

BREAKING HOBOKEN ROCKETS NEWS

Christopher Higgins-Brother of Hoboken Rockets Traded to the NY Rangers 2009.

<u>Born</u>	June 2, 1983 (age 26), Smithtown, NY, USA
<u>Height</u>	6 ft 0 in (1.83 m)
<u>Weight</u>	203 lb (92 kg ; 14 st 7 lb)
<u>Position</u>	Left wing
<u>Shoots</u>	Left
<u>NHL team</u>	New York Rangers
<i>F. teams</i>	Montreal Canadiens
<u>NHL Draft</u>	14th overall, 2002 Montreal Canadiens
Pro career	2003 – <i>present</i>

Christopher Higgins (born June 2, 1983) is an [American ice hockey](#) player with the [New York Rangers](#) of the [National Hockey League](#) (NHL). He was selected 14th overall by the [Montreal Canadiens](#) in the first round of the [2002 NHL Entry Draft](#).

Playing career

Originally from [Whitestone, New York](#), Higgins was an All-American at [Yale University](#). Before attending Yale Chris went to [Avon Old Farms](#), a [preparatory school](#) in [Avon, Connecticut](#). Higgins grew up as a Montreal Canadiens fan on Long Island. He was a student of the respected Lithuanian hockey coach [Aleksy Nikiforov](#) on Long Island. He was involved with

youth hockey camps in his teen years, staying on the ice while helping out youth hockey in places such as Chelsea Piers Sky Rink NYC.

Montreal Canadiens

Higgins scored his first career goal on October 6, 2005, against [New York Rangers](#) goalie [Kevin Weekes](#) in front of friends and family attending the game at [Madison Square Garden](#).

He was a runner-up for best offensive player during the first week of March, which was won by [Carolina Hurricanes'](#) [Eric Staal](#).

On April 6, 2006, at 14:31 of the third period in a 5–3 win over the [Boston Bruins](#), Higgins became the latest Habs rookie to score 20 or more goals in a season, following [Saku Koivu \(1995–96\)](#) and [Michael Ryder \(2003–04\)](#).

In the [2006–07 season](#) he suffered an ankle injury (left high ankle sprain) that left him sidelined for six weeks.

Prior to the start of the [2007–08 season](#), Higgins was named alternate captain for the Montreal Canadiens. He was later replaced in that role, by [Mike Komisarek](#) during the [2008–09 season](#). On November 11, 2008, Higgins got his first hat trick in a 4-0 win over the Ottawa Senators.

Higgins was traded along with [Ryan McDonagh](#), [Pavel Valentenko](#) and [Doug Janik](#) to the [New York Rangers](#) for [Scott Gomez](#), [Tom Pyatt](#), and [Michael Busto](#) on June 30, 2009.^[1]

New York Rangers

Higgins scored the first preseason goal of the New York Rangers season against Tuukka Rask of the Boston Bruins in a 2-1 loss on September 15, 2009. He scored his first regular season goal with the New York Rangers on November 3, 2009 against the Vancouver Canucks.

Personal

Higgins grew up in Smithtown, playing on the same youth hockey teams as ex teammate and best friend [Mike Komisarek](#). His Dad is a New York City firefighter and **one of his younger brothers, Kevin Higgins is a New York City police officer and played for the Hoboken Rockets in 2007 with fellow NY Police officer Joseph Tan.** He has another younger brother and two sisters, one older and one younger.

Career statistics

<u>Season</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Regular season</u>					<u>Playoffs</u>				
			<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PIM</u>
1999–00	Avon Old Farms	USHS	27	19	20	39	10	—	—	—	—	

2000–01	Avon Old Farms	USHS	24	22	13	35	12	—	—	—	—	
2001–02	Yale	ECAC	27	14	17	31	32	—	—	—	—	
2002–03	Yale	ECAC	28	20	21	41	41	—	—	—	—	
2003–04	Hamilton Bulldogs	AHL	67	21	27	48	18	10	3	2	5	0
2003–04	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	2	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—
2004–05	Hamilton Bulldogs	AHL	76	28	23	51	33	4	3	3	6	4
2005–06	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	80	23	15	38	26	6	1	3	4	0
2006–07	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	61	22	16	38	26	—	—	—	—	—
2007–08	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	82	27	25	52	22	12	3	2	5	2
2008–09	Montreal Canadiens	NHL	57	12	11	23	22	4	2	0	2	2
NHL totals			282	95	67	162	96	22	6	5	11	4

References

1. [^] "[Montreal Canadiens acquire Scott Gomez from New York Rangers](#)". [ESPN](#). 2009-06-30. <http://sports.espn.go.com/nhl/news/story?id=4298053>. Retrieved 2009-07-01.