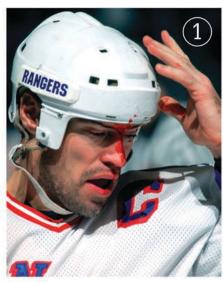
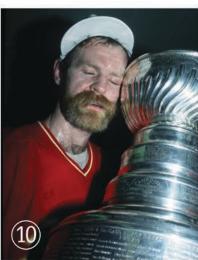
Bruces TOP 10

Bruce Bennett poured through millions of images taken over the course of 40 years and 5,000 games to select his top 10 favorite photos for Getty Images. Bruce talks about what it was about these particular images that caught his eye.











1. BLOODY BUT NOT BEATEN

Mark Messier was a leader throughout his career. His stare alone would send shivers down competitors' spines. As a photographic subject, he was always one of the best. Captured here in the late 1990s, he appears as a throwback to another time in hockey's history; a gladiator whose win at all costs attitude made him an asset to every team he was a part of.

2. SHATTERED GLASS

Much of our current sports coverage involves shooting with strobes at one frame every three seconds. Shooting available light at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi at 10 frames per second certainly helped capture this moment, but even then, only three frames were of any value.

3. CROSBY'S GOLDEN GOAL

Simply put, 'the goal that saved a nation's pride,' Sidney Crosby is captured from an overhead remote camera scoring the gold-medal winning goal in Vancouver in 2010. I shot this while watching the game on the scoreboard kneeling way back in the Zamboni chute waiting to go on the ice for the postgame celebration.

4. SUPERSTAR CELEBRATION

'When Gretzky played with Lemieux.' The highlight of the 1987 Canada vs. Russia series was watching two of the greatest players who had ever played – Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux – skating on the same team. Here they combine on the go ahead goal (5-4) with about four minutes left in Game 2 of the series

5. ON TOP OF THE HOCKEY WORLD

The start of my career almost turned disastrous as I couldn't get out on the ice to cover the Stanley Cup presentation in 1979 when Montreal defeated the New York Rangers. While standing on a chair in the first row of the stands, I captured this image, which has gone on to photographically symbolize the winning of the Stanley Cup.