

Montreal Mystique

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The Great Montreal Goaltenders

NHL REGULAR SEASON AND PLAYOFFS

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Goaltender		Yrs NHL	Yrs MTL	Cups	W	L	T	W Pct	GAA	SO	SO %	W	L	T	W Pct	SO	SO %	GAA	SO %	SO	H	V	J	Notes
Jacques Plante	1952-73	18	11	6	435	247	145	0.614	2.38	82	9.9	71	36		0.664	14	13.1	2.14	10.3	96	1	1	0	Plante was the first "wandering" goalie. He invented the goalie mask.
Georges Hainsworth	1926-37	11	7	2	246	145	74	0.609	1.93	94	20.2	22	25		0.468	8	17.0	1.93	19.9	102	0	0	0	Hainsworth had 22 shutouts in 44 games in 1928-29. The rules were kinda different back then.
Ken Dryden	1970-79	8	8	5	258	57	74	0.758	2.24	46	11.8	80	32		0.714	10	8.9	2.40	11.2	56	0	5	0	Retired after eight seasons; at the top of his game and a fourth straight Cup. Co-goalie for Canada in 1972.
Gump Worsley	1953-74	21	7	4	335	352	150	0.490	2.88	43	5.1	40	26		0.606	5	7.6	2.78	5.3	48	0	1	0	Lorne "Gump" Worsley began with the Rangers but won Cups in Montreal only. Finished with the North Stars.
Georges Vezina	1917-26	9	9	2	103	81	5	0.558	3.28	13	6.9	9	4	1	0.643	2	14.3	2.77	7.4	15	0	-	0	Forced to retire due to tuberculosis. Won Montreal's first two Cups (Twenty-four total).
Bill Durnan	1943-50	7	7	2	208	112	62	0.626	2.36	34	8.9	27	18		0.600	2	4.4	2.07	8.4	36	0	6	0	Not often remembered but known as a clutch performer and intense goalie.
Rogatien Vachon	1966-82	16	6	2	355	291	127	0.541	2.99	51	6.6	23	23		0.500	2	4.3	2.77	6.5	53	0	1	0	"Rogie" started his career in Montreal. Considered a great goalie on poor teams when in Los Angeles.
Patrick Roy	1985-03	18	11	4	516	300	118	0.616	2.54	61	6.5	151	94		0.616	16	6.5	2.30	6.5	77	0	3	4	Only Roy has won the Conn Smythe three times. He won a Cup in essentially his first season, like Dryden.

These players are not in a particular order. Red players are those I feel compare best with Roy and are most likely his superior. Blue players are 'major legends'. SO is for shutout and SO numbers are provided with regular season, playoff and final totals. The Vezina used to be awarded for best GAA prior to 1981-82. Now the Jennings is awarded for best GAA. Of course there are many variables not recorded here such as team strength, league goal-scoring trends and such. My point is that one should not easily proclaim any player the greatest of all time. That type of proclamation is best left to the historians and should wait for sufficient time to pass. This writer is probably not one of those qualified hockey historians.

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