

= Tim Bozon =

Timothé " Tim " Phillipe Bozon (born March 24 , 1994) is an American @-@ born French ice hockey left winger . He is currently with the St. John 's IceCaps of the American Hockey League (AHL) as a prospect for the Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League .

Bozon was born in St. Louis , Missouri , where his father , Philippe Bozon , played hockey for the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League (NHL) , but was raised in France , where his father is from . Bozon then moved to Switzerland to further his career , before moving again to Canada after the Kamloops Blazers selected him in the 2011 CHL Import Draft . At the 2012 NHL Entry Draft , Bozon was selected 64th overall by the Canadiens . During his third season with the Blazers Bozon was traded to the Kootenay Ice . Internationally Bozon has played for the French national junior team in several tournaments and joined the French national senior team in the 2013 IIHF World Championships . Bozon contracted Neisseria meningitis in early 2014 , threatening his life , though he ultimately recovered .

= = Playing career = =

Bozon grew up in Germany and Switzerland while his father played hockey in those countries , and began to play hockey in Mannheim , Germany while his father was a member of Adler Mannheim of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga . When Philippe moved to Switzerland , Bozon followed , and was a player for the junior clubs of Genève @-@ Servette HC , the Kloten Flyers and HC Lugano . At age 15 Bozon decided he wanted to follow the path of Nino Niederreiter , a fellow Swiss junior player who had just moved to North America at age 17 and joined a team in the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) to further his career . Bozon wanted to eventually play in the National Hockey League and realized there were more scouts following teams in the CHL , which oversees three major junior hockey leagues in Canada and the United States . He had preferred to play for a team in the Ontario Hockey League , but was instead selected by the Kamloops Blazers of the Western Hockey League , twenty @-@ seventh overall at the 2011 CHL Import Draft . He joined the Blazers for the 2011 ? 12 season and played 71 games for them , recording 36 goals and 35 assists for 71 points . His goal total was the most among all WHL rookies , his points second among rookies and third overall on the Blazers . Bozon was recognised for his efforts by being named the WHL 's Western Conference nominee for the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy as WHL rookie @-@ of @-@ the @-@ year . He also was a co @-@ recipient of the Blazers rookie @-@ of @-@ the @-@ year award , sharing it with goaltender Cole Cheveldave .

Midway through the season Bozon was ranked 39th overall amongst North American @-@ based skaters for the 2012 NHL Entry Draft by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau . When the final rankings for the draft were released at the conclusion of the season , Bozon was listed 42nd overall for North American skaters . At the draft he was selected in the third round , 64th overall , by the Montreal Canadiens . Bozon was excited to be selected by the Canadiens , who are the only NHL team based in a French @-@ speaking city .

Bozon recorded 36 goals and 91 points in 69 games during the 2012 ? 13 season , finishing second on the Blazers in scoring and tied for eighth overall in the WHL . In the playoffs Bozon scored six points in eight games ; a fractured wrist kept him out of most of the Blazers ' playoff games .

On May 30 , 2013 , Bozon signed a three @-@ year entry level contract with the Canadiens . He was returned by the Canadiens to the Blazers for a third year with the team prior to the start of the 2013 ? 14 season . After starting the season with the Blazers , where he was fifth in team scoring with seven points in thirteen games , Bozon was traded to the Kootenay Ice on October 22 , 2013 . The Blazers , who also sent defenceman Landon Cross , received Colin Shirley , Matt Thomas , and three draft picks in return .

Bozon 's season was ended prematurely due to a diagnosis of Neisseria meningitis on March 1 , 2014 ; at that point he had recorded 62 points in 50 games for Kooteney . His illness caused him to lose 40 pounds (18 kg) ; he had difficulty speaking and had to re @-@ learn how to walk . As he recovered , he resumed skating in June 2014 and by September , he attended the Canadiens '

rookie camp . Bozon participated in the Canadiens main training camp , and later played three exhibition games with their American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate Hamilton Bulldogs ; however it was decided that in consideration of the time missed due to his illness , it would be best for Bozon 's development for him to play a final major junior season , and he was assigned to Kootenay for the 2014 ? 15 season , where he appeared in 57 games and finished fourth on the team in scoring with 63 points . After the conclusion of the WHL season Bozon was assigned to the Bulldogs and made his professional debut , appearing in one game for the team . For the 2015 ? 16 season he was assigned to the St. John 's IceCaps , as the Canadiens relocated the Bulldogs to St. John 's , Newfoundland .

= = International play = =

Born in the United States and raised in Switzerland by French parents , Bozon possesses American and French citizenship . However he chose to play internationally for the French national team , as both his father and grandfather did . As Bozon said regarding his choice , " All of my family are French , and my grandfather and father played for France 's national team . It 's why I play too . " At the 2011 IIHF World U18 Division I Championship , he helped France to a third @-@ place finish , the first time the French under @-@ 18 team had ever won a medal in an IIHF tournament . His six points in five games were tied for eleventh overall in tournament scoring and tied for the lead on the French team . Bozon declined to participate in the 2012 World Junior Division IB Championships because he wanted to stay in North America and help the Blazers .

Bozon made his debut for the French national senior team at the 2013 IIHF World Championship . His first game came against Slovakia and he recorded an assist . He played in five of France 's seven games during the tournament and finished with the one assist .

= = Personal life = =

Bozon was born in St. Louis , Missouri because his father , Philippe Bozon , was playing hockey with the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League . Philippe was the first French @-@ born and -raised player in the NHL , and spent parts of four seasons with the Blues from 1991 until 1994 . Philippe returned to Europe in 1994 and played for teams in France , Germany and Switzerland . He participated in four Olympics for France and became a coach after his playing career ended ; in recognition of his international play , he was inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2008 .

Bozon was raised in Lugano , Switzerland , along with his older sister Allison (born 1992) and younger brother Kevin (born 1995) . His mother , Hélène Barbier , was an alpine skier . Bozon 's grandfather , Alain Bozon , also played hockey , and captained the French national team in the 1960s and was inducted into the French Ice Hockey Hall of Fame in 2012 . Aside from English , Bozon speaks French , Italian and German .

On March 1 , 2014 , the day after a game against the Saskatoon Blades , Bozon was admitted to Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon , Saskatchewan , where he was diagnosed with Neisseria meningitis . He spent four weeks in hospital , some of it in a medically induced coma , before being released on March 28 , 2014 .

= = Career statistics = =

= = Regular season and playoffs = =

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