

Hundred Year-Old Hockey: Rules Changes to play HOCKEY BLAST With 1923-24 Teams

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The first thing gamers will notice is that there are so few cards. In 1923, clubs were only allowed to dress 12 players. The common convention was to have two full forward lines (who would spell each other off, in 3 to 6 minute shifts) a defensive trio, one goalie and two substitutes (who would “ride the bench”, until needed). With such an arrangement we do not need both the “Skip a Line” and “Double Shift” tactics, in Hockey Blast. In fact, with only two lines, when a team “Skips a Line” is, effectively, a “Double Shifts”, anyway. Remove “Skip a Line” tactic, in the 1923 game. However, gamers are allowed to use the “Double Shift” tactic THREE times, in each period.

Until 1956, a player was not released from the penalty box when the opposition scored on a minor two-minute penalty. He had to serve his full two minute suspension. In Hockey Blast, when the opposition scores, on a Power Play, continue with the penalty until the full two minutes have been served.

In 1923, goalies had to serve their own penalties. With no other player dressed in goal equipment, it was a pretty good bet the ensuing power play would score at least one goal. In Hockey Blast, when a goalie commits an infraction, score one goal, immediately, and play out the rest of the two minute penalty to see if a second (or third) goal is scored.

Refrigeration units of the 1920s were not as powerful and robust as the industrial units we have today. As a result, the ice was at the mercy of the outside temperature, humidity and even the heat generated by thousands of fans. Often, by the third period, players were skating in slush. A situation exacerbated some evenings by fans throwing handfuls of salt onto the ice if the home team was winning in the third period. To get a sense of this “slowing game”, limit “Lulls”, in the first period to only TWO minutes. In the second period “Lulls” are the usual THREE minutes and in the third period “Lulls” are a full FOUR minutes long.

You’d better get a lead early!

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Hamilton	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto
			
9-15-0 (18 pts)	13-11-0 (26 pts)	16-8-0 (32 pts)	10-14-0 (20 pts)
FOURTH PLACE	SECOND PLACE CUP CHAMPION	FIRST PLACE	THIRD PLACE

★ SHOT **F** ASSIST ★

Edmond
BOUCHARD
1923-24 Hamilton

HIT
SMART

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 1 D 0.5

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★★ SHOT **C** ASSIST ★

Billy
BURCH
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SPEED
HIT
SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
55 1 B 0.5

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✂ SHOT **LW/C** ASSIST

Corb
DENNENY
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POWER SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 1 D 0.5

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G

Jake
FORBES
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SHOT SAVE ★★★
SPEC SAVE ★★

