A second round draft choice of the Rangers in 2012, Cristoval “Boo” Nieves skated in 43 games for the Hartford Wolf Pack in the AHL in 2019-20, registering five goals and 22 assists for 27 points. Nieves spent the majority of the 2018-19 campaign with the Blueshirts after being recalled from Hartford on December 15. The Syracuse, New York, Native enjoyed a four-year college career at Michigan, and set college career highs in goals (10) and points (31) in 35 games as a senior in 2015-16.

**SHOOTS:** LEFT  
**HEIGHT:** 6’3”  
**WEIGHT:** 214  
**BORN:** JANUARY 23, 1994  
**BIRTHPLACE:** SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

**Loose Pucks**

- Parents are Raphael and JoAnne. Raphael is a financial manager at BorgWarner and JoAnne works at Edible Arrangements. Also has two sisters, Gabriella and Francesca, and one brother, Alessandro.
- His nickname, “Boo”, was given to him by his parents as they called him that as a baby. The name stuck with him over the years and became his hockey nickname. His teammates also sometimes refer to him as “Knives” instead of Nieves.
- His favorite team growing up was the Colorado Avalanche and his hockey idol was Zach Parise.
- Once worked as a bouncer at Brown Jug, a bar near Michigan.
- His pregame ritual includes always getting dressed from right to left, using white tape exclusively, and eating some type of peanut butter sandwich.
- His favorite team growing up was the Colorado Avalanche and his hockey idol was Zach Parise.

**One Timers**

- On his bucket list: Skydiving.
- Most listened to band: Kings of Leon.
- What he’d be doing for a career if not playing hockey: Captaining ships in Montauk.
- Person he’d trade places with for a day: Leonardo DiCaprio.
- Actor that would play him in a movie: Mark Wahlberg.
- Favorite meal: Chicken burrito bowl from Chipotle.
- Book: “Unbroken”.
- Movie: Wolf of Wall Street.
- TV show: Homeland.
- Animal his teammates would compare him to: Squirrel.

**One Man Band**

Nieves majored in music at Michigan and plays the guitar, piano and drums. Said Nieves: “If I wasn’t playing hockey, I would definitely be trying to break into the music business. My only problem is I can’t sing all that well.”