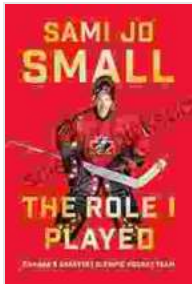


# Canada's Greatest Olympic Hockey Team: The Unforgettable 1972 Summit Series



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Canada's 1972 Olympic hockey team is widely considered to be the greatest hockey team of all time. They defeated the Soviet Union in an epic eight-game series that is still remembered as one of the greatest sporting events in history.

The team was coached by Harry Sinden and featured a number of future Hall of Famers, including Bobby Clarke, Phil Esposito, Yvan Cournoyer, Paul Henderson, and Ken Dryden. They were also known for their physical play and their ability to score goals.

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The series was played in four cities in Canada and four cities in the Soviet Union. The first four games were played in Canada, and the Soviet Union won three of them. The fifth game was played in Moscow, and Canada won 4-3. The sixth game was played in Leningrad, and the Soviet Union won 5-3. The seventh game was played in Moscow, and Canada won 4-3 in overtime. The eighth and final game was played in Moscow, and Canada won 6-5.

Canada's victory in the Summit Series was a major upset. The Soviet Union was considered to be the best hockey team in the world, and they had not lost a game in international competition in over a decade. Canada's victory was a major morale boost for the country, and it helped to inspire a new generation of hockey players.

The 1972 Summit Series is still remembered as one of the greatest sporting events in history. It was a battle between two of the greatest hockey teams in the world, and it featured some of the most exciting and memorable games ever played. Canada's victory was a major upset, and it helped to inspire a new generation of hockey players.

## **The Team**

The 1972 Canadian Olympic hockey team was a group of 22 players who came from all over the country. They were brought together by their love of hockey and their desire to win a gold medal. The team was captained by Bobby Clarke, who was one of the best players in the world at the time.

Other key players on the team included Phil Esposito, Yvan Cournoyer, Paul Henderson, and Ken Dryden.

The team was coached by Harry Sinden, who was known for his tough but fair approach. Sinden was a master tactician, and he was able to get the most out of his players. He was also a great motivator, and he was able to get his players to believe that they could win the Summit Series.

The team was a close-knit group, and they were all committed to winning. They worked hard in practice, and they were always there for each other on the ice. They were also a very talented group, and they had a lot of fun playing together.

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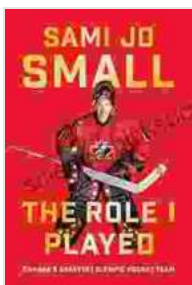
The games were all close, and either team could have won. The Canadian team showed great resilience, and they never gave up. They also showed great skill and determination, and they were able to overcome the Soviet Union's superior size and strength.

## The Legacy

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The 1972 Canadian Olympic hockey team is still considered to be one of the greatest hockey teams of all time. They were a group of talented and dedicated players who came together to achieve something special. Their victory in the Summit Series is a testament to their skill, determination, and team spirit.



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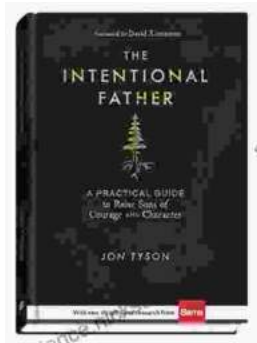
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