

= Hap Holmes =

Harry George " Hap " Holmes (February 21 , 1892 ? June 27 , 1941) was a Canadian professional ice hockey goaltender . As a professional , Holmes won the Stanley Cup four times , with four different teams . He tied the record of his 1914 Stanley Cup winning Toronto Blueshirts teammate Jack Marshall , who also won Cups with four different teams . No other player has duplicated this record .

Holmes played as an amateur for three season with the Parkdale Canoe Club of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) from 1908 to 1911 , before joining the professional Toronto Blueshirts of the National Hockey Association (NHA) in 1912 ? 13 . Holmes won the first of his four Stanley Cups in 1914 . Although being under contract to the Blueshirts , Holmes joined the Seattle Metropolitans of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association (PCHA) for the 1915 ? 16 season , winning his second Stanley Cup (1917) in his second season with the Metropolitans . For the 1917 ? 18 season , Holmes ended up playing for the Torontos (the following year renamed as the Toronto Arenas) of the National Hockey League (NHL) through a series of loans by other teams . Holmes won his third Stanley Cup in his only full season with the Torontos . After playing two games in the 1918 @-@ 19 season for the Toronto Arenas , Holmes would be recalled by the Metropolitans . Holmes played for the Metropolitans for the next six seasons , until the team folded . In the 1924 ? 25 season , Holmes joined the Victoria Cougars of the West Coast Hockey League (WCHL / WHL) . Holmes played for the Cougars for two seasons , winning the Stanley Cup for his fourth and last time . After the WCHL / WHL league folded , Holmes joined the Detroit Cougars of the NHL , playing with the Cougars for two seasons before retiring .

Holmes was a stand @-@ up style goaltender ; later on in his career , Holmes wore a cap when in goal to protect his head from objects thrown by spectators , as it presented a tempting target to them . Holmes coached minor @-@ league teams after his retirement , notably the Toronto Millionaires of the Canadian Professional Hockey League (CPHL) and the Cleveland Indians of the International Hockey League (IHL) . Holmes died on June 27 , 1941 , near Fort Lauderdale , Florida and was inducted posthumously into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1972 .

= = Amateur career = =

Harry " Hap " Holmes , alternatively nicknamed " Happy " , started playing ice hockey as an amateur with the Parkdale Canoe Club in the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) in the 1908 ? 09 season . He played with Parkdale for three seasons , for 11 regular season games and two playoff games . In his first season with the Parkdale Canoe Club , Holmes lost all three games in which he appeared , giving up 22 goals over that stretch . The following season , Holmes appeared in four games , winning and losing two games apiece . Over the 1909 ? 10 season , Holmes gave up 26 goals . In 1910 ? 11 , his last season with the Parkdale Canoe Club , he appeared in four regular season games once more , winning three and losing one , while giving up only 12 goals over those games . In the playoffs , Holmes played two games , losing one and tying the other , surrendering nine goals . In the 1911 ? 12 season , Holmes appeared in only one exhibition game , as the Toronto Blueshirts were unable to play due to the slow completion of their artificial ice . Holmes played a game for the Toronto Tecumsehs , conceding three goals in a victory .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Toronto Blueshirts = = =

Holmes began his professional career playing for the Toronto Blueshirts of the National Hockey Association (NHA) in 1912 ? 13 . Holmes played with the Blueshirts for three seasons . In his first season with the Blueshirts , Holmes had a 6 ? 7 (win @-@ loss) record over 15 games with a shutout , and a 4 @.@ 47 goals @-@ against average . The Blueshirts ended up missing the

playoffs . In the 1913 ? 14 season , Holmes ' second season with the Blueshirts , he won the Stanley Cup for the first time . It was the first time a Toronto @-@ based team won the Stanley Cup . In the NHA playoffs , Holmes won one out of two games , and recorded a 1 @.@ 00 goals @-@ against average and one shutout ; in the Stanley Cup final , Holmes won all three games and finished with a 2 @.@ 59 goals @-@ against average . The next season , the Blueshirts missed the playoffs , as Holmes had only eight victories over 20 games , ending up with a 4 @.@ 18 goals @-@ against average .

