

#21 - Rich (Sarge) Preston

Richard John Preston

Right Wing

Born May 22, 1952 in Regina, Saskatchewan

Height: 5' 11" Weight: 185

Rights acquired from Houston Aeros for cash, July 6, 1978. Claimed by Chicago Blackhawks in Expansion Draft, June 13, 1979.

The Jets purchased the contract of Rich Preston along with many other members of the defunct Houston Aeros in the summer of 1978. Preston was a complete, all-around player who excelled in both ends of the ice and he played an important role in leading the Jets to the AVCO Cup championship in 1979. After being named the most valuable player of the WHA playoffs, he moved on to Chicago with former Aeros teammate Terry Ruskowski. He retired following the 1986-1987 season and turned to coaching after his playing career ended.

Scoring Statistics

Regular Season

<u>Season</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>Shots</u>
1978-1979	80	28	32	60	88	-5	6	1	177
Totals	80	28	32	60	88		6	1	177

Playoffs

<u>Season</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>SH</u>	<u>Shots</u>
1978-1979	10	8	5	13	15	3			
Totals	10	8	5	13	15		0	0	0