

= Ray Emery =

Ray Emery (born September 28 , 1982) is a Canadian professional ice hockey goaltender who is currently an unrestricted free agent . Emery was chosen 99th overall by the National Hockey League (NHL) Ottawa Senators in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft . During the 2006 ? 07 season , he led the Ottawa Senators to the Stanley Cup finals in 2007 . It was the Senators ' first appearance in the finals since 1927 . His teammates and fans often refer to him as " Razor " or " Sugar Ray " for his aggressive playing style . He won a Stanley Cup with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2013 .

Emery has received numerous awards and accolades . In April 2013 , he won the William M. Jennings Trophy along with teammate Corey Crawford , awarded to the goaltender or goaltenders who give up the fewest goals in the season . Emery finished the season with a 1 @. @ 94 goals against average and a 0 @. @ 922 save percentage . His 17 wins included 12 straight to start the year , the best such streak in NHL history . Emery is a two @-@ time Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy finalist for his dedication and perseverance .

= = Early life = =

Emery was born in Cayuga , Ontario . His parents are Sharlene and Paul Emery . He has two younger brothers . He grew up in a century @-@ old farmhouse , he excelled in school , being offered a scholarship and sports . He played many sports other than hockey , including golf , baseball , and soccer . In ice hockey , he originally played defence , but switched to goaltender at nine years old due to a shortage of goaltenders in his league .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Pre @-@ NHL = = =

Emery decided to commit to hockey on the advice of his mother , after a potential scholarship during his pursuit for higher education pushed him to take advantage of his natural ability . At 16 years old , Emery landed with OJHL team Junior C Dunnville Terriers after unsuccessful trying out for eight different junior teams . Emery was named the league 's " Rookie of the Year "

Emery was drafted by Ontario Hockey League (OHL) ' s Sault Ste . Marie Greyhounds in the fifth round of the 1999 OHL Draft . Emery split the 1999 ? 2000 season between the Welland Cougars of the OHA and the Greyhounds in the OHL . In 2000 ? 01 with the Greyhounds . During his last season in junior , 2001 ? 02 , Emery gained notoriety for his fighting ability . He was named OHL 's " Goaltender of the Year " , setting a record of 33 wins and a GAA of 2 @. @ 73 .

In 2001 , Emery was drafted by the Ottawa Senators after enjoying his most successful OHL season in 2001 ? 02 .

In 2002 ? 03 , Emery joined the Binghamton Senators of the American Hockey League (AHL) and immediately assumed the position of starting Goaltender for his first professional season with the team . He was named to the AHL All @-@ Star team , made the league 's all @-@ rookie team & became Binghamton 's MVP .

Emery was suspended twice for on @-@ ice incidents the same season . Once for bumping a referee which suspended him for three games . The other incident was an altercation with Denis Hamel of the Rochester Americans when Hamel admittedly uttered a racial slur . Emery retaliated and was suspended for three games . Emery and Hamel later became teammates in Binghamton , and Hamel apologized " for not thinking about what I was saying , in the heat of a game "

= = = Ottawa Senators (2005 ? 2008) = = =

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Emery began his NHL career in 2005 ? 06 by setting a record for wins to start a career , winning his first 9 games , moving ahead of Bob Froese , who started the 1982 ? 83 season with eight wins while playing for the Philadelphia Flyers . In March of the same season , Emery won 12 games , tying Bernie Parent 's 1974 record for the most wins in a month .

At the beginning of the 2005 ? 06 season , Emery had won nine @-@ straight games during the regular season as the back @-@ up to Dominik Ha?ek . When Ha?ek injured his groin during the 2006 Winter Olympics , Emery became the team 's de facto starter , with Mike Morrison , claimed off of waivers from the Edmonton Oilers , as Emery 's backup . Emery would be the starting goaltender for the rest of the season , leading the Senators to the second round of the 2006 Stanley Cup playoffs .

After the 2005 ? 06 season , the Senators opted not to bring back Ha?ek , instead acquiring Martin Gerber to compete with Emery for the starter position . Gerber was the starter at the beginning of the season , but due to his poor play , Emery replaced him in mid @-@ November . On February 10 , 2007 , Emery was suspended three games from the NHL for striking Montreal Canadiens forward Maxim Lapierre with his stick on his face after Lapierre crashed into Emery 's net .

Twelve days later , after his suspension had ended , Emery was involved in a m?l?e between the Senators and the Buffalo Sabres . He and Sabres goaltender Martin Biron left their creases to fight each other . After the first fight was finished , Sabres ' enforcer Andrew Peters grabbed Emery and a second fight ensued . Both goaltenders received game misconducts , and Emery had the rare feat (for a goaltender) of receiving two five @-@ minute majors for fighting in the same incident . In total , Emery received 22 penalty minutes (two five @-@ minute majors for fighting , a two @-@ minute minor for leaving the crease and the 10 @-@ minute game misconduct) for this altercation . After the altercation , fans and media have dubbed him " Sugar Ray " in reference to retired boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and Emery 's reputation as a fighter . Then @-@ teammate Brian McGrattan opined that if Emery were a position player and not a goalie , he would likely rank among the top five fighters in the NHL .

