



Ian Turnbull

Ian was a supremely talented offensive defenseman for the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1973 to 1982. He could move the puck with the best of them as his 440 career points in 628 would attest to. His best season was in 1976-77 when he scored 79 points in 80 games which included 22 goals. That season, he played in the NHL all-star game. Ian usually played with Hall of Famer Borje Salming and formed one of the most potent defense pairings of their era.

In 1977, Ian went into a prolonged scoring drought but came out of it in style on February 2nd when playing the Detroit Red Wings. That evening, Ian scored 5 goals in the game to set a record for defenseman which has not been broken to this day.

During the 1981-82 season, Turnbull was dealt to the Los Angeles Kings for Billy Harris and tough-guy John Gibson. He scored 11 goals in half a season for the Kings but found himself demoted to the minors. The following season, he started his last year in hockey with the Pittsburgh Penguins but, ever the astute businessman, he felt the call to get his business career underway and hung up his equipment for the final time in 1982.