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Even though the Canadian Parliament voted Lacrosse as the official summer sport of Canada, we know what the true Canadian sport is . . . HOCKEY!!! Evolved from various sports, Hockey has become a national pastime for Canada whether it's played on a frozen pond, a community ice sheet, or at a NHL Arena. This festive winter scene by Eric Dowdle features hockey roots in a typical small town celebrating the season with a rousing gathering around the frozen river. Drop the puck and enjoy this piece with family over a cup of cocoa.

1. The Flag of Canada is known for the maple leaf.
2. "Hat Trick" refers to a player scoring three goals in one game.
3. In hockey, teeth are optional.
4. "Dump and Chase" is an old-school hockey strategy.
5. Tribute to Hall of Fame great Gordie Howe.
6. Skates? Check! Stick? Check! Puck? Check! Hot Chocolate? Check and mate!!!
7. Canada produces 85% of the world's maple syrup.
8. Hockey stores and some stuff for some other odd sports.
9. Though lacrosse is Canada's official summer sport we know where the love is . . . Hockey.
10. Old-school hockey was some seriously gritty sport.
11. Although the Beaver is the official national animal, my vote is for the Moose.
12. No, Canadians are not all born with skates on their feet. Some rent them.
13. Pond Hockey is officially known as Shingle.