

Field hockey glove

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Pair of field hockey gloves once owned by Jean-Claude Tremblay, Montreal Canadiens defenseman from 1960 to 1972.

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Date 1955 c

Materials fiber, skin, leather

Measurements 20 x 40 cm

Historical context

This pair of mid-20th century field hockey gloves belonged to Jean-Claude Tremblay (1939-1994). A professional defenseman for the National Hockey League ice hockey team, he played for the Montreal Canadiens from 1960 to 1972 and the Quebec Nordiques from 1972 to 1979.

Jean-Claude Tremblay's career left its mark on the Canadiens' defense, thanks to his offensive abilities and skills. He is considered one of the best defensemen in the national league at the time. After his official retirement in 1979 following multiple injuries, he continued his involvement in ice hockey, coaching the Université Laval Rouge et Or team in 1979 and 1980.

In addition, this object bears witness to an important period in the sporting history of Montreal field hockey. The Montreal Canadiens won six Stanley Cups while Jean-Claude Tremblay was playing defense for the team. After a string of consecutive victories from 1956 to 1960, the early 1960s proved to be a difficult period for the Canadiens. After a management reshuffle, the Montreal Canadiens reached the Stanley Cup semi-finals in 1964 and won their 13th and 14th Stanley Cups in 1965 and 1966, followed by 1968, 1969 and 1971.