

Metis Hockey Players

Listed below we give short biographies of Arron Asham, Rene Bourque, Brad Chartrand, Ron Delorme, Vernon Fiddler, Magnus Flett, Roderick Flett, D.J. King, Vic Mercredi, Rich Pilon, Wade Redden, Sheldon Souray, and Francis Leo St. Marseille.

A number of players have been written up individually, Tony Gingras, Bryan Trottier, Reggie Leach and Theoren Fleury can be found as separate postings on this website.

Arron Asham. (b. 1978)



Arron was born at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, April 13, 1978. Despite injuries early in his career, Asham worked his way into the Montreal lineup on the checking line. Although he was a top scorer in juniors in Red Deer, Arron found his niche in Montreal on the checking line. After spending 2001-2001 with the Canadiens Arron was traded to the New York



Islanders during the 2002 draft and become a complete player and a major offensive contributor on his team, playing on both the power play and penalty kill. In the summer of 2007 he signed with the New Jersey Devils as a free agent after one season moved (2008) to the Philadelphia Flyers where he continues to play.

Rene Bourque. (b. 1981)



Rene was born on Dec. 10, 1981 at Lac La Biche, Alberta. The 2005 AHL Rookie of the Year initially signed with Chicago and after three years moved to Calgary. After a great career playing American college hockey for the Wisconsin Badgers of the WCHA, and a full season in the AHL, Rene has arrived in the NHL. Also of note is the fact the Rene possesses a very hard shot. At the 2005 AHL All-Star Game skills competition, Rene won the hardest shot competition with a shot clocked at 99.8 mph.

Brad Chartrand. (b. 1975)

Brad Chartrand, born December 14, 1974 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a former ice hockey right winger who had a five-year career in the National Hockey League with the Los

Angeles Kings. He played in 215 regular season games, scoring 25 goals and assists for 50 points, picking up 122 penalty minutes.

In 1995-1996 Brad played hockey for Cornell University after which he joined the Canadian National Team (1996-1998). During 1998-99 he played for the St. John's Maple Leafs in the AHL. He signed as a free agent with the Los Angeles Kings in 1999. He was the fourth leading scorer in the AHL 2000-2001 season. On April 14, 2002 he played his 100th NHL game and during the 2003-04 season played his 200th NHL game.



Ronald Elmer "Chief" Delorme. (b. 1955)

Metis right-winger Ron Delorme was born September 3, 1955 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and is the Chief Amateur Scout for the Vancouver Canucks of the NHL.

Delorme was originally drafted in the fifth round by Denver in the 1975 WHA Entry Draft. His rights were then transferred to the Colorado Rockies in July 1976, after the franchise relocated to the NHL. He played in 314 games for the Rockies from 1976-77 to 1980-81 before he was claimed by Vancouver in the NHL waiver draft in October 1981. Delorme played a large role in the Canucks run to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1982.



Delorme played four seasons for the Canucks from 1981-82 to 1984-85, recording 17 goals, 20 assists (37 points) and 383 penalty minutes in 210 games before a knee injury forced his retirement in 1985. In 524 career NHL games, Delorme recorded 83 goals, 83 assists (166 points) and 667 penalty minutes. Ron Delorme is one of the longest-serving members of the Vancouver Canucks. With over 20 years scouting experience and 210 games played at right wing, Delorme has been a member of the Canucks in some capacity since 1981. Delorme coordinates Vancouver's amateur scouting staff and assembles the Canucks draft selection list. He was named Chief Amateur Scout in August 2000.

