

= Glenn Anderson =

Glenn Chris Anderson (born October 2 , 1960) is a retired Canadian professional ice hockey player who played 16 seasons in the National Hockey League (NHL) for the Edmonton Oilers , Toronto Maple Leafs , New York Rangers , and St. Louis Blues . Anderson was known to have a knack for stepping up in big games , which garnered him the reputation of a " money " player . His five playoff overtime goals rank third in NHL history , while his 17 playoff game @-@ winning goals put him fifth all @-@ time . During the playoffs , Anderson accumulated 93 goals , 121 assists , and 214 points , the fourth , ninth , and fourth most in NHL history . Anderson is also first all @-@ time in regular season game winning goals in Oilers history with 72 .

At a young age , Anderson admired the European aspects of the game . He was known to have a liking for participating in international tournaments , more so than his NHL contemporaries . When he was drafted by the Oilers in 1979 , he chose to play for Team Canada at the 1980 Winter Olympics instead of immediately joining the Oilers . Anderson won gold at the 1984 and the 1987 Canada Cup and he was a silver medalist at the 1989 Ice Hockey World Championships . During his NHL career , Anderson was part of six Stanley Cup winning teams (he won five as a member of the Oilers and one as a member of the Rangers) and he was a participant at four All @-@ Star Games . He is one of only seven Oilers players to have won all five Cups in franchise history . Anderson was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame on November 10 , 2008 and his jersey number , 9 , was retired by the Oilers on January 18 , 2009 .

= = Background = =

Anderson was born in Vancouver , but was raised in Burnaby , British Columbia . His father , Magnus , is the son of a Norwegian immigrant , and his mother , Anne , is of Ukrainian origin . He has two brothers (Allan and David) and a sister (Pam) . As a young child , Anderson did not enjoy the game of ice hockey . His first ever goal came against his own team . However , as he grew older , and better at the game , Anderson 's love of the game increased .

Growing up , Anderson played hockey against his neighbours , most notably the Berrys . Anderson and his brothers had a friendly rivalry against the Berry brothers and their father . The father , Don Berry , was a player with the Penticton Vees when they won gold at the 1955 World Ice Hockey Championships . Unusual for a boy born and raised in Canada , Anderson 's hockey idol was not Canadian . Instead , his favourite player was Russian Alexander Yakushev , whom he had watched play during the 1972 Summit Series .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Anderson and one of the Berrys , Ken Berry , began their junior hockey career together with the Bellingham Blazers of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League (BCJHL) during the 1977 ? 78 season . In 64 games , Anderson recorded 62 goals , 69 assists , and 131 points , the third most goals and eighth most points in the league . To top off his lone season in the BCJHL , he was named to the league 's Second All @-@ Star Team .

In 1978 ? 79 , Anderson and Berry were recruited to play for the hockey team of the University of Denver in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) by Marshall Johnston , the university team 's head coach . Anderson played in 41 games , and led the team in points with 55 . During his time in university , Anderson struggled with his schoolwork and was , at times , stopped from participating in tournaments . However , at the end of the year , Anderson managed to pass his courses .

During the 1979 NHL Entry Draft , Anderson was drafted 69th overall by the Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League (NHL) . Anderson opted to not join the Oilers immediately as he wished to

play for Team Canada during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid . Father David Bauer , who was in charge of the national team program , accepted both Anderson and Berry to the team . The influence that Father David Bauer had on Anderson was significant as Anderson would cite him as a major reason for his future success . The team toured around the world playing against different opponents in preparation for the Olympics . The practice Anderson received during this time helped " greatly improve " his skills . Anderson scored four points in six games during the tournament as Canada was eliminated by the Soviet Union by a score of 6 ? 4 . Canada finished 6th and the loss deeply saddened Anderson as he " cried for two hours straight " .

