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Center

Born March 28, 1948 in Pori, Finland

Height: 6' 3" Weight: 207 lbs.

Veli-Pekka Ketola turned down an offer from the NHL's Detroit Red Wings to sign a three-year contract with the Winnipeg Jets in the summer of 1974.

After starring in Finland with his hometown team, Assat Pori, Ketola was a regular contributor for most of the next three seasons and helped the Jets to their first AVCO Cup championship in 1975-1976.

Late in the 1976-1977 season, Ketola was traded to the Calgary Cowboys, where he finished the year. After the Cowboys folded, Ketola returned to Pori for four seasons before spending the 1981-1982 season with the Colorado Rockies.

Scoring Statistics

		<u>Regular Season</u>					<u>Playoffs</u>						
<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>
1974-1975	Winnipeg Jets	74	23	28	51	25							
1975-1976	Winnipeg Jets	80	32	36	68	32	1975-1976	Winnipeg Jets	13	7	5	12	2
1976-1977	Calgary Cowboys	17	4	6	10	2							
1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets	64	25	29	54	59							

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
12	1974-1975	Winnipeg Jets
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12	1976-1977	Calgary Cowboys

Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
August 1974	Cleveland Crusaders trade the rights to Veli-Pekka Ketola to Winnipeg Jets for future considerations.
March 9, 1977	Winnipeg Jets trade Veli-Pekka Ketola and Hexi Riihiranta to Calgary Cowboys for Mike Ford, Danny Lawson and Calgary's first-round draft choice in the 1977 Amateur Draft.

Draft History

Selected by Cleveland Crusaders in 1972 General Player Draft (Finland).