Vernon Fiddler (b. 1980)



Vern fiddler was born on May 9, 1980 at Edmonton, Alberta. Like many other players, Vernon Fiddler spent 3 years in the minors before finally breaking the Nashville lineup for good. A talented center, he plays a big part on the power play. Before coming turning pro, Vernon played for both Kelowna and Medicine Hat of the WHL. After coming up to the NHL, over the course the next two seasons, Fiddler spent the majority of his time in the AHL with

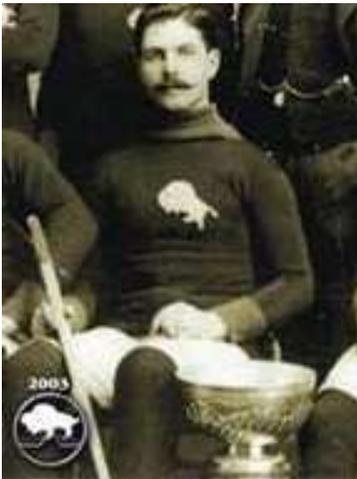
Milwaukee, helping the club capture the 2004 Calder Cup title. Fiddler would once again crack the Predator line up in 2005-06 and he has played for Nashville in over 70 games per season since then.

Magnus Linklater Flett. (b. 1878)

Metis hockey player Magnus Flett from Kildonan was born on September 1, 1878, the son of David Flett and Catherine McLeod. Both Magnus and his brother Roderick played for the 1901 and 1902 Stanley Cup champion Winnipeg Victorias. He played counter point position, now known as right defense. The brothers were good-sized men, Rod stood 6' 3" and Magnus was 6'1". The 1896 and 1901 Winnipeg Victorias are inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in the team category. Another Metis, Antoine Gingras also played with the 1901 and 1902 Victorias.

Roderick McLeod Flett. (1873-1927)

Metis hockey player Rod Flett from Kildonan was born on February 27, 1873, the son of David Flett and Catherine McLeod. Rod played for the first Manitoba team to win the Stanley cup, the 1896 Victorias. Both Roderick and his brother Magnus played for the 1901 and 1902 Stanley Cup champion Winnipeg Victorias. In 1896 they defeated the Montreal Victorias for the cup, in 1901 they defeated the Montreal Shamrocks and in 1902 they defeated the Toronto Wellingtons. Pre NHL the Stanley Cup was a challenge trophy where any championship team could challenge the current Stanley Cup champion. In 1896 The Winnipeg Victorias challenged the Montreal Victorias winning the game 2-0. Winnipeg was the first team outside Quebec to win the Stanley Cup. Rod played point position, now known as left defense. The brothers were good-sized men, Rod stood 6' 3" and Magnus was 6'1". The 1896 and 1901 Winnipeg Victorias are inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in the team category.





WINNIPEG VICTORIAS - 1901.

Senior hockey champions of Canada—Winner, of the Stanley Cup, which was then an amateur trophy.

Back row, left to right, Mart Hooper, trainer; Burke Wood, left wing, John Marshall, spare; J. C. G. Armytage, president; G. A. Carruthers, **Tony Gingras**, right wing; Fred Cadham, spare. Front row, T. Robinson, secretary; Charlie Johnstone, rover; **Rod Flett**, point; Dan Bain, captain and centre; **Magnus Flett**, cover point; Art Brown, goal; Walter Pratt.

D.J. King. (b. 1984)

King was born on June 27, 1984 at Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. D.J. has taken a somewhat unorthodox journey to get to the NHL. Known mostly for his tough play in Juniors, he spent the first two years of his professional career in the AHL, and prior to landing as a full-time player with the Blues was even playing the ECHL. He moved up to the St. Louis Blues in 2006-07 and played 61 games with them in 2007-08 but has been back and forth between Peoria and the Blues ever since.



Vic Dennis Mercredi. (b. 1953)

Vic Mercredi was born on March 31, 1953 at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. At the age of 16, Mercredi joined Penticton of the BCJHL in 1969-70, scoring 16 goals and 34

points in 48 games. In his second year in the BCJHL he erupted for 50 goals and 106 points in 51 games, establishing himself as a solid offensive performer. He was also awarded the league's MVP trophy and was a unanimous First Team All-Star selection.

