

# HOCKEY

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Ryan Callahan  
checks Brad  
Marchand into the  
boards



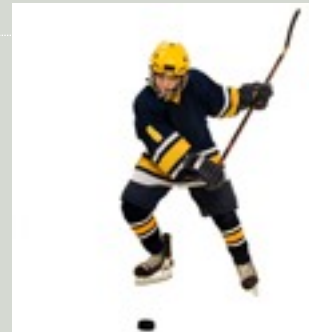
Hey you! You want to get to the top players ever to step foot on the ice? You will need two things to get you to the top level of the ice, practice and belief.

## Starting As A Kid

Starting when you are a kid can make you one of the best players on the ice ever.

Without hard high quality work in practice, being one of the best hockey players simply won't work! Even if you think you are one of the best players ever and

you think you are too good to practice you have to practice because your level 10 hockey can go down to a level two hockey and then you won't be one of the best hockey players on the ice ever in fact you won't be on the ice at all.



A kid practicing a slapshot

11 out of 12 experts on hockey said that starting hockey when you are a kid can make you one of the best hockey players ever to step foot on the ice.

To start your road to become the best hockey players ever, you have to have a good skill at skating, positioning, passing, shooting and more to come but the ones on the top are the most important. If you have all of those abilities, practice a lot, and you're on a good team (like the Central Park Hawks) you have a good chance of making it to the top level of the ice!

## Practice Makes Perfect

Captains are expected to be the best players on the ice like Messier, Crosby, and Ovechkin. Those players have more practice than any player [except Wayne

Gretsky. He was not a captain but he was an assistant captain] that has stepped on the ice. The players that are listed above have a better chance of making it to the hall of fame even though Messier is in the hall of fame.

Captains are not always equal to the other players on the ice. The captains are on the starting line and captains even get a different uniform than the other players!

## What it takes

Mark Messier, Scott Stevens and Ron Francis are some of the best players hockey history has ever seen, and they are going to tell us what it takes.

As Mark Messier said, "I think the biggest thing of how to be the best hockey player is your team has to trust you. For example on my

rookie year my team didn't trust me yet so I had to show my team at practice that I deserve to get the puck."

Scott Stevens said, "I think the biggest thing is hard work, which means showing up to practice and so on."

Last but not least Ron Francis, he said "Action and making the right moves because if I get the puck I would pass it early because there is a 87.3% chance the puck will get intercepted."

In conclusion you can become one of the top NHL players on the ice just from practice!!!