A second round draft choice of the Rangers in 2012, Cristoval "Boo" Nieves is currently skating with the Hartford Wolf Pack in the AHL. 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 Michigan, and set college career highs in goals (10) and points (31) in 35 games as a senior in 2015-16.

**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
- Played soccer and lacrosse in high school, in addition to hockey
- 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: Captain- ing 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."