

= Michael Cammalleri =

Michael Anthony " Mike " Cammalleri (born June 8 , 1982) is a Canadian professional ice hockey player , who is an alternate captain of the New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League (NHL) . He was a second round selection , 49th overall , of the Los Angeles Kings at the 2001 NHL Entry Draft . He made his NHL debut with the Kings in 2002 and scored the first regular season goal ever scored in a game played in Europe in 2007 . After playing with Calgary for one season in 2008 ? 09 , he moved on to the Montreal Canadiens , with whom he scored the 20,000th goal in franchise history in 2009 and tied a franchise record for goals in one playoff series in 2010 . He returned to the Flames in 2012 following an unusual transaction in which he was traded in the middle of a game .

Representing Canada internationally on four occasions , Cammalleri won bronze and silver medals at the 2001 and 2002 World Junior Championships respectively . He was named the tournament 's best forward in 2002 . He won a gold medal at the 2007 Men 's World Ice Hockey Championships . An all @-@ star in college and the American Hockey League , Cammalleri played in the Cold War , an outdoor game that set a then world attendance record in 2001 . He has also been recognized for his involvement in charitable efforts supporting children and the military .

= = Early life = =

Cammalleri was born in Richmond Hill , Ontario , and was raised there in a secular household (he described his upbringing as " non @-@ denominational ") . His father , Leo , is of Sicilian descent , and his mother , Ruth , is Jewish . He has one sister , Melanie . His maternal grandparents , from Poland and Czechoslovakia , were Holocaust survivors . He said : " It 's a family of deep @-@ rooted closeness and unity coming from very desperate times . It is who I am as a person . "

His best sport as a youth was soccer , while he also played baseball and golf . His passion was hockey , and he played most of his minor hockey with the Toronto Red Wings organization of the Greater Toronto Hockey League . He was selected by the St. Michael 's Majors in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Priority Draft , but chose not to play in the OHL so as to preserve his American college eligibility . Instead , he joined the Junior A Bramalea Blues of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League (OPJHL) where he was named the league 's rookie of the year as a 15 @-@ year @-@ old in 1997 ? 98 . He was named an all @-@ star the following season and was selected as the Ontario Hockey Association 's top draft prospect after scoring 103 points in 41 games .

At 15 , Cammalleri committed to attend the University of Michigan on a full hockey scholarship . He took an accelerated course schedule and graduated from The Country Day School in King City , Ontario at age 17 . He then moved on to Michigan , where he studied sports management and communications .

= = Playing career = =

= = = University of Michigan = = =

Cammalleri joined the Michigan Wolverines men 's ice hockey program in 1999 , scoring 13 goals in 39 games as a freshman . He led the team with 29 goals as a sophomore in 2000 ? 01 , and was named a first @-@ team Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) all @-@ star . Michigan reached the 2001 Frozen Four , where it lost the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) semi @-@ final game to Boston College . He was also voted to the NCAA west second All @-@ American team .

The Los Angeles Kings selected Cammalleri in the second round of the 2001 NHL Entry Draft , 49th overall . He chose to remain in college , rejoining a much @-@ younger Wolverines team as an alternate captain and expected to be the team 's offensive leader . Early in the season , on October 1 , 2001 , he played in the " Cold War " against Michigan State , an outdoor game that set a then

@-@ world record attendance for a hockey game at 74 @, @ 554 fans . Though he nearly missed the game due to a hip @-@ flexor injury , Cammalleri figured in all three of Michigan 's goals as the game ended in a 3 ? 3 draw .

With 23 goals and 44 points in 29 games , Cammalleri led the Wolverines to the CCHA conference championship in 2001 ? 02 . He was named a CCHA second team all @-@ star and an NCAA first team All @-@ American . At the West Regional tournament , Cammalleri was named both an all @-@ star at forward and the most valuable player as he led Michigan back to the Frozen Four . The Wolverines again lost the national semifinal , this time to the University of Minnesota .

