

BLAKE WHEELER



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

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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

- Finished with 21 points (9G, 12A) in 54 games
- Made his Rangers debut on Oct. 12 at Buffalo and scored his first goal as a Ranger on Nov. 9 vs. Minnesota