= = = First stint with the Seattle Metropolitans = = =

In the 1915 ? 16 season , Holmes signed with the Seattle Metropolitans of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association (PCHA) , although he was still under contract to the Blueshirts . In his first season with the Metropolitans , Holmes played 18 games . He finished with a 9 ? 9 record , with no shutouts and a 3 @.@ 67 goals @-@ against average . That season , the Metropolitans missed the playoffs . In his sophomore season , Holmes posted a 16 ? 8 record over 24 games , with two shutouts and a 3 @.@ 28 goals @-@ against average . In the Stanley Cup finals , Holmes posted a 3 ? 1 record with a 2 @.@ 75 goals @-@ against average , en route to the Metropolitans ' only Stanley Cup win . The Metropolitans became the first American @-@ based team to win the Stanley Cup .

= = = Torontos / Toronto Arenas = = =

In November 1917 , Holmes signed as a free agent with the Montreal Wanderers . The Wanderers , in turn , loaned Holmes back to Seattle on December 12 , 1917 . On January 4 , 1918 , the Metropolitans returned Holmes under loan to the Torontos , now in the newly formed NHL . In his only full season with the Torontos / Arenas , Holmes appeared in 16 regular season games , posting a 9 ? 7 record , with a 4 @.@ 73 goals @-@ against average and no shutouts . In the NHL playoffs , Holmes played two games , winning and losing one apiece . In the Stanley Cup finals , Holmes had a 3 ? 2 record over five games , with a 4 @.@ 00 goals @-@ against average , en route to Holmes ' third Stanley Cup win . He is the only member of both the Blueshirts ' 1914 Stanley Cup win and the Torontos ' 1917 Stanley Cup win . After playing only two games with the Toronto Arenas the following season , surrendering nine goals in two losses , Holmes was recalled by the Metropolitans on December 27 , 1918 .

= = = Second stint with the Seattle Metropolitans = = =

In the 1918 ? 19 season Holmes appeared in 20 regular season games for the Metropolitans , winning 11 and losing nine , with no shutouts and a 2 @.@ 25 goals @-@ against average . In the PCHA playoffs , Holmes played two games , winning and losing one apiece , and surrendering five goals in total . The Metropolitans made the Stanley Cup finals once more . Playing against the Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League (NHL) , the series was abandoned tied at two wins apiece , because of the Spanish Influenza pandemic . Montreal could not continue the series because one of their players , Joe Hall , was severely ill with influenza ; however , the Metropolitans did not wish to accept the Cup by default . Hall eventually died on April 5 , 1919 , five days after the end of the series , in a Seattle hospital . The only draw of the series was a scoreless affair ; after playing 20 minutes of overtime , referee Mickey Ion called the game off .

In the 1919 ? 20 season , Holmes appeared in 22 games , winning 12 games , and losing 10 . He finished the season with four shutouts and a 2 @.@ 46 goals @-@ against average . In the PCHA playoffs , Holmes played two games , surrendering three goals , and ending up with a loss and a win . The Metropolitans made the Stanley Cup finals for the second straight season , playing against the Ottawa Senators of the NHL . The Metropolitans lost , and Holmes posted a 2 ? 3 record with a 3 @.@ 00 goals @-@ against average .

Holmes played the next four seasons with the Metropolitans , but failed to make the Stanley Cup final . Over that stretch , Holmes and the Metropolitans won about half the games each season .

