

Atlanta Gladiators Chris Auger 2015-16 game worn jersey, size 54.

Prior to his college career, Belleville, Ontario native Chris Auger played three years of Junior A hockey with the Wellington Dukes of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League. At UMASS-Lowell, Auger's senior season was his most productive, as he netted nine goals for 23 points in 36 games. In December 2010, the Mississippi RiverKings signed Auger to his first professional contract. Auger came to the Gladiators in March 2016, part of a three-way deal involving the Brampton Beast and the Allen Americans. Auger was placed on Atlanta's final roster at the end of the season, but shortly after he was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, an uncommon form of cancer that attacks the body's soft tissues. Although Auger was not re-signed, he underwent successful treatment and was able to resume his hockey career. Introduced in January, 2016, these red CCM specialty jerseys were designed as a tribute to the Atlanta Flames, who played in Atlanta from 1972-80. The three color twill G flame logo is sewn to the front, as are the embroidered CCM and Kroger patches. Two specially designed embroidered G sword patches with flames are sewn to each shoulder. The numbers and letters are two color sewn twill, similar to those worn by the Atlanta Flames. The striping patterns are also taken from the Flames' jerseys worn following their inaugural season. An embroidered CCM patch is sewn under the rear neckline and the embroidered ECHL patch is sewn to the rear hemline. Auger's autograph is in black Sharpie on the rear number. This jersey was also worn by Cole Martin, who was traded in February 2016 for Corey Fienhage, and there is clear evidence of the nameplate change. There is some decent wear on the sleeves. I acquired this jersey from another collector.

