



MICHAEL EAGLES

Hockey / Athlete · Inducted 2005

Seventeen years as a professional hockey player, 853 NHL games under his belt, two selections as rookie of the year, a bronze medal in World Junior competition, a Memorial Cup win and a Stanley Cup final should be more than enough to guarantee Sussex's Mike Eagles his place in any Hall of Fame. During his OHL years he was judged as the "best at face-offs, best checker, best defensive forward, best penalty killer, and best contributor to his team, on and off the ice". Winnipeg's Mike Smith said that landing this Eagle "was the best trade I ever made". He was in better physical condition than most- thanks in part to a year round fitness regimen that included triathlon training and competitions. He retired in 2000, and two years later was appointed head coach of the St. Thomas University "Tommies". In 2003, he was selected as Canada's university hockey coach of the year.

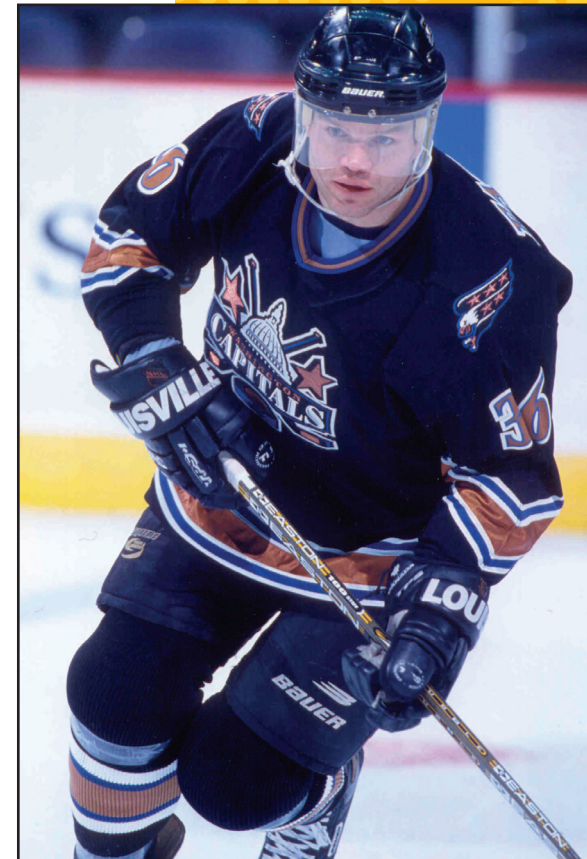
Career Highlights:

- Won two league championships and the Memorial Cup (1982) with Kitchener Rangers (OHL).
- Drafted by NHL's Quebec Nordiques in 6th round of the 1981 entry draft.
- Won a bronze medal with Team Canada at World Junior Hockey Championship in 1983.
- Played with Fredericton Express (AHL) 1983-85 and was team's rookie of the year in 1984.
- Promoted to the Nordiques in 1985 and spent three seasons as a defensive specialist.
- Spent 1990-94 with Winnipeg Jets and 1994-2000 with Washington Capitals.
- Played in the Stanley Cup final with Washington in 1998.
- Played 853 NHL regular season games, scoring 74 goals, 122 assists and 196 points.
- Retired following 1999-2000 season; named head coach of St. Thomas Tommies of the AUS.
- Named Atlantic University Sport and Canadian Interuniversity Sport coach of the year in 2003.

Hometown: Sussex

Web page: <https://www.nbsportshalloffame.com/honoured-members/michael-mike-eagles>

Tips for teachers: Mike speaks English and likes to present in the classroom. He has a USB and CD with a short video about the NB Sports Hall of Fame and would like a table to display his artefacts. The video is also available on line at [youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w)



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