



TEAM FINLAND
ICE HOCKEY - MEN AND WOMEN
THE XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
VANCOUVER 2010



MAIN SPONSORS OF THE FINNISH OLYMPIC TEAMS



MEDIA PARTNER OF THE FINNISH OLYMPIC TEAMS



SUPPLIERS OF THE FINNISH OLYMPIC TEAMS





TEAM FINLAND
ICE HOCKEY - MEN AND WOMEN
THE XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
VANCOUVER 2010



PUBLISHED BY THE FINNISH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

EDITED BY SPORTS LIBRARY OF FINLAND / INFORMATION SERVICE

URHEILUKIRJASTO@STADION.FI

TEXTS AND STATISTICS BY: MATTI HINTIKKA, VESA TIKANDER, KAJ OJALA

TRANSLATIONS: VESA TIKANDER

PHOTOGRAPHS: LEHTIKUVA

COVER, LAYOUT, PREPRESS: PLANEETTA 10, HELSINKI

PRINTED AT: ESA PRINT OY, LAHTI 2010

ISBN: 978-952-5794-08-3 (PAPER)


978-952-5794-09-0 (PDF)

FRONT COVER:

Finland will once again fight for Olympic medals in both men's and women's hockey in Vancouver.

INDEX

	PAGE
FINNISH ICE HOCKEY TEAMS IN VANCOUVER 2010:	
MEN _____	5
WOMEN _____	24
STATISTICS _____	35
NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS _____	36







ICE HOCKEY

The Finnish ice hockey team took part at the Olympic Games for the first time in Oslo 1952, finishing in seventh place. The long-standing dream of an Olympic medal finally came true in Calgary 1988, when the Finnish Lions won silver after defeating the USSR in the final game. Since that Finland has established its position as one of the permanent medal contenders, winning bronze in Lillehammer 1994 and Nagano 1998. In Turin 2006 the Finnish men's hockey team gave its

best ever performance on Olympic ice and in fact any major championship event: the Lions went undefeated in the tournament all through to the gold medal game where they lost heart-breakingly to perennial rivals Sweden 2-3.

Finland pioneered women's ice hockey in Europe. The Lionesses won bronze in the first women's Olympic ice hockey tournament in Nagano 1998. Both in 2002 and 2006 they had to settle for fourth place.

MEN

GOALTENDERS



NIKLAS BÄCKSTRÖM

#33

*** February 13, 1978 Helsinki**

185 cm, 89 kg

Catches left

Team: Minnesota Wild (NHL)

Niklas Bäckström goes to his second Olympic tournament in search of his first Olympic assignment: in Turin 2006 he was the reserve goaltender of the Finnish silver medal team. He guarded the net of the Finnish Lions at the World Championships of 2005 and 2008, shutting out Sweden in the bronze medal game in Quebec 2008. Niklas is somewhat a late bloomer: he was 28 when he first came to the NHL having previously won two Finnish championship titles with Kärpät Oulu. He

has not needed to look back: in the 2006/07 season Niklas won the awards for the goaltender who allowed fewest goals and saved with best percentage in regular-season play in the NHL.

NIKLAS BÄCKSTRÖM

	REGULAR SEASON				PLAYOFFS				TEAM FINLAND
	GP	A	avg.	S%	GP	A	avg.	S%	
96/97 HIFK, FIN	2	0	5.85	82.35					
PiTa, FIN-2	8	0	3.69	87.50					
97/98 Hermes, FIN-2	9	0	2.95	91.15					WJunCh gold
98/99 HIFK, FIN	16	3	1.69	93.19					
99/00 HIFK, FIN	4	0	6.58	78.48					
FoPS, FIN-2	22	4	2.27	92.82	3	0	2.69	91.30	
00/01 SaiPa, FIN	49	5	2.55	92.38					
01/02 AIK, SWE	40	1	3.05	89.66					
02/03 Kärpät, FIN	36	3	2.16	92.87	15	0	2.00	93.88	
03/04 Kärpät, FIN	43	1	2.03	93.57	15	0	2.33	92.48	
04/05 Kärpät, FIN	47	1	2.17	92.65	12	0	1.25	94.97	2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Kärpät, FIN	51	0	1.68	93.95	4	1	1.85	89.66	2006 OG silver , WCh bronze
06/07 Minnesota Wild, NHL	41	1	1.97	92.90	5	1	2.22	92.4	
07/08 Minnesota Wild, NHL	58	0	2.32	92.00	6	0	2.83	90.00	2008 WCh bronze
08/09 Minnesota Wild, NHL	71	0	2.33	92.30					
09/10 Minnesota Wild, NHL	43	0	2.74	90.10					
NHL totals:	213	1	2.34	91.90					National team: 56 games, 0+2=2 points



MIIKKA KIPRUSOFF

#34

* October 26, 1976 Turku

185 cm, 85 kg

Catches left

Team: Calgary Flames (NHL)

Miikka Kiprusoff's goaltending was instrumental in Finland's surprising progress all through to the final in the 2004 World Cup. He was slated to be the number one netminder of the Lions in the Olympic tournament 2006 as well, but hip injury ultimately prevented his trip to Turin. Vancouver 2010 will thus be his first Olympic Games. "Kipper's" first address in the NHL was San Jose Sharks, but a move to Calgary in November 2003 put him on a path to stardom. In his first

season with the Flames he posted a modern-day NHL record in goals against average (1.69) and went on to lead the team to the 2004 Stanley Cup finals. In the 2005/06 season he became the first Finnish player to win the Vezina Trophy as the best goaltender of the league. Miikka's elder brother Marko Kiprusoff is a defender and Olympic bronze medallist from Lillehammer 1994.

	REGULAR SEASON				PLAYOFFS				TEAM FINLAND
	GP	A	avg.	S%	GP	A	avg.	S%	
94/95 TPS, FIN	4	0	3.00	89.74	2	0	3.50	89.55	
Kiekko-67, FIN-2	1	0	6.00	84.62					
95/96 TPS, FIN	12	2	4.14	88.09	4	0	2.11	92.98	
Kiekko-67, FIN-2	5	0	1.40	95.04					
96/97 AIK, SWE	42	1	2.29	90.70	7	0	3.14		
97/98 AIK, SWE	42	0	2.65	90.81					
AIK, SWE-2	9	0	1.67	93.06					
98/99 TPS, FIN	39	2	1.86	93.55	10	0	1.55	94.57	1999 WCh silver
99/00 Kentucky Thoroughblades, AHL	47	1	2.48	92.40	5	0	3.27	90.40	
00/01 San Jose Sharks, NHL	5	0	1.95	90.20	3	0	2.01	93.70	2001 WCh silver
Kentucky Thoroughblades, AHL	36	2	2.24	92.60					
01/02 San Jose Sharks, NHL	20	0	2.49	91.50	1	0	0.00	100.0	
Cleveland Barons, AHL	4	2	1.73	94.90					
02/03 San Jose Sharks, NHL	22	0	3.25	87.90					
03/04 Calgary Flames, NHL	38	1	1.69	93.30	26	0	1.85	92.80	2004 WCup 2nd
04/05 Timrå, SWE	46	0	2.14	91.59	6	0	2.19	88.98	

MIIKKA KIPRUSOFF

05/06	Calgary Flames, NHL
06/07	Calgary Flames, NHL
07/08	Calgary Flames, NHL
08/09	Calgary Flames, NHL
09/10	Calgary Flames, NHL
NHL totals:	

REGULAR SEASON

GP	A	avg.	S%
74	2	2.07	92.30
74	0	2.46	91.70
76	2	2.69	90.60
76	3	2.84	90.30
44	0	2.25	92.40
429	8	2.44	91.4

PLAYOFFS

GP	A	avg.	S%
7	0	2.24	92.10
6	0	2.81	92.90
7	0	3.21	90.80
6	0	3.52	88.40

TEAM FINLAND

National team:
41 games, 0+1=1 points

**ANTERO NIITTYMÄKI****#30**

* June 18, 1980 Turku
183 cm, 88 kg
Catches left
Team: Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)

Antero Niittymäki was the key man in Finland's sensational run in the 2006 Olympic tournament in Turin. He went to North America in 2002 but had to spend the first three seasons in the minor league. After winning the MVP award of the Calder Cup playoffs in 2005 he was called to the Philadelphia Flyers in the NHL. Antero was originally selected as third-choice goaltender to the Finnish team for Turin, but injuries to Miikka Kiprusoff and Kari Lehtonen promoted him to number one. In Turin he allowed only eight goals in six games, shut out Canada and Russia and won the MVP award of the entire Olympic tournament. In 2009 Antero moved from Philadelphia to Tampa Bay Lightning.

