



Kent Nilsson



Kent Ake Nilsson
Honored Member of the WHA Hall of Fame
Center
Born August 31, 1956 in Nynashamn, Sweden
Height: 6' 1" Weight: 185 lbs.

Kent Nilsson signed with the Winnipeg Jets in the summer of 1977 and enjoyed two prolific seasons in a Jets' uniform. He recorded 107 points in both of his WHA seasons and helped lead the Jets to two AVCO Cup championships. He was named the WHA's rookie of the year in 1977-1978 and the league's most gentlemanly player in 1978-1979. Following the 1978-1979 season, as they prepared to enter the NHL, the Jets were forced to leave his rights unprotected and he was reclaimed by the Atlanta Flames. Nilsson went on to score 264 goals in 553 NHL games with the Flames, Minnesota North Stars, and Edmonton Oilers.

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>
1977-1978	Winnipeg Jets	80	42	65	107	8	1977-1978	Winnipeg Jets	9	2	8	10	10
1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	78	39	68	107	8	1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets	10	3	11	14	4

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
11	1977-1978	Winnipeg Jets
11	1978-1979	Winnipeg Jets

Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
July 29, 1977	Winnipeg Jets sign Kent Nilsson as a free agent.

Draft History

Selected by Toronto Toros in 1976 Amateur Draft (round 1, #11 overall) (Sweden).