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Darryl Sittler



Darryl Sittler had an unforgettable game against the Boston Bruins on February 7, 1976. More than 3 decades later, it is unlikely Darryl can go a single day without being reminded of his extraordinary accomplishment. On that evening, playing at home in Maple Leaf Gardens, Sittler collected ten points in an 11-4 steamrolling over the Boston Bruins. Sittler enjoyed the greatest single game performance in NHL history, breaking two NHL records, tying another and breaking four Maple Leaf marks. Darryl's ten points broke the NHL mark of eight.

Thus Darryl is one of the most beloved Toronto Maple Leafs in history, and one of the most talented as well. He scored more goals and points in a Leaf uniform than any other player in the franchise's storied history. He served as captain of the Leafs

for 6 of his 12 seasons with the team, having replaced fan favorite Dave Keon in this regard.

In his career, Darryl played 1,096 games and scored 484 goals and 637 assists for a point total of 1,121. In 1976 in the inaugural Canada Cup international tournament, Darryl scored an overtime goal against Czechoslovakia to give Canada victory in the tournament. Darryl's best statistical season came in 1977/78 when he finished 3rd in the NHL scoring race by scoring 45 goals and 72 assists for 117 points. That season, he was named a Second Team All-Star at season's end.

Darryl is also known in Canada for his leadership and integrity. While serving as captain of the Leafs, widely considered to be English-speaking Canada's team, Darryl disagreed with the direction of Punch Imlach, the team's General Manager. Darryl knew that by standing up for his teammates, the captain's duties, he would inevitably be traded away from the team that he so loved. In 1982, this happened and he was traded to Philadelphia where he played for the next two and a half seasons before finishing his career with one final season in Detroit. When Darryl retired, he was the 15th leading scorer in the history of the NHL.

In 1989, Darryl received the ultimate honor in hockey by being voted to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Two years later, the Maple Leaf organization brought Darryl back into the fold, making him an ambassador for the team in the areas of marketing, community relations and alumni relations. In 1995, fans honored Darryl by naming him the centerman of the all-time Maple Leafs team. Today, Darryl spends much of his time speaking with groups about hockey, motivation and leadership.



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