REGULAR SEASON

99/00	TPS, FIN
00/01	TPS, FIN
01/02	TPS, FIN
02/03	Philadelphia Phantoms, AHL
03/04	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL
	Philadelphia Phantoms, AHL
04/05	Philadelphia Phantoms, AHL
05/06	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL
bronze	
06/07	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL
07/08	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL
08/09	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL
09/10	Tampa Bay Lightning, NHL
NHL totals:	

GP	A	avg.	S%
32	0	2.15	93.00
21	0	2.48	91.00
27	0	1.84	94.00
40	0	2.58	90.30
3	0	1.00	96.10
49	0	2.02	92.40
58	0	2.07	92.40
46	1	2.97	89.50
52	0	3.38	89.40
28	0	2.91	90.70
32	1	2.76	91.20
26	1	2.70	91.00
187	3	2.97	90.20

PLAYOFFS

GP	A	avg.	S%
8	0	2.00	94.44
4	0	2.00	92.62
12	1	2.00	92.60
21	0	2.00	94.30
2	0	4.00	82.80

TEAM FINLAND

2006 OG silver, WCh

National team:
26 games, 0+0=0 points

DEFENDERS



LASSE KUKKONEN

#5

* September 18, 1981 Oulu

184 cm, 90 kg

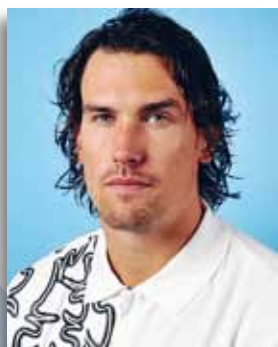
Shoots left

Team: Avangard Omsk (KHL)

Lasse Kukkonen was called to the Finnish team as a backup defender after injury to Sami Salo in the middle of the Olympic tournament in Turin 2006. He was entered in the roster for the semi-final and final games and rewarded with a silver medal. Vancouver will be Lasse's first chance to really prove himself on Olympic ice. At the World Championships he has already done that, winning bronze in 2006 and silver in 2007. After four seasons in the NHL at Philadelphia and

Chicago Lasse joined the Siberian team Avangard Omsk in the KHL in 2009. Lasse is married and father of two girls. His favourite pastime is greyhound racing.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND	
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM		
99/00	Kärpät, FIN-2	22	0	4	4	14						
00/01	Kärpät, FIN	47	1	5	6	46	9	0	2	2	4	2001 WJCh silver
01/02	Kärpät, FIN	55	2	6	8	42	4	0	3	4		
02/03	Kärpät, FIN	56	6	12	18	67	15	1	4	5	16	
03/04	Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	10	0	1	1	4						
	Norfolk Admirals, AHL	59	3	11	14	58	8	0	0	0	8	
04/05	Kärpät, FIN	55	5	13	18	68	12	0	2	2	6	2005 WCh 7th
05/06	Kärpät, FIN	56	11	16	27	38	11	5	7	12	8	2006 OG silver, WCh bronze
06/07	Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	54	5	9	14	30						2007 WCh silver
	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	20	0	0	0	8						
07/08	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	53	1	4	5	38	14	0	2	2	6	
08/09	Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	22	0	2	2	10						2009 WCh 5th
	Philadelphia Phantoms, AHL	26	0	11	11	20	4	2	0	2	6	
09/10	Avangard Omsk, KHL	45	6	3	9	32						
	NHL totals:	159	6	16	22	90	14	0	2	2	6	National team: 63 games, 3+8=11 points



SAMI LEPISTÖ

#18

* October 17, 1984 Espoo

183 cm, 87 kg

Shoots left

Team: Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)

Sami Lepistö was selected best defender of the World Junior Championships of 2004 played on home ice in Helsinki. He made his debut in the senior national team in the following year. Vancouver will be Sami's second major tournament with the Lions after the World Championships of 2008, where his overtime goal in the quarter-final game against the USA put Finland through to medal play. Sami's father Jussi was also a national team hockey player. His godfather is none

other than the legendary NHL star Jari Kurri, current manager of the Finnish national team. Sami is known as an avid golfer.

SAMI LEPISTÖ

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
03/04 Jokerit, FIN	53	3	4	7	20	8	0	1	1	4	2004 JWCh silver
04/05 Jokerit, FIN	55	7	18	25	44	12	1	7	8	12	
05/06 Jokerit, FIN	56	8	21	29	68						
06/07 Jokerit, FIN	26	1	9	10	32	10	2	2	4	4	2008 WCh bronze
07/08 Washington Capitals, NHL	7	0	1	1	12						
Hershey Bears, AHL	55	4	41	45	51	5	0	1	1	4	
08/09 Washington Capitals, NHL	7	0	4	4	6						
Hershey Bears, AHL	70	4	38	38	80						
09/10 Phoenix Coyotes, NHL	44	0	7	7	32						
NHL totals:	58	0	12	12	50						

National team:
17 games, 1+3=4 points



TONI LYDMAN

#32

* September 25, 1977 Lahti

185 cm, 92 kg

Shoots left

Team: Buffalo Sabres (NHL)

Toni Lydman has played for Finland in the Olympic final of 2006, the World Championship finals of 1998 and 1999 and the World Cup final of 2004 as well as for the Calgary Flames in the Stanley Cup finals of 2004. Unfortunately his teams always ended up on the losing side, but that was not down to the ever-dependable defensive-minded defenseman. Toni is married and has two daughters. He plays the guitar in a Finnish heavy metal band whenever his hockey schedule allows.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
95/96 Reipas, FIN-2	39	5	2	7	30	3	0	1	1	0	
96/97 Tappara, FIN	49	1	2	3	65	3	0	0	0	6	
97/98 Tappara, FIN	48	4	10	14	48	4	0	2	2	0	1998 WCh silver
98/99 HIFK, FIN	42	4	7	11	36	11	0	3	3	2	1999 WCh silver
99/00 HIFK, FIN	46	4	18	22	36	9	0	4	4	6	2000 WCh bronze
00/01 Calgary Flames, NHL	62	3	16	19	30						
01/02 Calgary Flames, NHL	79	6	22	28	52						2002 WCh 4th
02/03 Calgary Flames, NHL	81	6	20	26	28						2003 WCh 5th
03/04 Calgary Flames, NHL	67	4	16	20	30	6	0	1	1	2	2004 WCup 2nd
04/05 HIFK, FIN	8	1	2	3	2	5	0	3	3	0	
05/06 Buffalo Sabres, NHL	75	1	16	17	82	18	1	4	5	18	2006 OG silver
06/07 Buffalo Sabres, NHL	67	2	17	19	55	16	2	2	4	14	
07/08 Buffalo Sabres, NHL	82	4	22	26	74						
08/09 Buffalo Sabres, NHL	80	3	20	23	70						
09/10 Buffalo Sabres, NHL	36	1	9	10	20						
NHL totals:	629	30	158	188	441	40	3	7	10	34	

National team:
108 games, 7+11=18 points



JANNE NISKALA

#21

* September 22, 1981 Västerås (Sweden)

184 cm, 91 kg

Shoots left

Team: Frölunda HC (Sweden)

Janne Niskala is the only member of the Finnish Olympic team in Vancouver who does not ply his trade in the NHL or the KHL. The offensive-prone defender currently plays in Sweden, which also happens to be the country of his birth – his parents were working there at the time. Janne's eventful hockey career has also taken him to North America, Switzerland and even England. Janne made his debut in the national team in 2001 but his first major tournament was the World

Championships of 2008, where he scored a couple of important blueline goals to help Finland win bronze.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS				TEAM FINLAND	
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS		PIM
00/01 Lukko, FIN	18	0	0	0	0						
Manchester, GBR	16	0	1	1	14						
UJK, FIN-2	13	4	1	5	43						
01/02 Lukko, FIN	55	7	13	20	81						
02/03 Lukko, FIN	46	4	5	9	40						
03/04 Lukko, FIN	55	21	15	36	73	4	0	0	0	16	
04/05 Lukko, FIN	44	9	12	21	63	9	5	2	7	4	
05/06 Zug, SUI	44	12	17	29	50	7	0	2	2	10	
06/07 Färjestad, SWE	53	19	30	49	62	9	3	3	6	14	
07/08 Milwaukee Admirals, AHL	80	19	25	44	81	6	0	1	1	8	2008 WCh bronze
08/09 Tampa Bay Lightning, NHL	6	1	2	3	6						2009 WCh 5th
Frölunda, SWE	35	9	10	19	20	11	3	3	6	8	
09/10 Frölunda, SWE	38	8	11	19	32						
NHL totals:	6	1	2	3	6						National team: 51 games, 10+9=19 points



JONI PITKÄNEN

#25

* September 19, 1983 Oulu

192 cm, 97 kg

Shoots left

Team: Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)

Joni Pitkänen will go to his first Olympic tournament after a last minute groin injury forced him out of the team for Turin 2006. In Vancouver 2010 he will actually make his first appearance in any major tournament with the Finnish senior national team. Joni was drafted to the NHL by the Philadelphia Flyers as number 4 overall in 2002. In the following year he won the award for best defender at the World Junior Championships in Canada. In his first season with the Flyers

Joni was selected to the All-Rookie Team of the NHL. Outside of the hockey rink Joni is a great fan of soccer and Manchester United in particular.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS				TEAM FINLAND	
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS		PIM
00/01 Kärpät, FIN	21	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	2	
01/02 Kärpät, FIN	49	4	15	19	65	4	0	0	0	12	
02/03 Kärpät, FIN	35	5	15	20	38						

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
03/04 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	71	8	19	27	44	15	0	3	3	6	
04/05 Philadelphia Phantoms, AHL	76	6	35	41	105	21	3	4	7	16	
05/06 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	58	13	33	46	78	6	0	2	2	2	
06/07 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	77	4	39	43	88						
07/08 Edmonton Oilers, NHL	63	8	18	26	56						
08/09 Carolina Hurricanes, NHL	71	7	26	33	58	18	0	8	8	16	
09/10 Carolina Hurricanes, NHL	42	2	26	28	52						
NHL totals:	382	42	191	203	376	39	0	13	13	24	National team: 4 games, 0+1=1 points



SAMI SALO

#6

* September 2, 1974 Turku

192 cm, 95 kg

Shoots right

Team: Vancouver Canucks (NHL)

