



BUFFALO SABRES

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS



September 18, 2023
LECOM Harborcenter
Buffalo, N.Y.

AHL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Nathan Paetsch
Assistant Coach: Vinny Prospal

DRAFT PICKS BY ROUND

1st Round:

Ryan Johnson (2019)
Isak Rosen (2021)
Jiri Kulich (2022)
Matt Savoie (2022)
Zach Benson (2023)

2nd Round:

Alexander Kisakov (2021)

3rd Round:

Viktor Neuchev (2022)

4th Round:

Olivier Nadeau (2021)
Mats Lindgren (2022)
Ethan Miedema (2023)

5th Round:

Damien Giroux (2018)
Filip Cederqvist (2019)
Vsevolod Komarov (2022)
Scott Ratzlaff (2023)

6th Round:

Nikita Novikov (2021)

7th Round:

Tyson Kozak (2021)
Norwin Panocha (2023)

Undrafted:

Riley Fiddler-Schultz
Josh Fleming
Chris Jandric
Dominick Mersch
Zach Metsa
Nicolas Savoie
Lawson Sherk
Graham Slaggert

FORWARDS

9 ZACH BENSON

1st Round (13th overall) in 2023
5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2022-23 stats:
Winnipeg (WHL):
60 GP, 36 G, 62 A, 98 PTS, 49 PIM

93 MATT SAVOIE

1st Round (9th overall) in 2022
5'10", 170 lbs. • St. Albert, AB
2022-23 stats:
Winnipeg (WHL):
62 GP, 38 G, 57 A, 95 PTS, 26 PIM

49 FILIP CEDERQVIST

5th Round (143rd overall) in 2019
6'3", 203 lbs. • Skara, SWE
2022-23 stats:
Rochester (AHL):
55 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 31 PIM

95 ETHAN MIEDEMA

4th Round (109th overall) in 2023
6'4", 210 lbs. • Fort St. John, BC
2022-23 stats:
Kingston/Windsor (OHL):
68 GP, 20 G, 32 A, 52 PTS, 42 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

7th Round (193rd overall) in 2021
5'11", 179 lbs. • Souris, MB
2022-23 stats:
Rochester (AHL):
55 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 PTS, 40 PIM

54 OLIVIER NADEAU

4th Round (97th overall) in 2021
6'1", 203 lbs. • Lac-Etchemin, QC
2022-23 stats:
Gatineau (QMJHL):
34 GP, 22 G, 24 A, 46 PTS, 29 PIM

56 LAWSON SHERK

Undrafted
6'2", 197 lbs. • Brampton, ON
2022-23 stats:
Hamilton (OHL):
65 GP, 13 G, 15 A, 28 PTS, 67 PIM

67 GRAHAM SLAGGERT

Undrafted
5'11", 195 lbs. • South Bend, IN
2022-23 stats:
Toronto (AHL):
63 GP, 6 G, 4 A, 10 PTS, 14 PIM

60 DAMIEN GIROUX

5th Round (155th overall) in 2018
5'10", 176 lbs. • Sudbury, ON
2022-23 stats:
Iowa (AHL):
67 GP, 3 G, 19 A, 22 PTS, 28 PIM

86 DOMINICK MERSCH

Undrafted
6'0", 194 lbs. • Park Ridge, IL
2022-23 stats:
Univ. of Wisconsin (NCAA):
35 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 15 PIM

29 RILEY FIDDLER-SCHULTZ

Undrafted
6'0", 201 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2022-23 stats:
Calgary (WHL):
64 GP, 31 G, 44 A, 75 PTS, 57 PIM

GOALTENDERS

34 SCOTT RATZLAFF

5th Round (141st overall) in 2023
6'1", 175 lbs. • Irma, AB
2022-23 stats:
Seattle (WHL):
34 GP, 25-8-0, .918 SV%, 2.15 GAA

DEFENSEMEN

83 MATS LINDGREN

4th Round (106th overall) in 2022
6'0", 184 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2022-23 stats:
Red Deer (WHL):
63 GP, 11 G, 23 A, 34 PTS, 23 PIM

73 ZACH METSA

Undrafted
5'9", 192 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2022-23 stats:
Quinnipiac Univ. (NCAA):
40 GP, 9 G, 28 A, 37 PTS, 12 PIM

45 NICOLAS SAVOIE

Undrafted
6'0", 185 lbs. • Moncton, NB
2022-23 stats:
Quebec (QMJHL):
65 GP, 7 G, 41 A, 48 PTS, 32 PIM

33 RYAN JOHNSON

1st Round (31st overall) in 2019
6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2022-23 stats:
Univ. of Minnesota (NCAA):
40 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 8 PIM

35 JOSH FLEMING

Undrafted
6'1", 164 lbs. • Roxboro, QC
2022-23 stats:
Acadie-Bathurst (QMJHL):
40 GP, 12-21-3, .903 SV%, 3.60 GAA

44 CHRIS JANDRIC

Undrafted
5'11", 180 lbs. • Prince George, BC
2022-23 stats:
Univ. of North Dakota (NCAA):
39 GP, 4 G, 29 A, 33 PTS, 30 PIM

91 NIKITA NOVIKOV

6th Round (188th overall) in 2021
6'4", 209 lbs. • Moscow, RUS
2022-23 stats:
Dynamo Moskva (KHL):
62 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 14 PIM

74 NORWIN PANOCHA

7th Round (205th overall) in 2023
6'2", 189 lbs. • Bayreuth, DEU
2022-23 stats:
Berlin (DNL U20):
34 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS, 12 PIM

