



BUFFALO SABRES
vs.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS



Friday, October 6, 2023, 7 p.m.

35	Tristan Jarry	G	1	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	G
39	Alex Nedeljkovic	G	27	Devon Levi	G
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	6	Erik Johnson	D
5	Ryan Shea	D	9	Zach Benson	LW
10	Drew O'Connor	LW	10	Henri Jokiharju	D
17	Bryan Rust	RW	12	Jordan Greenway	LW
19	Reilly Smith	RW	17	Tyson Jost	C
20	Lars Eller	C	19	Peyton Krebs	C
27	Ryan Graves	D	23	Mattias Samuelsson	D
28	Marcus Pettersson	D	24	Dylan Cozens	C
36	Colin White	C	25	Owen Power	D
43	Jansen Harkins	C	26	Rasmus Dahlin	D
55	Noel Acciari	C	28	Zemgus Girgensons	LW
58	Kris Letang	D	37	Casey Mittelstadt	C
63	Radim Zohorna	LW	53	Jeff Skinner	LW
65	Erik Karlsson	D	71	Victor Olofsson	LW
67	Rickard Rakell	RW	72	Tage Thompson	C
71	Evgeni Malkin	C	75	Connor Clifton	D
73	Pierre-Olivier Joseph	D	77	JJ Peterka	RW
77	Jeff Carter	C	89	Alex Tuch	RW
83	Matt Nieto	LW			
87	Sidney Crosby	C			

Referees: Kevin Pollock (33), Justin Kea (44)

Linespersons: James Tobias (61), David Brisebois (96)

Anthem Singer: Sydney Arnold

No.	Player	9/24 at WSH	9/26 vs. BOS	9/27 at TOR	9/28 at PIT	9/30 vs. CBJ	10/4 at CBJ	10/6 vs. PIT
3	Cecconi, Joseph	DND	0-0, +3	DND	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN
4	Davies, Jeremy	0-0, -1	DND	1-0, +2	DND	0-0, E	MIN	MIN
5	Prow, Ethan	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
6	Johnson, Erik	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	
8	Richards, Justin	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
9	Benson, Zach	1-0, +1	0-1, E	DND	0-0, E	1-1, -3	1-0, -1	
10	Jokiharju, Henri	DND	DND	1-0, E	DND	1-0, E	0-0, +1	
12	Greenway, Jordan	0-1, +1	DND	DND	0-1, E	DND	0-0, E	
13	Rousek, Lukas	0-1, -1	DND	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E	
15	Biro, Brandon	0-1, +1	1-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	0-0, -1	
17	Jost, Tyson	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-0, +1	
19	Krebs, Peyton	1-0, E	DND	0-0, -2	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1	
20	Kulich, Jiri	0-0, E	0-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	MIN	MIN
21	Okposo, Kyle	DND	DND	DND	DND	0-3, E	0-0, +1	
22	Quinn, Jack	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	
23	Samuelsson, Mattias	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	DND	0-2, +1	
24	Cozens, Dylan	DND	DND	0-1, E	DND	0-1, +1	DND	
25	Power, Owen	DND	DND	0-0, -3	DND	DND	1-0, -1	
26	Dahlin, Rasmus	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1	
28	Girgensons, Zemgus	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	1-0, +1	
29	Fiddler-Schultz, Riley	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
33	Johnson, Ryan	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -2	0-0, -1	0-0, -1	0-1, E	
37	Mittelstadt, Casey	DND	0-2, +2	DND	0-0, -2	DND	0-0, -1	
38	Clague, Kale	0-0, -2	0-0, E	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	
42	Warren, Brendan	DND	DND	0-0, +1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
44	Jandric, Chris	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
45	Nicolas, Savoie	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
48	Kozak, Tyson	0-0, -1	0-1, +1	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
49	Cederqvist, Filip	0-0, -1	1-0, +1	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
52	Kisakov, Aleksandr	DND	DND	0-0, E	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
53	Skinner, Jeff	DND	1-0, E	DND	DND	2-0, -2	DND	
54	Nadeau, Olivier	DND	0-0, E	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
57	Mersch, Michael	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
59	Brown, Christopher	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
60	Giroux, Damien	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
61	Stillman, Riley	0-0, E	1-0, +2	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND	
63	Rosen, Isak	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, E	0-0, E	MIN	MIN
65	Weissbach, Linus	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
67	Slaggert, Graham	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
68	Fortunato, Brandon	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
71	Olofsson, Victor	DND	DND	0-1, -1	DND	0-1, +1	0-0, -1	
72	Thompson, Tage	DND	0-1, E	DND	1-0, E	0-2, -3	DND	
73	Metsa, Zach	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E	MIN	MIN	MIN
74	Panocha, Norwin	DND	DND	0-0, +1	JR	JR	JR	JR
75	Clifton, Connor	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -2	
76	Komarov, Vsevolod	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	JR	JR	JR
77	Peterka, JJ	1-0, 1	DND	DND	0-0, -1	DND	0-0, -1	

78	Bryson, Jacob	0-1, +2	DND	0-0, -1	0-0, E	0-0, -1	DND	
79	Neuchev, Viktor	DND	DND	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
81	Murray, Brett	DND	0-1, +1	0-0, -2	DND	DND	MIN	MIN
83	Lindgren, Mats	DND	0-1, -1	DND	JR	JR	JR	JR
85	Jobst, Mason	DND	0-0, -1	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
86	Mersch, Dominick	DND	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
89	Tuch, Alex	DND	DND	DND	DND	0-0, E	0-0, -1	
91	Novikov, Nikita	0-0, -1	DND	DND	0-0, -1	MIN	MIN	MIN
93	Savoie, Matt	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	
95	Miedema, Ethan	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR

PLAYER STATS = Goals-Assists, +/- INJ = Missed Game Due to Injury DND = Did Not Dress
 JR = Returned to Junior MIN = Assigned to Rochester (AHL) FA = Free Agent

No.	Player	9/24 at WSH	9/26 vs. BOS	9/27 at TOR	9/28 at PIT	9/30 vs. CBJ	10/4 at CBJ	10/6 vs. PIT
1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	DND	DND	L, 25/28, 40:00	DND	DNP	L, 28-32, 58:34	
27	Levi, Devon	DND	W, 19-19, 40:00	DND	DND	W, 26-29, 59:51	DND	
31	Comrie, Eric	ND, 19-21, 39:55	DND	DND	L, 27-29, 58:45	DND	DNP	
32	Houser, Michael	DND	DND	ND, 11/13, 20:00	DNP	MIN	MIN	MIN
34	Ratzlaff, Scott	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR	JR
40	Tokarski, Dustin	W, 10-11, 25:00	DND	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN
62	Cooley, Devin	DND	ND, 18-19, 20:00	DND	DND	MIN	MIN	MIN

GOALTENDER STATS = Decision, Saves-Shots, Minutes
 DNP = Did not Play ND = No Decision

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PRESEASON AT A GLANCE

2023-24 PRESEASON RECORD...

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
HOME:	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
ROAD:	4	1	3	0	10	16	2
OVERALL:	6	3	3	0	18	20	6

GOALS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	3	7	7	1	18
OPPONENTS:	6	6	8	0	20

SHOTS BY PERIOD...

	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL
SABRES:	45	61	52	1	159
OPPONENTS:	60	62	78	3	203

SABRES POWER PLAY...

	PPG	OPP	%
HOME:	4	10	40.0
ROAD:	0	15	0.0
OVERALL:	4	25	16.0

SABRES PENALTY KILLING...

	PPGA	OPP	%
HOME:	0	5	100.0
ROAD:	2	12	83.3
OVERALL:	2	17	88.2

SABRES TRAINING CAMP TRANSACTIONS...

Date	Transaction(s)
Sept. 23	Returned forward Ethan Miedema and goaltender Scott Ratzlaff to their respective junior clubs.
Sept. 28	Returned forward Mats Lindgren and goaltender Norwin Panocha to their respective junior clubs. Loaned forwards Flip Cederqvist , Aleksandr Kisakov , Tyson Kozak , Olivier Nadeau , Viktor Neuchev and Linus Weissbach , and defenseman Nikita Novikov to Rochester (AHL).
Sept. 29	Released forwards Christopher Brown , Riley Fiddler-Schultz , Damien Giroux , Mason Jobst , Dominick Mersch , Michael Mersch , Graham Slaggert and Brendan Warren , defenseman Brandon Fortunato , Chris Jandric , Zach Metsa , Ethan Prow and Nicolas Savoie , and goaltender Michael Houser , from their PTOs.
Sept. 29	Returned defenseman Vsevolod Komarov to Quebec (QMJHL).
Sept. 30	Loaned forward Justin Richards and goaltenders Devin Cooley and Dustin Tokarski to Rochester (AHL).
Oct. 2	Loaned defensemen Joseph Cecconi and Jeremy Davies to Rochester (AHL).
Oct. 4	Assigned forwards Jiri Kulich and Isak Rosen to Rochester (AHL).
Oct. 5	Assigned forward Brett Murray to Rochester (AHL).

