



## Perry Miller



Perry Elvin Miller

Defense/Left Wing

Born June 24, 1952 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Height: 6' 1" Weight: 194 lbs.

Perry Miller signed with the Winnipeg Jets, his hometown team, in the summer of 1974.

Known for being a hard skater, good shooter, mean hipchecker, and renowned fighter, upon his arrival, coach Rudy Pilous converted him from a defenseman to a left winger and though he often struggled in his new position, he handled it well and the Jets re-signed him to a new two-year contract the following off-season.

In October 1975, Miller was high-sticked by Bernie MacNeil of the Cincinnati Stingers, prompting teammate Bobby Hull to sit out one game to protest the growing level of violence in pro hockey.

Later that season, Miller was dealt to the Minnesota Fighting Saints, but after 13 games with his new team, the Fighting Saints folded and Miller was returned to the Jets.

In 1976-1977, Miller was switched back to defense and, according to coach Bobby Kromm, became the Jets' most consistent defenseman that season as the Jets advanced to the AVCO Cup finals for the second consecutive year.

On 1 February 1977, Miller scored four times in an 11-1 rout over the Edmonton Oilers and set a WHA record for most goals by a defenseman in one game.

In the summer of 1977, Miller signed with the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. He spent the next five seasons in the Red Wings' organization before retiring.

### 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	67	9	19	28	133							
1975-1976	Minnesota Fighting Saints	13	1	4	5	11							
1975-1976	Winnipeg Jets	47	7	6	13	41							
1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets	74	14	31	45	124	1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets	20	4	6	10	27

### Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
8	1974-1975	Winnipeg Jets
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11	1975-1976	Minnesota Fighting Saints
25	1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets

### Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
September 1974	Winnipeg Jets sign Perry Miller as a free agent.
January 22, 1976	Winnipeg Jets trade Perry Miller to Minnesota Fighting Saints for Gerry Odrowski.
March 12, 1976	Winnipeg Jets sign Perry Miller as a free agent.