

= Ryan Getzlaf =

Ryan Getzlaf (born May 10 , 1985) is a Canadian professional ice hockey centre who currently serves as captain of the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League (NHL) . A first round selection , 19th overall , at the 2003 NHL Entry Draft , Getzlaf has played his entire professional career in the Ducks organization and ranks as one of the franchise 's all @-@ time leading scorers . He has played in three NHL All @-@ Star Games and was a member of the Ducks ' 2007 Stanley Cup championship team . A playmaker and power forward , Getzlaf has led the Ducks in assists seven times , including a franchise record of 66 in 2008 ? 09 .

As a junior , Getzlaf played four seasons with the Calgary Hitmen and was twice named to a Western Hockey League (WHL) all @-@ star team . Internationally , he has represented Canada on numerous occasions . Getzlaf was a member of the 2005 World Junior Championship squad considered the greatest in Canadian history , and won a silver medal at the 2008 IIHF World Championship . A two @-@ time Olympian , Getzlaf played with Canadian teams that won gold medals at the 2010 and 2014 Winter Games .

= = Early life = =

Getzlaf was born May 10 , 1985 , in Regina , Saskatchewan . He is the younger son of Steve and Susan Getzlaf , and has an older brother , Chris . He attended Robert Usher Collegiate in Regina .

Growing up in an athletically minded family , both Ryan and Chris were encouraged to play several sports , particularly hockey and football . Chris focused on football and ultimately joined their hometown Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League as a slotback . Ryan played tailback in football , and represented Saskatchewan as a catcher in a national youth baseball tournament , but focused on his hockey career .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior = = =

While a member of the Regina Bantam AAA Rangers in 2000 , Getzlaf was drafted into the Western Hockey League (WHL) by the Calgary Hitmen with the 54th pick in the 2000 WHL Bantam Draft . He stood 5 feet 9 inches (1 @.@ 75 m) at the time of the draft , but grew 6 inches (0 @.@ 15 m) by the time he joined the team as a 16 @-@ year @-@ old . Getzlaf made his junior debut in 2001 ? 02 and recorded 18 points in 63 games . He nearly quadrupled his offensive production as a 17 @-@ year @-@ old in 2002 ? 03 by scoring 29 goals and 68 points . His performance made him a top prospect for the 2003 National Hockey League (NHL) Entry Draft ; the NHL Central Scouting Bureau ranked Getzlaf as the fifth best North American skater in the draft and he was taken in the first round , 19th overall , by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim .

The Mighty Ducks returned Getzlaf to the Hitmen for the 2003 ? 04 season . He recorded 75 points in just 49 games and was named to the WHL 's first all @-@ star team . Due to the 2004 ? 05 NHL lockout , Getzlaf was again returned to Calgary for his fourth season of junior hockey . He was named team captain , but was briefly stripped of the title by the coaches after earning several misconduct penalties for arguing with the officials . The captaincy was restored after a couple weeks , and Getzlaf moderated his interactions with referees . He also missed time during the season after suffering a concussion as a result of a hit by Dion Phaneuf of the Red Deer Rebels . Getzlaf finished the regular season with 54 points in 51 games , and after the Hitmen were eliminated from the WHL playoffs , was assigned to the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks of the American Hockey League (AHL) for their own playoff run . Getzlaf appeared in 10 post @-@ season games for Cincinnati in his professional debut . He recorded one goal and four assists .

= = = Anaheim Ducks = = =

Getzlaf made the Mighty Ducks ' roster out of training camp and began the 2005 ? 06 season in Anaheim ; he made his NHL debut on October 5 , 2005 , against the Chicago Blackhawks . After recording his first point with an assist on October 14 against the Columbus Blue Jackets , Getzlaf scored his first NHL goal seven days later against goaltender Manny Legace of the Detroit Red Wings . Though Getzlaf had seven points in his first 16 games with Anaheim , he was demoted to the AHL 's Portland Pirates in mid @-@ November , partially to gain more playing time than he was getting in Anaheim . He appeared in 17 games for the Pirates in which he scored 8 goals and added 25 assists . Along with teammate Corey Perry , Getzlaf shared AHL co @-@ rookie of the month honours for December and while he was named to play in the 2006 AHL All @-@ Star game , Getzlaf did not appear in the contest as he was recalled to Anaheim in mid @-@ January . He completed the season in the NHL , and finished with 14 goals and 39 points in 57 regular season games , then added seven points in 16 post @-@ season contests .

