Acquired in a trade with the Tampa Bay Lightning on February 26, 2018, promising rookie defenseman Libor Hajek spent the majority of the 2018-19 campaign skating with the Hartford Wolf Pack. He also appeared in five games for the Rangers after being recalled on February 28 before suffering a shoulder injury on March 9. Hajek spent the previous three seasons in the WHL and established career highs in goals (12), assists (27), and points (39) in 2017-18. A native of the Czech Republic, Hajek was a second round draft choice of Tampa Bay in 2016.

**ONE TIMERS**

- Nickname: Leebs
- Superpower he'd like to have: Ability to teleport
- Favorite superhero: Ironman
- Person he'd trade places with for a day: Max Verstappen
- Most listened to artist: Kygo
- Meal: Pasta
- Movie: The Dark Knight
- TV show: Family Guy
- Animal his teammates would compare him to: Lion
- Athlete he'd like to practice with: Rafael Nadal
- Favorite NYC restaurant: Eataly
- Reality show he'd like to compete on: Top Gear
- Most sentimental possession: "Veteran car from my grandfather"

**LOOSE PUCKS**

- Parents are Hanna and David. Has a twin sister, Katarina
- Grew up on his family's farm, which had five dogs, 15 horses and over 200 sheep. Hajek has worked on the farm since childhood and still does so in the summer. "I hated it when I was a little kid because it's such hard work, but now I love it," said Hajek. "Being out there on the land and helping the family is peaceful to me and something I enjoy."
- Lists his hockey idols growing up as Jaromir Jagr and Tomas Kaberle
- Enjoys playing tennis

**BLOCK PARTY**

Hajek ranks t-6th among NHL rookies this season with 42 blocked shots.