



## **Bill Riley**

Bill Riley was one of the early Black players in the NHL. As such, it wasn't an easy ride. Bill played his first NHL game for the Washington Capitals in the 1974-75 season. In 1976-77 he established himself as an NHL regular uses his grit, fists and talent to carve out a niche for himself. He played with the Caps until the 1978 -79 season. He was claimed by the Winnipeg Jets and played 14 games for the Jets in the 1979-80 season, his last in the NHL.

In 139 NHL games, Bill scored 31 goals and 61 points to go with 320 penalty minutes. In 1989, Bill made history becoming the head coach of the Amherst Ramblers of the Nova Scotia Junior Hockey League, the first time a Black pro had become a head coach.