

= Milan Lucic =

Milan Lucic (pronounced [m?lan lû?t ? ?it ? ?] ; born June 7 , 1988) is a Canadian professional ice hockey left winger who is currently playing for the Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League (NHL) . He played major junior hockey with the Vancouver Giants in the Western Hockey League (WHL) for three seasons and captured a Memorial Cup , while being named tournament MVP in 2007 . He was selected 50th overall in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft and made the Bruins ' roster as a 19 @-@ year @-@ old in 2007 ? 08 . Three years later , he won a Stanley Cup with the Bruins . He spent the first eight seasons of his NHL career with Boston prior to joining Los Angeles in June 2015 .

Internationally , he captained the Canadian national junior team at the 2007 Super Series . Lucic plays physically in the style of a power forward .

= = Early life = =

Lucic was born in East Vancouver to Serbian couple Dobrivoje " Dobro " Lu?i? and Sne?ana Kesa . His father , a longshoreman , emigrated from Yugoslavia (now Bosnia and Herzegovina) when he was 27 , while his mother arrived from Yugoslavia (now Croatia) with her family at the age of two . He has a younger brother named Nikola and an older brother named Jovan . His maternal uncle , Dan Kesa , is a retired NHL right winger who played for the Vancouver Canucks , Pittsburgh Penguins , Tampa Bay Lightning , and Dallas Stars .

Growing up , Lucic attended Killarney Secondary in Vancouver . He was a fan of the hometown Vancouver Canucks and has singled out power forward Todd Bertuzzi as one of his favourite players when following the team . At the age of 15 , he was diagnosed with Scheuermann 's disease , a condition that can cause the upper back to curve and has given Lucic a hunched @-@ over posture .

Lucic played minor hockey (VMHA) in Vancouver , but nearly quit the sport after being passed up in the 2003 WHL Bantam Draft . He was invited to play for the Coquitlam Express of the Junior A British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) , but was further demoralized when he initially failed to make the team out of rookie camp . He agreed to play , instead , for the Junior B Delta Ice Hawks , but later played his way onto the Express after five games .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Amateur = = =

Lucic began his junior career with the Coquitlam Express of the BCHL in 2004 ? 05 . In the same season , he made his major junior debut with the Vancouver Giants , his hometown Western Hockey League (WHL) team , playing in one regular @-@ season game and two playoff games . He joined the Giants full @-@ time in 2005 ? 06 , scoring 19 points in 62 games . He added seven points in 18 playoff games to help the Giants to a WHL title and an appearance in the 2006 Memorial Cup . In the off @-@ season , he was selected 50th overall by the Boston Bruins in the second round of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft . Bruins management had considered taking Lucic earlier in the second round with the 37th overall pick , but chose defenceman Yuri Alexandrov instead . Bruins Director of Scouting Scott Bradley admitted he did not expect Lucic to still be available with the 50th pick , adding , " We were fortunate to get him . "

The following season , in 2006 ? 07 , Lucic emerged as one of the Giants ' leaders , finishing first in team scoring with 68 points in 70 games . He added 19 points in 22 post @-@ season games as the Giants lost the WHL Finals to the Medicine Hat Tigers in seven games . Despite losing the WHL title , Vancouver appeared in the 2007 Memorial Cup as tournament hosts . Lucic and the Giants met Medicine Hat once more in the tournament final , capturing the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) title by a 3 ? 1 score . Lucic assisted on Michal ?epík 's tournament @-@ winning goal with five

minutes to play in regulation . He finished the tournament tied for the lead in scoring with 7 goals (with more goals , 7 goals was awarded the Ed Chynoweth Trophy as leading scorer) and earned the Stafford Smythe Memorial Trophy as tournament MVP .

Nearly four years after his last junior game , Lucic was honoured by the Giants prior to a game against the Chilliwack Bruins on February 25 , 2011 . Dubbed " Milan Lucic Night , " he was added to the club 's Ring of Honour , showcasing the top Giants alumni of all time . The first 500 game attendees were also given free Lucic bobblehead dolls . As part of the team 's ten year anniversary , he was also voted by fans as the team 's best player of all time .

