

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOV. 22, 1917

The National Hockey League is organized in Montreal.

SEPT. 25, 1926

The city of Chicago receives an NHL franchise. The team owner is Major Frederic McLaughlin, a coffee baron.

NOV. 17, 1926

The newly-formed Chicago Blackhawks hockey team plays its first game ever at the Chicago Coliseum against the Toronto St. Patricks, 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 million.

DEC. 15, 1929

The Chicago Blackhawks play their first game at Chicago Stadium. They win 3-1 over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

DEC. 18, 1932

The Chicago Bears defeat Portsmouth 9-0 in the first NFL title game played at Chicago Stadium.

MARCH 14, 1933

The only forfeit in Blackhawks history occurs when the players refuse to return to the ice after their coach, Tom Gorman, was ejected by referee Bill Stewart. Although the score reads 3-2, Boston is awarded a 1-0 forfeit victory.

MARCH 19, 1933

The first afternoon game in NHL history is played in Chicago. Detroit defeats Chicago 4-3.

APRIL 10, 1934

The Blackhawks win their first Stanley Cup, defeating Detroit 1-0 in the second overtime period. Harold "Mush" March gets the game-winner.

JUNE 13, 1934

Outstanding Blackhawks goaltender Charlie Gardiner dies of a brain tumor at age 29, just eight weeks after the team won the Stanley Cup.

MARCH 8, 1937

Overtime Blackhawk Howie Morenz dies of a heart attack in a Montreal hospital 39 days after suffering a broken leg in a game against the Blackhawks.

APRIL 3, 1938

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

APRIL 12, 1938

The Blackhawks win their second Stanley Cup, defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Final 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 Final.

MARCH 4, 1941

Goaltender Sam LoPresti makes an NHL-record 80 saves on 83 shots against Boston; however, the Blackhawks lose to the Bruins 3-2.

MARCH 16, 1941

Blackhawks coach Paul Thompson pulls goaltender Sam LoPresti for an extra attacker in the season's final regular-season game, the first time the tactic is used in an NHL game.

JAN. 28, 1943

Max Bentley scores seven points (4G, 3A) against the New York Rangers.

FEB. 20, 1944

A "perfect game" is played at Chicago Stadium between the Blackhawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs. The game ends in a scoreless tie, and there are no penalties called.

DEC. 17, 1944

Major Frederic McLaughlin, first owner of the Blackhawks, passes away.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 23, 1947

Goaltender Emile Francis debuts at Chicago Stadium against Boston in front of 20,004 fans.

NOV. 4, 1947

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

NOV. 3, 1948

Chicago hosts its first All-Star Game, as the All-Stars defeat Toronto 3-1.

JAN. 17, 1952

Bill Mosienko scores his 200th career goal.

MARCH 23, 1952

Bill Mosienko scores three goals in 21 seconds, an NHL record.

SEPT. 11, 1952

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

DEC. 4, 1952

James E. Norris dies of a heart attack.

JULY 8, 1954

Tommy Ivan is named general manager of the Blackhawks.

DEC. 18, 1954

Maurice "Rocket" Richard scores his 400th goal in Chicago Stadium.

JAN. 5, 1957

CBS televises the first network hockey game and introduces "Peter Puck" to audiences, as the New York Rangers defeat Chicago 4-1.

JAN. 19, 1960

Blackhawks 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 in the third overtime period of a Stanley Cup Playoffs game to beat Montreal 2-1.

APRIL 16, 1961

Blackhawks win a third Stanley Cup, defeating the Detroit Red Wings 5-1 in Game 6 of the Final.

OCT. 7, 1961

The All-Stars defeat the Blackhawks 3-1 in the second All-Star Game played in Chicago.

JAN. 17, 1962

Glenn Hall plays his 500th consecutive game, playoffs included, in goal. He is honored for his achievement before the game.

NOV. 7, 1962

Glenn Hall's regular-season NHL record of 502 consecutive games ends after he leaves the game with a pinched nerve.

FEB. 25, 1966

James D. Norris, co-owner of the Chicago Blackhawks, dies at age 59. William (Bill) 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 third period against New York Rangers goaltender Cesare Maniago.

MARCH 12, 1967

The Blackhawks clinch first place as regular-season NHL champions and receive the 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.

JAN. 30, 1969

The Blackhawks record their biggest shutout ever, winning 12-0 at Philadelphia.

JUNE 15, 1969

The Blackhawks claim rookie goaltender Tony Esposito from the Montreal Canadiens for \$25,000.

FEB. 21, 1970

Bobby Hull scores his 500th career goal against 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.

JAN. 19, 1971

The Blackhawks place 11 players on the West All-Star squad, which defeats the East 2-1 in Minnesota.

MARCH 25, 1972

Bobby Hull scores his 600th career goal against Boston Bruins goaltender Gerry Cheevers.

APRIL 2, 1972

Bobby Hull scores his last goal as a Blackhawk, No. 604, against Detroit Red Wings goaltender Andy Brown.

JAN. 29, 1974

The third All-Star Game held at Chicago Stadium pits the West Division against the East Division. The West All-Stars prevail 6-4.

APRIL 6, 1975

The Blackhawks win their 1,200th game with a 5-0 result over Minnesota. It is also the 500th NHL victory overall for Head Coach Billy Reay.

FEB. 26, 1976

Billy Reay wins his 500th game as head coach of the Blackhawks, a 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

FEB. 27, 1977

Stan Mikita scores his 500th career goal against Vancouver Canucks goaltender Cesare Maniago.

MARCH 13, 1979

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

OCT. 19, 1980

The Blackhawks retire the first jersey in team history, honoring Stan Mikita's No. 21.

FEB. 3, 1982

Grant Mulvey records seven points (5G, 2A) against St. Louis, setting a new team record for goals. His seven points also tie Max Bentley's franchise-record game total (4G, 3A), set on Jan. 28, 1943.

MARCH 22, 1982

Denis Savard breaks Bobby Hull's single-season record of 107 points. He finishes the season with 119 points (52G, 87A).

APRIL 4, 1982

Doug Wilson scores his 39th goal, setting a record for Blackhawks defensemen.

MAY 10, 1982

Chicago's farm team, the New Brunswick Hawks, captures the AHL Calder Cup. Orval Tessier is chosen as the top AHL head coach for 1981-82.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 20, 1983

Al Secord becomes the second Blackhawk in team history to score 50 goals in a season. Secord 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, passes away.

OCT. 30, 1983

Blackhawk forward Tom Lysiak receives a 20 game suspension for tripping a game referee, the third longest in NHL history.

DEC. 18, 1983

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

JUNE 18, 1988

Blackhawks sign free agent goalies Bob Mason and Ed Belfour.

NOV. 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 Blackhawks uniform.

MAY 25, 1990

Chicago's farm team, the Indianapolis Ice, captures the IHL Turner Cup. Darryl Sutter is chosen as the IHL Coach of the Year.

JAN. 19, 1991

Chicago Stadium hosts the NHL All-Star Game just days after the Persian Gulf War begins. Thousands of flag-waving fans cheer during a stirring national anthem sung by Wayne Messmer.

FEB. 23, 1991

Michel Goulet reaches the 1,000-point mark in the NHL while wearing a Blackhawks uniform. He gains his 1,000th point at Minnesota with his third goal of the night, becoming the 30th player in NHL history to reach this milestone.

