

### **Atlanta Gladiators Derek Nesbitt 2021-22 game worn skates.**

Before turning pro, Seaforth, Ontario native Derek Nesbitt played four years of college hockey at Ferris State University. After graduation, he made his professional debut in the spring of 2005 with the CHL's Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs, playing in seven postseason games. Nesbitt signed for the 2005-06 season with the Gwinnett Gladiators, finishing his rookie season with 69 points (26G, 43A) in 71 games. In the Kelly Cup playoffs, Nesbitt had 13 points (6G, 7A) as the Glads went to the Finals. The following season, Nesbitt signed with Idaho and helped lead that team to a Kelly Cup. Throughout his pro career, he posted 804 points (325G, 480A) in 1,040 regular-season games; with 615 coming in the ECHL, which at the time of his retirement was 13th in league history. In addition, his 207 ECHL goals was 25th most all-time; his 331 assists ranks 24th in league history and his 538 career points is 23rd all-time. He played mostly in the AHL from 2007 to 2014, returning to the ECHL for 37 games with the Toledo Walleye in 2009-10 and 11 games with Gwinnett in 2010-11. Nesbitt ended his career as the Glads all-time leader in goals (166), assists (258), points (424), and games played (512). He spent nine of his sixteen pro seasons with the Gladiators and was named team captain in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2021-22. In his final season, Nesbitt was the league's oldest player, at age 40, and still finished second in team scoring. These CCM AS1 Super Tacks were worn by Nesbitt during the early part of his final season. They exhibit good game wear and are labeled with Nesbitt's name on the bottom of the footbed. They were purchased directly from the team at their annual equipment sale.