== Professional ==

=== Boston Bruins (2007 - 2015) ===

In the 2007 off season , Lucic signed an entry level contract with the Bruins on August 2 . He had been chosen as the Giants ' next team captain , but made the Bruins ' 2007 - 08 opening roster out of training camp . He played in his first career NHL game on October 5 , 2007 , a 4 - 1 loss to the Dallas Stars , in which he fought opposing forward Brad Winchester . His first goal came a week later on October 12 against Jonathan Bernier , a game winner , in an 8 - 6 win against the Los Angeles Kings . By also fighting Kings forward Raitis Ivanovs and notching an assist , he recorded a Gordie Howe hat trick (an unofficial statistic constituting a goal , an assist and a fight in one game) . Unsure of whether the Bruins would keep him or return him to junior , he stayed in a downtown hotel in Boston to start the season . However , Lucic made enough of an impression during his first set of games with the Bruins , showing grit and consistent willingness to fight (he recorded 13 fighting majors in his rookie season) , that they decided to keep him in the lineup . Bruins management informed the Giants prior to Lucic 's tenth game , accounting for the NHL 's nine game maximum for junior eligible players to stay with their NHL club without initiating their contract . He was chosen to participate in the 2008 NHL YoungStars Game and finished his rookie campaign with eight goals and 27 points . Towards the end of the season , he was voted by Bruins fans for the team 's Seventh Player Award for exceeding expectations . Matched up against the first seeded Montreal Canadiens in the opening round , Lucic scored his first Stanley Cup playoff goal in Game 3 on April 13 , 2008 . He finished his first NHL post season with two goals as the Bruins were eliminated by the Canadiens in seven games .

Early into the 2008 - 09 season , Lucic recorded his first career NHL hat trick and added an assist in a 5 - 4 win against the Atlanta Thrashers on October 25 , 2008 . Later that week , Lucic made a much publicized return to his hometown in a game against the Vancouver Canucks , which featured a picture of him as a baby on the back page of Vancouver 's The Province newspaper . Earlier in the year , Lucic 's 2007 Memorial Cup ring had been stolen from his home in East Vancouver on July 10 , 2008 . In a private ceremony before the game against the Canucks , he was presented a replacement ring by Vancouver Giants ownership .

Lucic was chosen to his second YoungStars Game in January 2009 . However , he did not compete for the sophomores in Montreal due to an undisclosed upper body injury . Near the end of the season , on April 4 , 2009 , Lucic was awarded the Bruins ' Eddie Shore Award for hustle and determination . He finished his second NHL season improving to 17 goals and 42 points in 72 games , while playing predominantly on a line with the Bruins ' top centre , Marc Savard .

Entering the 2009 playoffs with the Bruins as the first seed in the Eastern Conference , Lucic received a one game suspension after delivering a cross check to the head of Montreal Canadiens forward Maxim Lapierre in Game 2 of the first round . While the Bruins argued that Lucic used predominantly his glove , rather than his stick , the League held its decision . After serving his suspension , Lucic and the Bruins went on to eliminate the Canadiens , advancing to the second round against the Carolina Hurricanes , who the Bruins lost to in seven games . Lucic added nine points in ten games in the playoffs .

With the 2009 - 10 season marking the final year of his original entry level contract , it was

announced on October 6 , 2009 , that Lucic had been signed to a three @-@ year , US \$ 12 @.@ 25 million contract extension with the Bruins through to the 2012 ? 13 season . The deal is structured at US \$ 4 million for the first two seasons and US \$ 4 @.@ 25 million in the third , a raise from his US \$ 685 @,@ 000 base salary in 2009 ? 10 . Ten days later , on October 16 , he suffered a broken finger requiring surgery in a game against the Dallas Stars while hitting defenceman Stéphane Robidas . Lucic returned to the Bruins lineup on November 19 , but was injured again four games later , suffering a sprained ankle in a game against the Minnesota Wild on November 25 . His left leg had buckled from underneath him while reaching behind him to receive a pass from teammate Dennis Wideman . Missing an additional 18 games , Lucic was limited to 50 contests in his third NHL season . His play was perceived by Head Coach Claude Julien to have suffered following the two injuries ; he recorded nine goals and 20 points to finish the regular season . He added nine points in 13 playoff games as the Bruins were eliminated in the second round by the Philadelphia Flyers . They became the third team in NHL history to lose a playoff series after having led three games to none . All five goals Lucic scored in the playoffs were recorded in the second round , including two in the deciding seventh game , which the Bruins lost 4 ? 3 .

