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Coffey named to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

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One of Malton's most accomplished natives will be enshrined into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame later this year.

Paul Coffey, ranked second-all time among NHL defencemen in scoring, was announced as a member of this year's induction class yesterday morning.

Drafted sixth overall by the Edmonton Oilers, Coffey went on to become a key contributor in Edmonton's glory days, winning three Stanley Cups with the Oilers in 1984, '85 and '87. He lifted the Stanley Cup again with the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1991.

In total, Coffey amassed 396 goals and 1,135 assists in 1,409 games with the Oilers, Penguins, Los Angeles Kings, Detroit Red Wings, Hartford Whalers, Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks, Carolina Hurricanes and Boston Bruins.

The 53-year-old retired in 2001. He was then inducted into the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Hockey Hall of

Fame the following year.

He also played for Team Canada on five occasions, guiding the Canadians to gold in the 1984, 1987 and 1991 Canada Cups.

Coffey went on to coach AAA hockey with the Toronto Marlboros and served a portion of last season as coach of the Ontario Junior Hockey League's Pickering Panthers, a team he co-owns.

Joining Coffey in this year's induction class are athletes Craig Forrest (soccer), Jennifer Heil (freestyle skiing), Danielle Goyette (hockey), Susan Auch (speed skating), Nicholas Gill (judo), Michael Edgson (para swimming), Shannon and Shirley Firth (cross-country skiers) and Lori-Ann Muenzer (cycling) as well as builders Jocelyne Bourassa (golf) and Martin van der Merwe (field hockey).

The induction ceremony will be held Oct. 21 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto.

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