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## *Ken Linseman*



Kenny Linseman was known as “the Rat”. Although opponents would think that he got his nickname because he was a pest and an agitator but that was not the case. His teammate on the Flyers, Bobby Clarke, hung the name on him because of the way he hunched forward when he skated.

Ken actually started his pro hockey career in the WHA with the Birmingham Bulls after he took on the Canadian junior hockey system so that he could play as an underage 19-year old. In his only season in the WHA, he scored 38 goals and 38 assists in 71 games. The following season, Ken played for the Philadelphia Flyers where he played for 4 seasons. In his best season in the City of Brotherly Love, Linseman posted 92 points.

From Philly, Ken was traded to the Edmonton Oilers where he played the next two seasons where he got his name on the Stanley Cup in 1984. Next, he was moved to the Boston Bruins where he played the next 4 and a half seasons where he averaged 70 points per season. In the back half of the 1989-90 season, he went back to the Flyers, then on to the Oilers again for one season before finishing his career with one season with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

In Kenny career he scored 807 points in 860 games, a terrific PPG average. He also totaled 1,727 PIM, another amazing total.



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