= = = Los Angeles Kings = = =

Cammalleri chose to forgo his senior year of eligibility , signing a contract with the Kings ahead of the 2002 ? 03 NHL season . He attended Kings ' training camp , but failed to make the roster and was assigned to the Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League (AHL) . He scored 14 points in nine games and earned his first recall to Los Angeles on November 7 , 2002 . He made his NHL debut the following night against the Ottawa Senators and earned his first point , an assist , in a 3 ? 2 victory . His first goal came a week later , on November 16 , against Tommy Salo of the Edmonton Oilers . He was demoted and recalled by the Kings twice more during the season , and appeared in a total of 28 NHL games , scoring 8 points in addition to 20 points in 13 games in the AHL before his season was ended on January 28 , 2003 , when he suffered a concussion in a game against the San Jose Sharks .

He again bounced between the Kings and the Monarchs throughout the 2003 ? 04 season , while a labour dispute in the NHL resulted in his spending the entire 2004 ? 05 season in Manchester . Cammalleri opened the season with 20 goals in his first 22 games en route to a league leading and franchise record setting total of 46 . His total of 109 points , also a Monarchs record , was second in the AHL behind Jason Spezza 's 117 . He was voted a starter in the 2005 AHL All @-@ Star Game , was named to the second All @-@ Star team and received the Willie Marshall Award for leading the league in goals .

Returning to Los Angeles in 2005 ? 06 , Cammalleri established himself as an NHL regular , appearing in 80 games with the Kings and leading the team with 26 goals . He improved to 34 goals and 80 points in 2006 ? 07 and was voted the recipient of the Bill Libby Memorial Award as the Kings ' most valuable player by the local media . He and the Kings were unable to agree on a new contract following the season . Cammalleri was asking for \$ 6 @-@ million per season , while the team offered \$ 2 @. @ 6 million . The two sides went to arbitration , where Cammalleri was awarded a two @-@ year contract that paid him \$ 3 @. @ 1 million then \$ 3 @. @ 6 million .

The Kings opened the season in London , England for the first regular season games played in Europe in league history . Cammalleri scored two goals , including the first ever in Europe , in a 4 ? 1 victory over the Anaheim Ducks on September 29 , 2007 . He opened the season with ten goals in ten games before a protracted offensive slump and rib injury that forced him out of lineup for a month resulted in only nine more goals scored over the remainder of the season .

= = = Calgary and Montreal = = =

Cammalleri was involved in trade rumours following his arbitration hearing , which was considered contentious . At the 2008 NHL Entry Draft held on June 20 , he was dealt to the Calgary Flames as part of a three @-@ way trade . The Kings received Anaheim 's first round pick , 12th overall , and a second round pick from Calgary , while the Ducks received Calgary 's first round pick , 17th overall , and Los Angeles ' 28th overall selection . Paired with Jarome Iginla , Cammalleri had a career year with the Flames in 2008 ? 09 , leading the team with 39 goals and finishing second to Iginla with 82 points . He scored the 100th goal of his career as part of his first hat trick early in a 4 ? 3 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on November 27 , 2008 .

Faced with salary cap constraints , the Flames were unable to re @-@ sign Cammalleri following the season . He left Calgary to sign a five @-@ year , \$ 30 million contract with the Montreal

Canadiens . Midway through the 2009 ? 10 season , he scored the 20,000th goal in Montreal franchise history on December 28 , 2009 , against the Ottawa Senators . A knee injury resulted in Cammalleri missing six weeks of play , but he finished the season with 50 points in 65 games .

Following a series victory over the Washington Capitals in the first round of the 2010 Stanley Cup Playoffs , Cammalleri led the Canadiens into the conference finals for the first time since 1993 by tying a franchise record for goals in one series in a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins . His total of seven tied the mark held jointly by Maurice Richard , Jean Beliveau , Bernie Geoffrion , Guy Lafleur and Marcel Bonin . Montreal lost their third @-@ round series to the Philadelphia Flyers , but Cammalleri 's 13 goals led all playoff scorers despite the fact Montreal failed to reach the final .

Cammalleri began the 2010 ? 11 season on the suspended list after earning a one @-@ game ban for a slashing incident against Nino Niederreiter during a pre @-@ season game against the New York Islanders . He then missed a month of play when he suffered a separated shoulder after being crosschecked into the boards by Buffalo 's Mike Weber . He returned to action in time to appear in his second outdoor game , the 2011 Heritage Classic against Calgary .

