



## **Keith Acton**

Keith Acton began his career by playing center for the Montreal Canadiens between Hall of Famers Steve Shutt and Guy Lafleur for the first three seasons of his career (1980-1983). He was feisty, skilled on face-offs and consistent.

Early in the 1983-84 season, Keith was traded to Minnesota. Five years later, he was traded again, to the Edmonton Oilers. Keith won the Stanley Cup with the Oilers. Edmonton traded Acton to Philadelphia the following year. That summer, he was involved in one of the stranger deals in NHL history; the Flyers sent Keith to Winnipeg, only to acquire him back five days later.

Acton played more than 1,000 NHL games across 15 NHL seasons and represented Canada three times at the World Championships.

Following his playing career, Keith began coaching and had stints as an assistant coach with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Philadelphia Flyers, Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers and Edmonton Oilers.

Keith is one tough hockey player on the ice and a tough battler off the ice as well; he is a survivor of testicular cancer and also ran the Canadian International Marathon, finishing in 4 hours and 26 minutes.

Keith's son Will followed in his father's foot-steps and played parts of two seasons with the Edmonton Oilers.