



Joe Daley

Joe spent seven years in the minors before his NHL opportunity was granted as a result of league expansion. Daley was claimed from the Red Wings by the Pittsburgh Penguins. So Joe began his NHL career with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1968 where he played goal without a mask.

Daley, who was known as "The Holy Goalie" for his Christian faith, played 29 games that season with the Penguins then nine more for them the following year. On June 9th, 1970 the Buffalo Sabres picked up Daley on waivers and he played a career high 38 games for them during the 1970-71 season. He was then traded to the Detroit Red Wings but ended up on the bench behind the acrobatic Roger Desjardins despite playing 105 games in the NHL, Daley will be best remembered for the second stage of his career which began with the formation of the World Hockey Association in 1972. Daley was selected by his hometown club, the Winnipeg Jets and he would spend the next seven seasons; the duration of the WHA's existence, with them.

Daley served as the Jets back up in 1972-73, but he took the starting reigns the following year and enjoyed great success with them. In 1975-76 Daley won 41 games and backstopped the Jets to their first Avco Cup as league champions. By the time the WHA folded Daley was the winningest goaltender in league history and had three Avco Cup championships on his resume. When the league folded in 1979 and the Jets were absorbed into the NHL, Daley retired from hockey.