

= Jeff Tambellini =

Jeff Tambellini ( born April 13 , 1984 ) is a Canadian professional ice hockey winger currently playing for Djurgårdens IF in the Swedish Hockey League ( SHL ) . Originally selected 27th overall by the Los Angeles Kings in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft , he joined the National Hockey League in 2005 . During his rookie season , he was traded to the New York Islanders . He split his first three professional seasons between the NHL and his clubs ' American Hockey League ( AHL ) affiliates , the Manchester Monarchs ( Los Angeles ) and Bridgeport Sound Tigers ( New York ) . In July 2010 , Tambellini signed with the Vancouver Canucks and spent a season with the organization .

During his junior career , Tambellini earned MVP honours in the British Columbia Hockey League ( BCHL ) , while also leading the Chilliwack Chiefs to a Fred Page Cup as league champions and a Doyle Cup as Pacific regional champions . In 2002 , he joined the college ranks with the Michigan Wolverines of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association ( CCHA ) . Over three seasons , he won two Mason Cups with Michigan as CCHA champions , while earning several individual honours , including league rookie of the year in 2003 and playoff MVP in 2005 . Internationally , he competed for Canada 's under @-@ 20 team at the 2004 World Junior Championships , earning a silver medal .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Junior and college = = =

Tambellini played one season in the third @-@ tier Pacific International Junior Hockey League ( PIJHL ) with the Port Coquitlam Buckaroos in 1999 ? 2000 . He scored 31 goals and 64 points over 41 games , earning PIJHL First Team All @-@ Star and Rookie of the Year honours . The following season , he joined the Junior A ranks with the Chilliwack Chiefs of the British Columbia Hockey League ( BCHL ) , recording 51 points over 54 games in his rookie season .

In 2001 ? 02 , he improved to 117 points ( 46 goals and 71 points ) , receiving the Brett Hull Trophy as the league 's leading scorer along with Matt Ellison of the Cowichan Valley Capitals , who also scored 117 points . He was further distinguished with the Verne Dye Memorial Trophy as the Coastal Conference 's most valuable player . Tambellini went on to help the Chiefs to a Fred Page Cup as league champions , defeating the Vernon Vipers four games to two in the finals . Advancing to the Doyle Cup , the Chiefs beat the Alberta Junior Hockey League ( AJHL ) champion Drayton Valley Thunder by the same series score to capture the regional title . Competing for the Canadian Junior Hockey League ( CJHL ) title , Chilliwack lost in the Royal Bank Cup semifinals . During the tournament , Tambellini was chosen as the CJHL player of the year , beating out Jade Galbraith of the Drayton Valley Thunder and Tim Vokey of the Cornwall Colts .

Tambellini left the Chiefs after two seasons to play college hockey with the Michigan Wolverines of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association ( CCHA ) , where he served as an alternate captain . After scoring 45 points over 43 games in his freshman year , he received All @-@ Rookie Team , Second All @-@ Star Team and Rookie of the Year honours in the CCHA . In the playoffs , Tambellini helped the Wolverines to his first of two Mason Cups in his college career as CCHA champions .

Going into the 2003 NHL Entry Draft , he was ranked 21st among North American skaters by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau . Scouts listed him as a superior skater and defensively responsible with leadership qualities . He went on to be selected in the first round , 27th overall , by the Los Angeles Kings .

Returning to Michigan following his draft , his offensive production declined to 27 points over 39 games . The Wolverines returned to the CCHA finals , but were defeated by the Ohio State Buckeyes . Returning to form in 2004 ? 05 , Tambellini notched 24 goals and 57 points over 42 games , earning CCHA First All @-@ Star Team honours . He led the Wolverines to a second Mason Cup championship in three years and was chosen as the CCHA Tournament MVP .

Competing in the NCAA tournament , Tambellini was named to the NCAA Midwest Regional All @-@ Tournament and NCAA West Second All @-@ Star Teams .

= = = Professional = = =

On August 15 , 2005 , Tambellini signed an entry @-@ level contract with the Kings , foregoing his senior year with Michigan . In late @-@ September , he was assigned to their American Hockey League ( AHL ) affiliate , the Manchester Monarchs , following his training camp with Los Angeles . Two months into the season , Tambellini was called up to the Kings , making his NHL debut on November 30 , 2005 , against the Chicago Blackhawks . The Kings lost the game 3 ? 2 , while Tambellini earned nine minutes of ice time . After four pointless NHL games , he was sent back down to Manchester . On March 8 , 2006 , Tambellini was traded by the Kings , along with defenceman Denis Grebeshkov , to the New York Islanders , in exchange for forward Mark Parrish and defenceman Brent Sopel . Upon being dealt , he was called up from the AHL and played the remainder of the season with New York . He left Manchester with 25 goals and 56 points in 56 games , which finished the 2005 ? 06 AHL season ranked as the third @-@ best points @-@ per @-@ game rate among league rookies .

Playing in his third game with the Islanders , he scored his first NHL goal against Martin Brodeur in a 6 ? 1 win against the New Jersey Devils on March 14 , 2006 . He finished the campaign with a goal and four points in 21 games with New York . As the Islanders failed to qualify for the playoffs , they assigned Tambellini to their AHL affiliate , the Bridgeport Sound Tigers , for their Calder Cup playoffs . Over seven post @-@ season games , he recorded three points as Bridgeport was eliminated by the Wilkes @-@ Barre / Scranton Penguins in the first round .

