



Chicago Blackhawk Dates to Remember

November 22, 1917 — The National Hockey League is organized in Montreal.

September 25, 1926 — The city of Chicago receives NHL franchise. The team owner is Major Frederic McLaughlin, a coffee baron.

November 17, 1926 — The newly formed Chicago Blackhawk Hockey Team plays its first game ever at the Chicago Coliseum vs. the Toronto St. Pats, winning 4-1.

March 28, 1929 — Chicago Stadium opens to the public with a boxing match. The Stadium is the enterprise of Paddy Harmon, a sports promoter, built at the cost of \$6,000,000.

December 15, 1929 — The Chicago Blackhawks play their first game at Chicago Stadium. They win 3-1 over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

December 18, 1932 — The Chicago Bears defeat Portsmouth 9-0 for the NFL's first title game played at Chicago Stadium.

March 14, 1933 — Only forfeit in Blackhawk history. Score read 3-2 when the players refuse to return to the ice after their Coach, Tom Gorman, is ejected by Referee Bill Stewart. Boston was awarded a 1-0 forfeit victory by Stewart.

March 19, 1933 — First afternoon game ever in NHL is played in Chicago. Detroit defeats Chicago 4-3.

April 10, 1934 — Blackhawks win their first Stanley Cup, defeating Detroit 1-0 in the 2nd overtime period. Harold "Mush" March gets the game-winner.

June 13, 1934 — Outstanding Blackhawk goaltender Charlie Gardiner dies of a brain tumor at age 29, just eight weeks after the team wins the Stanley Cup.

March 8, 1937 — Howie Morenz dies of a heart attack in a Montreal hospital 39 days after suffering a broken leg in a game vs. Blackhawks.

April 3, 1938 — Alfie Moore plays his one and only game as a Blackhawk against Toronto in a Stanley Cup game and helps the team beat the Leafs 3-1.

April 12, 1938 — Blackhawks win 2nd Stanley Cup defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-1.

March 18, 1940 — The first chartered flight in NHL history occurs as the Chicago Blackhawks fly to Toronto for the first round of the Stanley Cup Finals.

March 4, 1941 — Sam Lo Presti makes 80 saves on 83 shots against Boston; however, the Blackhawks lose to the Bruins 3-2.

March 16, 1941 — Blackhawk coach Paul Thompson, pulls goaltender Sam Lo Presti for an extra attacker, in the season's final regular season game. This is the first time the tactic is used in an NHL game.

January 28, 1943 — Max Bentley scores 7 points (4-3=7) vs NY Rangers.

February 20, 1944 — A "perfect game" is played at the Chicago Stadium between the Blackhawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs. The game ended in a scoreless tie (0-0) and there were no penalties called.

December 17, 1944 — Major F. McLaughlin, first owner of the Blackhawks, dies.

February 23, 1947 — 20,004 fans see goaltender Emile Francis debut against Boston at the Stadium.

November 4, 1947 — The Blackhawks trade Max Bentley to Toronto for Gus Bodnar, Gaye Stewart, Bob Goldham, Bud Poile, and Ernie Dickens.

November 3, 1948 — Chicago hosts its first All-Star game as the All-Stars defeat Toronto 3-1.

January 17, 1952 — Bill Mosienko scores his 200th career goal.

March 23, 1952 — Bill Mosienko scores three goals in 21 seconds—an NHL record.

September 11, 1952 — Bill Tobin sells his controlling interest in the Blackhawks to the owners of Chicago Stadium: James Norris, James D. Norris, and Arthur M. Wirtz.

December 4, 1952 — James Norris dies of a heart attack.

July 8, 1954 — Tommy Ivan is named General Manager of the Blackhawks.

December 18, 1954 — Rocket Richard scores his 400th goal in Chicago Stadium.

January 5, 1957 — CBS televises the first network hockey game and introduced "Peter Puck" to audiences. The NY Rangers defeated Chicago 4-1.

November 7, 1959 — Jacques Plante wears a face mask for the first time in an NHL game at Montreal Forum as the Blackhawks battle the Montreal Canadiens to a 2-2 tie.

January 19, 1960 — Blackhawk Captain Ed Litzenberger and his wife are involved in an auto accident. Litzenberger is seriously injured and his wife is killed.

March 26, 1961 — Murray Balfour scores at 52:12 of a Stanley Cup overtime game to beat Montreal 2-1.

April 16, 1961 — Blackhawks win their 3rd Stanley Cup defeating the Detroit Red Wings 5-1.

October 7, 1961 — The All-Stars defeat the Blackhawks 3-1 in the 2nd All-Star Game played in Chicago.



January 17, 1962 — Glenn Hall plays his 500th consecutive game (including playoffs) in goal. He is honored before the game.

November 7, 1962 — Glenn Hall's regular season NHL record streak of 502 consecutive games ends after he leaves the game with a pinched nerve.

