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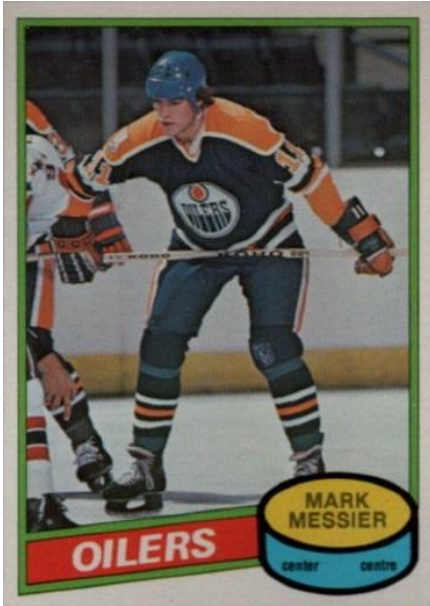
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1980-81 O-Pee-Chee # 289 - Mark Messier Rookie Card



Unlike other players that came to the NHL from the World Hockey Association for the 1979-80 season as part of the merger, Mark Messier did not get on a hockey card in the 1979-80 set. After playing in just 47 games with the WHA's Cincinnati Stingers in 1978-79 and scoring only one goal, maybe Messier wasn't expected to make a career of it in the NHL. He entered the 1979 NHL Entry Draft and, despite his year of professional experience, the Edmonton Oilers didn't take him until the third round, 48th overall.

Messier did play for the Oilers during the 1979-80 season and Mark did make a career of it. A legendary career, in fact. Six Stanley Cups, two Hart Memorial Trophies as the NHL's MVP, one Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP, two Lester B. Pearson Awards as NHL MVP as voted by the Player's Association and fifteen All-Star games. Not a bad career, at all! On top of all those accolades, Messier was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2007.

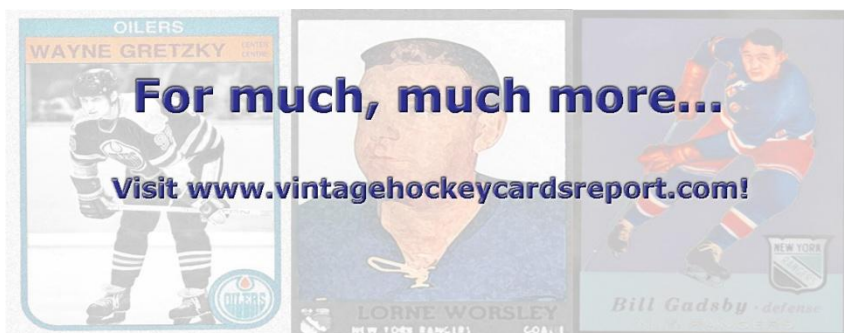
Messier's 1980-81 O-Pee-Chee Rookie Card #289 is understandably quite sought after. Beckett Hockey Monthly values the card at a low of \$60 and a high of \$120, a value that has risen from \$50 / \$100 in the past year. The card is considered UER or an uncorrected error card. O-Pee-Chee accidentally printed on the back of the card that Messier shoots right when he is, in fact, a left-handed shot. The error was minor and never corrected.

Perhaps adding to the value of the card is the fact that Topps didn't produce a Messier card for their 1980-81 series. Typically, O-Pee-Chee and Topps were a mirror of each other but not in this case.

The Messier card is the most valuable in the 1980-81 series. The rookie card of Ray Bourque also appears in this set and shares the same upper value of \$100 with a lower value of \$40. The Bourque card also appears in the Topps series and

has a high value of \$80 (Topps are printed for the U.S. market and have always been printed in higher quantities than the Canadian O-Pee-Chee, thus the value difference).

Mark currently holds a position at the head office of the NHL's New York Rangers. The Rangers were one of three teams that Messier played with during his NHL career. The other two teams were the Vancouver Canucks and, of course, the Edmonton Oilers. Messier enjoyed two stints as a player with the New York Rangers, bringing the first Stanley Cup to Madison Square Garden since 1940.



Dave Keon Rookie Card - Top Card in 1961-62 Parkhurst Set



Dave Keon started his great NHL career with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1960-61. The following year, his first hockey card appeared in the 1961-62 Parkhurst series. The Dave Keon rookie card is the number 5 card in the set and is valued at \$250 by Beckett, the highest value of a single card in the series.

51 hockey cards were featured in the 1961-62 set with Wayne Connelly being the only other significant rookie. Connelly's card is valued at \$20, just above the \$15 common card rate. The full set is valued at \$1600. Other cards of significance from

this series that are valued in the triple digits include: Gordie Howe (\$250), Tim Horton (\$200), Jacques Plante (\$175), Terry Sawchuk (\$125) and Eddie Shack (\$100).

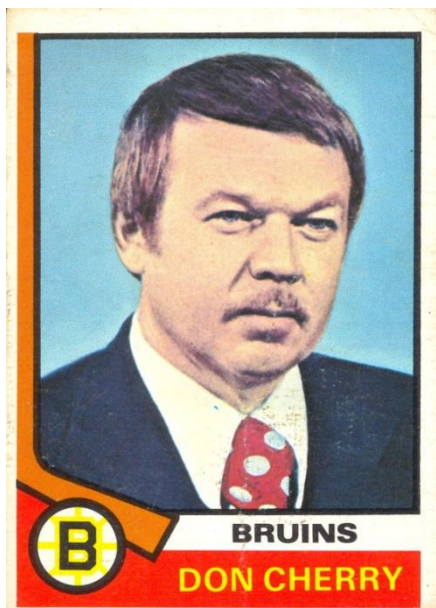
Keon started his NHL career off with a bang, winning the Calder Memorial Trophy as the league's top rookie. The 1960's were a great decade for Keon, winning the Lady Byng twice, being part of four Stanley Cup winning teams in Toronto and winning the Conn Smythe as Stanley Cup playoffs MVP in 1966-67. Dave won the Lady Byng Trophy as the NHL's most gentlemanly player in consecutive years, 1961-62 and 1962-63. As a member of the New England Whalers of the World Hockey Association, he won the Paul Deneau Trophy in consecutive years, 1976-77 and 1977-78. The Deneau was awarded to the WHA's most gentlemanly player. Keon is the only player in the history of hockey to win both the Byng and Deneau.

From 1960-61 to 1974-75, Keon played for the Maple Leafs. In 1963-64, his 60 point production was good enough for tenth in the league. From 1975-76 to 1978-79, he played in the WHA for the Minnesota Fighting Saints, Indianapolis Racers and New England Whalers. When the WHA and NHL merged for the 1979-80 season, Dave got the chance to play three more seasons in the National Hockey League, all with the Hartford Whalers.

Dave Keon entered the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1986. He is the last Toronto Maple Leaf to win the Conn Smythe Trophy. Along with Alexander Mogilny, he is one of only two Maple Leafs to win the Lady Byng Trophy in the past fifty years.



The 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee Don Cherry Rookie Card



For all the hoopla he creates, Don Cherry played just one NHL game and coached for only six seasons in the league with no Stanley Cups. Yet, at 77, Cherry is seen as some sort of hockey god (in Canada, at least). Though he played professionally from 1954-55 to 1971-72, it was as a coach with the Boston Bruins that his only real hockey card was produced.

The Don Cherry rookie card came in the 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee series as number 161. Topps featured the same card with the same number. The O-Pee-Chee

hockey card is valued at up to \$60 according to Beckett and the Topps card is valued at \$25.

Cherry played junior hockey in the OHA from 1951-52 to 1953-54. He started out with the Windsor Spitfires but was traded to the Barrie Flyers during his first season. The Flyers are the predecessor of the modern day Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League. His only National Hockey League game came in 1954-55, his first year in professional hockey. He played the entire season in the AHL with the Hershey Bears then got a chance to play his one game with the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Don played 767 regular season and 57 playoff games in the American Hockey League between 1954-55 and 1971-72. A good portion of his career was spent with the Rochester Americans but he also appeared with the Hershey Bears and Springfield Indians. He totalled 259 career points in the AHL, decent numbers for a defenseman.

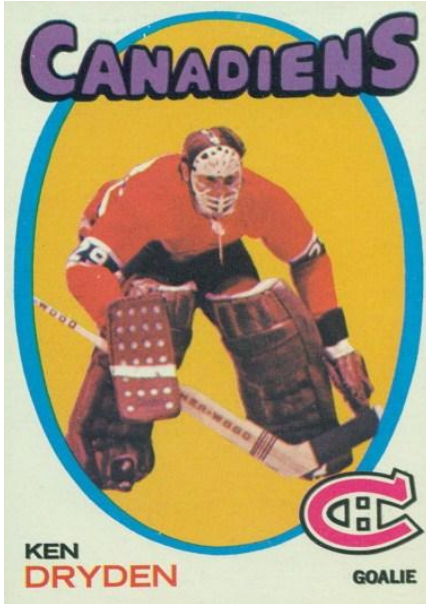
Cherry entered the world of hockey coaching in 1971-72 as head coach of the Americans. He coached Rochester for three seasons, winning the Louis A. R. Pieri Memorial Award in 1973-74 as AHL coach of the year. He began coaching in the NHL for the 1974-75 season, three years after the 1972 Boston Bruins won their last Stanley Cup until 2011.

He coached Boston for five seasons from 1974-75 to 1978-79. Twice his team made it to the Stanley Cup finals, only to lose to the Montreal Canadiens. He coached the Colorado Rockies for one season in 1979-80 before entering the broadcast booth. He was awarded the Jack Adams Award in 1975-76 as NHL coach of the year.

Don's brother Dick Cherry, although much lesser known today than his sibling, played much more hockey in the National Hockey League with 145 regular season games under his belt as a member of the Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers. Dick also made it into four Stanley Cup playoff games during his career. There is only one hockey card of Don's brother. The Dick Cherry rookie card appears as number 173 in the 1969-70 O-Pee-Chee set and is valued as a common card.



Ken Dryden Rookie Card – Highest Valued Player Card in 1971-72 O-Pee-Chee Set



Despite playing his first National Hockey League games during the 1970-71 season, Ken Dryden was drafted way back in 1964 and it wasn't by the Montreal Canadiens. Dryden was taken in the third round by the Boston Bruins, 14th overall. It was just the second NHL Amateur Draft and only 24 players were selected. Sponsorship still existed in the league so the draft was mostly for players not in the OHA. Just nine of those 24 went on to play in the NHL.

Dryden didn't go to play in Boston. He played at Cornell University from 1965-66 to 1968-69. It

really wasn't until the 1970-71 Stanley Cup playoffs that Ken surfaced as an instant NHL great. His immediate impact was leading the Canadiens to a Stanley Cup championship and winning the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP.

After Montreal finished third in the East Division, 24 points behind first place Boston Bruins, Ken played all 20 playoff games for the Habs. Montreal upset Boston 4-3 in the quarter-finals before taking out the Minnesota North Stars in the semi-finals in six. The Canadiens met the Chicago Black Hawks in the finals. The Hawks had their own young star goalie in net with Tony Esposito. Chicago went up 2-0 in the series and also held a 3-2 lead but Montreal battled back to win the series in seven games and capture the Stanley Cup.

The following year, 1971-72, Dryden was the recipient of the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's rookie of the year. To date, he is the only player to win the Conn Smythe before winning the Calder.

Ken played in the NHL from 1970-71 to 1978-79. Taking 1973-74 off meant that Dryden played just eight years in the NHL, including the partial 1970-71 season. Yet, in 1983 he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. His number 29 was retired by the Canadiens in 2007. His number 1 was retired by Cornell University in 2010, along with Joe

Nieuwendyk's number 25. Ken and Joe are the only two to have their numbers retired by Cornell.

In his eight years, Dryden won the Vezina five times and was a First Team All-Star five times and a Second Team All-Star once. He was the number one goalie on an amazing six Stanley Cup winning teams with Montreal. He retired after 1978-79 as the Habs won their fourth of four in a row.

