



## **Dave Forbes**

Dave Forbes was a solid defensive left-winger who could contribute offense on occasion during his 363-game NHL career in the 1970s. He was a tireless worker in the corners and along the boards and did not shy away from playing rough.

Dave looked solid as a rookie for the Boston Bruins in 1973-74 and helped the team reach the Stanley Cup finals. He scored a career-high 18 goals in 1974-75 then up followed with 16 the next year. A useful role player and penalty killer in 1976-77 as the Bruins reached the Stanley Cup finals, Forbes went on to play four seasons with the Bruins, before being claimed by the Washington Capitals in the summer of 1977.

With the Caps, Dave scored eleven goals in 1977-78 and saw action in a mere two games the following year. After playing only two games in 1978-79 Forbes signed with the WHA's Cincinnati Stingers and played 73 games.

Dave had a solid 5 year NHL career but he will always be remembered for his butt end to the eye of Henry Boucha that ended Boucha's career. A trail for aggravated assault ended in a hung jury. Dave was not able to put the specter of this incident behind him and he ended his career with 64 goals and 64 assists in his 5 seasons.

Dave was an early participant in Hockey Ministries International and helped launch the program with so few Christians in the game of hockey at that time.

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