Tambellini split the 2006 ? 07 season between the Islanders and Sound Tigers . Called up from the AHL on three separate occasions , he recorded two goals and nine points over 23 games with New York . Over 50 AHL games , he led the Sound Tigers with 30 goals and 59 points . The following season , Tambellini set the Sound Tigers single @-@ season scoring record with 76 points in 57 games . His 38 goals ranked second in the league , while his points total was seventh . He was called up to the NHL five times , scoring a goal and four points over 31 games . In the off @-@ season , he was re @-@ signed to a two @-@ year , US \$ 1 @. @ 175 million contract on July 16 , 2008 .

In 2008 ? 09 , he began the campaign in the NHL . With the exception of a two @-@ week assignment with Bridgeport in December 2008 , he spent the entire season with the Islanders . Over 65 NHL games , he scored seven goals and 15 points , while recording three goals in six games with the Sound Tigers . The following season , Tambellini recorded his first NHL hat trick with his father in attendance on October 31 , 2009 , against the Buffalo Sabres . Often made a healthy scratch , he completed the season with 14 points over 36 games , while leading the Islanders in shootout percentage with three goals in five attempts .

Becoming an unrestricted free agent in the off @-@ season , Tambellini joined the Vancouver Canucks on July 1 , 2010 . His signed a one @-@ year , two @-@ way deal paying the league @-@ minimum \$ 500 @, @ 000 at the NHL @-@ level and \$ 105 @, @ 000 at the minor @-@ league level . He had received interest from other teams , but was quick to accept an offer from his hometown NHL team , commenting that he " grew up want [ ing ] to be part of the Vancouver Canucks from age six . " Tambellini scored his first goal as a Canuck on October 22 , 2010 , in a 5 ? 1 win against the Minnesota Wild . While earning some time on the team 's second line , he played the majority of the season on the fourth unit , finishing with 9 goals and 17 points over 62 games . Assigned to the team 's AHL affiliate for brief periods in October and November 2010 , he recorded 7 points over 7 games with the Manitoba Moose . A healthy scratch for the majority of the 2011 playoffs , he made his NHL post @-@ season debut in Game 6 of the second round against the Nashville Predators . In total , he dressed in six games with no points during the playoffs as the Canucks advanced to the Stanley Cup Finals for the third time in team history , losing in Game 7 to the Boston Bruins .

After becoming an unrestricted free agent once more in the off @-@ season , Tambellini signed for

the ZSC Lions of the National League A ( NLA ) in Switzerland . By joining Zurich , he followed after his father and grandfather , who both played for the team during their careers . He was recruited to play overseas by the Lions ' Bob Hartley , who previously coached in the NHL for the Colorado Avalanche and Atlanta Thrashers . Tambellini became the team 's premiere player in his first season with Zurich , leading the team in scoring and averaging more than 25 minutes a game . He described the Swiss league as a competitive level between the AHL and NHL . In his first season in Zurich he won the Swiss Championship and was the topscorer of the Lions .

Upon completion of an injury plagued second season with the Lions , Tambellini left as a free agent and signed a one @-@ year contract in Sweden with Modo Hockey of the Swedish Hockey League on March 25 , 2013 .

In the 2014 ? 15 season , Tambellini skated in 30 games with Fribourg @-@ Gotteron of the Swiss @-@ A league , registering five goals and 13 points . He also played in 20 games with Vaxjo Lakers in the Swedish Hockey League , recording six goals and nine points . On July 5 , 2015 , the Tampa Bay Lightning signed forward Jeff Tambellini to a one @-@ year , two @-@ way contract . Tambellini has skated in 242 NHL games over six season , recording 27 goals and 63 points . He played his last NHL season with the Vancouver Canucks during the 2010 ? 11 season .

After spending the 2015 ? 16 season with the Lightning 's AHL affiliate , the Syracuse Crunch , in which he contributed with 49 points in 65 games , Tambellini returned to Sweden in securing a one @-@ year contract with Djurgårdens IF of the SHL on June 10 , 2016 .

= = International play = =

Tambellini competed for the Canadian national junior team at the 2004 World Junior Championships , held in Finland . He was the lone NCAA player on Canada 's roster . Playing against Ukraine in the round @-@ robin , he scored his first international goal against goaltender Yevgeniy Galyuk in a 10 ? 0 win . Helping Canada reach the gold medal game , they lost to the United States by a 4 ? 3 score , earning silver . In six games , Tambellini recorded two goals and five points , ranking sixth in team scoring .

= = Personal life = =

Tambellini was born in Calgary , Alberta . His father Steve Tambellini , a retired ice hockey player and former general manager of the Edmonton Oilers , was playing for the Calgary Flames at the time . Steve also played in the NHL with the New York Islanders , Colorado Rockies , New Jersey Devils and Vancouver Canucks . Tambellini 's grandfather , Addie Tambellini , was a member of the Trail Smoke Eaters who were the last Canadian amateur team to win the World Championships in 1961 . While his father became involved with the Canucks first as a player , then as an executive later in his career , Jeff lived in suburban Port Moody , British Columbia , gaining exposure to the NHL environment . After leaving home to begin his own hockey career , Jeff returned to Vancouver in the off @-@ seasons , residing in the downtown Coal Harbour neighbourhood .

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= = = Regular season and playoffs = = =

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