MARCH 14, 1991

Ed Belfour sets a Blackhawks record for wins in a single season (39) in a 6-3 victory over Los Angeles, surpassing Tony Esposito's mark of 38, set in 1969-70.

MARCH 31, 1991

The Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-1 to win their first Presidents' Trophy as regular-season champions.

FEB. 16, 1992

Michel Goulet scores his 500th career goal against Calgary at Chicago Stadium. He becomes the 17th player in NHL history to reach the milestone.

MARCH 7, 1992

Jeremy Roenick becomes the third Blackhawk and first American-born Blackhawk to score 50 goals in a season when he nets the game-winner in a 2-1 victory against the Bruins in his hometown of Boston.

MAY 22, 1992

The Blackhawks win a franchise-record 11th straight playoff game with a 5-1 victory at Edmonton. The result gives the Blackhawks a berth in the Stanley Cup Final.

OCT. 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 play their final regular-season game at Chicago Stadium against Toronto, losing 6-4. 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 4-2.

JAN. 25, 1995

The Blackhawks play the first hockey game at the United Center and defeat the Edmonton Oilers 5-1. Joe Murphy scores the first goal in the United Center.

MAY 3, 1995

The Blackhawks finish the 48-game regular season allowing 115 goals for a 2.37 GAA. Ed Belfour captures the Jennings Trophy, awarded to the goalie on the team with the lowest GAA, for the third time in five years.

FEB. 22, 1996

Blackhawks winger Tony Amonte records the first hat trick in the United Center against the St. Louis Blues in the 53rd game played at the new arena.

AUG. 16, 1996

The Blackhawks trade Jeremy Roenick to the Arizona Coyotes for Alex Zhamnov, Craig Mills and a 1997 first-round draft pick.

NOV. 5, 1996

Blackhawks Executive Vice President Arthur Michael Wirtz, Jr., dies at the age of 62.

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 with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 1993. Savard becomes the fifth Blackhawk to have his number retired.

APRIL 18, 1998

At the end of the NHL regular season, 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 postseason.

JUNE 24, 1999

Blackhawks Vice President Thomas N. Ivan dies at the age of 88.

OCT. 5, 2000

The Blackhawks open their 75th season at Buffalo.

OCT. 12, 2000

The Blackhawks unveil their 75th anniversary statue, "Badge of Honor," and announce their 75th Anniversary all-star team, as selected by the fans (listed in alphabetical order by position). 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.

OCT. 21, 2000

The Blackhawks play their 5,000th game in franchise history at St. Louis, a 1-0 loss.

DEC. 15, 2003

Keith Magnuson, former Blackhawks defenseman and president of the Blackhawk Alumni Association, dies in an automobile accident in suburban Toronto at age 56.

AUG. 5, 2005

The Blackhawks sign free-agent goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin to a four-year, \$27 million deal, the largest goalie contract in Blackhawks history.

NOV. 27, 2006

Hall of Famer and former Blackhawks center Denis Savard is named the 36th head coach in team history after Trent Yawney is relieved of his duties. Savard, who originally joined the coaching staff as an assistant in December 1997, wins his first three games, becoming the third head coach in franchise history to accomplish that feat.

JUNE 22, 2007

The Blackhawks select Patrick Kane first overall in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft, the first time the franchise has held the top pick.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT. 26, 2007

Team President William W. Wirtz passes away at the age of 77. The organization honors Wirtz with a pregame ceremony before the regular-season home opener on Oct. 6 and wear shoulder patches with his initials (W.W.W.) throughout the entire campaign.

OCT. 5, 2007

W. Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz assumes the role of chairman of the Blackhawks.

NOV. 20, 2007

John F. McDonough is named president of the Chicago Blackhawks. McDonough had previously served as president of the Chicago Cubs for 24 years.

DEC. 19, 2007

The Blackhawks announce that Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita will rejoin the organization as official team ambassadors; Tony Esposito joins them later in the season and Denis Savard joins them in October 2008.

JAN. 3, 2008

Jay Blunk is named senior vice president of business operations, departing the Chicago Cubs, where he served in the marketing department for the previous 22 years.

APRIL 1, 2008

For the first time in team history, the Blackhawks announce that they will televise the entire 82-game regular-season schedule and playoffs. In conjunction with Comcast SportsNet, WGN-TV Channel 9 and NHL broadcast rightsholders Versus and NBC, every contest will air in HD.

JUNE 12-13, 2008

Patrick Kane is awarded the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top rookie for the 2007-08 season, marking the eighth time in franchise history a Blackhawk accepts the honor. Jonathan Toews finishes as a finalist for the award and joins Kane on the 2007-08 NHL All-Rookie Team. With over 500 youth hockey players from the Chicago area and the Calder Trophy in attendance, the Blackhawks honor Kane and Toews with a rally at the United Center the day after the awards ceremony.

JUNE 16, 2008

The Blackhawks announce the return of veteran play-by-play announcer Pat Foley to the broadcast booth after a two-year hiatus. Foley, a member of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame, previously served as the voice of the Blackhawks for 25 years, from 1981 to 2006.

JULY 16, 2008

In conjunction with the NHL, the Chicago Blackhawks announce that the team will host the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings in a regular-season outdoor game: the NHL Winter Classic, to be played at Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, 2009.

JULY 18-20, 2008

The first annual Chicago Blackhawks Convention takes place at the Hilton Chicago, the first of its kind in NHL history. The event sold out and entertained over 10,000 fans.

JULY 31, 2008

The Blackhawks name Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman as senior advisor to hockey operations. Bowman has been a part of a record 12 Stanley Cup-winning teams and is the NHL's all-time coaching leader with 1,226 regular-season wins and 223 postseason victories.

SEPT. 2, 2008

The Blackhawks and Chicago Cubs hold Blackhawks Night at Wrigley Field. Players and alumni join together in a pregame ceremony honoring the team.

SEPT. 9, 2008

The Blackhawks and Chicago White Sox team up for Blackhawks Night at U.S. Cellular Field, featuring special promotions before, during and after the game. More than 1,000 Blackhawks season ticketholders attend the game, which features a first-pitch "shot" by Patrick Sharp.

SEPT. 20, 2008

The Blackhawks host their first-ever Training Camp Festival at the United Center. Events include a 5K run/walk/skate, 3-on-3 street hockey tournament, live music, interactive games and a public Blackhawks practice.

SEPT. 23, 2008

The Blackhawks announce that for the 2008-09 season the organization has surpassed its previous franchise record of 13,425 season ticketholders, established in 1994-95 during the inaugural campaign at the United Center.

OCT. 16, 2008

The Blackhawks name Joel Quenneville the 37th head coach in franchise history; at the time of his appointment to the position, Quenneville ranked fifth among active coaches and 18th in NHL history with 438 wins (438-283-118). Quenneville had also guided nine of his 10 teams to the postseason, including the St. Louis Blues and the Colorado Avalanche, where he won a Stanley Cup as an assistant coach in 1996.

NOV. 12, 2008

The Blackhawks retire jersey No. 3 in honor of Pierre Pilote and the late Keith Magnuson in a pregame ceremony at the United Center. Pilote and Magnuson join Glenn Hall, Bobby Hull, Denis Savard, Stan Mikita and Tony Esposito as the only Blackhawks players to have their jersey numbers retired.

