHF Hall of Fame was ceremonially inducted Sunday, May 19, the day of the gold medal game at the 77th IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Stockholm, Sweden. ■

### DANIELLE GOYETTE

Born: St-Nazaire, Quebec / January 30, 1966

In many respects, Danielle Goyette was the Gordie Howe of women's hockey. A superstar talent on offence, she was a gifted scorer who continued to produce with Howe's consistency. Indeed, she had more points in her final women's world championship in 2007 at age 41 (11), than she did in her first some 15 years earlier as a 26-year-old (10). And, like Howe, it all began far from the bright lights of a big city and great crowds. St-Nazaire, Que., located a distant three-hour drive from Quebec City, was a town of only 800 when Goyette was growing up, but like any kid she started skating around age four.

In all, Goyette played in three Olympics and nine IIHF World Women's Championships, winning gold every time with two exceptions, the 1998 Olympic Winter Games and the 2005 women's worlds. In 61 games at the highest level, she averaged a point-and-a-half per game and was adept as both a scorer and passer. She led all players in Nagano in 1998 with eight goals, and was the scoring leader at the 1992 women's worlds with 10 points. She had as many points at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, to tie for the overall lead. By the time Goyette had played her final games for Canada in 2007, she was second all-time with 15 goals at the Olympics, fourth all-time with 68 points at the women's worlds, and third all-time with 37 goals.

Goyette was the flag-bearer for Canada at the opening ceremonies of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy, and went on to become head coach at the University of Calgary, and assistant coach of Canada's National Women's Team. She recruited former teammate Hayley Wickenheiser and led the Dinos to a CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) national championship in 2012, a first for that university. ■



Danielle Goyette





## PAUL HENDERSON

Born: Kincardine, Ontario / January 28, 1943

For 28 days in September 1972, Paul Henderson was the finest hockey player in the world, the hero of a series that changed hockey forever. He scored three game-winning goals at the end of the Canada-Soviet Union Summit Series, the last two arguably the greatest goals in the history of the game. Henderson embodied a bit of both nations' remarkably different styles of play. He was a combination of tough Canadian with unlimited heart, and a Soviet skater with puck-handling skills. In 1972, he used this combination to produce a performance the hockey world has never seen before or since.

His series-clinching goal with 34 seconds remaining of Game 8 remains the most celebrated moment in Canada's sports history, a defining and unifying moment in Canadian culture. No other player's achievements in international hockey history have had such an impact on one nation as Henderson's.

As well, he was one of only three '72 Summit Series players to appear in the 1974 Summit Series featuring WHA players, and in a 19-year professional career in the NHL and WHA he played almost 1,100 games, going to the Stanley Cup Final with the Detroit Red Wings in 1964 and 1966. In junior, Henderson won the Memorial Cup in 1962 and led all scorers in the OHA the next season.

In that unforgettable Game 8, the score was 5-5, and the game was in the final minute. Again, the Soviet team was mere moments from winning the Summit Series. But Henderson screamed for Peter Mahovlich to get off the ice – something a hockey player never does. Mahovlich complied, though, and Henderson tore to Tretiak's goal, while Phil Esposito stole the puck and swatted it in front. One shot, save. Second shot – goal!

"Henderson has scored for Canada!" shouted play-by-play legend Foster Hewitt. Canada had produced a heroic comeback – and Henderson has been a hero in Canada from that day to this – and forevermore. ■



Paul Henderson

## GORD MILLER

### PAUL LOICQ AWARD (for outstanding contributions to international hockey)

Born: Edmonton, Alberta / June 21, 1964

Gord Miller's dedication to the annual IIHF World Junior Championship at a time when most people happily vacation in the sun has helped TSN make the world juniors one of the most successful hockey broadcasts in North America. His support and his dedication to the tournament, which stretches to 18 years and counting; the respect he commands from the broadcast booth, and his knowledge of the event and its history, are absolutely unparalleled.

