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Next Game: December 21 vs. Washington Capitals



December 19, 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)
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)
Olofsson, Victor: (OH-lawf-suhn)
Peterka, JJ: (pih-TUHR-kuh)
Samuelsson, Mattias: (SAM-yew-uhl-suhn, ma-TEE-uhs)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
12-for-90 (13.3%) -- 27th
Penalty Kill
82-for-101 (81.2%) -- 13th

LEADING SCORERS

Rasmus Dahlin:
31 GP, 7 G, 18 A, 25 PTS
Casey Mittelstadt:
32 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 PTS
JJ Peterka:
32 GP, 12 G, 10 A, 22 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. CBJ

Erik Johnson:
37 GP, 4 G, 18 A, 22 PTS
Kyle Okposo:
29 GP, 10 G, 6 A, 16 PTS
Tage Thompson:
8 GP, 10 G, 4 A, 14 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. CBJ

4/14/23: **BUF 5** at CBJ 2
2/28/23: **CBJ 5** at BUF 3
12/7/22: **BUF 9** at CBJ 4
2/20/22: **BUF 3** at **CBJ 7**
2/10/22: **CBJ 4** at BUF 3 (OT)

FORWARDS

9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2023-24:
22 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
22 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 16 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2023-24:
23 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
324 GP, 110 G, 102 A, 212 PTS, 139 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 215 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2023-24:
25 GP, 9 G, 10 A, 19 PTS, 26 PIM
Career:
404 GP, 118 G, 157 A, 275 PTS, 131 PIM

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2023-24:
32 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
309 GP, 56 G, 108 A, 164 PTS, 68 PIM

24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 195 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT
2023-24:
30 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS, 25 PIM
Career:
231 GP, 53 G, 82 A, 135 PTS, 137 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2023-24:
32 GP, 12 G, 10 A, 22 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
111 GP, 24 G, 30 A, 54 PTS, 36 PIM

50 ERIC ROBINSON

6'2", 211 lbs. • Bellmawr, NJ
2023-24:
13 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
272 GP, 39 G, 46 A, 85 PTS, 55 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
30 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
165 GP, 18 G, 36 A, 54 PTS, 88 PIM

21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2023-24:
32 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
1016 GP, 235 G, 368 A, 603 PTS, 530 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2023-24:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
75 GP, 14 G, 23 A, 37 PTS, 15 PIM

17 TYSON JOST

5'11", 187 lbs. • St. Albert, AB
2023-24:
27 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
440 GP, 56 G, 82 A, 138 PTS, 160 PIM

71 VICTOR OLOFSSON

5'11", 182 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE
2023-24:
26 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
289 GP, 87 G, 91 A, 178 PTS, 28 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2023-24:
31 GP, 7 G, 18 A, 25 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
386 GP, 53 G, 205 A, 258 PTS, 278 PIM

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2023-24:
28 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
137 GP, 3 G, 23 A, 26 PTS, 60 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 221 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2023-24:
32 GP, 1 G, 11 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
119 GP, 7 G, 43 A, 50 PTS, 32 PIM

10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN
2023-24:
29 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
302 GP, 15 G, 61 A, 76 PTS, 104 PIM

6 ERIK JOHNSON

6'4", 225 lbs. • Bloomington, MN
2023-24:
30 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
950 GP, 90 G, 249 A, 339 PTS, 516 PIM

75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 192 lbs. • Matawan, NJ
2023-24:
29 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 44 PIM
Career:
261 GP, 10 G, 40 A, 50 PTS, 201 PIM

GOALTENDERS

27 DEVON LEVI

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC
2023-24 (NHL):
13 GP, 6-4-2, .898 SV%, 3.07 GAA
Career (NHL):
20 GP, 11-6-2, .901 SV%, 3.02 GAA
vs. CBJ:
1 GP, 1-0-0, .936 SV%, 2.00 GAA

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2023-24 (NHL):
15 GP, 6-7-1, .901 SV%, 2.92 GAA
Career (NHL):
61 GP, 26-26-7, .899 SV%, 3.34 GAA
vs. CBJ:
1 GP, 1-0-0, .833 SV%, 4.00 GAA

SCRATCHES

31 ERIC COMRIE

6'1", 190 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2023-24 (NHL):
7 GP, 1-5-0, .863 SV%, 4.01 GAA
Career (NHL):
54 GP, 23-24-2, .893 SV%, 3.40 GAA

33 RYAN JOHNSON

6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2023-24:
17 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
17 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM

81 BRETT MURRAY

6'5", 228 lbs. • Bolton, ON
2023-24:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
23 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 25 PIM

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Bemstrom, Emil: (BEHM-struhm, eh-MIHL)
Chinakhov, Yegor: (CHEE-nah-kahv, YEH-gohr)
Fantilli, Adam: (fan-TIHL-ee)
Gaudreau, Johnny: (goo-DROH)
Gudbranson, Erik: (guh-d-BRAN-suhn)
Jiricek, David: (YIHR-ih-chehk)
Kuraly, Sean: (kuh-RA-lee)
Marchenko, Kirill: (mahr-CHEHN-koh, kih-RIHL)
Merzlikins, Elvis: (muhrz-LIH-kihnhz, EHL-vihs)
Provorov, Ivan: (PROH-voh-rawv, IGH-vuhn)
Tarasov, Daniil: (ta-RA-sahv, da-NIHL)
Texier, Alexandre: (TEHX-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)
Voronkov, Dmitri: (vohr-AHN-kahv)
Werenski, Zach: (wuh-REHN-skee)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
14-for-91 (15.4%) -- 25th
Penalty Kill
75-for-89 (84.3%) -- 7th

