

#35 - Bob (Goalie Bob) Essensa

Robert Earle Essensa

Goaltender

Born January 14, 1965 in Toronto, Ontario

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 160

Winnipeg's 5th choice, 71st overall, in 1983 Entry Draft. Traded with Sergei Bautin to Detroit Red Wings for Tim Cheveldae and Dallas Drake, March 8, 1994.

The Jets selected goaltender Bob Essensa in the fourth round of the 1983 Entry Draft and after starring at Michigan State University, he made his Jets debut late in the 1988-1989 season. Over the course of the next five seasons, he went on to establish himself as an upper-echelon NHL goaltender and gave the Jets some stability in goal that they hadn't enjoyed since entering the NHL. When the Jets traded him to the Detroit Red Wings late in the 1993-1994 season, his marks for games played by a goaltender and wins were second in Jets' history to Joe Daley and his 14 regular season shutouts stood as a franchise record. After leaving Detroit, he played for the Edmonton Oilers, Vancouver Canucks, Buffalo Sabres, along with the relocated Jets' franchise in Arizona and retired from hockey following the 2001-2002 season.

Goaltending Statistics

Regular Season

<u>Season</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>EN</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Saves</u>	<u>GAA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
1988-1989	20	1102	68	2	1	504	3.70	6	8	3
1989-1990	36	2035	107	5	1	876	3.15	18	9	5
1990-1991	55	2916	153	5	4	1343	3.15	19	24	6
1991-1992	47	2627	126	2	5	1281	2.88	21	17	6
1992-1993	67	3855	227	4	2	1892	3.53	33	26	6
1993-1994	56	3136	201	5	1	1513	3.85	19	30	6
Totals	281	15671	882	23	14	7409		116	114	32

Playoffs

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1989-1990	4	206	12	0	0	88	3.49	2	1
1991-1992	1	33	3	0	0	14	5.51	0	0
1992-1993	6	367	20	1	0	163	3.27	2	4
Totals	11	606	35	1	0	265		4	5

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>
1988-1989	20	0	0	0	2		0	0	
1989-1990	36	0	2	2	0		0	0	
1990-1991	55	0	3	3	6		0	0	

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1991-1992	47	0	2	2	2	0	0
1992-1993	67	0	5	5	2	0	0
1993-1994	56	0	0	0	6	0	0
Totals	281	0	12	12	18	0	0

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1991-1992	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	
1992-1993	6	0	0	0	2		0	0	
Totals	11	0	0	0	2		0	0	0