

ERIK GUSTAFSSON



SHOOTS: LEFT

HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 197

BORN: MARCH 14, 1992

BIRTHPLACE: NYNASHAMN, SWEDEN

#56
DEFENSEMAN

Gustafsson played the majority of the 2022-23 season with the Washington Capitals, producing 38 points (7G, 31A) in 61 games, pacing all Washington defensemen in points and assists and finishing tied for second in goals. He totaled 42 points (7G, 35A) in 70 combined contests with Toronto and Washington during the 2022-23 campaign. Originally selected by Edmonton in the fourth round (93rd overall) in the 2012 NHL Draft, Gustafsson has recorded 191 points (39G, 152A) in 379 career NHL games with Chicago, Calgary, Philadelphia, Montreal, Toronto and Washington. The Nynashamn, Sweden, native played two seasons for Frolunda in the Swedish Hockey League from 2013-15 and represented his country at the IIHF World Championship in 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2022.

ONE TIMERS

Nickname: Gus

Favorite athlete growing up: Nicklas Lidstrom

Favorite meal: Steak

Favorite movie: Lone Survivor

Favorite TV show: Entourage

Favorite place to visit: Spain

Favorite video game: Call of Duty

Most listened to musical artist: Luke Combs

Talent he'd most like to have: Golf

Something in his fridge at all times: Sparkling water

THIS SEASON

- Made his Rangers debut on Oct. 12 at Buffalo and recorded his first goal as a Ranger on Oct. 14 at Columbus
- Recorded his 200th career point on Nov. 9 vs. Minnesota, becoming the 10th defenseman from the 2012 NHL Draft to reach the mark
- Appeared in his 400th career game on Nov. 29 vs. Detroit

LOOSE PUCKS

- Parents are Sandra and Lars. Has two brothers, Joakim and Glenn and a sister, Mikaela
- Erik and his wife, Hannah, have three daughters: Jamie (6), Celie (4) and Lusie (2)
- Says his biggest influence growing up was his dad. "He taught me how to act, not just on the ice, but also outside, just to be a good human being, and that has taken me pretty far in my life. He's been my role model as long as I can think of."
- His favorite current athletes to watch are Aaron Rodgers and Rory McIlroy
- Says his most memorable goal was the final tally of his first career hat trick on Dec. 17, 2022 vs. Toronto
- First job was working at his dad's construction company