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BASICS/STRATEGY

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a. Controls

Offense

Control Stick - Move Player
D-Pad - None
A Button - Pass
B Button - Speed Burst
X Button - Wrist Shot (hold for a Slap Shot)
Y Button - Dump the Puck
R Trigger - Change Lines
L Trigger - Adjust Coaching Strategy

Defense

Control Stick - Move Player
D-Pad - None
A Button - Change Players
B Button - Speed Burst/Body Check
X Button - Poke Check
Y Button - Fall down to Block a Shot
R Trigger - Change Lines
L Trigger - Adjust Coaching Strategy

Goaltender - Auto

Control Stick - Move Player
D-Pad - None
A Button - Pass
B Button - None
X Button - Cover the Puck
Y Button - None
R Trigger - Change Lines
L Trigger - Adjust Coaching Strategy

Goaltender - Manual

Control Stick - Move Player
D-Pad - None
A Button - Change Players
B Button - Slash a nearby player
X Button - None
Y Button - None
R Trigger - Change Lines
L Trigger - Adjust Coaching Strategy

Fighting

Control Stick - Move Player
D-Pad - None
A Button - Dodge

B Button - Grab
X Button - Jab
Y Button - Hard Punch
R Trigger - None
L Trigger - None

(Press A three times before a fight starts to avoid the fight. you won't get a penalty that way.)

b. The Menus

Main Menu

Exhibition - Play a single game with any two teams and under your own rules.

Season - Play a 82-game schedule with a team. You could stimulate games here, too.

Playoffs - Duke it out in a playoff bracket!

Game Settings - Adjust Difficulty, Rules, Team Configurations, Sound, and the Background Sound

VMU Backup - Load and Save files here.

Credits - WOW! LOOK AT THOSE NAMES! GEE, I WONDER WHO THEY ARE.

Exhibition

Before playing a game here, you may choose your teams and jerseys. You can even adjust the lines to your liking. Trading players across teams are also possible here.

Season

Over the season, you may view your team and other teams' stats and standings via 'Season Standings' and 'Season Stats'. Otherwise, nothing special. You need 170 blocks to save a season, though.

Playoff

The game will stimulate the 1999-2000 season for you and let you play as any of the surviving teams. Play 7-game serieses for the Stanley Cup!

c. Creating a Player

In the Exhibition, Season and Playoff menus, there is an option entitled 'Custom Player'. Here you may create up to 40 individuals, 4 goalies and 36 players. Sadly, the system is flawed and you can just push the stats up to the max without any restrictions.

You can name the player as always, and its appearance (how fat and tall and

whether if he's a righty or a lefty). Jersey numbers are also changeable.

To import a created player, go to the 'Trade Players' sub-menu and select the desired team that you want your player to be on and select 'Free Agents' for the other side. Select the created player and trade away!

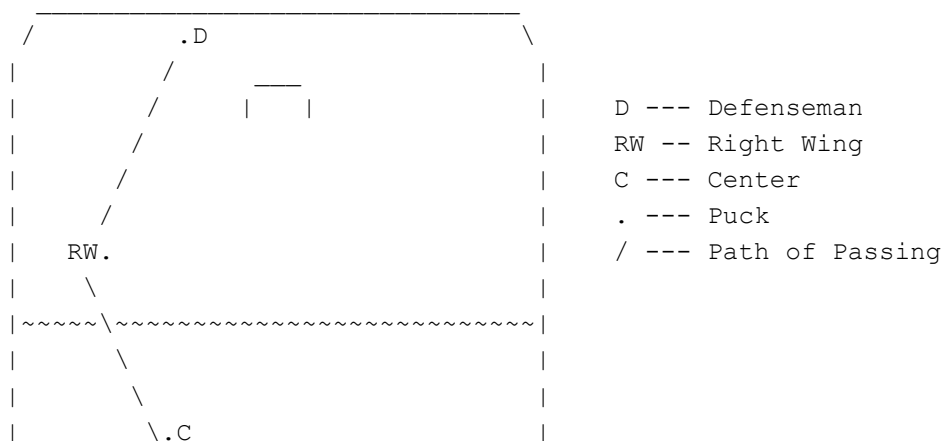
d. Offensive Strategy

Turbo Darting

I call this 'Darting' because you literally dart past the defense line while pressing turbo. To do this, just press down B (turbo) and skate in circles around the defense. However, the longer you have the puck, the more likely you will get checked. It's more like dirty and dishonest hockey.

