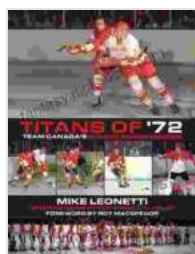


# Titans of '72: The Team Canada Summit Series Heroes



The 1972 Summit Series was a pivotal moment in hockey history, and the Team Canada players who triumphed over the Soviet Union are still hailed as heroes today. This article takes a closer look at these legendary players, their unforgettable performances, and the lasting impact they had on the sport.



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## **The Team**

The 1972 Team Canada roster was a who's who of hockey superstars. Bobby Orr, Phil Esposito, Paul Henderson, Ken Dryden, and Yvan Cournoyer were just a few of the players who made up this formidable squad.

Coached by Harry Sinden, the team was assembled with the sole purpose of defeating the Soviet Union, who were at the time considered to be the best hockey team in the world.

## **The Series**

The Summit Series was a best-of-eight series, with four games played in Canada and four in the Soviet Union. The first four games were played in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, and the Soviet Union won three of them.

The series then shifted to Moscow, where the Soviets won the first game. However, Team Canada rallied to win the next three games, including a dramatic 6-5 victory in the eighth and deciding game.

## **The Heroes**

There were many heroes on the 1972 Team Canada roster, but a few players stood out for their exceptional performances.

Bobby Orr was the undisputed star of the series. He led all players in scoring with 12 points (3 goals, 9 assists), and he was a force on both ends of the ice. Paul Henderson was another key player for Team Canada. He scored the winning goal in the eighth game of the series, and he was also a key contributor on the penalty kill.

Phil Esposito was the team's leading scorer during the regular season, and he continued to produce in the Summit Series. He scored 7 goals and added 6 assists in 8 games.

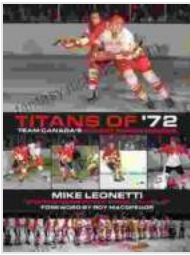
Ken Dryden was the team's starting goaltender, and he was a major factor in Canada's victory. He allowed only 13 goals in 8 games, and he made several key saves in the final game of the series.

## **The Legacy**

The 1972 Summit Series is still considered to be one of the greatest moments in hockey history. It was a major victory for Canada, and it helped to restore the country's pride in its national sport.

The players from the 1972 Team Canada team are still hailed as heroes today. They are remembered for their exceptional skills, their determination, and their unwavering belief in themselves. They are an inspiration to hockey players of all ages, and their story continues to be told and retold.

The 1972 Team Canada Summit Series was a defining moment in hockey history. The players who triumphed over the Soviet Union are still hailed as heroes today, and their legacy will continue to inspire hockey players for generations to come.



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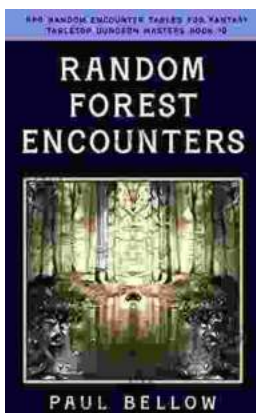
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