



Gilles “Bad News” Bilodeau



Joseph Gilles Bilodeau

Left Wing

Born July 31, 1955 in St-Prime, Quebec

Died August 10, 2008

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 220 lbs.

Gilles Bilodeau was selected by the Toronto Toros in the 1975 WHA Amateur Draft. Following an eventful 58-game stint with the Beauce Jaros of the NAHL in which he racked up 451 penalty minutes, he was recalled by the Toros, who gave him the fitting nickname of “Bad News”.

Bilodeau followed the franchise to Birmingham and over the course of the next two seasons, he cemented his well-earned reputation as one of the most feared pugilists in hockey. In the 1977-1978 season, he combined with Steve Durbano, Frank Beaton, Dave Hanson, and others on a Bulls roster that was one of the biggest stable of goons in hockey history.

Bilodeau signed with the Quebec Nordiques in September 1978 and remained with the Nordiques following their entry into the NHL. He passed away in August 2008 of pancreatic cancer in Birmingham.

Scoring Statistics

<u>Regular Season</u>						<u>Playoffs</u>							
<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>
1975-1976	Toronto Toros	14	0	1	1	38							
1976-1977	Birmingham Bulls	34	2	6	8	133							
1977-1978	Birmingham Bulls	59	2	2	4	258	1977-1978	Birmingham Bulls	3	0	0	0	27
1978-1979	Quebec Nordiques	36	3	6	9	141	1978-1979	Quebec Nordiques	3	0	0	0	25

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
8	1975-1976	Toronto Toros
8	1976-1977	Birmingham Bulls
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24	1978-1979	Quebec Nordiques

Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
September 29, 1978	Quebec Nordiques sign Gilles Bilodeau as a free agent.

Draft History

Selected by Toronto Toros in 1975 Amateur Draft (round 9, #121 overall) (Sorel).