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	Rypien in 2009
Born	May 16, 1984 <div> Blairmore, Alberta, Canada</div>
Died	August 15, 2011 (aged 27) <div> Crownsnest Pass, Alberta, Canada</div>
Height	5 ft 11 in (180 cm)
Weight	194 lb (88 kg; 13 st 12 lb)
Position	Centre
Shot	Right
Played for	Vancouver Canucks Manitoba Moose
NHL Draft	Undrafted
Playing career	2005–2011

Rick Joseph Rypien (May 16, 1984 – August 15, 2011) was a [Canadian](#) professional [ice hockey centre](#). He played for the [Vancouver Canucks](#) of the [National Hockey League](#) (NHL).

He was a very tough player and used to play for the [Manitoba Moose](#) of the [American Hockey League](#) (AHL), who were the Canucks partner in the AHL. Rypien played four seasons with the [Regina Pats](#), a junior team in the [Western Hockey League](#) (WHL) before going to the Moose in [2005](#). The following [season](#) he started playing for the Canucks. He has been injured a lot in the NHL and has missed many games because of that.

He signed a one-year, \$700,000 contract with the [Winnipeg Jets](#) but he died before training camp. His body was found in his home on August 15, 2011 by police. His death was later confirmed to be a suicide^[1] Rypien had struggled with [clinical depression](#) throughout his career.^[2] After his death, an autopsy revealed that Rypien had been suffering from [chronic traumatic encephalopathy](#) (CTE).^[3]

Career statistics

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Season	Team	League	Regular season					Playoffs				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2001–02	Crownsnest Pass Timberwolves	AJHL	57	12	10	22	143	—	—	—	—	—

2001-02	Regina Pats	WHL	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—
2002-03	Regina Pats	WHL	50	6	12	18	159	5	1	1	2	21
2003-04	Regina Pats	WHL	65	19	26	45	186	4	0	1	1	18
2004-05	Regina Pats	WHL	63	22	29	51	148	—	—	—	—	—
2004-05	Manitoba Moose	AHL	8	1	1	2	5	14	0	0	0	35
2005-06	Manitoba Moose	AHL	49	9	6	15	122	13	1	1	2	22
2005-06	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	5	1	0	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
2006-07	Manitoba Moose	AHL	14	3	3	6	35	—	—	—	—	—
2006-07	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	2	0	0	0	5	—	—	—	—	—
2007-08	Manitoba Moose	AHL	34	3	11	14	81	6	0	0	0	10
2007-08	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	22	1	2	3	41	—	—	—	—	—
2008-09	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	12	3	0	3	19	10	0	2	2	40
2008-09	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	69	4	4	8	126	7	0	1	1	7
2010-11	Vancouver Canucks	NHL	9	0	1	1	31	-	-	-	-	-
2010-11	Manitoba Moose	AHL	11	0	2	2	9	7	1	0	1	10
NHL totals			119	9	7	16	226	17	0	3	3	47
AHL totals			116	16	23	39	252	40	2	1	3	77

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