Although a member of the 1972 Team Canada squad that competed against the Soviet Union at the Summit Series, Dryden's numbers were less than legendary. He played four games, recording a 4.75 goals against average and a .838 save percentage.

The Ken Dryden rookie card is number 45 in the 1971-72 O-Pee-Chee set. The card is the highest valued player card in the set at \$300. The second highest valued belongs to the rookie card of teammate Guy Lafleur at \$200. The complete set is valued at \$1500.

Dave Dryden

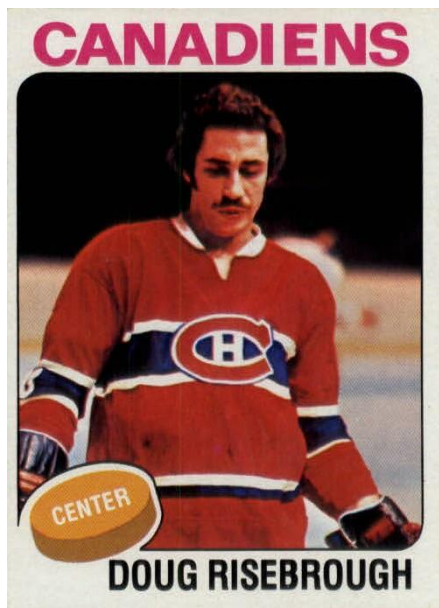
Ken's brother was also an NHL goalie. Dave Dryden played in the NHL from 1965-66 to 1973-74 and for one season in 1979-80. Additionally, he played a single game with the New York Rangers in 1961-62 as a call-up from junior. He played with the Chicago Black Hawks and Buffalo Sabres before jumping to

the World Hockey Association. He returned with the Edmonton Oilers for the 1979-80 season. In the WHA, he played for the Chicago Cougars and Edmonton.

The Dave Dryden rookie card appeared as number 57 in the 1967-68 Topps set. The card was valued at \$15.



Doug Risebrough: The Hockey Card World's Man of Many Faces



Man, that picture of Doug Risebrough reminds me of someone...

Oh, wait. It's not Doug. It's rare through the history of hockey cards for the wrong player to be pictured on the front of hockey card. It is nearly impossible for one player to have his hockey card screwed up in this manner twice.

The Doug Risebrough rookie card was included in the 1975-76 O-Pee-Chee series. Unfortunately, on the front of card number 107 was a beautiful picture of Montreal Canadiens teammate Bob Gainey. The error was never corrected. The card is

valued at \$3 by Beckett Hockey Monthly (a common card is worth \$1 from that set). Bob Gainey's 1975-76 O-Pee-Chee card is valued at \$7 and features himself on the front of the card.

In 1980-81, O-Pee-Chee did it again. This time, it was Serge Savard appearing on the front of the card instead of Risebrough. This card, number 275, is valued as a common card (\$.50). Savard's actual card from the set is worth a bit more at \$1.25.

Doug was a seventh round pick of the Montreal Canadiens at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft. The World Hockey Association's Cleveland Crusaders also selected him, 10th overall in the WHA 'Secret Amateur Draft'. He played just one year of major junior hockey with the Kitchener Rangers in 1973-74 before becoming a regular with the Habs.

Risebrough played 740 regular season and 124 playoff games in the National Hockey League between 1974-75 and 1986-87. He played for Montreal until the end of the 1981-82 season and played the following five years with the Calgary Flames. With the Flames, he wore the 'A' for the duration of his stay.

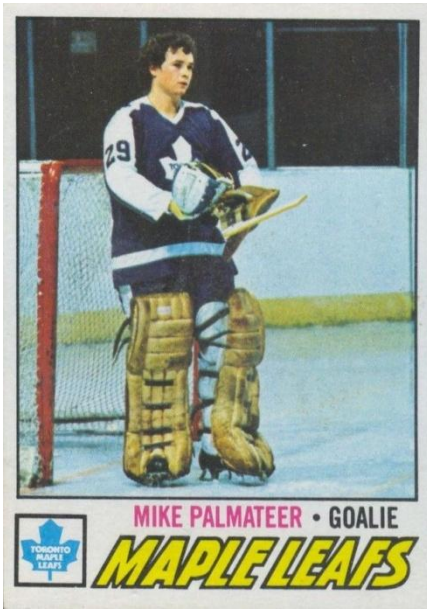
Doug played a role in Montreal's four consecutive Stanley Cup victories in the 1970's. With the Flames, he went to the finals one more time, in 1985-86, only to lose in five games to the Canadiens. Risebrough would get his revenge in

1988-89 behind the bench in Calgary as an assistant coach. The Flames once again met the Habs in the finals, this time winning in six games.

Risebrough has been in the head office of a handful of NHL teams since. He was V.P. of Hockey Operations with the Edmonton Oilers for three years before a lengthy stint as General Manager of the Minnesota Wild. Recently, he has been a scout with the New York Rangers.



Mike Palmateer: Top Rookie Card In 1977-78



His National Hockey League career was injury shortened and, for the most part, mediocre. Yet, Mike Palmateer established himself as a cult hero and ranks up with Johnny Bower, Turk Broda and Curtis Joseph as one of the most popular all-time goaltenders in the eyes of Toronto Maple Leafs fans.

Mike Palmateer - Junior and Minor Pro

Palmateer played two years of junior hockey in the OHA with the Toronto Marlboros, 1972-73 and 1973-74. In his first year, the George Armstrong coached Marlboros finished first overall in the ten team league and went on to become Robertson Cup champions in the playoffs. At the Memorial Cup

tournament, Toronto came up against the Quebec Remparts in the final game and trounced their QMJHL counterparts, 9-1. Mike was a First Team All-Star goalie that year. His teammates on the Marlboros included Bruce Boudreau and Mark Howe.

Toronto was the victim of the junior hockey cycle in 1973-74 and were nowhere near their championship form from the year before. Palmateer was just a fifth round pick by the Maple Leafs after the season was over, at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft. It took two years of minor pro hockey before he would get his chance with the NHL club.

In 1974-75, Palmateer split his season between the Saginaw Gears of the IHL and the Oklahoma City Blazers of the CHL. The following year, his time was exclusively spent with the Blazers. Teammates on that team included Blaine Stoughton and Doug Favell.

Mike Palmateer - NHL

As mentioned, Mike was a fifth round pick by the Toronto Maple Leafs at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft, going 85th overall. He was also a second round pick by the Cincinnati Stingers at the 1974 WHA Secret Amateur Draft, 24th overall.

In 1976-77, Palmateer jumped into the starting role with the Maple Leafs, playing 50 games as a rookie

goaltender. That year, Mike posted four shutouts and a 3.21 goals against average.

However, 1977-78 was the pinnacle of his short National Hockey League career. Mike played 63 games for Toronto, recording five shutouts and a 2.74 GAA. The team was coached by the legendary Roger Neilson with the equally legendary Johnny Bower as his assistant. Toronto reached the Stanley Cup semi-finals but were swept away in four games by the Montreal Canadiens. Montreal was in the midst of their great late 1970's dynasty. Gord McRae saw minimal action as backup goalie during the regular season while Palmateer played each one of Toronto's playoff games.

After a contract dispute with Toronto, Mike was traded to the Washington Capitals in June, 1980 for Tim Coulis and Robert Picard. In his first year with the Capitals, 1980-81, he recorded eight assists on the season. That mark stood as a NHL record for just a few short years. Grant Fuhr shattered the record with 14 assists with the Edmonton Oilers in 1983-84, a mark that stands untouched today.

When injuries started to hamper Palmateer during the 1981-82 season, Washington decided to sell him back to Toronto. He played two more years in the NHL, both the with the Maple Leafs but the team, and Mike's goaltending were dismal. In 1982-83, he played in 53 games, recording a 3.99 GAA

and .872 save percentage. In his final year, Palmateer played 34 games with a simply dreadful 4.88 GAA and .849 save percentage.

Mike Palmateer - Rookie Card

The sports collector card world is a funny one, at times. When valuing cards, it comes down to a supply and demand issue. Sometimes, great players are undervalued because they just weren't a big personality. Sometimes, less than great players or players with careers shortened by injuries, can still be valued quite high because they became idols and touched the hearts of their fans.

The Mike Palmateer rookie card is valued at 16 times that of a common card and is the highest valued rookie card in its set. The card appears as number 211 in the 1977-78 set and is equal in value to the rookie card of Mike Milbury of the Boston Bruins.

Maybe I'm a little critical of Palmateer's fame. He does bring back fond memories. I was playing peewee at the height of his career and I remember our goalie playing 'Palmateer style'. It was exciting and I think it would make the game a whole lot less boring today if goalies skated out to challenge shooters near the blue line.

Mike Bossy Rookie Card - A Must Have For Any NYI Fan



He played ten seasons in the National Hockey League and scored more than 50 goals in each except for his last. Even at the low point in his career, when his back ailments took over and he was reduced to 63 games, Mike Bossy still put 38 pucks into the net in his final season.

It is simply a shame that Mike Bossy was forced to retire at the young age of 30, after the 1986-87 season. Despite the relatively short career, Bossy is still ranked 19th overall for goals in a career. Mike's record of nine consecutive seasons with 50+ goals

still stands as a NHL record and probably will for a long, long time.

After playing for the Laval National in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) from 1972-73 to 1976-77, Mike Bossy was chosen 15th overall by the New York Islanders in the 1977 NHL Amateur Draft. He was also taken in the WHA Amateur Draft by the Indianapolis Racers, 44th overall.

In his rookie season, he set the mark for most goals in a season by a rookie (since shattered by Teemu Selanne) with 53 and contributed 91 points. The offensive totals easily earned him the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top rookie. In 73 games in that first season, Bossy served just three minor penalties. Normally, that would earn a player the Lady Byng Trophy as the NHL's most gentlemanly player. However, Butch Goring of the Los Angeles Kings took just one minor penalty in 80 games while scoring 37 goals and totalling 73 points. Ironically, Goring would join Bossy on the Islanders two years later.

Mike topped out at a 69 goal season in just his second year. Bossy surpassed the 60 goal plateau in five of his ten seasons. In seven of the ten seasons, Mike topped 100 points. His best season was 1981-82 when he contributed 147 points. Unfortunately, 147 points was still 65 points behind

league leader Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers who totalled an amazing 212.

Although the Hart and Art Ross Trophy eluded Bossy during his career, he was a three time recipient of the Lady Byng Trophy and was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the Stanley Cup playoffs MVP in 1982. Mike was an integral part of the New York Islanders winning the Stanley Cup on four consecutive occasions from 1980 to 1983. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991. In 1988, Bossy penned a book on his career titled *Boss: The Mike Bossy Story*.

On cardboard, the Mike Bossy Rookie Card was the top valued hockey card in the 1978-79 O-Pee-Chee set. Number 115 from that series is valued by Beckett Hockey at up to \$100. The nearly identical Topps version is worth half the price.



Topps Celebrates Stan Mikita's Triple Crown in 1967-68 Set



Perhaps, one of the more forgotten feats in National Hockey League history is Stan Mikita's consecutive triple crown seasons, 1966-67 and 1967-68. Stan was the first and only player to win the Art Ross Trophy, Hart Memorial Trophy and the Lady Byng Trophy in the same season. He is, of course, the only player to do it two years in a row. Wayne Gretzky won his fair share of each of the three major awards but never all three in the same year.

Mikita showed early scoring ability in junior hockey with the St. Catherines Teepees of the Ontario Hockey Association. In 1958-59, he was awarded the Eddie Powers Trophy after leading the league with 97 points in 45 games. He played with St. Catherines for three seasons from 1956-57 to 1958-59. The Teepees have moved on and, after

several stops along the way, are now the Saginaw Spirit of the Ontario Hockey League. In a recent poll done by OHLAlumniCentral.com, Mikita came second second to just Bobby Orr on who should be the first inductee into an OHL Hall of Fame. See the full poll results [here](#).

