



Rod Seiling

Rod debuted in 1962-63 with a single game for the Toronto Maple Leafs. But he was bundled in a trade with a couple of Hall of Famers – Dick Duff and Andy Bathgate, as well as others. He began a long stint of 11 years with the New York Rangers. During this time, he was considered to be one of the most underrated defensemen in the NHL as he did his job quietly and efficiently.

Rod was chosen for Team Canada 1972 in the Summit Series versus the USSR. Using that exhibition as a boost to his confidence, Rod had his best season in 1972-73 when he scored a career high 9 goals and 42 points. But in 1974, the Rangers put Rod on waivers and he was snapped up by the Washington Capitals – for one game. They then flipped Rod to the Toronto Maple Leafs where he played the next two seasons.

In 1976, Rod signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Blues where he played the next two years before being sold to the Atlanta Flames where he played out his career in 1979 and retired with 979 NHL games under his belt.

Rod played in the 1972 all-star game but wasn't the only hockey player in the Seiling family. Brother Ric had a good career with the Buffalo Sabres after being their #1 draft choice in 1977 as he went on to score 179 career goals in the NHL himself.