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Nippon Paper Cranes

The **Nippon Paper Cranes** (日本製紙クレインズ *Nippon Seishi Kureinzu*) are an [Asia League Ice Hockey](#) team based in [Kushiro City](#) in [Hokkaidō](#), [Japan](#).

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History

The club were founded as Jūjō Paper Kushiro Ice Hockey Club in 1949. They adopted the new name Nippon Paper Cranes in 1994 when **Jūjō Paper** and **Sanyō Kokusaku Pulp** merged to form [Nippon Paper](#).

They won the inaugural Asia League in the 2003-04 season, and have won it three more times since then. They also have won the All Japan Championship six times.

Honours

- [Asia League:](#)


▪ *Winners (4):* [2003-04](#), [2006–07](#), [2008–09](#), 2013–14
- [All Japan Championship:](#)

▪ *Winners (6):* 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014

Current roster

updated September 10, 2009^[1]

Goaltenders					
#	Country	Player	Catches Acquired		Place of Birth
31		Ohsima Ryoustake	L	2006	Tokyo, Japan
42		Kiyokawa Kazuhiko	L	2008	Tomakomai, Japan
61		Ishikawa Hisashi	L	2004	Yokohama, Japan

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City	Kushiro, Hokkaidō
League	Asia League Ice Hockey
Founded	1949
Home arena	Kushiro Ice Arena (capacity 3,000)
Colours	
Owner(s)	Nippon Paper Group
General manager	Kaoru Shimanuki, Osamu Ono
Head coach	Syunji Tanaka
Website	http://www.nipponpapergroup.com/cranes/index.html



Kiyokawa Kazuhiko in goal for the Paper Cranes wearing the away jersey.

Defencemen

#	Country	Player	Shoots Acquired		Place of Birth
2		<u>Tonosaki Jun – A</u>	L	2006	<u>Sapporo, Japan</u>
3		<u>Itoh Kengo</u>	R	1997	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
4		<u>Sakata Shun</u>	L	2010	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
5		<u>Ebina Masahiro</u>	L	2010	<u>Hachinohe, Japan</u>
15		<u>Sato Ikuya</u>	R	2011	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
23		<u>Osawa Hideyuki</u>	R	2001	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
33		<u>Kito Toshiyuki</u>	L	2006	<u>Makubetsu, Japan</u>
77		<u>Yanadori Shinya</u>	L	2009	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>

Forwards

#	Country	Player	Position	Shoots Acquired		Place of Birth
1		<u>Imamura Yutaro</u>	C/W	L	2007	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
9		<u>Takagi Kenta</u>			2012	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
10		<u>Oren Eizenman</u>	C	L	2012	<u>Toronto, Canada</u>
11		<u>Nishiwaki Masahito – A</u>	LW	R	2004	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
14		<u>Ebata Hayato</u>	C	L	2010	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
16		<u>Obara Daisuke – C</u>	C	L	2009	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
17		<u>Imura Yoshinori</u>	C/W	R	2006	<u>Obihiro, Japan</u>
18		<u>Shigeno Shunsuke</u>	C		2012	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
19		<u>Sato Hiroshi</u>	C/W	L	2002	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>
22		<u>Shin Hyung yun</u>			2012	<u>Korea</u>
47		<u>Kubo Naoya</u>	C/W	R	2008	<u>Tomakomai, Japan</u>
50		<u>Kokubo</u>	LW	L	2009	<u>Kushiro, Japan</u>

		Hidenao											
75		Chris Yule	C/W	L	2008	Edmonton, Canada							
79		Sakagami Motoki	RW	R	2010	Kushiro, Japan							

Year-by-year record

complete records for previous seasons^[2]

Season	GP	W	W(OT)	W(GWS)*	T	L(GWS)*	L(OT)	L	GF	GA	PTS	Finish	Playoffs
2003-04	16	13	0	—	0	—	0	3	80	49	39	1st/5	Won League
2004-05	42	31	0	—	5	—	0	6	206	85	98	1st/8	Lost in finals
2005-06	38	30	2	—	1	—	0	5	240	66	95	1st/9	Lost in finals
2006-07	34	27	1	—	1	—	2	3	198	79	86	1st/8	Won championship
2007-08	30	15	1	—	2	—	1	11	97	85	50	4th/7	Lost in finals
2008-09	36	18	3	2	—	2	3	8	120	95	69	4th/7	Won championship
2009-10	36	18	3	3	—	2	0	10	128	101	68	3rd/7	Lost in finals
2010-11	36	21	2	1	—	3	2	7	141	95	74	2nd/7	Lost in semi-finals
2011-12	36	16	1	3	—	1	1	14	128	110	58	4th/7	Lost in semi-finals
2012-13	42	17	4	6	—	3	3	9	176	130	77	3rd/7	Lost in semi-finals
Totals	346	205	17	15	9	12	11	76	1514	895	-	-	3 Championships

*prior to the 2008–2009 season, there were no shoot-outs and games ended in a tie

Past import players

- Joel Dyck 2003-2009, D
- Chris Lindberg 2004-05, LW (Former Flames/Nordiques)
- Derek Plante 2005-07, D (Former Sabres/Stars/Blackhawks/Flyers)
- Jamie McLennan 2007-08, G (Former Islanders/Blues/Wild/Flames/Rangers)
- Tyson Nash 2007-08, LW (Former Blues/Coyotes)
- Kelly Fairchild 2008-09, C (Former Leafs/Stars/Avalanche)
- Brad Tiley 2008-09, D (Former Coyotes/Flyers)
- Pierre-Olivier Beaulieu 2009-10, D
- Ash Goldie 2010-11, FW
- Mike Madill 2010-11, D
- Ray DiLauro 2011, D
- Tyler Mosienko 2011-12, C
- John Hecimovic 2011-12, RW

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External links

- [Official website \(http://www.nipponpapergroup.com/cranes/index.html\)](http://www.nipponpapergroup.com/cranes/index.html) (in Japanese)
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