



## Lou Nanne

**Hockey legend** Lou Nanne is a former NHL player and general manager known for his **massive influence on USA hockey.**

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*"It's really a unique thing to do to play for your country. It's completely different than the NHL or college. It's a different feeling. It's something that you treasure if you have the opportunity to do it." - Lou Nanne*

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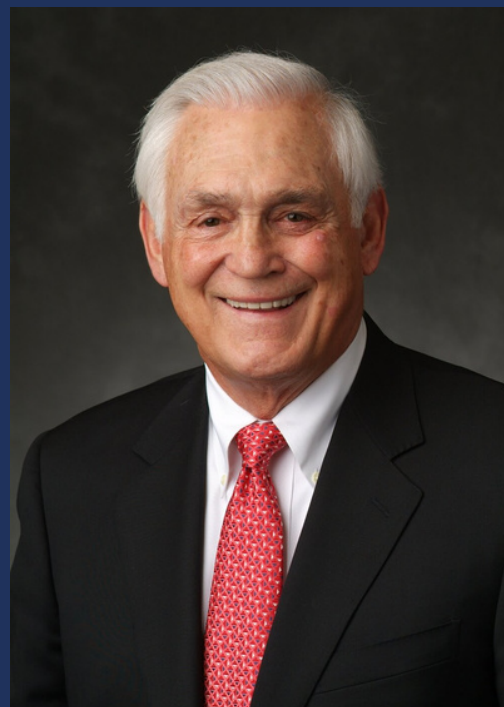
## Lou Nanne's Story

Lou Nanne is a former NHL defenseman and general manager. During his collegiate career at the University of Minnesota, Lou earned All-WCHA First Team and WCHA Most Valuable Player honors. In 1963, he was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks but turned down their \$8000 contract offer because he made three times as much money working as a salesman for an envelope manufacturing company. Instead, he played in the USHL while pursuing business opportunities in the Minnesota area.

5 years later Lou, an Ontario-born Canadian, earned his American citizenship, allowing him to play for and captain the U.S. National team at the 1968 Winter Olympics in France. Lou also played for the U.S. at the 1976 and 1977 Ice Hockey World Championships and the 1976 Canada Cup; and managed the U.S. National team in the 1981, 1984, and 1987 Canada Cup tournaments. On top of that, Lou had a large influence on the decision to name Herb Brooks as coach of the "Miracle on Ice" 1980 U.S. team.

It wasn't until after the 1968 Winter Olympics that Lou made his NHL debut. He signed a free agent contract with the Minnesota North Stars, a new expansion team who had acquired his rights from the Blackhawks. Lou would play his entire NHL career with the North Stars from 1968 to 1978. Even more, immediately after his time as a player ended, he served as the general manager of the North Stars from 1978 to 1988. He also coached the team briefly during the 1978-79 season. With Lou as general manager, the North Stars reached the 1981 Stanley Cup Finals and made seven consecutive playoff appearances from 1979 to 1986.

With his hockey career, Lou has earned inductions into the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame, the United States Hockey Hall of Fame, and the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the Lester Patrick Trophy for outstanding service to hockey in the United States in 1989. All of this drives top organizations to hire Lou Nanne for corporate team building events, leadership talks, and fireside chats.



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