



# Mark Messier

Mark Messier's 25-year NHL career is nothing short of legendary. His tenure includes 6 Stanley Cups, 2 MVPs, and the honor of being the only player in NHL history to captain two teams to Stanley Cup Championships, along with a bevy of other accomplishments and awards.

#### Achievements Include

- First ballot Hockey Hall of Famer
- 2nd most playoff points in NHL history
- 3rd most career points in NHL history (2nd at the time of his retirement)
- 6 Stanley Cup Championships
- He is the only player to captain two different franchises to Stanley Cup championship victories.
- 2 Hart Memorial Trophies (NHL League MVP)
- Conn Smythe Trophy (Playoff MVP)
- 16-time NHL All-Star

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## **Mark Messier's Story**

The Edmonton Oilers selected Mark Messier with the 48th overall pick in the 1979 Draft. Later in his career, Messier would become the last active player to have played in the World Hockey Association.

With the Oilers, Messier would win 4 Stanley Cups from 1984 to 1988 (1984, 1985, 1987, & 1988). Even more impressive, Messier would win NHL MVP and lead the Oilers to another Stanley Cup in 1990, 2 years after Wayne Gretzky was traded away. Despite this, the Oilers traded Messier to the New York Rangers in 1991.

With the Rangers, Messier won his 2nd Hart Trophy and guided the team to their first Stanley Cup in 54 years. In doing so, he became the first and only player to captain 2 teams to Stanley Cup wins. Both the New York Rangers and Edmonton Oilers have since retired his number 11.

In 2007, Mark Messier was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, within his first year of eligibility. Messier also awards the NHL's Mark Messier Leadership Award, which is given to a player who exemplifies leadership on the ice and within their communities.

In service of those ideals, Mark also created the Mark Messier Foundation. The foundation was established with the mission to help young children become better citizens through sporting activities and opportunities to live a healthier lifestyle. With Tomorrow's Children's Fund, he opened the Mark Messier Skyway at the Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey. Moreover, he founded the Messier Project that developed the M-11 hockey helmet to maximize protection, particularly in regard to concussions.

## **Featured Keynotes**

#### No One Wins Alone

While Mark Messier is one of the most accomplished professional athletes in history, few people know how his mission to deeply understand leadership and teamwork shaped his journey.

Inspired by the lessons on leadership and teamwork that defined his career, this keynote will give you an insight into success, winning cultures, and how leaders can help teams overcome challenges. In this keynote, Mark will give you a true masterclass in leadership.

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