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NIKITA KUCHEROV



PRONUNCIATION: nih-KEE-tuh KOO-chuhr-awv

POSITION: Forward

BORN: June 17, 1993 (Maykop, Russia)

HEIGHT: 6' 0"

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 180

SEASON: NHL - 13th, TBL - 13th

ACQUIRED: Selected by TBL in the second round, 58th overall, of the 2011 NHL Draft

CONTRACT: Signed through 2026-27 (UFA)

2024-25 SEASON

- Skated in 78 games with TBL and recorded a league-leading 121 points with 37 goals and 84 assists, becoming just the 14th player in NHL history to record three career 120-point seasons (also: 2018-19, 2023-24) and the sixth winger in NHL history to log three consecutive 100-point seasons
- Recorded an 80-assist season for the third straight campaign, joining Paul Coffey, Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr as the only players in NHL history to accomplish the feat
- Joined Jaromir Jagr and Connor McDavid as the only players since the year 2000 to win the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's scoring leader in back-to-back seasons
- Along with winning the scoring title, led all NHL skaters for power-play points (46), points per game (1.55), multi-assist games (25) and three-point games (17) while ranking tied for first for assists, second for multi-point games (33) and third for even-strength points (75)
- Recorded his 600th career assist on January 18 vs. DET to join Victor Hedman as the second player in TBL franchise history to hit the milestone before eventually overtaking Hedman to become the all-time franchise record for assists (637)
- Skated in his 800th career game on April 11 vs. DET
- Recorded his 900th career point in his 743rd career game on November 22 at CBJ, becoming the third fastest active skater (McDavid – 602 GP, Sidney Crosby – 677 GP) and just the seventh Russian-born player in NHL history to hit the milestone
- Logged his 954th career point on February 8 at DET to pass Martin St. Louis (954) and take sole possession of the second-most points in TBL franchise history, trailing only Steven Stamkos (1,137)
- Matched his career-high, single-game point total with six points (1-5—6) on December 12 at CGY, tying the TBL franchise record for most assists and points in a single game (also: Doug Crossman, Brayden Point)

KUCHEROV VS. THE NHL

	GP	G	A	P
ANA	20	8	16	24
ARI	16	10	8	18
BOS	40	11	22	33
BUF	39	19	29	48
CGY	20	7	20	27
CAR	29	12	28	40
CHI	19	7	15	22
COL	21	10	12	22
CBJ	30	14	33	47
DAL	21	6	17	23
DET	40	21	31	52
EDM	18	13	19	32
FLA	38	21	26	47
LAK	19	9	15	24
MIN	19	9	10	19
MTL	38	17	27	44
NSH	22	10	12	22
NJD	27	12	29	41
NYI	32	11	26	37
NYR	30	10	27	37
OTT	39	15	38	53
PHI	28	11	23	34
PIT	30	12	29	41
SJS	19	7	14	21
SEA	7	4	7	11
STL	18	7	12	19
TOR	38	19	28	47
UTA	2	1	4	5
VAN	19	11	13	24
VGK	12	6	16	22
WSH	31	14	16	30
WPG	22	13	15	28

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2025 Playoffs

- Skated in all five games during TBL's First Round series vs. FLA, recording four assists and as many points while averaging 22:59 of time on ice
- Led all TBL skaters for assists and takeaways (3, tied) while his four points ranked tied for second
- Led all TBL forwards for average time on ice

2023-24 Season

- Played in 81 games with TBL, setting new career highs for goals, assists and points (44-100—144)
- Set TBL single-season franchise records for assists, points, even-strength points (91), power-play points (53), multi-assist games (26), three-assist games (11, tied), four-assist games (4), multi-point games (41), three-point games (23), four-point games (8, tied) and five-point games (3)
- Established a new TBL franchise record for the longest assist streak (13 GP)
- Was the first NHL player to hit 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 120, 130 and 140 points
- Became the fifth player in NHL history to post 100 assists in a single season and the first winger to do so
- Recorded 11 three-assist games in a single season for the second time in his career, joining Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Bobby Orr and Joe Thornton as the only players in NHL history to do so
- Became the seventh player in NHL history to record three or more 80-assist seasons, joining Paul Coffey, Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Adam Oates, Bobby Orr and Denis Savard
- Was one of two players with multiple assist streaks of 10 or more games this season (also: Connor McDavid)
- Was nominated as the NHL's First Star of the Week on four separate occasions, the most of any player
- Skated in all five games during TBL's First Round series vs. FLA, recording seven assists to lead the team
- Finished the postseason tied for the team lead for points and power-play points (3)

2022-23 Season

- Skated in all 82 games with TBL and recorded 113 points with 30 goals and 83 assists to lead the team for assists and points
- Ranked second among all NHL skaters for assists and was tied for third for points
- Recorded points in 24 straight home games (7-36—43) from November 25 to March 11, setting a new franchise record
- Led TBL and ranked fourth among all NHL skaters for power-play points (8-42—50)
- Became one of 10 players in NHL history to record multiple 30-goal, 80-assist seasons, joining Wayne Gretzky (14x), Mario Lemieux (6x), Bobby Orr (5x), Paul Coffey (4x), Denis Savard (3x), Marcel Dionne (2x), Jaromir Jagr (2x), Adam Oates (2x) and Peter Stastny (2x)



CAREER CONT.



