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PHILADELPHIA FLYERS SIGN FORWARD MASSIMO RIZZO TO A TWO-YEAR, ENTRY-LEVEL CONTRACT

The Philadelphia Flyers today announced the club has signed forward **Massimo Rizzo** to a two-year, entry-level contract beginning with the 2024-25 season, according to General Manager **Daniel Briere**.

Rizzo, 22 (6/13/01), registered 44 points (10-34=44) in 30 games with the University of Denver of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) during the 2023-24 season. The 5-foot-11, 185-pound native of Burnaby, British Columbia helped the Pioneers capture their record-breaking 10th NCAA National Championship on April 13, his second national title (2021-22). The left-shot forward ranked third in the NCHC in assists and T-5th in scoring. He ranked second on the team in assists, third in points and T-5th in game-winning goals (2). The forward collected 13 multi-point games this season, including tying his career-high four points in four times: Oct. 8, Nov. 25, Jan. 19 & Jan. 20. He set a season-high eight-game point streak (5-12=17) from Oct. 7-Nov. 4 and a career-high seven-game assist streak (2-10=12) from Nov. 24-Jan. 5. He was named to the NCHC All-Conference Second Team, National Co-Player of the Month for October, NCHC's Player of the Month for October and NCHC's Player of the Week (Oct. 30).

Rizzo totaled 126 points (39-87=126), 10 power-play goals and seven GWG in 107 career games with the University of Denver in three seasons (2021-24). He was named to the NCHC Academic All-Conference Team twice (2021-22 & 2022-23), a 2022-23 Hobey Baker Award nominee, named All-NCHC First Team (2022-23), NCHC Forward of the Week twice (Jan. 9, 2023; Feb. 13, 2023), Finalist for NCHC Forward of the Year (2022-23), Finalist for NCHC Rookie of the Year (2021-22), NCHC Rookie of the Month (Oct. 2021) and NCHC Rookie of the Week (Oct. 11, 2021).

Rizzo's rights were acquired by Philadelphia on Aug. 9, 2023, along with a fifth-round selection in the 2025 NHL Draft from the Carolina Hurricanes in exchange for the rights to forward **David Kase**. Rizzo was originally selected by the Hurricanes in the seventh round (216th overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft. Prior to joining the Pioneers, he totaled 122 points (43-79=122) in 132 career games with Penticton and Coquitlam of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) in parts of four seasons (2016-20).

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