

= Mason Raymond =

Mason Evan Raymond (born September 17 , 1985) is a Canadian professional ice hockey winger , who currently plays for the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League (NHL) . Born in Cochrane , Alberta , but growing up in Calgary , Alberta , he played Junior A in the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) for two seasons , where he captured league and regional titles with the Camrose Kodiaks , while also being named league MVP in 2005 . He then joined the college ranks with the Minnesota @-@ Duluth Bulldogs of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) for a two @-@ year tenure there , as well . He earned WCHA All @-@ Rookie honours in 2006 , WCHA First Team All @-@ Star honours in 2007 , and was also named the Bulldogs ' most valuable player in 2007 . Raymond was drafted by the Canucks in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft in the second round , 51st overall . After spending parts of two seasons with their American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate , the Manitoba Moose , he joined the club full @-@ time in 2007 ? 08 . He is known as a fast @-@ skating offensive player .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior and college = = =

After playing AAA midget with the Strathmore Bisons of the Foothills Bisons Hockey Association , Raymond began a two @-@ year Junior A career with the Camrose Kodiaks of the AJHL in 2003 ? 04 . Raymond had been hesitant about pursuing his career due to a lack of interest from major junior teams , but his friend Dan Bertram encouraged him to play with him in Camrose . Bertram also played midget with Raymond and went on to be a Chicago Blackhawks draft pick , three selections after him .

Raymond posted a team @-@ high 27 goals and 62 points as a rookie , including six game winning goals . Following his first junior season , Raymond was recruited by the Minnesota @-@ Duluth Bulldogs of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) . Having earned an athletic scholarship , he had the choice of playing one more season with Camrose or to make the jump to the college ranks . He consulted with Kodiaks head coach Boris Rybalka and was challenged to improve at the Junior A level before moving to Minnesota @-@ Duluth . As a result , Raymond remained in Camrose , signing a letter of intent in November 2004 to join the Minnesota @-@ Duluth the following year for the 2005 ? 06 season . Several other National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) schools had recruited Raymond as well , including the University of Denver , Western Michigan University and the University of Alaska @-@ Fairbanks . He chose the Bulldogs because he knew that , with 11 seniors leaving their team the following season , he would have the biggest role with that club .

Raymond went on to lead the AJHL in scoring with 41 goals and was named league MVP in 2004 ? 05 . He added 20 points in 15 post @-@ season games as the Kodiaks captured the Rogers Wireless Cup as league champions to advance to the 2005 Doyle Cup , Canada 's Pacific Junior A regional championship . During the competition , Raymond was hospitalized with fatigue and dehydration that decreased his weight to 150 pounds . Though he missed the final against the British Columbia Hockey League 's Surrey Eagles , the Kodiaks won without him and advanced to the 2005 Royal Bank Cup , Canada 's national Junior A tournament . Raymond returned to action as the Kodiaks advanced to the national level at the 2005 Royal Bank Cup . He led the tournament in scoring with 10 points (4 goals and 6 assists) over 5 games as Camrose finished as runner @-@ up to the tournament host Weyburn Red Wings of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League . The Kodiaks later retired Raymond 's number 9 prior to their season @-@ opening game against the Okotoks Oilers on September 10 , 2010 .

Raymond was selected in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft by the Vancouver Canucks in the second round , 51st overall . He was draft @-@ eligible in 2004 , but opted out due to his low ranking at the time . He was scouted by Canucks general manager Dave Nonis as a fast skater with the puck who

needed to work on his strength .

Following his draft , he joined the Minnesota @-@ Duluth Bulldogs . Scoring 11 goals and 28 points over 40 games , he was named to the WCHA All @-@ Rookie Team for the 2005 ? 06 season . In his sophomore campaign , Raymond led the Bulldogs in scoring with 14 goals , 32 assists and 46 points . Raymond 's points total was good for second in league scoring behind Jonathan Toews . He received WCHA Player of the Week honours twice and was awarded the Mike Seiler Award , as the Bulldogs ' Most Valuable Player . His college career ended after the Bulldogs were eliminated by the St. Cloud State Huskies in the second round of the WCHA playoffs .

= = = Vancouver Canucks = = =

Raymond chose to forgo his final two years of college eligibility to turn professional and signed an amateur tryout contract with the Canucks ' minor league affiliate , the Manitoba Moose of the AHL . He scored his first AHL goal in his debut with the Moose on March 23 , 2007 . The goal was the game winner against goaltender Stefan Liv with four minutes remaining in a 3 ? 2 victory against the Grand Rapids Griffins . Following his second AHL game , the Canucks signed him to an NHL contract . He completed his 11 @-@ game regular season in the AHL with two goals and two assists . In the subsequent 2007 playoffs , he added an assist in 13 games , as the Moose were eliminated by the Hamilton Bulldogs in the second round .

