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## **The Great One voted Greatest NHL Player of All Time**

The votes are in — and Canadians have spoken: forward Wayne “The Great One” Gretzky is the greatest NHL star in history.

Gretzky was the top vote-getter in an online poll conducted by Canada’s History Magazine to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHL. The poll ran in conjunction with a special December-January issue of *Canada’s History* that featured top sportswriters recalling the best NHL games they ever covered.

The winners of the poll at each position were:

### **Top Forward**

Wayne Gretzky — a four-time Stanley Cup champion — holds or shares 61 NHL records, including most career goals, assists and total points.

### **Top Defenseman**

Bobby Orr — a two-time Stanley Cup champion — transformed his position with his offensive prowess. Sadly, his career was cut short in 1978 due to chronic knee injuries.

### **Top Goalie**

Patrick Roy — a four time Stanley Cup champion — won two cups with the Montreal Canadiens and two with the Colorado Avalanche.

Check out [CanadasHistory.ca/NHL@100](http://CanadasHistory.ca/NHL@100) for the full poll results, and to rest of the players who were selected to the all-time NHL dream team. Meanwhile, all who voted were entered into a random draw for a hand-made replica of Jacques Plante’s 1974 goalie mask. The winner was Peter Cobill, of Richmond, Ontario.

For more information on the Greatest Players poll and “The Greatest Game” feature package, contact:

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