NOTE: The Sabres have 30 players on their training camp roster (17 forwards, 10 defensemen and three goaltenders).

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PRESEASON GAME 7 | OCTOBER 6, 2023 | 7:00 PM ET | KEYBANK CENTER

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS**FORWARDS**

10 | DREW O'CONNOR
 17 | BRYAN RUST
 19 | REILLY SMITH
 20 | LARS ELLER
 36 | COLIN WHITE
 43 | JANSEN HARKINS
 55 | NOEL ACCIARI
 63 | RADIM ZOHORNA
 67 | RICKARD RAKELL
 71 | EVGENI MALKIN
 77 | JEFF CARTER
 83 | MATT NIETO
 87 | SIDNEY CROSBY

DEFENSEMEN

2 | CHAD RUHWEDEL
 5 | RYAN SHEA
 27 | RYAN GRAVES
 28 | MARCUS PETTERSSON
 58 | KRIS LETANG
 65 | ERIK KARLSSON
 73 | P.O JOSEPH

GOALTENDERS

35 | TRISTAN JARRY
 39 | ALEX NEDELJKOVIC

MANAGEMENT/COACHES

PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPS/GM KYLE DUBAS
ASSISTANT GM JASON SPEZZA
HEAD COACH MIKE SULLIVAN
ASSOCIATE COACH TODD REIRDEN
ASSISTANT COACHES TY HENNES, MIKE VELLUCCI
GOALTENDING COACH ANDY CHIODO

REFEREES/LINESMEN

REFEREES KEVIN POLLOCK, JUSTIN KEA
LINESMEN JAMES TOBIAS, DAVID BRISEBOIS

BUFFALO SABRES**FORWARDS**

9 | ZACH BENSON
 12 | JORDAN GREENWAY
 17 | TYSON JOST
 19 | PEYTON KREBS
 24 | DYLAN COZENS
 28 | ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS
 37 | CASEY MITTELSTADT
 53 | JEFF SKINNER
 71 | VICTOR OLOFSSON
 72 | TAGE THOMPSON
 77 | JJ PETERKA
 89 | ALEX TUCH

DEFENSEMEN

6 | ERIK JOHNSON
 10 | HENRI JOKIHARJU
 23 | MATTIAS SAMUELSSON
 25 | OWEN POWER
 26 | RASMUS DAHLIN
 75 | CONNOR CLIFTON

GOALTENDERS

1 | UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN
 27 | DEVON LEVI

MANAGEMENT/COACHES

GENERAL MANAGER KEVYN ADAMS
ASSOCIATE GM JASON KARMANOS
ASSISTANT GM MARK JAKUBOWSKI
HEAD COACH DON GRANATO
ASSISTANT COACHES JASON CHRISTIE, MATT ELLIS,
 MARTY WILFORD
GOALTENDING COACH MIKE BALES



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FORWARDS (18)

Player	#	Pos.	Shot	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2022-23 Club	2022-23 STATS					How Acquired
								GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
Noel Acciari	55	C	R	5-10	209	12/01/1991 (31)	Toronto	23	4	1	5	11	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
							St. Louis	54	10	8	18	10	
Jeff Carter	77	RW	R	6-3	219	01/01/1985 (38)	Pittsburgh	79	13	16	29	30	Trade w/LAK (04/12/21)
Sidney Crosby	87	C	L	5-11	200	08/07/1987 (36)	Pittsburgh	82	33	60	93	52	2005 Draft Round 1 (1st Overall)
Lars Eller	20	C	L	6-2	205	05/08/1989 (34)	Colorado	24	3	4	7	10	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
							Washington	60	7	9	16	36	
Jansen Harkins	43	C	L	6-2	197	5/23/1997 (26)	Winnipeg	22	3	2	5	12	Claimed off Waivers (10/2/23)
							Manitoba (AHL)	44	25	25	50	36	
Vinnie Hinostroza	13	RW	R	5-10	183	04/03/1994 (29)	Buffalo	26	2	9	11	6	Signed as FA (07/07/23)
							Rochester Americans (AHL)	11	5	4	9	6	
Andreas Johnsson	18	LW	L	5-10	195	11/21/1994 (28)	San Jose	11	0	3	3	6	Signed as FA (07/07/23)
							New Jersey	2	0	0	0	0	
							Utica Comets (AHL)	36	9	20	29	42	
Joona Koppanen	15	C	L	6-5	216	02/25/1998 (25)	Boston	5	0	1	1	4	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
							Providence Bruins (AHL)	64	12	23	35	26	
Evgeni Malkin	71	C	L	6-3	195	07/31/1986 (37)	Pittsburgh	82	27	56	83	82	2004 Draft Round 1 (2nd Overall)
Matt Nieto	83	LW	L	5-11	187	11/05/1992 (30)	Colorado	36	4	5	9	8	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
							San Jose	45	8	7	15	8	
Alex Nylander	11	RW	R	6-1	192	03/02/1998 (25)	Penguins	9	1	1	2	6	Trade w/CHI (01/05/22)
							WBS Penguins (AHL)	55	25	25	50	8	
Drew O'Connor	10	LW	L	6-3	200	06/09/1998 (25)	Pittsburgh	46	5	6	11	12	Signed as FA (03/10/20)
							WBS Penguins (AHL)	20	8	14	22	18	
Rickard Rakell	67	RW	R	6-1	195	05/05/1993 (30)	Pittsburgh	82	28	32	60	16	Trade w/ANA (03/21/22)
Bryan Rust	17	RW	R	5-11	192	05/11/1992 (31)	Pittsburgh	81	20	26	46	31	2010 Draft Round 3 (80th Overall)
Reilly Smith	19	LW	L	6-1	185	04/01/1991 (32)	Vegas	78	26	30	56	16	Trade w/VGK (06/28/23)
Austin Wagner	25	LW	L	6-1	194	06/23/1997 (26)	Chicago Blackhawks	7	1	1	2	0	Signed to a PTO
							Ontario Reign (AHL)	24	9	3	112	33	
Colin White	36	C	R	6-1	194	01/30/1997 (26)	Florida	68	8	7	15	12	Signed to a PTO
Radim Zohorna	63	LW	L	6-6	220	04/29/1996 (27)	Calgary	8	0	0	0	0	Signed as FA (07/02/23)
							Calgary Wranglers (AHL)	40	10	19	29	23	
							Toronto	2	1	0	1	0	
							Toronto Marlies (AHL)	11	2	3	5	20	

DEFENSEMEN (9)

Player	#	Pos.	Shot	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2022-23 Club	2022-23 STATS					How Acquired
								GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
Mark Friedman	52	D	R	5-11	185	12/25/1995 (27)	Pittsburgh	23	1	2	3	15	Claimed off Waivers (02/24/21)
							WBS Penguins (AHL)	24	1	5	6	19	
Ryan Graves	27	D	L	6-5	220	05/21/1995 (28)	New Jersey	78	8	18	26	28	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
Libor Hajek	42	D	L	6-3	209	02/04./1998 (25)	NY Rangers	16	1	0	1	4	Signed to a PTO
							Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL)	24	2	4	6	31	
P.O Joseph	73	D	L	6-2	185	07/01/1999 (24)	Pittsburgh	75	5	16	21	44	Trade w/ARI (06/29/19)
Erik Karlsson	65	D	R	6-0	190	05/31/1990 (33)	San Jose	82	25	76	101	36	Trade w/SJS (08/06/23)
Kris Letang	58	D	R	6-0	201	04/24/1987 (36)	Pittsburgh	64	12	29	41	30	2005 Draft Round 3 (62nd Overall)



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DEFENSEMEN CONT. (9)

Player	#	Pos.	Shot	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2022-23 Club	2022-23 STATS					How Acquired
								GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
Marcus Pettersson	28	D	L	6-3	177	05/08/1996 (27)	Pittsburgh	68	1	23	24	58	Trade w/ANA (12/03/18)
Chad Ruhwedel	2	D	R	5-11	191	05/07/1990 (33)	Pittsburgh	47	1	4	5	18	Signed as FA (07/01/16)
Ryan Shea	5	D	L	6-2	200	02/11/1997 (26)	Texas Stars (AHL)	70	7	21	28	36	Signed as FA (07/01/23)

GOALTENDERS (4)

Player	#	Pos.	Catch	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2022-23 Club	2022-23 STATS					How Acquired
								GP	Record	SO	GAA	SV%	
Magnus Hellberg	45	G	L	6-6	220	04/04/1991 (32)	Detroit	17	4-8-1	0	3.29	.885	Signed as FA (07/02/23)
							Ottawa	1	1-0-0	0	2.00	.935	
							Grand Rapids (AHL)	4	2-2-0	0	2.50	.932	
Tristan Jarry	35	G	L	6-2	194	04/29/1995 (28)	Pittsburgh	47	24-13-7	2	2.90	.909	2013 Draft Round 2 (44th Overall)
Alex Nedeljkovic	39	G	L	6-0	208	01/07/1996 (27)	Detroit	15	5-7-2	0	3.53	.895	Signed as FA (07/01/23)
							Grand Rapids (AHL)	26	13-9-3	1	2.71	.912	
Garret Sparks	40	G	L	6-3	201	06/28/1993 (30)	Springfield (AHL)	3	1-2-0	1	2.38	.924	
							Orlando (ECHL)	14	7-4-3	0	3.45	.887	

