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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-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Rosen, Isak: (ROH-say-ehn, EE-sahk)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhsuhnn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
22-for-109 (20.2%) -- 15th
Penalty Kill
87-for-103 (84.5%) -- 2nd

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
36 GP, 18 G, 14 A, 32 PTS
Alex Tuch:
35 GP, 11 G, 19 A, 30 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
33 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BOS

Alex Tuch:
17 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS
Tage Thompson:
29 GP, 9 G, 5 A, 14 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
29 GP, 4 G, 9 A, 13 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. BOS

10/30/25: BUF 3 at BOS 4 (OT)
10/11/25: BUF 1 at BOS 3
04/06/25: BOS 3 at BUF 6
03/17/25: BUF 3 at BOS 2 (OT)
01/28/25: BOS 2 at BUF 7

FORWARDS

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
36 GP, 1 G, 10 A, 11 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
332 GP, 31 G, 74 A, 105 PTS, 239 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
36 GP, 18 G, 14 A, 32 PTS, 17 PIM
Career:
484 GP, 194 G, 163 A, 357 PTS, 220 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
36 GP, 10 G, 14 A, 24 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
98 GP, 22 G, 30 A, 52 PTS, 20 PIM

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
23 GP, 3 G, 13 A, 16 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
169 GP, 24 G, 50 A, 74 PTS, 108 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
36 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
334 GP, 58 G, 90 A, 148 PTS, 58 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
36 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
214 GP, 46 G, 70 A, 116 PTS, 51 PIM

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
25 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
33 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26:
10 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
249 GP, 95 G, 73 A, 168 PTS, 101 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
35 GP, 11 G, 19 A, 30 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
571 GP, 178 G, 234 A, 412 PTS, 249 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2025-26:
21 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 19 PIM
Career:
456 GP, 56 G, 107 A, 163 PTS, 355 PIM

44 JOSH DUNNE

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

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
35 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
216 GP, 15 G, 24 A, 39 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
34 GP, 5 G, 10 A, 15 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
246 GP, 12 G, 46 A, 58 PTS, 96 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
36 GP, 8 G, 9 A, 17 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
282 GP, 41 G, 86 A, 127 PTS, 184 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
35 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
277 GP, 22 G, 99 A, 121 PTS, 74 PIM

8 MICHAEL KESSELRING

6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC
2025-26:
13 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
169 GP, 12 G, 41 A, 53 PTS, 169 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
22 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
276 GP, 5 G, 42 A, 47 PTS, 54 PIM

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
7 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
7 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM

GOALTENDERS

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
11 GP, 5-5-1, .892 SV%, 2.73 GAA
Career (NHL):
166 GP, 76-70-16, .898 SV%, 3.04 GAA
vs. BOS:
11 GP, 5-4-1, .890 SV%, 3.64 GAA

34 ALEX LYON

6'1", 199 lbs. • Baudette, MN
2025-26 (NHL):
20 GP, 9-6-3, .907 SV%, 2.87 GAA
Career (NHL):
133 GP, 60-44-14, .903 SV%, 2.97 GAA
vs. BOS:
5 GP, 1-3-1, .901 SV%, 3.04 GAA

SCRATCHES

33 RYAN JOHNSON

6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
47 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 18 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

63 ISAK ROSEN

6'0", 185 lbs. • Solna, SWE
2025-26:
13 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
28 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 0 PIM



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Goaltending Coach: Bob Essensa

PRONUNCIATIONS

Arvidsson, Viktor: (AHR-vihd-suhn)
Eyssimont, Michael: (AY-see-mawnt)
Jeannot, Tanner: (jan-OH)
Kastelic, Mark: (KAS-tehl-ihk)
Khusnutdinov, Marat:
(hoos-noot-DEEN-ahv, ma-RAHT)
Kolyachonok, Vladislav:
(koh-lee-ah-CHOHN-ahk, VLA-dih-slahv)
Korpisalo, Joonas:
(kohr-pih-SAL-loh, YOH-nuhs)
Kuraly, Sean: (kuh-RA-lee)
Minten, Fraser: (MIHN-tuhn)
Pastrnak, David: (PAS-tuhr-nak)
Steeves, Alex: (STEEVZ)
Viel, Jeffrey: (vee-EHL)
Zadorov, Nikita: (za-DOHR-awv)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
29-for-114 (25.4%) -- 7th
Penalty Kill
114-for-144 (79.2%) -- 19th

LEADING SCORERS

David Pastrnak:
33 GP, 14 G, 26 A, 40 PTS
Morgan Geekie:
38 GP, 25 G, 14 A, 39 PTS
Pavel Zacha:
37 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

David Pastrnak:
43 GP, 17 G, 30 A, 47 PTS
Pavel Zacha:
34 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS
Charlie McAvoy:
29 GP, 2 G, 20 A, 22 PTS

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10/30/25: BUF 3 at BOS 4 (OT)
10/11/25: BUF 1 at BOS 3
04/06/25: BOS 3 at BUF 6
03/17/25: BUF 3 at BOS 2 (OT)
01/28/25: BOS 2 at BUF 7