DEC. 26, 2008

The Blackhawks set a regular-season franchise record at the United Center by entertaining 22,712 fans in a 5-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers; the victory is Chicago's eighth straight, matching a franchise record.

DEC. 28, 2008

The Blackhawks establish a franchise record with their ninth straight win, a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild at Xcel Energy Center.

JAN. 1, 2009

The Blackhawks and Red Wings take the ice at Wrigley Field in the 2009 NHL Winter Classic, the first outdoor professional hockey game held in Chicago and second overall in the United States. Chicago is defeated by Detroit 6-4 in front of 40,818 fans. The game draws an 11.8 overnight rating and a 21 share (12:00-3:15 CST) on NBC in Chicago and over 4.4 million U.S. viewers overall.

JAN. 3, 2009

Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Brian Campbell are voted onto the Western Conference's starting lineup for the 2009 NHL All-Star Game in Montreal. It is the first time since fan voting began deciding All-Star starters in 1985-86 that three Blackhawks are to start in the midseason classic. Kane and Toews finish first and second among Western Conference forwards, while Campbell paces defensemen.

FEB. 19, 2009

The Blackhawks are selected as one of four teams that will open the 2009-10 NHL regular season in Europe as part of NHL Premiere 2009. Chicago is scheduled to face off twice against the Florida Panthers in Helsinki, Finland.

APRIL 3, 2009

The Blackhawks defeat the Nashville Predators 3-1 at the United Center, clinching a spot in the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the franchise's first postseason berth since 2002. As the fourth seed in the Western Conference, the franchise clinches home-ice advantage in the first round of the postseason for the first time since 1996.

DATES TO REMEMBER



APRIL 8, 2009

The Blackhawks shatter an all-time single-season attendance record when Laura Fontana-Vena of Elmhurst, Ill., becomes the 835,972nd fan to pass through the United Center turnstile before the team's 39th home game of 2008-09, surpassing the previous mark set in 1995-96.

APRIL 12, 2009

The Blackhawks close out their regular-season slate with a 3-0 win over the Detroit Red Wings in front of 22,376 fans at the United Center. The Blackhawks establish an NHL club record by attracting an average of 21,783 to their 40 home dates at the United Center.

MAY 11, 2009

The Blackhawks eliminate the Vancouver Canucks in Game 6 of the Western Conference Semifinals with a 7-5 victory at the United Center, lifting the franchise to its first berth in the conference finals in 14 years; the 1 millionth fan to attend a Blackhawks home game in 2008-09 passes through the United Center turnstiles. The 46th capacity crowd in 46 home dates of the campaign witnesses Patrick Kane's first professional hat trick and a four-goal third period in the victory.

MAY 18, 2009

Forbes.com posts an article by Nathan Vardi proclaiming the Blackhawks as "The Greatest Sports-Business Turnaround Ever."

MAY 28, 2009

Five years removed from being named the worst professional franchise by ESPN, the Blackhawks organization (Professional Sports Team of the Year) and Chairman Rocky Wirtz (Sports Executive of the Year) finish as finalists at the 2009 Sports Business Awards Gala, presented by Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily. The Blackhawks organization finishes in the top four of all professional sports teams in the North American major and minor leagues. Wirtz finishes fourth among all American executives who have a primary involvement in sports business.

JULY 1, 2009

The Blackhawks sign right wing Marian Hossa, a four-time All-Star, to a 12-year contract worth \$63.3 million.

JULY 2, 2009

The Blackhawks finish first among Chicago professional sports organizations and 21st overall in ESPN Magazine's 2009 Ultimate Standings. The seventh annual list measures how much MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL franchises give back to the fans in exchange for all the time, money and emotion the fans invest in them. The Blackhawks made the largest jump of any team from 2008 to 2009, rising from No. 88 in 2008 after placing 118th in 2007.

JULY 14, 2009

The Blackhawks promote Stan Bowman to the position of general manager, becoming the youngest general manager in the NHL and the ninth person in franchise history to hold the title. He and his father, Scotty, currently the Blackhawks senior advisor of hockey operations, become the seventh father-son general manager tandem in league history.

SEPT. 28-29, 2009

The Blackhawks participate in the 2009 Victoria Cup in Zurich, Switzerland, to close out their 2009 preseason schedule. Chicago plays against HC Davos and ZSC Zurich Lions at Hallenstadion, marking the franchise's first contests in Europe since playing a pair of exhibition games against the Montreal Canadiens in London, England, in September 1992.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 2-3, 2009

The Blackhawks play their first ever regular-season games in Europe, going 1-0-1 against the Florida Panthers in a pair of games at Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, Finland, as part of NHL Premiere 2009. Chicago and Florida make NHL history in the process, becoming the first teams to play a regular-season game in Finland.

OCT. 10, 2009

For the first time in the 83-year history of the franchise, Hall of Famers and Blackhawks Ambassadors Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, Tony Esposito and Denis Savard skate together on the same ice surface, a feat they accomplish in front of a capacity crowd of 20,655 before the 2009-10 regular-season home opener.

OCT. 12, 2009

The Blackhawks set a franchise record for their largest comeback win, overcoming a 5-0 first-period deficit to defeat the Calgary Flames 6-5 in overtime. Defenseman Brent Seabrook ends the historic night 26 seconds into the extra frame, helping the club match the NHL record for the largest comeback win.

DEC. 1, 2009

Blackhawks Head Coach Joel Quenneville earns his 500th career regular-season victory when the team defeats Columbus 4-3 in a franchise-record 11-round shootout.

DEC. 3, 2009

The Blackhawks announce the contract extensions of captain Jonathan Toews, alternate captain Duncan Keith and right winger Patrick Kane, locking up all three players to multi-year deals on the same day.

DEC. 25, 2009

The premiere of "Blackhawks TV" runs on Comcast SportsNet. The show is an all-access, 30-minute program that includes a variety of segments highlighting player personalities off the ice.

JAN. 11, 2010

Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz announces a long-term contract extension for Team President John McDonough. In a memo, Wirtz states: "Under John's leadership the Chicago Blackhawks have become a franchise leader in the National Hockey League. His commitment, insight and guidance have led the organization to record attendance, unprecedented season ticket sales, new sponsorships and partnerships with WGN Radio and WGN-TV. John has played an instrumental role in building the organization at every level from front office to coaching, recruiting and player development."

JAN. 14, 2010

Blackhawks Team President John McDonough announces the contract extension of Senior Vice President of Business Operations Jay Blunk. In a release, McDonough says, "Jay deserves a tremendous amount of credit for what has gone on with the Blackhawks business operations over the past two years. He has brought that area to a higher level and will continue to use his innovative and aggressive style to make us better and stronger."

FEB. 16, 2010

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver begin, featuring six members of the Blackhawks, second-most among NHL teams. Patrick Kane (USA); Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook (Canada); and Marian Hossa and Tomas Kopecky (Slovakia) represent their countries in the tournament.

FEB. 28, 2010

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games men's hockey gold medal game between Team USA and Team Canada becomes the most-watched hockey game in 30 years and features four members of the Blackhawks. Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook receive gold medals after Canada wins 3-2 in overtime, while Patrick Kane earns a silver medal. Toews nets a goal in the game and is named the tournament's top forward, while Keith (1A) and Kane (2A) also collect points.