February 25, 1966 — James D. Norris, co-owner of the Chicago Blackhawks, dies at age 59. William Wirtz assumes the position of President.

March 12, 1966 — Bobby Hull becomes the first player to score more than 50 goals in a season when he notches his 51st in the 3rd period vs. the NY Rangers and goaltender Cesare Maniago.

March 12, 1967 — Blackhawks clinch first place as regular season NHL champions and receive Prince of Wales Trophy for the first time in team history.

May 15, 1967 — Chicago trades Phil Esposito, Ken Hodge, and Fred Stanfield to Boston for Gilles Marotte, Pit Martin, and Jack Norris in one of the biggest trades in franchise history.

January 30, 1969 — Blackhawks win their biggest shutout ever; 12-0 at Philadelphia.

June 15, 1969 — Blackhawks claim rookie goaltender Tony Esposito from the Montreal Canadiens for \$25,000.

February 21, 1970 — Bobby Hull scores his 500th career goal against the New York Rangers' goaltender Ed Giacomin.

March 29, 1970 — Tony Esposito records his 15th shutout of the season setting a modern day shutout record.

April 5, 1970 — Chicago defeats Montreal 10-2 in the final game of the regular season to take first place after a last place finish the previous season.

January 19, 1971 — Eleven Blackhawks on West All-Star squad beat East 2-1 in Minnesota.

March 25, 1972 — Bobby Hull scores his 600th career goal against the Boston Bruins' goaltender Gerry Cheevers.

April 2, 1972 — Bobby Hull scores his last goal as a Blackhawk, (No. 604) against Detroit and goaltender Andy Brown.

January 29, 1974 — The third All-Star Game held at Chicago Stadium pits the West Division versus the East Division. The West All-Stars prevailed 6-4.

April 6, 1975 — Blackhawks win their 1200th game with a 5-0 victory over Minnesota. It's also the 500th NHL victory for Coach Billy Reay.

February 26, 1976 — Coach Billy Reay wins his 500th game as Blackhawk coach.

February 27, 1977 — Stan Mikita scores his 500th career goal against the Vancouver Canucks' goaltender Cesare Maniago.

March 13, 1979 — Blackhawks and Atlanta Flames complete an eight player trade. The Blackhawks acquired Tom Lysiak, Harold Phillipoff, Pat Ribble, Greg Fox and Miles Zaharko, in exchange for Ivan Boldirev, Phil Russell and Darcy Rota.

October 19, 1980 — The Blackhawks retire the first jersey in team history, honoring hockey great, Stan Mikita, No. 21.

February 3, 1982 — Grant Mulvey records a 5-2=7 point game against St. Louis. The 5 goals set a new team record and the 7 points ties Max Bentley's team record 4-3=7 point game of January 28, 1943.

March 22, 1982 — Denis Savard breaks Bobby Hull's single season point record of 107 points. Savard finishes the season with 32-87=119 points.

April 4, 1982 — Doug Wilson scores his 39th goal — a record for Blackhawk defenseman.

May 10, 1982 — The Blackhawk farm team, the Moncton (New Brunswick) Hawks, captures the AHL Calder Cup. Coach Orval Tessier is chosen as the top AHL coach for 1981-82.

March 20, 1983 — Al Secord became the second Blackhawk in team history to score 50 goals in a season. Al scored his 50th goal against Mike Palmateer and the Toronto Maple Leafs at Chicago Stadium.

July 21, 1983 — Arthur Wirtz, owner and Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Blackhawks, dies.

October 30, 1983 — Blackhawk forward Tom Lysiak receives a 20-game suspension, the second longest suspension in NHL history.

December 18, 1983 — The Chicago Blackhawks retire the second jersey in team history: No. 9, honoring the "Golden Jet" Bobby Hull.

June 18, 1988 — Blackhawks sign free agent goalies Bob Mason and Ed Belfour.

November 20, 1988 — The Blackhawks retire Glenn Hall's No. 1 jersey and Tony Esposito's No. 35 jersey in a ceremony honoring both goaltenders.

March 4, 1990 — Bob Murray plays his 1,000th NHL game, all in a Blackhawk uniform.

May 25, 1990 — The Blackhawk farm team, the Indianapolis Ice, captures the IHL Turner Cup. Coach Darryl Sutter is chosen as the IHL Coach of the Year.

January 19, 1991 — Chicago Stadium hosted the NHL All-Star game just days after the beginning of the Persian Gulf War. Thousands of flag-waving fans cheer during a stirring National Anthem.

February 23, 1991 — Michel Goulet reaches the 1,000 point mark in the NHL while wearing a Blackhawk uniform. He gains his 1,000th point at Minnesota with his third goal of the night. He becomes the 30th player in NHL history to reach this milestone.



