



HAYLEY WICKENHEISER

Biography

Five-time Olympic medalist, Hayley Wickenheiser is regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the world with an uncompromised determination and dedication to her sport. However, it's not just her lethal slapshot that is respected by her teammates, fans and peers; Hayley is also an award winner, community leader, mentor, history-maker and an accomplished businesswoman.

It all started at age 15 in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan when Hayley was chosen for the **Canadian Women's National Team**. She has since led the squad to six gold and one silver medal at the Women's World Hockey Championships. As an Olympian, she earned a silver medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics and four Olympic gold medals in 2002, 2006, 2010 and most recently at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. For the 2014 Sochi Olympics, Hayley was selected to be the flag bearer for the Canadian Olympic team in the Opening Ceremonies. During those same Olympics it was announced that she had been elected to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes Commission. Accompanying all that hardware, Hayley was one of the top point leaders for the Sochi Tournament. She was named the tournaments' most valuable player in the 2002 and 2006 victorious Olympic runs as well as in numerous **Esso Women's Hockey Championships**.

In January 2003, Hayley made hockey history when she became the first female hockey player to notch a point in a men's professional game with the Kirkkonummen Salamat of the Finnish second division. Wickenheiser also played in Eskilstuna, Sweden with a men's professional division-one hockey team for the 08-09 season.

Hayley Wickenheiser has proven to be an elite athlete time and time again. In 2008, Sports Illustrated named her number 20 of the Top 25 Toughest Athletes in the World. She is also a two-time finalist for the Women's Sports Foundation Team Athlete of The Year and was recently named, for the second time, among the Globe and Mail's "Power 50" influencers in sport. Most recently, QMI Agency name Hayley among the top 10 "Greatest Female Athletes in the History of Sports."

Off the ice, Hayley's achievements include: Sports Illustrated number 20 of 25 Toughest Athletes in the World, a two-time finalist for the Women's Sports Foundation Team Athlete of The Year, twice named among the Globe and Mail's "Power 50" influencers in sport, and named among QMI Agency's top 10 "Greatest Female Athletes in the History of Sports."

In the fall of 2011, Hayley was bestowed one the country's highest civilian honours when she was amongst 50 notable Canadians appointed to the **Order of Canada** "for her achievements as an athlete and for her contributions to the growth of women's hockey." Most recently, she was inducted to Canada's Walk of Fame.

Along with hockey, Wickenheiser has mastered a number of sports. An elite softball player, she participated in the 2000 Summer Olympics as a member of Team Canada and worked as a Softball Analyst with CBC's coverage of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

Wickenheiser's passion for sport is matched by her desire to give back to the community in her work with organizations such as JumpStart, KidSport, Project North, Right to Play, Ovarian Cancer Canada and many others. In 2007, she travelled to Rwanda with a team of Canadian Olympic athletes for Right to Play, an athlete-driven,



global organization using the transformative power of play to educate and empower children and youth. In 2011, she returned to Africa on a similar goodwill mission to Ghana.

Putting her pursuit of a BSc at the University of Calgary to good use, Hayley has led numerous projects with the goal of raising the profile of women's hockey around the world. She is constantly working to provide mentoring opportunities for young athletes including her legacy project - The Wickenheiser World Female Hockey Festival (www.wickfest.com).

Hayley was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan and is a proud mom to her teenaged son Noah. She is currently pursuing a career in medicine.

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Yearly Highlights

1991

- Gold medal, Team Alberta at the Canada Winter Games. Scored game-winning goal and was named final game MVP

1994

- At age 15 was the youngest member named to Gold-medal winning National Team
- Gold medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships – Team Canada
- Named Most Valuable Player for NW Bantam AAA Bruins
- Received "Harley Swain Memorial Award" for Dedication to Hockey for all of Calgary's Bantam AAA Boys teams
- Named Bishop Carroll High School Junior Girls "Athlete of the Year"
- Received "All Canadian Shortstop" and "Top Batter" awards at the Canadian Midget Softball Nationals