INJURED (5)

Player	#	Pos.	Shot	HT	WT	DOB (Age)	2022-23 Club	2022-23 STATS					How Acquired
								GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	
Raivis Ansons	80	RW	L	6-1	190	01/29/2002 (21)	WBS Penguins	44	2	4	6	27	2020 Draft Round 5 (149th Overall)
Will Butcher	8	D	L	5-10	195	01/06/1995 (28)	Texas Stars (AHL)	65	6	37	43	16	Signed as FA (07/03/23)
Jake Guentzel	59	LW	L	5-11	180	10/06/1994 (28)	Pittsburgh	78	36	37	73	46	2013 Draft Round 3 (77th Overall)
Owen Pickering	38	D	L	6-4	185	01/27/2004 (19)	Swift Current (WHL)	61	9	36	45	30	2022 Draft Round 1 (21st Overall)
							WBS Penguins (AHL)	8	0	0	0	0	
Mark Pysyk	6	D	R	6-1	198	01/11/1992 (31)	Buffalo (2021-22)	68	3	9	12	16	Signed to a PTO



**PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
PRESEASON GAME NOTES**

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Friday, October 6, 2023 • KeyBank Center (7:00 PM)

Penguins 2023 Preseason Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Television/Stream	Result
Sunday, September 24	COLUMBUS	1:00 PM	KDKA+, ^nhl.com/penguins	3-2 W (SO)
Sunday, September 24	at Columbus	7:00 PM	^nhl.com/penguins	4-3 L (OT)
Tuesday, September 26	at Detroit	7:00 PM	^ nhl.com/penguins	4-3 L
Thursday, September 28	BUFFALO	7:00 PM	KDKA+, ^nhl.com/penguins	3-1 W
Monday, October 2	OTTAWA (NS)	6:00 PM	SportsNet Pittsburgh	3-0 L
Wednesday, October 4	DETROIT	7:00 PM	SportsNet Pittsburgh	2-1 L
Friday, October 6	at Buffalo	7:00 PM	SportsNet Pittsburgh	

^Streams can only be accessed in the SportsNet Pittsburgh region

Times above are all Eastern Time Zone

All Penguins preseason games can be heard on the team's official flagship radio station, 105.9 The X

TONIGHT'S GAME

Pittsburgh concludes its preseason slate as they head to Buffalo to take on the Sabres at KeyBank Center. Last season, the Penguins picked up points in two of three matchups, going 2-1-0 and averaging 3.33 goals per game in those contests. In three games against the Sabres in 2022-23, **Evgeni Malkin** led all Penguins in scoring with five assists.

Fans can watch the game on SportsNet Pittsburgh, or listen to the game live on the team's official radio flagship, 105.9 The X.

BROADCAST INFO

SportsNet Pittsburgh will broadcast tonight's game – the Penguins' final preseason game. **Josh Getzoff** will handle play-by-play duties along with **Colby Armstrong**, and **Hailey Hunter** will serve as the rink side reporter.

All remaining Penguins preseason games can be heard on the team's official radio flagship, 105.9 The X. **Steve Mears** will be calling the game action alongside **Phil Bourque**.

PENS CLAIM HARKINS

On Monday, the Penguins claimed forward **Jansen Harkins** off of waivers from the Winnipeg Jets. Harkins, 26, spent the 2022-23 campaign split between the Winnipeg Jets and the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League. With Winnipeg, Harkins notched five points (3G-2A) in 22 games. He also established AHL career highs in goals (25), assists (25), points (50) and was plus-11 in 44 games with the Moose. His 25 goals ranked first and his 50 points were second on Manitoba, respectively.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS PRESEASON GAME NOTES

The 6-foot-2, 197-pound forward has played parts of four seasons in the NHL with Winnipeg, appearing in 154 regular-season games and registering 13 goals, 14 assists and 27 points. He also has one goal in four career Stanley Cup Playoff Games.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Harkins has dressed in 200 games at the AHL level, recording 132 points (52G-80A). He has seven points (4G-3A) in seven career Calder Cup Playoff contests, and was named an AHL All-Star in 2020.

PENS MAKE SECOND ROUND OF CUTS

On Thursday, September 28, the Penguins made a second round of cuts, reducing their training camp roster to 37 players.

Forwards **Corey Andonovski**, **Avery Hayes**, **Marc Johnstone** and **Austin Rueschhoff**, defensemen **Isaac Belliveau**, **Justin Lee**, **Dmitri Samorukov** and **Jack St. Ivany** and goaltender **Joel Blomqvist** were all assigned to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's training camp in the American Hockey League.

A day later on Friday, September 29, the Penguins assigned forward **Jonathan Gruden** and defensemen **Taylor Fedun** and **Xavier Ouellet** to WBS bringing their camp roster to 34.

PENS REDUCE CAMP ROSTER TO 47

On Monday, September 25, Pittsburgh reduced its camp roster to 47 players. Forwards **Matt Filipe**, **Dillon Hamaliuk**, **Sam Houde**, **Jagger Joshua** and **Evan Vierling**, as well as goaltender **Taylor Gauthier** were assigned to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's training camp in the American Hockey League.

Three players – defenseman **Andre Anania** (Sudbury Wolves of the OHL), forward **Matthew Soto** (Kingston Frontenacs of the OHL) as well as goaltender **Michael Simpson** (Peterborough Petes of the OHL) were assigned to their junior teams.

Forward **Peter Abbandonato** was released from his professional tryout agreement, and defenseman **Mark Pysyk** was moved to the injured list after suffering a lower-body injury.

NEW REGIME

This offseason, the Penguins hired **Kyle Dubas** as President of Hockey Operations and General Manager, and **Jason Spezza** as Assistant General Manager. Dubas spent the previous nine seasons as a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs organization, including the last five as General Manager. During his tenure as General Manager, the Maple Leafs ranked fifth in the league in wins (221) and points percentage (.651) and he guided them to their first playoff series victory since 2004. He previously served as Toronto's Assistant General Manager from 2014-18 and led their AHL team, the Toronto Marlies, to their first Calder Cup championship in 2018. Prior to



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Toronto, Dubas served as the General Manager for his hometown Soo Greyhounds of the OHL from 2011-14.

Spezza also joined the Penguins from the Toronto Maple Leafs, where he served as the Special Assistant to the General Manager in 2022-23. There, he spent time with all hockey operations departments including player personnel, player development, minor league operations and hockey research. Spezza retired from a 19-year NHL career in 2022, where he recorded 363 goals, 632 assists and 995 points in 1,248 career games split between the Ottawa Senators, Dallas Stars and Maple Leafs.

PROFESSIONAL TRYOUTS

Pittsburgh has four players competing in training camp on professional tryouts – defensemen **Mark Pysyk** and **Libor Hájek**, and forwards **Austin Wagner** and **Colin White**.

Drafted by Buffalo in the first round (10th Overall) in 2010, Pysyk enters the Penguins organization on a PTO with a decade of NHL experience. Pysyk most recently put up 12 points (3G-9A) in 2021-22 with Buffalo after missing the 2022-23 campaign due to a torn Achilles tendon. Having played for three organizations (Buffalo, Florida and Dallas), Pysyk has 521 regular-season games in the NHL. In those games, the Sherwood Park, AB native has 104 points (28G-76A). During 2019-20, Pysyk recorded a career-high with 18 points (9G-9A). During the same season, Pysyk also appeared in his only four career playoff games with Florida. In 145 AHL games, the defenseman notched 48 points (8G-40A) and is plus-11. Additionally, Pysyk won a WHL title in 2012 with Edmonton while teammates with goaltender **Tristan Jarry**. He's currently sidelined with a lower-body injury.

Hájek enters his PTO this preseason after skating in 16 games with the New York Rangers last year, tallying one goal and recording a plus/minus of plus-2. During the 2022-23 campaign, Hájek also appeared in 24 games with Hartford (AHL), totaling six points (2G-4A). Drafted by Tampa Bay in the second round (37th Overall) in 2016, Hájek has 12 points (4G-8A) in 110 NHL games played dates back to the 2018-19 season. The 25-year-old Smrcek, Czechia native, has also played in 118 AHL games, posting 17 points (4G-13A).

Drafted by Los Angeles in the fourth round (99th overall) of the 2015 NHL Draft, Wagner brings 178 career games of NHL experience to Pittsburgh. In his latest stint with Chicago last season, Wagner tallied two points (1G-1A) in seven games. In 178 regular-season games, the Calgary, AB native has 42 points (23G-19A). Wagner has also appeared in 138 regular-season games at the AHL level with Ontario, recording 54 points (35G-19A) and was plus-9. In eight Calder Cup Playoff contests, Wagner recorded two points (1G-1A). During 2016-17, Wagner led the WHL playoffs with 16 goals for Regina.