= = = Edmonton Oilers (1980 ? 1991) = = =

The Canadian National Team program was discontinued in the fall of 1980 . Facing a choice of whether to rejoin the University of Denver , or to join the Oilers , Anderson chose the latter , signing a contract worth \$ 250 @, @ 000 with the team . Making his professional debut with the Oilers , Anderson recorded 30 goals , 23 assists , and 53 points in 58 games in his first season . The Oilers made the playoffs that year where they defeated the Montreal Canadiens in the preliminary round , three games to none . This was deemed a huge upset since the Canadiens had finished eleven spots higher than the Oilers in the overall standings . The Oilers moved on to the quarter @-@ finals where they were defeated in six games by the eventual Stanley Cup champions , New York Islanders . During the playoff run , Anderson scored 12 points in 9 games , establishing himself as a " fierce " playoff performer . Anderson 's sophomore season saw him record career highs in both assists and points with 67 and 105 , respectively . His team jumped from fourth place to first place in the Smythe Division . In the playoffs , the Oilers were the victims of one of the biggest upsets in hockey history . Facing the Los Angeles Kings , a team they had finished 48 points ahead in the regular season , the Oilers were defeated in five games in a best of five series .

The following season , Anderson tallied 48 goals and 56 assists for a total of 104 points to help the Oilers remain atop their division . In the playoffs , the Oilers managed to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in franchise history . Anderson and his team were matched up against the Islanders who were looking for a fourth consecutive Stanley Cup victory . During the Finals , Anderson had several noted run @-@ ins with Islanders goaltender Billy Smith . During game one , a slash on Anderson 's knee earned Smith a two @-@ minute slashing penalty . Anderson 's knee swelled up and prevented him from practicing the next day . In game four , when the two crashed into each other , Smith 's dive resulted in referee Andy Van Hellemond handing a five @-@ minute penalty to Anderson . Van Hellemond later said that Smith was making a fool of him . The season ended in disappointment for the Oilers as they were defeated in four games in a best of seven series . Anderson 's team would cite the loss as a valuable lesson in their quest for their first Stanley Cup .

The Oilers again repeated as division champions in 1983 ? 84 . Anderson set a career high in goals with 54 and he made his first All @-@ Star Game appearance . In the playoffs , the Oilers made their second consecutive Finals appearance . Once again , Anderson and his team faced the Islanders who were now looking to become the second team in NHL history to win five consecutive Stanley Cups . This time though , the Oilers emerged victorious in five games . This marked the ending of the Islanders ' dynasty and the beginning of the Oilers ' dynasty . Anderson scored 17 points in the playoffs .

At the beginning of the 1984 ? 85 season , Anderson signed an eight @-@ year contract with the Oilers which would pay him \$ 400 @, @ 000 per season . He had suggested he might have played in Europe if the Oilers had not provided a satisfactory deal . Anderson recorded 42 goals and 81 points and once more his team were the division champions . Anderson was also selected to play in the All @-@ Star Game . For the third straight season , the Oilers reached the Finals . The Oilers defeated their opponent , the Philadelphia Flyers , in five games . Anderson set a career high in assists with 16 during the playoff run . The 1985 ? 86 season saw Anderson score 54 goals , 48 assists , adding up to 102 points . This was the second time Anderson had reached the 50 goal plateau in his career and the third time he had reached the 100 point plateau . It would be the last

time in his career he would reach either plateau . He was also selected to play in his third consecutive All @-@ Star Game . For the fifth consecutive season , the Oilers sat atop the Smythe Division . However , the Oilers were eliminated in the division finals by the Calgary Flames on an own goal by defenceman Steve Smith . The loss did not seem to faze Anderson and his team , as they won their third Cup the next season by beating the Flyers once again , but this time in seven games . Anderson set career highs in goals (14) , points (27) and PIM (59) during the playoff run .

