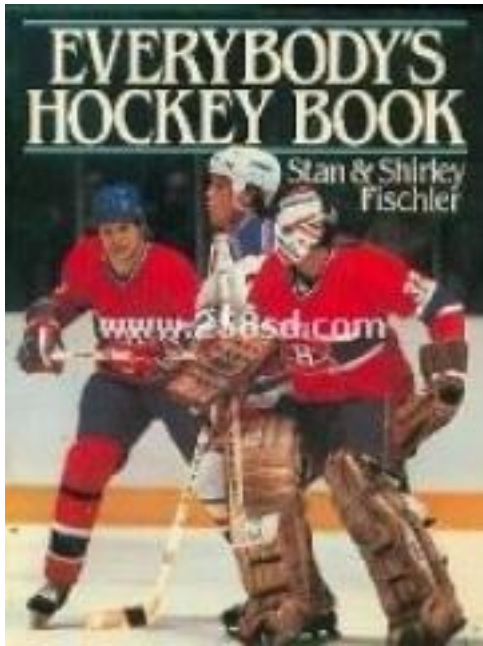


# Everybody's Hockey Book



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THE HISTORY OF HOCKEY<br>HURLEY¼ SHINNY¼ AND HOQUET<br>Pinpointing the precise origin of the modern game of ice hockey is no easier than<br>defining the infinite number of moves Wayne Gretzky employs when he confronts<br>a goalkeeper. Even the most knowledgeable hockey historians have found them-<br>selves lost in a sea of mythology¼ quasi-fact¼ and fancy as they probe the<br>puck<br>chasers past.<br>One of the more appealing hoaxes was perpetrated by<br>John H. (Jack) Filman¼ a<br>jovial gentleman who had been the public address<br>announcer at Madison Square<br>Garden hockey games in the 1930s¼ as well as<br>publicist for the New York Rangers.<br>It was Filman s job¼ among other<br>things¼ to fill the pages of the Garden program<br>with interesting tidbits about<br>the ice game¼ then still a novelty to many New<br>Yorkers.<br>In a fit of fancy

one dayi¼ Filman credited the Indians of the Six Nations with in-venting hockey in North America. As Filman put iti¼ explorers penetrating the St. Lawrence Valley in 1740 discovered the Iroquois playing a well-organized game called baggatawayi¼ or lacrosse. During the course of action braves would frequently be whacked in the shinsi¼ Filman noted. When that happened the Indian would grunt \"ho-Geei¼\" or as we might put it todayi¼ \"ouch.\" Filman insisted that the white men quickly translated \"ho-Gee\" to \"hockey.\" Filman addedi¼ \"The surviving saclmms of the Six Nations tell how the game wasplayed on the plains in summer and on ice-covered ponds and rivers in winter.\"<br><br>

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