Sami Salo is one Finnish Lion who will certainly feel at home at the Olympic Games. He has been a Vancouver Canuck since 2002. Sami possesses one of the most powerful slapshots in the NHL. He has often suffered from injuries during his career. Sami started his NHL career in 1998 with the Ottawa Senators and was selected to the All-Rookie Team of the league. His major debut in the Finnish national team came later, at the World Championships of 2001 where he collected a silver medal and was selected to the All-Star Team. His other silver medal is from the Olympic tournament in Turin 2006, where a shoulder injury forced him out of the semi-final and final games. Sami is married and has three children.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
94/95 TPS, FIN	7	1	2	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	
95/96 TPS, FIN	47	7	14	21	32	11	1	3	4	8	
96/97 TPS, FIN	48	9	6	15	10	10	2	3	5	4	
97/98 Jokerit, FIN	35	3	5	8	24	8	0	1	1	2	
98/99 Ottawa Senators, NHL	61	7	12	19	24	4	0	0	0	0	
Detroit Vipers, IHL	5	0	2	2	0						
99/00 Ottawa Senators, NHL	37	6	8	14	2	6	1	1	2	0	
00/01 Ottawa Senators, NHL	31	2	16	18	10	4	0	0	0	0	2001 WCh silver
01/02 Ottawa Senators, NHL	66	4	14	18	14	12	2	1	3	4	2002 OG 5th-8th
02/03 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	79	9	21	30	10	12	1	3	4	0	
03/04 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	74	7	19	26	22	7	1	2	3	2	2004 WCh 6th
04/05 Frölunda, SWE	41	6	8	14	18	14	1	6	7	2	2004 WCup 2nd
05/06 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	59	10	23	33	38						2006 OG silver
06/07 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	67	14	23	37	26	10	0	1	1	4	
07/08 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	63	8	17	25	38						
08/09 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	60	5	20	25	26	7	3	4	7	2	
09/10 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	42	5	10	15	10						
NHL totals:	639	77	183	260	220	62	8	12	20	12	National team: 40 games, 4+13=17 points



KIMMO TIMONEN

#44

* March 18, 1975 Kuopio

177 cm, 89 kg

Shoots left

Team: Philadelphia Flyers (NHL)

Kimmo Timonen has been selected All-Star defender at the last two world elite tournaments in ice hockey: the World Cup of 2004 and the Turin Olympic Games in 2006. On both occasions Finland upset the odds and went through to the final, not least thanks to his defensive skills. Kimmo started his NHL career with the Nashville Predators in 1998 and captained the team in 2006/07, his last season there before moving to Philadelphia. For the Finnish Lions he has been an automatic choice whenever available for every major championship event since 1996. Kimmo is married and has three children. His brother Jussi is also a defender with NHL experience. Kimmo is a co-owner of his home town team KalPa in the Finnish hockey league.

Kimmo is married and has three children. His brother Jussi is also a defender with NHL experience. Kimmo is a co-owner of his home town team KalPa in the Finnish hockey league.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
91/92 KalPa, FIN	5	0	0	0	0						
92/93 KalPa, FIN	33	0	2	2	4						
93/94 KalPa, FIN	46	6	7	13	55						
94/95 TPS, FIN	45	3	4	7	10	13	0	1	1	6	
95/96 TPS, FIN	48	3	21	24	22	9	1	2	3	12	1996 WCh 5th
96/97 TPS, FIN	50	10	14	24	18	12	2	7	9	6	
97/98 HIFK, FIN	45	10	15	25	24	9	3	4	7	8	1998 OG bronze , WCh silver
98/99 Nashville Predators, NHL	50	4	8	12	30						1999 WCh silver
Millwaukee Admirals, IHL	29	2	13	15	22						
99/00 Nashville Predators, NHL	51	8	25	33	26						
00/01 Nashville Predators, NHL	82	12	13	25	50						2001 WCh silver
01/02 Nashville Predators, NHL	82	13	29	42	28						2002 OG 5th-8th , WCh 4th
02/03 Nashville Predators, NHL	72	6	34	40	46						2003 WCh 5th
03/04 Nashville Predators, NHL	77	12	32	44	52	6	0	0	0	10	
04/05 KalPa, FIN-2	12	4	13	17	6	8	3	7	10	4	
Lugano, SUI	3	0	1	1	0						2004 WCup 2nd
Brynäs, SWE	10	5	3	8	8						2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Nashville Predators, NHL	79	11	39	50	74	5	1	3	4	4	2006 OG silver
06/07 Nashville Predators, NHL	80	13	42	55	42	5	0	2	2	4	
07/08 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	80	8	36	44	50	13	0	6	6	8	
08/09 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	77	3	40	43	54	6	0	1	1	12	
09/10 Philadelphia Flyers, NHL	51	4	24	28	30						
NHL totals:	781	94	322	416	482	35	1	12	13	38	National team: 142 games, 15+47=62 points

FORWARDS



VALTTERI FILPPULA

#51

* March 20, 1984 Vantaa

182 cm, 90 kg

Shoots left

Team: Detroit Red Wings (NHL)

The Olympic tournament in Vancouver gives Finnish hockey fans finally a chance to see their latest Stanley Cup hero play in the lion jersey. Valtteri Filppula was a star player in the Finnish national junior team but has so far been unavailable for the senior side. This is because his NHL team is the Detroit Red Wings, who have competed for the Stanley Cup every season. When they succeeded in 2008, Valtteri scored a goal in the decisive game. Breakthrough season with the

Stanley Cup champions earned him the Finnish Hockey Player of the Year award in 2008. Valtteri's second sport in his junior years was Finnish baseball. Nowadays he enjoys playing tennis, golf and badminton.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
03/04 Jokerit, FIN	49	5	13	18	6						
04/05 Jokerit, FIN	55	10	20	30	20	12	5	6	11	2	
05/06 Detroit Red Wings, NHL	4	0	1	1	2						
Grand Rapids Griffins, AHL	74	20	51	71	30	16	7	9	16	4	
06/07 Detroit Red Wings, NHL	73	10	7	17	20	18	3	2	5	2	
Grand Rapids Griffins, AHL	3	2	2	4	2						
07/08 Detroit Red Wings, NHL	78	19	17	36	28	22	5	6	11	2	
08/09 Detroit Red Wings, NHL	80	12	28	40	42	23	3	13	16	8	
09/10 Detroit Red Wings, NHL	25	4	11	15	12						
NHL totals:	260	45	64	109	104	63	11	21	32	12	National team: 6 games, 0+0=0 points



NIKLAS HAGMAN

#10

* December 5, 1979 Espoo

183 cm, 95 kg

Shoots left

Team: Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL)

Niklas Hagman scored the overtime goal that gave Finland the gold medal at the World Junior Championships of 1998. In 2002 he was selected best forward at the World Championship tournament in Sweden. In the NHL Niklas has played for Florida, Dallas and since 2008 the Toronto Maple Leafs. Niklas has an impressive pedigree in Finnish sports history. His father Matti Hagman was the ever first Finnish NHL player, and his aunt Riitta Salin won the European championship in

women's 400 metres in 1974. Niklas is married and has two children.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
97/98 HIFK, FIN	8	1	0	1	0						
98/99 HIFK, FIN	17	1	1	2	14						
Blues, FIN	14	1	1	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	1998 WJCh gold

NIKLAS HAGMAN	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
99/00 Kärpät, FIN-2	41	17	18	35	12						
00/01 Kärpät, FIN	56	28	18	46	32	8	3	1	4	0	
01/02 Florida Panthers, NHL	78	10	18	28	8						2002 OG 5th-8th, WCh 4th
02/03 Florida Panthers, NHL	80	8	15	23	20						2003 WCh 5th
03/04 Florida Panthers, NHL	75	10	13	23	22						2004 WCh 6th
04/05 Davos, SUI	44	17	22	39	20	15	10	7	17	6	2004 WCup 2nd, 2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Florida Panthers, NHL	30	2	4	6	2						2006 OG silver
Dallas Stars, NHL	54	6	9	15	16	5	2	1	3	4	
06/07 Dallas Stars, NHL	82	17	12	29	34	7	0	1	1	10	
07/08 Dallas Stars, NHL	82	27	14	41	51	18	2	1	3	14	
08/09 Toronto Maple Leafs, NHL	65	22	20	42	4						2009 WCh 5th
09/10 Toronto Maple Leafs, NHL	52	18	13	31	21						
NHL totals:	598	120	118	238	178	30	4	3	7	28	National team: 87 games, 23+14=37 points



JARKKO IMMONEEN

#62

* April 19, 1982 Rantasalmi
183 cm, 96 kg
Shoots right
Team: Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)

Jarkko Immonen was the star player in the Finnish league in the 2008/09 season, leading his team JYP to championship title. He also made an impressive major debut in the Finnish national team at the World Championships in Switzerland last spring. Instead of returning to the NHL, where he had had a previous stint with the New York Rangers, Jarkko decided to join Ak Bars Kazan in the KHL. Excellent performances in the national team on the Euro Hockey Tour earned

him a call to his first Olympic tournament in Vancouver. He is one of the best faceoff specialists in the Finnish team.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
98/99 SaPKo, FIN-2	36	2	2	4	6						
99/00 SaPKo, FIN-2	42	18	16	34	34						2000 WU18Ch gold
00/01 TuTo, FIN-2	41	20	20	40	22	11	5	7	12	10	
01/02 Ässät, FIN	44	0	2	2	6						2002 WJCh bronze
02/03 JYP, FIN	56	10	23	33	34	7	1	1	2	8	
03/04 JYP, FIN	52	23	26	49	28	2	0	0	0	0	
04/05 JYP, FIN	54	19	28	47	24	3	0	2	2	2	
05/06 New York Rangers, NHL	6	2	0	2	0						
Hartford Wolf Pack, AHL	74	30	40	70	34	6	2	3	5	2	
06/07 New York Rangers, NHL	14	1	5	6	4						
Hartford Wolf Pack, AHL	54	20	26	46	30	7	2	6	8	2	
07/08 JYP, FIN	54	26	37	63	54	6	1	8	9	8	
08/09 JYP, FIN	58	23	41	64	40	15	1	10	11	24	2009 WCh 5th
09/10 Ak Bars Kazan, KHL	47	10	21	31	18						
NHL totals:	20	3	5	8	4						National team: 53 games, 15+20=35 points