March 14, 1991 — Ed Belfour sets the Blackhawk record for wins in a single season as he records his 39th win in a 6-3 victory over Los Angeles. Belfour surpasses Tony Esposito's old mark of 38 set in 1969-70.

March 31, 1991 — The Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-1 to win their first President's Trophy as regular season champions.

February 16, 1992 — Michel Goulet scores his 500th career goal while wearing a Blackhawk uniform vs Calgary at Chicago Stadium. He becomes only the 17th player in NHL history to reach the milestone.

March 7, 1992 — Jeremy Roenick becomes the third Blackhawk to score 50 goals in a season, netting the game-winner in a 2-1 victory against the Bruins. Roenick, who is the first American born Blackhawk to reach the milestone, does so in his hometown of Boston.

May 22, 1992 — The Blackhawks win their eleventh straight playoff game, a team record with a 5-1 victory at Edmonton. The victory gives the Blackhawks a berth in the Stanley Cup Finals.

October 6, 1993 — The Florida Panthers play their first NHL game, meeting the Blackhawks at Chicago Stadium. The game ends in a 4-4 tie.

April 14, 1994 — The Blackhawks played their final regular season game at Chicago Stadium against Toronto. The Maple Leafs spoiled the Hawks' evening with a 6-4 victory. The game was preceded by a half-hour ceremony in which the four banners commemorating the Blackhawks' retired jerseys were lowered and presented to each player.

April 28, 1994 — Game 6 of the Western Conference Quarterfinals against Toronto marks the final hockey game played in the Chicago Stadium. The Maple Leafs win the game 1-0 and the series 4-games-to-2.

January 25, 1995 — The Blackhawks play the first hockey game at the United Center and they defeat the Edmonton Oilers 5-1. Joe Murphy scores the first goal in the United Center.

May 3, 1995 — Blackhawks finish the 48-game regular season allowing 115 goals for a 2.37 GAA, capturing the Jennings Trophy (lowest GAA) for the third time in 5 years.

February 22, 1996 — Blackhawk winger Tony Amonte records the first hat trick in the United Center against the St. Louis Blues in the 53rd game played at the UC.

August 16, 1996 — Blackhawks trade Jeremy Roenick to Phoenix for Alex Zhamnov, Craig Mills and a 1997 first-round draft pick.

November 5, 1996 — Blackhawk Executive Vice President Arthur Michael Wirtz Jr. dies at the age of 62.

February 15, 1997 — Blackhawks set a franchise single-game attendance record by drawing 22,819 to the United Center for a matinee against the N.Y. Rangers.

March 19, 1998 — The Blackhawks retire Denis Savard's No. 18 sweater at the United Center prior to the game against Montreal — Savard's hometown team and the team he won the Stanley Cup with in 1993. Savard becomes the fifth Blackhawk to have his number retired.

April 18, 1998 — The NHL's regular season ends and the Blackhawks fail to qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the first time since 1969, ending a 28-year streak of qualifying for the playoffs.

June 24, 1999 — Blackhawk Vice President Thomas N. Ivan dies at the age of 88.

October 5, 2000 — Blackhawks open their 75th season at Buffalo.

October 12, 2000 — Blackhawks unveil 75th Anniversary Statue "Badge of Honor" and announce 75th Anniversary All-Star Team as selected by the fans: Left Wing: Bobby Hull, Dennis Hull, Al Secord; Center: Stan Mikita, Jeremy Roenick, Denis Savard; Right Wing: Tony Amonte, Steve Larmer, Harold "Mush" March; Defense: Chris Chelios, Keith Magnuson, Pierre Pilote, Pat Stapleton, Bill White, Doug Wilson; Goaltenders: Ed Belfour, Tony Esposito, Glenn Hall; Coaches: Mike Keenan, Bob Pulford, Billy Reay. Players and Coaches for the 75th Anniversary All-Star Team are listed in alphabetical order by position.

October 21, 2000 — Blackhawks play 5,000th game in franchise history at St. Louis.

December 15, 2003 — Keith Magnuson, former Blackhawk defenseman and President of the Blackhawk Alumni Association, dies in a tragic automobile accident in suburban Toronto.

August 5, 2005 — The Blackhawks sign free agent goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin to a 4-year, \$27 million deal, the largest contract in Blackhawk history.

Chicago Blackhawks Top 10 Attendance Dates

1. 22,819 February 15, 1997 vs. New York Rangers
2. 22,738 June 8, 1995 vs. Detroit (Playoffs)
3. 22,709 June 6, 1995 vs. Detroit (Playoffs)
4. 22,647 April 17, 1999 vs. Detroit
5. 22,644 March 8, 1997 vs. Phoenix
6. 22,640 January 27, 1996 vs. Detroit
7. 22,609 February 22, 1996 vs. St. Louis
8. 22,540 March 3, 1996 vs. Detroit
9. 22,537 April 4, 1998 vs. Detroit
10. 22,532 February 12, 1999 vs. Detroit