



# ERIC STAAL 12



Center • Shoots Left

Acquired: 2003 NHL Entry Draft

6'4" • 205 lbs.

2007-08 Team: Carolina

10/29/84 • Thunder Bay, Ont.

Drafted: Carolina 2003 (1-2-1)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### NHL FIRSTS:

**Game:** 10/9/03; 3-1 L @ FLA  
**Point:** 10/23/03; 2-0 W @ BOS (goal)  
**Goal:** 10/23/03; 2-0 W @ BOS  
**Shootout Stats:** 9 attempts, 2 goals (22%),  
1 game-deciding goal

### NHL HIGHS:

**Goals:** 3 - 4x (Last: 1/18/08; 7-2 W vs. EDM)  
**Assists:** 4 (10/29/05; 5-3 W @ PIT)  
**Points:** 4 - 4x (Last: 3/4/06; 7-5 W @ PIT)  
**Penalty Min:** 7 (4/3/06; 6-5 OT W vs. WSH)

## CAREER STATS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON					PLAYOFFS				
			GP	G	A	TP	PIM	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
2000-01	Peterborough	OHL	63	19	30	49	23	7	2	5	7	4
2001-02	Peterborough	OHL	56	23	39	62	40	6	3	6	9	10
2002-03 (a)	Peterborough	OHL	66	39	59	98	36	7	9	5	14	6
<b>2003-04 (b)</b>	<b>Carolina</b>	<b>NHL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	—	—	—	—	—
2004-05	Lowell	AHL	77	26	51	77	88	11	2	8	10	12
<b>2005-06</b>	<b>Carolina</b>	<b>NHL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>Carolina</b>	<b>NHL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Carolina</b>	<b>NHL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>50</b>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Hurricanes/NHL Totals (4 Seasons)</b>			<b>327</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>

(a) June 21, 2003—Selected by the Carolina Hurricanes in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft. First Hurricanes pick, 2nd overall, first round.

(b) Oct. 6, 2003—Signed a multi-year contract with the Carolina Hurricanes.

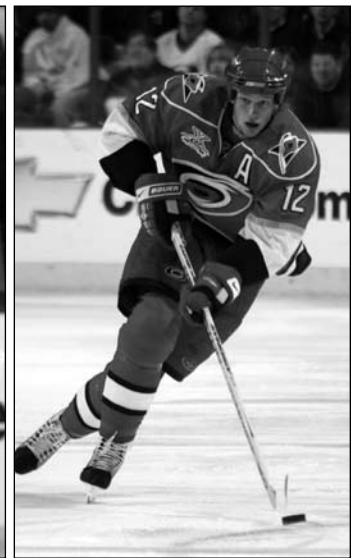
## VS. NHL

CLUB	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
ANA	4	1	1	2	6
ATL	30	12	21	33	14
BOS	16	9	12	21	14
BUF	16	3	10	13	16
CGY	3	0	0	0	6
CAR	-	-	-	-	-
CHI	3	1	2	3	0
COL	3	0	1	1	0
CBJ	4	1	2	3	2
DAL	3	3	0	3	0
DET	4	0	2	2	4
EDM	3	3	0	3	0
FLA	30	8	15	23	18
LA	3	1	2	3	4
MIN	3	1	3	4	4
MTL	16	8	8	16	10
NSH	3	0	1	1	6
NJ	16	3	2	5	14
NYI	16	7	4	11	6
NYR	16	4	5	9	22
OTT	16	5	10	15	16
PHI	16	7	4	11	6
PHX	3	1	1	2	0
PIT	15	8	10	18	10
SJ	3	2	1	3	2
STL	3	3	1	4	2
TB	30	14	13	27	20
TOR	16	7	10	17	10
VAN	3	1	1	2	2
WSH	30	11	17	28	25