OLLI JOKINEN

#12

* December 5, 1978 Kuopio

188 cm, 92 kg

Shoots left

Team: Calgary Flames (NHL)

Olli Jokinen almost scored the most important goal in Finnish hockey history, but his last-minute shot was miraculously saved by the Swedish goaltender in the Olympic final in Turin 2006. Olli was a child prodigy in Finnish hockey: he led Finland to gold at the World Junior Championships in 1998 and was drafted as number 3 overall to the NHL. Olli holds a rather dubious NHL record: he played more regular season games than anyone else without ever making the play-

offs – until he finally succeeded with his new team Calgary in 2009. This was not down to Olli himself, who captained the Florida Panthers for five years and holds club records in scoring goals and points. Absence of postseason play has made Olli readily available for national team duty and he has answered the call unwaveringly. He has played for Finland at ten World Championships, two Olympic Games and one World Cup and collected two silver and three bronze medals at the World Championships in addition to the Olympic silver in Turin. Olli is married and has two daughters.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
95/96 KalPa, FIN	15	1	1	2	2						
96/97 HIFK, FIN	50	14	27	41	88						1997 WCh 5th
97/98 Los Angeles Kings, NHL	8	0	0	0	6						1998 WCh silver, WJCh gold
HIFK, FIN	30	11	28	39	32	9	7	2	9	2	1999 WCh silver
98/99 Los Angeles Kings, NHL	66	9	12	21	44						1999 WCh silver
Springfield Falcons, AHL	9	3	6	9	6						
99/00 NY Islanders, NHL	82	11	10	21	80						2000 WCh bronze
00/01 Florida Panthers, NHL	78	6	10	16	106						
01/02 Florida Panthers, NHL	80	9	20	29	98						2002 OG 5th-8th, WCh 4th
02/03 Florida Panthers, NHL	81	36	29	65	79						2003 WCh 5th
03/04 Florida Panthers, NHL	82	26	32	58	81						2004 WCh 6th
04/05 HIFK, FIN	14	9	8	17	10	5	2	0	2	24	
Kloten, SUI	8	6	1	7	14						2004 WCup 2nd
Södertälje, SWE	23	13	9	22	52						2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Florida Panthers, NHL	82	38	51	89	88						2006 OG silver, WCh bronze
06/07 Florida Panthers, NHL	82	39	52	91	78						
07/08 Florida Panthers, NHL	82	34	37	71	67						2008 WCh bronze
08/09 Phoenix Coyotes, NHL	57	21	21	42	49						
Calgary Flames, NHL	19	8	7	15	18	6	2	3	5	4	
09/10 Calgary Flames, NHL	51	10	22	32	49						
NHL totals:	850	247	303	550	843	6	2	3	5	4	National team: 135 games, 45+35=80 points



NIKO KAPANEN

#39

* April 29, 1978 Hattula

176 cm, 80 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ak Bars Kazan (KHL)

Niko Kapanen has been a permanent fixture in the roster of the Finnish national team ever since his impressive debut at the World Championships of 2000 in St. Petersburg. Not least remarkable was his latest service to the Finnish Lions at the 2009 World Championships in Switzerland, where he scored tournament-leading seven goals. Last spring Niko also celebrated the KHL championship title with Ak Bars Kazan, team he joined in 2008 after six seasons in the NHL at Dallas, Atlanta and Phoenix. Vancouver will be his second Olympic tournament.

Atlanta and Phoenix. Vancouver will be his second Olympic tournament.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
95/96 HPK, FIN	7	1	0	1	0						
96/97 HPK, FIN	41	6	9	15	12	10	4	5	9	2	
97/98 HPK, FIN	48	8	18	26	44						1998 WJCh gold
98/99 HPK, FIN	53	14	29	43	49	8	3	4	7	4	
99/00 HPK, FIN	53	20	28	48	38	8	1	9	10	4	2000 WCh bronze
00/01 TPS, FIN	56	11	22	33	20	10	2	1	3	4	2001 WCh silver
01/02 Dallas Stars, NHL	9	0	1	1	2						2002 WCh 4th
Utah Grizzlies, AHL	59	13	28	41	40	5	2	1	3	0	
02/03 Dallas Stars, NHL	82	5	29	34	44	12	4	3	7	12	
03/04 Dallas Stars, NHL	67	1	5	6	16	1	1	0	1	0	2004 WCh 6th
04/05 Zug, SUI	44	9	33	42	24	9	2	5	7	35	2004 WCup 2nd, 2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Dallas Stars, NHL	81	14	21	35	36	5	0	1	1	10	2006 OG silver
06/07 Atlanta Thrashers, NHL	60	4	9	13	20						2007 WCh silver
Phoenix Coyotes, NHL	19	2	7	9	8						
07/08 Phoenix Coyotes, NHL	79	10	19	28	34						2008 WCh bronze
08/09 Ak Bars Kazan, KHL	53	12	19	31	22	21	1	9	10	16	2009 WCh 5th
09/10 Ak Bars Kazan, KHL	46	11	13	24	34						
NHL totals:	397	36	90	126	160	18	5	4	9	22	National team: 151 games, 33+54=87 points



MIKKO KOIVU

#9

* March 12, 1983 Turku

189 cm, 92 kg

Shoots left

Team: Minnesota Wild (NHL)

Mikko Koivu looks set to follow his elder brother Saku as leader of the Finnish Lions in years to come. He starred Finland at World Junior and World Under 18 Championships around the turn of the millennium before joining the Minnesota Wild, who in 2009 made him the first permanent team captain in franchise history. Mikko was the leading Finnish scorer in the NHL in the 2008/09 season and holds the same position in this year's statistics as well. Even more impressive are his credentials

in the national team. Ever since the World Cup of 2004 Finland has won a medal in each championship tournament Mikko has played in and failed to win one without him. In the semi-final game of the 2007 World Championships in Moscow he scored the overtime goal that knocked Russia out of their own tournament.

		REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
		GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
00/01	TPS, FIN	21	0	1	1	2						2001 WJCh silver
01/02	TPS, FIN	48	4	3	7	34	8	0	3	3	4	2002 WJCh bronze
02/03	TPS, FIN	37	7	13	20	20	7	2	2	4	6	
03/04	TPS, FIN	45	6	24	30	36	13	1	7	8	8	
04/05	Houston Aeros, AHL	67	20	28	48	47	5	1	0	1	2	2004 WCup 2nd
05/06	Minnesota Wild, NHL	64	6	15	21	40						2006 OG silver, WCh bronze
06/07	Minnesota Wild, NHL	82	20	34	54	58	5	1	0	1	4	2007 WCh silver
07/08	Minnesota Wild, NHL	57	11	31	42	42	6	4	1	5	4	2008 WCh bronze
08/09	Minnesota Wild, NHL	79	20	47	67	66						
09/10	Minnesota Wild, NHL	52	16	31	47	22						
	NHL totals:	334	73	158	231	228	11	5	1	6	8	National team: 52 games, 10+10=20 points



SAKU KOIVU

#11

* November 23, 1974 Turku
179 cm, 81 kg
Shoots left
Team: Anaheim Ducks (NHL)

Saku Koivu has led the Finnish Lions to Olympic medals in Lillehammer, Nagano and Turin, as well as to their only gold medal so far at the World Championships of 1995. He missed the 2002 Olympic Games due to serious illness, from which he has made full recovery. In the NHL Saku captained the legendary Montreal Canadiens for ten years before moving to Anaheim in 2009, where he has joined the other Lions legend Teemu Selänne. When they teamed up in Turin 2006,

they finished first and second in the scoring statistics of the Olympic tournament. At the Turin Games of 2006 Saku was elected by his fellow Olympic athletes to the Athletes' Commission of the International Olympic Committee, where he is currently serving an eight-year term. Saku is married and father of two children.

		REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
		GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
92/93	TPS, FIN	46	3	7	10	28	11	3	2	5	0	1993 WCh 7th
93/94	TPS, FIN	47	23	30	53	42	11	4	8	12	16	1994 OG bronze, WCh silver
94/95	TPS, FIN	45	27	47	74	73	13	7	10	17	16	1995 WCh gold
95/96	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	82	20	25	45	40	6	3	1	4	8	
96/97	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	50	17	39	56	38	5	1	3	4	10	1996 WCup 5th, 1997 WCh 5th
97/98	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	69	14	43	57	48	6	2	3	5	2	1998 OG bronze
98/99	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	65	14	30	44	38						1999 WCh silver
99/00	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	24	3	18	21	14						
00/01	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	54	17	30	47	40						
01/02	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	3	0	2	2	0	14	4	6	10	4	
02/03	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	82	21	50	71	72						2003 WCh 5th
03/04	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	68	14	41	55	52	11	3	8	11	10	
04/05	TPS, FIN	20	8	8	16	28	6	3	2	5	30	2004 WCup 2nd
05/06	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	72	17	45	62	70	3	0	2	2	2	2006 OG silver
06/07	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	81	22	53	75	74						
07/08	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	77	16	40	56	93	7	3	6	9	4	2008 WCh bronze
08/09	Montreal Canadiens, NHL	65	16	34	50	44	4	0	3	3	2	
09/10	Anaheim Ducks, NHL	43	10	19	29	22						
	NHL totals:	835	201	469	670	645	54	16	32	28	42	National team: 113 games, 36+77=113 points