The Metropolitans missed the playoffs in only the 1922 ? 23 season . In the 1920 ? 21 season , Holmes appeared in 24 games . He posted a 12 ? 11 ? 1 (win @-@ loss @-@ tie) record , with a 2 @.@ 63 goals @-@ against average and no shutouts . In the playoffs , he lost both games he appeared in , and let in 13 goals . The following season , he posted an identical win @-@ loss @-@ tie record in both the regular season . The only difference was a 2 @.@ 60 goals @-@ against average in the regular season , with four shutouts , and the reduction of his playoffs goals @-@ against by 11 goals . In the 1922 ? 23 season , Holmes appeared in 30 games , posting a 15 ? 15 record , with two shutouts and a 3 @.@ 45 goals @-@ against average ; however , the Metropolitans missed the playoffs that season . In the 1923 ? 24 , Holmes ' last with the Metropolitans , he appeared in 30 regular @-@ season games , posting a 14 ? 16 record , with two shutouts and a 3 @.@ 26 goals @-@ against average . Despite an extra loss , the Metropolitans made the playoffs that season . Holmes played two games , losing one and tying one , ending up with a 1 @.@ 79 goals @-@ against average .

= = = Victoria Cougars = = =

In 1924 ? 25 , after the Metropolitans folded and the rest of the PCHA merged with the WCHL , Holmes joined the Victoria Cougars . In his first season with the Cougars , Holmes posted a 16 ? 12 regular season record , with three shutouts and a 2 @.@ 25 goals @-@ against average . In the WCHL playoffs , Holmes was undefeated in four games . He had two wins and ties each , with one shutout and a 1 @.@ 75 goals @-@ against average . In the Stanley Cup final , Holmes posted a 3 ? 1 record with a 2 @.@ 00 goals @-@ against average against the Montreal Canadiens . It was the last time a non @-@ NHL team won the Stanley Cup . It was Holmes ' fourth and last Stanley Cup victory .

The following season , Holmes had a 15 ? 11 ? 4 regular season record , with four shutouts and a 1 @.@ 68 goals @-@ against average . In the WHL playoffs , Holmes nearly duplicated his results from the previous season , posting a 2 ? 0 ? 2 record , with one shutout and a 1 @.@ 45 goals @-@ against average . In the 1926 Stanley Cup final , the Cougars lost the series 3 ? 1 against the Montreal Maroons . That marked the last time a non @-@ NHL team appeared in the Stanley Cup finals , as the WHL folded after the 1926 Stanley Cup final , and its players were absorbed by the NHL . It was Holmes ' seventh and final Stanley Cup final appearance .

= = = Detroit Cougars = = =

A new NHL franchise in Detroit bought the rights to the Victoria Cougars players , and named the team the Cougars . Holmes played his last two professional seasons with the Detroit Cougars . Holmes , playing for Detroit , posted 17 shutouts in 85 appearances . Detroit failed to make the playoffs in both of Holmes ' seasons with them , as Holmes only won 30 of his 85 appearances . In Holmes ' first season with Detroit , he posted an 11 ? 26 ? 4 record , over 41 games played . Holmes had six shutouts and overall , his goals @-@ against average that season was 2 @.@ 23 . In the 1927 ? 28 season , Holmes ' final one as a professional player , he appeared in all 44 of Detroit 's games . He posted at 19 ? 19 ? 6 record , with 11 shutouts and a 1 @.@ 73 goals @-@ against average .

= = Playing style = =

As a player , Holmes wore a baseball cap in net to protect his head from spectators spitting tobacco or throwing other objects at it . Holmes was bald , and as described by the Windsor Star , " his shining bald dome presented a tempting target " . Holmes played a stand @-@ up style , and relied on proper positioning to stop the puck . Holmes ' play was consistent , and he was relaxed and nonchalant in the nets , leading some to describe his play as almost lazy .

= = Post @-@ retirement = =

After his playing career , Holmes coached minor @-@ league teams . He coached the Toronto Millionaires of the Canadian Professional Hockey League (CPHL) to a 19 ? 6 ? 7 record in the 1928 ? 29 season , and the Cleveland Indians of the International Hockey League (IHL) to a 24 ? 18 ? 6 record in the 1930 ? 31 season . The American Hockey League (AHL) named their award for the top goaltender , the Hap Holmes Memorial Award , after him . Holmes died on June 27 , 1941 . He was inducted posthumously into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1972 .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =