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Raymond Ross was born on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1932 in Hamilton, Ontario. When he was twenty-two years old he joined the Reds from Cleveland in 1954 and was a major attribute to the team. He played center position, was six feet tall, weighed in at one hundred and seventy-five pounds and shot left-handed. Ray usually wore the number nineteen although one season he did represent the number fourteen. In 1955, Ray Ross scored two game-winning goals in the Calder Cup finals and after four winning games, won the title. With four goals and four assists, the season ended with an unforgettable win. Ray has eight seasons with the Roosters and continued playing with them until 1961 and thirty-one years old. His hockey season statistics with the Roosters was an impressive 111 goals and 125 assists concluding a total of two hundred and thirty-six points. In 1961, Ray was named to the AHL all-star.

The Rhode Island Reds, commonly known as the R.I Reds, played at The Arena, located in Providence, it was a well-known center for sporting events. The arena would be packed full of spectators cheering on their hometown team. A night when the Reds were scheduled to play was equivalent to the football Super bowl Sunday. Fans from all over would attend the games, gambling would go on before the game began, people were smoking inside the arena, chicken wire was used as a barrier, it was insane! The players of the team were treated like royalty, fans would line up blocks down the street to give a

par on the back or get an autograph. The Reds brought fame to the AHL and were supported immensely.

There was even a movie about the legendary Red's. It is called, "When the Reds Ruled the ROOST" and it "Tells the story of a 50-year hockey love affair between a team and its thousands of passionate fans. It will make you laugh, cry and perhaps gasp when you see the rare and lost hockey film in this extraordinary video. It includes film from every decade starting in the 1920s when the Rhode Island Reds were born" It even shows the 1956 Calder Cup Championship, which Ray Ross was apart of.

Since Ray's retirement from hockey, he has been extremely involved in his hometown, Hamilton, Ontario. Ray volunteers for the United Way and is a financial sponsor of youth sports. He is also an employee of the Hamilton Spectator and helped deliver Christmas gift packages to needy families. He was also a top recruiter in Canada for new memberships to the Rhode Island Reds Heritage Society, bringing in family members, friends and business associates. In 2009-2010, Ray was the recipient of the Rhode Island Reds Heritage Society "Top Award".

Ray's efforts have not gone unnoticed, whether it is his hockey career or his community involvement. He has represented his country and city with honor. He is a respectable member of our city and has made his fans proud throughout his career.

## References

### Statistics

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### History

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### Pictures

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### Movie

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