Ron Greschner

Ron was a tremendously popular defenseman for the New York Rangers from 1974 to 1990. He was drafted in the 2nd round, number 32 overall, by the Rangers in the 1974 NHL draft. The native of Goodsoil, Saskatchewan jumped straight into the line-up, playing in 70 games as a rookie and finishing fifth in the Calder Trophy Award voting for the rookie of the year.

The 1978-79 season was a sweet one for Ron and the Rangers. They made it through 3 rounds of playoffs before meeting up with the Montreal Canadiens dynasty who were on their way to winning their fourth consecutive Stanley Cup championship. In 18 playoff games that season, Ron scored 12 points and played his usual solid defensive game. It was also this season that he was an alternate on the NHL team that was chosen to take on their counterparts from the USSR. In 1980, Greschner was selected for the NHL All Star game.

Throughout his career, Ron provided leadership for the Rangers, played the power play and helped the younger rearguards with their puck transition game. He even served as captain of the team in the 1986-87 season. Greschner played 982 regular season games, scoring 179 goals to go with 431 assists for 610 points. He also spent 1,226 minutes in the penalty box, an indicator that he wasn't about to let his smaller teammates be taken advantage of.

In 2009, Ron was ranked number 12 on the all-time list of New York Rangers in the book titled *100 Ranger Greats*.