

= Bill Quackenbush =

Hubert George " Bill " Quackenbush (March 2 , 1922 ? September 12 , 1999) was a Canadian professional ice hockey defenceman who played for the Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings in the National Hockey League . During his 14 @-@ year career , he was the first defenceman to win the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy . He won the award after playing the entire 1948 ? 49 season without recording a penalty . The penalty @-@ less season was part of a total of 131 consecutive games he played without being assessed a penalty . Quackenbush , considered to be an elite offensive defenceman during his career , was named to the NHL All @-@ Star Team five times , played in eight NHL All @-@ Star games and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1976 .

Following his retirement from professional ice hockey , he spent 18 years as head coach of various teams at Princeton University . Quackenbush coached men 's golf , and both the men 's and women 's ice hockey teams , at various times . He won eight Ivy League Championships with the men 's golf team and three with the women 's ice hockey team .

= = Early life = =

Quackenbush was born on March 2 , 1922 , in Toronto , Ontario . He was born Hubert George Quackenbush but was given the nickname Bill by his aunt who disliked his given name . He played hockey on outdoor rinks around Toronto during the Great Depression as a youth , and was one of the top high school athletes in Canada as a teenager . In addition to hockey , he was a renowned football and soccer player . During the War Years , he played for the famous Canadian soccer club Toronto Scottish . Quackenbush had an opportunity to play football professionally , but he decided to pursue a career in hockey .

Quackenbush began his junior career playing for the Toronto Native Sons of the Ontario Hockey Association . He scored 13 points in 13 games during the 1940 ? 41 season . The following season , he played for the Brantford Lions , scoring 34 points in 23 games , and caught the attention of the Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League .

= = Professional career = =

Quackenbush signed as a free @-@ agent with the Red Wings on October 19 , 1942 , and played 10 games during the 1942 ? 43 season before breaking his wrist . After recovering from the injury , Detroit assigned him to the American Hockey League where he joined the Indianapolis Capitals . He earned a regular position with the Red Wings during the 1943 ? 44 season , scoring 4 goals and 18 points . In the next two seasons he averaged 21 points while only being assessed an average of 8 penalty minutes and scored a career high 11 goals in 1945 ? 46 . The following season he earned his first post @-@ season honour , when he was named a Second Team NHL All @-@ Star . He was also named the Red Wings team MVP . He registered a career high 17 penalty minutes in 1947 ? 48 and was named a First Team All @-@ Star . The season also saw the start of a streak of 131 consecutive games where Quackenbush was not assessed a penalty . It began with the final 5 regular season and 10 playoff games that year , continued through the entire 60 regular season and 11 playoff games during the 1948 ? 49 season , and ended after 45 games of the 1949 ? 50 season . At the conclusion of the 1948 ? 49 season , he was awarded the Lady Byng Trophy , the NHL 's annual award for sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct . He was the first defenceman to win the award , and remains one of only three in NHL history to capture the trophy . Detroit General Manager Jack Adams detested the award and felt that any player who won it did not belong on his team , so he promptly traded Quackenbush . He was sent to the Boston Bruins with Pete Horeck for Pete Babando , Lloyd Durham , Clare Martin and Jimmy Peters , Sr.

Quackenbush became a fan favorite upon his arrival in Boston , where his offensive style of play was compared to former Bruin (and fellow Hall of Famer) Eddie Shore . In his first season in Boston , Quackenbush scored 8 goals and 25 points . He continued to stay out of the penalty box , registering only 4 penalty minutes . However , it marked the first time in three seasons that he was

not named to the NHL All @-@ Star Team . The Bruins defence core was depleted by injury in 1950 ? 51 , forcing the team to use several first year players . While this resulted in Quackenbush having to play more minutes , including a game where he played 55 minutes , it also gave him the opportunity to play with his brother Max . It was the only time the two played professionally together . He also set a career high in points with 29 and was again named a First Team NHL All @-@ Star . Over the next five seasons Quackenbush hovered around the 20 point mark and was never assessed more than 8 penalty minutes in a year .

Quackenbush retired following the 1955 ? 56 season , having accumulated only 95 penalty minutes over 774 games . This averaged out to seven seconds a game , one of the lowest in NHL history for a player at any position . He was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1976 .

= = Personal = =

Following his NHL career , Quackenbush worked as a manufacturer 's agent while attending night school at Northeastern University in Boston , Massachusetts . At Northeastern , he earned an Associate 's degree in engineering . Quackenbush also became an assistant coach at Northeastern .

In 1967 , he became the head coach for Princeton University 's men 's ice hockey team , a position he would hold for six seasons . His best season was his first in 1967 ? 68 , when the Tigers posted a 13 ? 10 ? 0 record . It was the highest win total for Princeton since 1935 ? 36 . However , his success with the men 's ice hockey team would not last ; Princeton won no more than five games for their next five seasons . His worst campaign was in 1970 ? 71 , when Princeton had two 11 game losing streaks and a 1 ? 22 ? 0 overall record . Because of this , Quackenbush stepped down as the head coach in 1973 . In 1969 he began coaching the Princeton men 's golf team . He enjoyed much greater success with the golf team , leading them to eight Ivy League championships . In 1978 Princeton started a women 's ice hockey team , and Quackenbush was asked to coach them . He was still coaching the golf team but decided to accept the additional position and led them to three consecutive Ivy League championships between 1982 and 1984 . Quackenbush retired from coaching in 1985 , after which he moved to Orlando , Florida , where he lived for several years before moving to New Jersey in 1997 .

He married Joan Kalloch and the couple had three sons , Bruce , Scott and Todd . At the time of his death , Quackenbush also had seven grandchildren . He died of pneumonia and complications from Alzheimer 's disease on September 12 , 1999 , at Chandler Hall Hospice in Newtown , Pennsylvania , at the age of 77 .

= = Playing style = =

Quackenbush was an offensive defenceman who carried the puck up the ice , making use of his stick handling , passing skills and ability to read the play . Over the course of his career , he was considered one of the elite rushing defenceman in the NHL . He was a solid checker , but relied more on positioning and discipline than physical play . This is evident by his low yearly average of penalty minutes and the fact that he was assessed only one major penalty throughout his NHL career .

Defensively he made use of poke checks to take the puck from his opponents and excelled at getting to loose pucks and clearing them out of the defensive zone . He was adept at keeping opposing forwards from creating offense from behind the net .

= = Awards and honours = =

Lady Byng Trophy (1949)

Three time NHL First Team All @-@ Star (1948 , 1949 , 1951)

Two time NHL Second Team All @-@ Star (1947 , 1953)

Eight time NHL All @-@ Star Game participant (1947 , 1948 , 1949 , 1950 , 1951 , 1952 , 1953 ,

1954)

Honored Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame (1976)

= = Career statistics = =

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