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**MONTREAL CANADIENS**  
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**October 23, 2023**  
**KeyBank Center**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Don Granato  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Assistant Coach:** Jason Christie  
**Assistant Coach:** Matt Ellis  
**Assistant Coach:** Marty Wilford

**PRONUNCIATIONS**

**Cozens, Dylan:** (KUH-zihnz)  
**Dahlin, Rasmus:** (dah-LEEN)  
**Girgensons, Zengus:** (GEER-gehn-suhnz, ZEHM-guhz)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:** (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)  
**Mittelstadt, Casey:** (MIH-tuhl-stadt)  
**Okposo, Kyle:** (oh-POH-soh)  
**Peterka, JJ:** (pih-TUHR-kuh)  
**Samuelsson, Mattias:** (SAM-yew-uhl-suhn, ma-TEE-uhs)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**Power Play**  
1-for-16 (6.3%) -- 29th  
**Penalty Kill**  
18-for-19 (94.7%) -- 5th

**LEADING SCORERS**

**Rasmus Dahlin:**  
5 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS  
**Dylan Cozens:**  
5 GP, 21 G, 2 A, 4 PTS  
**Casey Mittelstadt:**  
5 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS

**LEADING SCORERS VS. MTL**

**Jeff Skinner:**  
38 GP, 23 G, 17 A, 40 PTS  
**Kyle Okposo:**  
38 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:**  
11 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS

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**FORWARDS**

**12 JORDAN GREENWAY**

6'6", 233 lbs. • Canton, NY  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
339 GP, 43 G, 83 A, 126 PTS, 229 PIM

**72 TAGE THOMPSON**

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
306 GP, 104 G, 94 A, 198 PTS, 125 PIM

**24 DYLAN COZENS**

6'3", 201 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
206 GP, 50 G, 73 A, 123 PTS, 112 PIM

**53 JEFF SKINNER**

5'11", 197 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
937 GP, 335 G, 292 A, 627 PTS, 419 PIM

**37 CASEY MITTELSTADT**

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
282 GP, 49 G, 94 A, 143 PTS, 54 PIM

**89 ALEX TUCH**

6'4", 215 lbs. • Syracuse, NY  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 9 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
384 GP, 109 G, 148 A, 257 PTS, 114 PIM

**77 JJ PETERKA**

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, GER  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
84 GP, 14 G, 20 A, 34 PTS, 28 PIM

**19 PEYTON KREBS**

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
140 GP, 16 G, 33 A, 49 PTS, 74 PIM

**71 VICTOR OLOFSSON**

5'11", 182 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
266 GP, 83 G, 84 A, 167 PTS, 24 PIM

**28 ZENGUS GIRGENSONS**

6'2", 200 lbs. • Riga, LVA  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 5 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
630 GP, 82 G, 93 A, 175 PTS, 176 PIM

**17 TYSON JOST**

5'11", 184 lbs. • St. Albert, AB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
3 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
416 GP, 54 G, 81 A, 135 PTS, 156 PIM

**21 KYLE OKPOSO**

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
989 GP, 230 G, 363 A, 593 PTS, 522 PIM

**DEFENSEMEN**

**23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON**

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
114 GP, 3 G, 21 A, 24 PTS, 42 PIM

**26 RASMUS DAHLIN**

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidkoping, SWE  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
360 GP, 46 G, 192 A, 238 PTS, 264 PIM

**25 OWEN POWER**

6'6", 221 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
92 GP, 6 G, 34 A, 40 PTS, 26 PIM

**10 HENRI JOKIHARJU**

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
278 GP, 13 G, 56 A, 69 PTS, 104 PIM

**75 CONNOR CLIFTON**

5'11", 192 lbs. • Matawan, NJ  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
237 GP, 10 G, 33 A, 43 PTS, 163 PIM

**6 ERIK JOHNSON**

6'4", 225 lbs. • Bloomington, MN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
925 GP, 89 G, 249 A, 338 PTS, 514 PIM

**GOALTENDERS**

**31 ERIC COMRIE**

6'1", 190 lbs. • Edmonton, AB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
1 GP, 1-0-0, .960 SV%, 1.00 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
48 GP, 23-19-2, .898 SV%, 3.27 GAA  
**vs. MTL:**  
2 GP, 0-1-1, .920 SV%, 2.90 GAA

**1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN**

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
46 GP, 20-19-6, .898 SV%, 3.47 GAA  
**vs. MTL:**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

**SCRATCHES**

**9 ZACH BENSON**

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM

**27 DEVON LEVI**

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 1-3-0, .892 SV%, 3.26 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
11 GP, 6-5-0, .901 SV%, 3.05 GAA

**78 JACOB BRYSON**

5'9", 174 lbs. • London, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career (NHL):**  
170 GP, 3 G, 25 A, 28 PTS, 32 PIM