The following season , Raymond made the Canucks ' roster out of training camp and made his NHL debut on the team 's top line with Henrik and Daniel Sedin . He picked up his first NHL point , an assist , in the season @-@ opener against the San Jose Sharks on October 5 , 2007 . Soon thereafter , he was sent down to the Moose for a two @-@ day assignment after having been a healthy scratch . He returned to the Canucks on October 18 , 2007 , and was later returned to the Moose at the end of the month for a longer assignment .

Succeeding at the AHL level , Raymond recorded a five @-@ point game with a hat trick and two assists during a match against the Rochester Americans on November 21 , 2007 . The Canucks recalled him the following month on December 11 following injuries to forwards Brendan Morrison and Brad Isbister . The next day , he scored his first NHL goal in his first game back against goaltender Jean @-@ Sébastien Giguère of the Anaheim Ducks . The goal came assisted on a one @-@ timer pass from Moose teammate Jason Jaffray , who had been called up from Manitoba the same day as Raymond . Later that game , he also assisted Jaffray 's first NHL goal in the third period . The Canucks went on to win the game , 3 ? 2 .

Known for his skating ability , Raymond won the fastest skater segment of the Canucks ' 2008 SuperSkills Competition with a time of 14 @. @ 283 seconds . A week later , he was reassigned to the Moose one last time on January 13 , 2008 , for three days , before remaining with the Canucks . On March 17 , 2008 , he suffered an injury after a knee @-@ on @-@ knee collision with defenceman Keith Ballard in a game against the Phoenix Coyotes , sidelining him for the final eight games of the season . He finished his rookie NHL campaign with 21 points in 49 games with the Canucks , while also recording seven goals and 17 points in 20 games with the Moose .

Raymond had a quick start to his second season in 2008 ? 09 , scoring 10 points in his first 13 games , but trailed off to add just 13 points for the remainder of the campaign . Midway through the season , he was named to the 2009 YoungStars Game in Montreal , helping the sophomores beat the rookie team 9 ? 5 . He finished his second NHL season with 11 goals and 12 assists in 72 games . In the ensuing 2009 playoffs , where the Canucks entered as the third seed in the Western Conference , Raymond scored his first NHL post @-@ season goal in game three of the second round against the Chicago Blackhawks , a 3 ? 1 win for the Canucks . Vancouver went on to be eliminated by the Blackhawks in six games . Raymond finished with two goals and an assist in 10 post @-@ season contests .

Midway through the 2009 ? 10 season , Raymond recorded his first NHL hat trick with the game 's final three goals in a 5 ? 1 win against the Calgary Flames on December 27 , 2009 . Raymond enjoyed a breakout campaign in his third NHL season , playing regularly on the Canucks ' second line with centre Ryan Kesler and newly acquired winger Mikael Samuelsson . He finished with a

career @-@ high 25 goals , 28 assists and 53 points . Prior to the final game of the regular season , he was voted by the Canucks ' booster club to receive the Fred J. Hume Award as the team 's " unsung hero " . The Canucks entered the 2010 playoffs as the third seed for the second consecutive year . Raymond contributed three goals and an assist over 12 post @-@ season games as Vancouver was eliminated once again in the second round by the Blackhawks .

Becoming a restricted free agent on July 1 , 2010 , Raymond filed for salary arbitration after initially failing to come to terms with the Canucks . However , the two sides later agreed to a two @-@ year , \$ 5 @. @ 1 million contract on July 26 , 2010 , before their arbitration hearing scheduled for the same day . The deal pays Raymond \$ 2 @. @ 5 million in the first year and \$ 2 @. @ 6 million in the second ? a raise from his \$ 760 @, @ 000 salary from the previous season . It was reported the Canucks had proposed an annual \$ 2 @. @ 3 million salary , while Raymond had wanted \$ 3 @. @ 6 million . Several months into the 2010 ? 11 season , he suffered a broken thumb and missed 10 games in December 2010 . Raymond struggled in the first year of his new contract and he was often demoted off of the second line . As a result , he finished with diminished season totals of 15 goals , 24 assists and 39 points over 70 games . On a team basis , the Canucks won their first @-@ ever Presidents ' Trophy , having accomplished the best regular @-@ season record in the NHL that year . Entering the 2011 playoffs as the first seed in the West , they eliminated the Chicago Blackhawks , Nashville Predators and San Jose Sharks in the first three rounds to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in 17 years . During his first shift of Game 6 against the Boston Bruins , Raymond suffered a fractured vertebra after getting hit by opposing defenceman Johnny Boychuk . With Raymond 's body twisted to try to retrieve a loose puck , he was engaged by Boychuk , who proceeded to hit him into the boards after the puck had gone by . Bent over at the time of the hit , Raymond collided with the boards tailbone @-@ first . He was taken to the hospital after initially being helped off the ice . Raymond later described the injury as " the most pain [he 's] been in ever . " No penalty was called on the play nor did Boychuk receive any discipline from the league following the game , which drew public criticism from Canucks general manager Mike Gillis .