Topps commemorated this amazing accomplishment in their 1967-68 hockey card set. Card number 64 featured a mug shot of Mikita with the names of the three awards listed across the top. In my opinion, the card is undervalued at \$30. Stan's regular hockey card from the set is valued at \$10 more.

For Topps, 1967-68 was the last year as the lone ranger in the hockey card market. The following year, O-Pee-Chee would ride again. The set featured 132 cards and pictured only players from the 'Original 6' teams despite the fact that six expansion teams entered the league for 1967-68. The full set is valued at \$3000, with a common card going for \$8.

Mikita finished the 1966-67 season with 32 goals, 62 assists and 97 points over 70 games while sitting just 12 minutes in the penalty box. The 97 points tied the league record, shared with teammate Bobby Hull. Just four short years later, Phil Esposito would add 55 points to the record. He finished 17 points ahead of second place Hull and

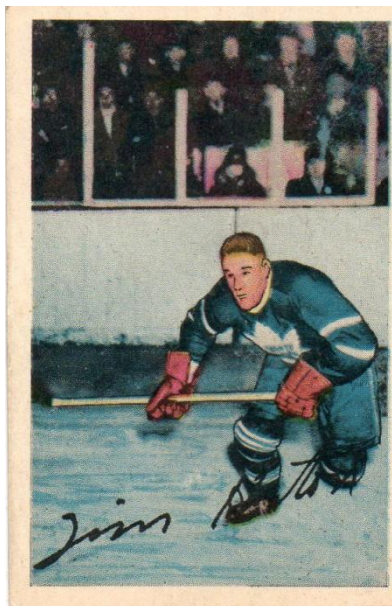
27 ahead of Norm Ullman of the Detroit Red Wings. Stan also finished first in the assists category. He was second in goals to teammate Bobby Hull who scored 52.

What is simply outstanding about Mikita winning the triple crown is that just two years before, he finished with 154 PIM, good for seventh in the league. He was also the Art Ross Trophy recipient that season. The year before that, 1963-64, he also led the NHL in scoring and finished fourth in PIM with 146. In his rookie season, 1959-60, his 119 PIM were good for fourth in the league.

As for the team, the 1966-67 Chicago Black Hawks finished in first place in, 17 points ahead of second place Montreal. However, the third place Toronto Maple Leafs took out the Black Hawks in the opening round, 4-2. The Leafs then beat the Canadiens in the finals to win their last Stanley Cup.

Stan played in the NHL from 1959-60 to 1979-80, all with Chicago. His number 21 was retired by the club in 1980 and he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1983, fittingly along with long time teammate Bobby Hull.

350 Tim Horton's Double Doubles or 1 Tim Horton Rookie Card



It was the tragic end to the life and hockey career of Bill Barilko in the summer of 1951 that may well have opened the door for Tim Horton to become a regular with the Toronto Maple Leafs. In an ironic twist, Horton's life also ended in tragedy over two decades later before he was able to say goodbye to hockey.

Unlike Barilko, Tim Horton has an official rookie card. Bill only appeared on cardboard once and that was an action card included in the 1951-52 Parkhurst series with him scoring the Stanley Cup winning goal in 1951 on Al McNeil of the Montreal

Canadiens. The Tim Horton rookie card appeared the following year in the 1952-53 Parkhurst series as card number 58.

The Tim Horton rookie card is the second most valuable card in the set, according to Beckett Hockey Monthly, at \$700. The number 1 card of Maurice Richard is valued at \$1200. Horton's is the most valuable rookie card in a set that includes the first cards of Dickie Moore of the Canadiens and George Armstrong of the Maple Leafs.

1952-53 was Horton's first full season in the National Hockey League. He played one game in 1949-50 and four in 1951-52. Including 1952-53, Tim would sport a Maple Leafs jersey for the better part of 18 seasons before being traded to the New York Rangers during the 1969-70 season. He played in the NHL until his death from a car accident late in the 1973-74 season. Along with the Maple Leafs and Rangers, Horton also played for the Pittsburgh Penguins and Buffalo Sabres.

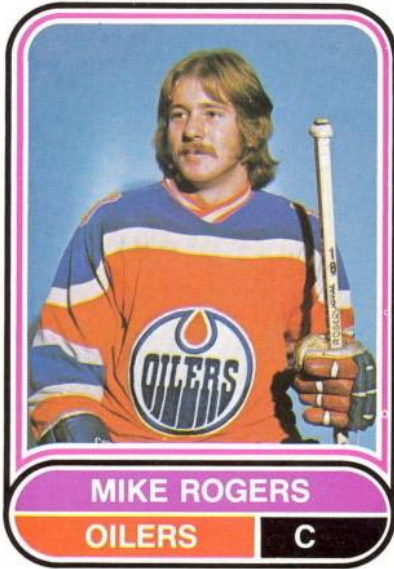
As a Maple Leaf, Tim was selected First Team All-Star three times and Second Team All-Star three times, as well. During the 1960's, Horton held the blue line as Toronto won four Stanley Cups. The Leafs last won the Cup in 1967 and traded Tim away three years later. Of course, Toronto has never again won the Stanley Cup - could it be the curse of Tim Horton?

Tim Horton is honoured in two NHL arenas. At the Air Canada Centre, his number 7 is honoured, but not retired, by the Maple Leafs. In Buffalo, at the arena with the rotating name, it's number 2 that is retired in honour of Tim. He wore number 2 with the Sabres because Rick Martin was already in possession of 7 when he arrived. He entered the Hockey Hall of Fame posthumously in 1977.

Horton's final true hockey card came as number 189 in the 1973-74 O-Pee-Chee series. The card is valued at up to \$6. He also makes a cameo appearance on the Dave Keon card in the 1973-74 series, along with a handful of other great Maple Leafs players.



Mike Rogers: Yet Another Underrated Star



Some players simply have their greatness overshadowed by being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Mike Rogers made a career of it. His outstanding WHA rookie season was overshadowed by Anders Hedberg. He stood in the shadow of the Howe family with the New England Whalers. Rogers is one of four players in the history of the NHL to total over 100 points in each of his first three years in the league. Yet, it happened at the same time one of the other four were doing it and that kid did it in much more spectacular fashion. He was denied the Lady Byng Trophy in his first NHL season, despite having more 'gentlemanly' numbers than the actual winner.

Mike Rogers - Junior

Rogers played three years in the WCHL with the Calgary Centennials from 1971-72 to 1973-74. The franchise has since moved on to become the Tri-City Americans of the WHL. Over his three years, Mike scored 148 goals and assisted on 161 for 309 points over 199 regular season games. He added another 48 points over 33 playoff games.

In his second season with the Centennials, Rogers led the team with 54 goals, 58 assists and 112 points over 67 games. He placed tenth in the league for goals and tied for ninth for points.

In 1973-74, Mike scored 67 goals and assisted on 73 for 140 points over 66 games. He led the team in assists and points but scored one less goal than teammate Danny Gare. Rogers placed fourth in the WCHL for goals, tied for fifth for assists and finished third for points.

Mike Rogers - WHA

Rogers was a second round pick, 19th overall, by the Edmonton Oilers at the 1974 Secret WHA Amateur Draft. Despite also being selected by the Vancouver Canucks of the NHL that same spring, Mike chose to go to the World Hockey Association.

He played in the WHA from 1974-75 until the league's demise after the 1978-79 season. Mike's

career started with the Oilers but he was traded to the New England Whalers midway through the 1975-76 season.

Over his WHA career, Rogers scored 145 goals and assisted on 222 for 367 points over 396 regular season games. He added 34 points over 45 playoff games. In his rookie year, He scored 35 goals and assisted on 48 for 83 points over 78 games. His two minutes in penalties earned him the Paul Deneau Trophy as the league's most gentlemanly player. However, his rookie numbers weren't enough to earn the Lou Kaplan Trophy as rookie of the year. That honour went to Anders Hedberg of the Winnipeg Jets who scored 53 and totalled 100 points over just 65 games.

In his first year with the Whalers, 1975-76, the team had a losing record during the regular season, winning 33 while losing 40 and tying 7. Yet, New England reached the semi-finals before falling to the Houston Aeros in seven. The Whalers outscored the Aeros on the series, 21-19.

In 1977-78, Mike was third in scoring on the Whalers, behind Gordie and Mark Howe. The Harry Neale coached team placed second in the eight team league, behind just the Winnipeg Jets. New England reached the Avco World Trophy finals before being swept in four by the Jets. It would as

close as Rogers would come to a professional championship.

Mike Rogers - NHL

Rogers played just seven years in the National Hockey League from 1979-80 to 1985-86. His first two years were spent with the Hartford Whalers before moving on to the New York Rangers. In his final season, he played eight games with the Edmonton Oilers.

A fifth round pick by the Vancouver Canucks way back at the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft, 77th overall, Rogers played 484 regular season games in the NHL, scoring 202 goals and assisting on 317 for 519 points. He played just 17 playoff games, adding 14 points.

In his first year, 1979-80, Mike scored 44 and assisted on 61 for 105 points. He tied for sixth in the NHL for assists with Larry Robinson of the Montreal Canadiens. His 105 points placed him fifth in the race for the Art Ross Trophy, one point behind Gilbert Perreault of the Buffalo Sabres and one ahead of Bryan Trottier of the New York Islanders. Despite his ten penalty minutes, Wayne Gretzky of the Oilers was awarded the Lady Byng Trophy despite sitting 21 PIM.

Another year and another 105 points. In his final year with the Whalers, Rogers scored 40 and

assisted on 65 over 80 games. He served as team captain for the Hartford squad. Mike tied Dave Taylor of the Los Angeles Kings for ninth in assists. His 105 points placed him tied for seventh in the NHL with Charlie Simmer, also of the Kings.

In his first year with the Rangers, 1981-82, Rogers scored 38 and assisted on 65 for 103 points over 80 games. However, offense in the league was exploding and Mike didn't rank in the NHL's top ten for any of the three categories. He played nine playoff games as the Rangers knocked off the Philadelphia Flyers in the opening round before falling to the Islanders in round two. It would be the deepest into the Stanley Cup playoffs that Rogers would travel.

As mentioned, Rogers is one of just four players to reach the 100 point plateau in each of their first three years in the NHL. The other three are Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux and Peter Stastny.

In his final year in the NHL, 1985-86, Mike played just nine games with the Rangers and eight with the Oilers. He played an additional 53 games in the American Hockey League, the only minor pro he would play, split between the New Haven Nighthawks and Nova Scotia Oilers.

Mike Rogers - International

Rogers played for Canada at the 1981 IIHF World Championships. The tournament was held at Gotherburg, Sweden. Canada placed fourth in the tournament with Mike recording just one assist over six games. Placing first was the Soviet Union, followed by Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

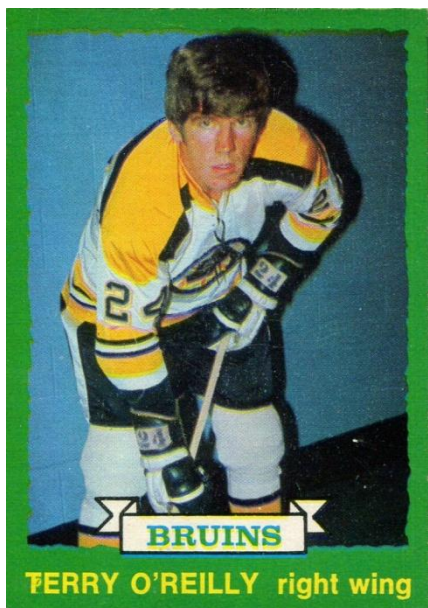
In 1986-87, Mike played one year in Switzerland's National League A before retiring. That season, Rogers played for Ambri-Piotta.

Mike Rogers - Rookie Card

The Mike Rogers rookie card appears as number eight in the 1975-76 O-Pee-Chee World Hockey Association set. The card is valued at 50% more than a common card. His first National Hockey League card came as number 43 in both the 1979-80 O-Pee-Chee and 1979-80 Topps set. That card is valued as a common.



