



MIKE ROGERS

2016 ALBERTA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Mike Rogers enjoyed an impressive 12-year professional hockey career in the National Hockey League and the World Hockey Association, and followed that with another two decades as a well-respected pre- and post-game and colour commentator with the Calgary Flames.

Mike's professional career spanned 12 seasons, seven in the National Hockey League (1979-1986) with Hartford Whalers, New York Rangers and Edmonton Oilers, and five in the World Hockey Association (1974-79) with the Edmonton Oilers and New England Whalers.

His career featured a number of highlights, including:

- In 1974, he was selected twice in amateur drafts – in the fifth round of the NHL draft by Vancouver, and in the second round of the WHA draft by Edmonton.
- In 1980-81, he was the captain of the NHL's Whalers.
- In the WHA, he tallied 367 points in 396 games, including leading the Oilers in goals and points as a rookie in 1974-75, and the Whalers in scoring in 1978-79.
- In the NHL, he tallied 519 points in 484 games, including leading the Whalers in scoring from 1979-81, and the Rangers from 1981-83.

But perhaps the most notable accomplishment came over the course of his first three seasons in the NHL when Mike accomplished a feat only completed by three others – he tallied more than 100 points in each of those seasons. The others to score 100 or more points in their first three NHL seasons? Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux and Peter Stastny.

Mike's hockey career started in the Northeast Hockey Association, playing his minor hockey in the district of Renfrew for 11 years before moving on to the Calgary Centennials of the then-Western Canada Junior Hockey League (now the Western Hockey League). He played three seasons with the Centennials (1971-74), tallying 309 points in 199 games, and helping the team to the WCHL final in 1974.

Mike continues to give a great deal of his time helping numerous charities raise funds in Calgary and surrounding areas.