For millions of Canadians, for whom the IIHF World Junior Championship has become an essential Christmas and New Year's tradition, Miller's voice and characteristic play-by-play style have come to personify the event. He started working at TSN in 1990 as a reporter, and three years later he started a career in the broadcast booth at the IIHF World Championship. In short order, he was doing the NHL, Memorial Cup, and women's worlds, and in 2001 he worked as the English play-by-play man for the Montreal Canadiens telecasts.

In 2002, Miller became the top play-by-play man for TSN, and drew work appropriate to his reputation, culminating with the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. But while he is well-known in North America for his NHL assignments, his true passion and greatest contributions have been with TSN's remarkable coverage of the IIHF World Junior Championship.

Miller first hosted the U20 championship in 1993 from the TSN studios, and two years later he started an 18-year run of annual Christmastime trips to the event. He worked first as a colour man, and in 2002 started doing play-by-play, for which he is now famous.

In 2008, Miller was nominated for a Gemini Award in Canadian television for Best Play-by-Play Announcer for his work during the 2008 gold medal game between Canada and Sweden in the Czech Republic. ■



Gord Miller



## TERRIFIC TRIO

### HENDERSON, MESSIER, KING INDUCTED INTO ORDER OF HOCKEY IN CANADA

by The Canadian Press



2013 Order of Hockey in Canada distinguished honourees (from L to R) Paul Henderson, Dave King and Mark Messier.

OTTAWA, Ont. – NHL Hall of Famer Mark Messier couldn't stop the tears, or the lump from forming in his throat, as he and two other hockey greats were honoured Monday, April 8, for their contributions to the game.

The six-time Stanley Cup winner and perennial all-star broke down as he spoke of the national pride he felt as a young boy watching fellow Order of Hockey in Canada recipient Paul Henderson score the goal that sealed Canada's hockey supremacy over the Soviet Union in the 1972 Summit Series.

"As an 11-year-old boy who was playing hockey, to get that kind of opportunity to feel what real national pride is all about through the game of hockey, obviously inspired me, not only as a hockey player, but to one day wear that sweater," Messier said.

He had to pause for a moment to collect himself. "I almost got through it," he joked.

Messier, arguably the greatest leader the sport has ever seen, had to pause again as he recalled his pep talk to the Canadian players he coached at the 2010 Spengler Cup in Switzerland, during which he described the pride and sense of responsibility that comes with wearing the Maple Leaf.

"I didn't cry when I was telling this story in the dressing room," Messier said.

Messier wasn't the only one to shed tears during Monday's two-hour ceremony on Parliament Hill. Coaching legend Dave King, the third recipient of the Hockey Canada honour, welled up as he spoke of fellow coach Wayne Fleming, who died recently of cancer.

"Sorry for the emotion, but these are great people," King said. "For a coach who never got very emotional, here I am, emotional."

Amid the tears there was also good news, as former Team Canada star Henderson shared a positive development in his battle with cancer.

The 69-year-old native of Kincardine, Ont., has been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He told the audience that treatment he received as part of a clinical trial in the United States appears to have had a positive effect on his health.

Henderson thanked his wife, Eleanor, for getting him into a clinic trial.

"I got into that study back in September. I was down 18 pounds. I had a tumour in my stomach the size of a grapefruit, and I was not in very good shape," Henderson said.

"After seven months of this clinical trial that she was instrumental in getting me into, the tumour in my stomach is now the size of the end of my finger, and I've put 16 of those pounds back on and I am doing well."

Messier, Henderson and King join a select group of players and builders who have been awarded the Hockey Canada honour, including Jean Béliveau, Wayne Gretzky, Gordie Howe, Cassie Campbell-Pascall and Gord Renwick.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who attended the ceremony, paid tribute to the three Order of Hockey in Canada distinguished honourees.