Terry O'Reilly: Top 3 With 1973-74 O-Pee-Chee



A tough guy with leadership qualities that could score. Plain and simple, that's the description of Terry O'Reilly. Called a goon by opposing team's fans but this was a guy that netted 29 goals and put up 90 points in his top offensive season in the National Hockey League. The value of O'Reilly's 1973-74 O-Pee-Chee rookie card reflects his popularity even if not quite a superstar.

Terry O'Reilly - Junior and Minor Pro

O'Reilly played three years of junior with the Oshawa Generals from 1968-69 to 1970-71. The Gens weren't the greatest team in the league in

1970-71 but Terry excelled, leading the team in points with 65 on 23 goals and 42 assists over 54 games. Besides O'Reilly, Oshawa fans were entertained for the season by netminder and eccentric Gilles Gratton, aka Grattoony the Loony.

Terry spent just one year in the minors before catching on full-time with the Boston Bruins. In 1971-72, he played for the Boston Braves in the American Hockey League. Over 60 games with the AHL club, Terry scored nine and assisted on eight for 17 points while sitting 134 minutes in the box. He added four points over nine games in the Calder Cup playoffs. O'Reilly also made it into one game with the Bruins, his first in the NHL. He scored a goal in his first game.

The Braves were coached by Bep Guidolin. O'Reilly would also play under Guidolin in the NHL. The team tied for first overall in the eleven team AHL with the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. Boston was then swept by the very same Voyageurs in the Calder Cup semi-finals.

Terry O'Reilly - NHL

The Boston Bruins selected O'Reilly in the first round of the 1971 NHL Amateur Draft, 14th overall. Of the 14 first rounders, Terry went on to the third highest career game total, behind second overall pick Marcel Dionne and first overall pick Guy Lafleur. Boston's first pick was Ron Jones. Jones

was selected sixth overall by the Bruins and went on to play 54 games in the NHL with the Bruins, Pittsburgh Penguins and Washington Capitals.

Over his career, Terry played 891 regular season games between 1971-72 and 1984-85, scoring 204 goals and assisting on 402 for 606 points. His 2,095 penalty minutes place him tied for 44th all-time with Al Secord. In the Stanley Cup playoffs, O'Reilly played 108 games, adding 67 points and sitting another 335 PIM. His entire NHL career was spent with the Bruins.

He just missed out on Boston's 1971-72 Stanley Cup championship and never hoisted the Cup. However, he was part of three teams that played in the finals. The 1973-74 Bruins lost in six to the Philadelphia Flyers. The 1976-77 Bruins were swept by the Montreal Canadiens. The following year, Boston won two games but still fell to the Habs in the finals.

O'Reilly's personal pinnacle was the 1977-78 season. He scored 29 goals and assisted on 61 for 90 points over 77 regular season games. He tied for sixth in the NHL with Jacques Lemaire for assists. In the race for the Art Ross Trophy, Terry placed seventh, one point behind Mike Bossy of the New York Islanders and one ahead of Gilbert Perreault of the Buffalo Sabres. His 211 PIM placed him sixth in the NHL.

As for the Terry O'Reilly that played with his gloves off, 1979-80 was his top season. O'Reilly sat 265 minutes in penalties, placing him fourth in the NHL behind Jimmy Mann of the Winnipeg Jets, Tiger Williams of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Vancouver Canucks and Paul Holmgren of the Philadelphia Flyers.

On October 24, 2002, the Boston Bruins honoured Terry by retiring his jersey number 24.

Terry O'Reilly - Coach

Terry was head coach of the Bruins for a short time from 1986-87 to 1988-89. In his first year, he replaced Butch Goring 13 games into the season. The team was swept by the Canadiens in the opening round.

Once again a finalist, O'Reilly coached the Bruins to a Stanley Cup final series in 1987-88. After beating Buffalo 4-2, Montreal 4-1 and the New Jersey Devils 4-3, Boston faced off against Wayne Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers in the finals. The mighty Oilers swept the Bruins in four.

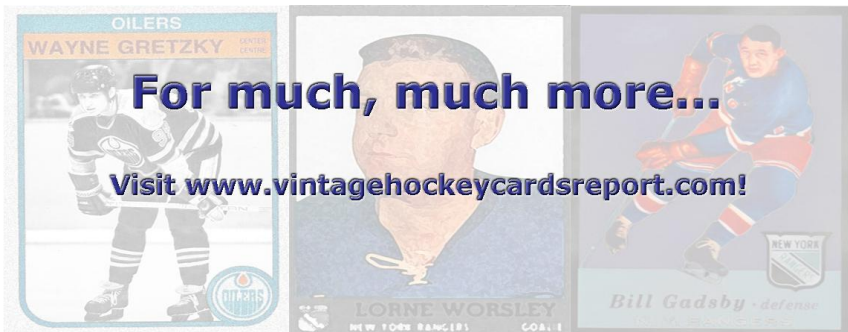
In his final year as head coach of the Bruins, it was a little bit of déjà vu for O'Reilly. Boston once again met the Buffalo Sabres in the opening round, winning this year in five games. Once again, the second round matchup was with the Montreal

Canadiens. However, this time the Habs came out on top in five.

Terry returned behind an NHL bench for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons as assistant coach with the New York Rangers. The Rangers were star-studded but did not make the playoffs in either season. In 2002-03, Bryan Trottier started the season as head coach before being replaced by Glen Sather. In 2003-04, Sather was replaced by Tom Renney midseason.

Terry O'Reilly - Rookie Card

The Terry O'Reilly rookie card appears as number 254 in the 1973-74 O-Pee-Chee set. The first O'Reilly hockey card is valued at around ten times the value of a common card. It is the third most valuable rookie card in the set. The top RC belongs to Larry Robinson of the Montreal Canadiens. The second most valuable is the rookie card of Billy Smith of the New York Islanders.



Joel Quenneville 1979-80 O-Pee-Chee Rookie Card



He was once the bright, young future of the Toronto Maple Leafs blue line. That is, until he got caught up in Harold Ballard's destruction of the team. His playing career may not have been that notable, but Joel Quenneville has certainly made up for it behind the bench.

Joel Quenneville - The Player

Quenneville played his junior hockey with the Windsor Spitfires of the Ontario Hockey League (at the time the OMJHL). He appeared with the Spitfires for three years from 1975-76 to 1977-78. In his final year, the defenseman scored 27 goals and

assisted on 76 for 103 points in 66 games. 1977-78 was a record breaking year in the OHL with Bobby Smith of the Ottawa 67's and Wayne Gretzky of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds shattering marks for assists and points. Yet, Joel still finished sixth in the league with his assist total.

The Toronto Maple Leafs selected him in the second round of the 1978 NHL Amateur Draft, 21st overall. Quenneville went on to a decent National Hockey League career, playing 803 regular season games between 1978-79 and 1990-91 with the Maple Leafs, Colorado Rockies, New Jersey Devils, Hartford Whalers and Washington Capitals.

For a man that would become so successful in the Stanley Cup playoffs as a coach, Joe played in just 32 post season games as a player. Most of his playoff games were played in a Hartford Whalers jersey.

He was a bright young star with Toronto when he was shipped off in a December 29th trade in his second year to the lowly Colorado Rockies, along with Lanny McDonald, for Pat Hickey and Wilf Paiement. After the Rockies moved to New Jersey to become the Devils, Joel was traded to the Flames in the off-season in 1983 with Steve Tambellini for Mel Bridgeman and Phil Russell. His days in Calgary lasted less than a month and before he played a

game with the club, he was shipped to the Hartford Whalers.

Quenneville played one final year of professional hockey in 1991-92 with the St. John's Maple Leafs of the American Hockey League. Coaching those Maple Leafs was Marc Crawford. Crawford was in his first year as a pro head coach after two in the OHL with the Cornwall Royals. Both Crawford and Quenneville would later have stints as head coach of the Colorado Avalanche. St. John's reached the Calder Cup finals that year before losing in seven games to the Adirondack Red Wings. Joel acted as a player / assistant coach under Crawford.

Joel Quenneville - The Coach

In 1993-94, Quenneville took his first job as a head coach with the Springfield Indians in the AHL. In 1996-97, he took his first job as an NHL bench boss with the St. Louis Blues and has been in the league since. After coaching the Blues and Avalanche, Joel took his present position with the Chicago Blackhawks, replacing Denis Savard four games into the 2008-09 season. The Hawks reached the Western Conference Final that year before losing out to the Detroit Red Wings in five games. The following year, the Blackhawks were Stanley Cup champions with a 4-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

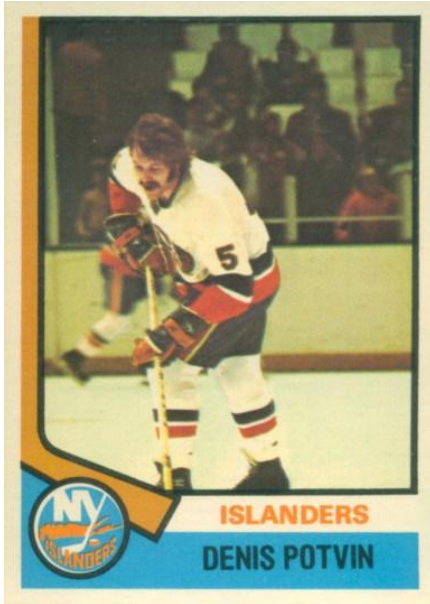
Quenneville has yet to coach a team to a below .500 season in the National Hockey League. He was awarded the Jack Adams Award in 1999-00 with the Blues. The following year, he led the team to the Western Conference Final before falling to the Colorado Avalanche, four games to one.

Joel Quenneville - Rookie Card

The Joel Quenneville rookie card appeared as number 336 in the 1979-80 O-Pee-Chee set. The card is considered a common card in the set dominated by the Wayne Gretzky rookie card. Topps did not carry Quenneville that year and his first Topps card came as number 19 in their 1980-81 set. His O-Pee-Chee rookie card is the only hockey card with Quenneville wearing a Maple Leafs jersey.



1974-75 O-Pee-Chee #195 Denis Potvin Rookie Card



Denis Potvin had an outstanding junior hockey career with the Ottawa 67's. It was no surprise that the New York Islanders, hoping to close some defensive holes after losing 60 games in 1972-73, picked Potvin first overall in the 1973 NHL Amateur Draft. Denis would prove to be a major piece in the puzzle that would engrave the Islanders on the Stanley Cup by 1980.

With Ottawa in the Ontario Hockey League, Potvin won the Max Kaminsky Trophy as the league's top defenseman in his final two seasons. He was the first of only three players ever to win the Kaminsky

and the Norris Trophy (the NHL's award to their top defenseman). Potvin would go on to win the Norris on three occasions with the Islanders. In his final season in junior, Denis put up 123 points. That total stands today as an Ottawa 67's team record for most points in a single regular season by a defenseman.

Denis Potvin first appeared on cardboard in the 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee / Topps series. The Denis Potvin rookie card, number 195, is worth up to \$40 for the O-Pee-Chee card and \$25 for the Topps card, according to Beckett Hockey Monthly. That card is the fourth most valuable in the 1974-75 series behind Bobby Orr and the coaching rookie cards of Scotty Bowman and Don Cherry.

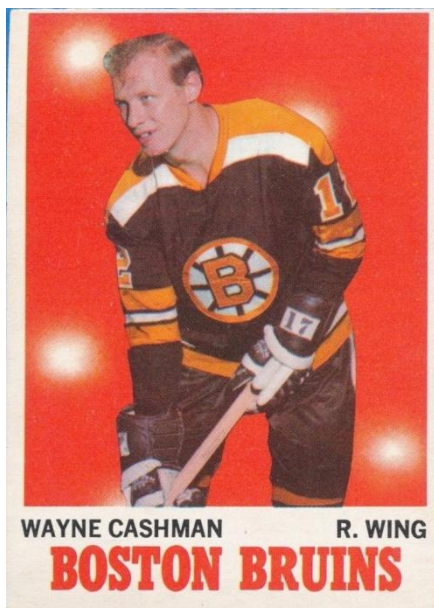
Potvin won the Calder Trophy in 1973-74 as the NHL's top first year player. His career went nowhere other than up from there. In an NHL career that spanned from 1973-74 until 1987-88, Denis won three Norris Trophies and led the New York Islanders to four consecutive Stanley Cup victories beginning in 1979-80.

