

= Drew Doughty =

Drew Doughty (born December 8 , 1989) is a Canadian professional ice hockey defenceman who currently plays for the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League (NHL) . He was selected second overall by the Kings in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft from the Guelph Storm of the OHL , where he was twice voted the league 's top offensive defenceman . Doughty made his NHL debut in 2008 as an 18 @-@ year @-@ old and was named to the All @-@ Rookie Team . He is a two @-@ time Stanley Cup champion with the Kings from the 2011 ? 12 NHL season and the 2013 ? 14 NHL season , two @-@ time Olympic gold medallist with the Canadian national team at Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014 , 2009 World Championship silver medallist , 2008 World Junior Championship gold medalist , and a Norris Trophy finalist from the 2009 ? 10 and 2014 ? 15 NHL season winning the trophy in 2016 .

= = Early life = =

Doughty was born in London , Ontario , the son of Paul and Connie Doughty . He was introduced to hockey when he was given a mini stick for his first birthday , was skating by the age of two and was playing before he was four . Doughty also played soccer as a youth as a goaltender ? his father had a history with the game and his sister Chelsea is named after the English team of the same name . He was considered for a provincial under @-@ 14 team , but gave up the sport at 16 to focus on hockey . Nonetheless , Doughty felt that his time playing goal in soccer helped him develop an awareness of the players and the game in hockey .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Major Junior = = =

Doughty was selected by the Guelph Storm fifth overall in the 2005 Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Priority Selection draft . He scored five goals and 33 points for the Storm in 2005 ? 06 and was named to the OHL All @-@ Rookie Team on defence . Doughty played in the 2007 OHL All @-@ Star Game and was voted the top offensive defenceman in the league by the coaches following a 74 @-@ point season in 2006 ? 07 . He again won both honours in 2007 ? 08 with a 50 @-@ point season , and was awarded the Max Kaminsky Trophy as the OHL 's outstanding defenceman . National Hockey League (NHL) Central Scouting ranked Doughty as the third best North American prospect for the 2008 NHL Entry Draft . He was selected second overall by the Los Angeles Kings , a choice that excited Doughty as he grew up a Kings fan and wanted to play in Los Angeles .

= = = Professional = = =

Doughty made the Kings opening day roster to start the 2008 ? 09 NHL season , one of eight 18 @-@ year @-@ olds to do so across the league . Earning a spot on the Kings roster overwhelmed Doughty , who did not expect to play in the NHL so quickly . He made his NHL debut on October 11 , 2008 against the San Jose Sharks , and scored his first goal on October 20 against the Colorado Avalanche . The Kings had the option of returning him to junior without using up one year of his rookie contract if they did so before he played his tenth NHL game . However , they chose to keep him on the roster for the season . His defensive partner , Sean O 'Donnell agreed with the decision , praising Doughty 's maturity . He played 81 games in his rookie season , finishing with six goals and 21 assists , earning a spot on the NHL All @-@ Rookie Team , while also playing in the Youngstars Game as part of the 2009 All @-@ Star festivities .

Doughty improved to 59 points in his sophomore season of 2009 ? 10 and finished third in the league in scoring amongst defencemen . He was named to the second all @-@ star team and was named a finalist for the Norris Trophy as the league 's top defenceman . His coach , Terry Murray ,

praised Doughty for his improvement during the season . Doughty helped lead the Kings into the playoffs for the first time since 2002 , though they lost their first round series to the Vancouver Canucks . He played all six games of the series despite suffering a wrist injury in the first game that forced him to decline an invitation to play for Canada at the 2010 Men 's World Ice Hockey Championships .

The Kings ' media voted Doughty the team 's outstanding defenceman for the third consecutive season in 2010 ? 11 . His offensive output fell from 59 points the previous season to 40 , but he scored his 100th career point on December 21 , 2010 against the Colorado Avalanche . A restricted free agent following the season , Doughty and the Kings struggled to agree on a new contract . The Kings offered \$ 6 @. @ 8 million per season over seven years , but Doughty rejected the offer . Though the Kings publicly stated they were not willing to sign him for a higher annual salary than team leader An?e Kopitar 's \$ 6 @. @ 8 million , the two sides ultimately agreed on an eight @- @ year , \$ 56 million contract that made Doughty the highest paid player on the team at an average of \$ 7 million per season . Doughty missed the majority of Los Angeles ' training camp as a holdout , including five pre @- @ season games , before signing the contract on September 29 , 2011 .

In addition to missing training camp , Doughty suffered a concussion early in the season that forced him onto injured reserve . He struggled upon his return from the injury and faced criticism that he had allowed his physical conditioning to lapse . Doughty himself admitted that he was not enjoying the game early in the season . He said that his season turned a corner when the team replaced Murray with Darryl Sutter , a coach who preached the need for preparation . Doughty was elevated into a role where he was expected to shut down the opposition 's top forwards , forcing him to focus more on his defensive play than his offensive . Consequently , Doughty 's 36 points on the season was his lowest total in three years . He was the top @- @ scoring defenceman in the 2012 Stanley Cup playoffs , however , recording 16 points in 20 games to help the Kings win the first Stanley Cup championship in franchise history . Doughty was praised as the top player for either team in the final series , a six @- @ game victory over the New Jersey Devils .

= = International play = =

In 2006 , Doughty played with Team Ontario at the World U @- @ 17 Hockey Challenge , finishing fifth , then won a gold medal with the national under @- @ 18 team at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament . He participated the 2007 IIHF World U18 Championships , scoring five points in six games for the fourth place Canadians , and while he was considered for the Canadian junior team for the 2007 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships , he did not make the cut . Doughty was named to participate in the 2007 Super Series , an eight @- @ game tournament against the Russian juniors meant to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the 1972 Summit Series . He played in all eight games , recording two assists , as Canada finished the series unbeaten with seven wins and a tie . He then earned a spot on the roster for the 2008 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships . Doughty was named a tournament all @- @ star , and given the Directorate Award for Best Defenceman after helping lead the Canadians to their fourth consecutive gold medal at the tournament .

Following his rookie season in the NHL , Doughty made his debut with the senior team , playing in the 2009 Men 's World Ice Hockey Championships . He scored one goal and added six assists in nine games , however the Canadians settled for silver after losing the championship game to Russia , 2 ? 1 . His strong play in the World Championships earned Doughty an invitation to Canada 's summer orientation camp for the 2010 Winter Olympics . Doughty earned one of the final spots on the Canadian defence , beating out established players such as Dion Phaneuf , Jay Bouwmeester and Mike Green . Doughty became the youngest player to represent Canada in a major best @- @ on @- @ best tournament since Eric Lindros participated in the 1991 Canada Cup at the age of 18 . He emerged as one of the top defenders on the team , and won the gold medal as Canada defeated the United States in the final game . He was on the ice when Sidney Crosby scored the tournament @- @ winning goal in overtime . Doughty was a star at the 2014 Winter Olympics , where Canada defended its gold medal title . He led the team with four goals and featured prominently on a

defensive core which allowed only three goals in six games en route to being undefeated , one of the best team performances in Olympic history .

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= = Awards and honours = =