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An NHL Alumni Alphabet



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Just over 5,000 players have played at least one game in the National Hockey League (NHL) since the league was formed in 1917. Affectionately known as “Hockey’s Greatest Family,” the NHL Alumni Association was established in 1999 and is based in Toronto, Ontario.

The organization’s mission statement is: *The National Hockey League Alumni brings together former NHL players to support and participate in charitable causes, primarily those youth oriented; assist former players in their transition to life after hockey; promote the game of hockey.*

Fans will regularly see members of the NHL Alumni at a number of events, including hockey games, golf tournaments, speaking engagements, and autograph sessions. The money raised, which is more than one million dollars annually, goes to various causes, including scholarships and charities.

Many players, who have devoted their entire lives to playing hockey, are given a new start through the NHL Alumni Association once their NHL playing careers have come to an end.

Members of the Alumni Association are considered ambassadors of the history and tradition of the great game of hockey.

A is for Alumni,
who loved to play the game.
Fans cheered them on
and asked, “Please sign your name?”





B is for Brothers
who grew up side by side.
Reaching the pros
gave their parents great pride.

There have been many brothers who have played in the NHL. The most well-known brothers might very well be Maurice and Henri Richard, who played for the Montreal Canadiens. Maurice won eight Stanley Cup championships and Henri won eleven. Another set of brothers is Lionel, Charlie, and Roy Conacher, all three of whom have been inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

But no family has sent more brothers to the NHL than the Sutter family from Viking, Alberta. Brent, Brian, Darryl, Duane, Rich, and Ron collectively played more than 5,000 games in the NHL.

Several NHL superstars have had brothers who also played in the league. These include Wayne and Brent Gretzky, Gordie and Vic Howe, Mario and Alain Lemieux as well as Patrick and Stephane Roy.

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