Prior to the 2007 playoffs , Emery and the Senators won 5 ? 2 against Montreal on March 30 , 2007 , which was his 100th NHL game . Emery 's strong play in the season continued in the playoffs , as the Senators defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins , New Jersey Devils and Buffalo Sabres each in five @-@ game series en route to their first Stanley Cup Final appearance since the team returned to the NHL in 1992 , where the Senators ultimately lost to the Anaheim Ducks in five games . He became a restricted free agent after the end of the season and filed for salary arbitration , later agreeing to a three @-@ year deal with the Senators worth \$ 9 @.@ 5 million before the hearings were held .

By the pre @-@ season of the 2007 ? 08 campaign , Emery was injured for a lengthy time due to a wrist injury that limited him to just 40 minutes of the pre @-@ season and forced him to miss several games early in the Senators ' season .

On April 18 , 2008 , Murray announced to the media in an end @-@ of @-@ season press conference that Emery would not return to the Senators for the 2008 ? 09 season . On June 20 , 2008 , Emery was waived by the Senators , and cleared them three days later ; as a result , he became a free agent .

= = = Atlant Moscow (2008 ? 2009) = = =

Emery signed a one @-@ year , \$ 2 million contract with Atlant Moscow Oblast of the newly formed Kontinental Hockey League (KHL) on July 9 , 2008 . As a foreign goaltender , Emery was only allowed to play in 65 % of his team 's 56 regular season games due to rules that encourage the development of Russian goaltenders . He split duties for the season with former Colorado Avalanche goaltender Vitaly Kolesnik and completed the season as a top goaltender in the KHL with a .926 save percentage & 1 @.@ 86 GAA .

= = = Philadelphia Flyers (2009 ? 2010) = = =

On June 10 , 2009 , the Philadelphia Flyers announced that they had agreed to terms on a one @-@ year contract worth \$ 1 @.@ 5 million with Emery . After a successful training camp , he marked his return to the NHL with a 2 ? 0 shutout victory against the Carolina Hurricanes in the first game of the season . In his second regular season game with the Flyers , against the New Jersey Devils , he stopped 24 of 26 shots in a 5 ? 2 victory .

On December 8 , Emery was placed on injured reserve to have surgery on a torn muscle in his abdomen . Originally expected to miss about six weeks , the prognosis changed when it was discovered that he had avascular necrosis . In March 2010 , Flyers General Manager Paul Holmgren announced that Emery would be out for remainder of the season due to the diagnosis and that a bone graft would be done to alleviate his hip issues .

Doctors were able to catch the disease early on before it spread , unlike the case of baseball and American football player Bo Jackson . As a result , in April , doctors announced an extremely successful surgery . Jackson spoke out about Emery , speculating that they were the only two athletes to come back after the disease . Jackson added , " I take my hat off [to him] . I want him to know I am in his corner . It 's a lot of hard work . To come back and play , it takes a very , very special and driven person . He 's got a different makeup to want to do all the little things he needs to compete on a professional level . " Unlike Jackson , who required numerous hip replacements , Emery had the benefit of advancements in modern medicine , undergoing a very specialized and complex procedure that involved removing 13 centimetres from his right fibula , and then grafting it to the femur to re @-@ introduce a proper blood supply to the area . Holmgren said that while the surgery went better than expected , he did not know exactly how long Emery 's recovery would take .

On July 1 , Emery became an unrestricted free agent as his injury deemed him unable to play until he recuperates . In August , he was given the go ahead to begin the grueling and tedious workout and rehabilitation process . In November 2010 , TSN visited Emery during an on @-@ ice workout and were surprised to see him get down into the butterfly position and play for the first time since surgery . Emery stated that he did not " care if [he could] walk in seven years , " and he " just [wanted] to play . " To the surprise of his doctors and trainers , Emery has been doing better than expected . In January 2011 , Emery began skating with an OHL team , taking shots and training with Eric Lindros , working with personal trainer Matt Nichol and goalie coach Eli Wilson . According to Wilson , Emery was " as sharp and ready now as he was the summer before Ottawa 's Stanley Cup Final run . "

In March 2011 , Emery 's injury and undefeated return to the NHL with the Anaheim Ducks garnered much media attention and fascination , with a special segment featured on CBC 's Hockey Night in Canada . Remarkably , Emery currently has 13 centimetres of bone missing from his leg . This later garnered him a nomination for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy .

= = = Anaheim Ducks (2011) = = =

On February 7 , 2011 , Emery signed a one @-@ year , two @-@ way contract with the Anaheim Ducks , allowing him to the standard two @-@ week conditioning AHL stint . Three other NHL teams showed interest in signing Emery . He was then assigned to the Syracuse Crunch to begin conditioning . Emery went on to play a total of five games for the Crunch in their 2010 ? 11 season , posting a 4 ? 1 ? 0 , 1 @.@ 98 GAA and .943 save percentage .

