

# On the Edge: Women Making History in Hockey

Hockey is a sport that has traditionally been dominated by men, but women have been playing the game for over a century. In the early days, women's hockey was often seen as a novelty, but over the years, women have proven that they are just as skilled and competitive as men.

One of the pioneers of women's hockey was **Manon Rhéaume**. Rhéaume was the first woman to play in a men's professional hockey game, when she suited up for the Tampa Bay Lightning in 1992. She also played for the Canadian national team, and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2013.



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Another groundbreaking player was **Cammi Granato**. Granato was a member of the US national team for over 15 years, and she won four

Olympic medals, including a gold medal in 1998. She was also the first woman to score a goal in a men's professional hockey game, when she did so for the Columbus Chill in 2000.

In recent years, women's hockey has continued to grow in popularity. The National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) was founded in 2015, and the league has six teams in the United States and Canada. The NWHL has helped to provide a platform for women's hockey players, and it has helped to increase the visibility of the sport.

Despite the progress that has been made, women's hockey still faces some challenges. One of the biggest challenges is a lack of funding. Women's hockey programs at the collegiate and professional level often receive less funding than men's programs. This can make it difficult for women's teams to compete at the same level as men's teams.

Another challenge that women's hockey faces is a lack of media coverage. Women's hockey games are often not televised, and when they are, they are often relegated to less desirable time slots. This can make it difficult for fans to follow the sport, and it can also make it difficult for women's hockey players to get the recognition they deserve.

Despite the challenges, women's hockey is continuing to grow in popularity. More and more girls are playing the sport, and the NWHL is providing a platform for women's hockey players to showcase their skills. With continued support, women's hockey has the potential to become one of the most popular sports in the world.

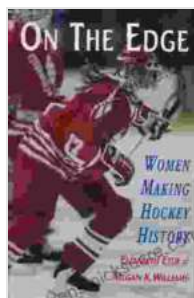
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proven that they are just as skilled and competitive as men. Despite the challenges they have faced, women's hockey is continuing to grow in popularity. With continued support, women's hockey has the potential to become one of the most popular sports in the world.



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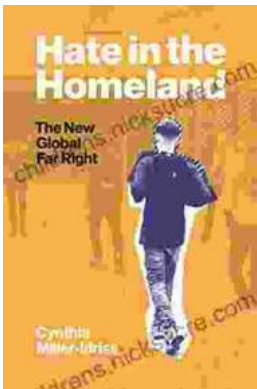
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