2022-23 Season Cont.

- Played in all six games during TBL's First Round series vs. TOR, logging six points with one goal and five assists
- Led all TBL skaters for assists, points (tied), shots on goal (21) and power-play points (4)

2021-22 Season

- Skated in 47 games with TBL, scoring 25 goals and adding 44 assists for 69 points, ranking third on the team for assists and points and tied for third for goals despite missing 32 games from October 19 - January 4 after undergoing a successful procedure for a lower-body injury on October 26
- Logged an eight-game goal streak (10-11—21) from April 14-28, tying Brian Bradley for the longest goal streak in TBL history
- Ranked second in the NHL for points per game (1.47) behind only Connor McDavid (1.54)
- Skated in all 23 of TBL's Stanley Cup Playoff games, logging eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points to lead the team for scoring and assists while ranking third for goals
- Led TBL with six power-play goals, tied for most among all NHL skaters

2020-21 Season

- Missed the entire regular season due to injury
- Appeared in 23 games with TBL during the Stanley Cup Playoffs, recording eight goals and 24 assists for 32 points
- Led all NHL skaters for assists and points during the postseason
- Recorded 11 points (3-8—11) during TBL's First Round Series vs. FLA, the most in a single playoff round in TBL franchise history

2019-20 Season

- Played in 68 games with TBL, registering 85 points with 33 goals and 52 assists, leading the team for goals, assists and points
- Ranked seventh among all NHL skaters for points while finishing tied for eighth for assists and 10th for goals
- Appeared in 25 Stanley Cup Playoff games with TBL, tallying seven goals and 27 assists for 34 points
- Led the NHL for postseason points, assists and plus/minus (+15)
- Posted eight points (1-7—8) during the Stanley Cup Final vs. DAL
- Registered a 5-point game (1-4—5) in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Final vs. NYI, tied for the most in a single playoff game in TBL franchise history

2018-19 Season

- Played in all 82 games with TBL, recording 128 points with 41 goals and 87 assists
- Led the NHL for points, assists, power-play points (48) and multi-point games (38)

Won the Art Ross Trophy, Hart Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award

- Appeared in three games during TBL's First Round series vs. CBJ, recording two assists and 19 penalty minutes

CAREER CONT.

2017-18 Season

- Skated in 80 games with TBL and paced the club for goals (39), assists (61) and points (100)
- Became the third player in TBL history to record 100 points in a single season
- Ranked third among all NHL skaters for points, sixth for assists and tied for ninth for goals
- Tied the TBL franchise record for a season-opening point streak with an 11-game streak (12-7—19)
- Appeared in 17 Stanley Cup Playoff games with TBL, seven goals and 10 assists for 17 points
- Led TBL during the postseason for goals (tied), assists (tied), points, shots on goal (61) and game-winning goals (3)

2016-17 Season

- Played in 74 games with TBL, posting 40 goals and 45 assists for 85 points
- Paced all TBL skaters for goals, points, plus/minus (+13), even-strength goals (23), even-strength points (53), power-play goals (17), and game-winning goals (7)
- Finished tied for first for power-play goals among all NHL skaters, tied for second for goals, third for power-play points and tied for fifth for points

2015-16 Season

- Played in 77 games with TBL, posting 30 goals and 36 assists for 66 points to lead the team for points while ranking second for both goals and assists
- Ranked second among all TBL skaters for power-play goals (9) and shots on goal (209)
- Paced TBL with 19 multi-point games
- Skated in 17 games with TBL during the Stanley Cup Playoffs, recording 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points with three power-play goals, leading the team for goals, points and power-play goals

2014-15 Season

- Appeared in all 82 games with TBL, recording 29 goals and 36 assists for 65 points
- Finished tied for first among all NHL skaters for plus/minus (+38)
- Ranked tied for second among all TBL skaters for goals while finishing third for points
- Played in 26 Stanley Cup Playoff games with TBL, registering 10 goals and 12 assists for 22 points, ranking third among all NHL skaters for postseason points and tied for third for goals
- Scored three game-winning goals in the playoffs, tied for the second-most among all NHL skaters

