



Curt Bennett

Curt Bennett was born March 27, 1948 in Regina, Saskatchewan but raised his whole life in the U.S. As the first U.S.-raised player to score more than 30 goals in a season and as an American, he took many taunts and barbs on the ice in his role as a U.S. pioneer in what was then a Canadian game.

Bennett debuted with the St. Louis Blues in the 1970/71 season. Curt was traded after the 71/72 season to the New York Rangers where he played only 16 games. Early in the '71 season, Curt was traded again, this time to the Atlanta Flames. This is where Curt made his mark in the NHL. Curt scored over 30 goals in both 74/75 and 75/76 for the Flames and played in the All-Star game both years. In total, Curt scored 152 career goals and 182 assists for a total of 334 points in 580 games, playing every position except goal.

Curt is a part of a large hockey family. His father, Harvey, was a goaltender for the Boston Bruins in the 1940's and was in net when Rocket Richard scored his famous fiftieth goal in his fiftieth game played. Curt's brother, also named Harvey, played 268 career games for the Penguins, Capitals, Flyers, North Stars and Blues. Another Bennett sibling, Bill, also played in the NHL for the Bruins and Whalers. Curt left the NHL after 1980 and went to play hockey in Japan for 2 seasons. This has given Curt insight into hockey in other cultures. He worked for 5 years doing sports for a television station, hosted a radio talk show called "Hockey Talk", and he writes hockey articles for an on-line magazine. Curt's other sports interests include Brazilian jiu jitsu and tennis. He has a well-rounded background in sports and business and entertained as a stand-up comedian in the past using his hockey career as fodder for many of his jokes.

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