

Former LJAC Oil King Erik Christensen Retires



The Leduc Jr. Athletic club would like to congratulate Erik Christensen on his retirement from professional hockey.

After being drafted in the sixth round of the WHL Bantam draft, Erik went on to a good NHL and professional hockey career.

Best of luck in the future Erik from your friends at the Leduc Jr. Athletic Club!

Christensen played four-plus seasons with the Kamloops Blazers, before being traded to the Brandon Wheat Kings during the 2003-04 season. In 338 WHL regular-season games, he put up 133 goals and 153 assists.

He was selected by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the third round of the NHL's 2002 draft. He went on to play 387 NHL games, scoring 68 goals and adding 95 assists. He developed quite a reputation as a shootout specialist while in the NHL with the Penguins, Atlanta Thrashers, Anaheim Ducks, New York Rangers and Minnesota Wild.

Christensen played the past five seasons in Europe, the last three-plus with HV-71. In 171 games in the SHL, he had 50 goals and 66 assists.