



Dave Schultz

During his eight years in the National Hockey League, Dave Schultz was one of the most feared enforcers the game has ever known. Nicknamed "The Hammer", Schultz became a regular on the Philadelphia Flyers' bench in the fall of 1972. Almost immediately, it was clear that hockey had never seen anything like Schultz. With an arsenal of glares, body checks, fists and the occasional headbutt, Schultz terrorized the league, setting the NHL single season penalty record of 472, a record that still stands today.

It's hard to believe that Dave Schultz started out on the Prairies of Saskatchewan as a quiet, shy lad. His voyage to the big leagues, however, transformed his style of self-expression to the point that, in the NHL, his persona was a defining element of the game of his day. In 1972, the Flyers realized their need to bolster their club's courage. They brought Schultz on board to complete a lineup that became known as the "Broad Street Bullies." Dave had seven consecutive seasons of 200+ penalty minutes including 2 seasons of 400+ minutes. During the 1973/74 season, Dave's reputation cut him a wide enough swath to bag a very respectable 20 goals.

At the NHL level, Schultz quickly showed the league why he was so valuable to the Flyer team. He fought mammoth battles against the toughest players in the NHL. He also ensured that the other players in the league played an honest game when skating near the Flyers' more elite players. The formula of fight first and play hockey later proved very successful as Dave won successive Stanley Cups with the Flyers in 1974 and '75. Dave's career totals are very telling. He gathered 2,294 penalty minutes in 535 games played for an average of over 4 minutes per game. But, he also scored 79 goals and 21 assists for a round total of 200 career points proving that he could also play the game with considerable skill.

During this time, Dave learned much about life as an athlete, teammate, leader, and entertainer and translated these skills into his current occupation as a speaker. Dave has been a member of two Stanley Cup Champion teams, ACHL League Commissioner, General Manager and Head Coach, an entrepreneur, father, and commentator. He loves to share his unique perspective on life, sports and team relations. He does so with humour, intelligence and enthusiasm.