



California Golden Seals' goalie, Gary Smith, uses the paddle of his stick to block the puck. The Ottawa native, who played Junior Hockey with the Toronto St. Michaels Majors and Marlboros, actually made his NHL debut with the Maple Leafs in 1965-66 before being claimed by the California franchise in the 1967 draft. Smith, who played 532 games for seven different franchises, surrendered the last goal in the history of the World Hockey Association, on May 20, 1979, to Edmonton's Dave Semenko, while playing for the Winnipeg Jets.

## Gary Smith

# GOALTENDERS

They are often hockey's most eccentric players, sometimes intense, often quirky, almost always interesting. And no wonder. Goalies, by virtue of their job description and equipment alone, stand out in a hockey team's lineup. But in nature and personality, the guardians of the goal are, well, different, too. Some are grim and determined. Others are more easygoing, using humour to diffuse and cope with the extraordinary level of stress that inevitably comes with their dangerous and unique vocation. Lots of them are nervous wrecks; while others, the game's sharpest students. Whatever category individual hockey goaltenders fall into, these characters make for the most intriguing subjects to photograph in all of sports.

In the pre-mask days, the goalies' expressions were laid bare for all to see. Fear, intense concentration, vulnerability, anger, joy... all could be observed on their unprotected faces. With the birth of the mask in 1959, those emotions would become more difficult to read, yet this would only add to the goalie mystique, especially with the advent of mask art, and later, colourful and beautifully designed pads and gloves. Combining their personalized gear with their grace and athleticism made goalies even cooler.

The photographs selected here span some 80 years, and feature some of goaltending's greatest. Most are Hall-of-Famers, like the wonderfully monikered Walter "Turk" Broda and Rogatien "Rogie" Vachon, the former inducted in 1967, the latter from of the Class of 2016. Some of them will surely be enshrined in the near future, while others are simply here because they happen to be the main focus of a great hockey photo.

Enjoy these great goalie memories.



New Jersey Devils' goalie, Martin Brodeur, prepares to snag a shot during the 2005-06 season. Arguably the most successful goaltender of all-time, Brodeur employed a hybrid stand-up/butterfly style to great success. The Montreal native retired in 2015 owning NHL records for all-time goaltender wins and shutouts. He led the Devils to three Stanley Cups, and was part of two Olympic gold-medal-winning Team Canada squads.

## Martin Brodeur



Lorne "Gump" Worsley of the New York Rangers makes a dramatic glove save against the Leafs. The Montreal native is said to have earned his nickname for his resemblance to Andy Gump, a character from the popular comic strip, "The Gumps". Legend has it that Worsley once sustained a concussion, after being hit in the head by a hard-boiled egg thrown by a fan in New York while playing for the visiting Canadiens. The second-last barefaced NHL goaltender, "Gumper" retired in 1974 having played 855 of his 861 career games without a mask.

## Lorne Worsley

**HHOF 1980**

Maple Leaf Gardens · Toronto, ON | December 13, 1958 | Turofsky | B/W · acetate · 4" x 5"



A young Walter "Turk" Broda scrambles to make a save against the Blackhawks. Note that both teams were wearing dark sweaters, with contrasting colors not made mandatory by the NHL until 1950. The Blackhawks won their second Stanley Cup in 1938, defeating the Leafs 3-1 in the finals. Broda would go on to play 13 full seasons with Toronto, winning five Cups. He missed two seasons while serving in the army during World War 2.

## Walter Broda

HHOF 1967

Chicago Stadium · Chicago, IL | c.1938-39 | Le Studio du Hockey | B/W · acetate · 4" x 5"



Terry Sawchuk, the tortured legend of the Detroit Red Wings, keeps his eye on the prize in a game against the Maple Leafs. The Winnipeg native played in 971 games over 21 NHL seasons, from 1950 to 1970, acquiring a litany of gruesome injuries along the way. Sawchuk long held the league goaltending records in wins and shutouts. Unless the NHL drops the shootout one day, his one remaining record, 172 career ties, will never be broken. A four-time Stanley Cup champion, Sawchuk actually had three tours of duty with the Red Wings, the final one lasting only 13 games in 1968-69. He died in May 1970 at age 40.

## Terry Sawchuk

HHOF 1971

Maple Leaf Gardens · Toronto, ON | January 6, 1960 | Turofsky | B/W · acetate · 4" x 5"



Henrik Lundqvist of the New York Rangers stretches to make the save against Toronto. The native of Are, Sweden went on to become the only goaltender in history to win 30 games in each of his first seven NHL seasons, and in 2017 became the fastest goaltender to reach the 400-win mark. Lundqvist led Sweden to a gold medal at the 2006 Olympics, a silver at the 2014 Games and gold at the 2017 IIHF World Championships.