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White's 113 career NHL points (44G-69A) through 292 games gives him the most points Pittsburgh has brought in via PTO this preseason. The 26-year-old was drafted by Ottawa in the first round (21st overall) in 2015 after playing two seasons at Boston College (NCAA) with 76 points (35G-41A) in 72 games. White spent six of his seven NHL seasons with Ottawa until moving south last season to play with Florida. In 2022-23, White tallied 15 points (8G-7A) in 68 games played. Additionally, White tallied two points (2A) in 21 playoff games with Florida in 2023. The Boston, MA native's best season to date came in 2018-19 when he totaled 41 points (14G-27A) in 71 games with Ottawa.

EK65

Erik Karlsson joins Pittsburgh this season after being traded from San Jose in a three-team trade. He is coming off of a campaign in which the defenseman recorded career highs in points (101), goals (25) and assists (76). In addition to leading all defensemen in goals, assists and points, he became only the sixth defenseman in NHL history, first since Brian Leetch in 1991-92, to have a 100-point season. Additionally, Karlsson finished 11th overall in the NHL in points and fourth overall in even-strength points with 74. Karlsson won his third Norris Trophy last season, given annually to the NHL's best defenseman. After spending five seasons with San Jose, the 33-year-old joins the Penguins blue line unit. Before his stint with the Sharks, Karlsson spent nine seasons with Ottawa, who drafted him in the first round (15th overall) of the 2008 NHL Draft. Karlsson also served as Ottawa's captain from 2014-18. Through 14 NHL seasons, Karlsson has played in 920 regular season games, totaling 761 points (178G-583A).

His past Norris Trophies came in the 2011-12 and 2014-15 seasons. Only four other defensemen in NHL history have more Norris Trophies than Karlsson's three (Bobby Orr, 8; Nicklas Lidstrom, 7; Doug Harvey, 7; Ray Bourque, 5). The seven-time NHL All-Star ranks 22nd in NHL history among defensemen, and his 0.83 points-per-game average is the eighth highest in league history among blueliners (minimum 300 games played). Karlsson has hit 20 or more goals three times in his career (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2022-23) and scored 70 or more points five times (2011-12, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2022-23). He leads all defensemen in assists and points since debuting in the NHL during the 2009-10 season. In addition to these feats, Karlsson has led his team in points among defensemen in eight seasons (2010-11, 2011-12, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2022-23). Sporting number 65, Karlsson has led his team in points through five seasons (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2022-23).

2022-23 PENGUINS MVP – SIDNEY CROSBY

Pittsburgh's captain, **Sidney Crosby**, was named the recipient of the team's Most Valuable Player Award presented by PPG as selected by his teammates for the third consecutive season in 2022-23. This is Crosby's 11th team MVP Award, which trails only **Mario Lemieux** (12) for most in franchise history.



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Crosby played his 18th season last year, the most in Penguins history. The captain skated in all 82 games, the second time he has done so in his career (2017-18). Only three other Penguins skated in every regular-season game (**Evgeni Malkin**, **Brian Dumoulin** and **Rickard Rakell**). Crosby led Pittsburgh in points (93), assists (60), game-winning goals (9) and shots (255) and finished second on the team with 33 goals, only trailing **Jake Guentzel** (36).

Among active players, Crosby leads all skaters in points and assists. He also ranks second among active players in goals, trailing **Alex Ovechkin** (822).

FRESH FACES AMONG FORWARDS

Pittsburgh will have new faces in its lineup this season after a plethora of offseason acquisitions, including **Rem Pitlick**, **Lars Eller**, **Matt Nieto**, **Noel Acciari**, **Joona Kappanen**, **Vinnie Hinostroza** and **Andreas Johnsson**.

Pitlick joins the Penguins organization after spending the last two seasons in Montreal. In 2022-23, Pitlick split time between Montreal and Laval (AHL). Pitlick tallied 15 points (6G-9A) in 46 games with the Canadiens and skated in 18 games with Laval, totaling 22 points (5G-17A). Drafted in the third round of the 2016 NHL Draft (76th overall) by Nashville, Pitlick has appeared in 123 career NHL games between Nashville, Minnesota and Montreal, recording 54 points (21G-33A). In the AHL, Pitlick has skated in 89 games, spending one season in Milwaukee (2019-20), one with Chicago (2020-21) and last season with Laval accumulating 68 career points (33G-35A). Before professional hockey, Pitlick skated for three years at the University of Minnesota (NCAA), collecting 108 points (47G-61A) in 112 games.

Pittsburgh signed Eller on July 1, bringing in over 1,000 combined games of NHL regular season and playoff experience. In 2022-23, Eller skated in 84 games with Colorado, totaling 23 points (10G-13A), and appeared in seven playoff games with the Avalanche. Eller has played 954 regular-season games in his career, totaling 371 points (163G-208A). Eller has appeared in 103 games in the playoffs, recording 49 points (15G-34A). Eller was drafted in the 2007 NHL Draft's first round (13th overall) by St. Louis, where he spent one season (2009-10). The Danish forward has also played for Montreal and Washington before heading to Colorado last season. Eller scored in the final 10 minutes of the third period in Game 5 of the 2018 Stanley Cup Final against the Vegas Golden Knights to give the Capitals a 4-3 win and their first Stanley Cup in franchise history.

The Penguins signed Nieto on July 1 after he skated in 81 games last season with Colorado, totaling 24 points (12G-12A). The Long Beach, California, native also appeared in seven playoff games with the Avalanche in 2023. Appearing in 651 career regular-season games between San Jose and Colorado, the forward totaled 199 points (85G-114A). The 30-year-old forward also has 21 points (8G-13A) in 62 playoff games. Nieto also spent three seasons with Boston University (NCAA) from 2010-13.



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Undrafted in the NHL and the 2014-15 National Champion Providence College (NCAA) captain, Acciari produced 65 points (32G-33A) in 113 collegiate games. Acciari has appeared in 384 career games throughout his NHL career, totaling 100 points (59G-41A). He started the 2022-23 season with St. Louis and then was traded to Toronto on Feb. 17, but put up 23 points overall (14G-9A) through 77 games played. Acciari also contributed two points (2G) in 11 playoff games with the Maple Leafs in 2023 and has nine points (6G-3A) through 65 career playoff games. Acciari has played for Boston, Florida, St. Louis and Toronto in eight NHL seasons.

Boston's 2016 fifth-round draft pick (135th overall), Koppanen, joins Pittsburgh after skating in his only five career NHL games in 2022-23 with Boston, tallying one point (1A). The Finnish skater has played in six seasons of professional hockey with Providence (AHL). In 2022-23, Koppanen tallied 35 points (12G-23A) through 64 games with Providence. In his AHL career, the 25-year-old has 93 points (39G-54A) in 245 games. Koppanen also has six career Calder Cup Playoff games totaling three assists.

A native of the Chicagoland area, Hinostroza was drafted in the sixth round (169th overall) of the 2012 NHL Draft by the Chicago Blackhawks. During 2022-23, Hinostroza skated in 26 games with Buffalo, totaling 11 points (2G-9A). The 29-year-old has appeared in 360 career games between Chicago, Arizona, Florida, and Buffalo, tallying 148 points (53G-95A). Additionally, the forward has appeared in eight playoff games between Chicago and Arizona, totaling two assists. Before professional hockey, he skated for two seasons at the University of Notre Dame (NCAA), totaling 56 points (15G-41A) in 52 games. He was also named to the Hockey East First All-Star Team in 2014-15 at Notre Dame.

Last season, Johnsson split time between New Jersey, Utica (AHL) and San Jose. In 2022-23, he skated in 13 NHL games, totaling three assists. With Utica, Johnsson had 30 points (9G-21A) through 36 games. He has 116 points (48G-68A) throughout his NHL career, appearing in 259 games. In 14 playoff appearances with Toronto, Johnsson has six points (2G-4A). In the Swedish forward's AHL career, he has played in 165 games between Toronto and Utica, tallying 131 points (55G-76A). Additionally, Johnsson has skated in 29 Calder Cup Playoff games with Toronto, accumulating 30 points (16G-14A). Johnsson won the Calder Cup Championship in 2018, registering the most points (24) and assists (14) in the tournament. He was also awarded the Jack A. Butterfield Trophy (AHL Playoffs MVP) and was named to the AHL Second All-Star Team.

2022-23 DRAFT PICKS

The Pittsburgh Penguins selected six players at the 2023 NHL Draft at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. The Penguins selected forward **Brayden Yager** in the first round (14th overall), defenseman **Emil Pieniniemi** in the third round (91st overall), forward **Mikhail Ilyin** in the fifth round (142nd overall), forward **Cooper Foster** in the sixth round (174th overall), forward **Emil**



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Järventie in the seventh round (217th overall) and defenseman **Kalle Kangas** in the seventh round (223rd overall).

