



Vic Hadfield

It's hard to believe that Vic got into over 1,000 NHL games his 16 seasons as seems like he was often out of the line-up with injuries. Vic played 13 seasons for the New York Rangers and stayed healthy enough in 1971-72 when, as a member of the GAG Line (Goal-A-Game), he scored 50 goals in addition to 56 assists for 106 points, a career best. This same season, Vic was named captain of the Rangers.

In 1972, Vic was named to Team Canada for the Summit Series against the USSR. Vic played in 2 games early in the series in Canada, but when he found out that he wouldn't play any of the games in the Soviet Union, he returned to Canada to prepare for the Rangers training camp with the assurance that Alan Eagleson would explain the situation to the media and thus to Canadian fans. But Eagleson didn't hold up his end of the bargain and Vic was unfairly booed the next season during NHL games played in Canadian cities.

With his knees failing in health, Vic played a couple more seasons in New York scoring 28 and 27 goals in those seasons – not bad totals at all, but not near his total of 50 in his best season. He was traded to the Pittsburgh Penguins for the 1974-75 season where he scored 30+ goals for two seasons before retiring early in his third season with the Penguins.

Vic was named to the Second All Star Team in 1972 and also played in the 1965 and 1972 all-star games.