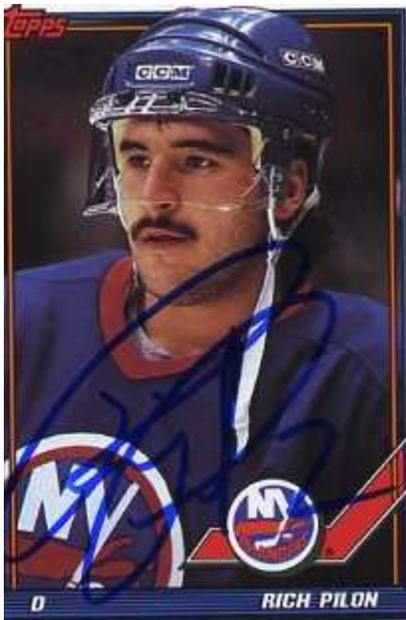
In 1971-72 Mercredi moved up to major junior hockey, joining the New Westminster Bruins of the WCJHL. In 68 games he scored 24 goals and 54 points. He increased his totals the following year to 52 goals and 113 points in 67 games. Mercredi failed to earn a starting spot on the Atlanta Flames roster in 1973-74, and was sent to play for the Omaha Knights of the CHL where he had 21 goals and 57 points in 68 games. He spent another year in Omaha, suiting up for 64 games, but also was called up to the Flames for the only two games of his NHL career.

Mercredi had also been drafted by the WHA in 1973 by the Houston Aeros, who traded his rights to the Calgary Cowboys in March, 1976 for future considerations. He ended up playing three games with the Cowboys that year, failing to register a point but did spend 29 minutes in the penalty box.

With his career in North America apparently finished, Mercredi moved to Sweden where he played for 18 games in 1976-77, and despite averaging almost a point per game, he then decided to return to North America and joined the Phoenix Roadrunners of the PHL and played one game with the AHL's Springfield Indians. He played one year of senior hockey in the BCSHL in 1979-80 before retiring

Richard Pilon. (b. 1968)

Metis defenseman Rich Pilon was born April 30, 1968 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is a retired NHL ice hockey player who was known for his aggressive play. A stay-at-home defenseman, Pilon played for three teams throughout his 15-year NHL career, the New York Islanders, New York Rangers and St. Louis Blues, but is primarily recognized for his time with the Islanders.



Pilon made his debut in the 1988–89 NHL season, playing 62 games, recording 14 assists and 242 penalty minutes for the New York Islanders. He would play 10 seasons there before being claimed on waivers December 1, 1999 by the New York Rangers. He played parts of two seasons as a Ranger. He was traded to the San Jose Sharks for a 7th round draft pick, days before he became an unrestricted free agent in 2001. He was then signed by the St. Louis Blues on July 10, 2001. He played 8 games for the Blues until he suffered a broken left wrist in a game against the Rangers. This ended his hockey career.

Wade Redden. (b. 1977)

Wade was born on December 6, 1977 at Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Redden grew up in Hillmond, Saskatchewan. Wade played one year with the Lloydminster Blazers, before joining the Brandon Wheat Kings. After that Wade was named rookie of the year. The Wheat Kings made it to two Memorial Cup while Redden was a member of the team. Wade was a member of the 1995 and 1996 Canadian teams at the World Junior Hockey Championships, both teams winning gold medals.

He was the New York Islanders' first pick in the 1995 NHL Entry Draft, second overall, but he never joined the Islanders. He was then traded to Ottawa by the Islanders along with Damian Rhodes for Don Beaupre, Martin Straka and Bryan Berard on January 23, 1996.

Redden joined the Senators for the 1996–97 season, making the team out of his first training camp. He scored his first NHL goal on his first shot, against Jocelyn Thibault of the Montreal Canadiens on October 5, 1996.^[5] Redden would be named "NHL Rookie of the Month" for April 1997, and was an important part of the team's drive to qualify for the playoffs that season.^[6] The team would go on to make the playoffs that season, the first time in the modern Senators' history.



By the 1999–2000 season Redden was an important part of the team. On October 2, 1999, Redden was named alternate captain of the Senators, a position he held for nine seasons afterwards. Near the end of the season he suffered an ankle injury, forcing him to miss the playoffs, a contributing factor in the Senators losing in the first round to the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was named to the Canadian national team for the first time, for the 2001 World Championship. Following the NHL lockout of 2004-05 the Senators re-signed the defenceman. Over the next three seasons, Redden would anchor the club's blueline and contribute offensively. In 2006-07, Redden and the Senators came within three wins of capturing the Stanley Cup. At the end of the 2007-08 season, Redden's contract came to an end and although he stated that he would take a "hometown discount", the Senators opted not to re-sign the defenceman. On July 1, 2008 Redden signed a six-year, \$39 million contract with the New York Rangers.