## PERSONAL

Eric and his wife, Tanya, were married on 8/3/07... They spend their summers in Thunder Bay, Ont... His brothers Mark (NY Rangers, 2005) and Jordan (Pittsburgh, 2006) were also first-round draft picks... His youngest brother, Jared, was drafted in the second round of the 2008 Draft by Phoenix... Eric is part of a group of hockey players from Thunder Bay who host a charity golf tournament there annually benefiting the Northern Cancer Research Fund... They also host an Easter Seals Skate and Eric plays in the Bell Celebrity Classic golf tournament in Toronto, which raises money for SickKids Foundation... Eric's first youth team was the Wallace Repair orange team in Norwest Minor Hockey and the players he emulated growing up were Joe Sakic and Wayne Gretzky... His most prized possession is his Stanley Cup ring... Eric's first job was working on his family's sod farm... His biggest hockey

influences were his parents and his favorite team growing up was Toronto... His favorite food is Chinese and the British Virgin Islands are his favorite places to visit... His favorite off-season activity is golf and his favorite book is "The Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell... Eric's biggest talent outside of hockey is beach volleyball... His favorite movie is The Dark Knight, favorite TV show is Lost and favorite video game is "Call of Duty"... The most played group on his iPod is Big and Rich... The current celebrity he would most like to meet is Tiger Woods... He wears number 12 because it was his dad's number... His favorite former teammate is Erik Cole... His most memorable goal was his score with three seconds left in Game 2 of the 2006 Conference Semifinals vs. NJ... The place Eric spends the most time in the Triangle besides home and the rink is The Cheesecake Factory.



## 2007-08 SEASON

Completed his fourth NHL season with Carolina... Ranked tied for 11th in the NHL in goals (38), tied for 15th in game-winning goals (7), tied for 11th in power-play goals (14) and eighth in shots (310)... Ranked first on the team and tied for 15th in the NHL in scoring (82 points)... Was named the team's Most Valuable Player for the 2007-08 season by the Carolina chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association... Was the only Hurricane to play in all 82 games... Led Carolina in goals (38), assists (44), power-play goals (14), power-play points (35), game-winning goals (7), shots (310), takeaways (56), face-offs taken (1,708) and total time on ice (1,774 mins.)... Led the Hurricanes in multi-goal games (4), multi-assist games (10) and multi-point games (23)... Was 2-for-2 on penalty shots and 1-for-2 in the shootout during the season... Served as an Alternate Captain for the Hurricanes... Captured a silver medal with Canada at the 2008 IIHF World Championships, held in Halifax and Quebec City, Canada... Had points in 11 of the final 15 games of the season (3/1-4/4: 8g, 16a)... Netted his 38th goal with a power-play tally vs. FLA (4/4)... Scored the Hurricanes' first goal, earned two assists and broke the Hurricanes record for shots in a game with 12 vs. ATL (3/28)... Scored his 35th goal of the season, earned an assist and matched his season high with a (+3) rating at ATL (3/19)... Registered a season-high three assists vs. OTT (3/16)... Assisted on Carolina's two power-play goals and scored an even-strength goal at CHI (3/12)... Earned his second consecutive three-point game with two goals and an assist at ATL (3/5)... Had his seventh three-point game of the season with a goal and two assists and was a season-high (+3) vs. TB (3/1)... Scored his seventh game-winning goal of the