Yager enters the Penguins organization after spending the last three seasons playing with Moose Jaw (WHL). He put up 78 points (28G-50A) in 67 games with Moose Jaw during the 2022-23 season where he served as an alternate captain. He led Moose Jaw in points (78), finished second in assists (50) and third in goals (28) and was awarded the Brad Hornung Trophy (WHL Most Sportsmanlike Player). He was named the CHL Rookie of the Year and the Jim Piggott Trophy (WHL Rookie of the Year) in 2021-22.

Pittsburgh's second pick of 2023, Pieniniemi, skated in one game with Karpas (Liiga) and played in 31 games with Karpas's U20 team, tallying 13 points (1G-12A). Additionally, Pieniniemi won a Hlinka Gretzky Bronze Medal playing with Karpas's U18 team.

Ilyin has played in 25 games with Severstal Cherepovets (KHL) tallying five points (1G-4A). The forward also has skated in 53 career games with Almaz Cherepovets (MHL) providing his team with 36 points (8G-28A). In three MHL playoff appearances, Ilyin has one point (1A). The 18-year-old has also seven points (4G-3A) in 10 games with Metallurg Cherepovets (NMHL). In the NMHL playoffs, Ilyin totaled five points (2G-3A) in six games.

Foster, 18, spent the last two seasons with the Ottawa 67's of the OHL recording 19 goals, 21 assists and 40 points. The 5-foot-11, 172 pound forward split the 2021-22 season between the 67's and Soo Thunderbirds of the NOJHL where he tallied a team leading 60 points (18G-42A) in 38 games. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario native was named to the NOJHL First All-Star Team and awarded the NOJHL Best Overall Team Player, Champion, Most Valuable Player and Regular Season Champion.

A native of Tampere, Finland, Järventie, 18, split the 2022-23 season between Liiga, Finland's top professional league, Mestis and Ilves U18 and U20. The 5-foot-10, 168 pound forward picked up one goal in 15 games with Liiga. With Mestis, he recorded four goals, three assists and seven points. The Tampere, Finland native helped his home country to a bronze medal win at the 2022 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

Kangas has suited up in two games with Jokerit of Mestis in 2023-24. The 18-year old spent last season with Jokerit U20 recording one goal, eight assists, nine points and a plus-15 in 42 games and four assists in 12 playoff games. The 6-foot-4, 205-pound defenseman won a bronze medal with Team Finland at the 2022 Hlinka Gretzky Cup. The Vantaa, Finland native also represented Finland at the 2023 World Under-18 Junior Championship, tallying two assists in five games.



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55 – Noel Acciari – F

2023 Preseason:

*Tallied an assist, three shots, two hits, won four faceoffs and was plus-1 against Buffalo on Sept. 28.

'22-23 Highlights:

*Played 77 games, 54 with STL and 23 with TOR, picking up 23 points (14G-9A).

*Skated in 11 playoff games with TOR registering two points (2G-0A).

*Registered 100th career point on Apr. 13 when he scored the go-ahead goal in a 3-2 victory at NYR.

*Scored 50th career goal on Dec. 1 as a member of STL against CAR.

Career:

*100 points (59G-41A) through 384 NHL games played.

*Has nine points (6G-3A) through 65 playoff games.

*Tallied first NHL point on Mar. 7, 2016 at FLA.

*Made his NHL debut on Mar. 1, 2016 for BOS.

*Played 77 career games with Providence and Charlotte (American Hockey League) producing 33 points (13G-20A).

*Won an NCAA Championship as Providence College's captain during 2014-15 where he put up 32 points (15G-17A) in 41 games.

80 – Raivis Ansons – F

'22-23 Highlights:

*Tallied six points (2G-4A) last season for WBS (American Hockey League).

*The forward played in 44 games last season during his American Hockey League rookie year.

Career:

*Appeared in 125 career QMJHL games, registering 33 goals, 68 assists and 101 points.

*Drafted in the Fifth Round (149th overall) by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2020 NHL Draft.

*Captured Silver Medals with Team Latvia in '19 and '21 at the World Junior Championships (D1A).

77 – Jeff Carter – F

2023 Preseason:

*Won three faceoffs, blocked one shot, recorded one hit and took one shot on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.



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'22-23 Highlights:

- *Skated in 79 games for Pittsburgh scoring 29 points (13G-16A).
- *Scored two goals in 5-2 victory at Colorado on March 22, 2023.
- *Had a career high of 54 blocked shots.
- *Recorded a career high 59.40% faceoff winning%.
- *Scored two game-winning-goals which ranks him second among active players and 24th all time.
- *Reached the 10-goal plateau mark for the 18th straight season.

Career:

- *16-year career split between PHI, CBJ, LAK, PIT. Spent '12-21 with LAK.
- *Two-time NHL All-Star ('09, '17).
- *Recorded career-high G (46), A (38), points (84) in 2008-09 with PHI.
- *Two-time Stanley Cup champ ('12, '14) with LAK.
- *Won gold medal (w/Crosby) at 2014 Olympics in Sochi.
- *Drafted by PHI in First Round (11th overall) of the 2003 NHL Draft.
- *431 goals, 405 assists and 836 points in 1,249 career NHL games.
- *47 goals, 37 assists and 84 points in 133 postseason NHL games.
- *Ranks 24th in career points among active players.

87 – Sidney Crosby – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Recorded an assist, two shots and won eight faceoffs on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights

- *Appeared in 82 games recording 33 goals, 60 assists and 93 points.
- *Led the Penguins with 93 points.
- *Six playoff games amassing (2G-8A).
- *19th season as a Penguin, passes Lemieux for most in team history.
- *Tied Lemieux with 11 30-goal seasons in franchise history tying the duo for the most.
- *Following a three-point (2G-1A) game on April 8, Crosby became the 15th NHL player to reach 1,500 points, and seventh with one team.

Career:

- *Longest tenured captain in NHL (17).
- *Became sixth fastest in NHL history to record 800 assists on Mar. 3, 2020 vs. OTT.
- *Passed Jaromir Jagr for second on Pens' all-time goals list (440) Mar. 2, 2019.
- *9x NHL All-Star.
- *3x Stanley Cup champ (2009, '16, '17), 2x Conn Smythe ('16, '17), 2x Hart Trophy ('07, '14), 3x Ted Lindsay/Lester B. Pearson Award ('16, '13, '14).



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*Recorded 1,400th career point in 1,100th game on Apr. 11 vs. NSH, seventh fastest to reach 1,400 points.

*Recorded 12th career hat trick on Jan. 21 2022 at CBJ.

*Scored 500th career goal on Feb. 15 2022 v. PHI becoming second active and 46th in NHL history to reach 500.

20 – Lars Eller – F

2023 Preseason:

*Tallied an assist, won three faceoffs, two takeaways, two shots and was plus-2 on Sept. 24 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

*Skated in 84 games between WSH and COL last season putting up 23 points (10G-13A).

*Played in seven playoff games with Colorado.

*Skated in a career high 84 regular season games (60 WSH, 24 COL).

Career:

*Drafted by STL 13th overall in 2007.

*Pittsburgh will be the fifth team Eller plays for (STL, MTL, WSH and COL) entering his 14th season.

*Has one career Hat Trick while with MTL on Jan. 4, 2012.

*Has 371 points (163G-208A) in 954 career games.

*Scored go-ahead goal in Game 5 of the 2018 Stanley Cup Finals to give WSH its first title in franchise history.

*Had a career year in points with WSH in 2019-20 totaling 39 points (16G-23A).

*Signed as a free agent by Pittsburgh, July 1, 2023.

59 – Jake Guentzel – F

'22-23 Reg. Season:

*Skated in 78 games and produced 73 points (36G-37A).

*Had six game-winning-goals, the second most of his career in a single season.

*Led Pittsburgh in goals with 36.

*Third season in his career he has recorded at least 30 goals.

*Totaled a career high in power play goals and points (11G-12A-22PTS).

*Third career hat trick on Apr. 11 2022 at NJD.

*Tied career high with 46 blocked shots.

Career:

*Named to 2020 All-Star Game but missed due to regular-season ending shoulder surgery.

*Played in 2022 NHL All-Star Game.

*Career-long home goal-streak of six games (7G) from Nov. 9-27, 2019.



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- *Set career highs in G (40), A (36) & points (76) in 2018-19.
- *Signed five-year ext. w/PIT thru 2023-24 on Dec. 27, 2018.
- *Career-long eight-game home point streak Nov 19-Dec 15, 2019 (7G-6A-13PTS).
- *His 21 points in '17 playoffs tied NHL rookie record.
- *Set PIT rookie record w/13G (2nd in NHL history) in '17.
- *Five GWG in '17 are NHL rookie playoff record (tied Lemieux's overall PIT record).
- *2017 Stanley Cup champ.
- *Scored 100th career goal on Jan. 24 vs. NYR, became the 10th-fastest (149 GP) to record his first 100 goals with the Penguins.

