

Johnny Bucyk

"The Chief" played 1,540 NHL games scoring 556 goals and 1,369 points to earn a place in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Johnny started his career with the Detroit Red Wings but was traded to the Boston Bruins after his second season for the incomparable Terry Sawchuk. Call it an even deal. Johnny played the next 21 seasons in Boston.

Bucyk captained two Stanley Cup winning teams in Boston (1970 and 1972) and set the tone for a team that included Bobby Orr, Phil Esposito and many other great players. Johnny scored more than 20 goals in a season 16 times, played in seven all-star games, won two Lady Byng Trophies and a Lester Patrick Trophy. And at the relatively advanced age (at least in hockey years) of 36, Johnny scored 51 goals and 116 points. Following that, at age 38 he scored 40 goals, 31 goals at age 39, 36 at age 41 and 20 at age 42. Talk about getting better with age!

When Johnny retired in 1978, the Bruins retired his jersey. He is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

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