Marcel Dionne

Marcel Dionne is unquestionably one of the greatest hockey players of all time. He was voted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992 for a record-breaking career. He won the Art Ross Trophy in the 1979-80 season as the league's top scorer when he finished with 137 points. He was a 4-time All Star (2 first team and 2 second team) and played in 8 all-star games. Additionally, he won the Pearson Award, no called the Ted Lindsay Award, as the league MVP as voted by the other NHL players in 1978-79 and 1979-80. Add to that his capture of the Lady Byng Award in both the 1975-75 and 1976-77 seasons. That's a lot of hardware for one player!

Dionne, nicknamed "The Little Beaver", was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the 1971 NHL draft and got out of the gate quickly by scoring 77 points as a rookie. He played 4 seasons in the Motor City before being traded to the Los Angeles Kings in 1975. It was here as the centre on the "Triple Crown Line" that Marcel really piled up the goals and points. He has six 50-goal seasons in LA included five consecutive seasons. And he didn't get those goal totals as in each season he had more assists than goals. In his career he had 8 seasons with 100+ points and 7 of those were in the purple and gold. He spent 12 seasons with the Kings before moving on to the Big Apple to play his final 2+ seasons with the New York Rangers.

Fans of international hockey may also recall that Dionne was picked for the famous Team Canada 1972 team that narrowly defeated the USSR. However, they will also remember him as a key member of the 1976 Canadian team in the inaugural Canada Cup series when he scored 6 points in 7 games.

Over his 18 seasons, Marcel played in 1348 games, scoring 731 goals and 1040 assists for a whopping total of 1771 points. In 2017, he was named as one of the "100 Greatest NHL Players" in the history of the sport being ranked #38 . Sadly for Marcel, he was never on a Stanley Cup winning team.