

= Paul Reinhart =

Paul Gerard Reinhart (born January 6 , 1960) is a Canadian former professional ice hockey defenceman who played for the Atlanta Flames , Calgary Flames and Vancouver Canucks in the National Hockey League (NHL) . He was a first round selection by the Flames , 12th overall , at the 1979 NHL Entry Draft with whom he immediately broke into the NHL . He relocated with the franchise to Calgary in 1980 , playing a total of nine seasons with the Flames franchise until he was traded to Vancouver in 1988 . He was a two @-@ time all @-@ star and played with Team Canada on three occasions , winning bronze medals at the World Championships in 1982 and 1983 . Chronic back problems plagued him throughout his career and forced his retirement in 1990 . Settling in Vancouver following his playing career , Reinhart became a stock market financier and investor . He was briefly involved with the Vancouver Ravens of the National Lacrosse League in the early 2000s .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior = = =

Reinhart began his junior career with his hometown Kitchener Rangers of the Ontario Major Junior Hockey League (OMJHL) in 1975 ? 76 , scoring 39 points in 53 games . He had been a protected player of the Rangers ? signed directly by the team without his having to go through the league 's draft ? but when the OMJHL eliminated the rules allowing teams to protect midget @-@ aged players following the season , he was made eligible for the 1976 draft . The Peterborough Petes claimed him with the third overall selection in the June 1976 draft , despite the fact that Reinhart and his family made it known he would refuse to play for any team other than Kitchener . His agent , Alan Eagleson , threatened to take the team and league to court in a bid to force them to respect Reinhart 's wishes . The dispute was not settled until November when the Petes traded Reinhart to Kitchener as part of a three @-@ team trade that involved the Oshawa Generals . The league had to rescind a rule prohibiting teams from trading first round draft picks to allow the deal to pass and to avoid the threat of litigation by Eagleson .

On the ice , Reinhart scored a total of 104 points as a defenceman with the Rangers between 1975 and 1978 before breaking out offensively in the 1978 ? 79 season after moving centre for the majority of the campaign . He scored 51 goals and 78 assists for 129 points in 66 games to finish fifth overall in OMJHL scoring . The team 's captain in his final year , Reinhart won numerous team honours during his four years in Kitchener including three awards for having the " best defensive ability " on the team .

= = = Professional = = =

The Atlanta Flames selected Reinhart with their first round selection , 12th overall , at the 1979 NHL Entry Draft . Though he had been set to join Team Canada for the 1980 Winter Olympics , the Flames convinced Reinhart to sign with the team and begin his professional career instead . Joining the Flames for the 1979 ? 80 NHL season , the 19 @-@ year @-@ old Reinhart became the youngest player to appear for the team at that point in franchise history . He appeared in 79 games for Atlanta , finishing as the team 's highest scoring defenceman . His total of 47 points was second to Ray Bourque for the overall lead amongst rookie defencemen .

Transferring to Calgary along with the franchise in 1980 ? 81 , Reinhart improved to 67 points during the regular season and tied for the league lead in playoff assists with 14 . He was named to the Canadian entry for the 1981 Canada Cup tournament , but suffered an ankle injury and appeared in only two games . He remained an offensive catalyst for the team , scoring 61 points in 1981 ? 82 and set a franchise record for points by a defenceman with 75 in 1982 ? 83 . His career total of 250 points also set a Flames franchise record for a defenceman . He returned to Team

Canada following both seasons to play in the World Championships . He won bronze medals with the team in both 1982 and 1983 , and was named Team Canada 's top defenceman in 1983 .

Reinhart suffered a serious injury midway through the 1983 ? 84 season . Skating behind his net during a game against the Winnipeg Jets , his skate caught a rut and he twisted his back as he fell . He had to be carried off the ice on a stretcher , and was initially diagnosed with back spasms . He was later diagnosed as having suffered a herniated disc . He missed 51 games as a result of the injury , but scored a goal and an assist on his return , a 4 ? 1 victory over the Hartford Whalers . Despite missing the majority of the season , Reinhart was the Flames ' offensive leader in the 1984 playoffs , leading the team and finishing first amongst all players who did not reach the finals with 17 points .

Though he turned down an offer to play with Team Canada at the 1984 Canada Cup due to his back , Reinhart remained healthy for the 1984 ? 85 season , scoring a career high 23 goals to go with 67 points in 75 games . He also appeared in his first NHL All @-@ Star Game , playing in front of his home fans at the 1985 game in Calgary . Recurring back spasms again forced him to miss much of the 1985 ? 86 season ; he was limited to 32 games . Reinhart remained healthy in 1986 ? 87 , finishing fourth in the league amongst defencemen with 69 points . He scored his 100th career goal , playing at centre , while recording a hat trick in a 6 ? 5 win over the Edmonton Oilers on November 24 , 1986 . His chronic back issues worsened in 1987 ? 88 , as he played only 14 games for the Flames , scoring four points .

Between his back issues and the team 's desire to promote some of its younger defencemen to more prominent roles within the team , the Flames chose to trade Reinhart on September 6 , 1988 , along with Steve Bozek , to the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for a third round selection at the 1989 NHL Entry Draft . Reinhart played the majority of two seasons in Vancouver , though he missed 29 games between 1988 and 1990 . He was named an All @-@ Star for the second time in his career in 1989 , and was an offensive leader for the Canucks . He scored 57 points in both 1988 ? 89 and 1989 ? 90 , and was named the recipient of the Babe Pratt Trophy as the Canucks ' top defenceman in both seasons . However , chronic back pain forced him out of the game following that season . Reinhart announced his retirement at the age of 29 .

= = Playing style = =

Though his position for the majority of his career was in defence , his offensive ability and speed meant that his teams occasionally played him at forward . At times , the Flames had him playing 30 minutes per game as he was often used at centre while also taking regular shifts at defence . He claimed in 1982 to prefer playing forward , but realized that the organization needed him on defence to act as a quarterback for the team 's offence . Bob Johnson , his coach for the majority of his time in Calgary , said that Reinhart was the type of player that could be a " cornerstone " for a franchise .

= = Personal = =

Reinhart and his wife Theresa have three children , all of whom play hockey . Their eldest son , Maxwell , made his NHL debut with the Flames in 2013 . His middle son , Griffin Reinhart was drafted 4th overall in the 2012 NHL Entry Draft by the New York Islanders , and currently plays for the Edmonton Oilers . His youngest son , Sam , was selected 2nd overall in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres , where he currently plays . Paul and his wife spent their summers in Calgary during his playing days , where he often played with the team 's summer charity softball team , but settled in West Vancouver following the end of his NHL career .

Flames ' co @-@ owner Doc Seaman introduced Reinhart to investing and finance while he was playing with the team . He also owned a restaurant in Calgary . He now makes his living investing in start @-@ up companies . Reinhart 's investments have focused on resource exploration and medical companies and in 2011 joined the management of Vancouver @-@ based Bearing Resources Ltd . He was involved with the Vancouver Ravens franchise in the National Lacrosse League for a time , but walked away from the franchise in 2003 after claiming losses in excess of \$ 1

million . In 2014 , Reinhart partnered with another former Vancouver Canuck , Bret Hedican , investing over \$ 1 million in a sports team management start @-@ up , RosterBot , based in Vancouver .

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= = = Regular season and playoffs = = =

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