In his sophomore season with the newly renamed Anaheim Ducks , Getzlaf appeared in all 82 regular season games for the team and finished with 25 goals and 58 points . He played in the YoungStars Game at the 2007 NHL All @-@ Star Game in Dallas . At the age of 22 years , Getzlaf joined with Corey Perry (21) and Dustin Penner (24) to form the Ducks ' " kid line " which emerged as a top scoring unit during a 2007 playoff run to the Stanley Cup final . Getzlaf led the Ducks in post @-@ season scoring with 17 points , at the time a franchise playoff record , as the Ducks defeated the Ottawa Senators in the final series . It was the first Stanley Cup championship in Anaheim 's franchise history .

The " kid line " was broken up prior to the 2007 ? 08 season after Penner signed a contract as a restricted free agent with the Edmonton Oilers , however Getzlaf opted to remain in Anaheim . He signed a five @-@ year , \$ 26 @. @ 625 million extension that carried through the 2012 ? 13 season . Getzlaf emerged as one of the NHL 's top young stars as he played in his first All @-@ Star Game in 2008 , and led the Ducks in both assists (58) and points (82) .

Getzlaf tied a Ducks franchise record early in the 2008 ? 09 season as he recorded five assists in a 5 ? 4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on October 29 , 2008 . One of the League 's leading scorers , Getzlaf again led the Ducks with a franchise @-@ record 66 assists , and his 91 points was sixth @-@ best in the NHL . He appeared in his second All @-@ Star Game after being voted into the starting line @-@ up for the 2009 contest by the fans . Though the Ducks were eliminated in the second round of the 2009 playoffs , Getzlaf set a franchise playoff record with 14 assists (in 13 games) , and finished sixth overall in post @-@ season scoring .

Injury , primarily an ankle sprain , reduced Getzlaf to 66 games played in 2009 ? 10 . He still led the Ducks with 50 assists , and was second in team scoring with 69 points . Scott Niedermayer retired as a player following the season , and the Ducks named Getzlaf his successor as team captain prior to the 2010 ? 11 season . Ducks ' Head Coach Randy Carlyle described the promotion of the 25 @-@ year @-@ old in terms of Getzlaf 's maturation as an NHL player . He added , " We felt that with it being his sixth season in the League , now is the time for the transition and the veteran players agreed with us . " During the season , he suffered multiple nasal sinus fractures after being struck in the face by a puck , and consequently appeared in only 67 games ; he recorded 19 goals . Getzlaf 's 57 assists ranked fourth in the NHL and he added six points in six post @-@ season contests , including his 50th career playoff point .

Getzlaf played his 500th career game on March 12 , 2012 , a 3 ? 2 loss to the Colorado Avalanche . He played all 82 games for the Ducks in 2011 ? 12 and led the team with 46 assists . Another milestone came late in the 2012 ? 13 season as Getzlaf recorded his 500th point on March 8 , 2013 , with an assist on a Bobby Ryan goal in a 4 ? 0 win over the Calgary Flames . On the same day , the Ducks signed Getzlaf to an eight @-@ year contract extension that runs through the 2021 ? 22 season and is worth \$ 66 million . He finished the lockout @-@ shortened campaign as the team leader in assists (34) and points (49) , and tied for the team lead with 15 goals .

In 2013 ? 14 , Getzlaf recorded a career @-@ high 31 goals and finished second to Sidney Crosby in League scoring with 87 points . Getzlaf was named to the Second All @-@ Star Team and was a first @-@ time finalist for the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL 's most valuable player . He finished

as the runner @-@ up to Crosby .

In the final seconds of Anaheim 's opening contest in the 2014 playoffs , against the Dallas Stars , Getzlaf suffered lacerations and bruises after blocking a shot with his face . He returned for the second game of the series , but missed the following two games due an undisclosed " upper body injury . " Getzlaf returned for the remainder of his team 's playoff run , and recorded 15 points in 12 post @-@ season games before the Ducks were eliminated in the second round by the Los Angeles Kings .

In the 2015 playoffs , Getzlaf tied the previous Ducks record for most assists in a post @-@ season ? which he himself set in 2009 ? at 14 when he provided the primary assist on teammate Simon Després ' game @-@ winning goal in Game 3 of the Western Conference Finals against the Chicago Blackhawks on May 22 , 2015 .

= = = International = = =

Getzlaf made his international debut as a member of the seventh @-@ place Canada @-@ West entry at the 2002 World U17 Hockey Challenge in Manitoba . The following year , he joined the Canadian under @-@ 18 team at the 2003 IIHF World U18 Championships . In seven games at the tournament , Getzlaf recorded two goals and two assists as Canada , in its second appearance at the event , won the nation 's first gold medal at the U18 level .

