

= Tanner Glass =

Tanner Glass (born November 29 , 1983) is a Canadian professional ice hockey winger who plays for the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League (NHL) . During the 2012 NHL Lockout , he played for HC ? 05 Banská Bystrica in the Slovak Extraliga . Known as a physical player , he has previously played in the NHL for the Pittsburgh Penguins , Winnipeg Jets , Vancouver Canucks , and Florida Panthers .

Glass played junior hockey in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) for two seasons with the Penticton Panthers and Nanaimo Clippers , earning All @-@ Star Team honours in 2003 . Going on to the college ranks with the Dartmouth Big Green for four seasons , he helped his club to two third @-@ place finishes in the ECAC Hockey Conference and served as team captain in his senior year . Selected 265th overall by the Florida Panthers in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft , he turned professional in 2007 with the team 's American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate , the Rochester Americans . For the next two seasons , he split time between the NHL and AHL before signing with the Canucks in July 2009 as an unrestricted free agent . He solidified his role as a fourth @-@ line forward on the team and helped them to the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals , where they lost to the Boston Bruins . In July 2011 , he left the Canucks for the Winnipeg Jets via free agency . The following year he signed with the Penguins as a free agent .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Amateur = = =

Born in Regina , Saskatchewan , Glass played midget with the Yorkton Mallers of the Saskatchewan Midget Hockey League (SMHL) . In 2001 ? 02 , he began a two @-@ year career of Junior A in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) . Playing his rookie season with the Penticton Panthers , he recorded 11 goals and 39 points over 57 games . The following season , he was traded to the Nanaimo Clippers after 32 games with Penticton . He finished his second junior season with 23 goals and 62 points over 50 games , split between Penticton and Nanaimo . In addition to appearing in the 2003 BCHL All @-@ Star Game , Glass received end @-@ of @-@ season BCHL All @-@ Star Team honours . In the off @-@ season , he was selected 265th overall in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft by the Florida Panthers .

Following his draft , he joined the college hockey ranks with the Dartmouth Big Green of the ECAC Hockey Conference . He missed 8 games in his freshman year due to mononucleosis , finishing with 11 points over 26 games . He helped the Big Green to the third @-@ place game of the ECAC playoffs , where they lost to the Colgate Raiders . The following season , he improved to 15 points in 33 games . Prior to his junior year , he was named an alternate captain for the Big Green , going on to score a college career @-@ high 12 goals and 28 points over 33 games . Glass made his second appearance in the ECAC 's third @-@ place game , winning 3 ? 2 against Colgate . Captaining the team as a senior in 2006 ? 07 , Glass matched his career @-@ high 28 points and helped Dartmouth to the third @-@ place game once more . He finished his college career losing to the St. Lawrence Saints .

= = = Professional = = =

Still unsigned by the Panthers at the end of his college career , Glass received an amateur tryout contract from Florida 's American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate , the Rochester Americans , on March 21 , 2007 . He notched his first professional point , an assist , against the Syracuse Crunch four days later . Playing the final four games of the 2006 ? 07 AHL season , he finished with one assist in his initial stint with the Americans . After signing his first NHL contract with the Panthers in August 2007 , Glass split the 2007 ? 08 season between Rochester and Florida . He began the campaign in the AHL , scoring his first professional goal against goaltender Jaroslav Halak in a

game against the Hamilton Bulldogs on October 12 , 2007 . The following month , he received his first NHL call @-@ up and earned just over a minute of ice time in his NHL debut against the Carolina Hurricanes , a 4 ? 3 loss on November 12 , 2007 . After being sent back down within eight days , Glass earned two more call @-@ ups over the course of the season . On January 22 , 2008 , he scored his first NHL goal against Ray Emery in a 5 ? 3 win against the Ottawa Senators . Playing 41 games in his rookie NHL season , he notched a goal and an assist , while also recording 11 points in 43 AHL games .

Beginning the 2008 ? 09 season in the AHL for the second consecutive year , Glass was appointed as an alternate captain for the Americans . After appearing in 44 AHL games (4 goals and 13 points) and 3 NHL games (no points) , he sustained a season @-@ ending injury on February 7 , 2009 . Not receiving a qualifying offer from the Panthers , Glass became an unrestricted free agent in the off @-@ season . On the first day of free agency , he was signed by the Vancouver Canucks to a one @-@ year , two @-@ way deal worth the league @-@ minimum \$ 500 @,@ 000 at the NHL level .

With early injuries to Canucks forwards during training camp , Glass made the lineup for the start of the season as the thirteenth forward . He scored his first goal with the Canucks on November 1 , 2009 , in a 3 ? 0 win against the Colorado Avalanche . He recorded 11 points over 67 games in 2009 ? 10 . In the off @-@ season , Glass filed for arbitration , looking for a one @-@ way contract to ensure an NHL salary . He was re @-@ signed on July 12 , 2010 , to a one @-@ year contract worth \$ 625 @,@ 000 .

Until suffering an upper @-@ body injury during practice in early March 2011 , Glass was the lone staple on the Canucks ' fourth line , playing with a rotation of wingers and centers . Glass missed nine games with the injury , returning in early April . He finished the regular season with 3 goals and 10 points over 73 games , helping the Canucks win the Presidents ' Trophy as the team with the league 's best record . With the top seed in the Western Conference , the Canucks eliminated the Chicago Blackhawks , Nashville Predators and San Jose Sharks en route to the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals , where they lost in seven games to the Boston Bruins . Over 20 post @-@ season games , Glass recorded no points and 18 penalty minutes .

Set to become an unrestricted free agent in the off @-@ season , Glass expressed a desire to return to the Canucks , but he was not re @-@ signed . On July 1 , 2011 , he agreed to a one @-@ year contract worth \$ 750 @,@ 000 with the Winnipeg Jets .

Playing on the Jets ' third line with Jim Slater and Chris Thorburn , Glass set career highs in goals , assists and points in his first season with Winnipeg . On July 1 , 2012 , he signed a 2 @-@ year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins , worth \$ 1 @,@ 100 @,@ 000 per year .

On July 1 , 2014 , Glass signed as a free agent with the New York Rangers on a three @-@ year contract worth \$ 1 @.@ 45 million per year .

Glass underwhelmed in 2014 @-@ 15 , with 6 points in 66 games , and after a poor start to the 2015 @-@ 16 season , Glass was put on waivers and assigned to the Hartford Wolf Pack .

Glass was then recalled by the Rangers on December 14 after Jarret Stoll was waived , and has remained in the Rangers ' lineup since then .

= = Playing style = =

Glass has established himself as primarily a fourth @-@ line forward in the NHL . His work ethic makes him effective at blocking shots . A physical and aggressive player , he is also known to be a fighter . He has also been identified as a leader on his teams , serving as an alternate captain Rochester in the AHL , as well as a captain with Dartmouth during his college career .

= = Personal life = =

Glass was born in Regina , Saskatchewan , to Fred and Cathy Glass . He has a brother , Darnell , and a sister , Shayna . Growing up in nearby Craven , Saskatchewan , he graduated from Lumsden High School . An honour roll student , Glass also played on several athletic high school teams . He

won provincial championships in baseball and hockey , as well bronze medals in the 200 metre and 4x100 metre relay track events . In July 2011 , Glass married Emily Tracy in Seattle , Washington ; the couple has one child .

= = Career statistics = =

= = Awards = =