season and earned a pair of assists vs. WSH (2/23)... Played his 300th career NHL game at PIT (2/2)... Was named Most Valuable Player of the 2008 NHL All-Star Game, scoring a pair of goals and assisting on Marc Savard's game-winner as the Eastern Conference defeated the Western Conference 8-7 at Philips Arena in Atlanta (1/27)... Earned his fourth career hat trick with three third-period goals, including a power-play, penalty-shot goal against Garon vs. EDM (1/18)... Was named to represent the Eastern Conference in his second consecutive All-Star Game on Jan. 11... Scored the game's only goal in a 1-0 victory at BOS (1/8)... Notched his 22nd goal of the season (10th on the power play) and earned two assists at ATL (1/4)... Netted the game-winning goal on the power-play and assisted on Commadore's goal vs. BOS (12/28)... Scored his 100th career NHL goal with a first-period tally against Johan Holmqvist vs. TB (11/23), making him the sixth-fastest player to reach 100 goals in franchise history (268 games)... Scored a pair of goals and earned an assist vs. WSH (11/5)... Beat Huet for his first career penalty shot goal vs. MTL (10/26) on his second career penalty shot attempt... Scored the game-winning goal and earned a pair of helpers vs. BUF (10/24)... Scored an empty-net goal and earned two assists at OTT (10/11)... Netted Carolina's first goal of the 2007-08 season with a power-play tally vs. MTL (10/3)... **Longest goal streak:** 4 games (12/22-12/29: 4g, 1a)... **Longest assist streak:** 5 games (3/1-3/12: 4g, 8a)... **Longest point streak:** 7 games (12/15-12/29: 5g, 3a)... **Multi-goal games:** 4 (last: 3/5 at ATL: 2g, 1a)... **Multi-assist games:** 10 (last: 3/28 vs. ATL: 1g, 2a)... **Multi-point games:** 23 (last: 4/2 vs. TB: 1g, 1a).

## CAREER

Is in his fifth NHL season with the Hurricanes... Signed a three-year contract with the Hurricanes on July 1, 2006... Signed a seven-year extension with the team on September 11, 2008 that goes through the 2015-16 season... Entering 2008-09, had missed one game to injury (March 19, 2004) in his entire NHL career and had played in 254 consecutive regular-season games for Carolina... Has been involved with Canada in international competition three times: as a reserve for the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, as a member of the gold-medal-winning Canadian team at the 2007 IIHF World Championships and as a member of the silver-medal-winning team at the 2008 IIHF World Championships... Selected by the franchise with the second overall pick in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft... Was the top-rated North American skater in the NHL's Central Scouting Registry for the 2003 Entry Draft... **2000-01:** Ranked third for Peterborough in scoring with 49 points (19g, 30a) in his rookie OHL season... Played for Team Ontario in the U-17 World Championships in Nova Scotia... Won gold with Canada under-18 team at the 2001 Six Nations Tournament in the Czech Republic... **2001-02:** Ranked third on Peterborough in scoring with 62 points (23g, 39a) in 56 games... Was named to the OHL's Eastern Conference All-Star team for the CHL All-Star Weekend... Served as an alternate captain for the Canadian under-18 national team at the 2002 U-18 World Championships... **2002-03:** Led Peterborough and ranked seventh in the OHL in scoring with 98 points (39g, 59a) in 66 games... Was sixth in the OHL in goals (39)... Notched 14 points (9g, 5a) in seven playoff games for the Petes...

Was named a 2002-03 Canadian Hockey League (CHL) First-Team All-Star... Was Player of the Week in the OHL and CHL for the week ending Feb. 23 after tallying eight points (4g, 4a) in three games... Notched a hat trick and added an assist vs. Sault Ste. Marie (2/23)... Participated in the CHL Home Hardware Top Prospects Game Jan. 22 in Kitchener, Ont... Played for the OHL Eastern Conference All-Stars for the second consecutive season in the CHL All-Star Series... Was an alternate captain for Peterborough... **2003-04:** Completed his rookie NHL season, making the jump from junior hockey straight to the NHL in his draft year... Was tied for ninth among NHL rookies in scoring (31), tied for 12th in goals (11), tied for ninth in assists (20) and fourth in shots (164)... Had a five-game assist streak from Oct. 23-Nov. 1 (1g, 5a) - the longest assist streak by an NHL rookie that season... Participated in the NHL YoungStars Game at the NHL All-Star Weekend in St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 7, scoring the game's first goal for the Eastern Conference... Missed his first NHL game with a torso injury at PIT (3/19)... Scored the first shorthanded goal of his career vs. ATL (1/18)... Scored his first career overtime goal and had an assist vs. LA (11/8)... Scored his first NHL goal - the game-winner - when he beat Bruins netminder Andrew Raycroft 1:57 into the game and earned his first NHL assist when he set up Jeff O'Neill 12:47 into the third period at BOS (10/23)... Recorded his first NHL penalty, tripping, vs. FLA (10/13)... Made his NHL debut at FLA (10/9), 20 days before his 19th birthday... Led the NHL in goals during the preseason with seven... **2004-05:** Spent the entire season with Lowell (AHL), establishing new

