

= Zach Parise =

Zachary Justin Parisé ( born July 28 , 1984 ) is an American professional ice hockey left winger of French @-@ Canadian heritage , an alternate captain for the Minnesota Wild in the National Hockey League ( NHL ) . He has also played for the New Jersey Devils , where he served as team captain . Parise 's father , J. P. Parisé , was a professional ice hockey player who played for Team Canada at the 1972 Summit Series , and his brother Jordan Parise is a retired professional hockey goaltender . He was an alternate captain for the United States at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and the captain at the 2014 Sochi Olympics .

Parise played midget AAA hockey for Shattuck @-@ St. Mary 's in Faribault , Minnesota , before spending two seasons at the University of North Dakota , where he was twice nominated for the Hobey Baker Award , given to the top college ice hockey player in America . He was drafted by the Devils 17th overall in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft and turned professional after his sophomore season , spending one year playing for the Albany River Rats of the American Hockey League ( AHL ) . Parise joined the Devils for the 2005 ? 06 season . Parise 's best NHL season was in 2008 ? 09 , when he was the League 's third @-@ leading goal scorer ( 45 ) behind Jeff Carter with 46 and NHL leader Alexander Ovechkin with 56 , while ranking fifth among all NHL players in points with 94 .

Parise has represented the United States at several different events . He helped the Americans win a gold medal at the 2004 World Junior Championships , where he was named the tournament 's Most Valuable Player and Best Forward and earned a spot on the Tournament All @-@ Star Team . Parise was an alternate captain for the American team at the 2010 Winter Olympics , and scored the tying goal late in the gold medal game against Canada to send it to overtime . Parise and his teammates won a silver medal . After the tournament , Parise was named to the Tournament All @-@ Star Team . Parise was also named captain for the 2014 Winter Olympics .

= = Playing career = =

= = = Amateur = = =

Parise played midget AAA hockey for four seasons for the Shattuck @-@ St. Mary 's Sabres in Faribault , Minnesota , where his father J. P. worked in the hockey program . During his final two years ( 2000 ? 01 and 2001 ? 02 ) at Shattuck @-@ St. Mary 's , he scored 146 goals and 194 assists in 125 games . While playing for the Sabres , Parise twice participated in the Mac 's AAA Hockey Tournament held in Calgary , Alberta . In 2000 and 2001 , he was named the tournament Most Valuable Player ( MVP ) as well as being named to the tournament All @-@ Star Team . He was the top scorer at the 2001 tournament . After his senior year at Shattuck @-@ St. Mary 's , Parise was named the school 's Best All @-@ Around Athlete .

Parise played NCAA hockey for the University of North Dakota ( UND ) starting with the 2002 ? 03 season . In his first game with UND , Parise scored three goals , becoming only the second freshman to record a hat @-@ trick since 1988 . During his freshman season at UND , Parise led the NCAA in rookie scoring ( 26 goals and 35 assists ) , and finished eighth in the national scoring race . He captured a number of awards during the season , including being named the Western Collegiate Hockey Association ( WCHA ) Rookie of the Week four times , and WCHA Offensive Player of the Week once . After the season , he was named a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award , the only freshman nominated that year as well as the first @-@ ever UND freshman nominee . Parise was named UND 's Male Rookie Athlete of the Year after the 2002 ? 03 season . In addition to these honors , Parise was named to the WCHA All @-@ Rookie Team and the All @-@ WCHA Third Team . Parise was also named the recipient of the Jeff Anderson Hockey Scholarship , given to the MVP as voted by his teammates .

After his freshman season , Parise was eligible for the 2003 NHL Entry Draft . Heading into the Draft , he was ranked as the ninth @-@ best North American skater by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau . NHL teams had concerns about his size , but were impressed by his skill and work ethic .

At the Draft , the New Jersey Devils traded to obtain the 17th overall pick from the Edmonton Oilers and used it to select Parise .