The Oilers failed to win the division title in 1987 ? 88 for the first time since the 1981 ? 82 season , as they finished runner @-@ up to the Calgary Flames . Anderson scored 88 points during the season , and he was selected to play in the All @-@ Star Game . This would be Anderson 's last appearance at the All @-@ Star Game . In the midst of the 1988 playoffs , Anderson 's friend , Dr. George Varvis , died after falling into Anderson 's pool . Glen Sather , the head coach and general manager of the Oilers , was worried that Anderson 's play would be affected by this tragedy . However , his friend 's death did not seem to affect his on @-@ ice production . He scored 9 goals , and 16 assists for a total of 25 points to help the Oilers win their fourth Cup . His 16 assists tied a career high . However , the death of Anderson 's friend seemed to have caught on to him the next season . Anderson was battling with depression . To make matters worse , Wayne Gretzky , his longtime teammate , had been traded to a different team . Anderson scored 64 points in 73 games , the lowest output since his rookie season . At one time , Anderson considered retiring . In the playoffs , the Oilers were ousted in the first round by the Kings , Gretzky 's new team . After being eliminated from the playoffs , Anderson chose to play for Team Canada at the World Championships in Sweden . Anderson credits his time in Sweden for rejuvenating his love of the game .

Looking to rebound after a disappointing season , Anderson and his team made a surprise appearance in the Finals . The Oilers defeated their opponents , the Boston Bruins , in five games to win their fifth Stanley Cup . Anderson scored 22 points and became one of only seven players to be a part of the entire Oilers dynasty . In 1990 ? 91 , Anderson recorded 55 points , his lowest point totals since his rookie season . Wanting to rebuild the team with a younger core , the Oilers were involved in a blockbuster trade at the end of the season with the Toronto Maple Leafs that included seven players . Anderson , along with Grant Fuhr and Craig Berube , were sent to Toronto in exchange for Scott Thornton , Vincent Damphousse , Luke Richardson , Peter Ing and future considerations .

During his time with the Oilers , Anderson scored 417 goals , 489 assists , and 906 points , ranking him third , fourth , and fourth most respectively in franchise history . His 183 playoff points are fourth all @-@ time in franchise history and his 126 powerplay goals are the most in franchise history .

= = = Late career (1991 ? 1997) = = =

Anderson spent two seasons and part of another with the Maple Leafs . He recorded consecutive 20 @-@ goal seasons , and he reached the career milestone of 1000 points with them . During the Maple Leafs playoff run in 1992 ? 93 , Anderson recorded 18 points in 21 games , including an overtime goal in Game 5 of the Western Conference Finals against the Kings , which gave the Leafs a 3 @-@ 2 series lead but turned out to be their last win of the season . In Game 6 , Anderson took a costly penalty in the last minute of the third period , which resulted in Gretzky 's overtime @-@ winner . The Kings then won Game 7 in Toronto to advance to the Finals .

In 1993 ? 94 , Anderson played 73 games with the Maple Leafs before being traded to the New York Rangers . In New York , Anderson was reunited with many of his former teammates from his days in Edmonton . The Rangers featured six former Oilers , including future Hall of Famer and Anderson 's long @-@ time linemate Mark Messier . The Rangers qualified for the playoffs and were able to advance to the Finals . Matched up against the Vancouver Canucks , the Rangers defeated them in seven games . This was the Rangers ' first Stanley Cup victory since 1940 and the end of the longest Stanley Cup drought in NHL history . After being held scoreless in the previous rounds , Anderson scored his only three playoff goals in the Finals , two of them being game @-@ winners . This would be Anderson 's sixth and last Stanley Cup victory .

Due to the 1994 ? 95 NHL lockout , Anderson went to Europe to play hockey . He played with the Augsburger Panther of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga in Germany and the Lukko Rauma of the SM @-@ liiga in Finland , as well as the Canadian National Team . After the lockout was resolved , Anderson signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Blues and played 42 regular season and playoff games combined . At the end of the season , Anderson did not re @-@ sign with the Blues . After playing part of the next season with Augsburger and the National Team again , Anderson signed with the Canucks as a free agent for the reported sum of \$ 400 @,@ 000 . His reasons for joining the team were because of former Oiler teammate Esa Tikkanen already playing there , and a desire to finish his career in his hometown . However , Anderson never played for the Canucks as the Oilers picked him up on re @-@ entry waivers . Anderson expressed his disappointment at these turn of events , as he wanted to play in Vancouver instead . He spent 17 games with the Oilers , before being put on waivers that same season . The Blues claimed him , and he spent his last days in the NHL with them . The 1996 ? 97 season saw Anderson return to Europe and play with HC La Chaux @-@ de @-@ Fonds of the National League A in Switzerland and with Bolzano HC of the Alpenliga in Italy . Anderson played a combined 25 games in both leagues before retiring .