MARCH 25, 2010

The Blackhawks clinch a berth in the 2010 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the first time in 13 years the team has made consecutive postseason appearances.

APRIL 4, 2010

The Blackhawks clinch the Central Division title, the franchise's first in 17 years, by virtue of the Detroit Red Wings losing 4-3 to the Philadelphia Flyers. Later in the day, Chicago matches a franchise record with its 49th victory of the season, a 4-1 win over the Calgary Flames at the United Center.

APRIL 6, 2010

The Blackhawks earn a 5-2 victory over the Dallas Stars at American Airlines Arena, establishing a franchise record with their 50th win of the regular season. Chicago also ties the club record for road victories (22).

APRIL 7, 2010

Chicago establishes a franchise record in reaching the 109-point mark (51-22-7) with a 6-5 win over St. Louis at the United Center. The 2009-10 club eclipses the previous mark of 107, set by both the 1970-71 and 1971-72 squads.

APRIL 13, 2010

The Blackhawks and WGN Radio AM-720 announce a three-year broadcast rightsholder extension that will keep Blackhawks hockey on the 50,000-watt radio powerhouse through the conclusion of the 2013-14 NHL season.

MAY 5, 2010

Dustin Byfuglien's hat trick paces a 5-2 win by the Blackhawks over the Vancouver Canucks in Game 3 of the Western Conference Semifinals. The game registers a 10.14 household rating on Comcast SportsNet, setting an all-time record for the Blackhawks on the station for the seventh time in 2009-10.

MAY 21, 2010

Jonathan Toews tallies a point in his 12th consecutive game to establish a franchise playoff record in Chicago's 3-2 overtime victory over San Jose in Game 3 of the Western Conference Final, surpassing Stan Mikita's 11-game single-season mark set during the 1962 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

MAY 23, 2010

The Blackhawks earn a berth in the Stanley Cup Final after sweeping the San Jose Sharks in four games with a 4-2 victory at the United Center. It marks Chicago's 11th Final appearance and first since 1992, just four years removed from finishing with the NHL's fourth-worst record.

JUNE 9, 2010

The Chicago Blackhawks clinch their fourth Stanley Cup and first in 49 years with a 4-3 overtime win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 6. Patrick Kane's goal 4:06 into the extra frame ends the then-longest Stanley Cup drought in the NHL. Captain Jonathan Toews ties a franchise record with 29 (7G, 22A) points during the postseason and is awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy, given annually to the playoffs MVP.

JUNE 11, 2010

Less than 48 hours after winning the Stanley Cup, an estimated 2 million people line the streets of Chicago to honor the Blackhawks. The City of Chicago and Office of the Mayor throws a ticker-tape parade and rally to celebrate the championship. The parade route takes the organization from the United Center down Washington Street and Michigan Avenue, and ends in a rally on Wacker Drive.

JUNE 13, 2010

The Blackhawks organization is honored at Wrigley Field before the Chicago Cubs host the Chicago White Sox. Members of the team and front office parade on the field with the Stanley Cup, greeting both baseball clubs before Team President John McDonough throws out the ceremonial first pitch. The Blackhawks, Cubs and White Sox then pose for a one-of-a-kind group photo on the pitcher's mound with the Stanley Cup as the centerpiece.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 23, 2010

Duncan Keith wins the Norris Trophy at the NHL Awards, held in Las Vegas. Keith becomes the fourth Chicago defenseman to win the award, given annually to the NHL's top blueliner, and the first since Chris Chelios in 1996, capping a season that also sees him win the Stanley Cup and a gold medal with Team Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, a feat never accomplished before in the history of hockey.

SEPT. 16, 2010

The Blackhawks hold a press conference at the United Center to announce a three-year contract extension for Head Coach Joel Quenneville through the conclusion of the 2013-14 NHL season.

OCT. 9, 2010

Prior to the 2010-11 regular-season home opener, the Blackhawks raise the 2010 Stanley Cup championship banner, the franchise's first in 49 years. The banner is unfurled by Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, Pierre Pilote, Eric Nesterenko and Al McDonald from the 1961 Stanley Cup championship team, skated across the ice by members of the 2010 club and raised to the rafters to signify the franchise' fourth league title.

NOV. 7, 2010

The Chicago Blackhawks are honored with Emmy Awards from the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for their "One Goal" advertisements featuring Head Coach Joel Quenneville and defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson, and for the "Blackhawks TV" television program.

NOV. 29, 2010

SportsBusiness Journal runs a reader poll that has the Blackhawks tallying the most votes in the category of "Most Innovative Business Practices in the NHL." Chairman Rocky Wirtz finishes second in the "Most Effective Team Owner" category.

JAN. 9, 2011

The Blackhawks organization announces plans to unveil statues for Hall of Famers and Blackhawks Ambassadors Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita. Hull, Mikita and six other members of the 1961 Stanley Cup championship team are honored before the Blackhawks blank the New York Islanders 5-0.

JAN. 30, 2011

An NHL-high six Blackhawks take part in the NHL All-Star Game festivities in Raleigh, N.C., including Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Patrick Sharp, Jonathan Toews, Joel Quenneville and Mike Haviland. All four players collect at least one point in the game, and Sharp (1G, 2A) is voted MVP of the game, joining former Blackhawks Eric Daze and Bobby Hull in earning that distinction.

FEB. 15, 2011

The Blackhawks and Chicago's WGN-TV Channel 9 ink a five-year broadcast rightsholder extension that will keep Blackhawks hockey on "Chicago's Very Own" through the conclusion of the 2015-16 NHL season. Team President John McDonough and Blackhawks Ambassador Denis Savard make the special announcement on "WGN Morning News."

FEB. 27, 2011

The Blackhawks agree to a five-year contract extension with defenseman Brent Seabrook, a member of the organization since he was drafted at the age of 18 in 2003.

MARCH 10, 2011

Chicago Blackhawks players, coaches and front office executives visit soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., spending several hours with wounded soldiers and their families. Two days later, several servicemen join Head Coach Joel Quenneville and the players at practice in Washington, D.C., for a series of drills and a friendly scrimmage.

MARCH 11, 2011

President Barack Obama hosts the Chicago Blackhawks at the White House in honor of the team's 2010 Stanley Cup championship. Obama has a meet-and-greet with members of the Stanley Cup-winning team before being presented with his own Blackhawks jersey and a replica Stanley Cup. After the ceremony, the Blackhawks join First Lady Michelle Obama for a special hockey clinic on the South Lawn celebrating her Let's Move! initiative.

APRIL 10, 2011

The Blackhawks clinch the eighth seed in the Western Conference for the 2011 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the first time in 14 years that the organization has qualified for the postseason three consecutive years. Chicago wraps up the regular season with 97 points, the 10th highest in franchise history.

OCT. 22, 2011

The organization unveils statues for Hall of Fame legends and Ambassadors Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita outside of the United Center prior to that night's game against the Colorado Avalanche. The bronze life-sized statues, created by the Studio of Rotblatt-Amrany and cast by Alchemist Foundry, are located on the northeast plaza outside of the United Center near Madison Street.

