



## **Brad Marsh**

There are few players who enjoyed their careers in the NHL as much as Brad Marsh. Marsh made his reputation on his hard working, tough play, and parlayed that into a 15 year NHL career, playing over 1,000 games with Atlanta, Calgary, Philadelphia, Toronto, Detroit, and finally Ottawa.

Chosen 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the first round of the NHL entry draft by the Atlanta Flames, Brad built a career that may not have seen him lead the league in scoring, but he was always a leader on the ice, being named either a captain or assistant captain on every team on which he played. Highlights of his career include two trips to the Stanley Cup, as well as being a two-time All-Star. Brad was also one of the last players to play in the NHL without a helmet.

After retirement, Marsh worked in the front office with the Ottawa Senators, being named Director of Team and Business Development, as well as working actively with the Senators Alumni. Marsh then opened two sports themed restaurants in the Ottawa area, called “Marshy’s” (one in the arena where the Senators play). Things took a turn for the worse, unfortunately, when the NHL lockout of 2004-05 forced the eventual closing of the two restaurants. Faced with a dire financial situation, Marsh took the opportunity to reinvent himself, and began working with a health improvement company. Brad lost 50 lbs and began riding his bike again and rode his bike across Canada in support of the Boys and Girls Club.

Marsh continues with his philanthropic efforts and has been recognized in Ottawa for his efforts, being named a Community Builder by the United Way, being named Ottawa Sportsman of the Year, and also having June 4, 2012 proclaimed “Brad Marsh Day” in the city of Ottawa.

Currently, he work shares his story through community visits and motivational speeches, where he shares his motto of “Work Hard, Do Your Best, Have Fun”. Building on the reputation that he earned as a player, Marsh relays how the use of hard work, a good attitude and the right intentions can lead to success in any field, regardless of circumstances.