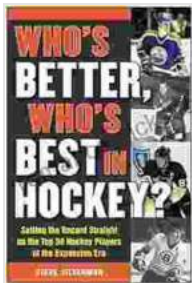


Setting the Record Straight on the Top 50 Hockey Players of the Expansion Era

The expansion era in the NHL began in 1967 with the addition of six new teams. Since then, the league has expanded twice more, in 1974 and 1991. The expansion era has seen some of the greatest players in the history of the game, including Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby, Alexander Ovechkin, and Connor McDavid.

Ranking the top 50 players of the expansion era is a difficult task, but it is one that we have attempted to do in this article. We have based our rankings on a number of factors, including individual statistics, team success, and impact on the game.



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Here is our list of the top 50 hockey players of the expansion era:

1. **Wayne Gretzky**



Wayne Gretzky is the greatest hockey player of all time. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer in points, goals, and assists. He also holds the record for most assists in a single season (163) and most points in a single season (215). Gretzky led the Edmonton Oilers to four Stanley Cup championships in the 1980s and was named the NHL's MVP eight times.

2. **Mario Lemieux**



Mario Lemieux was one of the most dominant players in the NHL during the 1980s and 1990s. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among right wingers and is second only to Wayne Gretzky in points per game. Lemieux led the Pittsburgh Penguins to two Stanley Cup championships in the 1990s and was named the NHL's MVP six times.

3. **Sidney Crosby**



Sidney Crosby is one of the best players in the NHL today. He is the captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins and has led the team to three Stanley Cup championships. Crosby is a two-time Hart Trophy winner and is considered by many to be the best player in the world.

4. **Alexander Ovechkin**



Alexander Ovechkin is one of the most prolific goal scorers in NHL history. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among Russian players and is fifth all-time in goals scored. Ovechkin led the Washington Capitals to the Stanley Cup championship in 2018 and has won the Maurice Richard Trophy as the NHL's leading goal scorer eight times.

5. **Connor McDavid**



Connor McDavid is one of the most exciting young players in the NHL. He is the captain of the Edmonton Oilers and has led the team to the playoffs twice. McDavid is a two-time Hart Trophy winner and is considered by many to be the best player in the world.

6. **Gordie Howe**



Gordie Howe played 32 seasons in the NHL and is one of the greatest players in hockey history. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among left wingers and is fourth all-time in goals scored. Howe led the Detroit Red Wings to four Stanley Cup championships in the 1950s and 1960s and was named the NHL's MVP six times.

7. **Bobby Orr**



Bobby Orr was one of the most dynamic defensemen in NHL history. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among defensemen and is considered by many to be the greatest defenseman of all time. Orr led the Boston Bruins to two Stanley Cup championships in the 1970s and was named the NHL's MVP three times.

8. **Guy Lafleur**



Guy Lafleur was one of the most exciting players in the NHL during the 1970s and 1980s. He is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among right wingers and is third all-time in points per game. Lafleur led the Montreal Canadiens to five Stanley Cup championships in the 1970s and was named the NHL's MVP three times.

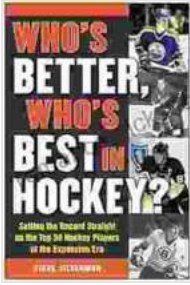
9. **Steve Yzerman**



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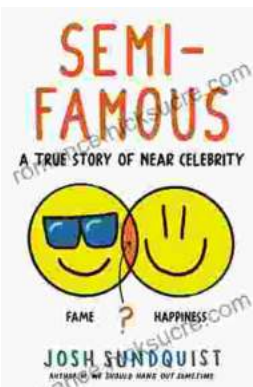


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