

= Aaron Rome =

Aaron Rome (born September 27 , 1983) is a Canadian professional ice hockey defenceman . He is currently an unrestricted free agent who most recently played with the Norfolk Admirals in the American Hockey League (AHL) . Rome was selected in the 4th round (104th overall) of the 2002 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings .

Unsigned by the Kings , he joined the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim organization in 2004 , earning most of his playing time with their American Hockey League (AHL) affiliates . In 2007 , he played one game with the Ducks during their Stanley Cup @-@ winning playoff season . The following season , he was traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets , playing two seasons in the organization between the NHL and AHL . Becoming an unrestricted free agent in July 2009 , he signed with the Vancouver Canucks and established himself as a regular in the team 's lineup . After three seasons with the Canucks he signed a three @-@ year contract with the Dallas Stars as a free agent . After two seasons , playing in a combined 52 games , the Stars used a compliance buyout to terminate the final year of his contract .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior = = =

Rome played junior hockey in the Western Hockey League (WHL) from 1999 ? 2004 . After debuting in one game for the Saskatoon Blades in 1998 ? 99 , he registered 6 assists over 47 games in the following season . During his rookie WHL season , he played alongside older brother Reagan Rome as defensive partners for a short span (Reagan played five games for Saskatoon in 1999 ? 2000 before moving to the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League) . Three games into the 2000 ? 01 season , Rome moved from Saskatoon to the Kootenay Ice and finished the season with 2 goals and 10 points . Rome began the 2001 ? 02 season with another new WHL team , the Swift Current Broncos . Playing in his third major junior season , he improved to 7 goals and 31 points . In the off @-@ season , Rome was selected by the Los Angeles Kings , 104th overall in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft . He was scouted as a stay @-@ at @-@ home defenceman with strong positioning and some offensive skills .

Returning to Swift Current following his draft for the 2002 ? 03 season , he recorded a junior career @-@ high 12 goals and 56 points , ranking eighth among league defencemen in scoring . Late in the 2003 ? 04 season , he was traded to his fourth WHL team , the Moose Jaw Warriors , where he joined his younger brother , Ashton Rome (also a defenceman) . Between Swift Current and Moose Jaw , he scored a combined 10 goals and 52 points over 69 games . Ranking third among WHL defencemen in point @-@ scoring , he was named to the WHL East Second All @-@ Star Team .

= = = Anaheim Ducks = = =

Unsigned by the Kings two years after his NHL draft , he became a free agent in the 2004 off @-@ season . On June 7 , 2004 , he was signed by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim . He began his professional career with Anaheim 's minor league affiliate , the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks of the American Hockey League (AHL) in 2004 ? 05 . During that season , he had a second opportunity to play with his brother , Reagan Rome , as the latter was called up from Cincinnati 's ECHL affiliate , the Reading Royals , for two games . Playing 74 games in his rookie AHL season , he scored 2 goals and 16 points . He helped Cincinnati to the second round of the 2005 playoffs , adding 3 goals and 6 points over 12 post @-@ season games .

The following season , Anaheim 's AHL affiliate was changed to the Portland Pirates and Rome began a two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half season stint with his new club . He improved to 24 points over 64 games in his second AHL season . During the 2006 @-@ 07 season , Rome was called up to Anaheim and appeared in his first NHL game on January 2 , 2007 , a 2 ? 1 loss against the

Detroit Red Wings . Registering 14 minutes of ice time , he had a -1 plus @-@ minus rating and took one shot on goal . Completing the season with Portland , he tallied 25 points , including an AHL career @-@ high 8 goals . He was recalled once more for the Ducks ' 2007 playoff run , appearing in one post @-@ season game . The Ducks went on to win the Stanley Cup that year . As Rome did not play in the Stanley Cup Finals , he did not qualify to have his name engraved on the trophy . Anaheim did , however , award him a Stanley Cup ring , as well as the customary day spent with the trophy in the off @-@ season .

= = = Columbus Blue Jackets = = =

After beginning the 2007 ? 08 season with the Pirates , Rome was traded from the Ducks to the Columbus Blue Jackets , along with Clay Wilson , for Geoff Platt , on November 15 , 2007 . Rome was assigned to the Blue Jackets ' AHL affiliate , the Syracuse Crunch , immediately following the trade . After appearing in 41 games with Syracuse , scoring 3 goals and 24 points , he was called up to Columbus on February 26 , 2008 . He scored his first NHL goal late in the season against goaltender Dominik Hasek , in a 3 ? 2 loss against the Red Wings on April 3 , 2008 . After his first Blue Jackets training camp in September 2008 , Rome was placed on waivers . After clearing , he was assigned to start the season with Syracuse . He remained with the Crunch until February 2009 , when he was recalled by the Blue Jackets for the remainder of the 2008 ? 09 season . He played eight games with the Blue Jackets , registering one assist . Over 48 games in the AHL , he notched 7 goals and 28 points . Rome remained with the Blue Jackets for the franchise 's first playoff season in 2009 , competing in one game . Columbus was eliminated in the first round by Detroit .