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**Caufield, Cole:** (KAW-feeld)  
**Guhle, Kaiden:** (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)  
**Harvey-Pinard, Rafael:** (HAHR-vee pih-NAHRD, ra-FIGH-ehl)  
**Kovacevic, Johnathan:** (koh-va-SEHV-ihk)  
**Montembeault, Sam:** (MAWN-tehm-boh)  
**Pezzetta, Michael:** (puh-ZEH-tuh)  
**Primeau, Cayden:** (PREE-moh)  
**Savard, David:** (suh-VAHRD)  
**Slafkovsky, Juraj:** (slaf-KAHV-skee, YUHR-igh)  
**Suzuki, Nick:** (suh-ZOO-kee)  
**Ylonen, Jesse:** (OO-lah-neh, YEH-see)  
**Xhekaj, Arber:** (JAK-igh, AHR-buhr)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
2-for-17 (11.8%) -- T-23rd  
**Penalty Kill**  
19-for-24 (79.2%) -- 15th

### LEADING SCORERS

**Cole Caufield:**  
4 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS  
**Sean Monahan:**  
4 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS  
**Alex Newhook:**  
4 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS

### LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

**Brendan Gallagher:**  
35 GP, 17 G, 3 A, 20 PTS  
**Tanner Pearson:**  
15 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS  
**Joel Armia:**  
14 GP, 6 G, 4 A, 10 PTS

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### FORWARDS

## 22 COLE CAUFIELD

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
127 GP, 56 G, 33 A, 89 PTS, 16 PIM

## 14 NICK SUZUKI

5'11", 212 lbs. • London, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
295 GP, 75 G, 137 A, 212 PTS, 99 PIM

## 49 RAFAEL HARVEY-PINARD

5'9", 184 lbs. • Saguenay, QC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
42 GP, 15 G, 8 A, 23 PTS, 12 PIM

## 17 JOSH ANDERSON

6'3", 224 lbs. • Burlington, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career:**  
461 GP, 122 G, 82 A, 204 PTS, 409 PIM

## 15 ALEX NEWHOOK

5'11", 199 lbs. • St. John's, NL  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
163 GP, 30 G, 39 A, 69 PTS, 40 PIM

## 20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

6'3", 230 lbs. • Kosice, SVK  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
43 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 37 PIM

## 70 TANNER PEARSON

6'1", 207 lbs. • Kitchener, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
594 GP, 135 G, 140 A, 275 PTS, 211 PIM

## 91 SEAN MONAHAN

6'2", 202 lbs. • Brampton, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
685 GP, 220 G, 263 A, 483 PTS, 173 PIM

## 11 BRENDAN GALLAGHER

5'9", 183 lbs. • Edmonton, AB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
679 GP, 203 G, 193 A, 396 PTS, 444 PIM

## 55 MICHAEL PEZZETTA

6'1", 217 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
116 GP, 12 G, 14 A, 26 PTS, 168 PIM

## 71 JAKE EVANS

6'1", 187 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
190 GP, 21 G, 44 A, 65 PTS, 81 PIM

## 56 JESSE YLONEN

6'1", 200 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
56 GP, 9 G, 13 A, 22 PTS, 4 PIM

### DEFENSEMEN

## 8 MIKE MATHESON

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
469 GP, 57 G, 117 A, 174 PTS, 257 PIM

## 58 DAVID SAVARD

6'1", 238 lbs. • St-Hyacinthe, QC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
739 GP, 47 G, 157 A, 204 PTS, 409 PIM

## 54 JORDAN HARRIS

5'11", 189 lbs. • Haverhill, MA  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
5 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
79 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS, 36 PIM

## 26 JOHNATHAN KOVACEVIC

6'5", 223 lbs. • Hamilton, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
85 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 41 PIM

## 72 ARBER XHEKAJ

6'4", 240 lbs. • Hamilton, ON  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 21 PIM  
**Career:**  
55 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 122 PIM

## 52 JUSTIN BARRON

6'2", 202 lbs. • Halifax, NS  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
135 GP, 9 G, 32 A, 41 PTS, 40 PIM

### GOALTENDERS

## 34 JAKE ALLEN

6'2", 197 lbs. • Fredericton, NB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
2 GP, 1-0-1, .907 SV%, 3.34 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
397 GP, 184-150-39, .909 SV%, 2.71 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
11 GP, 7-3-1, .920 SV%, 2.31 GAA

## 35 SAM MONTEMBEAULT

6'3", 222 lbs. • Becancour, QC  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
2 GP, 1-1-0, .892 SV%, 3.55 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
105 GP, 34-46-12, .896 SV%, 3.49 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
6 GP, 2-4-0, .900 SV%, 2.43 GAA

### SCRATCHES

## 21 KAIDEN GUHLE

6'3", 201 lbs. • Edmonton, AB  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
3 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
47 GP, 4 G, 15 A, 19 PTS, 31 PIM

## 30 CAYDEN PRIMEAU

6'3", 207 lbs. • Farmington Hills, MI  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
3 GP, 0-2-0, .852 SV%, 3.46 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
21 GP, 3-12-2, .871 SV%, 4.11 GAA

## 40 JOEL ARMIA

6'3", 216 lbs. • Pori, FIN  
**2023-24 (NHL):**  
43 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career:**  
439 GP, 75 G, 78 A, 153 PTS, 142 PIM

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