43 – Jansen Harkins – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Had one assist, two hits, one shot and was plus-1 against Detroit on Oct. 4.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Appeared in 22 games with Winnipeg tallying five points (2G-3A) and was plus-4.
- *Skated in 44 games with Manitoba (American Hockey League) totaling 50 points (25G-25A).
- *Scored seven points (4G-3A) in five Calder Cup Playoff appearances with Manitoba.
- *Led all Manitoba skaters in goals (25).
- *Had the second most points (25) on Manitoba.
- *Led Manitoba in goals (4) and points (7) in the Calder Cup Playoffs.
- *Finished second on Manitoba at plus-11.

Career:

- *Played in 154 career NHL games with Winnipeg totaling 27 points (13G-14A).
- *Skated in four Stanley Cup playoff games (three in 2019-20, one in 2020-21) with Winnipeg scoring a goal during 2019-20 postseason.
- *Through 200 American Hockey League games with Manitoba, he has 132 points (52G-80A) and is plus-23.
- *In seven total Calder Cup Playoff games, he has seven points (4G-3A).
- *Was drafted by Winnipeg in 2015 in the second round (47th overall).
- *In 275 career games with Prince George (WHL), Harkins totaled 242 points (75G-167A).

13 – Vinnie Hinostroza – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Recorded two hits on Oct. 4 against Detroit.
- *Tallied one assist, three shots, one takeaway and won a faceoff on Sept. 26 at Detroit.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Appeared in 26 games for BUF last season accumulating 11 points (2G-9A).
- *Played 11 games for Rochester (American Hockey League) totaling nine points (5G-4A).



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Career:

- *Has 148 points (53G-95A) in 360 career NHL games.
- *Career high in points came in 2018-19 with ARI when Hinostroza put up 39 points (16G-23A).
- *Has played in eight career NHL playoff games totaling two assists.
- * Signed as a free agent by Pittsburgh, July 7, 2023.

71 – Evgeni Malkin – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Took two shots, won three faceoffs and recorded one takeaway on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in 1000th NHL game on Nov. 20.
- *At 36-years old, he became oldest player since Bill Guerin at 39-years old on Dec. 23, 2009 to complete a four-point game (2G-2A) in a 5-4 victory over Vancouver on Jan. 10.
- *Recorded 80 or more points for the sixth time in his career.
- *Moved up to 43rd on the NHL's All-Time points list with 1,229, tying Malkin with Norm Ullman.
- *On Feb. 11, Malkin became the second fastest to 1,200 points (1,032 games) among active NHL players.
- *Malkin's 1,180th point passed Sergei Fedorov's 1,179 points on Dec. 30 for second-most points by a Russian-born player.

Career:

- *Recorded 642nd assist on Jan. 12, 2020, third most in Pens history.
- *Scored 400th goal on Dec. 17, 2019. Fourth Penguin to reach mark.
- *88th player in NHL history & fifth Russian to record 1,000 career points Mar. 12, 2019 vs WSH.
- *Became fourth Russian-born player to win three Stanley Cups in 2017.
- *Joined top-20 all-time NHL playoff scorers w/164th point May 3, 2018 vs. WSH (Game 4).
- *3x Stanley Cup champion (2009, '16, '17).
- *2007 NHL Rookie of the Year (Calder Trophy).
- *2009 NHL Most Points (Art Ross Trophy).
- *2009 NHL Stanley Cup MVP (Conn Smythe Trophy).
- *2012 NHL Most Points (Art Ross Trophy).
- *2012 NHL Most Valuable Player (Hart Trophy).
- *2017 NHL Playoffs Most Points (28).

83 – Matt Nieto – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Took five shots and recorded two hits on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.
- *Recorded two shots and two blocked shots against Columbus on Sept. 24.



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'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played 81 total games, 45 with SJS and 36 with COL, registering 24 points (12G-12A).
- *Appeared in seven playoff games with COL.

Career:

- *Ranks fifth with 199 career points (85G-114A) among California-born players.
- *Played 13 games with Worcester (American Hockey League) registering 11 points (4G-7A).
- *Nieto spent three seasons at Boston University and led the team in goals (18) during the 2012-13 season.
- *Signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent on July 1, 2023.

10 – Drew O'Connor – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Scored two goals, five shots, two hits, one takeaway, won a faceoff and was plus-2 on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.
- *Recorded one point (1A), five shots and three hits against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Appeared in 46 games for the Penguins registering 11 points (5G-6A).

Career:

- *Signed w/PIT as an undrafted college free agent on Mar. 10, 2020.
- *Played two years at Dartmouth (ECAC) from 2018-20.
- *Named NCAA Ivy-League Player of the Year, All-Ivy League First Team in 2020.
- *Led all Dartmouth players in goals in both of his collegiate seasons.
- *Recorded first career multi-goal game (2G) on Oct. 23, 2021 vs TOR.
- *Scored first NHL goal on Oct. 16 vs CHI.
- *Dressed in two playoff games for the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2022.

67 – Rickard Rakell – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Scored one goal and recorded two shots on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Tied with four other Penguins for most games played with 82.
- *Accumulated 60 points (28G-32A) in 82 games.
- *Had 12 multi-point games.
- *Recorded a milestone by crossing 200 career assists on Dec. 6, 2022.
- *Crossed the 400-career point mark on Mar. 16, 2023.
- *Tied with two others for Pittsburgh's most power play goals (11).



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Career:

- *Drafted in 2011 by ANA in the First Round (30th overall).
- *Has played 12 seasons in the NHL recording 412 points (186G-226A) in 569 career games.
- *2012 U20 WJC Gold Medalist for Sweden.
- *2013 U20 WJC Silver Medalist for Sweden.
- *Most game winning goals (10) in the NHL in 2017.
- *2018 NHL All-Star Game.
- *2018 World Championship Gold Medalist for Sweden.
- *Best NHL season came in '17-18 with career highs in games played (77), goals (34), assists (35), points (69), power-play goals (8) and power-play points (18).
- *Ranks 12th among active Swedish-born players with 412 career points.

17 – Bryan Rust – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Tallied an assist, two shots and one hit on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

Tallied 46 points (20G-26A) through 81 games.

Career:

- *2016 & '17 Stanley Cup champion.
- *Played 505 career NHL games for the Pittsburgh Penguins tallying 316 points (144G-172A).
- *Skated in 63 career American Hockey League games for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins recording 33 points (16G-17A)
- *Spent four years at the University of Notre Dame (NCAA) collecting 97 points (43G-54A) in 161 career games.
- *Played in 79 playoff games with Pittsburgh totaling 35 points (21G-14A).
- *Drafted by PIT in the Third Round (80th overall) of the 2010 NHL Draft.

19 - Reilly Smith – F

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in 72 games for VGK contributing 56 points (26G-30A).
- *Helped VGK to a Stanley Cup Championship playing in 22 playoff games totaling 14 points (4G-10A).
- *Scored a penalty shot on Feb. 9 at MIN.
- *Had a season high with one three-point game (1G-2A) on Apr. 11 vs. SEA.
- *Recorded three multipoint games in the playoffs.

Career:

- *Was an alternate captain for six seasons with VGK.
- *Ranks second in VGK franchise history with 124 goals.
- *Ranks third in VGK franchise history with 286 points.



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- *Appeared in 764 NHL games with four teams producing 473 points (200G-273A).
- *Played in 106 career playoff games with 79 points (26G-53A).
- *Career high in points came in 2017-18 season when Smith put up 60 (22G-38A).
- *Has scored 50+ points six times in his career, the latest being 2022-23.
- *Played in 45 games with Texas (American Hockey League) accumulating 35 points (14G-21A).
- *Spent three seasons at Miami (OH) University (NCAA) from 2009-10 through 2011-12 playing in 121 games and totaling 122 points (66G-56A).
- *Served as captain during final season at Miami University.
- *Traded to Pittsburgh by Vegas for a Third Round pick in the 2024 NHL Draft on June 28, 2023.

26 – Austin Wagner – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Totaled two hits against Detroit on Oct. 4.
- *Recorded three hits, two shots, one takeaway and one blocked shot against Buffalo on Sept. 28.
- *Scored one goal, and recorded one hit and three shots against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in seven games with CHI producing two points (1G-1A).
- *Played in 24 games with Ontario (American Hockey League) tallying 12 points (9G-3A).

Career:

- *In four seasons with Ontario (AHL), Wagner produced 54 points (35G-19A) through 138 games.
- *Through eight Calder Cup playoff games, he tallied two points (1G-1A).
- *Played five WHL seasons all with Regina from 2012-13 through 2016-17 producing 169 points (79G-90A).

36 – Colin White – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Won six faceoffs, tallied two takeaways and two blocked shots against Detroit on Oct. 4.
- *Recorded two hits, one blocked shot, one shot and won one faceoff at Detroit on Sept. 26.
- *Totaled two shots, one hit, one blocked shot and won six faceoffs against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Appeared in 68 games with FLA producing 15 points (8G-7A).
- *Skated in 21 playoff games with FLA tallying two points (2A).
- *Helped FLA win an Eastern Conference Championship and appear in its second Stanley Cup Finals in franchise history.
- *Scored 100th career point on Oct. 15 at BUF.