Breakout Passing

Now I LIKE this! If you're not familiar with Breakout passing, I am here to explain it you. If you ever recovers the puck deep in your zone, you can pass to either wingman (left or right) along the boards. Then the wingman will direct the puck to the center. By the time center gets the puck, he's at or past the red line with 1 or 2 guys in front of him. It's a very effective way of creating opportunities because the other wingman would skate along the center. Sounds like an scoring chance? Yes!

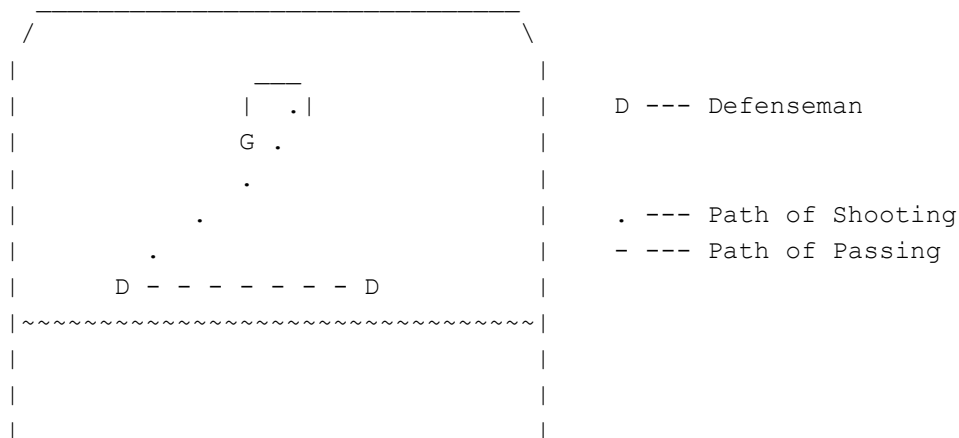


Scoring

There are several ways to do this, but all of them won't work half of the time because the goaltending in this game is very stingy.

ONE-TIMERS - Common sense. You saw this back in the heyday of Genny and SNES with NHLPA games. With at least two men going to goal, one on each side, pass the puck to the other men and tap X before he receives the puck to execute a slap shot. However, it is not a sure goal or even close at that. The shooter has to be on the near opposing side, and he has to release it very quickly because goalies here aren't flamboyant and won't get fooled easily.

There is an interesting method which include slap-shot one-timers: Have two point men (at the blue line), one with a puck. One would pass to the other point man... The point man should aim to the other side of the goal, because the goalie usually go too far to YOUR side. Here's a diagram:



BREAKAWAYS - Probably the easiest chance to score in a real game of hockey, but it's just as hard as going 1 on 5 in NHL2K. The goalies here covers maybe 85 or 90 percent of the goal just by standing there. So, if you find yourself in a breakaway position, you could prefer to use the boards to turn around and give the puck to an incoming for a one-timer, a much better chance to score. If you prefer going head-on-head with the goalie... then you should just try to do a SIMPLE deke (left to right or vice versa) and shoot it up in a top corner. Very difficult, tho.

SLAP-SHOTS - A better chance of scoring than breakaways and I'll tell you why: they create rebounds and rebounds create the best opportunities for putting one in. You could just skate into the zone and blast one at the goalie. The puck might fall awry, and one of the bystanders of yours might pick it up and score. Doesn't happen often, tho. :)

e. Defensive Strategy

CHECKING - Your BEST weapon in your defensive array, by far. With enough speed, you can knock the player off the puck and voila! The puck's yours without any contest! It is better to check them head-on, as it creates more momentum disruption. Checking from behind just isn't as effective. Hold down the turbo button and you're set for a check!

