

At that time, Hull was also one of the fastest hockey skaters around, hitting speeds of 29.7 mph. His slapshot was clocked at 118.3 mph, nearly 35 mph above the league average.

"My family and I were achievers. I guess our genetics were strong. I was the oldest child in a family with seven girls and four boys, and I just wanted to do things the best that I could and not settle for any less," said Hull.

Sports were in Hull's blood. Excelling in many different games, he had been offered a football scholarship when he was younger, and also pitched fastball.

After relighting his cigar during an interview with The Summer Pioneer, Hull sat back and reflected on all his past accomplishments, recounting how he had received the Art Ross Trophy three times, the Hart Trophy twice and the Lady Byng Trophy once.

Hull scored 610 goals and got 1,170 points in 15 NHL seasons with the Chicago Black Hawks, before jumping to the Winnipeg Jets, where he then added 303 goals and 638 points to his totals.

A highlight of Hull's career was being inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1988. Hull is also proud to be a member of the Order of Canada.

Today he says the sport has changed in some ways.

"Back then we had more respect for one another on the ice. Now hockey players just ram into one another. ...Once the helmets and face masks were on, respect was lost," said Hull.

But Hull still remembers those times when fans yelled his name and younger children asked for his autograph.

"Now when children run up to me, they recognize me as Brett Hull's dad and ask if I can get my son's autograph for them," he said.

Hull is now usually recognized when he is compared with his son's accomplishments.

They are the first father and son in NHL history to score 50 goals in one season, win the same NHL trophies including the Lady Byng and Hart trophies. Similarly, they both scored 500 goals in their career. As well, the father and son team have each won the Stanley Cup.