JERE LEHTINEN

* June 24, 1973 Espoo

181 cm, 89 kg

Shoots right

Team: Dallas Stars (NHL)



Jere Lehtinen is the only Finnish ice hockey player who has won the highest prizes in both national team and the NHL. In 1995 he starred with his line mates Saku Koivu and Ville Peltonen in the gold-medal winning Finnish team at the World Championships, and in 1999 he won the Stanley Cup with the Dallas Stars, his only ever NHL team. Jere is also a three-time winner of the Selke Trophy awarded to the best defensive forward of the NHL season. Vancouver will already be

his fifth Olympic Games. Jere is married and has three children. He is a fan of heavy metal music and has sponsored a big annual festival in Helsinki.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND	
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM		
90/91	Kiekko-Espoo, FIN-2	32	15	9	24	12						
91/92	Kiekko-Espoo, FIN-2	48	34	21	55	8						1992 WCh silver
92/93	Kiekko-Espoo, FIN	45	13	14	27	6						
93/94	TPS, FIN	42	19	20	39	6	11	11	2	13	2	1994 OG bronze , WCh silver
94/95	TPS, FIN	39	19	23	42	33	13	8	6	14	4	1995 WCh gold
95/96	Dallas Stars, NHL	57	6	22	28	16						
	Michigan K-Wings, IHL	1	1	0	1	0						
96/97	Dallas Stars, NHL	63	16	27	43	2	7	2	2	4	0	1996 WCup 5th
97/98	Dallas Stars, NHL	72	23	19	42	20	12	3	5	8	2	1998 OG bronze
98/99	Dallas Stars, NHL	74	20	32	52	18	23	10	3	13	2	
99/00	Dallas Stars, NHL	17	3	5	8	0	13	1	5	6	2	
00/01	Dallas Stars, NHL	74	20	25	45	24	10	1	0	1	2	
01/02	Dallas Stars, NHL	73	25	24	49	14						2002 OG 5th-8th
02/03	Dallas Stars, NHL	80	31	17	48	20	12	3	2	5	0	
03/04	Dallas Stars, NHL	58	13	13	26	20	5	0	0	0	0	
04/05	Did not play											2004 WCup 2nd
05/06	Dallas Stars, NHL	80	33	19	52	30	5	3	1	4	0	2006 OG silver
06/07	Dallas Stars, NHL	73	26	17	43	16	7	0	0	0	2	2007 WCh silver
07/08	Dallas Stars, NHL	48	15	22	37	14	14	4	4	8	2	
08/09	Dallas Stars, NHL	48	8	16	24	8						
09/10	Dallas Stars, NHL	32	3	8	11	2						
	NHL totals:	849	242	266	508	204	108	27	22	49	12	National team: 99 games, 33+33=66 points



ANTTI MIETTINEN

#20

* July 3, 1980 Hattula

182 cm, 88 kg

Shoots right

Team: Minnesota Wild (NHL)

Antti Miettinen goes to his first Olympic Games after a last-minute injury sidelined him from the Finnish team in Turin 2006. Antti made his debut at the World Championships in 2002 and was selected best player of the Finnish League in the following year before moving to the NHL. In Moscow in 2007 he scored a goal against Canada in the World Championship final. Antti's favourite hobbies are golf, fishing and playing the guitar.

		REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
		GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
98/99	HPK, FIN	13	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	
	FoPS, FIN-2	4	3	1	4	6						
99/00	HPK, FIN	39	2	1	3	8	7	1	0	1	0	
00/01	HPK, FIN	55	13	11	24	30						
01/02	HPK, FIN	56	19	37	56	50	8	2	4	6	8	2002 WCh 4th
02/03	HPK, FIN	53	25	25	50	54	10	1	7	8	29	2003 WCh 5th
03/04	Dallas Stars, NHL	16	1	0	1	0						
	Utah Grizzlies, AHL	48	7	23	30	20						
04/05	Hamilton Bulldogs, AHL	35	8	20	28	21	4	1	1	2	6	
05/06	Dallas Stars, NHL	79	11	20	31	46	5	0	1	1	8	2006 WCh bronze
06/07	Dallas Stars, NHL	74	11	14	25	38	4	1	1	2	2	2007 WCh silver
07/08	Dallas Stars, NHL	69	15	19	34	34	15	1	1	2	0	
08/09	Minnesota Wild, NHL	82	15	29	44	32						2009 WCh 5th
09/10	Minnesota Wild, NHL	49	13	14	27	28						
	NHL totals:	369	66	96	162	178	24	2	3	5	10	National team: 70 games, 15+25=40 points



VILLE PELTONEN

#16

* May 24, 1973 Vantaa

179 cm, 85 kg

Shoots left

Team: Dynamo Minsk (KHL)

Ville Peltonen is a national hero in Finland. In 1995 he scored three goals in the World Championship final against Sweden to give Finland its first – and so far only – gold medal in a senior championship tournament. In 1998 his winning goal against Canada earned Finland bronze in at the Olympic Games in Nagano. In fact, Ville has been involved in 12 of the 13 Olympic, World Championship or World Cup medals that Finland has won since 1994. At club level Ville's long hockey career

has taken him to Sweden, Switzerland, for three separate stints to the NHL and currently to the capital of Belarus. Vancouver will be his fourth Olympic tournaments, which will put him on par with his father Esa Peltonen, who played hockey for Finland at four Olympic Games in 1968–80. Ville himself has four children who will perhaps someday carry on the family tradition.

VILLE PELTONEN	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
91/92	HIFK, FIN	6	0	0	0	0					
92/93	HIFK, FIN	46	13	24	37	16	4	0	2	2	2
93/94	HIFK, FIN	43	16	22	38	14	3	0	0	0	2
94/95	HIFK, FIN	45	20	16	36	16	3	0	0	0	0
95/96	San Jose Sharks, NHL	31	2	11	13	14					1994 OG bronze, WCh silver
	Kansas City Blades, IHL	29	5	13	18	8					1995 WCh gold
96/97	San Jose Sharks, NHL	28	2	3	5	0					1996 WCh 5th
	Kentucky Thoroughblades, AHL	40	22	30	52	21					1996 WCup 5th, 1997 WCh 5th
97/98	Frölunda, SWE	45	22	29	51	44	7	4	2	6	0
98/99	Nashville Predators, NHL	14	5	5	10	2					1998 OG bronze, WCh silver
99/00	Nashville Predators, NHL	79	6	22	28	22					1999 WCh silver
00/01	Nashville Predators, NHL	23	3	1	4	2					2000 WCh bronze
	Milwaukee Admirals, IHL	53	27	33	60	26	5	2	1	3	6
01/02	Jokerit, FIN	30	11	18	29	8					
02/03	Jokerit, FIN	49	23	19	42	14	10	4	6	10	0
03/04	Lugano, SUI	48	28	44	72	16	16	4	10	14	8
04/05	Lugano, SUI	44	24	32	56	16	5	0	3	3	2
05/06	Lugano, SUI	39	23	25	48	22	17	12	14	26	8
06/07	Florida Panthers, NHL	72	17	20	37	28					2006 OG silver, WCh bronze
07/08	Florida Panthers, NHL	56	5	15	20	20					2007 WCh silver
08/09	Florida Panthers, NHL	79	12	19	31	31					2008 WCh bronze
09/10	Dynamo Minsk, KHL	43	4	16	20	48					
	NHL totals:	382	52	96	148	119					
											National team: 243 games, 78+100=178 points



JARKKO RUUTU

#37

* August 23, 1975 Vantaa

188 cm, 94 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ottawa Senators (NHL)

Jarkko Ruutu is one of the best-known role players in international hockey. His physical and uncompromising style of play has served Finland well at most championship tournaments of the past decade. He is no stranger to the Olympic city, having played for the Vancouver Canucks for six seasons before moving on to Pittsburgh and Ottawa. Jarkko has played for Finland in Olympic, World Championship and World Cup finals as well as for the Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley

Cup finals but victories have so far eluded him.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
96/97	HIFK, FIN	48	11	10	21	155					
97/98	HIFK, FIN	37	10	10	20	166	9	7	4	11	10
98/99	HIFK, FIN	25	10	4	14	136	9	0	2	2	43
99/00	Vancouver Canucks, NHL	8	0	1	1	6					
	Syracuse Crunch, AHL	65	26	32	58	164	4	3	1	4	9
00/01	Vancouver Canucks, NHL	21	3	3	6	32	4	0	1	1	8
	Kansas City Blades, IHL	46	11	18	29	111					
01/02	Vancouver Canucks, NHL	49	2	7	9	74	1	0	0	0	0
											2002 OG 5th-8th

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
02/03 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	36	2	2	4	66	13	0	2	2	14	
03/04 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	71	6	8	14	133	6	1	0	1	10	2004 WCh 6th
04/05 HIFK, FIN	50	10	18	28	215	3	0	0	0	41	2004 WCup 2nd, 2005 WCh 7th
05/06 Vancouver Canucks, NHL	82	10	7	17	142						2006 OG silver , WCh bronze
06/07 Pittsburgh Penguins, NHL	81	7	9	16	125	5	0	0	0	10	2007 WCh silver
07/08 Pittsburgh Penguins, NHL	71	6	10	16	138	20	2	1	3	20	
08/09 Ottawa Senators, NHL	78	7	14	21	144						2009 WCh 5th
09/10 Ottawa Senators, NHL	53	8	9	17	89						
NHL totals:	550	51	70	121	949	49	3	4	7	68	National team: 107 games, 9+11=20 points



TUOMO RUUTU

#15

* February 16, 1983 Vantaa

184 cm, 94 kg

Shoots left

Team: Carolina Hurricanes (NHL)