= = International career = =

Anderson was known to have a liking for participating in international competitions . His first test at the international stage was during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid , New York . Canada finished sixth in the tournament while Anderson scored four points in six games . Later on , Anderson credited the practice he received in preparation for the Olympics as a key to his future success in the NHL .

Anderson was chosen to participate in the 1984 Canada Cup . The roster included eight of Anderson 's teammates from the Edmonton Oilers . Canada advanced to the finals and defeated Sweden 2 ? 0 in a best of three series to win the Cup . Anderson scored five points during the tournament . The 1987 Canada Cup also saw Anderson participate . Once more , Canada reached the finals , but this time they were up against the Soviet Union . The finals required all three games as Canada defeated the Soviet Union . All three games needed overtime and had a final score of 6 ? 5 . Anderson recorded three points during the tournament .

In 1989 , Anderson played at the Ice Hockey World Championships for the first time . With four points in six games , Anderson helped Canada win the silver medal , as the Soviets took home the gold . Three years later , Anderson made his second and final appearance at the World Ice Hockey Championships , this time in Czechoslovakia . Canada was eliminated by Finland in the quarterfinals by a score of 4 ? 3 . Anderson registered three points during the tournament .

Wanting to participate in the Olympics again , Anderson did what he could to play at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer , Norway . He negotiated a clause with his team , the Toronto Maple Leafs , to grant him the right to play for Team Canada . This was not enough as Anderson also had to obtain permission from the league . The league had instituted a policy that only players with less than one year of National Hockey League experience could join and therefore turned down his request . The league 's decision caused an outrage in Canada . Canada won silver as they lost the gold medal game to Sweden .

= = Playing style = =

Anderson was noted for his aggressive " to the net " playing style , typifying the NHL power forward in the early 1980s . He credits coach Clare Drake 's drills during his time with the Olympic team for his love of driving the net . He also liked to stay behind the net and pass to his teammates in front of the goal for scoring chances . Noted as a " money " player , Anderson was able to elevate his game in high pressure situations . He scored five playoff overtime goals and 17 playoff game @-@ winning goals , good for third and fifth all @-@ time in NHL history . During the playoffs , Anderson accumulated 93 goals , 121 assists , and 214 points , the fourth , ninth , and fourth most in NHL history . In addition , his 72 regular season game @-@ winning goals with the Oilers put him first all

time in franchise history .

Anderson was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame on November 10 , 2008 in the players category . His jersey number 9 was retired on January 18 , 2009 , by the Oilers , before a game against the Phoenix Coyotes . The date for Anderson 's number retirement was specifically selected because his former Oilers teammates , Wayne Gretzky and Grant Fuhr , were serving as the Coyotes ' head coach and goaltending coach respectively at the time .

= = Personal life = =

Anderson 's post @-@ playing career was mired by a bitter legal battle over child support . He was accused of reneging on child support payments to a woman whom he had fathered a child with out of wedlock . The case has since been settled . It was reported that the bad publicity from this case had kept Anderson out of the Hockey Hall of Fame for a long time .

He resides in Manhattan with his wife Susan , and daughter Autumn . Anderson plays in charity and old @-@ timers games , and owns a hockey school in Connecticut . He also runs a fantasy camp , which gives fans a chance to play hockey alongside him . On occasions , Anderson appears as an analyst for the New York Rangers . Anderson started a company called Glenn Anderson 's Cell @-@ City . It specializes in car phones .

Anderson was a participant in season one of Battle of the Blades . His partner , Isabelle Brasseur , and he were the second pair to be eliminated from the competition . For their efforts , Brasseur 's charity , the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada , and Anderson 's charity , the Cross Cancer Institute , each received a \$ 12 @,@ 500 donation .

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= = = Regular season and playoffs = = =

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= = Awards = =