

Atlanta Thrashers Pasi Nurminen 2004 game used goalie stick.

Pasi Nurminen was born in Lahti, Finland. He was selected in the 6th round, 189th overall selection, by the Atlanta Thrashers in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft. Nurminen spent three seasons in the Finnish Elite League before making his North American debut in 2001-02, spending the majority of the season with the Thrashers AHL affiliate Chicago Wolves. He was a key player in the Wolves' Calder Cup Championship, with a 15-5 record and a 1.91 GAA and .935 save percentage in the 2002 playoffs. Following his championship performance, Nurminen spent the entire 2002-03 season with the Thrashers, seeing lots of game action, especially after an injury to Byron Dafoe. In his first full season with the young Thrashers, Nurminen registered a 21-19-5 record and went on to better his win total in 2003-04 with 25 and a 2.78 GAA. This Itech Prodigy GS 9.8 stick has been customized with finger cut outs at the top of the paddle and has been photo matched to a picture taken on March 2, 2004, meaning it was one of the last sticks Nurminen used as a Thrasher. It was purchased from another collector.

