

## **Michel Dion**

Michel Dion was a very gifted athlete. Not only did he play pro hockey at its highest level, but he played in the Montreal Expos farm system as a catcher for two seasons, and also was a golf pro for a period of about 10 years.

In hockey, Michel achieved great success in both the National Hockey League (NHL) and the old World Hockey Association (WHA). In his rookie season in the WHA with the Indianapolis Racers, Michel captured the Ben Hatskin Trophy awarded to the best goalie in the league – you might say it was the WHA's version of the NHL's Vezina Trophy. When the WHA folded and was absorbed by the NHL, Michel then spent time with the Nordiques and the Jets before settling in Pittsburgh. In the 1982 season, Michel was chosen as the starting goaltender in the All-Star game for the Prince of Wales team, a tremendous honour.

Certainly, Michel has experienced the highs of professional hockey. However, Michel has also encountered many of the lows, trials and tribulations of life that many of us encounter. He has faced serious family issues and has battled financial ruin. The "big bucks" of pro hockey are long gone through a series of bad investments and unscrupulous advisors. But Michel refuses to let his spirit be dampened.

Michel is an exceptional speaker. He speaks honestly, openly and from the heart about his life experiences. He is a humble man who reveals his "warts and all" to his audience as he shows that there is a plan for his life.

Michel will inspire his audience. He also still enjoys the game of hockey and is available to conduct goaltending clinics or teach young goalies on a one-on-one basis. Certainly, your contact with Michel Dion will teach you what it is to be a humble servant in life.