



Hall of Fame Brian Swanson

Brian Swanson was born on March 24, 1976 in Eagle River, Alaska. He started playing hockey at the age of 7 with the Anchorage Hockey Association House program and continuing play with the Alaska All Stars and Anchorage North Stars. Swanson attended Chugiak High School graduating in 1994. He was fortunate to have been coached by some of Alaska's most well know coaches including Dempsey Anderson, Steve Gasparini, Dan Kowal, Harry McDonald, Paul Brauneis, and John Hill.

In '92-'93 his Midget team competed for the National Championship while the tournament was hosted at Ben Boeke. Their loss in the Championship game was heart-breaking, but was a culmination of years of youth hockey in Alaska. In '93 he left Alaska to play in the USHL for the Omaha Lancers.

Career Highlights:

1993 Alaska High School Player of the Year
1993-1995 Omaha Lancers
1994 Drafted 115th overall by the San Jose Sharks
1995-1999 Colorado College
1995-1996: WCHA Rookie of the Year
1995-1999 Selected for the WCHA First or Second teams
1997 & 1999 Hobey Baker Finalist
1997-98 Second Team All American
1998-99 First Team All American
1999 Signed with the Edmonton Oilers
2000 NHL Debut with the Edmonton Oilers
2002 AHL All Star Team
2003-04 Signed with the Atlanta Thrashers playing mostly with AHL affiliate Chicago Wolves.
2004-05 Kassel Huskies of the DEL
2006 Inducted into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame
2005-09 Nürnberg Ice Tigers of the DEL
2009-10 Iserlohn Roosters of the DEL
2010-12 Alaska Aces of the ECHL. 2011 Kelly Cup Champion
2021 Named to WCHA all 1990's all decade team

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