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JOHNSON'S JERSEYS COLLEGIATE COLLECTOR NEWSLETTER

THE OPENING FACEOFF...

NEW ARRIVALS FROM BOSTON UNIV,
MICHIGAN TECH, PROVIDENCE, WEST
POINT (ARMY) AND WISCONSIN



As the collegiate hockey season comes to an end, new arrivals tend to slow a bit as our attention turns from our favorite amateur teams to the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs. Despite this seasonal lull in the hobby, still some nice new arrivals this time around. Another beautiful Boston Terriers felt with HE 35th patch which was worn by Coyotes draft pick Cam Crotty arrived a few weeks ago. Cam has spent his last two seasons with the Coyotes top development team, the Tucson Roadrunners of the AHL. Ironically, if Cam gets called up next season, he'll go back to playing in a college rink. In a bizarre twist, the Coyotes have been booted from their former home at Gila River Arena and will be sharing Arizona State's new 5,000 seat arena. Also from Hockey East is a nice vintage Providence College road jersey circa 2002-03. Hard to believe this Nike size 58 jersey was already worn almost 20 years ago by Eric Lundberg!

Even older, the next jersey is one of the earliest Reebok jerseys worn by the Badgers in the late 1990s. Great wear and team repairs on this size 54 worn by Matt Peterson. If you have not seen one of the Wisconsin jerseys from this era in person, they are a very unique material. I would describe them as a very soft, dazzle, air-knit. The original name is still attached, and all letters are sewn directly to the jersey.

The Michigan Tech jersey is assumed to be game issued circa (2004-07). There is no sign of a nameplate ever being on the jersey and this jersey should have been worn for three seasons by two different players. Although it was apparently not worn, it is rare in the fact that it is not team signed on the front. All of the game worn jerseys I have seen from this set were team signed in silver Sharpie and then raffled at home games.

Lastly, we have a sharp looking West Point (Army) Black Knights jersey from the 2006-07 season. The Gemini size 56 jersey currently has a "KEARNS" nameplate attached (who played only one game), but the jersey was clearly recycled from Chris Migliaro as there is heavy wear, repairs and evidence of a longer nameplate that was previously attached. West Point remains one of the toughest collegiate teams to get in the hobby.

TIMEOUT FOR COACHING... SHOULD I GET MY JERSEY AUTOGRAPHED?

Now more than 25 years into the hockey game worn jersey hobby, I always smile a little when I see new collectors asking the same questions that I and many other collectors have asked over the years. One topic that seems to come up almost as regularly as the salmon returning to Capistrano is if collectors should have the player autograph their game worn jersey. Some collectors like the personal aspect of meeting the player and having them sign their game as proof of the interaction with the player.

What I have found over the years is that if you plan to sell the jersey, much like any other mod (reattaching / adding / changing items like nameplates, captain's letters, special patches, etc), they limit your pool of prospective buyers. The more the jersey deviates from "as worn on the ice" or "as released by the team" the fewer collectors that may have interested in it, near the value you paid for it. As an alternative to having the player sign the jersey on the exterior, here are some other suggestions you may find useful.

- Have the player sign the on *inside* of the jersey behind the crest or on the fight strap. This won't be visible from the exterior of the jersey, but you can still show the signature to others
- Have the player sign an 8x10 photo match image or a trading card to display with the jersey
- Get a photo of the player holding the jersey (et a friend to take the photo and include yourself)

No matter what you choose to do, it is your jersey so enjoy it in any way you choose. As a matter of courtesy to other collectors, and to protect your reputation in the hobby, it is always wise to disclose any modification you make to the jersey before trading or selling it to another collector.

AT THE END OF REGULATION...

THE DENVER PIONEERS - 2022 NCAA CHAMPS!

The Minnesota State Mavericks (CCHA) and the Denver Pioneers (NCHC) played an exciting championship game at TD Garden in Boston to close out the season. The two former WCHA teams kept fans on the edge of their seats as Mankato got out to an early 1-0 lead in the first period. Mankato held this lead until roughly five minutes into the third period when Denver evened the score. Just a few minutes later the Pioneers struck again and never looked back. They added a third even strength goal six minutes later before netting two empty net goals to secure their NCAA record 9th championship - A record they now share with Michigan and closely trailed by North Dakota with eight. We still have a few Mankato jerseys available as well as a lone Denver jersey available for sale/trade. You can view them at the link below.

<https://www.johnsonsjerseys.net/hockey/ncaa/wcha/>



NEW ARRIVALS

PRICE	TEAM	YEAR	TYPE	#	PLAYER	MISC NOTES
\$395	Boston University	2018-19	3rd / Alt	5	Crotty, Cam	UnderArmour (SP) 54, red felt, 35th patch, 2 large repairs
\$250	Michigan Tech Univ	2006-07	Road	7	Lord, Alex	SP 52, likely GI, Malcolm Gwilliam 2004-06
\$275	Providence College	2002-03	Road	15	Lundberg, Eric	NIKE 58, good wear, stick/puck marks
\$395	Univ of Wisconsin	1996-98	Home	6	Peterson, Matt	Reebok 54, 3 repairs, stick/puck marks
\$595	West Point (Army)	2006-07	Home	8	Kearns, John	Gemini 56, 7 repairs, great wear, Chris Migliaro 2005-06

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