= = = Vancouver Canucks = = =

Rome became an unrestricted free agent in the subsequent off @-@ season and was signed by the Vancouver Canucks on July 1 , 2009 , to a one @-@ way , one @-@ year contract worth \$ 550 @, @ 000 . He played the majority of the season with the Canucks , notching 4 assists in 49 games , while also appearing in 7 games with Vancouver 's affiliate , the Manitoba Moose ; he scored 6 goals and 7 points in the AHL . During a three @-@ game stint with the Canucks that season , he played forward for the first time in his career . He appeared in one playoff game for the Canucks in 2010 , missing nine games due to injury .

In the off @-@ season , Rome re @-@ signed with Vancouver to a two @-@ year , \$ 1 @. @ 5 million contract . He scored for the first time as a Canuck on March 29 , 2011 , an empty netter in a 3 ? 1 win against the Nashville Predators . It was his first goal in 109 games . Rome finished the 2010 ? 11 season with an NHL career @-@ high 56 games with a goal and four assists . In the 2011 playoffs , he scored his first NHL post @-@ season goal against Antti Niemi of the San Jose Sharks in Game 2 of the third round ? a 7 ? 3 win . The following game , he was injured off a boarding hit from Sharks forward Jamie McGinn . Rome was sidelined from the rest of the game ; McGinn received a five @-@ minute penalty on the play , but did not receive further discipline from the league .

In game three of the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals , Rome sent Boston forward Nathan Horton to the ice with a late hit . Horton sustained a severe concussion and was taken off the ice on a stretcher . Rome was ejected from the game after being assessed a five @-@ minute major penalty for interference and a game misconduct . After a disciplinary hearing the next morning , Rome was assessed a four @-@ game suspension and missed the remainder of the 2011 playoffs . The NHL determined that Rome hit Horton over a second after Horton gave up the puck . The NHL considered a hit to be late if it takes place more than half a second after a player loses possession . This proved to be a series @-@ changing event , as the Canucks had already won games 1 and 2 at home before the hit took place . The Canucks went on to lose a momentum @-@ swinging Game 3 and ended up losing the series four games to three . The Canucks were outscored 23 @-@ 8 in the 7 @-@ game series by the Boston Bruins .

Rome began the 2011 ? 12 season sidelined after suffering a broken hand during training camp .

He returned to the Canucks lineup in early @-@ November after missing the first 14 games of the campaign . In his first four games back , Rome registered three goals and two assists , matching his points output from entire previous season . Later in the month , he missed three games with a thumb injury .

= = = Dallas Stars = = =

On July 1 , 2012 , Aaron Rome signed a three @-@ year deal with an annual average salary of \$ 1 @. @ 5 million with the Dallas Stars . He played 27 games with Dallas during the shortened 2012 ? 13 NHL season , registering 5 assists and 18 penalty minutes .

On October 14 , 2013 , Rome was activated from injured reserve and was assigned to the Texas Stars of the AHL for conditioning . During the 2013 ? 14 season , Rome played 7 games in the AHL with the Texas Stars , and 25 games with the Dallas Stars , scoring no goals and just one assist with the NHL club . On June 16 , 2014 , Rome was placed on unconditional waivers by the Dallas Stars , and the following day (after he cleared waivers) Dallas confirmed their use of a compliance buyout , allowing the team to save salary cap space by removing the final year of his three @-@ year , \$ 4 @. @ 5 million contract , from the team 's salary calculations .

As a free agent , Rome was unable to secure an NHL contract , and instead accepted an invitation to attend the Detroit Red Wings training camp on a try @-@ out for the 2014 ? 15 season . At the completion of the Red Wings pre @-@ season , Rome was released and later signed to a professional try @-@ out contract with the Norfolk Admirals of the AHL on October 22 , 2014 . After two games with the Admirals , Rome was released from his try @-@ out contract .

= = Personal life = =

Rome was born and raised in Nesbitt , Manitoba , a small community of less than 30 people . He was the third of four sons born to Dennis and Karen Rome . All four brothers played hockey and made it to the minor professional level ; Rome is the only one to compete in the NHL . Ashton Rome is the only other brother to be drafted into the NHL , selected 143rd overall in 2006 by the San Jose Sharks , and has played in the ECHL and AHL . Eldest brother Ryan Rome competed in the United (UHL) and Central Hockey Leagues (CHL) , while Reagan Rome has played in the ECHL , AHL and in Europe .

Rome and his wife Adrienne have a son , Grayson . They spend their off @-@ seasons in Brandon , Manitoba .

= = Career statistics = =

Statistics taken from Aaron Rome 's NHL Profile

= = Awards = =