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Career:

- *Skated in 292 NHL games totaling 113 points (44G-69A).
- *Appeared in 22 playoff games gathering two points (2A).
- *Played in 51 career American Hockey League games producing 32 points (12G-20A).
- *Selected by OTT in First Round (21st overall) in 2015 NHL Draft.
- *Played two seasons at Boston College (NCAA) picking up 76 points (35G-41A) in 72 games.
- *Won bronze at the 2018 IIHF World Championship representing the USA.
- *Also represented the USA in the 2019 IIHF World Championship.

62 – Brayden Yager – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Won four faceoffs and recorded a shot at Detroit on Sept. 26.
- *Scored a shootout goal against Columbus to seal a 3-2 victory on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Appeared in 67 games with Moose Jaw (WHL) totaling 78 points (28G-50A).
- *Recorded a career-high with 78 points.
- *Served as alternate captain with Moose Jaw.
- *Ranked second in assists and ranked second on Moose Jaw's roster with points.
- *Finished third in goals for Moose Jaw.
- *Accumulated 16 points (6G-10A) in 10 playoff games.
- *Won the Hlinka Gretzky Cup Gold Medal.
- *Won Brad Hornung Trophy (WHL Most Sportsmanlike Player).

Career:

- *Won CHL Rookie of the Year and Jim Piggott Trophy (WHL Rookie of the Year) in 2021-22 after tallying 59 points (34G-25A) in 63 games.
- *Scored a WHL career-high 34 goals in 2021-22.
- *Drafted by Pittsburgh in the First Round (14th overall) of the 2023 NHL Draft.

63 – Radim Zohorna – F

2023 Preseason:

- *Won 12 faceoffs, and recorded two hits and one shot on Oct. 4 against Detroit.
- *Totaled two points (1G-1A), recorded one takeaway, four shots, four hits and won five faceoffs at Detroit on Sept. 26.
- *Tallied one point (1A) and a blocked shot against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in eight games with CGY and two with TOR totaling one point (1A).



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*Played in 40 games with CGY (American Hockey League) and 11 with TOR (American Hockey League) tallying 34 points (12G-22A).

*Appeared in three games with Czechia during the 2023 IIHF World Championship.

Career:

*Skated in 35 career NHL games notching a total of 11 points (5G-6A).

*Appeared in 102 total American Hockey League games with 66 points (27G-39A).

*Spent the first part of the 2020-21 season playing on a loan with BK Mlada Boleslav in the Czech Republic. Recorded 22 points (12G-10A) in 21 games.

*Played six seasons in the Czech Extraliga with BK Blada Boleslav and HC Kometa Brno.

*Two-time Czech Extraliga Champion in 2017 and '18 with HC Kometa Brno.

DEFENSEMEN

8 – Will Butcher – D

'22-23 Highlights:

*Skated in 65 games with Texas (American Hockey League) tallying 43 points (6G-37A).

*Appeared in four playoff games with TEX.

*Led Texas with 37 assists.

*Finished seventh on the team in total points (43).

Career:

*Has played in 275 NHL games totaling 114 points (16G-98A).

*Appeared in five playoff games with NJD (NHL) scoring four points (1G-3A).

* American Hockey League career totals are in 65 games with TEX totaling 43 points (6G-37A).

*Spent three seasons at the University of Denver (NCAA) tallying 87 points (20G-67A).

*Was named to the 2017-18 NHL All-Rookie Team.

*Served as an alternate captain for one season and captain in his final year at Univ. of Denver.

*Won an NCAA Championship in 2017 and won NCHC Player of the Year and was a Hobey Baker Award finalist.

*Played 10 games with bronze-winning USA in 2017-18 for the IIHF World Championship totaling three points (1G-2A).

*Signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent on July 3, 2023.

52 – Mark Friedman – D

2023 Preseason:

*Took two shots, blocked two shots and recorded one takeaway on Oct. 4 against Detroit.

*Tallied three blocked shots and one shot at Detroit on Sept. 26.

*Blocked four shots and recorded one hit against Columbus on Sept. 24.



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'22-23 Highlights:

- *Skated in 23 games for Pittsburgh totaling three points (1G-2A).
- *Played in 24 games with WBS (American Hockey League) tallying six points (1G-5A).

Career:

- *Has played parts of six NHL seasons w/PIT and PHI.
- *In 65 NHL games, Friedman has 12 points (4G-8A).
- *Has appeared in 212 career American Hockey League games, tallying 67 points (11G-56A).
- *Played three seasons at Bowling Green State University producing 68 points (16G-52A) in 121 games.
- *Claimed off waivers by PIT on Feb. 24, 2021.

27 – Ryan Graves – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Totalled one shot and was plus-1 on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in 78 games with NJD totaling 26 points (8G-18A).
- *Finished second on NJD in plus/minus at plus-34.
- *Had the fifth best plus/minus among all NHL defensemen.
- *Finished ninth among all NHL skaters in plus/minus.
- *Skated in 10 playoff games with NJD tallying one point (1A).

Career:

- *Led all NHL skaters in plus/minus during 2019-20 at plus-40 through 69 games.
- *Has played five seasons with two NHL teams totaling 100 points (28G-72A) in 302 games played.
- *Since entering the NHL during the 2018-19 season, Graves is tied for 24th in all skaters at plus-84.
- *Has 10 points (2G-8A) through 35 NHL playoff games.
- *Won Silver and played in 10 games with Canada at the 2022 IIHF World Championship scoring seven points (2G-5A).
- *Through five American Hockey League seasons with three teams, Graves skated in 260 games producing 77 points (24G-53A).
- *Was a 2015-16 American Hockey League All Star producing 21 points (9G-12A) in 74 games.
- *Won a QMJHL Championship with Val-d'Or Foreurs in the 2013-14 season.
- *Signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent on July 1, 2023.



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42 – Libor Hajek – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Recorded three hits on Oct. 4 against Detroit.
- *Tallied an assist and one hit on Sept. 26 at Detroit.
- *Totalled three blocked shots against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in 16 games with NYR grabbing one point (1G).
- *Appeared in 24 games for Hartford (American Hockey League) tallying six points (2G-4A).
- *Appeared in five Calder Cup Playoff games with Hartford recording one point (1A).

Career:

- *Played in 110 career games all with NYR totaling 12 points (4G-8A).
- *Selected in the Second Round by TBL (37th overall) in the 2016 NHL Draft.
- *Skated in 192 WHL games totaling 91 points (19G-72A).
- *Played in 118 career American Hockey League games producing 17 career points (4G-13A).

73 – Pierre-Olivier Joseph – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Tallied two blocked shots and one shot at Detroit on Sept. 26.
- *Scored one goal, had one hit and one blocked shot against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Skated in 75 games scoring 21 points (5G-16A).
- *Tied for first on team in plus/minus at plus-8.
- *Recorded one point (1G-0A) in Canada's Gold Medal effort in the 2023 IIHF World Championship.

Career:

- *Has 26 points (6G-20A) in 95 career NHL games.
- *In 136 American Hockey League with WBS, Joseph has noted and 63 points (14G-49A).
- *In 2021-22, he led all WBS defensemen with 10 goals, while his 33 points (10G-23A) in 61 games ranked second-best among team defensemen.
- *Tied for second on WBS in 2021-22 playoff scoring with five points (1G-4A) in six postseason games.
- *Has five points (1G-4A) in six career American Hockey League postseason contests.
- *Appeared in 235 QMJHL games over four seasons (2015-19), scoring a combined 140 points (29G-111A).
- *Brother of OTT forward Mathieu Joseph.
- *Traded to Pittsburgh from ARI on Jun. 29, 2019.



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65 – Erik Karlsson – D

2023 Preseason:

*Recorded one shot and blocked one shot on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

*Won his third Norris Trophy as the NHL's best defenseman after leading all defensemen with 101 points (25G-76A) in 82 games with San Jose.

*Became the sixth defenseman in NHL history, and first since Brian Leetch in 1991-92, to have a 100-point season.

*Finished 11th overall in the league in points and fourth in even-strength points with 74.

*Traded from San Jose to Pittsburgh on August 6 in a three-team trade with Montreal.

Career:

*Has played 14 seasons in the NHL with the Ottawa Senators (2009-18) and San Jose Sharks (2018-23).

*Won the Norris Trophy as the NHL's best defenseman in 2011-12, '14-15 and '22-23. Only four defensemen in NHL history have more Norris Trophies than his three (Bobby Orr, 8; Nicklas Lidstrom, 7; Doug Harvey, 7; Ray Bourque, 5).

*Named a finalist for the Norris Trophy five times throughout his career (2012, '15, '16, '17 & '23).

*Is a seven-time NHL All Star.

*His 761 career points rank 22nd in NHL history among defensemen, while his 0.83 points-per-game average is the eighth highest (min. 300 GP).

