

= Hughie Lehman =

Frederick Hugh " Old Eagle Eyes " Lehman ( October 27 , 1885 ? April 12 , 1961 ) was a Canadian professional ice hockey goaltender . He started his ice hockey career playing for the Pembroke Lumber Kings and the Berlin Dutchmen . In 1911 , Lehman joined the New Westminster Royals , playing for the Royals for three seasons , before joining the Vancouver Millionaires in 1914 . Lehman played half of his 22 @-@ year professional career with Vancouver , winning his only Stanley Cup ; he would be unsuccessful in seven other attempts . In 1926 , he joined the Chicago Black Hawks of the National Hockey League ( NHL ) , playing a full season and splitting the second one as player and head coach . Although some ice hockey historians credit Jacques Plante for originating the practice , Lehman was the first goaltender to regularly pass the puck to his fellow forwards and defensemen ; he even scored a goal by shooting the puck in the opponent 's net while playing for the Professionals . He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1958 .

= = Playing career = =

Lehman began his playing career in 1903 ? 04 , playing for the Pembroke Lumber Kings of the Ottawa Valley Hockey League ( OVHL ) for the first three seasons of his career . In the 1906 ? 07 season , Lehman was signed as free agent by the Canadian Soo of the International Professional Hockey League ( IPHL ) ; the IPHL was the first fully professional ice hockey league . Lehman returned to Pembroke for the 1907 ? 08 season , appearing in four games . For the 1908 ? 09 season , Lehman joined the Berlin Dutchmen of the Ontario Professional Hockey League ( OPHL ) . In the 1909 ? 10 season , Lehman was in two different Stanley Cup playoff series , with two different teams , the Berlin Dutchmen and the Galt Professionals , but he lost both times . During those playoff series , he appeared in three games , giving up 22 goals . Lehman played with the Berlin Dutchmen until 1911 .

In 1911 ? 12 , Lehman played for the New Westminster Royals of the newly founded Pacific Coast Hockey Association ( PCHA ) . He played three seasons for New Westminster , winning the league championship in his first season . In 1914 ? 15 , Lehman joined the Vancouver Millionaires of the PCHA . In his first season with the Millionaires , Lehman posted a 14 ? 3 record , with a 4 @.@ 08 goals @-@ against average , which was a very good average in an era when goaltenders were not allowed to drop on their knees to make a save . In the Stanley Cup playoffs , Lehman helped the Millionaires become the first PCHA team to win the Stanley Cup , with a 3 ? 0 record and 2 @.@ 67 goals against average . This would be the only Stanley Cup victory of Lehman 's career , as he was on the losing side in seven other attempts . The Millionaires squad consisted of seven future members of the Hockey Hall of Fame when they won the Cup : Lehman , Frank Nighbor , Cyclone Taylor , Si Griffis , Barney Stanley , Frank Patrick , and Mickey MacKay .

Lehman played with the Millionaires until the 1925 ? 26 season . During that time , Lehman and some of his teammates were involved in a humorous incident when going back to Canada after an exhibition game against the Montreal Wanderers in New York City . In New York , Lehman 's wife bought numerous women 's designer outfits , after being treated to a shopping spree by him . When going back to Canada , Lehman , on the advice of Cyclone Taylor , who was both a professional ice hockey player and a Canadian immigration officer , split up all outfits among his teammates to avoid paying additional taxes he would have had to pay if he had brought all the clothing by himself at once ; this puzzled the Customs officers . In 1922 ? 23 , the Millionaires were renamed the Maroons , and joined the Western Canada Hockey League ( WCHL ) . The WCHL was renamed to the Western Hockey League in 1925 ? 26 ; however , the league disbanded at the conclusion of that season . While playing for the Millionaires , Lehman appeared in six Stanley Cup finals , losing every time , except in his first season , in 1914 ? 15 .

Following the collapse of the WHL , Lehman joined the Chicago Black Hawks for the 1926 ? 27 season . While in Chicago , Lehman mentored future Chicago goaltender and captain Charlie Gardiner . Lehman played one full season , and another four games the next one . During the 1926 season , Lehman became the oldest goaltender to win his first NHL game .

= = Coaching career = =

During the 1927 ? 28 season , Black Hawks owner and manager Frederic McLaughlin was sketching some plays for his team ; after Lehman was shown the plays by McLaughlin , Lehman responded by calling it " the craziest bunch of junk [ he 's ] ever seen " . Expecting to be fired after that outburst , Lehman was later told to go to McLaughlin 's office . It was how Lehman 's playing career ended : McLaughlin appointed Lehman to be Chicago 's new head coach . Lehman coached Chicago for part of one season , finishing with a 3 ? 17 ? 1 record over 21 games . He was replaced by Herb Gardiner the following season .

= = Playing style = =

As a goaltender , Lehman was a strong skater and good puckhandler . He chased down loose pucks , and was able to pass the puck to his forwards , surprising the other team 's defenders . Playing in the OPHL , Lehman scored a goal by shooting the puck in the opponent 's net . The first NHL goaltender to duplicate such a feat was Ron Hextall , who did it in 1987 .

= = Legacy = =

After retiring from ice hockey , Lehman worked in the road construction business , eventually becoming the president of a paving company . Lehman was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1958 .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =

= = Coaching record = =