POKE CHECKING - With your stick, you can poke the puck out of the hands of the enemy. This is best used when you're controlling a defenseman going backwards, facing an attacker with the puck. Make sure you're close enough and poke away! I would say it works about half of the time.

BLOCKING SHOTS - With the Block button, you can drop down to the knees or body to block a shot. However, if the guy doesn't shoot, you will have a while before you can go back up. IMO, it doesn't work as good as just standing between the shooter and the goalie. That way you can either check, poke check, or hope the puck hits you. :)

Fighting

Heh. If you do fight, you will get a 5-minute penalty along with the other guy. However, if you press A THREE times before you fight, you will not receive a penalty. Instead, the opponent boxer will receive 2 minutes minor.

Haha.

Anyway, if you do fight... Just use A (Duck) and X (Jab) to work his health bar down. Ducking will help you save some health loss, while jab is very quick, much better than a sloppy hard punch (Y) which takes a lot of time to execute. You could grab the other guy with B but I don't use it personally because... I like jabbing! ;) Up to you really. Experiment with the controls.

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MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM
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Overall: 79 (T-11th)
Offense: 79
Defense: 79
Goaltending: 84
Speed: 92
Passing: 80
Checking: 78

Best Players: RW - T. Selanne - 94
LW - P. Kariya - 96
C - S. Rucchin - 85
D - F. Olausson - 82
D - O. Tverdovsky - 82

Best Goaltender: G. Hebert - 90

of Jerseys: 5

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ATLANTA THRASHERS
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Overall: 72 (T-Last)
Offense: 72
Defense: 72
Goaltending: 73
Speed: 75
Passing: 71
Checking: 76

Best Players: RW - K. Buchberger - 80
LW - A. Brunette - 76
C - P. Stefan - 74
D - D. Shannon - 75
D - G. Murphy - 73

Best Goaltender: D. Rhodes - 83

of Jerseys: 2

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BOSTON BRUINS
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Overall: 79 (T-11th)

Offense: 78
Defense: 81
Goaltending: 78
Speed: 82
Passing: 78
Checking: 81

Best Players: RW - S. Heinze - 79
LW - D. Andreychuk - 83
C - J. Allison - 85
D - R. Bourque - 87
D - K. McLaren - 85

Best Goaltender: B. Dafoe - 86

of Jerseys: 6

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BUFFALO SABRES

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Overall: 80 (T-5th)
Offense: 80
Defense: 81
Goaltending: 88
Speed: 84
Passing: 80
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - V. Varada - 76
LW - M. Satan - 87
C - M. Peca - 86
D - A. Zhitnik - 82
D - J. Woolley - 78

Best Goaltender: D. Hasek - 99

of Jerseys: 3

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CALGARY FLAMES

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Overall: 79 (T-11th)
Offense: 78
Defense: 81
Goaltending: 85
Speed: 83
Passing: 79
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - V. Bure - 84
LW - R. Cobert - 79
C - C. Stillman - 86
D - P. Housley - 85
D - D. Morris - 79

Best Goaltender: G. Fuhr - 86

of Jerseys: 5

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CAROLINA HURRICANES

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Overall: 79 (T-11th)
Offense: 79
Defense: 80
Goaltending: 81
Speed: 83
Passing: 78
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - S. Kapanen - 85
LW - G. Roberts - 83
C - R. Francis - 87
D - P. Coffey - 76
D - G. Wesley - 76

Best Goaltender: A. Irbe - 84

of Jerseys: 4

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CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

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Overall: 79 (T-11th)
Offense: 79
Defense: 80
Goaltending: 79
Speed: 83
Passing: 79
Checking: 77

Best Players: RW - T. Amonte - 88
LW - E. Daze - 80
C - D. Gilmour - 87
D - B. Mironov - 82
D - B. McCabe - 78

Best Goaltender: J. Thibault - 82

of Jerseys: 5

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COLORADO AVALANCHE

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Overall: 80 (T-5th)
Offense: 79
Defense: 81
Goaltending: 82
Speed: 83
Passing: 79
Checking: 80