DEC. 16, 2011

Head Coach Joel Quenneville logs his 600th NHL win as the Blackhawks defeat Calgary 4-1 at the United Center. Quenneville, the 10th bench boss to reach that milestone, is the second-quickest to the mark after current Senior Advisor to Hockey Operations Scotty Bowman. Quenneville also becomes just the second man in the history of the NHL to have played in 800 or more games and coached 1,000 or more contests (J. Lemaire).

JAN. 29, 2012

Patrick Kane (1G) and Marian Hossa (1G, 2A) participate in the 2012 All-Star Game in Ottawa. Jonathan Toews is selected to the midwinter classic, but is unable to skate due to injury. During the Skills Competition the evening prior to the All-Star contest, Kane wins the Breakaway Challenge for most creative shootout move.

MARCH 7, 2012

The Blackhawks premiere an original film, "Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita - Monuments to Excellence," at the IMAX Navy Pier. Produced by the Emmy Award-winning Blackhawks TV, the movie details the lives and careers of the Blackhawks Ambassadors and Hall of Famers and includes never-before-seen footage of the duo, as well as interviews with Blackhawks executives.

MARCH 9, 2012

The Blackhawks set a franchise record (ongoing) with their 180th consecutive sellout crowd at the United Center. At the start of the 2015-16 season, the organization has enjoyed 329 consecutive sellout crowds at the UC.

MARCH 25, 2012

The Blackhawks host Ed Belfour Heritage Night, and the Hall of Fame goaltender drops the ceremonial first puck prior to the game against the Nashville Predators. Belfour was elected to the Hall of Fame in November 2011.

APRIL 7, 2012

The Blackhawks clinch the sixth seed in the Western Conference for the 2012 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the fourth consecutive year that the organization has qualified for the postseason. Chicago wraps up the regular season with 101 points, tied for ninth highest in franchise history, and reaches at least 40 wins (45) for the fifth straight campaign.

JAN. 27, 2013

The Blackhawks defeat the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 in overtime, with Nick Leddy scoring the game-winner, to log their sixth consecutive victory to open the 2012-13 campaign. The win sets a franchise record for best start to a season.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 22, 2013

The Blackhawks honor TV analyst Eddie Olczyk for his 2012 induction into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame prior to the game against the San Jose Sharks. Rookie Brandon Saad scores his first career shorthanded goal and game-winner in the 2-1 victory, which improves Chicago's record to 14-0-3 to begin the season and bests the existing NHL record, set by the Anaheim Ducks in 2006-07.

MARCH 5, 2013

Marian Hossa is given a rousing pregame tribute by teammates, who don his No. 81 jersey during warmups, and the organization, in honor of his 1,000th NHL game, which he played on March 3 in Detroit. Hossa goes on to score the game-winner in a 5-3 win over the Minnesota Wild.

MARCH 6, 2013

The Blackhawks defeat the Colorado Avalanche 3-2 after Daniel Carillo scores the game-winner with just 50 seconds left in regulation. The win marked the 24th consecutive game from the start of the season gaining at least a point in the standings (21-0-3), setting a league record.

APRIL 19, 2013

TV announcer Pat Foley is recognized for his 30th season as the voice of the Blackhawks prior to the game against the Nashville Predators. The Blackhawks win 5-4, sweeping the season series with Nashville for the first time in team history.

APRIL 24, 2013

The Blackhawks earn the Presidents' Trophy for the first time since 1991 and the second time overall after defeating the Oilers 4-1 in Edmonton. Chicago had previously secured a playoff spot on April 7 and clinched the Central Division title on April 12, and are guaranteed home ice advantage throughout the 2013 Stanley Cup Playoffs as the NHL's top seed.

APRIL 28, 2013

Goaltenders Corey Crawford and Ray Emery are named the 2013 Jennings Trophy winners after allowing a combined 93 goals during the 2012-13 regular season. Chicago's netminders earn the honor for the first time since 1994-95 (E. Belfour).

MAY 1, 2013

The NHL announces that the Blackhawks will host the Pittsburgh Penguins in an outdoor game at Soldier Field on March 1, 2014, as part of the NHL Stadium Series, marking the team's second time hosting an outdoor game.

MAY 6, 2013

Brandon Saad is named a finalist for the 2013 Calder Trophy for most outstanding rookie. The 20-year-old, who was drafted by Chicago in 2011, becomes the club's fourth Calder Trophy finalist in the last five years.

MAY 15, 2013

Jonathan Toews is named a 2013 Selke Trophy finalist, his second career nomination. Five days later, he is picked by Hall of Famer Mark Messier as a finalist for the Mark Messier Leadership Award.

MAY 16, 2013

Patrick Kane is named one of three finalists for the 2013 Lady Byng Trophy as the league's most gentlemanly player after recording just eight penalty minutes in 47 regular-season games.

MAY 17, 2013

Head Coach Joel Quenneville is named one of three finalists for the 2013 Jack Adams Award for most outstanding coach. Quenneville led the Blackhawks to a league-best 77 points (36-7-5).

MAY 29, 2013

The Blackhawks defeat the Red Wings 2-1 in Game 7 of the Western Conference Semifinals after Brent Seabrook tallies at 3:35 of overtime. The series win marks the first time the team has recovered from a 3-1 series deficit to advance to the next round of the playoffs.

JUNE 8, 2013

The Blackhawks are presented with the Clarence Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions after defeating the Los Angeles Kings 4-3 in Game 5. Patrick Kane records his second career playoff hat trick in the victory, including the game-winner at 11:40 of the second overtime period.

JUNE 12, 2013

The Blackhawks and Boston begin the Stanley Cup Final with an epic triple-overtime Game 1 at the United Center. Andrew Shaw scores the game-winner after 52:08 of extra hockey, ending the third-longest playoff game in franchise history and the fifth-longest game ever played in the Stanley Cup Final.

JUNE 14, 2013

Jonathan Toews wins his first career Selke Trophy as the league's best two-way forward, becoming the third Blackhawk to claim the honor and the first since Dirk Graham in 1991.

JUNE 24, 2013

The Blackhawks score two goals late in regulation to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 victory in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final and claim the franchise's fifth title. Bryan Bickell ties the game at 18:44 of the third period, and Dave Bolland scores the game-winner 17 seconds later, marking the latest Cup-clinching goal ever scored in regulation. Patrick Kane is awarded the 2013 Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

JUNE 28, 2013

An estimated 2 million fans gather downtown and in Grant Park to celebrate the Blackhawks' 2013 Stanley Cup victory. The parade route takes the organization from the United Center down Washington Street and Columbus Drive, and the festivities continue in a rally in Grant Park.

OCT. 1, 2013

The Blackhawks hoist their fifth championship banner to the United Center rafters in a ceremony before the season opener against the Washington Capitals. Chicago records a 6-4 victory over the Capitals to become the first team to win on the night of their banner-raising ceremony since the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2009.

NOV. 4, 2013

Chicago Blackhawks players, coaches and executives bring the Stanley Cup to visit wounded soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. After the visit, President Barack Obama hosts the team at the White House in honor of their 2013 Stanley Cup championship.

