



Mr. Hockey®, is a true icon and truly a living legend. Wayne Gretzky, has said, "he wanted to eat, sleep, look like and play hockey like **Gordie Howe®**." Scotty Bowman, the most successful coach in history has commented, "I pick Gordie as my #1 all-time player. He played the longest. He was the toughest player of his era. He was the best offensive player and defensively he was used in all situations. He could play center, right wing, and defense. He could shoot right and he could shoot left. If you could make a mold for a hockey player it would be him. I never thought there was another player close to him." Hockey Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby describes Gordie as simply, "the greatest athlete off all time in any sport." Gordie's life story reads like the script of an incredible Hollywood movie. Arising from humble beginnings, he overcame poverty, nutritional deficiencies, paralyzing shyness, and other obstacles to embark on a career that is one of the most amazing in the world, in or outside of athletics.

Hockey, the world's fastest and most violent team sport is enjoying remarkable growth today. Huge credit for its expansion and popularity is attributed to the extraordinary career and influence of a six-decade mega superstar, number 9, Gordie Howe®. When he retired for the first time in 1971, Clarence Campbell, NHL league president said, "Gordie, when you entered into the league, hockey was a Canadian sport, as you exit, you have made it a North American sport!" His name has been synonymous with the sport since the mid 1940's. Literally, when fans think of hockey, they think of Gordie Howe®. To millions of fans around the globe, #9 is revered as "Mr. Hockey®". In attempting to assess Gordie's astounding abilities, he has been called Power, Mr.Hocke...

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