Best Players: RW - A. Deadmarsh - 83
LW - B. Rolston - 81
C - P. Forsberg - 96 (Sakic at 94)
D - S. Ozolinsh - 90
D - A. Foote - 87

Best Goaltender: P. Roy - 91

of Jerseys: 3

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DALLAS STARS

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Overall: 83 (1st)
Offense: 82
Defense: 85
Goaltending: 81
Speed: 82
Passing: 80
Checking: 83

Best Players: RW - B. Hull - 89
LW - J. Nieuwendyk - 87
C - M. Modano - 93
D - D. Hatcher - 91
D - D. Sydor - 84

Best Goaltender: E. Belfour - 90

of Jerseys: 7

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DETROIT RED WINGS

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Overall: 82 (T-2nd)
Offense: 83
Defense: 83
Goaltending: 84
Speed: 84
Passing: 83
Checking: 78

Best Players: RW - D. McCarty - 83
LW - B. Shanahan - 93
C - S. Yzerman - 91
D - N. Lidstorm - 90
D - C. Chelios - 89

Best Goaltender: C. Osgood - 89

of Jerseys: 4

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EDMONTON OILERS

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Overall: 77 (T-22nd)
Offense: 75
Defense: 79
Goaltending: 82
Speed: 83
Passing: 77
Checking: 80

Best Players: RW - B. Guerin - 84
LW - R. Smyth - 78
C - D. Weight - 82
D - R. Hamrlik - 82
D - J. Niinimaa - 79

Best Goaltender: T. Salo - 84

of Jerseys: 3

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FLORIDA PANTHERS

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Overall: 78 (T-17th)
Offense: 77
Defense: 78
Goaltending: 83
Speed: 79
Passing: 78
Checking: 80

Best Players: RW - P. Bure - 94
LW - R. Whitney - 81
C - R. Niedermayer- 80
D - R. Svehla - 79
D - B. Hedican - 76

Best Goaltender: T. Kidd/M. Vernon - 83

of Jerseys: 3

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LOS ANGELES KINGS

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Overall: 78 (T-17th)
Offense: 78
Defense: 80
Goaltending: 79
Speed: 81
Passing: 78
Checking: 77

Best Players: RW - Z. Palffy - 87
LW - L. Robitaille - 87
C - J. Stumpel - 83
D - R. Blake - 87
D - M. Norstrom - 76

Best Goaltender: S. Fiset - 84

of Jerseys: 6

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MONTREAL CANADIENS

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Overall: 77 (T-22nd)
Offense: 76
Defense: 78
Goaltending: 79
Speed: 78
Passing: 76
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - D. Zubrus - 75
LW - S. Corson - 85

C - S. Koivu - 84
D - V. Malakhov - 83
D - E. Weinrich - 76

Best Goaltender: J. Hackett - 86

of Jerseys: 5

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NASHVILLE PREDATORS

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Overall: 73 (26th)
Offense: 73
Defense: 74
Goaltending: 77
Speed: 80
Passing: 75
Checking: 72

Best Players: RW - S.Krivokrasov - 80
LW - V. Peltonen - 71
C - C. Ronning - 81
D - B. Houlder - 75
D - K. Timonen - 73

Best Goaltender: M. Dunham/T. Vokoun - 77

of Jerseys: 2

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NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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Overall: 79 (T-11th)
Offense: 78
Defense: 80
Goaltending: 81
Speed: 81
Passing: 79
Checking: 82

Best Players: RW - C. Lemieux - 86
LW - J. Arnott - 79
C - B. Holik - 85
D - S. Stevens - 90
D - S. Niedermayer - 86

Best Goaltender: M. Brodeur - 89

of Jerseys: 5

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NEW YORK ISLANDERS

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Overall: 72 (T-Last)
Offense: 72
Defense: 72
Goaltending: 73
Speed: 76
Passing: 71
Checking: 76

Best Players: RW - M. Czerkawski - 77
LW - B. Isbister - 73
C - D. Scatchard - 74
D - K. Jonsson - 78
D - M. Biron - 68

