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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-neh-n, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
23-for-127 (18.1%) -- 22nd
Penalty Kill
100-for-117 (85.5%) -- 2nd

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
43 GP, 22 G, 19 A, 41 PTS
Alex Tuch:
42 GP, 14 G, 22 A, 36 PTS
Josh Doan:
43 GP, 14 G, 16 A, 30 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. FLA

Jason Zucker:
22 GP, 7 G, 9 A, 16 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
23 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS
Tage Thompson:
21 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. FLA

10/18/25: FLA 0 at BUF 3
04/12/25: BUF 2 at FLA 3 (SO)
03/08/25: BUF 0 at FLA 4
10/28/24: FLA 5 at BUF 2
10/12/24: FLA 2 at BUF 5

FORWARDS

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
43 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 44 PIM
Career:
339 GP, 33 G, 77 A, 110 PTS, 243 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
43 GP, 22 G, 19 A, 41 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
491 GP, 198 G, 168 A, 366 PTS, 226 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
43 GP, 14 G, 16 A, 30 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
105 GP, 26 G, 32 A, 58 PTS, 29 PIM

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
30 GP, 4 G, 15 A, 19 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
176 GP, 25 G, 52 A, 77 PTS, 110 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
43 GP, 9 G, 17 A, 26 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
341 GP, 61 G, 93 A, 154 PTS, 58 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
43 GP, 9 G, 15 A, 24 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
221 GP, 48 G, 73 A, 121 PTS, 51 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
24 GP, 10 G, 10 A, 20 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
794 GP, 227 G, 216 A, 443 PTS, 404 PIM

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26:
17 GP, 6 G, 10 A, 16 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
256 GP, 97 G, 77 A, 174 PTS, 107 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
42 GP, 14 G, 22 A, 36 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
578 GP, 181 G, 237 A, 418 PTS, 249 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26:
28 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 19 PIM
Career:
463 GP, 56 G, 108 A, 164 PTS, 355 PIM

44 JOSH DUNNE

6'4", 208 lbs. • O'Fallon, MO
2025-26:
27 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 29 PIM
Career:
43 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 44 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
42 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
223 GP, 15 G, 26 A, 41 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
41 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
253 GP, 14 G, 51 A, 65 PTS, 98 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
39 GP, 4 G, 25 A, 29 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
548 GP, 87 G, 302 A, 389 PTS, 417 PIM

GOALTENDERS

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycomagh, NS
2025-26 (NHL):
9 GP, 5-3-0, .900 SV%, 3.10 GAA
Career (NHL):
9 GP, 5-3-0, .900 SV%, 3.10 GAA
vs. FLA:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
43 GP, 10 G, 14 A, 24 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
289 GP, 43 G, 91 A, 134 PTS, 186 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
42 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
284 GP, 22 G, 103 A, 125 PTS, 74 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
27 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
281 GP, 5 G, 42 A, 47 PTS, 56 PIM

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
14 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
14 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
16 GP, 9-6-1, .904 SV%, 2.63 GAA
Career (NHL):
171 GP, 80-71-16, .899 SV%, 3.02 GAA
vs. FLA:
6 GP, 0-4-2, .910 SV%, 3.14 GAA

SCRATCHES

28 ZAC JONES

5'11", 190 lbs. • Richmond, VA
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
115 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS, 38 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26:
24 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
45 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
32 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
40 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM

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Balinskis, Uvis: (bal-IHNS-kihs, OO-vihs)
Bjornfot, Tobias:
(B'YOHRN-faht, toe-BEE-uhs)
Boqvist, Jesper:
(BOH-kvihst, YEHS-puhr)
Forsling, Gustav:
(FOHRZ-lihg, GOO-stahv)
Kunin, Luke: (KUH-nihn)
Lundell, Anton: (luhn-DEHL, AN-tawn)
Luostarinen, Eetu:
(loo-star-EE-nehn, EH-too)
Mikkola, Niko: (MIH-koh-luh, NEE-koh)
Petry, Jeff: (PEE-tree)
Samoskevich, Mackie:
(sa-muh-SKEHV-ihch, MA-kee)
Studnicka, Jack: (stuhd-NEE-ka)
Tarasov, Daniil: (ta-RA-sahv, da-NIHL)
Verhaeghe, Carter: (vuhr-HAY-gee)
Vilmanis, Sandis:
(vihl-MAN-ins, SAN-dihs)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
30-for-164 (18.3%) -- 21st
Penalty Kill
127-for-152 (83.6%) -- 5th

LEADING SCORERS

Brad Marchand:
41 GP, 23 G, 23 A, 46 PTS
Sam Reinhart:
44 GP, 23 G, 21 A, 44 PTS
Sam Bennett:
44 GP, 16 G, 17 A, 33 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Brad Marchand:
67 GP, 27 G, 41 A, 68 PTS
Aleksandr Barkov:
32 GP, 10 G, 27 A, 37 PTS
Matthew Tkachuk:
18 GP, 10 G, 13 A, 23 PTS