POWER

ST FIGHT INJ PEN
6 A 0

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✂ SHOT **D** ASSIST

Charles
FRASER
1923-24 Hamilton

SKILL

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
46 0 B 0

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★ SHOT **F** ASSIST

Shorty
GREEN
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SPEED HIT

STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 2 C 2

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Red
GREEN
1923-24 Hamilton

HIT

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 2 B 1.5

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★ SHOT **D/F** ASSIST

Goldie
PRODGERS
1923-24 Hamilton

HIT

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
1 D 0.5

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST ★

Ken
RANDALL
1923-24 Hamilton

HIT
SMART

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
3 D 2.5

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✂ SHOT **SUB** ASSIST

Leo
REISE
1923-24 Hamilton

SPEED SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 0 D 0

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★ SHOT **C** ASSIST

Mickey
ROACH
1923-24 Hamilton

SPEED

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
56 1 C 0.5

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST

Jesse
SPRING
1923-24 Hamilton

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
1 B 1

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✂ SHOT **F** ASSIST

Billy
BELL
1923-24 Montreal

SMART

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 0 D 0

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★★ SHOT **RW** ASSIST ★★

Billy
BOUCHER
1923-24 Montreal

SPEED HIT

SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
45 1 B 0.5

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✂ SHOT **F** ASSIST

Bobby
BOUCHER
1923-24 Montreal

SKILL SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
45 0 A 0

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✂ SHOT **F** ASSIST

Billy
CAMERON
1923-24 Montreal

HIT

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 1 C 0.5

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST ★

Sprague
CLEGHORN
1923-24 Montreal

HIT
SMART

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
2 D 2

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★ SHOT **RW** ASSIST ★

Odie
CLEGHORN
1923-24 Montreal

SMART

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
49 1 D 1

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST

Billy
COUTU
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SMART

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
1 D 1

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★★ SHOT **LW** ASSIST ★

Aurele
JOLIAT
1923-24 Montreal

SPEED HIT
SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
46 1 A 0.5

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✂ SHOT **SUB** ASSIST

Joe
MALONE
1923-24 Montreal

SKILL SMART

STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 0 D 0

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST

Sylvio
MANTHA
1923-24 Montreal

STAR

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
1 A 0.5

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★★ SHOT **C** ASSIST ★

Howie
MORENZ
1923-24 Montreal

SPEED
SKILL ▼

STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
53 2 A 1.5

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G

Geroges
VEZINA
1923-24 Montreal

PLAY SAVE ★★★★★
SHOT SAVE ★★★
SPEC SAVE ★★★★★

POWER

ST FIGHT INJ PEN
6 A 0

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G

Clint
BENEDICT
1923-24 Ottawa

PLAY SAVE ★★★★★
SHOT SAVE ★★★
SPEC SAVE ★★★

POWER

ST FIGHT INJ PEN
6 A 0

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST ★★

Georges
BOUCHER
1923-24 Ottawa

HIT

SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
3 C 2.5

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★ SHOT **RW** ASSIST ★

Punch
BROADBENT
1923-24 Ottawa

HIT
SMART

SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
48 2 D 2

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★ SHOT **D/C** ASSIST

Earl
CAMPBELL
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SPEED
SKILL ▼

POWER SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
55 1 B 0.5

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★ SHOT **D** ASSIST ★★

King
CLANCY
1923-24 Ottawa

SPEED HIT
SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
2 A 1

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✂ SHOT **RW** ASSIST

Jack
DARRAGH
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SMART

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
45 0 D 0

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★★ SHOT **LW** ASSIST

Cy
DENNENY
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SPEED
SKILL ▼

POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
45 0 D 0.5

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✂ SHOT **F** ASSIST

Frank
FINNIGAN
1923-24 Ottawa

SKILL

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 0 A 0

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SHOT **SUB** ASSIST

Harry
HELMAN
1923-24 Ottawa

SPEED
SKILL ■

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
48 0 C 0

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SHOT **D** ASSIST

Lionel
HITCHMAN
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SPEED HIT
SKILL ■■
POWER ●

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
2 A 1.5

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SHOT **C** ASSIST

Frank
NIGHBOR
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SPEED
SKILL ▼ SMART
POWER STAR

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
51 1 D 1

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SHOT **LW** ASSIST

Rod
SMYLIE
1923-24 Ottawa

POWER SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 1 C 0.5

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SHOT **C** ASSIST

Jack
ADAMS
1923-24 Toronto

SPEED HIT
SKILL ▼ ☆

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
54 2 C 2.5

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SHOT **F** ASSIST

Lloyd
ANDREWS
1923-24 Toronto

SPEED

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 0 C 0

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SHOT **F** ASSIST

Amos
ARBOUR
1923-24 Toronto

SPEED HIT

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 1 C 0.5

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SHOT **SUB** ASSIST

George
CAREY
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POWER SMART

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
46 0 D 0

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SHOT **D** ASSIST

Bert
CORBEAU
1923-24 Toronto

SPEED HIT
SKILL ■●

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
2 C 2.5

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SHOT **RW** ASSIST

Babe
DYE
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SPEED HIT
SKILL ▼ ☆

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
47 1 B 1

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SHOT **D** ASSIST

Albert
HOLWAY
1923-24 Toronto

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
0 A 0

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SHOT **LW** ASSIST

Stan
JACKSON
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POWER HIT

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 1 B 0.5

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SHOT **D** ASSIST

Will
LOUGHLIN
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POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
45 0 C 0

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SHOT **LW** ASSIST

Reg
NOBLE
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SPEED HIT
POWER ▼

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
44 3 C 3

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SHOT **G**

John
ROSS-ROACH
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SHOT SAVE ☆
SPEC SAVE ☆

ST FIGHT INJ PEN
6 A 0

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SHOT **D** ASSIST

Billy
STUART
1923-24 Toronto

SPEED ■

POWER

FO FIGHT INJ PEN
1 B 1

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1923-24
Hamilton
H
9-15-0 (18 pts)
FOURTH PLACE

1923-24
Montreal
M
13-11-0 (26 pts)
SECOND PLACE
CUP CHAMPION

1923-24
Ottawa
O
16-8-0 (32 pts)
FIRST PLACE

1923-24
Toronto
T
10-14-0 (20 pts)
THIRD PLACE