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This Week in Sharks Territory...

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, 10/9, 7:00pm:
@ BRIDGEPORT

Saturday, 10/10, 7:00pm:
@ LOWELL

Saturday, 10/17, 7:05pm:
HOME OPENER vs. LOWELL

FIND FINZ!

Saturday, 10/10, 12:00-1:00pm:
Blackstone Valley
Chamber of Commerce
Fall Festival, West End
Creamery, Whitinsville

Sunday, 10/11, 12:00-2:00pm:
Columbus Day Parade,
Shrewsbury St.,
Worcester

PIC OF THE WEEK



Jamie McGinn's game-winning power play goal with :11 left to play against Adirondack.



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GET TO KNOW...

At age 3, most children are learning the ABCs. Logan Couture was learning how to skate.

By age 5, he was pairing his newfound skating skills with puck handling and a love for hockey. Logan Couture was not like most children.



37 LOGAN COUTURE

Position: Center
Born: March 29, 1989
Hometown: London, ONT
Height: 6.0
Weight: 195
Shoots: L

Now at 20, the 6-foot, 195-pound center from London, Ontario, has finally seen his hard work pay off. After deciding to skip college to continue rising in the OHL junior hockey league, Couture was selected as a first-round draft pick in 2007 by the San Jose Sharks, but was sent back to junior hockey before the season began.

He'll be starting off the 2009-10 season in Worcester with the San Jose AHL affiliate Worcester Sharks.

Although this is Couture's first season as a full-time pro, it isn't his first time playing with the pros. After four seasons of OHL hockey with the Ottawa 67s, he was called upon to team up with the Worcester Sharks during the end of the 2008-09 regular season and playoffs.

Couture netted two goals and had an assist for the Sharks with Worcester during their playoff run.

As for being a first-round draft pick in 2007, Couture couldn't have been happier.

"It felt awesome," he said. "I've been working hard at this for my entire life. My parents have put a lot of time and money into helping me develop as a player. It's extremely rewarding for me and my family."

Couture's family is already planning to make the nine-hour trip from Ontario to the New England area to watch their son live out his dream of playing professional hockey.

Last season in Ottawa, he scored 87 points in 62 games, with 10 points in seven playoff games. Despite the glamorous numbers, as one of 12 rookies playing for the Sharks this season, Couture knows he has to put in the work.

When discussing his rookie status, Couture simply said, "I'm here to play my game and score for my team. We're all working together out there."

This season, Couture is hoping to reach some goals, not just score them.

"Personally, I'm interested in improving all around -- offensively, defensively, and mentally," he said. "I'm always paying attention to how I can better my game and help out my team."

Couture has the potential to be an outstanding playmaker for the Sharks this season. As proven by his low penalty minutes, he prefers to be an asset on the ice rather than spending time in the box.

Despite being a rookie, Couture has scored one goal in three preseason games and should be a player to watch this season.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The first ice hockey game ever played was on March 3, 1875 in Montreal.



Hockey pucks are made of vulcanized rubber. They are 1 in. thick, 3 in. in diameter, and weigh between 5.5 and 6 oz.

GAME RECAP vs. ADIRONDACK

Jamie McGinn scored a power play goal with :11 seconds remaining and Alex Stalock made 28 saves in net as the Sharks defeated the Adirondack Phantoms 3-2 in Glens Falls on Saturday night.

Andrew Desjardins gave the Sharks a 1-0 lead after a quick snap shot from the right circle found the back of the net at 3:08 after a nice entry into the zone by Dan DaSilva. Sharks defenseman Danny Groulx added an assist on the only score of the opening period.

The Phantoms knotted the score at 1-1 after Andreas Nodl scored in front after a nice rush by Jonathon Kalinski down the right side at 9:09 of the second period. Tempers would flare behind the net of Alex Stalock as the Sharks' Brandon Mashinter fought Garret Klotz out of a ten player scrum. Each received five minutes for fighting and Klotz went to the locker room for repairs. Alex Stalock made several big saves in the middle period and former Shark Lukas Kaspar hit the crossbar. The score was tied 1-1 after forty minutes of play.

In the third period, Patrick Maroon gave the Phantoms a 2-1 lead after his shot from the right circle snuck through Stalock at 2:27. But the Sharks would tie the score on the power play as Steven Zalewski found the puck in front and backhanded it between the pads of Riopel after the initial shot by Michael Wilson at 12:04.

Jamie McGinn would net the game winner with a great deflection in front after the shot from Danny Groulx with just 11 seconds remaining to give the Sharks an exciting 3-2 victory in their season opener.

NOTES: The Sharks had six players make their professional debuts and dressed eight rookies overall.... Ryan Vesce was named captain while Derek Joslin and Mike Moore named assistant captains... Worcester has won six straight road games dating back to last season... Alex Stalock made 28 saves in net in his first professional start for Worcester. ... It was the first AHL opening night game in Glens Falls in ten years, the Adirondack Red Wings played twenty seasons from 1979-1999 winning four Calder Cups.... Nic Riopel was in net for the Phantoms, making his professional debut... The Sharks went 2/4 on the power play while the Phantoms went 0/6.... Final shots were 30-29 in favor of the Phantoms.