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BERGERON CALLS IT A CAREER AFTER 19 NHL SEASONS

Patrice Bergeron announced his retirement [on social media today](#), ending an NHL career spent entirely with Boston, where he played 19 seasons including the final three as captain (2020-21 – 2022-23). Bergeron, a complete player in all facets of the game, eclipsed the 1,000-point milestone in his final NHL campaign in 2022-23, a season in which he captained the Bruins to the best regular-season finish in League history – the club set NHL records with [65 wins](#) and [135 points](#).



AMONG THE LEGENDS IN BRUINS HISTORY

Patrice Bergeron's name is written all over Bruins history after the native of L'Ancienne-Lorette, Quebec was selected by the franchise during the 2003 NHL Draft (No. 45).

* Bergeron concluded his career with 427-613—1,040, finishing in the top four on the Bruins' all-time list for [goals](#) (3rd), [assists](#) (4th) and [points](#) (3rd). His 1,040 career points are the most by a Bruins player selected after the first round of a draft.

* Bergeron scored at least 20 goals in 14 of his 19 seasons – the [second most in franchise history](#) – and reached the mark in each of his final 10 campaigns dating to 2013-14, tied for the longest such run in [franchise history](#).



Patrice Bergeron is one of four players to appear in at least 19 seasons with the Bruins, the others being Ray Bourque (21), Johnny Bucyk (21) and Dit Clapper (20). His 1,294 career games with the Bruins trail only Bourque (1,518) and Bucyk (1,436).



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* Bergeron left his mark on Boston while skating on the [special teams](#) as well: his 131 power-play goals and 22 shorthanded goals are each the fourth most in franchise history. His 25 [points in overtime](#) (9-16—25) are the most by any Bruins player.

* Bergeron had the fortune to play in more than 800 regular-season games with three different teammates: **David Krejci** (895), **Zdeno Chara** (890) and **Brad Marchand** (881) – winning the Stanley Cup alongside each of them in 2011.

* Bergeron concluded his career with 128 playoff points in 170 games, tied with teammates **Brad Marchand** and **David Krejci** for [second most in Bruins history](#) behind only **Ray Bourque** (161 in 180 GP). With 50 career playoff goals, Bergeron is also just one of three skaters to [reach that milestone with Boston](#) alongside **Cam Neely** (55) and Marchand (53).

RISING TO THE OCCASION: PLAYOFF PERFORMER

Patrice Bergeron built a reputation as a perennial playoff performer throughout his career, with Boston reaching the Stanley Cup Playoffs in 15 of his 19 NHL seasons and establishing himself as a go-to offensive catalyst in Game 7s. In [2011](#), Boston overcame 2-0 and 3-2 series deficits to defeat Vancouver and capture the franchise's first championship since 1972; Bergeron had 2-0—2 in the seventh-and-deciding game, including the Cup-clinching goal.

* Bergeron's flair for the dramatic is best exemplified by his [four career playoff overtime goals](#) and his four series-clinching goals (4), with both totals standing as the most in franchise history. As a rookie in his second career Stanley Cup Playoffs contest ([Game 2 of the 2004 Conference Quarterfinals](#)), Bergeron became the second player in NHL history to score a postseason overtime tally at age 18 or younger (also **Don Gallinger**: 17 years, 339 days in 1943 SF) – doing so against his home province Canadiens, a preview of what was to come for nearly two decades.



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* Bergeron concluded his career with 6-5—11 in 14 career Game 7s, tied with longtime teammate **Zdeno Chara** (0-4—4 in 14 GP) for the most such appearances in NHL history. His six goals in that scenario are the most in Bruins history and his 11 points trail only longtime teammate **David Krejci** (1-12—13 in 12 GP). He collected three of those points during Game 7 of the 2013 Conference Quarterfinals against the Maple Leafs, which included the game-tying tally with 51 seconds remaining in regulation and the winner 6:05 into overtime to help his club become the first in NHL history to win a seventh-and-deciding game after trailing by three goals in the third period.



