

kris draper

drafted 62nd overall in the 1989 Draft by the Winnipeg Jets, Kris Draper did not see much action in his early years. He is a rarity in that he played in the AHL and NHL before playing junior in the Ontario Hockey League. After playing just 20 games in the 4 seasons since he was drafted, he was traded to Detroit in 1993 for a dollar. Draper would quickly become a valuable fixture in Detroit's rotation, and he began his reputation as the "One Dollar Man."

2003-2009 statistics

Year	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	SOG	SPCT	PPG	PPA	SHG	SHA	GWG	GTG	ATOI	PROD
2003-2004	DET	67	24	18	40	22	31	149	16.1	2	2	5	2	1	1	17:44	29:41
2005-2006	DET	80	10	22	32	3	58	153	6.5	0	2	1	1	1	--	17:46	44:25
2006-2007	DET	81	14	15	29	7	58	157	8.9	0	0	5	0	1	--	16:44	46:45
2007-2008	DET	65	9	8	17	-2	38	97	9.3	0	0	2	0	2	--	15:38	59:46
2008-2009	DET	57	4	6	10	-14	30	67	6.0	0	0	1	0	1	--	12:08	69:10
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start Upon his arrival with the Wings, Draper quickly became recognized as one of the fastest skaters in the league and one of its premier penalty killers. While in Detroit, Draper teamed up with Kirk Maltby and Darren McCarty to form the "Grind Line", one of the league's premier checking lines and was instrumental in leading the Wings to back-to-back Stanley Cup titles in 1997 and 1998.

career Known for his durability, injuries limited the speedy centreman to 51 games in 1999-00 and over the course of the next three seasons, would miss a mere 7 games while playing a key role in the Wings third Stanley Cup title in six years. Having already established himself as one of the premier defensive players in the league, Draper's offensive numbers began to take notice. After establishing a career high in assists (21) and points (35) in 2002-03, Draper established a career in goals (24) in 2003-04 and surpassed his point total with (40), while capturing the Selke Trophy as the games top defensive forward. Over the next two seasons, Draper's offensive output would decrease, however he still managed to stay healthy and appear in nearly every one of the club's games. In the 2007-08 season, Draper competed in his 900th game, scored his 300th career point, and suffered a few minor injuries before he appeared in all 21 playoff games during the Red Wings drive to Cup. The Cup victory was the fourth of Draper's successful career in Detroit.

the brawl On May 29, 1996, during game six of the Western Conference Finals of the 1996 playoffs, Draper was checked from behind into the boards at the end of the players bench by Colorado Avalanche player Claude Lemieux. The hit forced Draper face first into the dasher (the top edge of the boards), causing him to suffer a broken jaw, broken nose, broken cheekbone, and a concussion. When the Wings and Avalanche met again on March 26, 1997, play was very physical between the two teams, and the anger over the injuries to Draper set off a massive brawl (Brawl in Hockeytown) between the two teams.