Aside from his World Junior experience, Redden, is a three-time member of Canada's World Championship team (1999, 2001 and 2005) a member of Canada's World Cup winning team in the summer of 2004, and was a member of Canada's Olympic Team in the 2006 Olympics.

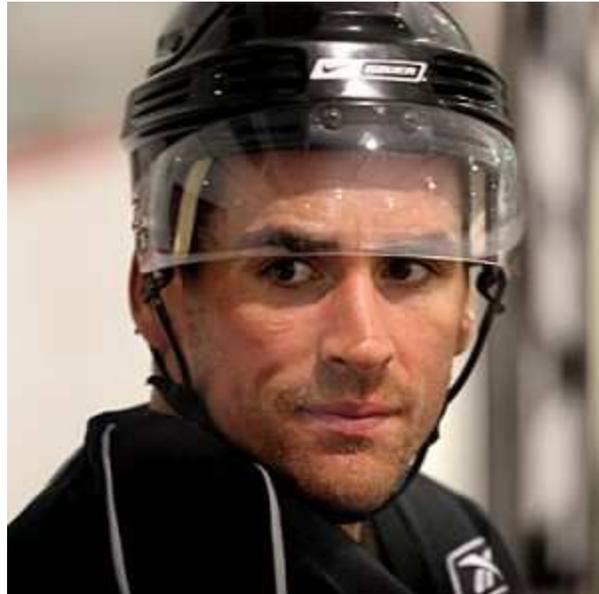
Sheldon Souray. (b. 1976)

Sheldon was born on July 13, 1976 in Elk Point, Alberta, the son of Richard Souray and Lillian Parenteau. He was drafted 71st overall by the New Jersey Devils in the 1994 NHL Entry Draft, while he was in the midst of a solid junior career with the Tri-City Americans of the WHL. He returned to junior and eventually joined the Prince George Cougars before gaining some playing time with the AHL's Albany River Rats in the latter stages of the 1994-95 season.

After playing 60 games on the Devils as a rookie in 1997-98 he was considered expendable since the club was deep on the blueline. In March, 2000 he was part of the package sent by the Devils to the Habs for defenceman Vladimir Malakhov. Souray fit in well on his new team but missed nearly a quarter of the 2000-01 season due to injuries Souray missed the entire 2002-03 season, recovering from an ongoing wrist injury. He returned to the ice in 2003-04 and subsequently went on to have a career year offensively,

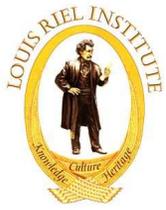
registering 35 points (15-20-35) and taking part in his first NHL All-Star Game. On the international stage, Souray represented Canada at the 2005 World Championship. He was signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Edmonton Oilers on July 12th, 2007. He set an NHL record for most single-season powerplay goals by a defenceman- 19 in 2006-07 and has the Edmonton Oilers team record for fastest 2 goals ever scored in a regular season game: span of 7 seconds.

Sheldon Souray is one of the leagues most popular players. He is also quite photogenic, landing him in several men's magazines including GQ. Sheldon is also concerned with the development of young Native hockey players and participates in camps across Canada devoted to Native youth.



Francis Leo St. Marseille. (b. 1939)

Francis was born on December 14, 1939 at Levack, Ontario. Marseille started his National Hockey League career with the St. Louis Blues in 1967. St. Marseille spent five seasons in St. Louis before being traded to the Kings in the 1972-73 season. He was a consistent player for the Kings until leaving the NHL in the 1976-77 season, though he spent one more year with the AHL's Nova Scotia Voyageurs before retiring as a player in 1978. St. Marseille stepped behind the bench and coached the Voyageurs for several seasons before heading back to the Kings as an assistant coach. He left the game once again and move back to Canada to help his son develop as a hockey player in his own right.



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