

**Gwinnett Gladiators Phil Lewandowski 2003-04 inaugural season game worn jersey, size 56.**

Illinois native Phil Lewandowski's first professional season was with the Gwinnett Gladiators after playing four seasons on a hockey scholarship with Ferris State University. Lewandowski played 44 games with the Gladiators, scoring 12 goals with 11 assists before being dealt to Cincinnati in March. He played one more season in the ECHL with three different teams before retiring from pro hockey. OT Sports was the jersey supplier during the Gladiators first season and the design became an enduring one. The large Gladiator logo is embroidered on twill and sewn on the front, with the smaller alternate logo patches sewn on the shoulders. The embroidered Kroger sponsor patch is sewn on the upper right chest and was only found on the home jerseys for the first season. Above the large logo is a small sewn on embroidered patch that bears the team name GLADIATORS. The two color twill numbers are sewn on, as is the matching fabric player nameplate with single color sewn twill letters. On the back hem is a sewn on embroidered OT logo, a sewn on embroidered ECHL logo and a sewn on embroidered Meigray patch. This set 2 jersey has great game wear and was purchased from another collector, who obtained it directly from the team.