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FORWARDS

27 EETU LUOSTARINEN

6'3", 191 lbs. • Siilinjärvi, FIN
2025-26:
36 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
410 GP, 54 G, 93 A, 147 PTS, 118 PIM

15 ANTON LUNDELL

6'1", 196 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26:
44 GP, 13 G, 19 A, 32 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
339 GP, 73 G, 116 A, 189 PTS, 165 PIM

13 SAM REINHART

6'1", 196 lbs. • West Vancouver, BC
2025-26:
44 GP, 23 G, 21 A, 44 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
819 GP, 317 G, 346 A, 663 PTS, 179 PIM

23 CARTER VERHAEGHE

6'2", 183 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2025-26:
43 GP, 13 G, 18 A, 31 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
454 GP, 160 G, 173 A, 333 PTS, 233 PIM

9 SAM BENNETT

6'1", 193 lbs. • Holland Landing, ON
2025-26:
44 GP, 16 G, 17 A, 33 PTS, 42 PIM
Career:
735 GP, 178 G, 191 A, 369 PTS, 712 PIM

10 A.J. GREER

6'3", 209 lbs. • Joliette, QC
2025-26:
44 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 59 PIM
Career:
292 GP, 26 G, 38 A, 64 PTS, 394 PIM

95 SANDIS VILMANIS

6'1", 192 lbs. • Riga, LVA
2025-26:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

17 EVAN RODRIGUES

5'11", 182 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2025-26:
44 GP, 9 G, 12 A, 21 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
591 GP, 105 G, 155 A, 260 PTS, 203 PIM

11 MACKIE SAMOSKEVICH

5'11", 180 lbs. • Newtown, CT
2025-26:
42 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
121 GP, 19 G, 30 A, 49 PTS, 26 PIM

70 JESPER BOQVIST

6'1", 191 lbs. • Falun, SWE
2025-26:
44 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
358 GP, 49 G, 50 A, 99 PTS, 54 PIM

71 LUKE KUNIN

6'0", 197 lbs. • Chesterfield, MO
2025-26:
34 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
468 GP, 75 G, 70 A, 145 PTS, 408 PIM

53 JACK STUDNICKA

6'1", 187 lbs. • Windsor, ON
2025-26:
17 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
124 GP, 6 G, 10 A, 16 PTS, 32 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

42 GUSTAV FORSLING

6'1", 199 lbs. • Linköping, SWE
2025-26:
44 GP, 2 G, 14 A, 16 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
521 GP, 59 G, 149 A, 208 PTS, 187 PIM

5 AARON EKBLAD

6'4", 220 lbs. • Windsor, ON
2025-26:
43 GP, 3 G, 15 A, 18 PTS, 33 PIM
Career:
775 GP, 121 G, 277 A, 398 PTS, 538 PIM

GOALTENDERS

72 SERGEI BOBROVSKY

6'2", 190 lbs. • Novokuznetsk, RUS
2025-26 (NHL):
31 GP, 18-12-1, .881 SV%, 2.90 GAA
Career (NHL):
785 GP, 447-255-58, .913 SV%, 2.59 GAA
vs. BUF:
27 GP, 16-8-2, .915 SV%, 2.60 GAA

77 NIKO MIKKOLA

6'6", 204 lbs. • Kiiminki, FIN
2025-26:
44 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 35 PIM
Career:
372 GP, 15 G, 54 A, 69 PTS, 298 PIM

26 UVIS BALINSKIS

6'0", 196 lbs. • Ventspils, LVA
2025-26:
35 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
137 GP, 6 G, 22 A, 28 PTS, 59 PIM

40 DANIIL TARASOV

6'5", 203 lbs. • Novokuznetsk, RUS
2025-26 (NHL):
14 GP, 5-6-2, .904 SV%, 2.81 GAA
Career (NHL):
79 GP, 24-40-8, .899 SV%, 3.32 GAA
vs. BUF:
4 GP, 2-1-1, .902 SV%, 3.28 GAA

6 DONOVAN SEBRANGO

6'2", 223 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
16 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 32 PIM
Career:
18 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 32 PIM

2 JEFF PETRY

6'3", 208 lbs. • Ann Arbor, MI
2025-26:
42 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
1023 GP, 96 G, 297 A, 393 PTS, 420 PIM

SCRATCHES

18 NOAH GREGOR

6'0", 201 lbs. • Beaumont, AB
2025-26:
24 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 11 PIM
Career:
317 GP, 37 G, 36 A, 73 PTS, 127 PIM

22 TOBIAS BJORNFOT

6'0", 200 lbs. • Upplands Vasby, SWE
2025-26:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
134 GP, 1 G, 14 A, 15 PTS, 30 PIM

63 BRAD MARCHAND

5'9", 180 lbs. • Halifax, NS
2025-26:
41 GP, 23 G, 23 A, 46 PTS, 32 PIM
Career:
1141 GP, 447 G, 579 A, 1026 PTS, 1147 PIM

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