Best Goaltender: R. Luongo - 74

of Jerseys: 3

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NEW YORK RANGERS

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Overall: 82 (T-2nd)
Offense: 82
Defense: 83
Goaltending: 86
Speed: 83
Passing: 81
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - T. Fleury - 90
LW - A. Graves - 86
C - P. Nedved - 86
D - B. Leetch - 89
D - M. Schneider - 82

Best Goaltender: M. Richter - 91

of Jerseys: 6

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OTTAWA SENATORS

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Overall: 82 (T-2nd)
Offense: 82
Defense: 83
Goaltending: 82
Speed: 85
Passing: 81
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - D. Alfredsson - 85
LW - S. McEachern - 85
C - R. Bonk - 83
D - W. Redden - 83
D - J. Laukkanen - 76

Best Goaltender: R. Tugnutt - 86

of Jerseys: 4

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PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

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Overall: 80 (T-5th)
Offense: 77
Defense: 82
Goaltending: 80

Speed: 79
Passing: 78
Checking: 85

Best Players: RW - M. Recchi - 92
LW - J. LeClair - 93
C - E. Lindros - 94
D - E. Desjardins - 82
D - D. McGillis - 77

Best Goaltender: J. Vanbiesbrouck - 88

of Jerseys: 4

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PHOENIX COTOTES
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Overall: 78 (T-17th)
Offense: 78
Defense: 79
Goaltending: 78
Speed: 80
Passing: 77
Checking: 80

Best Players: RW - R. Tocchet - 78
LW - K. Thachuk - 90
C - J. Roenick - 91
D - T. Numminen - 84
D - J. Lumme - 78

Best Goaltender: S. Burke/B. Essensa - 78

of Jerseys: 5

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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
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Overall: 78 (T-17th)
Offense: 77
Defense: 79
Goaltending: 82
Speed: 81
Passing: 78
Checking: 78

Best Players: RW - J. Jagr - 99
LW - G. Titov - 81
C - M. Straka - 86
D - D. Kasparaitis - 80
D - J. Sleggr - 77

Best Goaltender: T. Barrasso - 87

of Jerseys: 7

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SAN JOSE SHARKS
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Overall: 80 (T-5th)

Offense: 79
Defense: 82
Goaltending: 79
Speed: 82
Passing: 79
Checking: 81

Best Players: RW - O. Nolan - 90
LW - J. Friesen - 84
C - V. Damphousse - 88
D - G. Suter - 82
D - B. Marchment - 78

Best Goaltender: S. Shields - 83

of Jerseys: 3

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ST. LOUIS BLUES

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Overall: 80 (T-5th)
Offense: 78
Defense: 83
Goaltending: 80
Speed: 81
Passing: 80
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - P. Demitra - 87
LW - S. Pellerin - 81
C - P. Turgeon - 89
D - C. Pronger - 94
D - A. MacInnis - 92

Best Goaltender: R. Turek - 84

of Jerseys: 5

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TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

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Overall: 74 (25th)
Offense: 74
Defense: 75
Goaltending: 78
Speed: 77
Passing: 74
Checking: 74

Best Players: RW - S. Drulia - 70
LW - F. Modin - 74
C - C. Gratton - 80
D - P. Svoboda - 78
D - P. Kubina - 76

Best Goaltender: D. Cloutier - 79

of Jerseys: 3

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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

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Overall: 80 (T-5th)
Offense: 81
Defense: 80
Goaltending: 85
Speed: 83
Passing: 80
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - M. Johnson - 78
LW - S. Berezin - 83
C - M. Sundin - 92
D - B. Berard - 83
D - T. Kaberle - 81

Best Goaltender: C. Joseph - 95

of Jerseys: 5

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VANCOUVER CANUCKS

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Overall: 77 (T-22nd)
Offense: 77
Defense: 77
Goaltending: 81
Speed: 81
Passing: 77
Checking: 78