Tuomo Ruutu starred for Finland at World Junior Championships at the turn of a millennium. In 2004 he scored a spectacular goal against Canada in the final of the World Cup of 2004. His later career has suffered from a string of injuries, though, one of which forced him to withdraw from the Finnish Olympic team for Turin 2006. At one point he even considered early retirement but move to Carolina Hurricanes in 2008 has revitalised his career: last season was his best so far in the

NHL. Tuomo is the younger brother of Jarkko Ruutu.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
99/00 HIFK, FIN	1	0	0	0	2						2000 WU18Ch gold
00/01 Jokerit, FIN	47	11	11	22	94	5	0	0	0	4	2001 WJCh silver
01/02 Jokerit, FIN	51	7	16	23	69	10	0	6	6	29	2001 WJCh bronze
02/03 HIFK, FIN	30	12	15	27	24						2001 WJCh bronze
03/04 Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	82	23	21	44	58						
04/05 Did not play											2004 WCup 2nd
05/06 Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	15	2	3	5	31						2006 WCh bronze
06/07 Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	71	17	21	38	95						2007 WCh silver
07/08 Chicago Blackhawks, NHL	60	6	15	21	75						2008 WCh bronze
Carolina Hurricanes, NHL	17	4	7	11	16						
08/09 Carolina Hurricanes, NHL	79	25	28	54	79						
09/10 Carolina Hurricanes, NHL	39	11	14	25	38						
NHL totals:	363	89	109	198	392	16	1	3	4	8	National team: 41 games, 11+11=22 points



TEEMU SELÄNNE

#8

* July 3, 1970 Helsinki

183 cm, 90 kg

Shoots right

Team: Anaheim Ducks (NHL)

Teemu Selänne's achievements in ice hockey make a very long list. Suffice it to say here that he has been the leading goalscorer in the NHL regular season three times, made the NHL All-Star team twice and that his rookie records in goals (76) and points (132) from the 1992/93 season may well never be beaten. In 2007 Teemu finally made true of his dream of winning the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks.

For the Finnish Lions Teemu has been an irreplaceable player at every elite tournament since 1996, and the national team coaches are certainly happy that he decided to prolong his career for one more season. Teemu was the leading goalscorer of the Olympic tournament in both Nagano 1998 and Turin 2006, and in Vancouver he may well become the best ever scorer in recorded Olympic history. Teemu is married, father of four children and known for his charity work and love of fast cars.

	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS					TEAM FINLAND
	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
88/89 Jokerit, FIN-2	35	36	33	69	14						
89/90 Jokerit, FIN	11	4	8	12	0						
90/91 Jokerit, FIN	42	33	25	58	12						1991 WCh 5th
91/92 Jokerit, FIN	44	39	23	62	20	10	10	7	17	18	1991 CCup 3rd, 1992 OG 7th
92/93 Winnipeg Jets, NHL	84	76	56	132	45	6	4	2	6	2	
93/94 Winnipeg Jets, NHL	51	25	29	54	22						
94/95 Jokerit, FIN	20	7	12	19	6						
94/95 Winnipeg Jets, NHL	45	22	26	48	2						
95/96 Winnipeg Jets, NHL	51	24	48	72	18						1996 WCh 5th
95/96 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	28	16	20	36	4						
96/97 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	78	51	58	109	34	11	7	3	10	4	1996 WCup 5th
97/98 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	73	52	34	86	30						1998 OG bronze
98/99 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	75	47	60	107	30	4	2	2	4	2	1999 WCh silver
99/00 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	79	33	52	85	12						
00/01 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	61	26	33	59	36						
00/01 San Jose Sharks, NHL	12	7	6	13	0	6	0	2	2	2	
01/02 San Jose Sharks, NHL	82	29	25	54	40	12	5	3	8	2	2002 OG 5th-8th
02/03 San Jose Sharks, NHL	82	28	36	64	30						2003 WCh 5th
03/04 Colorado Avalanche, NHL	78	16	16	32	32	10	0	3	3	2	
04/05 Did not play											
05/06 Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, NHL	80	40	50	90	44	16	6	8	14	6	2004 WCup 2nd
06/07 Anaheim Ducks, NHL	82	48	46	94	82	21	5	10	15	10	2006 OG silver
07/08 Anaheim Ducks, NHL	26	12	11	23	8	6	2	2	4	6	
08/09 Anaheim Ducks, NHL	65	27	27	54	36	13	4	2	6	4	2008 WCh bronze
09/10 Anaheim Ducks, NHL	30	16	7	23	14						
NHL totals:	1162	595	640	1235	519	105	3537	72	40		National team: 124 games, 66+65=131 points

TEAM MANAGEMENT (MEN)



JARI KURRI
GENERAL MANAGER



TIMO JUTILA
TEAM LEADER



JUKKA JALONEN
HEAD COACH



RISTO DUFVA
COACH



TIMO LEHKONEN
COACH



KARI BRUSIN
EQUIPMENT MANAGER



KARI VIRPIÖ
EQUIPMENT MANAGER



JANNE MÄLKIÄ
VIDEO CO-ORDINATOR



JAMMU ÖYNAP
PHYSICIAN



JUSSI LUOMA
PHYSIOTHERAPIST



TIMO VAITINEN
PHYSIOTHERAPIST



JUHA SULIN
MASSEUR



HEIKKI HIETANEN
HEAD OF ICE HOCKEY



JANNE LAHTI
MEDIA MANAGER

TEAM MANAGEMENT (MEN AND WOMEN)

WOMEN

GOALTENDERS



MIRA KUISMA

#1

* May 6, 1987 Kuopio

168 cm, 65 kg

Catches left

Team: Kärpät Oulu

Mira Kuisma has been a member of the Finnish national team since 2006 but has not yet seen action at major championship tournaments. At the 2009 World Championship in Hämeenlinna, Finland, she was the number three goaltender in the bronze-medal winning team. Mira plays at the Finnish League team Kärpät. She started playing hockey at five and chose to become a goaltender because her father was also one.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	A	Avg	S%
2009 WCh	bronze				Did not play

National team: 31 games, 0+0=0 points



NOORA RÄTTY

#31

* May 29, 1989 Espoo

165 cm, 68 kg

Catches left

Team: University of Minnesota (NCAA)

Noora Rätty is only 20 but is already going to her second Olympic Games. Four years ago in Turin she was the youngest member of the Finnish team. In 2007 Noora was selected the best goaltender of the World Championship tournament. In 2008 in Harbin, China, she went one better: having shut out the USA for Finland's first ever win over North American opponents at major level she won the MVP award of the World Championship tournament. After winning three Finnish

championship titles with Blues Espoo Noora moved in 2009 to the University of Minnesota, where she plans to major in kinesiology. She is also known as an excellent golfer.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	A	Avg	S%
2005 WCh	4th	1		8,15	80,95
2006 OG	4th	3		3,44	86,67
2007 WCh	4th	5		2,0	93,15
2008 WCh	bronze	4		1,48	92,59
2009 WCh	bronze	3		3,51	88,64

National team: 86 games, 0+0=0 points



ANNA VANHATALO

#30

* February 29, 1984 Helsinki

178 cm, 65 kg

Catches left

Team: Blues Espoo

Anna Vanhatalo is new to ice hockey but not new to goaltending in the world elite. She moved over to hockey only last autumn after having won everything the sport of ringette has to offer, including two World Championship titles in 2004 and 2007. Her excellent performances with Blues Espoo in the Finnish League and the European Women's Champions Cup as well as in training games of the national team earned her a call to her first Olympic tournament. In 2009 Anna also earned her Master's degree at the Helsinki School of Economics. The subject of her thesis was sponsorship of women's sports.

No previous major tournaments.

National team: 9 games, 0+0=0 points

DEFENDERS



JENNI HIIRIKOSKI

#6

* March 30, 1987 Lempäälä

161 cm, 60 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Jenni Hiirikoski made her major international debut in the Finnish national team at the World Championship of 2004 in Halifax, Canada. In 2009 she was selected best defender of the World Championship tournament in Hämeenlinna. Jenni has returned to her home team Ilves after playing the 2008/09 season as a full-time professional at SKIF Nizhny Novgorod in the Russian league. She was the leading scorer in the championship-winning SKIF team in the final tournament of the European Women's Champions Cup in 2009. Jenni's favorite pastimes are snowboarding and long walks.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2004 WCh	bronze	5	0	0	0	0
2005 WCh	4th	5	1	0	1	4
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	8
2008 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	4
2009 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	2

National team: 117 games, 10+23=33 points



EMMA LAAKSONEN

#3

* December 17, 1981 Washington D.C. (USA)

159 cm, 60 kg

Shoots left

Team: Blues Espoo

Emma Laaksonen will be the captain the Finnish women's hockey team in Vancouver. She is one of only two survivors from the bronze-medal-winning team at the inaugural women's Olympic tournament in Nagano 1998. Only 16 at the time, she became the youngest ever Finnish Olympic medalist in any sport. Emma's long list of honors also includes selection to the All-Star team at the World Championship of 2008, five Finnish championship titles with Blues Espoo and one Russian one with SKIF and retirement of the number 3 jersey by Ohio State University, her alma mater from 2000 to 2004. Emma works as a finance dealer in a major Finnish

bank. She also serves as the athletes' representative in the Board of the Finnish Olympic Committee.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
1998 OG	bronze	4	0	0	0	2
2000 WCh	bronze	5	0	0	0	2
2001 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	4
2002 OG	4th	5	1	1	2	2
2004 WCh	bronze	5	0	1	1	2
2005 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	2
2006 OG	4th	5	1	0	1	8
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	10
2008 WCh	bronze	5	1	3	4	0
2009 WCh	bronze	5	0	2	2	4

National team: 201 games, 22+48=70 points



ROSA LINDSTEDT

#4

* January 24, 1988 Ylöjärvi

186 cm, 78 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Rosa Lindstedt has made a strong breakthrough into the Finnish national team this season. She scored against Canada in Pre-Olympic tournament in Vancouver in September and has featured prominently in the defensive line-up of the Lionesses ever since. The Olympic tournament in Vancouver will be her debut at major international championships. Rosa will be the tallest ever woman to represent Finland at the Olympic Games in any sport. She already has an Olympic medalist in her family: her mother's cousin Marko Asell won silver in wrestling in Atlanta 1996.