On February 23 , 2011 , upon completion of his conditioning stint , Emery was called to the Anaheim Ducks . Emery made his Anaheim Ducks debut on March 11 , 2011 , against the Phoenix Coyotes when he replaced goaltender Dan Ellis making it his first NHL appearance since he last played in March 2010 with the Flyers .

Emery went on to win six straight starts to open his Anaheim career , falling one shy of matching the Ducks record for consecutive wins by a goaltender , to Guy Hebert .

In the week of March 14 , Emery was honored with NHL 's Second Star of the Week after going 2 ? 0 ? 0 with a 0 @.@ 99 GAA and .968 save percentage .

Emery led the Ducks into the playoffs , finishing tied for fourth in the League and posting a 7 ? 2 ? 0

record with 2 @. @ 28 GAA and .926 save percentage in 10 regular season NHL appearances .

In April , Emery 's remarkable comeback was recognized when the Anaheim chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers ' Association (PHWA) named Ray Emery as their nominee for the 2011 Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy . The NHL also nominated Emery for the Masterton , making him one of three finalists .

= = = Chicago Blackhawks (2011 ? 2013) = = =

On July 27 , 2011 , Emery signed a tryout contract with the Chicago Blackhawks . He was then signed to a one @-@ year contract for the 2011 ? 12 season on October 3 .

By the end of season , Emery compiled a 15 ? 9 ? 4 record and 2 @. @ 81 GAA in 34 regular @-@ season appearances , posting a 10 ? 0 ? 3 record and 2 @. @ 15 GAA in 16 appearances at Chicago 's United Center . Emery was again nominated , this time by the Chicago Blackhawks , for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy , honoring dedication and perseverance .

In April 2012 , the Blackhawks signed Emery to a one @-@ year extension worth \$ 1 @. @ 15 million to continue into the 2012 ? 13 season .

In March 2013 , Emery made NHL history becoming the first goaltender to ever start a season with 10 straight wins , going 10 ? 0 ? 0 . Emery improved his NHL record , with 11 straight wins , going 11 ? 0 ? 0 against the Colorado Avalanche on March 18 . Emery surpassed his own record making NHL history yet again , going 12 ? 0 ? 0 in a shutout win against the Calgary Flames which happened to be his 200th NHL start On April 10 , Emery made franchise history recording his third shutout in the last five games helping him third overall in the NHL for GAA , posting a 1 @. @ 90 and seventh in save percentage at .924 with a 15 ? 1 ? 0 record . Emery proved his previous injuries were no longer an issue , posting career highs .

In April 2013 , Emery won the award for the NHL 's best combined GAA , the 2013 William M. Jennings Trophy awarded to the goaltender who give up the fewest goals in the season , along with teammate Corey Crawford . Emery finished the season with a 1 @. @ 94 GAA and a .922 save percentage . His 17 wins included 12 @-@ straight to start the year , the best such streak in NHL history . Emery won his first Stanley Cup when the Blackhawks defeated the Boston Bruins in six games during the 2013 Stanley Cup Finals .

= = = Return to Philadelphia (2013 ? 2015) = = =

On July 5 , 2013 , Emery signed a one @-@ year deal with the Philadelphia Flyers worth \$ 1 @. @ 65 million to serve as the backup to starting goaltender Steve Mason . On July 1 , 2014 , he re @-@ signed for another year in the same role for \$ 1 million .

= = = 2015 @-@ 2016 = = =

On September 8 , 2015 , the Tampa Bay Lightning announced that Emery would be attending training camp on a PTO (professional tryout) . Following the conclusion of camp he was released from this PTO on September 27 . In October & November 2015 , Emery trained with the Ontario Reign of the AHL , affiliate to the Los Angeles Kings It was announced on December 18 , 2015 , that Emery had signed a professional tryout agreement with the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League (AHL) , who are associated with the Toronto Maple Leafs . Emery has been credited with his leadership & mentoring abilities , on January 24 , 2016 , upon goaltender Corey Crawford recording his league leading seventh shutout of the season with the Chicago Blackhawks after a win against the Blues , Crawford credited Emery for turning around his work habits . Crawford cited his focus & preparation before a game & during practice to Emery 's work habits , stating " As a goalie , I 've never seen a guy be so focused and ready for a game , " Crawford said . " I was kind of doing the opposite ? being nonchalant and doing other stuff and not having a routine . You get in that physical routine that just makes you ready mentally . You trick yourself into knowing that it 's game time and time to play . " Kyle Dubas , assistant GM of the Toronto Marlies cited Emery for his

mentorship towards the team . On February 5 , 2016 , Emery signed with Adler Mannheim of the German elite league Deutsche Eishockey Liga for the remainder of the season , thus ending his professional tryout with the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League (AHL) On March 29 , 2016 , he signed a tryout contract with the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League (NHL) and on April 1 , 2016 , the Philadelphia Flyers announced signing Emery for the remainder of the season

= = Personal life = =

In June 2010 , Emery began dating Canadian singer Keshia Chanté .

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