## Henrik Lundqvist



Eddie Belfour slides across his crease to make a save against the Tampa Bay Lightning. In 1991, Belfour was the winner of both the Calder and Vezina trophies, and he won a second Vezina in 1993. Nicknamed "The Eagle," he spent parts of eight seasons in Chicago before stops in San Jose, Dallas, Toronto and Florida. Belfour won a Stanley Cup with the Stars in 1999. He is one of only two players to win an NCAA championship, an Olympic gold medal and a Stanley Cup.

## Eddie Belfour

HHOF 2011



Maple Leaf Gardens · Toronto, ON | November 4, 1961 | Michael Burns Sr. | B/W · acetate · 4" x 5"

Toronto Maple Leafs legend, Johnny Bower, goes airborne to block a high shot. After 12 seasons in the minors, "The China Wall" finally became a permanent NHLer in 1958, when he was almost 34 years old. He led the Leafs to four Stanley Cups, the last in 1967 at age 42, and played his final game in December 1969 at age 45, making him the oldest regular goalie ever to play an NHL game. Bower was actually born John Kiszkan, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He changed his name in his first season of pro hockey. Bower is also known to have lied about his age at least twice, once to appear older to enlist in the army, and then later to seem younger to NHL scouts.

## Johnny Bower

HHOF 1976

Rogatien "Rogie" Vachon wasn't afraid to wander from his net even with the likes of Bobby Hull on his tail. The diminutive native of Palmarolle, Quebec was called up to Montreal in 1967 to replace the injured "Gump" Worsley, and ended up leading the team to the Stanley Cup Finals against Toronto, where Leafs' coach, Punch Imlach, famously referred to him as a "Junior B goalie." The Leafs won that Cup but Vachon was a member of the Canadiens team that won the next two. Vachon was traded to Los Angeles in 1971. In 1976, he was the MVP of Team Canada, winning the Canada Cup. Vachon was the Kings' assistant then head coach in 1983-84, and general manager from 1984 to 1992. His number 30 was the first Kings jersey to be retired.

## Rogatien Vachon

HHOF 2016





A high shot flies inches from the face of Glenn Hall of the Chicago Blackhawks as Toronto Maple Leafs' captain and familiar foe, George Armstrong, looks on. Often credited with pioneering the butterfly style, "Mr. Goalie" played a record 502 consecutive games, all without a mask, over a span of eight seasons (including playoffs) and helped the Blackhawks end a 23-year Stanley Cup drought in 1961. Owner of one of sports' most legendarily nervous stomachs, Hall actually started his career with Detroit, where he was the NHL's Rookie-of-the-Year for 1955-56, and ended with the St. Louis Blues in 1971.

## Glenn Hall

HHOF 1975

Maple Leaf Gardens · Toronto, ON | c.1961-62 | Turofsky | B/W · acetate · 4" x 5"



NHL legend Joseph Jacques Omer Plante was an innovator throughout his career, including having introduced the goalie mask in 1959. The avid knitter is shown here battling with fellow future Hall-of-Famer, Frank Mahavolich, while Jean-Guy Talbot looks on.

## Jacques Plante

HHOF 1978



Patrick Roy employs the butterfly stance he made famous while defenceman, Eric Desjardins, ties up Luc Robitaille of the Los Angeles Kings. "St-Patrick" won two Stanley Cups with the Canadiens and two more with the Colorado Avalanche. The 1993 Cup conquest was the most memorable, however, as Roy held the fort during 10 consecutive Montreal overtime wins. The winner of three Conn Smythe trophies as playoff MVP, Roy holds the record for most playoff games (247) and wins (151) by a goaltender.

## Patrick Roy

HHOF 2006



New York Rangers, Mike Richter, goes through his pre-game stretching routine. Known for his reflexes and acrobatic saves, the Abington, Pennsylvania native played his entire NHL career for the Rangers, who he helped capture the Stanley Cup in 1994. A member of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, Richter represented his country in three Olympic Games, the 1986 World Junior championships, the 1991 Canada Cup and the 1996 World Cup of Hockey.