Denis Potvin was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991 and had his number 5 retired by the Islanders the following year. His number 7 that he wore with the Ottawa 67's has been retired by that club. Doug Wilson, long time NHLer with the Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks and 1982

winner of the Norris Trophy, shares the retirement of number 7 with Potvin. Wilson and the Sharks are the focus of this article on San Jose Sharks Trivia and the included video. Take a look at this article for more info on 67's honoured numbers: Ottawa 67's retired numbers.



Wayne Cashman - Boston Bruins Best Supporting



Wayne Cashman - Best Supporting Actor for the Boston Bruins? Not the superstar but the leader of the pack for some pretty great Boston teams in the 1970's. He got his start in junior hockey in the shadow of Bobby Orr with the Oshawa Generals. Cashman continued in the shadow of Orr and friends throughout most of his career with the Bruins.

Wayne Cashman - Junior and Minor Pro

Cashman played four years of junior hockey with the Oshawa Generals from 1962-63 to 1965-66. In his final year, the hockey world was focused on

Oshawa team leader Bobby Orr but Wayne had a pretty decent year, as well.

Over 48 regular season games, Cashman scored 26 goals and assisted on 44 for 70 points. He placed eighth in the league for assists and was ninth in the race for the Eddie Powers Trophy. The Generals finished fourth in the nine team league but rose to the challenge in the playoffs, downing the Kitchener Rangers in the finals, 4-1 to capture the Robertson Cup. Oshawa then advanced to the Memorial Cup final before losing to the Edmonton Oil Kings in six games.

Between junior and the National Hockey League, Cashman played two years with the Oklahoma City Blazers of the CPHL, 1966-67 and 1967-68. In the 1966-67 season, Wayne was fifth on the team in points. The Blazers placed first overall in the six team league and won the championship in five games over the Omaha Knights. Teammates included Terry Crisp, Jean Pronovost, Glen Sather and J.P. Parise with Bernie Parent, Gerry Cheevers and Doug Favell sharing the goaltending duties.

Wayne Cashman - NHL

Cashman played 1,027 regular season games in the National Hockey League between 1964-65 and 1982-83. Over that time, he scored 277 goals and assisted on 516 for 793 points. Wayne played 145 more games in the Stanley Cup playoffs, adding 88

points. His first game in the NHL came in 1964-65 while still a junior with Oshawa. He played 12 more in 1967-68 before becoming a regular with the Bruins in 1968-69.

Wayne's best offensive season in the NHL came in 1973-74. He scored 30 and assisted on 59 for 89 points over the full 78 game schedule. Cashman tied for fifth in assists with Andre Boudrias of the Vancouver Canucks. His 89 points placed him fourth in the NHL behind just Phil Esposito, Bobby Orr and Ken Hodge, all teammates with the Bruins.

Cashman was part of two Stanley Cup champions with Boston in 1969-70 and 1971-72. He was also part of three close calls with the Bruins, losing in the finals to the Philadelphia Flyers in 1973-74 and the Montreal Canadiens in 1976-77 and 1977-78.

Wayne was the captain of the Bruins from 1977-78 until he retired after the 1982-83 season. He took over for John Bucyk and was replaced by Terry O'Reilly. He remains sixth all-time for the most points as a Boston Bruin over a career.

Not a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame on an individual basis, Cashman was a member of the 1972 Team Canada that competed against the Soviet Union at the Summit Series. Wayne played in two games, recording two assists.

Wayne Cashman - Coach

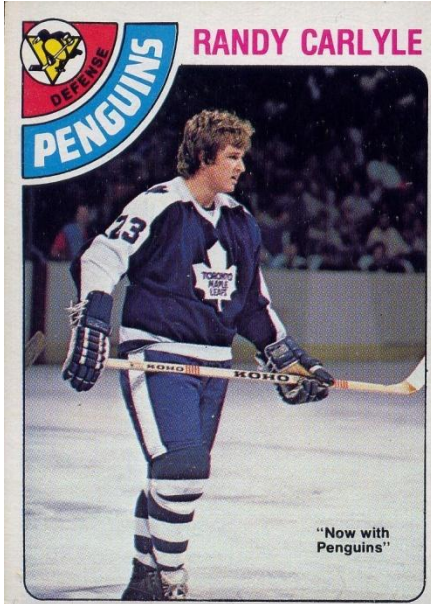
Between 1987-88 and 2005-06, Cashman found himself behind the benches of the New York Rangers, Tampa Bay Lightning, San Jose Sharks, Philadelphia Flyers and Boston Bruins, mostly as an assistant coach. In 1997-98, Wayne was head coach of the Flyers before being replaced by Roger Neilson 61 games into the season. Cashman remained as assistant coach for the rest of the season.

In 2000-01, Wayne spent a year as head coach of the Pensacola Ice Pilots of the ECHL. The team was dismal and did not qualify for the Kelly Cup playoffs.

Wayne Cashman - Rookie Card

The Wayne Cashman rookie card appears as number 7 in the 1970-71 O-Pee-Chee set. The card is valued at around four times that of a common card. However, it was all a matter of timing with Cashman and he is forever overshadowed by the rookie cards of Gilbert Perreault, Bobby Clarke and Darryl Sittler.

Randy Carlyle 1978-79 O-Pee-Chee Rookie Card



Long before Randy Carlyle was a chubby, aging bald guy behind the Toronto Maple Leafs bench, he was actually a very good defenseman. Cursed with playing for mediocre at best hockey teams throughout his 1,055 game NHL playing career, he had to wait until 2006-07 to get his name on the Stanley Cup.

Randy Carlyle - The Player

Carlyle played his junior hockey with his hometown Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey Association (now Ontario Hockey League). Randy played three years with the Wolves from 1973-74 to 1975-76.

That Sudbury team in his final year was arguably the best team the city has seen, reaching the Robertson Cup finals before falling to the Hamilton Fincups.

In 1976, Randy was drafted to two league. The Toronto Maple Leafs chose him in the second round of the 1976 NHL Amateur Draft, 30th overall. He was also taken seventh overall in the WHA Amateur Draft by the Cincinnati Stingers. Other future NHLers taken in the first round of that WHA draft include Bernie Federko, Thomas Gradin, Rick Green, Kent Nilsson and Don Murdoch.

Carlyle played 1,055 regular season NHL games between 1976-77 and 1992-93 with the Maple Leafs, Pittsburgh Penguins and Winnipeg Jets. He also appeared in 69 playoff games, scoring nine and assisting on 24 for 33 points.

After just his second year in the NHL, as part of the Harold Ballard implosion in Toronto, Carlyle was traded, along with George Ferguson, to the Penguins for Dave Burrows. Burrows played just three more years in the NHL and was traded back to Pittsburgh shortly into his final season. Within the same three year period, Carlyle was selected the winner of the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenseman. Pretty obvious who won that deal.

Randy won the Norris with 16 goals and 67 assists for 83 points over 76 games in 1980-81 with the

Pens. The club honoured him by making Carlyle team captain for the next three years, until he was traded to the Jets during the 1983-84 season. In Winnipeg, he wore the 'C' for the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons.

Carlyle competed for Canada on the international stage just once. He played at the 1989 IIHF World Hockey Championships, held in Stockholm, Sweden. Canada won silver with the Soviet Union taking gold and Czechoslovakia awarded bronze. Randy was under suspicion for taking performance enhancing drugs but his tests did not match and he was cleared of any wrong doing.

Randy Carlyle - The Coach

After years coaching in the minors, Carlyle became a National Hockey League head coach in 2005-06 with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. The following year, he led the Ducks to a Stanley Cup championship with a 4-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators in the final series. He was fired by the Ducks in 2011-12 and took over his current position as head coach of the Maple Leafs that same year.

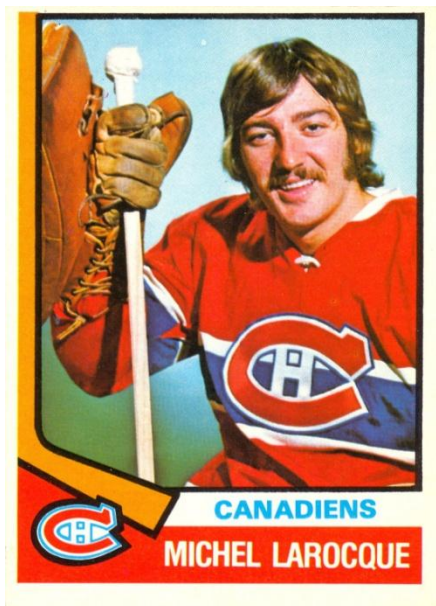
Back in 1998-99, Randy was named the General Manager of the Year in the IHL. His Manitoba Moose finished fourth overall during the regular season with 108 points. The Moose lost in the second round to the Chicago Wolves.

Randy Carlyle - Hockey Cards

The Randy Carlyle rookie card appears as number 312 in the 1978-79 O-Pee-Chee set. The card is valued at about 20 times more than a common card. Randy is shown in a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey but as a member of the Penguins. Carlyle's first Topps card came the following year. The Randy Carlyle 1979-80 Topps number 124 card is valued as a common.



Michel Larocque: Could He Have Carried The Habs Dynasty?



Michel 'Bunny' Larocque found success as a goalie in junior with the Ottawa 67's, was drafted extremely high in the NHL Amateur Draft, had great success in the American Hockey League with the Nova Scotia Voyageurs but then cracked the roster of the Montreal Canadiens.

Larocque enjoyed great success with the Canadiens but mostly as a spectator from the players bench. Michel backed up Ken Dryden, who was in turn backed up by one of the greatest teams to ever assemble. When he finally stepped out of Dryden's

shadow, he was shipped to a horrendous Toronto Maple Leafs team where no goalie could excel.

Michel Larocque - Junior and Minor Pro

Larocque played five years in the OHA with the Ottawa 67's from 1967-68 to 1971-72, the first five years of the team's existence. He worked between the pipes for the bulk of Ottawa's games in his final three years of junior. In 1969-70, he played in 51 of the 54 regular season games. The following year, it was 56 of 62 games. In 1971-72, Larocque appeared in 55 of 63 games.

In that 1971-72 season, the Bill Long coached 67's reached the Robertson Cup finals for the first time in franchise history. Ottawa beat the London Knights and Oshawa Generals to earn a series against the Peterborough Petes in the finals. Peterborough came out on top to advance to the Memorial Cup.

The following year, the Montreal Canadiens prospect played for their AHL affiliate, the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. Michel was awarded the Harry 'Hap' Holmes Memorial Award, shared with teammate Michel DeGuise, for the lowest team goals against average. To qualify, a goaltender had to have played in a minimum 25 games.

Larocque played 47 games, posting a 2.50 GAA with one shutout. He played all 13 Calder Cup

playoff games for the Voyageurs, putting up a 2.84 GAA. Nova Scotia swept the Providence Reds in four in the opening round, outscoring their opponents 22-10. In the semi-finals, it was another four game sweep, this time against the Boston Braves. The Voyageurs outscored the Braves 27-5. In the finals, they met their match in the Cincinnati Swords with Cincinnati taking the series in five games.

Michel returned to the AHL in 1983-84, playing five games for the Springfield Indians. In 1984-85, Bunny's final year of pro hockey, he played 13 games in the IHL with the Peoria Rivermen.

Michel Larocque - NHL

Larocque was the sixth overall pick at the 1972 NHL Amateur Draft, going to the Habs. Drafted in front of him were Billy Harris by the New York Islanders, Jacques Richard by the Atlanta Flames, Don Lever by the Vancouver Canucks, Steve Shutt by the Canadiens and Jim Schoenfeld by the Buffalo Sabres.

