Draws inspiration from his mother, Colleen, who is a breast cancer survivor. Said Gropp: “She was diagnosed when I was 15 years old and I remember feeling devastated. But she was so strong through everything, and our family really came together and rallied around each other. She is in remission now. Any time I feel down, I remember what she went through. She’s a huge role model for me.”

Parents are Brent and Colleen. Brent played Division I College hockey at Colorado for four years. He currently owns an advertising business. Colleen is a school and family consultant. Has a younger brother, Matthew.

Grew up a huge fan of the Calgary Flames. Lists his hockey idol as Jarome Iginla.

Nickname: Gropper
Greatest passion besides hockey: Golf
What he’d be doing if not playing hockey: Become a lawyer
Talent he’d most like to have: Invisibility
Hidden talent: Juggling
Something most people wouldn’t know about him: “I played guitar up until I was 12 years old.”
Person he’d trade places with for a day: Sidney Crosby
Actor that would play him in a movie: Zac Effron
On his bucket list: Travel to Hawaii
Most listened to artist: Drake
Favorite meal: Steak
Movie: Prisoners
App: Instagram
First job: Worked at Sportchek
Animal his teammates would compare him to: Lion

A second round draft choice of the Rangers in 2015, Ryan Gropp is currently skating with the Maine Mariners in the ECHL. Gropp has spent the majority of the last two seasons with the Hartford Wolf Pack in the AHL. He spent four campaigns with the Seattle Thunderbirds of the WHL prior to turning pro and established career highs in goals (35), assists (49), points (84) and plus/minus (+25) in 2016-17.