



Jim Dorey

Known for his rugged, yet clean style of play, Jim Dorey enjoyed a lengthy professional hockey career, primarily based on a solid work ethic. He was a fourth-round draft selection of the Toronto Maple Leafs, 23rd overall in 1964 when he was just 17 years old.

Dorey is probably best remembered for his days patrolling the defense for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the late 1960s and early 1970s at a time when other Leafs players included Dave Keon, Norm Ullman, Ron Ellis, Paul Henderson, and Jacques Plante. Jim played four full seasons with the Leafs and took it upon himself to handle a good portion of the team's policing duties, registering 200 minutes in penalties in the 1968-69 season and 198 minutes in the 1970-71 campaign.

Like many NHL players, Dorey was attracted to the offer of more money in the new rival World Hockey Association, so he jumped to the WHA for their inaugural season in 1972-73 as a member of the New England Whalers. He played two full seasons in New England before going to the Toronto Toros midway through the 1974-75 season. He started in 74 games for the Toros the following year and scored nine goals and 51 assists for 60 points. Dorey then spent three final years with the WHA's Quebec Nordiques from 1976 to 1979.

While he never played for a Stanley Cup champion, Jim was a member of two Avco Cup champions in the WHA. The New England Whalers defeated Bobby Hull and the Winnipeg Jets in the first Avco Cup championship four games to one in 1973. He also played on the 1977 champion Quebec Nordiques, a team that also beat Bobby Hull's Jets, four games to three.