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Remembering Doug Mohns

Born in Capreol, Ontario on December 13th, 1933, Douglas Allen Mohns played in the National Hockey League for 22 seasons. With Mohns' passing on February 7th, 2014 at the age of 80, it seems appropriate to take a look at his long and successful career that began many years ago on the outdoor rinks of northern Ontario.

Mohns grew up in Capreol where his father worked for the railroad. His family set up a skating rink in their backyard every winter which allowed Doug to develop his exceptional skating abilities. At an early age, Mohns demonstrated his natural talent for the game of hockey and soon gained a reputation in his community as a standout player.

At the age of fourteen, he was scouted by the Boston Bruins, who assigned him to play for the Barrie Flyers (a junior affiliate team). During these years Mohns earned the nickname "Diesel," a fitting name for a young player from a railroad town. He won two Memorial Cups with Barrie in 1951 and 1953. In-

terestingly, he was teammates with Don Cherry, as well as Jerry Toppazzini from Copper Cliff.

Mohns played as a both a forward and a defenseman throughout his career, which began in 1953. After 11 seasons with the Bruins, Mohns went on to play for the Chicago Black Hawks, Minnesota North Stars, Atlanta Flames and the Washington Capitals. The town of Capreol honoured their beloved hockey hero in July of 1967 with Doug Mohns Day.

Mohns' retired in 1975, finishing his career with 1,390 games played, 248 goals, 462 assists and 1,250 penalty minutes.

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