Michel played in the National Hockey League from 1973-74 to 1983-84 with the Canadiens, Maple Leafs, Philadelphia Flyers and St. Louis Blues. He has his name on the Stanley Cup four times as a member of Montreal's dynasty from 1975-76 to 1978-79. However, Larocque played in just one playoff game over that time. His single game came during the 1978-79 season.

Because the Vezina goes to the goaltending duo with the lowest GAA, Larocque shared the trophy three times with Ken Dryden and once, in 1980-81, with Denis Herron and Richard Sevigny.

Interestingly, he won the award as a member of the Canadiens but was traded mid-season to the Maple Leafs, in exchange for Robert Picard.

1981-82 was the only year Michel played more than 39 games in a season during his pro career.

Larocque appeared in 50 games with the Maple Leafs. Toronto won just 20 of 80 games and ended the season with 56 points. Just the Detroit Red Wings and Colorado Rockies finished with less points. Larocque posted a 4.69 GAA and .861 save percentage.

After that, his career fizzled out pretty quick. In 1982-83, after being traded for Rick St. Croix, Larocque played just two games for the Philadelphia Flyers. The following year, after being sold to the St. Louis Blues, he appeared in his last five games as a NHL goaltender.

I honestly didn't remember until doing research for this article but Michel Larocque passed away in 1992 at the age of 40 from a brain tumour.

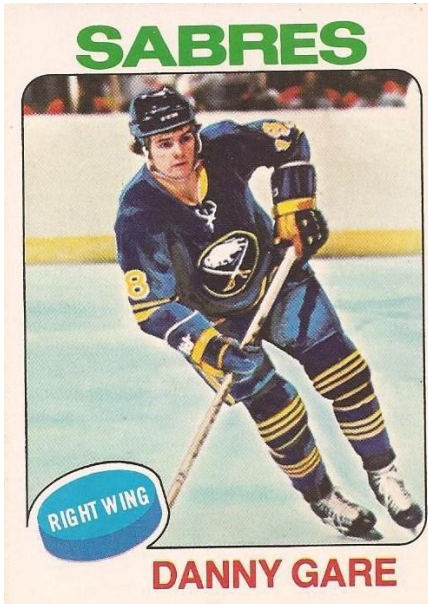
Michel Larocque - Rookie Card

The Michel Larocque rookie card appears as number 297 in the 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee set. The first

Larocque hockey card is of some value at 2.5 times that of a common card.



Danny Gare: WHL and NHL Sniper Extraordinaire



Danny Gare's sniper ability was evident back when he was a junior with the Calgary Centennials of the WCHL (now the Tri-City Americans of the WHL). Gare went on to an excellent NHL hockey career with the Buffalo Sabres, Detroit Red Wings and Edmonton Oilers before ending up in the broadcast booth. Gare never played a game of minor pro hockey, moving directly from the Centennials to the Sabres.

Danny Gare - Calgary Centennials

Gare played three years in the WCHL with Calgary from 1971-72 to 1973-74. Over 186 regular season

games, he scored 123 and assisted on 119 for 242 points. Danny added another 16 goals and 34 points over 33 playoff games.

In his first year with the Centennials, the team placed first overall in the league but fell in the semi-finals to the Edmonton Oil Kings. After a mediocre 1972-73, Calgary was once again revved up for 1973-74.

In his final season in junior, Gare scored 68 goals and assisted on 59 for 127 points over 65 regular season games. He led the team in goals, one ahead of Mike Rogers. When it came to total points, Gare fell behind Rogers and his 140 points. Danny was the team leader with 238 penalty minutes.

Gare finished second in the WCHL with his 68 goals. For points, he placed seventh. Calgary placed first in the West Division and second overall behind the Regina Pats. The Centennials met up with Regina in the finals and were swept away in four games.

It should be noted that Gare wore number 12 during his junior hockey days and not the number 18 that he would wear throughout his National Hockey League career.

Danny Gare - NHL

At the 1974 NHL Amateur Draft, Gare was taken in the second round by the Buffalo Sabres, 29th

overall. That year, he was also taken in the WHA's Secret Amateur Draft, eleventh overall by the Winnipeg Jets.

Danny played in the NHL from 1974-75 to 1986-87 with the Sabres, Red Wings and Oilers. He scored 354 goals and assisted on 331 for 685 points over 827 regular season games. In the Stanley Cup playoffs, Gare played an additional 64 games, scoring 25 goals and adding 46 points.

In his rookie year, 1974-75, Danny scored 31 goals and assisted on 31 for 62 points with a very good Sabres team. In the Stanley Cup playoffs, he scored another seven and assisted on six over 17 games as Buffalo reached the finals before falling in six to the Philadelphia Flyers.

The numbers and the value he added to his team were great but not good enough to earn the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year. That honour went to Eric Vail of the Atlanta Flames in 1974-75. Vail scored 39 goals and assisted on 21 for 60 points over 72 games on a team that did not qualify for the post season.

Twice, Gare was a 50 goal scorer in the National Hockey League. In 1975-76, just his second year in the league, he scored exactly 50. Danny tied for fifth in the NHL with Bill Barber of the Flyers. In 1979-80, Gare finished atop the NHL in a three way tie with Blaine Stoughton of the Hartford Whalers

and Charlie Simmer of the Los Angeles Kings, all with 56 goals each.

Gare was team captain of the Sabres from 1977-78 until a trade sent him to the Red Wings 22 games into the 1981-82 season. It was a bit of a blockbuster with Jim Schoenfeld and Derek Smith heading to Michigan with him, in exchange for Mike Foligno, Dale McCourt and Brent Peterson.

Danny served as team captain with the Red Wings from 1982-83 to 1985-86, providing great mentorship for a young Steve Yzerman. Gare started the 1986-87 season with the Edmonton Oilers but played just 18 games before retiring.

A member of the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame but not the Hockey Hall of Fame, Gare was a member of Team Canada at the 1976 and 1981 Canada Cup. After retiring, he spent the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons as an assistant coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning. However, most of his post career time has been spent in the broadcasting booth as a colour analyst for the Sabres.

Danny Gare - Rookie Card

The Danny Gare rookie card appears as number 64 in both the 1975-76 O-Pee-Chee and 1975-76 Topps sets. The card is valued at around three times that of a common card.

Gilbert Perreault - Still the Face of the Buffalo Sabres



When one thinks Buffalo Sabres, one has to think Gilbert Perreault. Perreault is certainly a must for any vintage hockey cards collector. Gil's 1970-71 O-Pee-Chee rookie card #131 is worth as high as \$100, according to Beckett. The Topps version of the same card is rated at a high price of \$40. Very recently, the Topps version sold for \$39.99 on an eBay auction.

A bit of useless trivia about the Topps version of the Gilbert Perreault rookie card – it was the second last card in the 132 card series with number 132

being a checklist. That same season, Perreault was also featured in the 144 card Dad's Cookies set.

Why is Gilbert Perreault so valuable on cardboard? As mentioned above, Perreault is synonymous with the Buffalo Sabres franchise. Gil was the first overall pick in the 1970 NHL Amateur draft. The first two picks belonged to the two new expansion teams, the Sabres and the Vancouver Canucks. The Sabres won the right to the first overall pick by picking a number on a spinning wheel. That number? 11 – Perreault's jersey number throughout his career in the National Hockey League.

Before the NHL, however, Perreault was already a star in the Ontario Hockey Association (today's OHL). Gilbert played three seasons with the Montreal Junior Canadiens. The team won the Memorial Cup in Gil's final two seasons, 1968-69 and 1969-70. In his final season, Perreault was awarded the Red Tilson Trophy as the OHA's MVP. He finished second in scoring that season to Marcel Dionne of the St. Catharines Black Hawks. Perreault had 54 goals and 121 points in just 51 regular season games. He added 38 points for the Junior Canadiens in 16 playoff games.

In his first year in the National Hockey League, 1970-71, Perreault was awarded the Calder Memorial Trophy as the league's top rookie after a 38 goal performance. The only other major award

that Gilbert won during his 17 year NHL career was the Lady Byng Trophy in 1972-73 after sitting just 10 minutes in the penalty box over 80 regular season games.

Gil was a member of the 1972 Team Canada Summit Series team that beat the Soviet Union. Perreault played in just two games with Canada before leaving the team. Subsequently, Gilbert's card in the 1972-73 O-Pee-Chee Team Canada subset was relegated to common card status.

Twice during his NHL career, Perreault topped the 100 point plateau. In 1975-76, his 113 points placed him third in the league behind Guy Lafleur of the Montreal Canadiens and Bobby Clarke of the Philadelphia Flyers. In 1979-80, Gil's 106 points put him in fourth behind Marcel Dionne of the Los Angeles Kings, Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers and Lafleur.

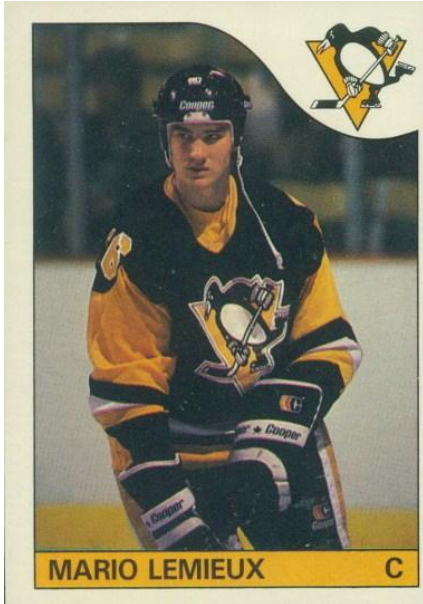
A four year captain of the Buffalo Sabres from 1982-83 to 1985-86, Perreault is still the all-time Sabres leader in the following regular season categories:

- Games – 1191
- Goals – 512
- Assists – 814
- Points – 1326

Gilbert has nine NHL all-star games under his belt. He is the only Buffalo Sabre to ever wear the number 11 as it was retired after his retirement. Perreault was enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1990. Gil will go always be thought of as one of the most exciting players in the game of hockey.



1985-86 O-Pee-Chee #9 - Mario Lemieux Rookie Card



Thanks to Wayne Gretzky bring mass popularity to the hockey card market in the 1980's, the 1985-86 Mario Lemieux rookie card is relatively under-valued at just \$200. By far the most valuable card in the series, it doesn't reflect the fact that Super Mario is on the short list for greatest hockey player in the history of the game. The 1985-86 Topps #9 Mario Lemieux rookie card doesn't fall far behind the O-Pee-Chee card at \$150.

Lemieux drew attention in the hockey world in his final season in the QMJHL. With the Laval Voisins, Mario set Canadian Hockey League records with 133

goals and 282 points in 1983-84. The team was easily champions in the Quebec league but the talent of the youngest of the three Canadian major junior leagues was in question as Laval was not a serious contender in the 1984 Memorial Cup.

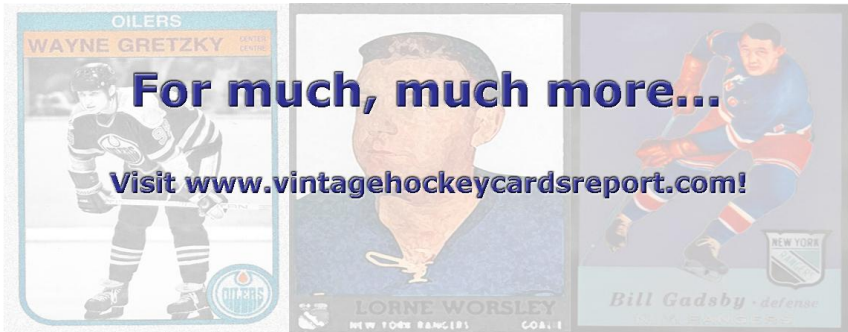
In a strong 1984 NHL Entry Draft that saw eighteen players eventually surpass 1000 games in the NHL, Mario Lemieux was drafted first overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins. Mario played his entire career with the Penguins from 1984-85 to 2005-06. In 915 career regular season games, he amassed 1723 points with ten 100+ point seasons. He topped out offensively in 1988-89 with 85 goals and 114 assists for 199 points in 76 games.

