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Sundin hangs up his skates for good in the Hockey Hall of Fame

TORONTO, ON (February 4, 2014) – You may not see Mats Sundin dressed in the blue and white on Saturday night anymore but you can rest easy knowing that his legacy lives on in the Hockey Hall of Fame. It's without a doubt that Sundin is one of hockey's greatest and most talented players and the Hockey Hall of Fame induction committee was quick to realize this. It wasn't a matter of what if, but more of a matter of when.

Not only was Sundin statistically great on the ice, but he noted he had a lot to be thankful for off the ice. During his inductee speech Sundin made it clear that his family had a lot to do with his success as a hockey player. "I'd like to thank my parents, who drove me and my two brothers, Patrick and Per, to every small rink there is in Stockholm, early Sunday mornings, late nights putting three of us in first place. Without your support, I would not be standing here today. I love you" said Sundin. His admiration to his family is undeniable and it is not surprising that he holds this quality, as he is a victor.

Sundin made history on several accounts and the numbers simply don't lie. He served as a Maple Leafs captain for over a decade and is the longest serving non-North American born captain in National Hockey League history. Sundin was drafted first overall by the Quebec Nordiques in the 1989 NHL Entry Draft. He currently stands as the all-time Leaf leader in goals (420) and points (984). Sundin retired having scored 564 goals, 785 assists and 1,349 points in 1,346 regular seasons NHL games.

It is without a doubt Sundin could not be more thankful for his time in Toronto and the NHL as a whole. "I will never play an NHL game again. The great memories I get to keep forever. Thanks for everything." No Mats, thank you.

About Toronto Maple Leafs

The Toronto Maple Leafs are a professional ice hockey team based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We are members of the Atlantic Division in the Eastern Conference of the National Hockey League. Our team is one of the Original Six league members and is owned by Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, Ltd.

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