



Phil Esposito

Phil is a legendary Hall of Fame hockey player who led Team Canada against the Soviet Union in the 1972 Summit Series. He has a long list of awards including:

- a two-time Stanley Cup champion with the Boston Bruins
- a 5-time Hart Trophy winner as the NHL's leading scorer in a season
- a 2-time Hart Trophy winner as the NHL's most valuable player
- a 2-time Pearson Trophy winner (now Ted Lindsay Award) as the MVP of the league as voted by his fellow players
- an 8-time member of the year-end All-Star Team – 6x 1st team and 2x 2nd team
- played in 10 All Star games

Espo led the NHL in goals scored in an incredible 6 consecutive seasons including an amazing 76 goals in 1970-71 to go along with 76 assists for a then-record 152 points in a single season.

Phil started his NHL career with the Chicago Blackhawks in 1963-64 and played four seasons in the Windy City, showing flashes of the great player he was to become. He was traded to the Boston Bruins in a headline-making trade in time for the 1967-68 season. It was here that Esposito joined with Bobby Orr, Johnny Bucyk and other Bruin stars to become the Big Bad Bruins. In 8+ seasons in Boston, Phil regularly was a league leading scorer and entrenched himself as a team leader. In the midst of the 1975-76 season, he was again involved in a blockbuster trade that sent him to the New York Rangers. He spent his final 5+ seasons in the Big Apple, providing leadership and still scoring at a point-per-game clip.

As outstanding as Phil was in his record-setting NHL career, Canadian hockey fans will remember him even more fondly for his role in leading Team Canada '72 to an 8-game series victory over the USSR. In the series, Phil tallied 7 goals and 6 assist for 13 points to lead the team in scoring. More importantly, he was the heart and soul of the team who absolutely would not allow his team to lose the series.

Phil's career record -setting stats are too many to note, but consider the topline numbers of 717 goals, 873 assists and 1590 points in 1282 career games. In his post-playing career he was coach and general manager of the Rangers and founder of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

If your organization would love to hear stories of leadership from one of hockey's greatest leaders, contact us to book Phil Esposito to thrill your group.