No previous major tournaments.

National team: 23 games, 1+4=5 points



TERHI MERTANEN

#19

* April 4, 1981 Joensuu

164 cm, 68 kg

Shoots left

Team: Blues Espoo

Terhi Mertanen has made an impressive comeback into the national team this season since last playing at major championship level in Turin 2006. She is one of the more experienced players in the Finnish team: Vancouver will already be her third Olympic tournament. In 2004 Terhi played a key role when Finland won bronze at the World Championship in Halifax, Canada. In the same year she was selected best defender in the Finnish League. Terhi works as a web analytics consultant and is an avid user of social media.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2001 WCh	4th	5	0	2	2	6
2002 OG	4th	5	0	1	1	2
2004 WCh	bronze	5	2	1	3	2
2005 WCh	4th	5	1	1	2	2
2006 OG	4th	5	0	0	0	6

National team: 135 games, 11+19=30 points



HEIDI PELTARI

#26

* August 2, 1985 Tampere

166 cm, 69 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Heidi Peltari made Finnish ice hockey history at the World Championship of 2008 in Harbin, China. Her overtime goal against the USA earned Finland its first ever victory against a North American team at a major international tournament. Heidi won the award for best defender in the Finnish League in 2006 before moving to the University of Minnesota-Duluth. In 2008 she celebrated the NCAA championship title with UMD Bulldogs. She has recently returned home to Ilves Tampere to prepare for her second Olympic tournament in Vancouver. Heidi's favorite hobbies are football and snowboarding.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2005 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	4
2006 OG	4th	5	1	2	3	6
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	4
2008 WCh	bronze	5	2	3	5	2
2009 WCh	bronze	1	1	1	2	2

National team: 87 games, 11+26=37 points



MARIIA POSA

#5

* February 21, 1988 Hyvinkää

165 cm, 57 kg

Shoots left

Team: University of Minnesota-Duluth (NCAA)

Mariia Posa made her major international debut in the Finnish national team at the World Championship of 2009 on home ice in Hämeenlinna, and got to celebrate bronze medals. After that season she left the Finnish champion team Blues Espoo for the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Her twin sister Christine, who plays as a forward, has also featured in the Finnish national team this season.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2009 WCh	bronze	5	0	0	0	0
National team: 45 games, 1+0=1 points						



SAIJA SIRVIÖ

#20

* December 29, 1982 Oulu

172 cm, 61 kg

Shoots left

Team: Kärpät Oulu

Saija Sirviö has played in the Finnish national team at every major championship tournament since the turn of the millennium. Over these years she has won three World Championship medals. Saija has played all through her career at Kärpät in her home town Oulu. She was selected best defender in the Finnish League in the 2006/07 season. Saija is about to get her degree in information technology at the University of Oulu. Her fiancé Tuomas Tarkki is goaltender in Kärpät's men's league hockey team.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2001 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	8
2002 OG	4th	5	1	1	2	10
2004 WCh	bronze	5	2	1	3	2
2005 WCh	4th	5	1	4	5	6
2006 OG	4th	5	0	0	0	10
2007 WCh	4th	5	1	0	1	2
2008 WCh	bronze	5	0	0	0	6
2009 WCh	bronze	5	0	3	3	4
National team: 154 games, 7+33=40 points						

FORWARDS



ANNE HELIN

#27

* January 28, 1987 Helsinki

170 cm, 68 kg

Shoots left

Team: Kärpät Oulu

Anne Helin has been one of the best goalscorers in the Finnish League for the past few seasons. She has been selected All-Star right winger of the league for three years in a row. In 2007 Anne moved from her native Helsinki to the Kärpät team in Oulu, where she also studies for a nurse's diploma. Her national team career has also been successful: she goes to her first Olympic Games with two bronze medals from the last two World Championship under her belt. In her junior years Anne was also a talented football and bandy player.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2008 WCh	bronze	5	3	1	4	4
2009 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	4

National team: 39 games, 21+12=33 points



VENLA HOVI

#9

* October 28, 1987 Tampere

169 cm, 62 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Venla Hovi (née Heikkilä) has played all through her career at Ilves Tampere except for one season spent at Niagara University. In 2006 she scored the decisive overtime goal for Ilves in the Finnish league championship finals. In the following year she made her major international debut in the national team. Venla is a student at Tampere University of Applied Sciences. In the summer of 2009 she got married and changed her surname from Heikkilä to Hovi.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	0
2008 WCh	bronze	4	0	0	0	0
2009 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	2

National team: 60 games, 9+12=21 points



MICHELLE KARVINEN

#21

* March 27, 1990 Rødovre (Denmark)

167 cm, 70 kg

Shoots left

Team: RSIK Rødovre (Denmark)

One of the most exciting prospects in Finnish women's hockey for years actually comes from Denmark. Daughter of a Danish mother and a Finnish father who works in Denmark as a hockey coach, Michelle Karvinen was born and bred in suburban Copenhagen. Chance to play at the Olympic Games made her choose the national team of her father's country. She first wore the Finnish lion jersey in 2006, but it was not until 2009 that she became eligible to play for Finland at the World Championship, after living for two years in the country. Michelle scored five goals in Hämeenlinna, including two in the bronze game against Sweden, and was

selected to the All-Star team of the World Championship tournament. After two dominating seasons in the Finnish league Michelle has returned to Denmark this season to play in the local men's second division team.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2009 WCh	bronze	5	5	2	7	6
National team: 66 games, 32+30=62 points						



KAROLIINA RANTAMÄKI

#29

* February 23, 1978 Vantaa

163 cm, 66 kg

Shoots left

Team: SKIF Nizhny Novgorod (Russia)

Karoliina Rantamäki has led the offense of the Finnish Lionesses for more than a decade. She has played for Finland in 12 consecutive major championship tournaments and collected Olympic bronze in Nagano and no less than six bronze medals at the World Championship. Vancouver will be her fourth Olympic Games, a record she will share with team-mate Emma Laaksonen. Karoliina also leads the all-time scoring statistics of the Finnish League. In 2007 she left Blues Espoo to play full-time professional hockey at SKIF in the Russian league. She has already led her team to one Russian championship as well as to the European Women's Champions

Cup title of 2009. Karoliina was a versatile athlete in her junior years and still enjoys playing football in her spare time.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
1997 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	2
1998 OG	bronze	6	2	1	3	0
1999 WCh	bronze	5	3	3	6	2
2000 WCh	bronze	5	1	3	4	0
2001 WCh	4th	5	1	2	3	0
2002 OG	4th	5	1	0	1	0
2004 WCh	bronze	5	0	0	0	4
2005 WCh	4th	5	2	3	5	4
2006 OG	4th	5	1	2	3	2
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	0
2008 WCh	bronze	5	0	4	4	6
2009 WCh	bronze	5	0	5	5	4

National team: 239 games, 87+94=181 points



ANNINA RAJAHUHTA

#11

* March 8, 1989 Helsinki

164 cm, 63 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Annina Rajahuhta has made her breakthrough into the Finnish national team in the Olympic season, having previously played in only two games in the senior team. She first wore the lion jersey in the national junior team in 2008. At club level Annina plays for Ilves Tampere, having moved there in 2009 after winning the Finnish league title with Blues Espoo. Her first league team was IHK in her home city Helsinki.

No previous major tournaments.

National team: 20 games, 0+3=3 points



MARI SAARINEN

#12

* July 30, 1981 Kangasala

172 cm, 67 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Mari Saarinen has played for Finland in every major championship tournament since the turn of the millennium and specializes in scoring in big games. In 2004 her goal sealed Finland's victory over Sweden in the bronze medal match at the World Championship in Halifax, Canada. She also scored in the bronze medal games in 2008 and 2009, both won by Finland. In 2004 Mari was selected best forward in the Finnish League. She has played all through her career at Ilves in the Finnish League. Her favorite pastimes are football and inline hockey.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2001 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	4
2004 WCh	bronze	5	2	1	3	4
2005 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	4
2006 OG	4th	5	1	1	2	4
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	2	2	6
2008 WCh	bronze	5	3	2	5	6
2009 WCh	bronze	5	1	1	2	4

National team: 146 games, 28+23=51 points



NINA TIKKINEN

#23

* February 6, 1987 Salo

169 cm, 70 kg

Shoots left

Team: Minnesota State University (NCAA)

Nina Tikkinen was selected rookie player of the year in the Finnish League in the 2003/04 season. In 2005 she moved from TPS Turku to Kärrpät Oulu and two years later on to Minnesota State University, where she majors in economics. She made her debut in the Finnish senior national team in 2005 and played at the World Championship for the first time two years later in Winnipeg. In the 2008 tournament in Harbin she scored for Finland in the bronze medal match against Switzerland.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	0
2008 WCh	bronze	5	1	0	1	2
2009 WCh	bronze	5	3	1	4	0

National team: 71 games, 10+12=22 points



MINNAMARI TUOMINEN

#15

* June 26, 1990 Helsinki

165 cm, 68 kg

Shoots right

Team: Ohio State University (NCAA)

Minnamari Tuominen is the youngest player in the Finnish Olympic team in Vancouver. She won three Finnish championship titles with Blues Espoo before moving to Ohio State University in 2009. "Minttu" was assistant captain of the Finnish team at the Under 18 World Championship of 2008. Vancouver 2010 will be her major championship debut in the senior national team. After graduation, Minnamari would like to work with young athletes and their nutrition. She is not related to her team-mate Saara Tuominen.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2008 U18 WCh	6th	5	0	2	2	4

National team: 28 games, 4+2=6 points



SAARA TUOMINEN

#22

* January 1, 1986 Ylöjärvi

168 cm, 64 kg

Shoots left

Team: University of Minnesota-Duluth (NCAA)

Saara Tuominen moved to University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2006 after a very successful season: she had led her team Ilves to the Finnish championship title, won the award for best forward in the league and played well in her Olympic debut in Turin. More glory came in 2008 when the UMD Bulldogs won the Frozen Four final tournament for the NCAA championship. In the Finnish national team Saara has been a regular choice since 2004, often playing as the first-line center. She majors in sports science and intends to complete her studies later with a Finnish university degree.