2013-14 Season

- Skated in 17 games with the American Hockey League's Syracuse Crunch, recording 13 goals and 11 assists for 24 points before earning the first call-up of his career
- Appeared in 52 games with TBL, logging nine goals and nine assists for 18 points
- Skated in two games during TBL's First Round series vs. MTL and scored one goal

2012-13 Season

- Skated in six games with the Quebec Maritime Junior Hockey League's Quebec Remparts and recorded 10 points with three goals and seven assists before being traded to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies on November 21
- Played in 27 games with Rouyn-Noranda, logging 53 points with 26 goals and 27 assists
- Appeared in 14 QMJHL Playoff games with the Huskies, registering nine goals and 15 assists for 24 points, ranking second on the team for points and assists while finishing tied for second for goals

2011-12 Season

- Played in 18 games with the KHL's CSKA Moscow, recording one goal and five points
- Appeared in 23 games with the MHL's Krasnaya Armiya Moscow, registering 24 goals and 19 assists for 43 points
- Played in seven postseason games with Krasnaya Armiya Moscow, recording three goals and one assist for four points

2010-11 Season

- Played in 41 games with Krasnaya Armiya Moscow, recording 27 goals and 31 assists for 58 points
- Played in eight KHL games with CSKA Moscow and collected two assists

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

GOALS:

Game: 3 (5x, Last: 10/11/24 at CAR)

Season: 44 (2023-24)

Multi-Goal Games: 50

In 2024-25: 4

Hat Tricks: 6

Streak: 8 GP (4/14-4/28/22, 10g)

In 2024-25: 4 GP (2x, Last: 3/23-3/29/25, 4g)

ASSISTS:

Game: 5 (12/12/24 at CGY)

Season: 100 (2023-24)

Streak: 13 GP (2/22-3/23/24, 24a)

In 2024-25: 9 GP (11/25-12/19/24, 17a)

POINTS:

Game: 6 (2x, Last: 12/12/24 at CGY)

Season: 144 (2023-24)

Multi-Point Games: 278

In 2024-25: 33

Streak: 13 GP (2/22-3/23/24, 5g, 24a)

In 2024-25: 11 GP (1/5-1/24/25, 6g, 13a)

SHOOTOUT STATISTICS:

Career: 13-47 (27.7%)

In 2024-25: 1-2 (50%)

MOST PIM IN A GAME: 15 (2x, Last: 12/23/24 at FLA)

MOST SHOTS IN A GAME: 11 (2/17/18 vs. NJD)



CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Re-signed by TBL to an eight-year contract extension on July 10, 2018
- Re-signed by TBL to a three-year contract extension on October 11, 2016
- Signed by TBL to a three-year, entry-level contract on September 11, 2012
- Drafted by TBL in the second round, 58th overall, of the 2011 NHL Draft

HONORS & AWARDS

- Stanley Cup Champion (2020, 2021)
- Art Ross Trophy (2019, 2024, 2025)
- Hart Memorial Trophy (2019)
- Ted Lindsay Award (2019, 2025)
- NHL First All-Star Team (2018, 2019, 2024, 2025)
- NHL Second All-Star Team (2017, 2020)
- NHL All-Star Game (2017, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024)
- IIHF Men's World Championship Bronze Medal (2017, 2019)
- IIHF Men's World Championship Best Forward (2019)
- IIHF World Junior Championship Silver Medal (2012)
- IIHF World Junior Championship Bronze Medal (2013)
- IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship Bronze Medal (2011)
- IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship Best Forward (2011)

PERSONAL

- Favorite hobby is fishing
- Grew up idolizing the Detroit Red Wings' "Russian Five"
- Favorite thing to do away from the rink is spend time with his kids

NHL & LIGHTNING FIRSTS

GAME: 11/25/13 vs. NYR

GOAL: 11/25/13 vs. NYR (Lundqvist)

