

**Atlanta Thrashers Patrik Stefan 2001-02 game used gloves.**

Patrik Stefan began his professional hockey career in the Czech Republic for HC Sparta Praha, scoring 9 points in 32 games over two seasons. In 1997, while the Czech League was on break for the Olympics, Stefan signed to play for the Long Beach Ice Dogs in the IHL. Stefan, despite injury and concussion problems, went on to become the Atlanta Thrashers first draft pick, and first overall, in the 1999 NHL Entry Draft. Stefan scored 5 goals and 25 points in his first season, improving to 10 goals and 31 points in 66 games in his second season. As time went on, injury problems would haunt Stefan, playing a full season only once in his career, never coming close to living up to the expectations of being a #1 overall pick. Atlanta decided to cut their losses and traded Stefan to the Dallas Stars along with Jaroslav Modry for Niko Kapanen and a 7th round pick before the start of the 2006-2007 season. This pair of JOFA gloves has hand written player numbers and a team repair, along with Stefan's signature in black Sharpie. They were purchased from another collector, who obtained them directly from the team at an equipment sale.