Opening the 2011 ? 12 season , Cammalleri scored the first NHL regular season goal at the MTS Centre as Montreal spoiled the debut of the new Winnipeg Jets franchise with a 5 ? 1 victory . He had to leave the game , however , after suffering a cut on his leg from the skate blade of teammate Yannick Weber . He struggled throughout the first part of the season , and with the team also losing , was booed by the fans in Montreal during a 3 ? 0 defeat against the St. Louis Blues . Following the game , he expressed his frustration , quoted as saying : " I can 't accept that we will display a losing attitude as we 're doing this year . We prepare for our games like losers . We play like losers . So it 's no wonder why we lose . " The commentary sparked controversy , while the Montreal Gazette suggested later that the comments , originally spoken in English , were misrepresented after they were translated to French by Réseau des sports then translated back to English .

Two nights later , on January 12 , 2012 , Cammalleri was pulled from the Montreal lineup during their game against the Boston Bruins after the team completed a trade that saw him return to Calgary , along with the rights to goaltender Karri Ramo and a fifth round draft pick in exchange for René Bourque , prospect Patrick Holland and a second round draft pick . The circumstances of the deal , described as " bizarre " by the media , stunned Cammalleri 's former teammates , none of whom could recall a player being dealt mid @-@ game before . In his re @-@ debut with the Flames , Cammalleri scored a goal , but Calgary lost 4 ? 1 to Los Angeles . On February 13 , 2013 he scored his 200th goal , again while completing a hat trick , against the Dallas Stars .

Cammalleri reached 500 points for his career on April 4 , 2014 , with a goal in a 2 ? 1 victory over the Florida Panthers .

= = = New Jersey Devils = = =

Cammalleri signed a five @-@ year , \$ 25 million contract as a free agent with the New Jersey Devils on July 1 , 2014 . In his first season for the Devils , he was the teams leading scorer with 27 goals . For season 2015 @-@ 16 Cammalleri became the first player in the history of the Devils to wear sweater # 13 , becoming the first player to wear it since Robin Burns wore it with the Kansas City Scouts .

= = International play = =

Cammalleri made his international debut in 2000 , joining the Canadian junior team at the 2001 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships . He had four goals and six points in seven games for Canada , who won the bronze medal . He returned the following year , leading Canada to a silver medal . Cammalleri led the 2002 tournament in scoring with 7 goals and 11 points , and was named the tournament 's top forward . He made his debut with the senior team at the 2006 World Championships where he scored one goal and five points in eight games for the fourth place Canadians . He returned for the 2007 tournament in Moscow , where his seven points helped Canada win the gold medal with a perfect 9 ? 0 record .

= = Playing style = =

Though he stands five feet , nine inches tall , Cammalleri 's teammates have argued his small stature is not a drawback . While at Michigan , teammate Craig Murray said that " a lot of people look at his size and they hold it against him , but there 's no one stronger out there . " On the ice , Cammalleri says he tries to play bigger than his opponents . His coach at Michigan , Red Berenson , agreed . He stated that Cammalleri played like he was " 6 @-@ foot @-@ 4 " with the puck and could beat any opponent one @-@ on @-@ one . The Hockey News rates his offensive skills and intelligence on the ice as his greatest strength , but notes that he can be inconsistent away from the puck . He is a natural goal scorer , and is capable of playing at either centre or on the wing . Injuries have been a concern for Cammalleri ; his time in Montreal were marked by both shoulder and knee problems .

= = Personal life = =

Cammalleri and his wife , Jennifer Bernaudo , have a daughter , Chloe , born in 2011 . Their second daughter , Mya , was born in December 2014 . The couple have been involved in numerous charitable endeavours since Cammalleri joined the NHL . He has focused on children 's charities , supporting the Starlight Children 's Foundation , World Vision and the SickKids Foundation in Toronto among others . During his time in Montreal , Cammalleri also supported the military via his " Cammy 's Heroes " program . He bought tickets for Quebec 's soldiers and their families to attend Canadiens games , meeting with them prior to each game . In recognition of his service , the Canadiens named Cammalleri the 2010 ? 11 recipient of the Jean Béliveau Trophy , a team award given annually to the player who " best exemplifies leadership qualities in the community " .

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= = Awards and honours = =