Parise returned to UND for his sophomore season after being drafted . Along with teammates Brandon Bochenski , Matt Smaby and Drew Stafford , Parise helped the University of North Dakota to the MacNaughton Cup as the WCHA Regular Season Champions . Parise was named a First Team All @-@ American after the season . He was named as one of the ten nominees for the Hobey Baker Award , and was one of three finalists , losing out to eventual winner Junior Lessard . Parise was also named to the All @-@ WCHA Academic Team , and the WCHA All @-@ Tournament Team . After his sophomore season , Parise was named as the winner of the Cliff ( Fido ) Purpur Award , awarded by the coaching staff to the player who exemplifies " the characteristics of Purpur , a former UND coach , of hard work , determination and being a creator of excitement on the ice . "

= = = Professional = = =

= = = = New Jersey Devils = = = =

After his sophomore season at UND , Parise chose to forgo his final two years of NCAA eligibility to sign a professional contract with the New Jersey Devils . He signed an entry @-@ level contract with the Devils on March 29 , 2004 . Due to the 2004 ? 05 NHL lockout , Parise spent his first professional season in the American Hockey League ( AHL ) with the Albany River Rats . In his first professional season , Parise scored 18 goals and added 40 assists . He was chosen to play in the 2004 ? 05 AHL All @-@ Star Game .

Parise made his debut in the NHL at the start of the 2005 ? 06 season . In his rookie year , Parise played in all but one game , totaling 14 goals and 18 assists for 32 points . He became just the 12th player for the Devils to score a goal in his first NHL game . Parise scored his first career Stanley Cup playoff goal against the New York Rangers in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Quarter @-@ finals .

To open the following season , Parise set a franchise record for scoring the quickest season @-@ opening goal , 26 seconds into the first game . For the season , he nearly doubled his scoring output of the previous season , totaling 62 points . Parise was chosen to play in the NHL YoungStars Game during the All @-@ Star weekend , where he scored two goals and four assists and was named the game 's MVP . Heading into the 2007 ? 08 season , Parise and the Devils agreed to terms on a new , four @-@ year contract on August 1 , 2007 . Parise led the Devils in scoring during the 2007 ? 08 season with 65 points . On November 30 , 2007 , in a game against the Montreal Canadiens , Parise got his first NHL natural hat @-@ trick .

On October 3 , 2008 , Parise was named an alternate captain for the Devils . He had a breakout season during his fourth year in the NHL , which saw the Devils increase their scoring output by nearly half a goal per game , breaking away from the team 's image as a mostly defensive team . While playing in all 82 games , Parise scored 45 goals and added 49 assists for 94 points . Parise finished fifth overall in NHL scoring , and was third in goal scoring , behind only Alexander Ovechkin and Jeff Carter . During the season , Parise was selected to represent the Eastern Conference at the 2009 All @-@ Star Game . After the season , Parise was chosen as one of three nominees for the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy , awarded to the NHL 's most sportsmanlike player . He was also chosen to the NHL 's Second All @-@ Star Team , and named the Devils ' team MVP .

During the 2009 ? 10 season , Parise played in 81 games for the Devils , finishing with 38 goals and 44 assists . Parise struggled at times , going 12 games without scoring at one point before recording two goals against the Atlanta Thrashers on December 28 , 2009 . During the playoffs , Parise and the Devils were eliminated in the Eastern Conference Quarter @-@ finals by the Philadelphia Flyers in five games . Parise scored one goal and added three assists in the five playoff games . At the end of the season , he was selected as the Devils ' team MVP for the second year in a row .

In November of the 2010 ? 11 season , Parise tore the meniscus in his right knee , underwent surgery and was deemed to be likely out for the remainder of the season . On March 2 , 2011 , Parise was cleared to start skating and returned to play on April 2 , the same night the Devils were mathematically eliminated from playoff contention .

On July 29 , 2011 , Parise signed a one @-@ year contract worth \$ 6 million with the Devils . On October 5 , 2011 , the Devils named him captain . Parise became the second captain in Devils history ( the other being Scott Stevens ) to lead them to the Stanley Cup Finals . The Devils were down 0 ? 3 in the series before finally losing in six games at the hands of the Los Angeles Kings .

= = = Minnesota Wild = = =

In 2012 , Zach left New Jersey to sign with the Minnesota Wild on July 4th . In an interview with media from both NJ and Minnesota , he simply states ' I want to enjoy the lakes and my time here " . After becoming an unrestricted free agent , Parise signed a 13 @-@ year contract worth \$ 98 million with the Minnesota Wild . The move represented a homecoming for Parise , who grew up in the twin cities of Minneapolis ? Saint Paul and whose father J. P. Parisé once captained the Minnesota North Stars . Parise joined fellow free agent signee Ryan Suter in signing with the Wild ; Suter signed on terms identical to Parise 's deal . Parise would wear number 11 with the Wild , the same number that his father J. P. wore with the North Stars , as number 9 was already taken by team captain Mikko Koivu . Both Parise and Suter were named alternate captains for the Wild on July 10 .

