

Atlanta Knights Jason Ruff 1995-96 game worn jersey, size 54.

British Columbia native Jason Ruff spent four seasons as a member of the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League. Ruff was the third choice, 96th overall selection of the St. Louis Blues in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft. The following year he was part of the WHL East First All-Star Team. Ruff began his professional career with the IHL Peoria Rivermen, the farm club of the St. Louis Blues. When Ruff was acquired by the expansion Tampa Bay Lightning, he was assigned to the Atlanta Knights, where he was a fan favorite for all four seasons the Knights were in Atlanta. Beginning in the 1999-00 season, Ruff played eight seasons in Europe before retiring in 2007. This black Bauer jersey exhibits great game wear. It has the Knights embroidered sewn on logo of the front, sewn two color twill numbers on the back and sleeves, and a matching nameplate with sewn two color twill letters. Bauer and IHL logo patches are sewn on at the right rear hem line. During the '95-96 season, the IHL switched home and away jerseys midway through the season, so it is possible that this jersey was worn in the Knights' final game on April 26, 1996. I acquired it from another collector.

