

= Ryan Johansen =

Ryan Johansen (born July 31 , 1992) is a Canadian professional ice hockey centre currently playing for the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League (NHL) . Growing up , he played minor hockey in the Greater Vancouver area until joining the junior ranks with the Penticton Vees of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) for one season . In 2009 ? 10 , he moved to the major junior level with the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League (WHL) . After his first WHL season , he was selected fourth overall by the Blue Jackets in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft . Internationally , he has competed for the Canadian national junior team at the 2011 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships , where he earned a silver medal and was named to the Tournament All @-@ Star Team . In 2015 , he participated in the 2015 NHL Skills Competition and was named the 2015 NHL All Star Game MVP .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Amateur = = =

Johansen was drafted into the Western Hockey League (WHL) 150th overall by the Portland Winterhawks in the 2007 Bantam Draft . Having been offered an athletic scholarship to play with Northeastern University , he opted to play for the Penticton Vees of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) in 2008 ? 09 to protect his eligibility for the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) . He appeared in 42 games for the Vees as a 16 @-@ year @-@ old , scoring five goals and 12 assists .

Convinced of his ability , the Winterhawks persuaded Johansen to forego university and join their club for the 2009 ? 10 WHL season . In Portland , he joined a line with fellow 2010 NHL Entry Draft prospects Nino Niederreiter and Brad Ross . He finished the year with 25 goals and 69 points in 71 games , second among league rookies behind Kevin Connauton and second in team scoring , behind Chris Francis . Helping the Winterhawks make the playoffs one year after finishing last in the WHL , they advanced to the second round . Johansen added 18 points in 13 games , ninth in league scoring and first among rookies , despite playing in only two of four playoff rounds .

Johansen rapidly climbed prospect charts for the 2010 NHL Draft , starting the year as a potential second round selection , before rising to 16th among North American skaters when the NHL Central Scouting Bureau (CSB) released its mid @-@ season ranking . Johansen 's coach with Penticton noted that , as one of the younger players of his draft class , his skill was often overlooked . NHL scouts praised his speed , playmaking ability and vision on the ice but believed he needed to show more consistency and physicality . He has been compared to Ottawa Senators centre Jason Spezza , while Johansen has said he tries to model his game after San Jose Sharks centre Joe Thornton . He finished the season as the tenth ranked skater according to Central Scouting and was projected to be a top 20 pick , perhaps as high as top 10 . With the fourth overall pick in the 2010 NHL Draft , Johansen was chosen by the Columbus Blue Jackets .

A couple of months after his draft , Johansen signed with Columbus to a three @-@ year , entry @-@ level contract on September 9 , 2010 . With a base salary of \$ 900 @,@ 000 , the deal could reach \$ 1 @.@ 975 million per year if he achieves all his bonus incentives . Attending his first NHL training camp that month , he did not make the Blue Jackets roster and was returned to Portland on October 2 for another year of junior hockey . Back in the WHL , Johansen was chosen to represent the league at the 2010 Subway Super Series , a six @-@ game exhibition tournament featuring all @-@ stars from the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) against Russian junior players . He completed the 2010 ? 11 season improving to 92 points (40 goals and 52 assists) in 63 games , ranking seventh among league scorers .

= = = = Professional = = = =

Joining the Blue Jackets ' training camp for a second year , Johansen made the opening lineup for the 2011 ? 12 season . He made his NHL debut on October 7 , 2011 , registering 8 minutes and 46 seconds of ice time in a 3 ? 2 loss to the Nashville Predators . He registered his first NHL point , an assist on a Kris Russell goal , in a 4 ? 3 loss to the Ottawa Senators on October 22 . Three days later , he scored his first NHL goal against Ty Conklin of the Detroit Red Wings . Banking the puck off of Conklin 's skate from behind the goal line , the milestone came on the power play and was the game @-@ winner . He also added an assist to help Columbus to their first win of the season , a 4 ? 1 victory . After playing in his ninth game of the season , having recorded two goals and two assists in that span , Johansen was notified by Blue Jackets head coach Scott Arniel that he would remain with the team and not be returned to junior .

Due to the NHL 's decision to lock out the players at the start of the 2012 ? 13 season until a new collective bargaining agreement could be reached , Johansen was reassigned to the Blue Jackets ' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate , the Springfield Falcons . On February 24 , 2013 , Johansen was re @-@ called by the Blue Jackets for the remainder of the season , which began on January 19 after an agreement was reached . In the 2013 ? 14 season , Johansen had a breakout year , scoring 33 goals and 30 assists for a total of 63 points , a career high . He is the third Blue Jacket in franchise history to post 30 goals or more in one season .

During the 2015 ? 16 season , on January 6 , 2016 , Johansen was traded by the Blue Jackets to the Nashville Predators in exchange for Seth Jones .

= = International play = =

Johansen was invited to take part in the Canadian national junior team 's selection camp in August and December 2011 . He was later named to the squad , competing in the 2011 IIHF World U20 Championship , held in Buffalo , New York . Making his international debut against Russia , he scored his first goal for Canada in a 5 ? 3 win . In the quarterfinal against Switzerland , he was named the player of the game , having scored his second goal of the tournament . He scored again in the semifinal against the United States to help Canada advance to the gold medal game , where they were defeated 5 ? 3 by Russia . Johansen finished with three goals and nine points , third in team scoring behind Brayden Schenn and Ryan Ellis , and was named to the Tournament All @-@ Star Team .

= = Personal life = =

Johansen was born in Vancouver , British Columbia , to Randall and Rosalind Johansen . He has a younger brother , Lucas , who plays for the Kelowna Rockets in the Western Hockey League . He played his first years of minor hockey with the Vancouver Thunderbirds organization until his family moved to the suburb of Port Moody . The relocation meant giving up playing for triple @-@ A teams in Vancouver and diminished exposure to scouts . Nonetheless , he played in Port Moody at the double @-@ A level through to bantam (age 13 ? 14 level) , including a peewee (age 11 ? 12) provincial championship . In 2007 ? 08 , he played with the Vancouver North East Chiefs of the British Columbia Major Midget League .

= = Career statistics = =

= = Regular season and playoffs = = =

= = International = = =

= = Awards = =