FORWARDS

39 MORGAN GEEKIE

6'3", 212 lbs. • Strathclair, MB
2025-26:
38 GP, 25 G, 14 A, 39 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
371 GP, 97 G, 101 A, 198 PTS, 116 PIM

28 ELIAS LINDHOLM

6'1", 200 lbs. • Boden, SWE
2025-26:
28 GP, 5 G, 18 A, 23 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
928 GP, 240 G, 387 A, 627 PTS, 243 PIM

88 DAVID PASTRNAK

6'0", 199 lbs. • Havirov, CZE
2025-26:
33 GP, 14 G, 26 A, 40 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
789 GP, 405 G, 468 A, 873 PTS, 370 PIM

11 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 205 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2025-26:
28 GP, 8 G, 7 A, 15 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
466 GP, 89 G, 162 A, 251 PTS, 108 PIM

18 PAVEL ZACHA

6'4", 211 lbs. • Brno, CZE
2025-26:
37 GP, 10 G, 16 A, 26 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
665 GP, 135 G, 233 A, 368 PTS, 187 PIM

71 VIKTOR ARVIDSSON

5'10", 181 lbs. • Skelleftea, SWE
2025-26:
26 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
639 GP, 201 G, 203 A, 404 PTS, 264 PIM

81 MICHAEL EYSSIMONT

6'0", 195 lbs. • Littleton, CO
2025-26:
35 GP, 6 G, 8 A, 14 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
248 GP, 31 G, 39 A, 70 PTS, 251 PIM

93 FRASER MINTEN

6'2", 204 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2025-26:
38 GP, 6 G, 7 A, 13 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
63 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS, 16 PIM

47 MARK KASTELIC

6'4", 234 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
38 GP, 6 G, 7 A, 13 PTS, 62 PIM
Career:
243 GP, 25 G, 27 A, 52 PTS, 347 PIM

21 ALEX STEEVES

6'0", 199 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2025-26:
21 GP, 8 G, 2 A, 10 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
35 GP, 9 G, 4 A, 13 PTS, 23 PIM

52 SEAN KURALY

6'2", 208 lbs. • Niagara Falls, NY
2025-26:
38 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
600 GP, 67 G, 96 A, 163 PTS, 365 PIM

92 MARAT KHUSNUTDINOV

5'11", 184 lbs. • Moscow, RUS
2025-26:
33 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
124 GP, 11 G, 17 A, 28 PTS, 36 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

91 NIKITA ZADOROV

6'7", 255 lbs. • Moscow, RUS
2025-26:
38 GP, 1 G, 12 A, 13 PTS, 97 PIM
Career:
761 GP, 52 G, 129 A, 181 PTS, 943 PIM

73 CHARLIE MCAVOY

6'1", 211 lbs. • Long Beach, NY
2025-26:
26 GP, 1 G, 18 A, 19 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
530 GP, 61 G, 258 A, 319 PTS, 459 PIM

27 HAMPUS LINDHOLM

6'4", 217 lbs. • Helsingborg, SWE
2025-26:
30 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 32 PIM
Career:
792 GP, 75 G, 249 A, 324 PTS, 473 PIM

26 ANDREW PEEKE

6'3", 214 lbs. • Parkland, FL
2025-26:
38 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
347 GP, 14 G, 55 A, 69 PTS, 131 PIM

74 VLADISLAV KOLYACHONOK

6'2", 198 lbs. • Minsk, BLR
2025-26:
12 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
86 GP, 5 G, 12 A, 17 PTS, 22 PIM

6 MASON LOHREI

6'5", 218 lbs. • Baton Rouge, LA
2025-26:
33 GP, 2 G, 12 A, 14 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
151 GP, 11 G, 49 A, 60 PTS, 42 PIM

GOALTENDERS

70 JOONAS KORPISALO

6'4", 200 lbs. • Pori, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
14 GP, 6-7-0, .880 SV%, 3.63 GAA
Career (NHL):
317 GP, 132-124-32, .900 SV%, 3.07 GAA
vs. BUF:
14 GP, 7-4-1, .896 SV%, 3.21 GAA

1 JEREMY SWAYMAN

6'3", 195 lbs. • Anchorage, AK
2025-26 (NHL):
26 GP, 14-10-1, .901 SV%, 2.91 GAA
Career (NHL):
216 GP, 115-72-23, .909 SV%, 2.62 GAA
vs. BUF:
10 GP, 8-1-1, .926 SV%, 1.88 GAA

SCRATCHES

48 JEFFREY VIEL

6'1", 214 lbs. • Rimouski, QC
2025-26:
10 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
64 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 183 PIM

84 TANNER JEANNOT

6'2", 221 lbs. • Estevan, SK
2025-26:
38 GP, 4 G, 11 A, 15 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
332 GP, 53 G, 55 A, 108 PTS, 442 PIM

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.