*Has hit the 20-goal mark three times in his career (2013-14, '14-15 & '22-23) and the 70-point plateau five times (2011-12, '13-14, '15-16, '16-17 & '22-23).

*Leads all defensemen in assists and points since his NHL debut in 2009-10, and ranks second in goals behind only Brent Burns (210).

*Has led his team in points by a defenseman in eight seasons (2010-11, '11-12, '13-14, '14-15, '15-16, '16-17, '17-18 & '22-23).

*Has led his entire team in points on five different occasions (2013-14, '14-15, '15-16, '16-17 & '22-23).

*Won a silver medal at the 2014 Olympics with Team Sweden.

*Served as Ottawa's captain from 2014-18.

58 – Kris Letang – D

2023 Preseason:

*Blocked one shot, recorded one hit and was plus-2 against Buffalo on Sept. 28.

'22-23 Highlights:

*Skated in 64 games producing 41 points (12G-29A).

*Won the Bill Masterson Award.



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- *Suffered second stroke of career on Nov. 28 and returned to lineup only 12 days later.
- *Played 1,000th NHL game on Apr. 2, 2023 vs PHI.

Career:

- *Signed six-year contract extension w/PIT on Jul. 7, 2022.
- *Passed Jagr for fourth most games played in Penguins history (807) on Mar. 8, 2020 vs. CAR.
- *Passed Lemieux for third most games played in Penguins history (915) on Mar. 4 2022 at CAR.
- *Passed Paul Coffey for most PPG by defensemen in Penguins history on Jan. 31, 2020 (41).
- *Set career highs in assists (58) and points (68) in 2021-22 season.
- *Owns all major franchise records by a PIT d-man in regular season and playoffs (GP, G, A, PTS).
- *Named alt. captain Sept 23, 2017.
- *3x Stanley Cup champ ('09,'16,'17).

28 – Marcus Pettersson – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Recorded an assist, three hits, one shot and was plus-1 on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights

- *Played in 68 games with Pittsburgh totaling 24 points (1G-23A).
- *Finished fourth in team plus/minus at plus-4.

Career:

- *103 points (10G-93A) and a plus-51 in 362 career NHL games w/ PIT and ANA.
- *Four points (4A) in 25 career Stanley Cup Playoff games.
- *Notched single-game career highs in points (1G-2A) and plus/minus (+5) on Oct. 23 vs. Toronto.
- *Finished 2021-22 with the second-lowest number of giveaways (14) among defensemen in the league (min. GP 50).
- *Tallied two points (2A) and a plus-3 in seven postseason games.
- *Appeared in his 200th career game on Mar. 25, 2021 versus Buffalo.
- *Became just the 11th player since 1995-96 (when the NHL switched to an 82-game format) to play in 84 contests in 2018-19.
- *Played in four games w/ Team Sweden at the 2021 World Championships.
- *Traded to PIT on December 3, 2018 from ANA.

38 – Owen Pickering - D

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Skated in eight games with WBS (American Hockey League).
- *Named to the WHL (Central) First All-Star Team.
- *Played in 61 games with Swift Current (WHL) totaling 45 points (9G-36A).



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Career:

- *Earned WHL Second Team All-Star honors in 2021-22.
- *First Round pick (21st overall) by PIT in the 2022 NHL Draft.
- *During 2021-22, he noted two points (2A) and was +2 in four games w/ Canada at the WJC-18.
- *His goals (9), assists (24) and points (33) all ranked first among team defensemen with Swift Current in 2021-22.
- *Signed entry-level deal w/ PIT on July 16, 2022.

2 – Chad Ruhwedel – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Recorded one hit and one blocked shot against Detroit on Oct. 4.
- *Totaled one point (1A), five hits and blocked two shots against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Had five points (1G-4A) in 47 games played.

Career:

- *2017 Stanley Cup Champion w/ PIT.
- *45 points (12G-33A) in 312 career NHL games split w/ PIT and BUF.
- *Career year came in 2021-22 with highs across the board in games played (78) goals (4), assists (9), points (13), hits (149) and blocked shots (86).
- *Has 25 games of Stanley Cup Playoff experience.
- *Posted a plus-2 in seven postseason games w/ PIT in 2022.
- *Signed a two-year contract extension w/ PIT on February 19, 2022.

5 - Ryan Shea – D

2023 Preseason:

- *Tallied one shot, one hit and blocked two shots on Sept. 26 at Detroit.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Had 28 points (7G-21A) in 70 games with Texas (American Hockey League).
- *Played in eight games Calder Cup Playoff games totaling four points (4A).
- *Had the best plus/minus for all skaters in the American Hockey League (+37).

Career:

- *Played in 163 games with Texas (American Hockey League) tallying 66 points (10G-56A).
- *Has 10 career playoff appearances (American Hockey League) totaling four points (4A).
- *Played four seasons at Northeastern University from 2016-17 through 2019-20 putting up 78 points (10G-68A) in 149 games.
- *Was an alternate captain during 2018-19 and captain during 2019-20 seasons at Northeastern Univ.



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GOALTENDERS

45 – Magnus Hellberg – G

2023 Preseason:

*Saved 16 of 19 shots in 39:58 played against Columbus on Sept. 24.

'22-23 Highlights:

*Went 5-8-1 with OTT and DET in through 18 games posting a 3.20 GAA and a .888 save percentage.

*Played four games with Grand Rapids (American Hockey League) going 2-2-0, and posting a 2.50 GAA and a .932 save percentage.

Career:

*Is 7-8-1 in 23 NHL games played posting a career 3.14 GAA .886 save percentage.

*Has played in 191 American Hockey League games going 86-73-15 and has 14 career shutouts.

*In the American Hockey League, Hellberg has a 2.49 GAA and .915 save percentage.

35 – Tristan Jarry – G

2023 Preseason:

*Saved 24 shots of 25 total in 60:00 on Sept. 28 against Buffalo.

'22-23 Highlights:

*In 47 games with Pittsburgh, went 24-13-7 with two shutouts, a 2.90 GAA and a .909 save percentage.

*His 47 starts were the second most of his NHL career.

*Recorded 1,286 saves, the second most of his NHL career.

Career:

*In 2021-22 set career highs in GP (58), wins (34), GAA (2.42) and SOs (4).

*Played for Metro Division in 2020 and '22 All-Star Games.

*Set franchise record shutout streak of 177:15 from Nov. 29-Dec. 10, 2019.

*Became the second Penguins goalie to record 3 SOs in 4 games on Dec. 12, 2019.

*Became first goalie in WBS franchise history to score a goal on Nov. 14, 2018 at Springfield.

*His 14 wins in 2017-18 were the most among NHL rookies.

*Posted first career NHL win on Nov 25, 2017 vs TBL.

*Made NHL debut Apr. 9, 2017 @ NYR.

*Won a Memorial Cup Championship w/EDM in 2013-14.



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39 – Alex Nedeljkovic – G

2023 Preseason:

- *In 58:01, he saved 22/24 shots against Detroit on Oct. 4.
- *Through 58:00, he saved 29/33 shots at Detroit on Sept. 26.
- *In 29:58 against Columbus on Sept. 24, he saved all 17 shots on goal in the win.

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in 15 games for DET posting a 5-7-2 record, a 3.53 GAA and a .895 save percentage.
- *Appeared in 26 games with Grand Rapids (American Hockey League) having a 13-9-3 record, one shutout, a 2.71 GAA and a .912 save percentage.

Career:

- *5-7-2 in 103 NHL games played with seven shutouts, a 2.96 GAA and a .907 save percentage.
- *Appeared in nine playoff games, going 4-5-0, completing one shutout, a 2.17 GAA and a .920 save percentage.
- *Led the NHL in GAA (1.90) and save percentage (.932) in 2020-21.
- *March 2021 NHL Rookie of the Month.
- *2021 Calder Trophy Finalist (Rookie of the Year).
- *Played in 180 career American Hockey League games, with a 102-54-14 record, 15 shutouts, a 2.59 GAA and a .905 save percentage.
- *Won a Calder Cup and the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Memorial Award for best American Hockey League goaltender in 2019.

40 – Garret Sparks - G

'22-23 Highlights:

- *Played in three games with Springfield (American Hockey League) posting a 1-2-0 record, one shutout, a 2.38 GAA and a .924 save percentage.
- *In 14 games with Orlando (ECHL), Sparks posted a 7-4-3 record, a 3.45 GAA and a .887 save percentage.

Career:

- *Through 40 games over four NHL seasons with TOR, VGK and LAK, Sparks is 15-18-2 with two shutouts, a 3.05 GAA and a .899 save percentage.
- *Has a 99-59-11 record with a 2.34 GAA, a .921 save percentage and 18 shutouts through 78 American Hockey League games.
- *Posts a 17-10-0 record with a 2.42 GAA, a .910 save percentage and three shutouts through 29 Calder Cup Playoff appearances.
- * Won a Calder Cup and the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Memorial Award for best American Hockey League goaltender in 2018.
- *Posted the best GAA (1.79), save percentage (.936) and had the most wins (31) in 2018.