

Chris Clark (born March 8, 1976) is a professional <u>ice hockey right winger</u> who is currently a free agent.

College career

Clark played four years for the Clarkson Golden Knights in the ECAC (NCAA Division I), posting 128 points (63 goals, 65 assists) and 392 penalty minutes in 142 games. He was named to the ECAC Second All-Star team in 1998. [1]

NHL career

Clark was drafted in the third round, 77th overall, by the <u>Calgary Flames</u> in the <u>1994 NHL Entry Draft</u>. Clark played five seasons with the Flames. In his final season with the team, he played in every game and helped the team to the 2004 <u>Stanley Cup Finals</u>, which they lost to Tampa Bay.

Clark was traded to the Washington Capitals as a restricted free agent on August 4, 2005, in exchange for a conditional pick in the 2006 Entry Draft. In January 2006, he joined the Capitals' top line, which also included left wing Alexander Ovechkin and center Dainius Zubrus. Clark finished his first season in Washington with career highs in goals, assists, and points. The Capitals named Clark their new team captain on September

13, 2006. [2] Playing on the top line, Clark had a career year in goals (30), assists (24) and points (54) during the 2006–07 season.

Clark was injured in the third period of a 2-1 shootout loss to the <u>Florida Panthers</u> on November 28, 2007, and missed the next eighteen games with a strained <u>groin</u> muscle. Clark returned to the lineup on February 13, 2008, but played only one shift against the <u>Philadelphia Flyers</u>. Clark kicked out his skate in an attempt to stop a pass when he aggravated the groin injury. Clark missed the rest of the regular season and playoffs.

After suffering a wrist injury in February 2009, Clark would miss the remainder of the 2008–09 regular season after suffering a wrist injury that required surgery. Clark skated with the team during the pre game skate before game five of the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoff game against the New York Rangers, but did not return until Game 7, taking the place of then-teammate Donald Brashear, who was suspended for six games after his late hit on Blair Betts.

On December 28, 2009, Clark, along with defenseman Milan Jurcina, was traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets for winger Jason Chimera. [4]

Clark was the third longest tenured captain in the history of the Washington Capitals, behind only Hockey Hall of Famer Rod Langway and Dale Hunter. [5]

International play

During the <u>2004–05 NHL lockout</u> Clark continued his career in Europe. First Clark played through a short stint with Swiss team SC Bern, then with Norwegian outfit Storhamar Dragons.

In 2007 Clark was chosen as the captain of the <u>USA hockey team</u> for the <u>World Championships</u>, where he scored two goals and added an assist in six games.



RW/LW Chris Clark

Date of birth: March 08, 1976 Place of birth: South Windsor, CT

Ht: 6-0 Wt: 196 Shoots: R NHL Seasons: 11

Drafted by Calgary in 1994 (3/77).

ASSETS: Always displays solid leadership qualities. Uses speed, grit and tenacity to play a sound checking game. Is also versatile enough to occasionally play on a scoring line.