Parise scored 18 goals along with 20 assists during the lockout @-@ shortened 2012 ? 13 season as the Wild qualified for the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time in five years as the eighth seed in the Western Conference , losing to the eventual Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks in five games in the opening round . Parise scored one goal during the series .

On March 20 , 2014 , Parise returned to the Prudential Center for the first time since leaving the New Jersey Devils in the 2012 off @-@ season . Parise was booed every time he skated with the puck . When interviewed after the game , Parise stated that he was glad it was over .

On November 6 , 2014 , it was announced that Parise was out " indefinitely " due to a concussion he suffered two days earlier during a 4 ? 1 loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins . Five games later , on November 16 , he returned to the Wild lineup . He finished the season with 62 points .

The 2015 @-@ 16 season brought a host of struggles for Parise , who struggled through a sprained MCL at the beginning of the season , before injuring his back near the end of the season . In a game against the San Jose Sharks , Parise sustained a hit from Logan Couture that further aggravated the injury , taking him out for the rest of the season and the Wild 's short playoff run . Even with the injuries , Parise led the team in goals and was second in points . He also led the NHL with a total of three hat tricks on the season .

= = = International = = =

Although Parise 's father J. P. played internationally for Canada during his hockey career , Zach and his brother Jordan are American citizens . Parise 's international career started at the under @-@ 18 level , where he played for the United States during the 2002 IIHF World U18 Championships . Parise finished the tournament 14th overall in scoring with seven goals and three assists in eight games and the United States won the gold medal .

Parise next represented the United States at the under @-@ 20 level , playing at the 2003 World Junior Championships . Team USA finished in fourth place and Parise scored four goals and added four assists to finish eighth in tournament scoring . The following year , at the 2004 World Junior Championships , Parise led the Americans to their first @-@ ever gold medal at the tournament . He scored five goals and added six assists and was awarded the Tournament MVP , Best Forward and was named to the Tournament All @-@ Star Team .

In 2005 and 2007 , Parise played for the United States at the World Hockey Championships , although he did not suit up for the full slate of games in either event . In 2008 , Parise served as an alternate captain for the American team at the World Championships . He was named Team USA 's

Player of the Game against Germany during this tournament , and he was also selected as one of the team 's Top Three Players at the end of the tournament by the coaching staff .

On January 1 , 2010 , Parise was named to the 2010 Men 's Olympic Hockey Team , and was later named as one of the team 's alternate captains . Parise scored both of Team USA 's goals in 2 ? 0 quarter @-@ final win over Switzerland . In the final against Canada , Parise scored a game @-@ tying goal with 24 seconds left in the third period to send the game into overtime , although Parise and his teammates had to settle for the silver medal after a Sidney Crosby goal during overtime . For the tournament , Parise finished third in the tournament in scoring , and he was named to the Olympic All @-@ Star team with countrymen Ryan Miller and Brian Rafalski . In 2014 , Parise was again selected to represent his country at the Olympics , and was given the added responsibility of serving as team captain . Parise and the United States capped off their 2014 Olympic campaign with a 5 ? 0 loss to Finland in the bronze medal game .

In 2016 , Parise was selected to play for Team USA at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey .

= = Personal life = =

Parise 's older brother Jordan is a retired professional goaltender who has played in the Devils system in the past . He is sponsored by Easton Hockey . Parise gives his time to New Jersey 's public library system , and serves as a Library Champion , a program which promotes the importance of reading to children .

Parise resides in Orono , Minnesota . He is married to his college sweetheart Alisha Woods .The Parises are parents to twins , Jaxson and Emelia ( born January 2014 ) . Parise 's parents , former NHL player and coach J. P. Parisé and Donna , lived in Prior Lake , Minnesota , until his father died on January 7 , 2015 , after suffering lung cancer . Parise 's father was a Franco @-@ Ontarian from Smooth Rock Falls in Northern Ontario , and was diagnosed with cancer during Winter Olympics . Zach was born during his father 's tenure as assistant coach of the Minnesota North Stars .

Parise trains with EVO Ultrafit .

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