1995

- Gold medal, Team Canada, Pacific Rim; named "Outstanding Forward" and first "Team All Star" – Team Canada
- Competed in fastball for Team Canada at the World Junior Fastball Championships
- Nominated for "Junior Canadian Female Athlete of the Year," Canadian Sports Awards
- Receive "Calgary Booster Club Special Achievement Award"
- Named one of Calgary's Channel 2&7 "Top 10 Sports Personalities of the Year"

1996

- Member of Team Canada for 3 Nations Cup in Ottawa, Ontario – Team Canada
- Gold medal, Team Canada, Pacific Rim in Richmond, BC – Team Canada
- Named MVP at the Esso Women's National Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick – Oval X-Treme

1997

- Gold medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships; Named "Tournament All Star" – Team Canada
- Silver medal, Team Canada at 3 Nations Cup in Lake Placid, New York – Team Canada
- Member of the Midget Silver Springs 76ers Midget Fastball Nationals in Whiterock, BC. Named "Top Batter" and "All Star Shortstop"
- Nominated for "Canadian Female Athlete of the Year," Canadian Sport Awards



1998

- Olympic Silver medal, Nagano, Winter Olympics – Team Canada
- Gold medal, National Women’s Under-22 Team at the 1998 Christmas Cup – Team Canada
- Gold medal, Esso Women’s National Championships; Named MVP – Oval X-Treme
- Attended the NHL’s Philadelphia Flyers rookie camp in 1998 and 1999
- Captain of Canada’s gold medal-winning National Women’s Under-22 Team at the 1998 Christmas Cup
- Member of Team Canada’s Pre-Olympic Team Tour
- Named by The Hockey News, “Top 100 Most Influential People in Hockey”

1999

- Gold medal, IIHF World Women’s Hockey Championships; Named to All Star Team – Team Canada
- Silver medal, Esso Women’s National Championships; Named MVP – Oval X-Treme
- Gold medal, 3 Nations Cup in Montreal, Quebec – Team Canada
- Member of Team Canada’s Pre-Olympic Team Tour
- Member Jolane Transport Fastball Team which went to Senior Nationals
- Attended the NHL’s Philadelphia Flyers rookie camp in 1998 and 1999

2000

- Member of Canada’s National Softball Team at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Was the second woman ever to compete in both the Summer and Winter Olympics. First ever to do it in team sports.
- Silver medal, Esso Women’s National Championships; Named MVP – Oval X-Treme
- Gold medal, IIHF World Women’s Hockey Championships; Named one of Canada’s “Top 3 Players” – Team Canada
- Gold medal, 4 Nations Cup in Provo, Utah; Named MVP – Team Canada

2001

- Gold medal, Esso Women’s National Championships – Oval X-Treme
- Received the Bruce Kidd Award for athletic leadership at the 2001 Canadian Sports Awards
- Started “Wickenheiser on 1 Tour” touring 12 cities and played with 3,000 female players focusing on skill development
- Hometown of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan erected “Home of Hayley Wickenheiser” signage at Homecoming Bash that helped raise more than \$30,000 for a new rink in that community.
- Named to Team Canada for IIHF World Women’s Hockey Championships, but missed event due to knee injury suffered during Esso National Championships



- Nominated for “Canadian Female Athlete of the Year”

2002

- Gold medal, Salt Lake City, Winter Olympics; Name MVP and was leading scorer – Team Canada
- Played a season in Finland with HC Salamat (men’s team) in Division II
- Named by The Hockey News, “Top 100 Most Influential People in Hockey”
- Named “#1 Player in the World” by The Globe and Mail

2003

- Silver medal, 4 Nations Cup in Skovde, Sweden – Team Canada
- Began the season playing with HC Salamat, in the Finnish Division I men’s league
- Became the first woman to score a goal in a men’s professional league on January 31, 2003 -- a feat that earned her the 96th story in the IIHF’s Top 100 international hockey stories of the past 100 years
- Created and starred in “One of the Boys,” a documentary about her Finnish experience
- Named by The Hockey News, “Top 100 Most Influential People in Hockey”
- Named to “MacLean’s Honour Roll” and was featured on the cover of the magazine
- Named one of Globe and Mail’s “Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Canada”

