

1966-67-Last year of the final 6; Last Cup win for the Leafs

1967-68-Despite a better year than the six expansion teams, the Leafs miss the playoffs

1969-70-Leafs finish in last place and no Canadian team plays in playoffs

1975-76-Captain Daryl Sittler sets record with 10 points against Bruins, 100 points in season; Lose to Stanley Cup champs, The Flyers, in 7 games

1977-78-Toronto owner declares women "only good on their back," also serves time for tax evasion and is fined by league after making names on jerseys same colour as the jerseys themselves

1979-80-Leafs go through two coaches, finish third place, are swept out of playoffs by North Stars allowing 17 goals in 3 games

1983-84-Owner Harold Ballard refuses to sign Europeans and the Leafs finish in last

1980-81-Sittler rips off 'C'; owner compares him to traitor who urinates on Canadian flag and later fires team's coach and the team loses to the Islanders in the first round of the playoffs

1984-85-Leafs finish as the worst team in the league, 14 points worse than the worst playoff team

1992-93-The Leafs have their best season in 14 years, make it to semi-finals. A Wayne Gretzky high stick and hat-trick erases any hope for a Leafs/Canadiens finals

2004-05-Season cancelled due to lockout

2008-09-Hockey analysts agree the Leafs will most likely again miss the playoffs for their third straight season

How can the Leafs turn it around?

A historical account of the Leafs downfalls, and a satirical solution

Ever since 1967 the question in the hockey world has been how the Toronto Maple Leafs can manage to win another Stanley Cup. A member of the original six teams, the winners of the second most Stanley Cups in NHL history and countless legends putting on the Leafs jersey haven't been enough to es-

tablish a Maple Leaf Stanley Cup in over four decades.

Changing up management, bringing in some top-notch coaches and signing future Hall of Famers have all failed to earn the Toronto team a chance to drink from the most famous award in sports. But what has gone wrong? Why, over 40 years, has one of the

greatest teams in sports history allowed itself to degrade into the laughing stock it has become?

1993

Any Leaf fan remembers 1993. It was their year. Wendel Clark held the 'C' and superstar Doug Gilmour was proving his worth in the hockey world. Felix Potvin

manned the goal as one of the league's finest and Jamie Macoun and Dave Ellet made it impossible for any opposing team to make a break for the net. It was a great year for any Leaf fan. The cursed team fought all the way to the Stanley Cup semi-finals against Wayne Gretzky and the L.A. Kings.

This was no team to scoff at. Kelly Hrudefy had become one of the finest net-minders in the league, Luc Robitaille was quickly becoming an NHL star, Marty McSorley was delivering bone-crushing hits and The Great One was at the head of it all.

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