Best Players: RW - A. Mogilny - 85
LW - M. Naslund - 82
C - M. Messier - 86
D - A. Aucoin - 80
D - M. Ohlund - 79

Best Goaltender: F. Potvin - 83

of Jerseys: 9

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WASHINGTON CAPITALS

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Overall: 78 (T-17th)
Offense: 77
Defense: 78
Goaltending: 82
Speed: 81
Passing: 78
Checking: 79

Best Players: RW - P. Bondra - 86
LW - S. Konowalchuk - 80
C - A. Oates - 90
D - S. Gonchar - 82
D - C. Johansson - 78

Best Goaltender: O. Kolzig - 86

of Jerseys: 4

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NORTH AMERICAN ALL-STARS
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Overall: 94
Offense: 95
Defense: 96
Goaltending: 92
Speed: 93
Passing: 94
Checking: 90

Best Players: RW - M. Recchi - 92
LW - P. Kariya - 96
C - Lindros/Sakic - 94
D - C. Pronger - 94
D - A. MacInnis - 92

Best Goaltender: C. Joseph - 95

of Jerseys: 2

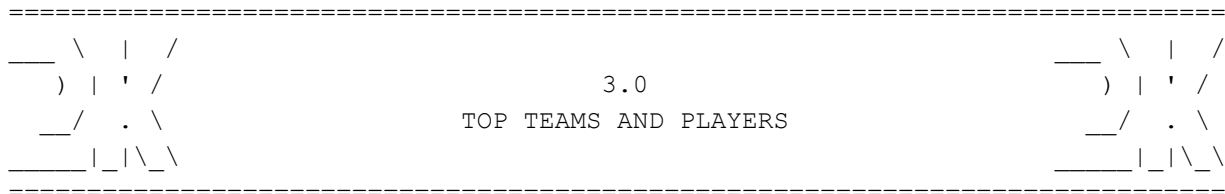
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WORLD ALL-STARS
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Overall: 90
Offense: 91
Defense: 91
Goaltending: 91
Speed: 92
Passing: 91
Checking: 85

Best Players: RW - J. Jagr - 99
LW - M. Satan - 87
C - P. Forsberg - 96
D - N. Lidstrom - 90
D - S. Ozolinsh - 90

Best Goaltender: D. Hasek - 99

of Jerseys: 2



Top Five Teams (Overall)

- 5. Colorado Avalanche
4. Ottawa Senators
3. New York Rangers
2. Detroit Red Wings
1. Dallas Stars

Top Centers

- 5. Mats Sundin (Toronto Maple Leafs)
- 4. Mike Modano (Dallas Stars)
- 3. Joe Sakic (Colorado Avalanche)
- 2. Eric Lindros (Philadelphia Flyers)
- 1. Peter Forsberg (Colorado Avalanche)

Top Wingers

- 5. Joe LeClair (Philadelphia Flyers)
- 4. Teemu Selanne (Mighty Ducks of Anaheim)
- 3. Pavel Bure (Florida Panthers)
- 2. Paul Kariya (Mighty Ducks of Anaheim)
- 1. Jaromir Jagr (Pittsburgh Penguins)

Top Defensemen

- 5. C. Chelios (Detroit Red Wings)
- 4. S. Ozolinsh (Colorado Avalanche)
- 3. N. Lidstrom (Detroit Red Wings)
- 2. A. MacInnis (St. Louis Blues)
- 1. C. Pronger (St. Louis Blues)

Top Goalies

- 5. Eddie Belfour (Dallas Stars)
- 4. Mike Ritche (New York Rangers)
- 3. Patrick Roy (Colorado Avalanche)
- 2. Curtis Joseph (Toronto Maple Leafs)
- 1. Dominik Hasek (Buffalo Sabres)

Top Players Overall

- 5. Curtis Joseph (G - Toronto Maple Leafs)
- 4. Paul Kariya (W - Mighty Ducks of Anaheim)
- 3. Peter Forsberg (C - Colorado Avalanche)
- 2. Jaromir Jagr (W - Pittsburgh Penguins)
- 1. Dominik Hasek (G - Buffalo Sabres)

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