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December 9, 2023
KeyBank Center
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Don Granato
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Jason Christie
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Cozens, Dylan: (KUH-zihnz)
Dahlin, Rasmus: (dah-LEEN)
Jokiharju, Henri:
(yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Mittelstadt, Casey: (MIH-tuhl-stadt)
Okposo, Kyle: (oh-POH-soh)
Olofsson, Victor: (OH-lawf-suhn)
Peterka, JJ: (pih-TUHR-kuh)
Rosen, Isak: (roh-SAY-ehn, EE-sahk)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhl-suhn, ma-TEE-uhs)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
12-for-79 (15.2%) -- 25th
Penalty Kill
70-for-86 (81.4%) -- 12th

LEADING SCORERS

Casey Mittelstadt:
27 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
26 GP, 6 G, 15 A, 21 PTS
JJ Peterka:
27 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. MTL

Jeff Skinner:
39 GP, 24 G, 17 A, 41 PTS
Kyle Okposo:
39 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
14 GP, 1 G, 10 A, 11 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. MTL

10/23/23: MTL 3 at BUF 1
3/27/23: MTL 4 at BUF 3 (OT)
11/22/22: BUF 7 at MTL 2
10/27/22: MTL 3 at BUF 2
2/23/22: BUF 0 at MTL 4

FORWARDS

53 JEFF SKINNER

5'11", 200 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2023-24:
27 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
959 GP, 344 G, 300 A, 644 PTS, 423 PIM

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2023-24:
27 GP, 6 G, 16 A, 22 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
304 GP, 54 G, 107 A, 161 PTS, 64 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2023-24:
18 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
319 GP, 110 G, 101 A, 211 PTS, 133 PIM

9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2023-24:
17 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
17 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM

24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 201 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT
2023-24:
25 GP, 4 G, 9 A, 13 PTS, 25 PIM
Career:
226 GP, 52 G, 80 A, 132 PTS, 137 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2023-24:
27 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
106 GP, 23 G, 29 A, 52 PTS, 36 PIM

50 ERIC ROBINSON

6'2", 211 lbs. • Bellmawr, NJ
2023-24:
8 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
267 GP, 38 G, 44 A, 82 PTS, 40 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
25 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
160 GP, 17 G, 36 A, 53 PTS, 86 PIM

21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2023-24:
27 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
1011 GP, 233 G, 366 A, 599 PTS, 530 PIM

71 VICTOR OLOFSSON

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

17 TYSON JOST

5'11", 184 lbs. • St. Albert, AB
2023-24:
22 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
435 GP, 56 G, 82 A, 138 PTS, 158 PIM

63 ISAK ROSEN

6'0", 173 lbs. • Solna, SWE
2023-24:
6 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
6 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2023-24:
26 GP, 6 G, 15 A, 21 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
381 GP, 52 G, 202 A, 254 PTS, 278 PIM

10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

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

25 OWEN POWER

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

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2023-24:
24 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
133 GP, 3 G, 22 A, 25 PTS, 54 PIM

6 ERIK JOHNSON

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

75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 192 lbs. • Matawan, NJ
2023-24:
24 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 39 PIM
Career:
256 GP, 10 G, 36 A, 46 PTS, 196 PIM

GOALTENDERS

27 DEVON LEVI

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC
2023-24 (NHL):
10 GP, 4-4-1, .887 SV%, 3.44 GAA
Career (NHL):
17 GP, 9-6-1, .895 SV%, 3.22 GAA
vs. MTL:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

31 ERIC COMRIE

6'1", 190 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2023-24 (NHL):
7 GP, 1-5-0, .863 SV%, 4.01 GAA
Career (NHL):
54 GP, 23-24-2, .893 SV%, 3.40 GAA
vs. MTL:
3 GP, 0-2-1, .912 SV%, 2.98 GAA

SCRATCHES

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2023-24 (NHL):
13 GP, 6-5-1, .907 SV%, 2.81 GAA
Career (NHL):
59 GP, 26-24-7, .900 SV%, 3.33 GAA

33 RYAN JOHNSON

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

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 174 lbs. • London, ON
2023-24:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
7 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM

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Goaltending Coach: Eric Raymond

PRONUNCIATIONS

Armia, Joel: (ahr-MEE-uh, JOHL)
Caufield, Cole: (KAW-feeld)
Guhle, Kaiden: (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)
Kovacevic, Johnathan:
(koh-va-SEHV-ihk)
Montembeault, Sam: (MAWN-tehm-boh)
Norlinder, Mattias:
(nohr-LIHN-duhr, ma-TEE-uhs)
Pezetta, Michael: (puh-ZEH-tuh)
Primeau, Cayden: (PREE-moh)
Slafkovsky, Juraj:
(slaf-KAHV-skee, YUHR-igh)
Suzuki, Nick: (suh-ZOO-kee)
Struble, Jayden: (STROO-buhl, JAY-dehn)
Ylonen, Jesse: (OO-lah-nehn, YEH-see)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
16-for-93 (17.2%) -- 24th
Penalty Kill
69-for-95 (72.6%) -- 30th