SAARA TUOMINEN

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2004 WCh	bronze	5	0	1	1	4
2005 WCh	4th	5	1	4	5	2
2006 OG	4th	5	1	2	3	2
2007 WCh	4th	5	0	0	0	0
2008 WCh	bronze	2	0	0	0	0
2009 WCh	bronze	5	0	5	5	4

National team: 109 games, 32+40=72 points

**MARJO VOUTILAINEN****#8**

* March 22, 1981 Kuopio

168 cm, 70 kg

Shoots left

Team: Blues Espoo

Marjo Voutilainen has had an unusual career in the Finnish national team. She made a successful comeback to the Lionesses at the World Championship in Harbin, China in 2008 after last playing for them at the Olympic Games of 2002 in Salt Lake City. Marjo has won three Finnish championship titles with Blues Espoo. In the 2008/09 season she played at SKIF in the Russian league and scored the championship-winning goal for the club in the final tournament of the European Women's Champions Cup. The opponent in that game was her former team Blues Espoo, where Marjo returned at the start of the Olympic season.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2001 WCh	4th	5	0	1	1	2
2002 OG	4th	5	0	1	1	2
2008 WCh	bronze	5	1	1	2	4
2009 WCh	bronze	5	1	2	3	4

National team: 114 games, 14+40=54 points

**LINDA VÄLIMÄKI****#13**

* May 31, 1990 Ylöjärvi

165 cm, 62 kg

Shoots left

Team: Ilves Tampere

Linda Välimäki was the leading Finnish scorer at the World Under 18 Championship of 2008. Vancouver will be her major championship debut in the senior national team – she was selected for the 2009 World Championship but missed the home event due to back trouble. The Olympic season has started well for Linda: she was the leading scorer of the Finnish league in regular season and played effectively in training matches of the national team. Linda postponed her graduation from high school for a year in order to concentrate to training for the Olympic Games.

TOURNAMENT	RANK	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2008 U18 WCh	6th	5	5	2	7	8

National team: 35 games, 11+5=16 points

TEAM MANAGEMENT (WOMEN)



ARTO SIEPPI
GENERAL MANAGER



MARIANNE IHALAINEN
TEAM LEADER



PEKKA HÄMÄLÄINEN
HEAD COACH



JARI RISKU
COACH



JUSSI AHOKAS
GOALIE COACH



TOM FAGERHOLM
EQUIPMENT MANAGER



ANTTI HELMINEN
PHYSICIAN



AHTO KÄRNÄ
PHYSIOTHERAPIST



HEIKKI HIETANEN
HEAD OF ICE HOCKEY



JANNE LAHTI
MEDIA MANAGER

TEAM MANAGEMENT (MEN AND WOMEN)

FINNISH MEDAL STATISTICS

FINNISH MEDALS BY WINTER GAMES

GAMES	G	S	B	TOTAL
1924 Chamonix	4	4	3	11
1928 Sankt Moritz	2	1	1	4
1932 Lake Placid	1	1	1	3
1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen	1	2	3	6
1948 Sankt Moritz	1	3	2	6
1952 Oslo	3	4	2	9
1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo	3	3	1	7
1960 Squaw Valley	2	3	3	8
1964 Innsbruck	3	4	3	10
1968 Grenoble	1	2	2	5
1972 Sapporo	0	4	1	5
1976 Innsbruck	2	4	1	7
1980 Lake Placid	1	5	3	9
1984 Sarajevo	4	3	6	13
1988 Calgary	4	1	2	7
1992 Albertville	3	1	3	7
1994 Lillehammer	0	1	5	6
1998 Nagano	2	4	6	12
2002 Salt Lake City	4	2	1	7
2006 Turin	0	6	3	9
Total	41	58	52	151

Finland also won one gold medal in figure skating in Antwerp 1920.

FINNISH MEDALISTS IN OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY

1988 CALGARY SILVER

Jarmo Myllys, Jukka Tammi, Teppo Numminen, Timo Blomqvist, Jyrki Lumme, Arto Ruotanen, Simo Saarinen, Kari Eloranta, Jukka Virtanen, Reijo Ruotsalainen, Timo Susi, Kai Suikkanen, Jari Torkki, Raimo Helminen, Iiro Järvi, Erkki Laine, Pekka Tuomisto, Janne Ojanen, Erkki Lehtonen, Reijo Mikkolainen, Esa Keskinen, Kari Laitinen

1994 LILLEHAMMER BRONZE

Jarmo Myllys, Jukka Tammi, Marko Kiprusoff, Erik Hämäläinen, Timo Jutila, Pasi Sormunen, Janne Laukkanen, Hannu Virta, Mika Strömberg, Janne Ojanen, Esa Keskinen, Saku Koivu, Marko Palo, Raimo Helminen, Mika Alatalo, Ville Peltonen, Jere Lehtinen, Sami Kapanen, Tero Lehterä, Petri Varis, Mika Nieminen, Mikko Mäkelä, Pasi Kuivalainen

1998 NAGANO BRONZE MEN

Jarmo Myllys, Ari Sulander, Jukka Tammi, Aki Berg, Tuomas Grönman, Janne Laukkanen, Jyrki Lumme, Janne Niinimaa, Teppo Numminen, Kimmo Timonen,

FINNISH MEDALS BY SPORTS

SPORT	G	S	B	TOTAL
Nordic skiing	33	38	36	107
<i>Cross-country</i>	19	22	30	71
Men	11	13	19	43
Women	8	9	11	28
Ski jumping	10	8	4	22
Nordic combined	4	8	2	14
Speed skating	7	8	9	24
Freestyle skiing	1	2	1	4
Figure skating *	1	1	0	2
Biathlon	0	4	2	6
Ice hockey	0	2	3	5
Alpine skiing	0	1	0	1
Curling	0	1	0	1
Military patrol skiing	0	1	0	1
Snowboarding	0	0	1	1
Total	42	58	52	152
MEN'S EVENTS	32	45	38	115
WOMEN'S EVENTS	9	12	14	35
MIXED EVENTS *	1	1	0	2

** Includes one gold medal won in pairs figure skating in Antwerp 1920.*

Raimo Helminen, Sami Kapanen, Saku Koivu, Jari Kurri, Jere Lehtinen, Juha Lind, Mika Nieminen, Ville Peltonen, Kimmo Rintanen, Teemu Selänne, Esa Tikkanen, Antti Törmänen, Juha Ylönen

BRONZE WOMEN

Tuula Puputti, Liisa-Maria Sneck, Satu Huotari, Kirsi Hänninen, Johanna Ikonen, Emma Laaksonen, Katja Lehto, Marja-Helena Pälvilä, Päivi Salo, Sari Fisk, Marianne Ihalainen, Sari Krooks, Sanna Lankosaari, Marika Lehtimäki, Riikka Nieminen, Karoliina Rantamäki, Tiia Reima, Katja Riipi, Maria Selin, Petra Vaarakallio

2006 TURIN SILVER MEN

Antero Niittymäki, Fredrik Norrena, Niklas Bäckström, Aki Berg, Lasse Kukkonen, Toni Lydman, Antti-Jussi Niemi, Petteri Nummelin, Teppo Numminen, Sami Salo, Kimmo Timonen, Niklas Hagman, Jukka Hentunen, Jussi Jokinen, Olli Jokinen, Niko Kapanen, Mikko Koivu, Saku Koivu, Antti Laaksonen, Jere Lehtinen, Ville Nieminen, Ville Peltonen, Jarkko Ruutu, Teemu Selänne

NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS

Included in this book are all the players named to the Finnish Olympic teams by 28 January 2010. Changes made in the composition of the teams due to medical reasons after that date are not included.

For the men's team full league statistics are included, for the women's team statistics in the national team at Olympic and World Championship tournaments. Additional statistical information was provided by Tom Ratschunas.

STATISTICS UPDATED: 25 January 2010

ABBREVIATIONS

GP Games played

G Goals

A Assists

PTS Points

PIM Penalty minutes

Avg Goaltending average (goals per game)

S% Goaltending percentage (saves/shots)

OG Olympic Games

CCup Canada Cup

WCup World Cup

WCh World Championships

WJCh World Junior Championships

SUPPLIERS OF THE FINNISH OLYMPIC TEAM IN VANCOUVER 2010



THE OFFICIAL OUTFITTER



THE WORLDWIDE OLYMPIC PARTNERS





SUOMEN
OLYMPIAKOMITEA

FINNISH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
Radiokatu 20, 00240 Helsinki, Finland
www.olympiakomitea.fi or www.noc.fi