

## **Auckland's Young guns make NHL debut**

Up close and personal with Auckland's IASP member **Jared Panchia**



**When did you start playing hockey?**

When I was four.

**Who do you play your other hockey for?**

I play for Southern Districts and Kings College

**What's the major strength in your game?**

Elimination skills and my quick hands.

**What are you working hard to improve on the most at the moment?**

Goal scoring, leading and one on one tackling.

**What does it mean to you to make your NHL debut at such a young age?**

It means a lot for me, over the last few years it has been one of my goals to play NHL while still at school and to accomplish this is very satisfying, I get the opportunity to play with and against some of the players I looked up to growing up which is very rare and will be an awesome experience. It also means I can take what I learn from this use it in other age group games like for school and under 18's.

**How is your U18's preparation going and how are you managing all of the commitments you have on at the moment?**

I feel that my U18's preparation is going well and I hope that I can keep playing at a high level for the rest of the season. It has been hard managing all my commitments but I have had a lot of help and support from coaches and family, which has made it a lot easier. For me concentrating on under 18's is the most important hockey commitment I have on at this time and by prioritizing other commitments around this means I am able to manage them much better.

**What are your career goals with your hockey?**

My goals are to one day make the black sticks and play internationally but also reach my full potential and be the best I can be.

**Who's your favorite player in the world?**

Jamie Dwyer

**What do you love about Auckland's new playing style?**

I love that we are playing a lot more aggressive now and attacking the goal as our first option when we have the ball but also the new offense structures and screens. We are playing a much more positive style and a style which is good to play in and also watch, it is high paced and very effective.