



MIKA ZIBANEJAD



STATS

Shoots: Right
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 203
Born: 4/18/1993
Birthplace: Stockholm, SWE

POSITION

CENTER
#93

BIO

Acquired by the Rangers in a trade with Ottawa on July 18, 2016, Mika Zibanejad has collected 740 points (20G, 42A) and a plus-22 rating in 930 games across 14 seasons. He skated in his 900th career NHL game on Feb. 2 vs. Vegas, recorded his 700th career point on Jan. 2 vs. Boston and notched his 400th career assist on Jan. 5 vs. Chicago. He has now recorded 40+ assists in fourth straight years. His eight overtime goals rank first in Rangers history and his 108 power play goals are tied for third. A respected voice in the locker room, he has served as an alternate captain since 2018-19. The Stockholm, Sweden native was originally a first-round draft selection (sixth overall) of the Senators in 2011.

ONE-TIMERS

Nickname: Miks, Miklo
Talent he'd want: Ability to sing
Actor who would play him: Jake Gyllenhaal
Dream dinner guest: Kevin Hart
Favorite superhero: Superman
Favorite athlete to watch: Zlatan Ibrahimovic
First jersey: Rivaldo Barcelona soccer jersey
Collects: Hats and Manchester United jerseys
Most listened to artist: The Chainsmokers
Favorite meal: Yellowtail taquitos from Sushisamba
Favorite movie: Rush Hour
Favorite place to visit: Los Angeles

LOOSE PUCKS

- Parents are Mehrdad and Ritva. Mehrdad, an IT specialist, grew up in Iran and played soccer and volleyball for the Iranian national team before eventually moving to Sweden. Ritva, a nurse, is originally from Finland
- Has an older brother, Monir Kalgoum, who played professional hockey in Europe through the 2011-12 season
- Chose the #93 because it's his birth year
- Played soccer and tennis growing up in addition to hockey
- Grew up a huge fan of Manchester United and David Beckham
- First job was working at a sports equipment store
- Claims the show *Friends* helped him learn English. Said Mika: "I've seen every episode about 30 times. I fall asleep to it every night."