LEADING SCORERS

Nick Suzuki:
26 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS
Cole Caufield:
26 GP, 7 G, 13 A, 20 PTS
Mike Matheson:
26 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Brendan Gallagher:
36 GP, 18 G, 4 A, 22 PTS
Sean Monahan:
19 GP, 8 G, 12 A, 20 PTS
Tanner Pearson:
16 GP, 5 G, 8 A, 13 PTS

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10/27/22: **MTL 3** at BUF 2
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FORWARDS

22 COLE CAUFIELD

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI
2023-24:
26 GP, 7 G, 13 A, 20 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
149 GP, 60 G, 44 A, 104 PTS, 22 PIM

14 NICK SUZUKI

5'11", 212 lbs. • London, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
317 GP, 82 G, 148 A, 230 PTS, 101 PIM

20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

6'3", 230 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2023-24:
26 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
65 GP, 6 G, 11 A, 17 PTS, 47 PIM

91 SEAN MONAHAN

6'2", 202 lbs. • Brampton, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 8 G, 7 A, 15 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
707 GP, 226 G, 268 A, 494 PTS, 179 PIM

71 JAKE EVANS

6'1", 187 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
212 GP, 21 G, 51 A, 72 PTS, 85 PIM

17 JOSH ANDERSON

6'3", 224 lbs. • Burlington, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 31 PIM
Career:
483 GP, 123 G, 85 A, 208 PTS, 418 PIM

70 TANNER PEARSON

6'1", 207 lbs. • Kitchener, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 13 PIM
Career:
616 GP, 137 G, 143 A, 280 PTS, 222 PIM

28 CHRISTIAN DVORAK

6'1", 192 lbs. • Palos, IL
2023-24:
16 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
438 GP, 89 G, 123 A, 212 PTS, 102 PIM

11 BRENDAN GALLAGHER

5'9", 183 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2023-24:
26 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
701 GP, 207 G, 198 A, 405 PTS, 462 PIM

56 JESSE YLONEN

6'1", 200 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2023-24:
19 GP, 3 G, 1 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
71 GP, 11 G, 14 A, 25 PTS, 8 PIM

13 MITCHELL STEPHENS

6'0", 203 lbs. • Peterborough, ON
2023-24:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
75 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS, 20 PIM

40 JOEL ARMIA

6'3", 216 lbs. • Pori, FIN
2023-24:
10 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
449 GP, 78 G, 78 A, 156 PTS, 144 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

8 MIKE MATHESON

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC
2023-24:
26 GP, 5 G, 13 A, 18 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
491 GP, 62 G, 128 A, 190 PTS, 273 PIM

27 GUSTAV LINDSTROM

6'2", 194 lbs. • Ostervalda, SWE
2023-24:
13 GP, 3 G, 1 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
141 GP, 5 G, 24 A, 29 PTS, 60 PIM

21 KAIDEN GUHLE

6'3", 201 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2023-24:
22 GP, 2 G, 6 A, 8 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
66 GP, 6 G, 20 A, 26 PTS, 45 PIM

52 JUSTIN BARRON

6'2", 202 lbs. • Halifax, NS
2023-24:
23 GP, 5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
69 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 34 PIM

47 JAYDEN STRUBLE

6'0", 202 lbs. • Cumberland, RI
2023-24:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
8 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

26 JOHNATHAN KOVACEVIC

6'5", 223 lbs. • Hamilton, ON
2023-24:
26 GP, 4 G, 0 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
107 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS, 53 PIM

GOALTENDERS

30 CAYDEN PRIMEAU

6'3", 207 lbs. • Farmington Hills, MI
2023-24 (NHL):
5 GP, 2-3-0, .886 SV%, 3.72 GAA
Career (NHL):
26 GP, 5-15-2, .875 SV%, 4.02 GAA
vs. BUF:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

35 SAM MONTEBEAULT

6'3", 222 lbs. • Becancour, QC
2023-24 (NHL):
12 GP, 6-4-1, .912 SV%, 2.78 GAA
Career (NHL):
115 GP, 39-49-13, .898 SV%, 3.41 GAA
vs. BUF:
6 GP, 2-4-0, .900 SV%, 3.53 GAA

SCRATCHES

34 JAKE ALLEN

6'2", 197 lbs. • Fredericton, NB
2023-24 (NHL):
10 GP, 3-5-2, .898 SV%, 3.74 GAA
Career (NHL):
405 GP, 186-155-40, .908 SV%, 2.73 GAA

55 MICHAEL PEZZETTA

6'1", 217 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2023-24:
18 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 21 PIM
Career:
132 GP, 13 G, 16 A, 29 PTS, 179 PIM

59 MATTIAS NORLINDER

6'0", 191 lbs. • Kramfors, SWE
2023-24:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
6 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM

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