



Denis Potvin

Denis Potvin could do it all! He was a force at BOTH ends of the ice. His accolades, accomplishments and awards are many. During his 15 years career with the New York Islanders, he served as captain of the team for 8 seasons, winning 4 Stanley Cups during that time.

In 1973, Potvin was drafted #1 overall by the lowly Islanders. In his first year in the NHL as a 20-year old, he paid immediate dividends winning the Calder Trophy as the NHL's best rookie. And it only got better from there.

The Islanders, under Denis' leadership, made the playoffs for the first time in the 1974-75 season and began a string of 4 consecutive Stanley Cup championships beginning with the 1979-80 season and running to 1982-83.

Over his career, he was an All-Star 7 times (5 first team and 2 second team), won the Norris Trophy as the league's best defenseman 3 times, and played in 9 all-star games. It was capped off by being elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1991.

Denis retired after the 1987-88 season with 310 career goals and 742 assists for 1052 points in 1060 games. He was the first defenseman in history to score 1000+ points and it made him the top scorer at his position at the time. In 2017, he was named one of the "100 Greatest NHL Players". To this day, he remains the only defenseman to lead his team in scoring for the first 4 years of his career and upon his retirement he owned every scoring record for defensemen – goals, assists and points.

Following his retirement as a player, Denis became a commentator on hockey broadcasts doing colour for the Florida Panthers and later the Ottawa Senators. He retired from broadcasting in 2019.

Denis is known for his intelligence and candid opinions which makes him a great speaker for organization. Contact us to hire Denis to speak with your group.

