

Iginla nominated for King Clancy Trophy

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CALGARY, AB – The Calgary Flames Hockey Club announced today that Jarome Iginla has been nominated for the NHL's King Clancy Memorial Trophy as voted on by his teammates. The King Clancy Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the National Hockey League player who best exemplifies leadership qualities on and off the ice and who has made a significant humanitarian contribution to his community.

Nominees for the King Clancy are determined by each team's players who vote on the player they feel has contributed most to his community and off-ice endeavors combined with on-ice leadership.

Jarome Iginla is one of the most recognizable captains in the National Hockey League, having played his entire career in a Calgary Flames uniform - over 1,000 games. 2010-2011 was a record and memorable season for Iginla – one in which he not only scored 43 goals, but also reached the 1,000 career NHL point plateau and marked 10 consecutive seasons with at least 30 goals.

The Flames captain continues to also lead off the ice in many community initiatives. Iginla has been an athlete ambassador for KidSport since 2000, a non-profit organization which raises funds for sporting equipment and registration fees for underprivileged youth and families. Iginla donates \$2,000 for each goal he scores during the regular season to. With Iginla's 43 goal effort this season he directed \$86,000 to KidSport. Since 2000 Jarome has directed over half a million dollars to the charitable organization.

Iginla began assisting KidSport Calgary in 2000 with a donation of \$31,000. His decision to provide the organization with \$1,000 per goal over the course of a full hockey season has benefited thousands of local kids. Following the NHL lockout in 2004-05, Iginla extended his generosity by increasing his per goal contribution to \$2,000. The additional \$1,000 contribution is directed to KidSport Canada – which has benefited children locally and nationally.

The Flames nominee also initiated the Jarome Iginla/Cassie Campbell Hockey School a summer camp that has taken place in Calgary supporting grassroots ages. He is on site during the camps to meet and answer questions from the participants. The non-profit school raises funds for various international and local organizations. Each year a different charity is chosen as the recipient of the funds raised. The hockey school has raised over \$130,000 since 2002 for a variety of organizations including; Brown Bagging it for Calgary's Kids, Ronald McDonald House of Southern Alberta, Diabetes Association (Foothills Calgary), Stars Air Ambulance, Easter Seal's Camp Horizon (Bragg Creek), For the Love of Reading Fun, Doctors Without Borders, and OXFAM Canada.

Iginla is also very active in all Calgary Flames community relations programs. He is a participant and leader in the Flames wheelchair hockey game at the Alberta Children's Hospital and contributes to the success of the Flames Foundation for Life ongoing signature events.

A veteran of three Winter Olympic Games, Iginla was a member of the 2002 Gold Medal winning Canadian team and participated in his second Olympic Games as an alternate captain at the 2006 Turin games. Named an alternate captain once again for the 2010 team in Vancouver, he finished as the tournament leader with five goals and assisted on the overtime winning goal in the gold medal final against the United States; his second Olympic Gold medal.

Iginla has been recognized by the NHL on numerous occasions for his on ice and off ice accomplishments. While earning the Art Ross Trophy and Maurice "Rocket" Richard trophies as the NHL's leading point and goal scorer in 2001-02, Iginla was also awarded the Lester B. Pearson Award as the league's most valuable player as voted by his peers. The same year he was also a nominee for both the Hart Memorial Trophy and King Clancy Memorial Trophy.

In 2003-04 Iginla was awarded the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy for the second time sharing the goal-scoring title with Ilya Kovalchuk and Rick Nash with 41 goals.

In 2004 Jarome was awarded the NHL Foundation Award for Community Service as well as the King Clancy Memorial Trophy in recognition of his humanitarian contributions. Also in 2004 Iginla was named recipient of the 2004 Most Assists for Children (MAC) Award. The \$25,000 Iginla received from Ronald McDonald House Charities was divided among the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, KidSport, the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary and the St. Albert Minor Hockey Association.

Iginla has also been recognized through the Calgary Flames Ralph T. Scurfield Award. The Ralph T. Scurfield Humanitarian Award is presented annually to the Calgary Flames player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, determination and leadership on the ice combined with dedication to community service. Iginla received this award during two consecutive seasons; 2000-01 and 2001-02.

Another Flames Award Iginla is also a recipient of the Flames J.R. McCaig Award in 2007-08 which honours two Calgary Flames personnel, a player and staff member, who best exemplify Flames owner J.R. McCaig's enduring virtues of respect, courtesy and compassion for all individuals he encountered both in his professional and everyday life. More recently Iginla was awarded the Mark Messier Leadership Award at the 2009 NHL Awards in Las Vegas. Mark Messier selects the recipient for his on-ice and off-ice leadership.

The Flames lead the league with the most recipients of the King Clancy Memorial Trophy with three players named as past winners; Lanny McDonald (1987-88), Joe Nieuwendyk (1994-95) and Jarome Iginla (2003-04). The trophy will be presented at the NHL Awards on June 22, 2011.