A free agent signing of the Rangers in 2017, Vinni Lettieri skated in 61 games for the Hartford Wolf Pack in the AHL in 2019-20, amassing a career-high 25 goals and 22 assists for 47 points. Armed with a shoot-first mentality, Lettieri enjoyed a successful four-year college career at the University of Minnesota and averaged 0.84 points per game (63 points in 75 games) over his final two seasons for the Golden Gophers. He helped the team win the Big Ten regular season championship in each of his four campaigns.

**One Timers**

**Nicknames:** Chenzo, Chenny, Squirrel  
**Greatest passion besides hockey:** Golf  
**What he’d be doing for a career if not playing hockey:** Trying to play soccer  
**Talent he’d most like to have:** “Be a gifted musician.”  
**Person he’d trade places with for a day:** Justin Bieber  
**Dinner guest:** Leonardo DiCaprio  
**Actor that would play him in a movie:** Jim Carrey  
**Favorite superhero:** Batman  
**Most listened to artist:** Calvin Harris  
**Meal:** Sushi  
**TV shows:** Game of Thrones, Billions  
**Movie:** Lone Survivor  
**Animal his teammates would compare him to:** Cheetah  
**Funniest Ranger:** Tony DeAngelo  
**NYC restaurants:** Catch, Campagnola  
**Most sentimental possession:** First NHL goal puck  
**Athletes in another sport he’d like to practice against:** Michael Jordan, Cristiano Ronaldo

**Loose Pucks**

- Parents are Tino and Michelle. Tino is a former professional soccer goalkeeper who represented Canada twice at the summer Olympics. Also has a sister, Bianca  
- Is a cousin of Rangers prospect Tyler Nanne  
- Played golf and soccer in high school and was also a kicker on the football team  
- His grandfather is former NHL player, coach and general manager Lou Nanne. Lettieri claims “Grandpa Lou” and his father, Tino, are the two biggest influences on his career. Said Lettieri: “Having two former professional athletes in my family was just huge for me growing up. Seeing how my dad prepared, getting himself into shape, he really taught me the mental aspect of sports. And then obviously my grandpa was a huge influence on me hockey-wise and taught me so much about the game. I wouldn’t be where I am today without them.”  
- His favorite-athletes growing up were Michael Jordan, Ronaldo & Alex Ovechkin  
- Earned his degree in communications  
- Became the first player in franchise history to wear #95 in a regular season game