MOST CAREER GAME 7 GOALS

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PLAYER	GOALS
Justin Williams	7
Glenn Anderson	7
Patrice Bergeron	6
Jeremy Roenick	6
Trevor Linden	6
Wayne Gretzky	6
Wendel Clark	6




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FILLING THE TROPHY CASE

Patrice Bergeron's name has been a staple at the NHL Awards throughout his career, capturing the King Clancy Memorial Trophy (2012-13), NHL Foundation Player Award (2013-14), Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award (2020-21) and most notably, the Frank J. Selke Trophy (6x; last: 2022-23). He finished his final NHL season by extending his own NHL record by claiming his sixth Selke Trophy, two more than **Bob Gainey** had in his career.



Patrice Bergeron received 187 of a possible 196 first-place votes en route to 1,914 voting points in 2022-23 and posted not only the most decisive of his six Selke wins, but also the most dominant in the trophy's 45-year history



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* Overall, the longtime Bruins forward was a Selke Trophy *finalist* for the 12th straight season, extending his own mark in that category, and ahead of the 10 consecutive years of top-three Hart Trophy finishes by **Wayne Gretzky** (1980 through 1989) as the longest ever for a voted NHL Award.

* Bergeron is one of eight players in NHL history to *win* the same *voted* NHL Award at least six times. The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (Hart: 9x), **Bobby Orr** (Norris: 8x), **Doug Harvey** (Norris: 7x), **Nicklas Lidstrom** (Norris: 7x), **Frank Boucher** (Lady Byng: 7x), **Gordie Howe** (Hart: 6x) and **Dominik Hasek** (Vezina: 6x). Vezina Trophy wins were measured only since 1981-82 when the winner was selected based on voting.

* After also capturing the Selke Trophy in 2021-22, Bergeron joined rare company in NHL history by winning the same individual award in each of his final two NHL seasons. The others: **Ken Dryden** (Vezina: 1977-78 & 1978-79) and **Bill Durnan** (Vezina: 1948-49 & 1949-50).

* Defensively, Bergeron established himself as one of the NHL's elite centers throughout his career. Most recently in 2022-23, the Bruins forward won 1,043 of his 1,706 faceoffs and led the League with a 61.1 winning percentage. Only one other player since 1997-98 has led the NHL in faceoff winning percentage during their final career NHL season (min. 1,000 FO): **Antoine Vermette** (609 of 1,015; 60% w/ ANA in 2017-18).

FROM BLACK AND GOLD TO RED, WHITE AND GOLD

Patrice Bergeron also had a decorated career outside the NHL, taking home a gold medal for Team Canada at two Winter Olympic Games (2010 & 2014), the 2016 World Cup of Hockey, the 2004 World Championships and the 2005 World Junior Championship.



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* Bergeron won his first Olympic gold medal at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver as Team Canada defeated Team USA in overtime courtesy of **Sidney Crosby**'s iconic "Golden Goal," and was subsequently inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in 2012 along with the rest of the team. Bergeron donned the red and white again in 2014, helping his country bring home a gold medal from the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi.

* Bergeron collected 4-3—7 (6 GP) to help Team Canada skate to a perfect 3-0 record and win the gold medal while skating alongside Crosby and longtime Bruins teammate **Brad Marchand** at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. His four goals were the second most in the tournament behind Marchand (5-3—8) and his seven points trailed only Crosby (3-7—10) and his Boston counterpart for the most in the tournament.

* Bergeron won his first gold medal while representing Canada for the first time at the 2004 World Championship in Prague, Czechia, at age 18. The following year, he helped his country win another tournament, this time at the World Junior Championship in Minnesota. Bergeron, named the MVP after leading the tournament in points with 5-8—13 (6 GP), became the first player to win a gold medal in the World Junior Championship after having already won gold at the World Championship.



Patrice Bergeron is a member of the "Triple Gold Club," having won a Stanley Cup (2011), a gold medal at the Olympics (2010 & 2014) and a gold medal at the World Championship (2004).

Only four current NHL players have accomplished the feat: Sidney Crosby, Corey Perry, Eric Staal and Jonathan Toews.

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