ASSIST: 12/23/13 at FLA



MILESTONES

- **100th NHL Game:** 1/20/15 vs. VAN
- **200th NHL Game:** 3/11/16 vs. PHI
- **300th NHL Game:** 11/4/17 vs. CBJ
- **400th NHL Game:** 12/18/18 at VAN
- **500th NHL Game:** 2/6/20 vs. PIT
- **600th NHL Game:** 1/6/23 at WPG
- **700th NHL Game:** 2/19/24 vs. OTT
- **800th NHL Game:** 4/11/25 vs. DET
- **100th NHL Goal:** 3/18/17 vs. WSH
- **200th NHL Goal:** 12/21/19 at WSH
- **300th NHL Goal:** 12/27/23 vs. FLA
- **100th NHL Assist:** 12/28/16 vs. MTL
- **200th NHL Assist:** 11/15/18 at PIT
- **300th NHL Assist:** 12/23/19 vs. FLA
- **400th NHL Assist:** 12/13/22 vs. SEA
- **500th NHL Assist:** 1/18/24 vs. MIN
- **600th NHL Assist:** 1/18/25 vs. DET
- **100th NHL Point:** 12/10/15 vs. OTT (goal)
- **200th NHL Point:** 2/21/17 vs. EDM (assist)
- **300th NHL Point:** 2/3/18 at VAN (assist)
- **400th NHL Point:** 1/3/19 at LAK (goal)
- **500th NHL Point:** 12/23/19 vs. FLA (assist)
- **600th NHL Point:** 4/21/22 vs. TOR (assist)
- **700th NHL Point:** 2/26/23 at PIT (goal)
- **800th NHL Point:** 1/13/24 vs. ANA (assist)
- **900th NHL Point:** 11/21/24 at CBJ (assist)



INTERNATIONAL

- Skated in 10 games with Team Russia and won the Bronze Medal at the 2019 IIHF Men's World Championship, recording 16 points with six goals and 10 assists to finish tied for the team lead and tied for second among all tournament skaters for scoring before being named Best Forward of the tournament
- Appeared in 10 games with Team Russia and won the Bronze Medal at the 2017 IIHF Men's World Championship, logging 15 points with seven goals and eight assists to rank tied for first for goals, tied for second for points and tied for fifth for assists among all tournament skaters
- Played in four games with Team Russia at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey, scoring two goals and adding one assist for three points to finish tied for the team lead for both goals and points
- Appeared in seven games with Team Russia and won the Bronze Medal at the 2013 IIHF World Junior Championship, recording eight points with five goals and three assists to lead the team for goals and points (tied)
- Skated in seven games with Team Russia and won the Silver Medal at the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship, recording seven points with two goals and five points to rank fourth on the team for goals (tied), assists and points
- Appeared in seven games with Team Russia and won the Bronze Medal at the 2011 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship, leading all skaters at the tournament for goals (11) and points (21) while ranking third for assists before being named Best Forward of the tournament



CAREER STATS — Regular Season

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
2013-14	Tampa Bay	NHL	17	13	11	24	1	10	6	0	2
2013-14	Tampa Bay	NHL	52	9	9	18	3	14	3	0	3
2014-15	Tampa Bay	NHL	82	29	36	65	38	37	2	0	2
2015-16	Tampa Bay	NHL	77	30	36	66	9	30	9	0	4
2016-17	Tampa Bay	NHL	74	40	45	85	13	38	17	0	7
2017-18	Tampa Bay	NHL	80	39	61	100	15	42	8	0	7
2018-19	Tampa Bay	NHL	82	41	87	128	24	62	15	0	8
2019-20	Tampa Bay	NHL	68	33	52	85	26	38	4	0	6
2021-22	Tampa Bay	NHL	47	25	44	69	1	22	9	0	1
2022-23	Tampa Bay	NHL	82	30	83	113	-2	36	8	0	4
2023-24	Tampa Bay	NHL	81	44	100	144	8	22	13	0	6
2024-25	Tampa Bay	NHL	78	37	84	121	22	45	8	0	9

NHL TOTALS

803 357 637 994 157 386 96 0 57



CAREER STATS — Playoffs

SEASON	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GWG
2013-14	Tampa Bay	NHL	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2014-15	Tampa Bay	NHL	26	10	12	22	7	14	3	0	3
2015-16	Tampa Bay	NHL	17	11	8	19	13	8	3	0	0
2017-18	Tampa Bay	NHL	17	7	10	17	-6	10	2	0	3
2018-19	Tampa Bay	NHL	3	0	2	2	-4	19	0	0	0
2019-20	Tampa Bay	NHL	25	7	27	34	15	22	0	0	3
2020-21	Tampa Bay	NHL	23	8	24	32	6	14	4	0	0
2021-22	Tampa Bay	NHL	23	3	16	19	2	10	2	0	0
2022-23	Tampa Bay	NHL	6	1	5	6	0	11	1	0	0
2023-24	Tampa Bay	NHL	5	0	7	7	-1	2	0	0	0
2024-25	Tampa Bay	NHL	5	0	4	4	0	2	0	0	0

NHL TOTALS

152 53 118 171 37 116 19 0 8

*All stats are as of July 2025 and are not updated on a game-by-game basis.

**Stats reflect seasons in the ECHL, AHL and NHL. For other statistics, please click [here](#).