Moving up to the national junior team , Getzlaf made his first of two appearances at the World Junior Hockey Championship in 2004 . He recorded six points in six games for a dominant Canadian squad that scored 25 goals in its four round @-@ robin games and surrendered only four en route to a gold medal showdown with the United States . With Canada leading 3 ? 1 early in the third period of the final , both Getzlaf and Sidney Crosby failed to capitalize on opportunities to add an extra goal that may have sealed a victory . Instead , Canada surrendered the lead , and Getzlaf and his teammates were forced to settle for the silver medal after goaltender Marc @-@ André Fleury accidentally sent a clearing pass off a teammate and into his own net for the game @-@ winning goal .

The 2004 ? 05 lockout ensured that several players who would otherwise have been playing in the NHL , including Getzlaf , were available to return to the national team for the 2005 World Junior Championship . One of 12 players with previous experience at the tournament for Canada , Getzlaf was a leading player for what many observers have called the greatest team in the tournament 's history . With 12 points in 6 games , Getzlaf finished second in overall scoring to teammate Patrice Bergeron 's 13 . He scored one goal and added two assists in the championship game against Russia as the Canadians won the gold medal by a 6 ? 1 score ; it was the nation 's first title in eight years at the event .

Getzlaf made his first appearance with the senior team at the 2008 World Championship . He led the tournament with 11 assists and his 14 points was second overall to teammate Dany Heatley 's 20 . Canada reached the championship game , but were forced to settle for the silver medal after Russia overcame a two @-@ goal third period deficit and won the championship 5 ? 4 in overtime . Getzlaf was named to the Canadian roster for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver , however a sprained ankle suffered during the NHL season left his participation in doubt until just before Canada was required to confirm its roster . He had recovered enough to play and recorded seven points in seven games , including the game @-@ winning goal in Canada 's 3 ? 2 semi @-@ final victory over Slovakia . Canada won the gold medal with a 3 ? 2 overtime victory over the United States .

Two years later , Getzlaf served as Canada 's captain at the 2012 World Championship . He tied for second in team scoring with nine points in eight games . However , Canada was eliminated in the quarterfinal against Slovakia , 4 ? 3 . Getzlaf was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct late in the game for kneeing Juraj Mikú? . A dejected Getzlaf lamented the result and his penalty following the game : " It hurts like hell right now . I feel like I let the guys down . To be in a hard @-@ fought game like that and play the tournament we did and lose in that fashion , it 's not easy to swallow as a group . "

Returning to the Canadian roster for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi , Getzlaf 's play was cited , along with that of fellow centres Sidney Crosby and Jonathan Toews , as being one of the key aspects of Canada 's successful defence of their Olympic title . Canada defeated Sweden by a 3 ? 0 score to win the gold medal and repeat as Olympic champions .

= = Playing style = =

Getzlaf is known as a power forward with excellent playmaking skills . The Hockey News describes Getzlaf as being " the complete package " and praises his all @-@ round game . He is credited as having both a powerful shot and willingness to engage in physical play , but also criticized for taking poor penalties at times and occasionally passing despite being in a quality shooting location . One of the league 's top passers , Getzlaf has led the Ducks in assists for eight consecutive seasons between 2008 and 2015 ; he has also led the team in points five times . With 678 career points through the 2014 ? 15 season , Getzlaf is the second @-@ leading scorer in Ducks franchise history behind only Teemu Selänne (985) . He and winger Corey Perry have formed one of the NHL 's most potent scoring tandems ; both were top five in NHL scoring in 2013 ? 14 . The duo , who have been called the " twins " in Anaheim , have played together since being drafted in 2003 . In addition to pairing up for the Ducks ' 2007 Stanley Cup championship , they have played together on World Junior Championship and Olympic gold medal teams . Getzlaf was recognized for his leadership role with the Ducks in 2014 as he earned his first nomination for the Mark Messier Leadership Award , with a second nomination coming the following season .

= = Personal life = =

Getzlaf is married to Paige and they have two sons , Ryder and Gavin , and a daughter , Willa . They live in Corona Del Mar , California , during the season and maintain an off @-@ season residence in Kelowna , British Columbia . Active within the Orange County community , Getzlaf hosts an annual golf tournament on behalf of CureDuchenne , an organization that seeks a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy . He also maintains a program with the Calgary Hitmen called " Getzlaf 's Gamers , " which allows underprivileged children to attend games .

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