



Dave Dryden

Dave had an career in which he played goal in over 200 NHL games and over 200 WHA games from 1962 to 1980. So he has no need to apologize for being “the other Dryden”. Yes, Dave is the older brother of Hall of Fame goaltender Ken Dryden.

Dave’s NHL career started in a way that will never happen again. In the days of the Original Six, teams only carried one goalie and the home rink always had to have a junior goalie in the crowd ready to play in case of injury to one of the starters. On February 3, 1962, Dave Dryden was on standby for a leaf- Ranger game. The Rangers’ Gump Worsley was injured early in the game and Dryden was called on finish the game.

It wasn’t until 1965 that Dave got into his next NHL game with the Chicago Blackhawks. As a back-up to Glenn Hall, he could expect little playing time. He played parts of 3 seasons for Chicago before going to Buffalo to play 4 seasons for the Sabres. In 1971, Dave and brother Ken became the first brothers ever to face each other as opposing goaltenders in an NHL game – it hasn’t been done since.

Dave went to the WHA in 1974 with the Chicago Cougars and then on to a talented Edmonton Oilers team where he led the league in goals against average, wins and games played in 1978-79. Dave rejoined the NHL in 1979 when the Oilers were brought into the NHL and then retired.