## CAREER CONTINUED

Lock Monsters franchise records in points (77), assists (51), plus/minus (+37) and shorthanded goals (7) in a season... Led AHL in shorthanded goals and plus/minus... Had a team-record 12-game points streak (1/5-1/30: 5g, 15a)... In one season, equaled Lock Monsters career record for shorthanded goals (7)... Ranked 10th in AHL in points... Earned an assist for the Canadian All-Stars in 2005 AHL All-Star Classic... Was second on team in scoring (10 points) and led the team in assists (8) and shots (37) in 11 Calder Cup playoff games... Scored game-winning goal in 3-2 Game 5 win against Hartford in the Atlantic Division semifinals (4/28)...

**2005-06:** Ranked sixth in the NHL in points (100), eighth in the NHL in goals (45) and tied for eighth in power-play goals (19)... Led Carolina in goals (45), assists (55), points (100) and shots (279)... Was named MVP by the Carolina chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers Association... Had points in 58 of Carolina's 82 games... With a goal and an assist at TB (4/15), he became the first player to reach 100 points in a season for the franchise... Had his first NHL fight when he scrapped with Jeff Halpern vs. WSH (4/3)... Scored his 40th goal of the season and earned an assist at MTL (3/16)... Was named NHL Offensive Player of the Week for the period ending March 5 after tallying three goals and four assists (7 points) in Carolina's three games March 1-4... Was a member of the reserve squad for Team Canada during the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy... Netted a pair of goals and earned an assist at MTL (1/31) to reach the 100-point plateau in his NHL career... Reached the 30-goal mark for the first time in his career when he beat DiPietro for the game-winner vs. NYI (1/19)... Named NHL Offensive Player of the Week for the second time of the season for the period ending Jan. 15 (3gp, 3g, 4a, +3)... Returned after taking a high-stick to the mouth in first period to score his second career hat trick and earn an assist on John Deere hat day at the RBC Center vs. STL (1/15)... Reached the 50-point mark in the team's 35th game, tying the franchise record for fastest player to reach 50 points in a single season (Mike Rogers in 1980-81: 35 games)... Scored his 25th goal of the season in the team's 34th game, becoming the fastest player to 25 goals in franchise history... Played in his 100th NHL/Hurricanes game and scored his 14th goal of the season at NYR (11/19)... Had his career-high 10-game scoring streak (10/20-11/11: 7g, 13a) snapped vs. ATL (11/12)... Had his third consecutive three-or-more-point night with two goals and an assist vs. TOR (11/3)... Was named NHL Offensive Player of the Week on October 31 for the week of 10/24-30... Was named NHL Offensive Player of the Month for October on Nov. 1... Was the first player to be named Player of the Month for the franchise since Mike Rogers earned the honor in Dec. 1980... Celebrated his 21st birthday with a career-high four assists at PIT (10/29)... Earned

