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In June 2010, Paul Henderson's 1972 Summit Series Team Canada jersey was put up for auction by its previous American owner. As a lifelong hockey fan, I know how much the series-winning goal against the Soviets meant to Canadians of all ages and backgrounds. I am blessed to have been able to win the auction and am proud to bring Paul's jersey back to Canada.

The Summit Series was more than just a sports competition for Canadians; it was an iconic moment because our national pride for our national game was put to the test. This battle between Canada and the Soviet Union extended well beyond the ice surface – it was a showdown between the two greatest hockey nations as well as a clash of our respective ideologies. Ultimately, Canada's extraordinary resolve resulted in our victory over the Soviets.

As Canadians, we should wear our pride on our sleeves. I believe that there are many reasons to be proud to be Canadian. Team Canada's come-from-behind win, capped by Paul's winning goal in the final seconds in the final game is emblematic of Canada's long-standing pride, perseverance and determination in battle.

Over the next year, Paul's famous number 19 jersey, along with other treasured memorabilia from the 1972 Summit Series, will be shared with as many Canadians as possible through a traveling exhibit and national tour. The tour is meant to encourage us all to remember how great it is that we live in this country. I hope people enjoy seeing the jersey and remember why we feel so proud to be Canadian.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Goldhar". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mitchell Goldhar  
Owner, SmartCentres