FEB. 12-24, 2014

Chicago shares the NHL lead with 10 players participating in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi: Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Patrick Sharp (CAN); Patrick Kane (USA); Marian Hossa and Michal Handzus (SVK); Michal Rozsival (CZE); and Niklas Hjalmarsson, Johnny Oduya and Marcus Kruger (SWE). Team Canada wins their second consecutive gold medal, while Team Sweden wins silver. The Blackhawks also tie the NHL lead with six medal-winners.

FEB. 28, 2014

Blackhawks players and staff hold a special presentation with the USA Warriors hockey team at Soldier Field to announce that the Warriors will be outfitted with new equipment. Each Blackhawks player and hockey staff member donate an unspecified amount, which is then matched by CCM/Reebok, to help provide the Warriors team with all new equipment. Each member of the Warriors receives a team jersey and socks, along with new helmets and gloves.

MARCH 1, 2014

The Blackhawks host the Pittsburgh Penguins at Soldier Field in the final game of the NHL's Coors Light Stadium Series, recording a 5-1 victory in front of 62,921 fans. Jonathan Toews leads the way offensively with three points (2G, 1A). Kris Versteeg nets his 100th career goal to become the only NHL player to score at Soldier Field, Wrigley Field and the United Center. Patrick Sharp and Bryan Bickell also tally for the Blackhawks, who outshoot the visitors 40-32 in the wintry elements.

DATES TO REMEMBER



MARCH 14, 2014

The Blackhawks announce plans to more than double the team's retail space, the Blackhawks Store, transforming it into a two-floor flagship store at one of the most highly-trafficked locations in the city: the intersection of Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue. The project, conceived by Chipman Design Architecture, will be officially unveiled in fall 2014.

MARCH 17, 2014

The Blackhawks are selected as a finalist for the 2014 Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily Professional Sports Team of the Year award.

MARCH 19, 2014

The Blackhawks post a 4-0 victory over the St. Louis Blues, marking Head Coach Joel Quenneville's 700th career win. Quenneville becomes the third coach in NHL history to reach the 700-win mark and the second fastest behind Scotty Bowman. Prior to the game, the Blackhawks honor Michal Handzus for appearing in his 1,000th career NHL contest.

MARCH 25, 2014

The Blackhawks clinch a spot in the 2014 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the franchise's sixth consecutive postseason berth.

APRIL 24, 2014

The Blackhawks are named No. 1 on the Bloomberg Businessweek 2014 Smartest Spenders in Sports ranking, which ranks all 122 franchises in the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB based on how much each organization spent in player payroll for every win during the last five seasons. Additionally, Jonathan Toews is named a finalist for the 2014 Frank J. Selke Trophy, given annually to the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game, marking his second consecutive nomination and third career nod.

APRIL 28, 2014

Duncan Keith is named a 2014 James Norris Trophy finalist, his second career nomination.

APRIL 29, 2014

Jonathan Toews is named a finalist for the 2014 Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award, presented by Bridgestone, given annually to the player who exemplifies great leadership qualities on and off the ice during the regular season.

MAY 15, 2014

The Blackhawks and Chicago's WGN-TV announce a three-year extension of the station's television rights, keeping Blackhawks hockey on "Chicago's Very Own" through the conclusion of the 2018-19 NHL season.

JUNE 5, 2014

Television play-by-play announcer Pat Foley is selected as the Foster Hewitt Memorial Award winner for outstanding contributions as a hockey broadcaster. He is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Nov. 17 in Toronto.

JUNE 18, 2014

Radio play-by-play broadcaster John Wiedeman and color analyst Troy Murray receive top honors in the Chicago Market "Best Radio Play-By-Play" category at the 2014 Illinois Broadcasters Association Silver Dome Awards.

JUNE 22, 2014

The NHL announces that the Blackhawks will face off against the Washington Capitals in the 2015 NHL Bridgestone Winter Classic on Jan. 1, 2015, at 12 p.m. CT in Washington, D.C. This marks the organization's second Winter Classic appearance and third outdoor game.

JUNE 24, 2014

Duncan Keith wins his second Norris Trophy at the NHL Awards, held in Las Vegas.

JULY 9, 2014

The Blackhawks announce that the organization has agreed to terms with Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane on eight-year contract extensions, which run through the 2022-23 National Hockey League season. A formal press conference is held at the United Center the following week on July 16.

OCT. 10, 2014

The Blackhawks open their flagship retail store, the Blackhawks Store, at 333 North Michigan Avenue. The project, developed by Wirtz Realty, transformed the landmark building into a 5,000 square-foot, two-story retail location at one of the most highly-trafficked areas in Chicago at the intersection of Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 26, 2014

Patrick Kane reaches the 500-point milestone with an assist in a 2-1 win over Ottawa.

OCT. 30, 2014

Marian Hossa tallies his 1,000th career point with a goal in a 5-4 overtime win at Ottawa, marking his 1,100th NHL appearance.

JAN. 1, 2015

The Blackhawks fall 3-2 to the Washington Capitals in the 2015 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic on New Year's Day at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., marking their third-ever outdoor game, which equals the NHL record for the most appearances. With an assist in the contest, Jonathan Toews sets a league record for outdoor points (26, 3A).

JAN. 23-25, 2015

The Blackhawks send a league-high five players to the 2015 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend at Nationwide Arena. On Jan. 24, the league announces that the Blackhawks will participate in their record fourth outdoor game, taking on the Minnesota Wild at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Feb. 26, 2016. On Jan. 25, Team Toews, which features Jonathan Toews, Corey Crawford and Brent Seabrook, posts a 17-12 victory over Team Foligno, which includes assistant captain Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith.

FEB. 6, 2015

Joel Quenneville earns his 300th win as Blackhawks bench boss with a 2-1 overtime victory at Winnipeg, 17 days after he coaches his 500th game with the club in a 6-1 win over Arizona.

MARCH 23, 2015

Jonathan Toews registers his 500th career point with an assist in a 3-1 win at Carolina.

APRIL 2, 2015

The Blackhawks clinch a spot in the 2015 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the franchise's seventh consecutive postseason berth, their first such streak since 1997.

APRIL 11, 2015

Corey Crawford is named the 2015 Jennings Trophy winner (in conjunction with Montreal's Carey Price) after the Blackhawks allow a league-low 189 goals during the 2014-15 regular season.

APRIL 22, 2015

Jonathan Toews is named a finalist for the 2015 Selke Trophy, his third career nomination after finishing the regular season with a team-high 66 points and 28 goals.

MAY 4, 2015

Jonathan Toews is selected by Hall of Famer Mark Messier as one of the three finalists for the 2015 Mark Messier Leadership Award, his second career nomination.

MAY 19, 2015

The Blackhawks notch a 3-2 triple-overtime victory over Anaheim in Game 2 of the Western Conference Final after Marcus Kruger nets the game-winner at 16:12 of the third overtime period, ending the longest game in franchise history.

MAY 30, 2015

The Blackhawks are presented with the Clarence Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions after defeating the Anaheim Ducks 5-3 in Game 7 of the conference final.

JUNE 15, 2015

The Blackhawks shut out Tampa Bay in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final to earn a 2-0 victory at the United Center to claim the franchise's sixth title and first on home ice since 1938. Duncan Keith is unanimously awarded the 2015 Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP after tying a franchise record for points by a defenseman (21) and becoming one of four players to reach the 700-minute mark in a single playoff year since the TOI statistic was introduced in 1998.

