

Selected by the Rangers in the second round (63rd overall) of the 2022 NHL Draft, Sykora spent the majority of the 2022-23 season with HK Nitra in the Slovakia league, where he recorded 21 points (8G, 13A) in 38 games. He joined Hartford at the end of the season, appearing in two regular-season contests and four playoff outings, tallying an assist. The Piestany, Slovakia, native represented his country at the HHF World Junior Championship in 2022 and 2023 and at the HHF World Championship in 2022. He helped Slovakia capture the silver medal at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup in 2021-22.

## **ONE TIMERS**

Nickname: Syky

What he'd be doing for a career if not playing hockey: Hockey

Superpower he'd most like to have: Flying Actor that would play him in a movie: Chris Hemsworth

Gameday meal: Rice with meat and veggies

Superhero: Thor

Most listened to artist: Imagine Dragons

Other sport he'd like to play professionally: In-line hockey,

Gameshow he'd most like to compete on: Survivor

**Movie: Vikings** 

TV show: SuperStar (International Pop Idol show)

Favorite place to visit: New York

## LOOSE PUCKS

- Represented Slovakia at the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship, recording two points (1G, 1A) in five games
- Parents are Roman and Adriana. Roman is a hockey coach in Slovakia at the Under-17 level.
- Has one sister, Sofia
- Was really excited to come to New York and see all the big buildings and the Statue of Liberty. Had a great time at the Yankees game with other players at Development Camp.
- Grew up a fan of the Boston Bruins
- · Lists his hockey idol growing up as Brad Marchand
- Before games, he listens to motivation music and techno music