SCRATCHES

20 JIRI KULICH

76 VSEVOLOD KOMAROV

52 ALEKSANDR KISAKOV

79 VIKTOR NEUCHEV

63 ISAK ROSEN



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1st Round:

Sam Poulin (2019)
Brayden Yager (2023)

2nd Round:

Dylan Hamaliuk (2019)
Joel Blomqvist (2020)

3rd Round:

4th Round:

Thimo Nickl (2020)
Lukas Svejkovsky (2020)

5th Round:

Samuel Houde (2018)
Jack St. Ivany (2018)
Raivis Ansons (2020)
Isaac Belliveau (2021)

6th Round:

Cooper Foster (2023)

7th Round:

Cole Moberg (2019)
Justin Lee (2021)

Undrafted:

Mathis Aguilar
Andre Anania
Corey Andonovski
Atley Calvert
Pano Fimis
Jordan Frasca
Taylor Gauthier
Ty Glover
Avery Hayes
Ty Higgins
Jagger Joshua
Max Namestnikov
Michael Simpson
Matthew Soto

FORWARDS

23 JAGGER JOSHUA

Undrafted
6'2", 201 lbs. • Dearborn, MI
2022-23 stats:
Michigan State Univ. (NCAA):
37 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS, 92 PIM

22 SAM POULIN

1st Round (21st overall) in 2019
6'2", 214 lbs. • Blainville, QC
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
15 GP, 4 G, 0 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM

72 LUKAS SVEJKOVSKY

4th Round (108th overall) in 2020
5'11", 185 lbs. • Tampa Bay, FL
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
47 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 8 PIM

47 SAMUEL HOUDE

5th Round (133rd overall) in 2018
6'0", 172 lbs. • Blainville, QC
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
65 GP, 12 G, 8 A, 20 PTS, 42 PIM

62 BRAYDEN YAGER

1st Round (14th overall) in 2023
6'0", 170 lbs. • Saskatoon, SK
2022-23 stats:
Moose Jaw (WHL):
67 GP, 28 G, 50 A, 78 PTS, 14 PIM

85 AVERY HAYES

Undrafted
5'10", 174 lbs. • Westland, MI
2022-23 stats:
Hamilton/Peterborough (OHL):
65 GP, 43 G, 34 A, 77 PTS, 52 PIM

43 COOPER FOSTER

6th Round (174th overall) in 2023
5'11", 172 lbs. • Sault Ste. Marie, ON
2022-23 stats:
Ottawa (OHL):
63 GP, 19 G, 17 A, 36 PTS, 38 PIM

84 ATLEY CALVERT

Undrafted
6'0", 190 lbs. • Moose Jaw, SK
2022-23 stats:
Moose Jaw (WHL):
67 GP, 40 G, 33 A, 73 PTS, 32 PIM

49 MAX NAMESTNIKOV

Undrafted
5'8", 174 lbs. • Royal Oak, MI
2022-23 stats:
Guelph/Sarnia (OHL):
65 GP, 39 G, 22 A, 61 PTS, 47 PIM

51 TY GLOVER

Undrafted
6'3", 201 lbs. • Salford, GBR
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
49 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 15 PIM

36 PANO FIMIS

Undrafted
5'11", 176 lbs. • Richmond Hill, ON
2022-23 stats:
Erie/Niagara (OHL):
55 GP, 16 G, 31 A, 47 PTS, 34 PIM

64 MATTHEW SOTO

Undrafted
5'11", 168 lbs. • Oakville, ON
2022-23 stats:
Kingston (OHL):
54 GP, 15 G, 27 A, 42 PTS, 8 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

78 ISAAC BELLIVEAU

5th Round (154th overall) in 2021
6'2", 185 lbs. • Fleurimont, QC
2022-23 stats:
Gatineau (QMJHL):
55 GP, 11 G, 35 A, 46 PTS, 52 PIM

3 JACK ST. IVANY

4th Round (112th overall) in 2018
6'3", 201 lbs. • Manhattan Beach, CA
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
63 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 33 PIM

57 MATHIS AGUILAR

Undrafted
6'3", 205 lbs. • Mirabel, QC
2022-23 stats:
Rimouski (QMJHL):
55 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS, 23 PIM

32 JUSTIN LEE

7th Round (194th overall) in 2021
6'0", 194 lbs. • Waskada, MB
2022-23 stats:
Univ. of Denver (NCAA):
40 GP, 6 G, 7 A, 13 PTS, 59 PIM

50 ANDRE ANANIA

Undrafted
6'1", 185 lbs. • Richmond Hill, ON
2022-23 stats:
Sudbury (OHL):
63 GP, 7 G, 26 A, 33 PTS, 57 PIM

79 COLE MOBERG

7th Round (194th overall) in 2019
6'3", 187 lbs. • North Vancouver, BC
2022-23 stats:
Florida (ECHL):
67 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS, 47 PIM

GOALTENDERS

30 JOEL BLOMQVIST

2nd Round (52nd overall) in 2020
6'2", 183 lbs. • Uusikaarlepyy, FIN
2022-23 stats:
Karpas (Liiga):
21 GP, 6-5-8, .907 SV%, 2.29 GAA

33 TAYLOR GAUTHIER

Undrafted
6'2", 207 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2022-23 stats:
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL):
20 GP, 8-3-6, .907 SV%, 2.71 GAA

SCRATCHES

12 COREY ANDONOVSKI

14 JORDAN FRASCA

31 MICHAEL SIMPSON

41 EVAN VIERLING

70 DILLON HAMALIUK

75 TY HIGGINS

80 RAIVIS ANSONS

82 THIMO NICKL

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.