

IGOR SHESTERKIN



CATCHES: LEFT
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 189
BORN: DECEMBER 30, 1995
BIRTHPLACE: MOSCOW, RUSSIA

#31
GOALTENDER

Selected by the Rangers in the fourth round (118th) overall of the 2014 NHL Draft, Shesterkin finished with a 37-13-8 record, 2.48 goals-against average and a .916 save percentage in 2022-23 and was an NHL All-Star. He led the league in save percentage (.935) and goals-against average (2.07) in 2021-22, winning the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goaltender. Since he entered the league in 2019-20, Shesterkin is tied for first in among goaltenders in save percentage (.924) and ranks fifth in goals-against average (2.37), and his 73 wins over the last two seasons are tied for first in the league (Andrei Vasilevski) over that time frame. The crafty netminder appeared in 117 career games with SKA St. Petersburg in the KHL, going 88-19-15 with a 1.68 goals-against average and .935 save percentage.

ONE TIMERS

Nickname: Shesty

Talent he'd most like to have: Ability to sing

Hidden talent: "I'm a good soccer player."

Actor that would play him in a movie: Robert Downey Jr.

On his bucket list: Write a book

Favorite meal: Borsch

TV show: Prison Break and Money Heist

Musician: L'One

Place to visit: Hawaii

LOOSE PUCKS

- Recorded his 100th career win on Oct. 12 at Buffalo. Shesterkin reached his 100th victory in his 159th game, becoming the sixth goaltender in NHL history to reach 100 wins in fewer than 160 contests
- Shesterkin had a career-high 37 wins in 2022-23, tied for the third most in the NHL
- Shesterkin went 36-13-4 with a league-leading 2.07 GAA and .935 save percentage in 2021-22, joining Henrik Lundqvist as the only Rangers goalies to finish a season leading the NHL in both save percentage and goals-against average (min. 40 GP).
- In 2021-22, Shesterkin posted the highest single-season save percentage in Rangers history among goaltenders who made 30 or more appearances.
- Shesterkin's save percentage in 2021-22 was the third highest in NHL history among goaltenders who played 50 or more games, behind Tim Thomas (2010-11 - .938) and Dominik Hasek (1998-99 - .937).
- He is the first Russian-born goaltender to play in a game for the Rangers
- Parents are Oleg and Elena. Oleg played professional soccer in Russia
- Lists his hockey idol as Henrik Lundqvist

THIS SEASON

- Played his 200th career game on March 9 vs. St. Louis and earned his second shutout of the season and 13th of his career
- His 126 wins through 200 games is the third-most by a goaltender through the 200-game mark in NHL history (Bill Durnan - 134, Michel Larocque - 127)
- Has earned points in 10 of his last 12 starts (8-2-2)
- Was named the NHL's Third Star for the month of February and was the Third Star of the Week for the week ending Feb. 25
- Earned his first shutout of the season and 12th of his career on Feb. 12 vs. Calgary
- Selected to the 2024 NHL All-Star Game, his second straight year earning the nod. Shesterkin is the sixth Rangers goaltender to earn All-Star Game honors in consecutive seasons
- Won five consecutive starts from Dec. 16-30, allowing two or fewer goals in four of them
- Earned his 100th career win on Oct. 12 at Buffalo