his first career hat trick vs. PHI (10/28)... Began the season with a four-game goal streak (10/5-10/12: 5g, 3a), the longest such streak to start a season in the team's North Carolina history and one game short of the franchise record (Kevin Dineen, five games, 1990-91)... Scored Carolina's first home goal of the season vs. PIT (10/7)... Scored the Hurricanes' second goal, his first of the season at TB (10/5)... Completed his first NHL playoff season... Ranked first in the league in points (28 points), first in assists (19), first in power-play goals (7), first in power-play assists (10), first in power-play points (17) and first in shots (87)... Had points in 20 of Carolina's 25 playoff games... Had a 15-game point streak from April 24 through May 28 (7g, 13a), establishing a new franchise playoff record... Established franchise playoff records for assists (19), points (28) and shots (87) in a single playoff year... Scored a pair of power-play goals and assisted on Whitney's goal in Game 5 vs. EDM (6/14)... Scored a goal to tie the game with three seconds remaining in the third period of Game 2 vs. NJ (5/9) to force overtime... Netted his first career playoff goal, beating Huet for the overtime winner in Game 3 at MTL (4/26)... Matched John Anderson's franchise record for assists in a playoff game with four helpers in Game 2 vs. MTL (4/24)... His assist on Brind'Amour's first power-play goal was his first career NHL playoff point... Made his NHL playoff debut in Game 1 vs. MTL (4/22)... **2006-07:** Was third on the team in goals (30), assists (40) and points (70)... Led the team and ranked 14th in the NHL in shots (288)... Was tied with Justin Williams for the team lead in power-play goals (12)... Was third on the team in power-play points (26)... Was one of four Hurricanes to play in all 82 games and was third on the team in average ice time (20:07)... Had points in seven of the final nine games (3/22-4/7: 4g, 4a)... Was named to Canada's roster for the 2007 IIHF World Championships in Russia following the season... Reached the 30-goal mark for the second consecutive season and earned his 200th career NHL point with an assist vs. FLA (4/7)... Had his fourth three-point game of the season with a goal and two assists at MTL (2/17)... Earned his 100th NHL/Hurricanes assist at MTL (2/6)... Played in his first NHL All-Star Game on Jan. 24 in Dallas, scoring a goal for the Eastern Conference... Tied with Atlanta's Marian Hossa for first place in the Shooting Accuracy contest at the 2007 Dodge Nitro/NHL SuperSkills competition, hitting all four targets in just five shots... Played his 200th NHL game vs. FLA (12/23)... Missed a penalty shot attempt (Roberto Luongo) and earned an assist at VAN (12/8)... Notched his third career hat trick including the game-winning goal vs. DAL (11/18)... Scored Carolina's first goal of the 2006-07 season vs. BUF (10/4).

## FRANCHISE IMPACT

**Highest draft pick:** On June 22, 2003, matched Sylvain Turgeon (1983) and Chris Pronger (1993) as the highest draft pick taken in franchise history, second overall in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft

**Most goals by a center (season):** 45 goals in 2005-06 broke record set by Mike Rogers (44) in 1979-80

**NHL Offensive Player of the Month:** In October 2005, became the first player to be named NHL Player of the Month since Mike Rogers in Dec. 1980

**Fastest to 50 points in a season:** 35 games in 2005-06, tied Mike Rogers' mark set in 1980-81

**Fastest to 25 goals in a season:** 34 games in 2005-06, broke Blaine Stoughton's mark set in 1981-82 (35 games)

**Most assists in a playoff game:** 4 in a 6-5 double-overtime loss to Montreal on April 24, 2006, tying John Anderson's record set on April 12, 1986

**Most assists in a playoff season:** 19 in 2006, broke Ron Francis' record (10) set in 2002

**Most points in a playoff season:** 28 in 2006, broke Ron Francis' record (16) set in 2002

**Longest point streak in a playoff season:** 15 games, established from April 24-May 28, 2006 (7g, 13a)

**Consecutive All-Star appearances:** Has appeared in two consecutive All-Star Games, the first player to appear in the All-Star Game in consecutive seasons for the franchise since Kevin Dineen played in three consecutive from 1987-1989

**All-Star Game MVP:** Was the first player in franchise history to earn All-Star Game Most Valuable Player honors after scoring a pair of goals and assisting on Marc Savard's game-winner as the Eastern Conference defeated the Western Conference 8-7 at the 2008 All-Star Game at Philips Arena in Atlanta

**National exposure:** Has been featured in major publications including GQ, Sports Illustrated, ESPN The Magazine, The New York Times, FHM and USA Today and was on the cover of the EA Sports video game NHL 08



Eric Staal poses with John Lewicki of Dodge and commissioner Gary Bettman after being named MVP of the 56th NHL All-Star Game at Philips Arena on January 27, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.