

### **Gwinnett Gladiators Mike Vigilante game used skates.**

Mike Vigilante was not signed by the Gladiators in 2008-09. Coach Jeff Pyle, who first coached Vigilante as a rookie in Mobile during the 2001-02 season, cited concerns about Vigilante's health after suffering two concussions in 2007-08. Vigilante told Christine Troyke of the **Gwinnett Daily Post** he contacted Pyle in August and wanted to come back for one more season. "I feel Gwinnett has been such a huge part of my life and I just wanted to end it in Gwinnett," Vigilante said. These Bauer Vapor 10 skates were first introduced in 2000, and these date back to at least then when Vigilante wore jersey number 33 when he was on the Springfield Falcons' roster in 2001-02. These skates show tremendous wear but it is not unusual for players to use a pair of skates over multiple seasons so it is not known if these were worn until he retired or carried as a backup pair for several years. The skates were purchased from another collector, who told me he obtained them from the Gladiators fan that Vigilante gave them to. Both skates have been autographed by the player.