Lemieux won the Calder Trophy as NHL rookie of the year in 1984-85, totalling 100 points in 73 games on a Pittsburgh team that lost 51 games and was second from the bottom in the league. The team's fortunes would change drastically with the arrival of Lemieux and would win consecutive Stanley Cups in 1990-91 and 1991-92. Mario was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy both years.

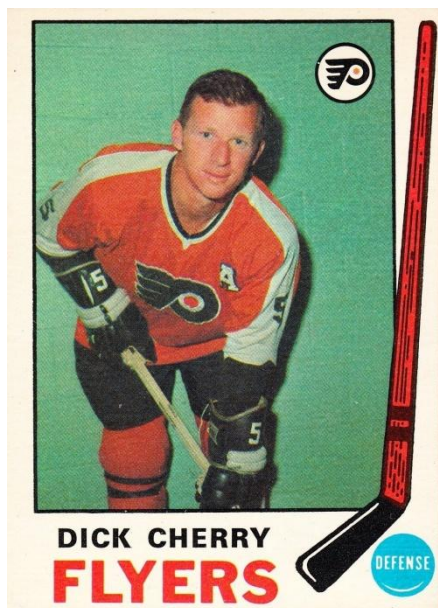
Throughout his career, Mario won the Hart Trophy three times and the Art Ross on six occasions. He is one of just five players to score 50 goals in his team's first 50 games with 50 in 46 during the 1988-89 season. In 1993, he became one of just eight NHL players to win the Lou Marsh Award as

Canada's top athlete. In 2009, he was awarded the Order of Canada.

Lemieux was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1997 after one of his many false retirements. His number 66 is retired by the Pittsburgh Penguins, Team Canada and his Laval junior team.



Dick Cherry: The Cherry Brother That Played In The NHL



Yes, the loud guy with the funky suits that shows up on Hockey Night in Canada every Saturday night is not the NHL hockey player in his family. Don Cherry appeared in exactly one NHL game, a playoff appearance with the Boston Bruins during the 1954-55 season. Brother Dick Cherry is a veteran of 145 regular season and four playoff games in the National Hockey League. Dick's minor career may not have been as eventful as Don's but it was still pretty memorable.

Dick Cherry - Junior

Cherry played two years in the OHA Junior 'A' with the Barrie Flyers. In 1955-56, he was second on the team with 50 points while playing the full 48 game regular season schedule. Behind the bench were Hap Emms and his assistant Bill Long with the Flyers placing sixth in the seven team league with 43 points.

However, Barrie upset the second place Kitchener Canucks in the quarter-finals then Toronto St. Michael's in the semi-finals to earn a berth in the Robertson Cup finals. The Flyers met their match with the Toronto Marlboros ousting them in five games.

In 1956-57, Dick was again second on the team, this time with 45 points over the full 52 game schedule. He was teammates with Barry Ashbee. He would play with Barry again in the minors and the two would miss each other by a year in the NHL with Cherry playing his last year with Philadelphia in 1969-70 and Ashbee starting with the Flyers in 1970-71.

The 1956-57 Barrie Flyers placed sixth in the eight team league with just 28 points. They were easily swept in three games by the St. Catherines Teepees in the opening round. Cherry would also make his first appearance in the National Hockey League that season with the Boston Bruins.

The Barrie Flyers are the present day Sudbury Wolves, by way of the Niagara Falls Flyers.

Dick Cherry - Minor Pro

Cherry played in the minors between 1957-58 and 1970-71 and carried on for a few years after that in the amateur OHA Senior 'A'. Over that time, he played in the QHL, AHL, EPHL, CPHL and CHL.

In 1961-62, Dick played for the Kingston Frontenacs in the EPHL. He was the second highest scoring defenseman on the team behind Harry Sinden. Orval Tessier led the team offensively and Cherry was once again teammates with Barry Ashbee. In net were Ernie Wakely and Ed Chadwick, although it was Chadwick that played all but three games for the Frontenacs. Kingston placed second in the six team league and lost in the finals to the Hull-Ottawa Canadiens.

The Oklahoma City Blazers of the CPHL truly had something special in 1966-67. Cherry was the top scoring defenseman on the team with 33 points over 69 games. The team was stacked with future NHLers like Terry Crisp, Wayne Cashman, Jean Pronovost, Glen Sather, J.P. Parise and Ross Lonsberry. In net was an amazing trio that included Bernie Parent, Gerry Cheevers and Doug Favell.

The Blazers finished first overall. They met up with the Omaha Knights in the CPHL finals, winning the best of seven series in five.

After his stint with the NHL Flyers was over, Dick returned to Oklahoma City for one more season. He served as team captain while scoring 14 goals and assisting on 50 for 64 points over 64 games. His assist total was good enough to tie him for third in the CHL with teammate Gregg Sheppard, eight behind the leader.

Once again, the Blazers were stacked with future NHL players. Along with Gregg Sheppard, there was Ivan Boldirev, Reggie Leach, Rick MacLeish and Ron Plumb. Despite the talent, Oklahoma City placed fourth in the seven team league with 72 points over 72 games and lost in the opening round of the playoffs.

Dick Cherry - NHL

After playing six games with the Boston Bruins in 1956-57 while still a junior, it would take over a decade before Cherry would return to the National Hockey League. He played two full seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers, 1968-69 and 1969-70.

Overall, Dick played in 145 NHL regular season games, scoring 12 goals and assisting on ten for 22 points. In the Stanley Cup playoffs, he played just four games, scoring one goal.

Dick Cherry - Staff

After a stint as assistant coach with the Kingston Frontenacs of the Ontario Hockey League in 1991-92, Cherry's next break came in 1996 when he became an amateur scout for the St. Louis Blues. He held that title from 1996-97 to 1999-00.

During that four year span, Dick also took on the role of Director of Hockey Operations with the OHL's Mississauga IceDogs for the 1998-99 season. It was the franchise's first year of existence and the team was owned by brother Don.

Cherry returned to the OHL for 2005-06 and served as Director of Player Development for the Kingston Frontenacs until 2010-11. Since 2010-11, he has served as a scout for the Frontenacs.

Dick Cherry - Rookie Card

The Dick Cherry rookie card appears as number 173 in the 1969-70 O-Pee-Chee set. This is the only major hockey card featuring Dick Cherry and he is shown with the Philadelphia Flyers. The card is valued as a common card. Don Cherry did not get a spot on a hockey card as a player. He did get his rookie card as head coach of the Boston Bruins in the 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee set.

1953-54 Parkhurst Gump Worsley Rookie Card



Lorne 'Gump' Worsley began play in the National Hockey League in 1952-53 with the New York Rangers. His rookie hockey card appeared in the 1953-54 Parkhurst series as the number 53 card.

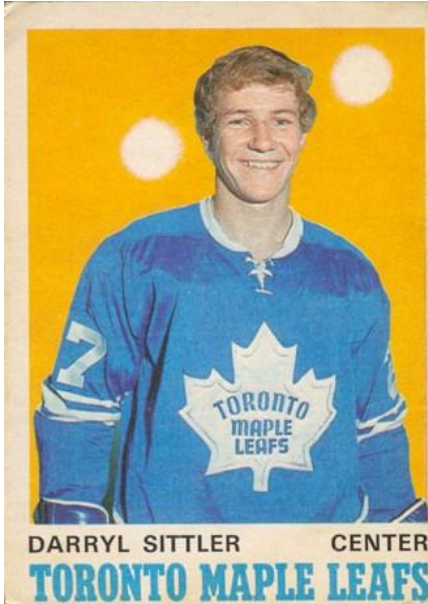
Gump's rookie card is worth \$400, according to Beckett. The entire 1953-54 Parkhurst set is worth up to \$4500 with the Gordie Howe hockey card worth the most at \$800. Only two other cards are worth more than Worsley's, the Jean Beliveau rookie card at \$600 and the hockey card of Maurice 'Rocket' Richard at \$500. Worsley's last hockey card came in the 1973-74 O-Pee-Chee series as number 230 and is worth \$5.

Worsley played goal in the NHL from 1952-53 to 1973-74. He began his career with the New York Rangers with a bang, winning the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year in 1952-53. He played with the Rangers until the end of the 1962-63 season. It was after moving to Montreal in 1963-64 when Gump was able to put some hardware in his trophy case. In what was really just five full seasons with the Canadiens, Worsley had his name engraved on the Stanley Cup four times and the Vezina Trophy twice.

After playing five games with Montreal in 1969-70, Worsley was off to the Minnesota North Stars. Gump played with Minnesota until the end of the 1973-74 season. His best season with the North Stars came in 1971-72 when his 2.12 GAA was third best in the league. The team finished second to the Chicago Black Hawks in the West Division but lost in seven games to the St. Louis Blues in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Gump Worsley is still ranked seventh all-time in the NHL for the most games played by a goaltender with 861. His 43 career regular season shutouts rank him 24th. In 1980, he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, a year that saw just Harry Lumley and Lynn Patrick enter the Hall.

1970-71 O-Pee-Chee Darryl Sittler Rookie Card



A trio of rookie cards highlighted the 1970-71 O-Pee-Chee set. Bobby Clarke currently leads the rookies in value at \$120. Gilbert Perreault and Darryl Sittler both have their rookie cards in the set and both are valued at \$100, according to Beckett Hockey Monthly. Other than checklists, the only player with a more value hockey card in the series is Bobby Orr, whose card is valued at \$200.

Just the facts:

- Darryl Sittler was the 8th overall pick at the 1970 NHL Amateur Draft out of the OHA's London Knights.

■Sittler's 1970-71 O-Pee-Chee rookie card is valued at \$100.

■Darryl was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1989.

■Sittler's 10 point night against the Bruins in 1976 is still an NHL record.

The Darryl Sittler rookie card is number 218 in the 1970-71 set. Sittler didn't appear on a Topps card until the following season. The back of the card is free of stats. Sittler was fresh out of the Ontario Hockey Association, where he played with the London Knights in 1969-70. 1970-71 was his first season with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He played just 49 games as a rookie, scoring ten goals and adding eight assists.

Darryl was the eighth overall pick at the 1970 NHL Amateur Draft. Some of those picked ahead of Sittler include Perreault, Dale Tallon, Rick MacLeish and Reg Leach. Interestingly, MacLeish and Leach were both drafted by Boston but it would be with the Philadelphia Flyers a few years later where the two would become household names amongst hockey fans.

In his three years with the London Knights, Sittler totaled 252 points in 161 regular season games. In his second season, his 99 points were third in the OHA, just one point behind Marcel Dionne of the St.

Catherines Black Hawks. In his final season, he finished sixth with 42 goals and sixth with 90 points.

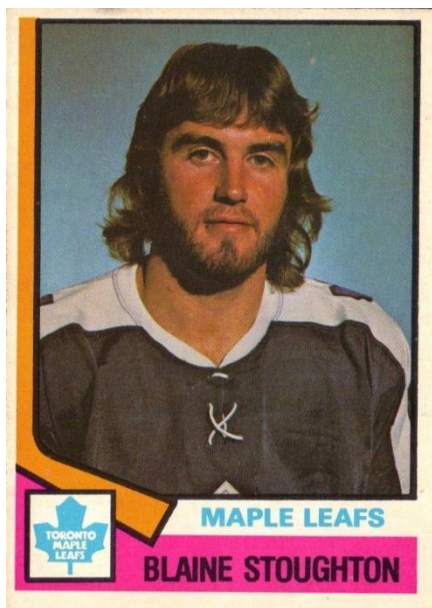
Darryl played 1,096 regular season games in the NHL from 1970-71 to 1984-85 with the Maple Leafs, Philadelphia Flyers and Detroit Red Wings. He twice reached the 100 point plateau. in 1975-76, he finished with exactly 100 points, placing him ninth in the NHL. The following season, Darryl had ten less points but finished a position ahead of the year before. His best offensive season came in 1977-78 with 45 goals and 117 points. The goal total placed him sixth and the 117 points placed him third, behind only Guy Lafleur of the Montreal Canadiens and Bryan Trottier of the New York Islanders.