JUNE 18, 2015

An estimated 2 million fans gather downtown, including over 60,000 at Soldier Field, to celebrate the Blackhawks' 2015 Stanley Cup victory. The parade route takes the organization from the United Center to the rally at Soldier Field.

JUNE 24, 2015

Jonathan Toews wins the Mark Messier Leadership Award, becoming the first player in franchise history to do so.

JULY 15, 2015

The Blackhawks' #WhatsYourGoal campaign is honored with the Golden Matrix Award for Best Promotional Video at the 2015 Information Display Entertainment Association (IDEA) Conference. Additionally, the Blackhawks Game Operations Department and United Center Scoreboard Operations Department are named the National Hockey League's Best Overall Video Display and are finalists for the Best Special Occasion Video. The Blackhawks Game Operations Department and United Center Scoreboard Operations Department previously received a Golden Matrix Award for Best Overall Video Display in the NHL at the 2008 and 2009 IDEA Conferences.

JULY 30, 2015

The Blackhawks announce that the organization will build a 125,000 square-foot community training center for youth hockey development programs, recreational leagues and other events, which will also serve as the practice facility for the Blackhawks and visiting NHL teams. The state-of-the-art facility will be located two blocks south of the United Center on a 4-acre site previously housing Malcolm X College. Approximately 94 percent of the proposed facility's utilization will serve the surrounding community, including young adult, youth and community programs.

SEPT. 26, 2015

The Blackhawks announce an eight-year contract extension with Brent Seabrook, which runs through the end of the 2023-24 season.

OCT. 17-DEC. 13, 2015

Patrick Kane registers a franchise-record 26-game point streak (16G, 24A), passing Eddie Olczyk and Phil Kessel for the longest streak by a U.S.-born player (previously 18 games). His streak marks the longest streak by an active player and the longest streak since Mats Sundin's 30-game streak in 1992-93.

DEC. 11, 2015

The NCAA announces that the United Center, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame, will host the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship from April 6-8, 2017, marking the first time the event has been held at the United Center.

DEC. 29, 2015-JAN. 19, 2016

The Blackhawks win 12 consecutive games, setting a club record and tying the league's longest streak of the season; Chicago becomes the 14th team in NHL history to post a winning streak of 12 or more games. During the same span, Corey Crawford registers a career-best nine-game win streak.

JAN. 14, 2016

The Blackhawks post a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens at Bell Centre to move Joel Quenneville into second place on the NHL's all-time wins list, surpassing Al Arbour.

FEB. 11, 2016

In a press conference at the United Center featuring Chairman Rocky Wirtz, Commissioner Gary Bettman and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, it is announced that the Blackhawks and the city of Chicago will host the NHL Draft at the United Center from June 23-24, 2017, marking the first time the organization and city will host the two-day event.

FEB. 21, 2016

The Blackhawks face off against the Minnesota Wild in the 2016 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series at TCF Bank Stadium, marking the organization's fourth outdoor game. Chicago falls 6-1 in the contest, but Jonathan Toews registers an assist for his league-best sixth point (2G, 4A) in an outdoor game.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2, 2016

Seven Blackhawks are named to initial World Cup of Hockey rosters. Artem Anisimov (Russia), Corey Crawford (Canada), Niklas Hjalmarsson (Sweden), Marian Hossa (Europe), Patrick Kane (USA), Duncan Keith (Canada), Artemi Panarin (Russia) and Jonathan Toews (Canada) are all selected to represent their countries. Marcus Kruger (Sweden) and Ville Pokka (Finland) are later added as team rosters were completed, and Michal Kempny (Czech Republic) signs with the club as a free agent after being named. Additionally, Joel Quenneville is named to Team Canada's coaching staff. SVP/GM Stan Bowman is previously selected to serve as the Co-Manager for Team North America.

MARCH 9, 2016

The NHL announces that the Blackhawks will match up against their Central Division rival St. Louis Blues in the 2017 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic on Jan. 2, 2017, at Busch Stadium.

APRIL 3, 2016

Joel Quenneville records his 800th career win with a 6-4 result over Boston.

APRIL 10, 2016

Patrick Kane wins the 2016 Art Ross Trophy as the league's leading scorer, finishing the 2015-16 regular season with a career-high 106 points (46G, 60A), becoming the first U.S.-born player to lead the league in scoring. He is also the first Blackhawks player to win the award since Stan Mikita captured his fourth Art Ross Trophy award in the 1967-68 season.

JUNE 15, 2016

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz break ground on the organization's new 125,000 square-foot Community Ice Arena on the Near West Side. The state-of-the-art facility will house year-round youth hockey programs, recreational leagues and events, and serve as the practice facility for the organization and visiting NHL teams.

JUNE 22, 2016

Patrick Kane wins the Hart Memorial Trophy, awarded "to the player adjudged to be the most valuable to his team" as selected by the Professional Hockey Writers Association, becoming Chicago's first Hart Trophy winner since 1967-68 (Stan Mikita). Kane becomes the second American-born player to win the Hart Memorial Trophy, joining Billy Burch, who won the award in 1925—the second year of its existence. The Buffalo, N.Y., native also takes home the Ted Lindsay Award, given to the most outstanding player as selected by the National Hockey League Players Association. Artemi Panarin wins the Calder Memorial Trophy, awarded "to the player selected as the most proficient in his first year of competition in the National Hockey League," as selected by the PHWA.

OCT. 18, 2016

With his first tally of the season in a 7-4 win over Philadelphia, Marian Hossa becomes the 44th player in NHL history to score 500 career goals.

JAN. 2, 2017

The Blackhawks participate in their league-record fifth outdoor game, facing off against the St. Louis Blues at Busch Stadium. Michal Kempny tallies the team's lone goal in a 4-1 defeat.

JAN. 28, 2017

To kick off the NHL's centennial celebration, the league unveils the 100 Greatest NHL Players at a formal event at the NHL All-Star weekend in Los Angeles. Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith and Patrick Kane, along with Chicago's four Hall of Fame ambassadors (Stan Mikita, Tony Esposito, Denis Savard and Bobby Hull) and all-time Blackhawks greats Max Bentley and Glenn Hall were included in the group. Toews, Keith and Kane were among the six active players honored.

APRIL 1, 2017

The Blackhawks clinch first seed in the Central Division and claim their 16th division title in franchise history.

APRIL 6-8, 2017

The United Center plays host to the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. The University of Denver defeats the University of Minnesota-Duluth 3-2 in the title game. Notre Dame and Harvard are the other two teams in the Frozen Four.

JUNE 23-24, 2017

Chicago hosts the 2017 NHL Draft, a two-day event that attracts a record weekend crowd of 47,514 fans. Weekend festivities include a Fan Fest in the United Center parking lots, and the team makes nine picks across seven rounds.

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

The Blackhawks host their first practice at the new MB Ice Arena - Chicago Blackhawks Community Ice Rink just two blocks south of the United Center.

DECEMBER 11, 2017

In front of dignitaries, team staff and fans, the Chicago Blackhawks hold the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the MB Ice Arena - Chicago Blackhawks Community Ice Rink.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

With goals scored by Vinnie Hinostroza and Tommy Wingels at Winnipeg, it marked the first time in franchise history that two Illinois-born players scored for the Blackhawks in the same game.