"These three men are not only ambassadors for our sport, they are ambassadors for Canada and for Canadian values," Harper said. ■





# A FLOOD OF HOPE

## CELEBRITY CLASSIC POSTPONED BUT HOCKEY CANADA FOUNDATION PROUD TO SEE ALBERTANS PULL TOGETHER

by Kristen Lipscombe



It was supposed to be a glitzy, glamorous affair to celebrate this year's world championship-winning National Sledge Team, National Men's Under-18 Team and National Women's Under-18 Team.

But sometimes all the sparkle and shine is put into perspective, and the devastating floods that washed through southern Alberta in late June, mere days before the 2013 Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic was supposed to take place at Hockey Canada's home in Calgary, was certainly one of those times.

Much to the dismay of the Hockey Canada Foundation and its many special guests, the sold-out gala and golf tournament, originally scheduled for Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25, have been postponed until a later date due to the natural disaster that swept through the area and wreaked havoc on urban and rural communities alike.

Much to good fortune, Hockey Canada's new facilities at Canada Olympic Park were untouched directly by the flood, unlike thousands of less fortunate folks across the city and the province, including Celebrity Classic honorary co-chair Sheldon Kennedy, whose townhouse in the inner-city community of Erlton and farm near the Highwood River were both heavily impacted, and the Calgary Flames community, which saw the Saddledome filled with muddy waters up to the eighth row of the lower bowl and lost irreplaceable memorabilia.

And like Albertans and Calgarians, who are selflessly coming together and proudly vow to rise again, the Hockey Canada Foundation will ensure Canada's world champions are fully recognized as deserved, while also celebrating the game at the grassroots level by directing important funds raised at events such as the Celebrity Classic gala and golf tournament to getting – and keeping – more kids on the ice. And, of course, to inspire world championship-worthy dreams in children of all ages and backgrounds.

That is, after all, where the passion for Canada's game stems from. It's also why plans for this year's event included skillfully transforming Hockey Canada's home arena at the Markin MacPhail Centre, where the country's best practice and train, into an impressive venue for hosting the best players in the world, celebrities such as event host Gord Miller, honorary chairs Kennedy and Lanny McDonald, and coaching panel members Mike Babcock and Dave King – along with some of the biggest names in business and sports.

But celebrities and championship rings aside, auctions and raffles supported by the more than 840 special guests who planned on attending the Monday evening gala, and the 310 golfers who were set to enthusiastically tee off at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club in Priddis, Alta., were expected to raise over \$500,000 in support of minor hockey programs across the country. More than \$250,000 of those funds would have helped KidSport Calgary further its initiatives of making sports such as hockey more accessible by assisting with equipment and registration costs for underprivileged children, leaving a local legacy for this year's Celebrity Classic host city, while the other half would have gone toward the foundation's funding cornerstones of accessibility, diversity, health and wellness. All of the money raised would have helped to ensure the future of our sport, and the positive values it offers participants.

"We are extremely disappointed to have to postpone our gala and golf tournament at the last minute, but in the midst of such an incredible natural disaster, it was simply the only option," Hockey Canada Foundation executive director Chris Bright said. "We are currently looking at alternative plans to celebrate our three world championship-winning national teams, while raising much-needed funds for minor hockey programs, and we're very thankful for the understanding of all of our athletes and partners."

"It has been an extremely difficult time for our friends and family across Alberta, and while it's a shame our foundation has had to postpone such an important event, our priorities have been to ensure the safety of our fellow community members," Hockey Canada president and CEO Bob Nicholson said. "Our thoughts are with everyone who has been impacted by flooding, both in the hockey world and beyond, and although it will be a long road to rebuild and recover, we also know that our city and province are proud, resilient and strong."

While the annual Celebrity Classic is the foundation's biggest fundraiser, it's certainly not the only one. The Hockey Canada Foundation is back on the green again Monday, Aug. 12, when Canada's National Women's Team will host Going For Gold at Redtail Golf Course in London, Ont., while the fourth annual Team Canada Alumni Association Charity Golf Tournament is set for Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Lakeside Greens Golf and Country Club in Chestermere, Alta.

Calgary last hosted the Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic in 2008. The 2014 event will take place in Vancouver, B.C. ■

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