2004

- Gold medal, IIHF World Women’s Hockey Championships; Named MVP and scored winning goal – Team Canada
- Gold medal, 4 Nations Cup in Lake Placid, New York – Team Canada
- Gold medal, Esso Women’s National Championships – Oval X-Treme
- Played with Salamat 1st Division Mestis
- Named by The Hockey News, “Top 100 Most Influential People in Hockey”
- Named among the “Top 50 Most Influential Albertans” by Venture Business Magazine
- Received Honourary Doctor of Letters (Honours CAUSA) from Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario
- Received Honourary Doctor of Letters, Arts and Sciences Nipissing University
- Named “Woman of Influence” by CAAWS (Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport)
- Hayley Wickenheiser: Born to Play, a biography of her career written by Elizabeth Etue was written and published by KidsCan Press

2005

- Silver medal, IIHF World Women’s Hockey Championships – Team Canada
- Gold medal, first-ever WWHL Championship game – Oval X-Treme



- Leading Scorer in the Western Women's Hockey League and named to WWHL All Star Team - Oval X-Treme
- Scored her 100th international career goal on August 31, 2005 in a 3-1 victory over Sweden, making her the first Canadian to reach that milestone
- Named by The Hockey News, "Top 100 Most Influential People in Hockey"
- Worked with second largest company in Canada, EnCana Corporation to develop "Battle of the Border" a six-game series that against the US Selects which has since toured into more than 26 communities and raised over half a million dollars for Minor Hockey Associations, and charities who benefit women, family and children.

2006

- Gold medal, Torino Winter Olympics; Leading Scorer for Team Canada and named MVP
- WWHL Championship Team - Oval X-Treme
- Gold medal, Team Alberta at 2007 Esso Women's Nationals in Salmon Arm, BC
- Nominated as Finalist for 2006 Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation, founded by Billie Jean King
- Appeared as judge on CBC's Kraft Hockeyville with other judges including Catriona LeMay Doan, Mike Bossy and Glen Anderson
- Sportsplex in her hometown of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan was renamed Wickenheiser Place in honour of her athletic accomplishments

2007

- Gold medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships; Named MVP and Media All Star – Team Canada
- Gold medal, Esso Women's National Championships – Oval X-Treme
- WWHL Championship Team - Oval X-Treme
- Received Bobbie Rosenfeld Award as Canadian Press Female Athlete of the Year
- The community of Silver Springs in Calgary dedicated an outdoor rink in her name – called Hayley's Rink
- In May 2007, she travelled to Rwanda with four other Olympians as part of Right to Play

2008

- Silver medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships – Team Canada
- Played with Eskilstuna Linden, a third-division men's professional team in Sweden
- Named one of Sports Illustrated Top 20 "Toughest Athletes"
- Named MVP at the 2008 Esso Women's Nationals in Charlottetown, PEI – Oval X-Treme
- Named to the All-Star Team



- Worked on CBC's Beijing Summer Olympics as analyst for Women's Softball

2009

- Silver medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships; Named Top Forward – Team Canada
- Gold medal – 4 Nations Cup, Verimaki, Finland – Team Canada
- First player to notch 200 games played with the Women's National Team

2010

- Gold medal, Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics
- First player on the Canadian women's hockey team to break the 300 career-point barrier
- Establishes the First Annual Wickenheiser International Women's Hockey Festival in Burnaby, BC
- Published Olympic memoir "Gold Medal Diary: Inside the World's Greatest Sporting Event"

2011

- Silver medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships; Named to All Star Team – Team Canada
- Named CIS' Canada West Most Valuable Player, Player of the Year, and won the Broderick Trophy
- Named Officer of the Order of Canada by the Governor General

2012

- Named to The Globe and Mail's Top 50 Power List
- Gold medal, CIS Championships, University of Calgary Dinos
- Named University of Calgary Dinos Female Athlete of the Year
- Gold medal, IIHF World Women's Hockey Championships; Captain and All Star – Team Canada
- Named Capital One Academic All America of the Year (3.96 GPA)
- Canada West CIS MVP
- Recipient of Queen's Jubilee Medal

2013

- Graduated from the University of Calgary with a BSc in Kinesiology
- Silver medal at 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship



2014

- Canadian Olympic Team flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games
- Gold Medal, Sochi Olympic 2014 Winter Games
- Elected to IOC Athletes Commission