## Mike Richter



The mask that started it all. A notorious joker, Gerry Cheevers of the Boston Bruins accidentally invented goalie mask art when he started adding stitch marks to his mask every time it got hit with a puck. The mask seen here is the first Cheevers ordered from Boston-based mask maker, Ernie Higgins, in the late 1960s. When young fans would ask how they too could have such a cool mask, the two-time Stanley Cup champ would reply, "Send me \$100 and I'll send you a magic marker."

## Gerry Cheevers

**HHOF 1985**

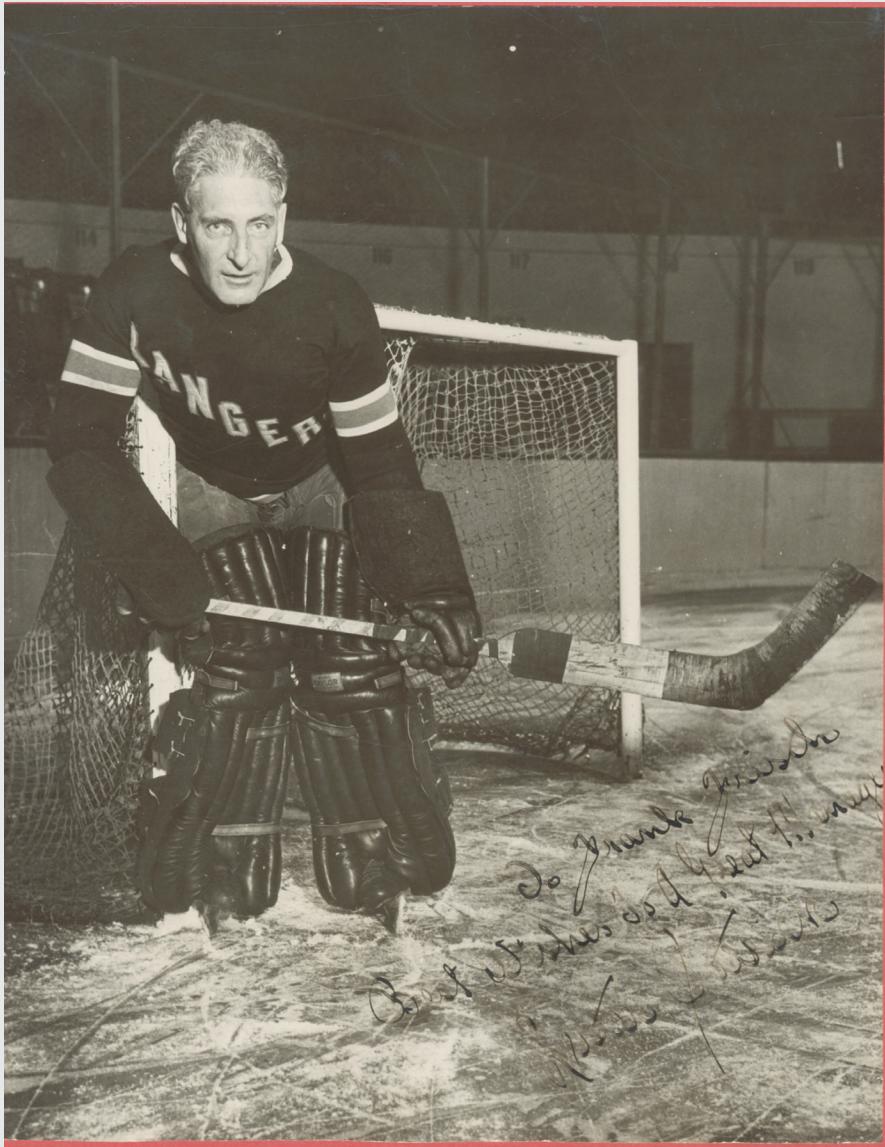


Colourful Kelly Hruday — sporting his signature blue bandana beneath his mask — makes an unorthodox save against the Oilers, Craig Simpson. Hruday played 16 NHL seasons, and led the Los Angeles Kings to the 1993 Stanley Cup Finals. Hruday went into broadcasting following his career, working alongside the likes of shooter Simpson on hockey telecasts.

## Kelly Hruday

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# CLASSIC PHOTOS



Talk about taking one for the team! In a 1928 Stanley Cup Finals game, Lester Patrick, 44-year old coach and general manager of the New York Rangers was forced to don the pads when injured starter, Lorne Chabot, couldn't play. The Rangers took the game 2-1 against the Montreal Maroons and was replaced with goalie Joe Miller of the New York Americans in nets for the remaining games eventually winning them the Cup.

**Lester Patrick**