In the second month of the 2010 ? 11 season , Lucic recorded a natural hat @-@ trick on November 18 , 2010 , during a 4 ? 0 win over the Florida Panthers . Later in the campaign , he was fined \$ 3 @,@ 500 by the NHL for his actions during a game against Atlanta on December 23 . After Lucic was hit by opposing defenceman Freddy Meyer , teammate Andrew Ference engaged Meyer in a fight . In the ensuing scrum , Lucic punched Meyer as the two were being restrained by referees , resulting in a match penalty . Three days following the game , Lucic received a \$ 2 @,@ 500 fine for his punch and an additional \$ 1 @,@ 000 for an obscene gesture he had made to players on the Thrashers ' bench immediately afterwards . In January 2011 , he missed three games with a shoulder injury . Lucic completed the season with a career @-@ high 30 goals , 32 assists and 62 points in 79 games . He led the Bruins in goal @-@ scoring while tying for the points lead with centre David Krejčí . Entering the 2011 playoffs as the third seed in the East , the Bruins eliminated the Montreal Canadiens , Philadelphia Flyers and Tampa Bay Lightning in the first three rounds , en route to the Stanley Cup Finals against Vancouver . Although Lucic scored below his regular @-@ season pace during the post @-@ season with 12 points (five goals and seven assists) in 25 games , he helped the Bruins to their first Stanley Cup since 1972 , as the team defeated the Canucks in Game 7 of the Finals . It was later reported that Lucic was playing through a couple of injuries during the playoffs . During the Eastern Conference Finals , he suffered a broken toe after blocking a shot from teammate Tyler Seguin during practice . He also struggled with a sinus infection , which was part of a larger problem in his right nostril that traced back to the end of the 2009 ? 10 season and caused improper breathing . Lucic underwent surgery in the off @-@ season to repair the sinus .

In August 2011 , Lucic had his customary day in possession of the Stanley Cup , which he spent in Vancouver . While it is traditional for players to host public celebrations with the trophy in their hometowns , Lucic chose to keep the day private , explaining that " I grew up a Canucks fan . I know how it is . " Following the Canucks ' defeat in the Finals , fans had staged an hours @-@ long riot in Downtown Vancouver . More personally , posters of Lucic at a local cultural community centre were defaced . Also , an appearance by Lucic at a Greek festival in Vancouver sparked a public brawl ; The Vancouver Sun reported that Lucic did not throw any punches . While Lucic 's day with the Cup was private , many of his functions were held in public venues , which were reportedly well received by passers @-@ by . He brought the trophy to his hometown church , St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church in Burnaby , for a gathering of approximately 350 people and on a harbour cruise with friends and family . He finished the day atop Grouse Mountain , the same place where he and his Vancouver Giants teammates took the Memorial Cup after their CHL victory in 2007 . Months later , in February 2012 , the church he brought the trophy to was vandalized .

A month and a half into the 2011 ? 12 season , Lucic received considerable attention for a hit against opposing goaltender Ryan Miller during a game against the Buffalo Sabres . Miller had come out of his net to play a puck that Lucic last touched midway between the centre line and the Sabres ' blue line . As Miller shot the puck towards the end @-@ boards , Lucic collided with him heavily ,

knocking him to the ice . Miller was diagnosed with a concussion and was sidelined for several games ; he also heavily criticized Lucic for his actions and called him a " gutless piece of shit " in post @-@ game comments . The day after the hit , the NHL held a hearing with Lucic and later announced that he would not be suspended for the play , citing that the minor penalty for charging that was assessed during the game was sufficient . A few weeks after this incident , he received a one @-@ game suspension for an illegal hit on Philadelphia forward Zac Rinaldo . Lucic hit Rinaldo from behind during a battle for the puck along the boards , although he was not seriously injured on the play . A short time into the 2013 ? 14 season , Lucic scored his first @-@ ever NHL overtime goal to break a 2 ? 2 tie game at home against the visiting Columbus Blue Jackets .

= = = = Los Angeles Kings (2015 @-@ 16) = = = =

On June 26 , 2015 , Lucic was traded to the Los Angeles Kings in exchange for goaltender Martin Jones , Colin Miller and the 13th overall pick (Jakub Zboril) in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft . Lucic excelled during his season with the Kings , playing a strong 2 @-@ way game while posting 20 goals , 35 assists for 55 points during the regular season . Lucic also added 3 assists in 5 games in the NHL Playoffs .

= = = = Edmonton Oilers (2016 @-@ present) = = = =

As an unrestricted free agent , on the opening day of free agency , Lucic agreed to a 7 @-@ year \$ 42 million contract with the Edmonton Oilers on July 1 , 2016 . Lucic will wear # 27 with the Oilers , as # 17 was retired by the Oilers .

= = International play = =

In the off @-@ season following Lucic 's MVP performance at the 2007 Memorial Cup , he was named team captain of Canada for the 2007 Super Series against Russia . The series , an eight @-@ game competition between Canada and Russia 's under @-@ 20 teams , commemorated the 35th anniversary of the historic 1972 Summit Series . He recorded three assists as Canada won the series with seven wins and a tie .

Two years later , Lucic was invited to Canada 's summer orientation camp in Calgary for the 2010 Winter Olympics . He was not , however , chosen to the final roster . Lucic was also invited to the orientation camp for the 2014 Winter Olympics , but again did not make the final roster .

= = Personal life = =

Lucic married his longtime girlfriend Brittany Carnegie in the summer of 2012 . The couple has two daughters , Valentina and Nikolina .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = Regular season and playoffs = = =

= = = International statistics = = =

= = Awards = =

= = = Major junior = = =

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* Did not play due to injury

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