



Companion curriculum for GOALS “Hockey Stories”

This week’s feature is focused on the New York Rangers exciting star player Artemi Panerin and we will also meet “Mr. Riziy”. His is another of our “hockey stories” that will



showcase people or aspects of the hockey community which are distinctive for many reasons – be they talent, courage, perseverance or leadership – or in most cases ALL of these great attributes. There are lessons to learn from these great players as outstanding people who set examples for all of us. Remember, greatness is not always about being the best player – it is about trying your best, sticking with something and not giving up. Greatness is about overcoming what many may think are weaknesses, but you can turn them into strengths!

If you can print this page out, please do so then fill in the blanks to complete the full summary story. First make sure you watch the GOALS Hockey Story VIDEO though! If you can’t print it, you can still get a sheet of paper and fill out the correct answer when you come to a missing word in the story! Let’s go!

Artemi Panerin is considered to be one of the most talented players right now in the National Hockey League. Hockey, like many other team sports saw play suspended due to the covid 19 virus, but that did not change the fact that Panerin was ranked among the very top scorers. He was tied for 3rd in total goals plus assists (total points).

The first team he played for in the NHL was _____. After that first season (2015-16) he was given a trophy for his achievement. What trophy did he win? _____

After two years playing for that team he was traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets where he continued his excellent play. As a free agent, Panerin was signed by the New York Rangers in the summer of 2019 and has taken his game to an even higher level.

He was born in the country of _____, in a very small town called Korkimo. This small place is about 1000 miles to the east of the capital city of Russia which is _____.

Growing up, little Artemi had almost no money. He did not have very good hockey equipment, but he DID have a lot of love for hockey and never gave up! His _____ was really the one who taught him how to play, and who encouraged him all the way to him being scouted as a young player who played his first professional years on teams in the professional league in Russia. That league is called the KHL. What does this stand for?

Since being signed as a free agent in New York, Panerin has become a crowd favorite. Of course, some of the reason is he always is smiling and enjoying playing hockey. Another reason is his outstanding play. A third reason is that he is often seen playing with or walking with his dog “Mr. Riziy”. Actually the dog is owned by his _____. However, Mr. Riziy and Panerin have become best friends and actually play hockey together!

What type of dog is Mr. Riziy? _____