

Famous people

Hi! We would like to tell you something about our most famous hockey player.

Jaromír Jágr

He was born on 15th February 1972 in Kladno. He is the best hockey player in Czech Republic and he is playing in Florida Panthers in NHL. Jágr wears the number 68 in honour of the Prague Spring that occurred in Czechoslovakia in 1968 and his grandfather, who died in prison that same year. He was also a player of Pittsburgh Penguins, New Jersey Devils, New York Rangers and Washington Capitals. He became a member of Triple Gold Club. That means he won three main hockey trophies. He has won the Stanley Cup in 1991 and 1992 with Pittsburgh, the Olympic Gold medal in Nagano in 1998 and the Ice Hockey World Championship in 2005 and 2010. He also received a lot of individual awards and broke many records.



He plays now in NHL for Florida Panthers.

Personal Life

He began skating and playing hockey in his early childhood. He grew up in Kladno near the capital city Prague. He still lives in Kladno during the off-season and he is an owner of local hockey club HC Kladno.

Jágr is an Orthodox Christian. He was baptized in 2001 and he began to speak more about his faith during his three-year stint in Russia, where he was playing for Avangard Omsk. He doesn't have a child and he is unmarried.

Career



He won gold medal in Nagano Olympics in 1998.

He was drafted by **Pittsburgh Penguins** as a fifth overall pick in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft at the age of 18. At first his father didn't want to let him go to NHL. It was one of the main reasons, why he was drafted as number five. He won the Stanley Cup with Penguins in 1991 and 1992 and he is one of the youngest players in NHL to score a goal in the Stanley Cup Finals. In 1995 he won his first Art Ross Trophy as the scoring champion of NHL. Next season he set a record for most points earned by the European player. His 62 goals and 87 assists still stands as a maximum in his career. From 1997 to

2001 he won Art Ross Trophy again 4 times in a row. In 1999 he also received the Hart Memorial trophy and Lester B. Pearson Award as the most valuable player in NHL. In 1998 he led the Czech Republic to win Nagano Olympics.

In 2001 He had a very bad season and Pittsburgh traded him to **Washington Capitals** for \$77 million. The contract was signed for seven years, however he didn't live up to the expectations there. Jágr was eventually traded to **New York Rangers** after three years. During his first season in New

York, he had played for HC Kladno in Czech Republic and Avangard Omsk in Russia because of NHL labor dispute. In this season, he led Czech Republic to gold at the World Hockey Championships and became a member of Triple Gold Club. In 2006 he became the best European player in NHL with 1468 points. In 2008 he signed a two-year contract with **Avangard Omsk**. In This time, he was already thinking about finishing his career, but he

re-signed a contract for one more year. During his last season in Omsk, he lead Czech team to another and our last win at the World Championship in 2010. In 2011 he returned to NHL. During 2 seasons in NHL, he played for 3 different teams. First he played for Philadelphia Flyers. Next year he signed a one-year contract with **Dallas Stars**, but they traded him to **Boston Bruins** before play-off, because Dallas didn't advance there. With Boston he played in Stanley Cup Finals 2013 but the



Few times he also played in Czech league for team HC Kladno.



He led Czech Republic to win World Championship in 2010.

were defeated by Chicago.

In 2013 he signed a contract with **New Jersey Devils**, where he stood for two years. He played here with another Czech players too, but they weren't much succesful. This year he was traded to **Florida Panthers**. He is now 43 years old and he is the oldest player in NHL, but he still plays in a very good shape.