



Bob Froese

Bob began his NHL career in a fantastic way. From the day of his first game with the Philadelphia Flyers, he played 13 consecutive games without a loss, one shy of the NHL record. Froese was initially a backup to fellow hot goalie prospect Pelle Lindbergh. However in 1983-84 Lindbergh struggled while Froese played well. He was 28-13-7 with a GAA of 3.14 in a high scoring NHL.

Coach Iron Mike Keenan made his NHL debut in 1984-85. One of his many traits is to stick with one goalie for an entire season. Unfortunately for Bob, Iron Mike preferred Lindbergh. Froese only got into 17 games, but put up an impressive numbers which should have earned him more ice time. He had 13-2 record with 1 shutout and a 2.41 GAA, although Lindbergh was incredible as well, winning the Vezina and All Star honors.

Froese was thrust into the spotlight the following year, as Lindbergh tragically died in an automobile accident just 8 games into the season. Froese managed to stay focused on the ice, and filled in admirably. He posted a league high 31 wins (with 10 losses and 3 ties), 5 shutouts and 2.55 GAA. He didn't get the Vezina, but was named as a Second Team All Star and shared the Jennings trophy with back up Darren Jensen. Bob played 4 and a half seasons in Philly and compiled a record of 145-24-12, the highest winning percentage of any goalie during those years.

The arrival of Ron Hextall signaled the end of Bob's time in Philly and he was dealt to the New York Rangers. In New York, Bob shared the workload with John Vanbiesbrouck and retired after the 1990 season to become a pastor.

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