



VISITORS INVITED TO TOUCH THE PUCK THAT TOUCHED A NATION

Puck used to score the gold medal-winning goal at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games is available to touch at the Hockey Hall of Fame for a limited time

TORONTO (June 16, 2010) – On the final day of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games, Canadian Captain Sidney Crosby scored a goal that solidified his place in Canadian folklore forever. With time ticking down in overtime, he slid the puck past American goaltender Ryan Miller to capture hockey gold for his country.

The puck used to score that goal has been moved outside of its showcase and displayed in a custom mount enabling Hockey Hall of Fame patrons to touch and photograph the puck that 50 million people saw turn to gold.

Among the first to touch and inspect the puck was Canadian hockey legend Paul Henderson, who scored a momentous goal of his own for Canada in 1972. Henderson's game-eight goal against Russia won the historic Summit Series for Canada, and helped cement hockey's special place in the hearts of Canadians.

"This puck is symbolic of how we come together as Canadians, and how we win as a team," said Henderson. "I am very pleased that this important piece of our history will be accessible to the general public. It really belongs to all of us."

The puck that Crosby used to score his historic goal is part of the 'Double Gold' exhibit featuring the most prized artifacts from Canada's Men's and Women's Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic ice hockey triumphs, including the glove and stick used by Crosby to score his golden goal; the stick used by Jarome Iginla to set up the goal; the jersey worn by Women's Captain Hayley Wickenheiser; the tie worn by Men's Coach Mike Babcock; and a celebratory champagne bottle.

"We are thrilled to present our guests with the chance to touch an important part of hockey history," said Phil Pritchard, Curator, Hockey Hall of Fame. "Throughout the summer, visitors to the Hockey Hall of Fame can get up close with the scuffs, scratches and chips on this puck that likely will define a hockey generation."

About HHOF: Established in 1943, the Hockey Hall of Fame is a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, multimedia presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, Canada where its operations have flourished since June 1993. Its mandate is to recognize and honour the achievements of individuals who bring special distinction to the game of hockey, and to collect, preserve and exhibit objects, images and resource materials connected with the game as it is played in Canada and throughout the world.

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