

# Mario Lemieux

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Since the beginning, I always loved the game. When you grow up in Montreal, one day you want to be a professional hockey player. When I was six or seven, I knew that was what I wanted.

~Mario Lemieux

Every day is a great day for hockey.

~Mario Lemieux

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~Mario Lemieux

Play without fear, and you will be successful.

~Mario Lemieux

All I can say to the young players is, enjoy every moment of it. Just enjoy every moment of it. Your career goes by very quickly.

~Mario Lemieux

For as long as I can remember I wanted to be a professional hockey player.

~Mario Lemieux

I think we have to show some pride in the jersey that we are wearing, and can't quit.

~Mario Lemieux

One thing I hate is people screaming at me. If you want me to do something, talk to me. When someone screams at me to hurry up, I slow down.

~Mario Lemieux

I didn't like the way the game was being played.

~Mario Lemieux

Once I'm at the arena with the guys in the dressing room, and in the bus, and on the plane, I'm a player. And I sit in the back with the players and I play cards and try to take their money.

~Mario Lemieux

I'm sorry I didn't feel any better or play any better, but that's what happens at the end of careers.

~Mario Lemieux

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~Mario Lemieux

I don't order fries with my club sandwich.

~Mario Lemieux

Certainly we're not satisfied with just winning games. We've been playing some pretty good hockey, but we think we can play much better.

~Mario Lemieux

I think the game has opened up, and that's why I decided to come back and try to be a part of it.

~Mario Lemieux

The first few games that we played against some of the teams, the young guys, you know, want a stick sign or photo sign, and I think that they respect what I have achieved throughout my career.

~Mario Lemieux

When it comes to hockey, it's been in my blood since I was 3 or 4 years old. I love coaching the kids, especially at that level.

~Mario Lemieux

I don't try to match wine with food, I just drink what I like. And I think a

lot of people are going towards that now, which never used to be in the past.

~Mario Lemieux

When I'm able to see the ice ahead of time when I get the puck, I'm able to make some pretty good plays.

~Mario Lemieux

I've gone through back surgery a couple times, and of course, my radiation treatments for six weeks got me to the point where I was not able to play at the level that I was accustomed to.

~Mario Lemieux

Of course, my family has been a big reason for me to come back, especially my son who loves the game of hockey - he was a big reason for me coming back.

~Mario Lemieux

Hockey is a tough, physical game, and it always should be.

~Mario Lemieux

I didn't speak English until I came to Pittsburgh.

~Mario Lemieux

Red wine is a great accompaniment to meat.

~Mario Lemieux

Depending on how we start the season, I can play center or wing... It doesn't matter to me.

~Mario Lemieux

I think the lottery changed everything for us. Once we got Sidney, it helped us turn this franchise around overnight.

~Mario Lemieux

Well, I think just a desire to come back and be a part of the game again.

~Mario Lemieux

It was great to play with some of my old linemates.

~Mario Lemieux

Oh, I did stop smoking a long time ago.

~Mario Lemieux

As I've said, in 2007, we're free to go and we'll just have to do what's best for the business.

~Mario Lemieux

I can no longer play at a level I was accustomed to in the past.

~Mario Lemieux

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