



Ulf Nilsson



Ulf Gosta Nilsson
Honored Member of the WHA Hall of Fame
Center

Born May 11, 1950 in Nynashamn, Sweden
Height: 5' 11" Weight: 176 lbs.

Ulf Nilsson signed with the Winnipeg Jets along with fellow countryman Anders Hedberg in early May 1974 and centered the Hot Line, as it came to be known, with Hedberg on his right and Bobby Hull on his left. The line was dominant for its four seasons together and was one of the best trios in hockey history.

In playing the role of playmaker with two gifted scorers on either side, Nilsson racked up 344 assists over four seasons and recorded over 100 points in each of those seasons.

Nilsson was the most valuable player of the 1976 playoffs in leading the Jets to their first AVCO Cup championship and was also a First Team All-Star that season. He was a Second Team All-Star in 1976-1977, a First Team All-Star in 1977-1978, and played in the annual mid-season All-Star Game in each of his four seasons in the WHA.

Nilsson joined teammate Anders Hedberg in signing with the NHL's New York Rangers for 1978-1979, but a series of injuries cut his career short in New York.

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	78	26	94	120	79							
1975-1976	Winnipeg Jets	78	38	76	114	84	1975-1976	Winnipeg Jets	13	7	19	26	6
1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets	71	39	85	124	89	1976-1977	Winnipeg Jets	20	6	21	27	33
1977-1978	Winnipeg Jets	73	37	89	126	89	1977-1978	Winnipeg Jets	9	1	13	14	12

Jersey Numbers

<u>#</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>
14	1974-1975	Winnipeg Jets
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Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
May 3, 1974	Winnipeg Jets sign Ulf Nilsson as a free agent.