

Thank You David Krejci
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Sometimes in sports, the most important part about being a teammate is how you are willing to sacrifice. What are you willing to do in order for the team to reach the top? Are you ok with being off of the 1st line in order to help make the 2nd line better? David Krejci was a player that any team wishes they could have. Krejci could have been a great 1st line center for a team that needed it. He made everyone better on the ice. That is why he had an under the radar career in the NHL. He was never a flashy player who cared about scoring. He was a playmaker who set up other teammates to get the best looks they could. Krejci loved Boston and knew his role in Boston. It was a perfect fit for both sides.

David Krejci on the ice was a warrior. Krejci made everyone around him better. In 2004, David Krejci was drafted in the 2nd round with the 63rd pick by the Bruins. He played for 16 years with the Bruins. In his 16 year career in the NHL, David Krejci had 555 assists, 231 goals which equals out to 786 points. David Krejci is 1 of 7 players in Bruins history to play in over 1,000 games, and is 5th in Bruins franchise history in assists. However, Krejci shined the brightest during the playoffs. David's effort in the playoffs earned him the nickname "Playoff Krejci". In the 2010-2011 playoffs, Krejci was a key contributor for the Bruins that ended up winning them the Stanley Cup. David had 12 goals, 11 assists, 23 points, and a plus minus of 8 in that playoffs, however the most important part of all was becoming a Stanley Cup champion. Individually, his best postseason was in the 2012-2013 postseason. Krejci had 9 goals, 17 assists which equals out to 26 points, and his plus minus was 13. A plus minus of 13 means that he is making a huge positive impact on the ice. In his career during the playoffs, Krejci had 85 assists, 43 goals which equals to 128 points, and a plus minus of 20. He is 2nd with the franchise during the postseason on assists. David is tied for 2nd in postseason points. Along with that, Krejci has played the 3rd most postseason games in Bruins history. David Krejci was a very underrated player as well as a phenomenal teammate to others

If you could describe David Krejci's career in 3 words, it would be influencer, playmaker, and warrior. Off the ice just like every Bruins player, his efforts with the Boston Bruins foundation, where he and others give back to the community is what it is all about. David Krejci's presence in the locker room will forsure be missed along with his ability to make his teammates better. Despite not being the loudest and most flashy player in Bruins history, Krejci will go down as one of the greatest Bruins of all time. Bruins fans thank you David Krejci for

everything that you have done for the city of Boston, and the Boston Bruins. We all wish you and your family nothing but the best in retirement, and the fans cannot wait till the day your number 46 is hanging in the rafters at TD Garden.