Vancouver went on to lose Games 6 and 7 as Boston won the Stanley Cup . Raymond made an appearance in Rogers Arena prior to the final game of the series . Wearing a plastic corset to support his back , he waved to the crowd , who gave him a standing ovation .

While the injury did not require surgery , Raymond retained the back brace for six weeks and was largely immobile for two months . In late July , he received a text message from Boychuk , explaining that his intention was not to injure with the hit . Unable to train on the ice or with weights , Raymond spent the 2011 off @-@ season largely inactive , with the exception of cardiovascular workouts . Five @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half months after sustaining his back injury , Raymond was set to return to the Canucks ' lineup for a game against the Predators on December 1 , 2011 . However , the team failed to file the proper paperwork to the NHL by the 5 p.m. deadline , delaying Raymond 's return until the following game . He recorded six points (three goals and three assists) in his first seven games back , but struggled to produce offensively for the remainder of the season . In March 2012 , he was made a healthy scratch for the first time in three years .

On December 26 , 2012 , Swedish second @-@ league team Örebro HK presented Raymond on an 11 @-@ game contract , starting on January 3 , 2013 . He has as of January 6 , 2013 , made 1 point , the 1 ? 0 goal against IK Oskarshamn on January 5 .

== = Toronto and Calgary == =

In September 2013 , Raymond signed a try @-@ out contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs then a one @-@ year contract with the club . He experienced a " bounce @-@ back season " in 2013 ? 14 , scoring 19 goals and 45 points in 82 games , his best statistics since the 2009 ? 10 season with the Vancouver Canucks .

The Calgary Flames declined an opportunity to sign Raymond when he was a free agent in 2013 , but the departure of Michael Cammalleri in 2014 left the team in need of a veteran forward . Calgary signed Raymond to a three @-@ year contract worth \$ 9 @. @ 5 million . In the second game of the 2014 ? 15 season , Raymond scored the 100th goal of his NHL career as part of this third career hat

trick to lead the Flames to a 5 ? 2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers .

On the eve of the 2015 ? 16 season , Raymond was placed on waivers , for the purpose of being sent down to the AHL . He cleared the following day and was assigned to the Stockton Heat . During the season , Raymond appeared in 29 games with the Flames , contributing with 5 points . Despite producing at a point @-@ per @-@ game in the AHL with Stockton , at the conclusion of the year , Raymond was placed on waivers by the Calgary Flames on June 29 , 2016 , and was bought @-@ out from the final year of his contract the following day .

= = = Anaheim Ducks = = =

On July 4 , 2016 , Raymond signed a one @-@ year contract as a free agent with the Anaheim Ducks .

= = International play = =

Following his 2010 playoff run with the Canucks , Raymond was added to Team Canada 's roster for the 2010 IIHF World Championship in Germany , his first international tournament . Joining the team midway through the tournament during the qualification round , he recorded his lone point of the tournament , an assist , on a goal by Matt Duchene during a 3 ? 2 loss to the Czech Republic . The following game , Canada was eliminated in the quarterfinal by Russia , losing the game 5 ? 2 .

= = Personal life = =

Raymond was born in Cochrane , Alberta , a town west of Calgary , to parents Carol and Terry Raymond . He began skating when he was four on his family 's backyard rink . Growing up , he was a Calgary Flames fan . He left home as a teenager for the 2003 ? 04 season to play Junior A with the Camrose Kodiaks in Camrose , Alberta .

Raymond married Megan (née Murray) in the summer of 2008 . Megan gave birth to their son , Max , on April 8 , 2012 . The Raymonds welcomed a second child , a daughter named Grace , on February 28th 2015 .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Regular season and playoffs = = =

= = = International = = =

= = Awards = =

= = = AJHL = = =

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= = = University of Minnesota @-@ Duluth team awards = = =

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