



## **Dale Hawerchuk**

How would you like to be a Hall of Fame centreman playing in an era dominated by Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux. That was Dale Hawerchuk – Hockey Hall of Fame member. All Dale did was score 518 career goals to go with 891 assists for 1,409 points, more than a point per game for his entire career. Dale entered the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets in 1981-82 as the first overall draft choice and promptly won the Calder Trophy as best rookie by scoring 45 goals and 103 points. Dale scored more than 100 points in 6 of his first 7 seasons in the league – he “slumped” to 91 points one season. In his 9 seasons in Winnipeg, Dale average 42 goals and 103 points per year.

Hawerchuk was traded to the Buffalo Sabres for the 1990-91 season where he then averaged 92 points per season for his four full seasons there – he was injured much of the 1994-95 season. Dale then played part of a season in St. Louis before finishing that season and the next in Philadelphia.

Dale’s accomplishments in the game of hockey are many:

- Won the Memorial Cup twice in 1980 and 1981
- Calder Trophy winner as rookie of the year in 1982
- Second Team All Star 1985
- Played in 5 all-star games (1982, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1997)

And all of Dale’s accomplishments came in the shadows of Gretzky, Lemieux, Stastny, and Yzerman

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