JANUARY 20, 2018

Patrick Kane recorded his 800th career point vs. the New York Islanders at the United Center, becoming the fifth player in Blackhawks history to reach that milestone and the 16th American-born player to hit the 800 point plateau.

MARCH 10, 2018

Joel Quenneville coached in his 1,608th career game, giving him sole possession of second all-time in NHL history.

MARCH 29, 2018

Brent Seabrook skated in his 1,000th career NHL vs. Winnipeg at the United Center, he became the fifth player in Blackhawks franchise history to surpass the 1,000 game plateau. That same game saw the NHL debuts of forward Dylan Sikura, goaltender Collin Delia and emergency goaltender Scott Foster. It was the first time in Blackhawks history two goaltenders made their NHL debut in the same game.

JULY 23, 2018

Blackhawks announce that Chris Chelios will rejoin the organization as official team ambassador. Chelios is the first ambassador named to the role since Denis Savard joined the team in October of 2008. Chelios, Savard, Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita and Tony Esposito currently serve in the role.

AUGUST 7, 2018

The Blackhawks mourn the loss of Stan Mikita who passed away on this date at the age of 78. The Hockey Hall of Famer and Blackhawks Ambassador played his entire 22-year career with Chicago. On August 12, a public viewing is held at the United Center Atrium where fans pay their respects to "Stosh" and the Mikita family.

OCT. 13, 2018

Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith skated in his 1,000th career NHL game vs. St. Louis at the United Center. He became the sixth player in Blackhawks history to surpass the 1,000 games played mark.

NOV. 4, 2018

The Chicago Blackhawks make a coaching change, relieving Joel Quenneville of his duties and naming Jeremy Colliton the 38th head coach in franchise history. Colliton becomes the youngest current coach in the NHL at 33 and the youngest head coach in Blackhawks history.

JAN. 1, 2019

At historic Notre Dame Stadium, the Blackhawks and Boston Bruins participated in the 2019 Winter Classic in front of 76,126 fans. Blackhawks goals were scored by Brendan Perlini and Dominik Kahun. Chicago fell to Boston, 4-2.

JAN. 6 - FEB. 18, 2019

Patrick Kane established a franchise-record 17-game assist streak (28A).

DATES TO REMEMBER



FEB. 14, 2019

Blackhawks forward Chris Kunitz skated in his 1,000th career NHL vs. New Jersey at the United Center. Kunitz played the majority of his 15-year NHL career with Pittsburgh (569G).

APRIL 9, 2019

When the numbers 2-3-9-11 were drawn by the NHL Lottery machine, the Chicago Blackhawks beat the odds and moved up ten spots to receive the third selection in the 2019 NHL Draft. The Blackhawks had odds of just 3.1% of moving up and the Blackhawks were able to earn their highest draft position in 12 years. Chicago would go on to select forward Kirby Dach from the Saskatoon Blades.

MAY 6, 2019

The Chicago Blackhawks practice facility was renamed Fifth Third Arena – Chicago Blackhawks Community Ice Rink as a result of a merger between Fifth Third Bancorp and MB Financial, Inc.

OCTOBER 4, 2019

In conjunction with the National Hockey League, the Chicago Blackhawks opened the 2019-20 regular-season on October 4 in Prague, Czech Republic against the Philadelphia Flyers at O2 Arena. The Flyers defeated the Blackhawks 4-3 in front of a sellout and a hockey record for the O2 Arena in Prague, 17,463 fans.

OCTOBER 14, 2019

With a crowd of 21,260 vs. the Edmonton Oilers, the Blackhawks reached their 500th consecutive capacity crowd (436 regular-season games, 64 playoff).

JANUARY 18, 2020

The NHL announced the Chicago Blackhawks were named the Franchise of the Decade as a part of their “Best of the Decade” Announcements. The Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in 2010, 2013 and 2015, finished first in the Central Division in 2010, 2013 and 2016 and won the Presidents’ Trophy as the NHL team that finished with the most points in 2013, starting that season 21-0-3 before their first regulation loss.

JANUARY 19, 2020

Patrick Kane recorded his 1,000th career point against Winnipeg, becoming just the fourth Blackhawks player to notch 1,000 points.

APRIL 27, 2020

Blackhawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz released President and CEO John McDonough from his role and named Danny Wirtz, Rocky’s son, interim Vice President and alternate Governor to the NHL.

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Kendall Coyne Schofield joins the Chicago Blackhawks as a player development coach and Youth Hockey Growth Specialist, becoming the organization’s first-ever female development coach.

DECEMBER 16, 2020

The Chicago Blackhawks announced a new structure for its executive leadership team, naming Danny Wirtz as Chief Executive Officer, hiring Jaime Faulkner as President of Business Operations, and elevating Stan Bowman to President of Hockey Operations and General Manager.

OCTOBER 26, 2021

Blackhawks announce Kyle Davidson as Interim General Manager.

MARCH 1, 2022

The Blackhawks officially name Kyle Davidson as the franchise’s tenth General Manager.

JUNE 27, 2022

GM Kyle Davidson announces the team has hired Luke Richardson as Head Coach. Richardson becomes the 40th Head Coach in Blackhawks history.

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

The Blackhawks retire Marian Hossa’s #81 to the rafters at the United Center.

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews played their 1,000th game as teammates as the Blackhawks host the New York Rangers.

APRIL 13, 2023

Captain Jonathan Toews plays his last game as a Blackhawk. In the game, Toews reached the back of the net for his 372nd goal with Chicago.

MAY 8, 2023

The Blackhawks win the 2023 NHL Draft Lottery, moving up with the third best odds of any team.

JUNE 28, 2023

Blackhawks draft Connor Bedard first overall in the 2023 NHL Draft. Bedard becomes the second first overall pick in franchise history.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 25, 2023

Blackhawks Chairman W. Rockwell "Rocky" Wirtz passes away suddenly at the age of 70.

OCTOBER 10, 2023

Connor Bedard plays his first NHL game at Pittsburgh and records an assist in his debut. He becomes the fourth youngest player to record a point in his Blackhawks debut at age 18 or younger.

JANUARY 4, 2024

Connor Bedard is named to the 2024 NHL All-Star game and becomes the youngest player in league history to be selected.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

The Blackhawks retire Chris Chelios' #7 to the rafters at the United Center. Patrick Kane plays his first game against the Blackhawks at the United Center, as a member of the Red Wings and scores overtime game-winning goal for Detroit.

APRIL 30, 2024

Connor Bedard is named a finalist for the 2024 Calder Memorial Trophy.

MAY 7, 2024

The Blackhawks win the 2023 NHL Draft Lottery, retain their second overall selection.

JUNE 27, 2024

Connor Bedard becomes youngest player in team history to win Calder Memorial Trophy. Also earns NHL All-Rookie Team honors.

JUNE 28, 2024

The Blackhawks select Artyom Levshunov with second overall pick in 2024 NHL Draft.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Nick Foligno named 36th team captain in franchise history.

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Blackhawks play St. Louis Blues in the 2025 Discover NHL Winter Classic at Wrigley Field in Chicago in front of 40,933 spectators.

MAY 22, 2025

Jeff Blashill Named 42nd head coach in franchise history.