

**#35 - Nikolai Khabibulin**

Nikolai Khabibulin  
 Position: Goaltender  
 Born January 13, 1973 in Sverdlovsk, Ukraine  
 Height: 6' 1" Weight: 176

Winnipeg's 8th choice, 204th overall, in 1992 Entry Draft.

The Jets chose goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin in the ninth round of the 1992 Entry Draft and he made his Jets debut in 1995, splitting time with Tim Cheveldae. He moved into the starter's role the following season and backstopped the Jets to their first playoff berth in three seasons. In the first round of the 1996 playoffs, he was brilliant and, with his team facing elimination, singlehandedly won Game 5 in Detroit in a game that few of his teammates wanted to win. He moved with the team to Arizona and played with the relocated franchise for three seasons before sitting out most of the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons due to a contract dispute. Khabibulin was then traded to the Tampa Bay Lightning, where he was an important part of their Stanley Cup championship team in 2003-2004. He spent three full seasons with the Lightning, then signed with the Chicago Blackhawks. After four seasons in Chicago, he signed with the hated Edmonton Oilers.

**Goaltending Statistics**

Regular Season

Season	GP	Min	GA	EN	SO	Saves	Sv %	W	L	T
1995	26	1339	76	1	0	647	0.895	8	9	4
1995-1996	53	2914	152	4	2	1504	0.908	26	20	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4253</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2151</b>	<b>0.904</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>

Playoffs

Season	GP	Min	GA	EN	SO	Saves	Sv %	W	L
1995-1996	6	359	19	1	0	195	0.911	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>0.911</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>