

BLAKE WHEELER



SHOOTS: RIGHT
HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 220
BORN: AUGUST 31, 1986
BIRTHPLACE: PLYMOUTH, MN

#17
RIGHT WING

Blake Wheeler is entering his 16th NHL season after spending the last 12 with the Winnipeg Jets organization, where he is the team's all-time leader in points (812) and assists (550) and ranked third all-time in goals (262). Selected by the Phoenix Coyotes in the first round (fifth overall) of the 2004 NHL Draft, Wheeler has amassed 922 points (312G, 610A) in 1,118 career games with Boston, Atlanta and Winnipeg, ranking third among all players from the 2004 draft class in goals, assists and points. The Plymouth, Minnesota, native has represented the United States at the 2006 IIHF World Junior Championship, 2011 IIHF World Championship, 2014 Olympics, and 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

ONE TIMERS

Nickname: Wheels
Favorite musical artist: Drake, Notorious B.I.G.
Favorite TV show: Friends
Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving
Favorite subject in school: History
Favorite meal: Chipotle burrito
Favorite movie: The Sandlot
Dream dinner guest: Abraham Lincoln
Best advice he's ever been given: Be yourself
On his bucket list: Going on a safari
Talent he'd most like to have: Playing a musical instrument
First job: Mowing lawns

LOOSE PUCKS

- Parents are Jim and Pat. His dad played minor league baseball in the Detroit Tigers organization. Also has a sister, Brooke
- Blake and his wife, Sam, have three kids: Louie (10), Leni (8) and Mase (6), and two dogs: a German Shephard named Arrow and a Bulldog/Terrier mix named Tobi
- Says his most memorable goal was scoring the game winner in overtime of the WCHA Final Five championship game in 2007
- Grew up a fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Randy Moss was one of his favorite players to watch
- Lists Justin Jefferson, Patrick Mahomes, Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy as favorite current athletes to watch

THIS SEASON

- Made his Rangers debut on Oct. 12 at Buffalo and scored his first goal as a Ranger on Nov. 9 vs. Minnesota