He played with the Maple Leafs until a trade sent him to the Broad Street Bullies during the 1981-82 season. After three years with the Flyers, Darryl had one season with the Detroit Red Wings in 1984-85 before retiring. He was traded to Detroit from Philadelphia for a young Murray Craven and Joe Paterson. Paterson, a former London Knights player like Sittler, didn't amount to much but Craven went on to a 1,071 game NHL career with the Flyers, Hartford Whalers, Vancouver Canucks, Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks. Sittler played just 61 more games in the NHL after the trade.

He will forever be remembered for his record setting 10 point game against the Boston Bruins in 1976. He scored six goals and added four assists to establish a single game record that still stands today. His number 27 has been honoured by the Maple Leafs and Sittler was inducted to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1989.



Blaine Stoughton: 50 Goal Scorer in the NHL, WHA and WCHL



Cast away by the National Hockey League after just parts of three seasons, Blaine Stoughton jumped to the WHA when most were starting to create their exit plans. Blaine had a quietly forgotten hockey career that saw him lead the WCHL and NHL in goals for a season each and score 52 in his first season in the WHA.

Blaine Stoughton - Junior

Stoughton spent four years in the WCHL with the Flin Flon Bombers from 1969-70 to 1972-73. The Bombers franchise became the Edmonton Oil Kings for the 1978-79 season and Great Falls Americans

for 1979-80. After moving to Spokane, Washington to become the Flyers, the franchise folded part way through the 1981-82 WHL season.

In his first year with Flin Flon, the team was led by Reggie Leach who led the league in scoring. The Bombers finished first overall in the eight team league but fell to the original version of the Edmonton Oil Kings in the finals in a four game sweep.

Stoughton got noticed as a sniper in 1971-72. He scored 60 goals and assisted on 66 for 126 points over 68 regular season games. He led the WCHL in goals, placed fifth for assists and tied for third in the points department with Tom Lysiak and Stan Weir, both of the Medicine Hat Tigers.

In his final season of junior, Blaine's numbers dropped slightly. He scored 58 goals and assisted on 60 for 118 points over 66 games. He led his team in assists and points while finishing tied for seventh in the WCHL for goals, tied for ninth for assists and placing fifth for points.

Blaine Stoughton - NHL

The Pittsburgh Penguins selected Stoughton seventh overall at the 1973 NHL Amateur Draft. That year, the New York Islanders had the first overall pick and chose Denis Potvin from the Ottawa 67's. Blaine played a total of 34 games with the

Penguins in 1973-74 and was traded in the off-season to the Toronto Maple Leafs for Rick Kehoe.

After a full season with Toronto in 1974-75, Stoughton was banished to the Oklahoma City Blazers of the Central Hockey League for the last half of the 1975-76 season. That was incentive enough to make the risky move to the World Hockey Association.

When the NHL swallowed up the final four WHA teams for the start of the 1979-80 season, Stoughton was on the roster of the Hartford Whalers. He played with the Whalers until a trade to the New York Rangers 54 games into the 1983-84 season. 1983-84 turned out to be his last year in the NHL.

In his first year back in the NHL, 1979-80, Stoughton exploded for 56 goals while assisting on 44 for exactly 100 points over 80 games. The goal total tied Blaine with Danny Gare of the Buffalo Sabres and Charlie Simmer of the Los Angeles Kings for the goal scoring title. His 100 points placed him eighth in the league.

The following year, Stoughton topped the 50 goal plateau once more. In 1981-82, he scored 52 goals and assisted on 39 for 91 points over 80 games. His 52 goals placed him sixth in the NHL while his point total was out of the top ten.

After his final year in the National Hockey League, Stoughton joined the New Haven Nighthawks of the American Hockey League for the 1984-85 season. After some time off, he played one more year of elite level hockey with Asiago in Italy for the 1987-88 season.

Blaine Stoughton - WHA

Blaine was drafted by the Quebec Nordiques in the second round of the 1973 WHA Amateur Draft, 14th overall. However, as mentioned, Stoughton took the NHL road, at least to start.

From 1976-77 to 1978-79, Blaine played in the WHA with the Cincinnati Stingers, Indianapolis Racers and New England Whalers. His first year was the only year he stayed with one team. With the Stingers, Stoughton scored 52 and assisted on 52 for 104 points. He tied for fourth in the WHA for goals and placed ninth for points.

Blaine Stoughton - Coaching Staff

For the 1990's, Stoughton spent most of his time behind the bench or in the front office. He started out as an assistant coach of the Cincinnati Cyclones at the start of the decade. At first, the Cyclones played in the ECHL before switching to the IHL. The team didn't enjoy much success with Blaine behind the bench.

In 1993-94, Stoughton moved up the AHL and was assistant coach of the Springfield Indians. He remained in Springfield for 1994-95 but the team name changed to the Falcons.

For three years from 1996-97 to 1998-99, Stoughton bought into a WPHL franchise and spent time as an owner and a general manager. The team was the Austin Ice Bats but, unfortunately, like the rest of Blaine's teams, they weren't very successful.

Blaine Stoughton - Rookie Card

The Blaine Stoughton rookie card appears as number 348 in the 1974-75 O-Pee-Chee NHL set. He is shown as a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Stoughton's first Topps card didn't come out until 1975-76. His rookie hockey card is valued at twice that of a common card. Blaine got on the front of just one WHA card, number 6 in the 1977-78 O-Pee-Chee set.



Alex Faulkner: 101 Career NHL Games. \$125 Rookie Card.



Recently, we noted that Cesare Maniago was the unlikely top valued rookie card in the 1963-64 Parkhurst set. The second highest valued rookie card, and third highest valued card, in the 1963-64 Parkhurst set belongs to a much more obscure player.

Alex Faulkner played just 101 regular season games in the National Hockey League between 1961-62 and 1963-64. He played just one game with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1961-62 before playing the full 70 game schedule with the Detroit Red Wings the following season. In 1963-64, he played just 30

games before injuries got the best of him. During the 1963 Stanley Cup playoffs, Faulkner was an integral part of Detroit`s upset of the Chicago Black Hawks in the semi-finals. Detroit fell to Toronto in the finals, 4-1, with Alex scoring two goals in the Red Wings only win.

There was only one mainstream hockey card ever produced with Alex on the front. The Alex Faulkner rookie card appears as number 42 in the 1963-64 Parkhurst set and is valued at a whopping \$125, more than a dollar per game over his career. As mentioned, this is the second most highly valued rookie card in the set, behind Cesare Maniago of the Montreal Canadiens. Gordie Howe leads the way as the most valuable card in the set. 1963-64 was the final year of production for Parkhurst. The set consists of 99 cards and a full collection is valued at \$2,500.

Alex Faulkner played professional hockey from 1960-61 to 1970-71. Other than the NHL, he also played in the AHL, CPHL and WHL. In 1961-62, with the Rochester Americans of the AHL, Faulkner led the team with 73 points in 65 games. He placed eighth in the AHL that season with 54 assists.

In 1966-67, Faulkner found himself playing for the Memphis Wings of the CPHL. He led the team with 88 points in 70 games. He was two points behind Art Stratton of the St. Louis Braves for the league

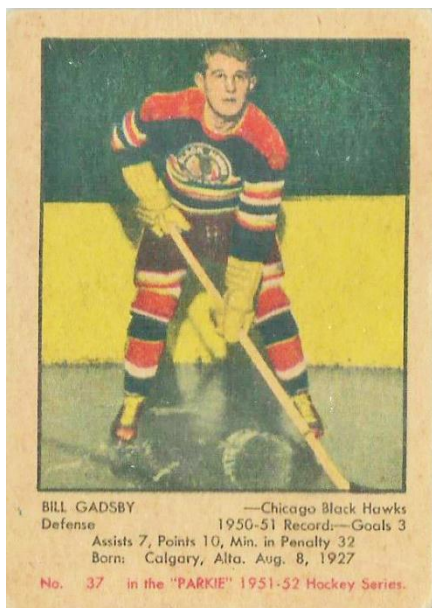
lead. He did, however, lead the CPHL in assists with 60.

Faulkner`s final four years in pro hockey were spent in the WHL with the San Diego Gulls.

Alex is noted as the first Newfoundland born player to play in the National Hockey League. He is a member of the Newfoundland Hall of Fame.



The Great Gadsby of the National Hockey League



1,248 regular season games over twenty seasons in a six team National Hockey League, yet Bill Gadsby never won a Stanley Cup championship. One of the top offensive defensemen in the era before Bobby Orr, Gadsby did find a place in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Like many that started play in the 1940's, Bill's rookie card appeared in the 1951-52 Parkhurst set.

Bill Gadsby - NHL Career

Gadsby played in the National Hockey League from 1946-47 to 1965-66 with the Chicago Blackhawks, New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings. Over that

time, the defenseman played 1,248 regular season games, scoring 130 goals and assisting on 433 for 568 points. In the Stanley Cup playoffs, Bill appeared in a respectable but low 67 games, contributing 27 points.

Over parts of nine seasons with Chicago, Gadsby played in just seven playoff games. In 1952-53, the Blackhawks squeaked into the post season with 69 points over 70 games, tying the Boston Bruins for fourth, just two points ahead of the fifth place Toronto Maple Leafs. After taking a 3-2 lead in their semi-final series with the Montreal Canadiens, the Habs stormed back and ousted Chicago in seven.

In 1949-50, Bill set a tone with 138 PIM, placing him fourth in the NHL. This side of Gadsby would show up from time to time throughout his 20 years in the league. He served as team captain of the Blackhawks in 1952-53 and 1953-54. In both those years, Sid Abel was player / head coach of the team. Gadsby would play for Abel with the Red Wings in his days with Detroit at the end of his playing career.

From 1954-55 to 1960-61, Gadsby played for the New York Rangers. The Rangers made the Stanley Cup playoffs three times during that era but did not win a single series. In 1955-56, Bill was third in the NHL with 42 assists, behind Bert Olmstead of the Montreal Canadiens and Andy Bathgate of the New

York Rangers. His 51 points placed him tied for ninth in the NHL with Dave Creighton of the Rangers and Alex Delvecchio of the Red Wings.

The following year, Bill finished seventh in the NHL with 37 assists. Two years later in 1958-59, Gadsby tied for third in the NHL with Gordie Howe of the Red Wings and Jean Beliveau of the Canadiens, all with 46 assists apiece. At the time, the 46 assists was a National Hockey League record for the most assists by a defenseman.

Gadsby played with the Red Wings from 1961-62 until he retired after the 1965-66 season. This is the era when he finally got a legitimate shot at the Stanley Cup. In 1962-63, the Wings lost in the finals to the Maple Leafs in five games. Gadsby placed fifth in the NHL with 116 PIM.

The following year, Detroit fell to the Maple Leafs in the finals again, this time the series went the full seven games. In fact, each of the NHL's three playoff showdowns went the full seven in 1963-64. In 1965-66, Detroit once again fell in the finals, this time in six games to the Montreal Canadiens.

Bill Gadsby was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1970, along with Babe Dye and Tom Johnson.

Bill Gadsby - Head Coach

Gadsby's coaching career lasted just a full season and two games. He took over the role as head coach with the Detroit Red Wings for the 1968-69 season. Over 76 games, Detroit won 33 games and totalled 78 points. That was good for just fifth in the six team East Division and did not qualify the Red Wings for the post season. In the unbalanced NHL, their 78 points would have placed Detroit second in the West Division.

Bill coached, and won, the first two games of the 1969-70 season but was replaced behind the bench by General Manager Sid Abel.

Bill Gadsby - Rookie Card

The Bill Gadsby rookie card appears as number 37 in the 1951-52 Parkhurst set. The card is valued at more than twice that of a common card. Gadsby is shown as a member of the Chicago Blackhawks.