LEADING SCORERS

Zach Werenski:
30 GP, 1 G, 22 A, 23 PTS
Boone Jenner:
29 GP, 13 G, 5 A, 18 PTS
Kirill Marchenko:
30 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Johnny Gaudreau:
16 GP, 9 G, 8 A, 17 PTS
Ivan Provorov:
25 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS
Zach Werenski:
15 GP, 1 G, 9 A, 10 PTS

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FORWARDS

13 JOHNNY GAUDREAU

5'9", 163 lbs. • Salem, NJ
2023-24:
32 GP, 5 G, 12 A, 17 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
714 GP, 236 G, 464 A, 700 PTS, 164 PIM

11 ADAM FANTILLI

6'2", 194 lbs. • Nobleton, ON
2023-24:
32 GP, 8 G, 9 A, 17 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
32 GP, 8 G, 9 A, 17 PTS, 10 PIM

17 JUSTIN DANFORTH

5'8", 188 lbs. • Oshawa, ON
2023-24:
32 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
83 GP, 19 G, 12 A, 31 PTS, 26 PIM

59 YEGOR CHINAKHOV

6'1", 204 lbs. • Omsk, RUS
2023-24:
21 GP, 8 G, 4 A, 12 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
113 GP, 19 G, 20 A, 39 PTS, 30 PIM

10 DMITRI VORONKOV

6'5", 240 lbs. • Angarsk, RUS
2023-24:
26 GP, 6 G, 10 A, 16 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
26 GP, 6 G, 10 A, 16 PTS, 23 PIM

86 KIRILL MARCHENKO

6'3", 195 lbs. • Barnaul, RUS
2023-24:
30 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
89 GP, 31 G, 12 A, 43 PTS, 26 PIM

91 KENT JOHNSON

6'0", 178 lbs. • Port Moody, BC
2023-24:
16 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
104 GP, 19 G, 33 A, 52 PTS, 16 PIM

4 COLE SILLINGER

6'1", 199 lbs. • Columbus, OH
2023-24:
27 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 17 PIM
Career:
170 GP, 20 G, 31 A, 51 PTS, 76 PIM

52 EMIL BEMSTROM

6'0", 195 lbs. • Nykoping, SWE
2023-24:
17 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
189 GP, 30 G, 35 A, 65 PTS, 22 PIM

16 BRENDAN GAUNCE

6'3", 219 lbs. • Sudbury, ON
2023-24:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
153 GP, 11 G, 13 A, 24 PTS, 61 PIM

7 SEAN KURALY

6'2", 215 lbs. • Niagara Falls, NY
2023-24:
32 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
450 GP, 54 G, 73 A, 127 PTS, 291 PIM

42 ALEXANDRE TEXIER

6'1", 201 lbs. • Saint-Martin-d'Hères, FRA
2023-24:
30 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
153 GP, 28 G, 30 A, 58 PTS, 54 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

8 ZACH WERENSKI

6'2", 219 lbs. • Grosse Pointe, MI
2023-24:
30 GP, 1 G, 22 A, 23 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
446 GP, 80 G, 188 A, 268 PTS, 101 PIM

77 NICK BLANKENBURG

5'9", 177 lbs. • Washington, MI
2023-24:
5 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
48 GP, 5 G, 12 A, 17 PTS, 20 PIM

9 IVAN PROVOROV

6'1", 220 lbs. • Yaroslavl, RUS
2023-24:
32 GP, 2 G, 15 A, 17 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
564 GP, 67 G, 167 A, 234 PTS, 200 PIM

2 ANDREW PEEKE

6'3", 214 lbs. • Parkland, FL
2023-24:
9 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
204 GP, 9 G, 28 A, 37 PTS, 90 PIM

22 JAKE BEAN

6'1", 191 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
30 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
155 GP, 10 G, 36 A, 46 PTS, 56 PIM

44 ERIK GUDBRANSON

6'5", 222 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2023-24:
28 GP, 2 G, 8 A, 10 PTS, 44 PIM
Career:
739 GP, 30 G, 87 A, 117 PTS, 809 PIM

SCRATCHES

24 MATHIEU OLIVIER

6'1", 222 lbs. • Biloxi, MS
2023-24:
18 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
132 GP, 9 G, 18 A, 27 PTS, 184 PIM

30 SPENCER MARTIN

6'3", 191 lbs. • Oakville, ON
2023-24 (NHL):
11 GP, 2-7-1, .892 SV%, 3.57 GAA
Career (NHL):
49 GP, 16-24-6, .887 SV%, 3.61 GAA

55 DAVID JIRICEK

6'4", 207 lbs. • Klatovy, CZE
2023-24:
27 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
31 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 18 PIM

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