



# PROSPECT REPORT

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## HERSHEY BEARS UPDATE

The back-to-back Calder Cup champion Hershey Bears lead the AHL's Eastern Conference with a 25-11-4-0 record this season (.675 point percentage) and sit one point behind the Calgary Wranglers for first place in the AHL standings. The Bears, who fell to the Laval Rocket 3-2 (OT) on Jan. 22, enter this weekend's series at Belleville on a five-game point streak (4-0-1) and have posted a 7-2-1 record in their last 10 games. Ten Capitals' draft picks have played for the Bears this season and four prospects have appeared in games with both Washington and Hershey. Forward Mike Sgarbossa leads the Bears with 29 points (7g, 22a), while Ethan Bear (5g-18a-23p) leads Hershey blueliners. Goaltender Hunter Shepard ranks third in the AHL in wins, posting a record of 15-7-2 with a 2.70 goals-against average, a .899 save percentage and one shutout in 24 games for the Bears.

### HERSHEY

SKATER	TEAM	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-	S
Pierrick Dube	Hershey	RW	33	8	14	22	24	-4	106
Zac Funk	Hershey	LW	13	1	2	3	14	+0	27
Hardy Häman Aktell	Hershey	D	25	0	9	9	18	+4	30
Vincent Iorio	Hershey	D	36	3	10	13	12	+7	42
Hendrix Lapierre	Hershey	C	8	0	5	5	4	+0	22
Alex Limoges	Hershey	LW	30	9	16	25	4	-5	40
Ivan Miroshnichenko	Hershey	LW	21	8	9	17	10	-1	57
Luke Philp	Hershey	C	32	4	13	17	8	-4	41
Chase Priskie	Hershey	D	35	8	12	20	16	-10	69
Henrik Rybinski	Hershey	C	36	6	17	23	14	+7	40
Spencer Smallman	Hershey	RW	32	6	14	20	36	-1	38
Riley Sutter	Hershey	C	29	3	2	5	10	-2	27
Bogdan Trineyev	Hershey	RW	32	9	3	12	12	+3	53

GOALTENDER	TEAM	GP	W	L	OT	MIN	SO	GAA	SV%
Hunter Shepard	Hershey	24	15	7	2	1425	1	2.70	.899
Clay Stevenson	Hershey	16	9	4	2	922	0	2.73	.892

### ECHL, JUNIOR, NCAA, EUROPE

SKATER	TEAM	LEAG	Pos	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
Cam Allen	London	OHL	D	38	10	28	38	41	+11
Ryan Chesley	Minnesota	NCAA	D	26	7	9	16	29	+18
Andrew Cristall	Kelowna	WHL	RW	34	31	45	76	28	+29
David Gucciardi	Michigan St.	NCAA	D	24	2	6	8	38	+14
Haakon Hanelt	Kölner Haie	DEL	C	22	0	0	0	2	-6
Ryan Hofer	South Carolina	ECHL	C	21	5	2	7	28	+1
Cole Hutson	Boston U.	NCAA	D	20	5	15	20	46	+2
Brett Hyland	U-Alberta	USports	LW	16	10	16	26	35	+17
Brent Johnson	Ohio St.	NCAA	D	21	3	6	9	2	+2
Ryan Leonard	BC	NCAA	RW	21	15	7	22	18	+11
Joaquim Lemay	Northeastern	NCAA	D	15	1	3	4	10	-2
Eriks Mateiko	Rimouski	QMJHL	LW	26	15	5	20	14	+6
Leon Muggli	EV Zug	NL	D	28	2	5	7	41	+6
Terik Parascak	P. George	WHL	RW	39	20	34	54	31	+8
Ludwig Persson	Jukurit	Liiga	LW	39	3	10	13	4	-3
Ilya Protas	Windsor	OHL	LW	39	30	40	70	18	+33
Miroslav Satan	Sioux Falls	USHL	C	19	2	1	3	0	-1
Petr Sikora	Oceláři Třinec	Extraliga	C	24	4	3	7	29	-6
Alexander Suzdalev	South Carolina	ECHL	LW	21	8	14	22	2	+13
Patrick Thomas	Brantford	OHL	C	44	20	47	67	16	+10

GOALTENDER	TEAM	LEAG	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
Garin Bjorklund	South Carolina	ECHL	12	7	3	1	0	2.04	.927
Chase Clark	AIC	NCAA	13	3	9	1	0	3.35	.900
Mitchell Gibson	South Carolina	ECHL	7	5	1	0	0	1.96	.923
Antoine Keller	Lausanne HC	NL	11	5	3	0	0	3.38	.888
Nicholas Kempf	Notre Dame	NCAA	9	1	7	1	0	3.63	.902

### FEATURED PROSPECTS

#### ANDREW CRISTALL

Cristall, Washington's second-round pick (40th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, leads the Western Hockey League (WHL) in points (76) and points per-game (2.24) in 34 games with the Kelowna Rockets and Spokane Chiefs. In addition, Cristall ranks tied for third in the League in goals (31) and shorthanded goals (3) and fifth in assists. Cristall, who was acquired by Spokane on Jan. 8, has tallied 16 points (5g, 11a) in his first six games with the Chiefs, including a career-high seven-point performance (3g, 4a) in Spokane's 12-2 win over Wenatchee on Jan. 11. The Vancouver, British Columbia native has been named the WHL Player of the Week twice this season and earned WHL Player of the Month honors in November after tallying a League-leading 31 points (13g, 18a) in 12 games.

#### RYAN LEONARD

Leonard, the Capitals' first-round choice (eighth overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, was named to the initial Hobey Baker Award nominees list of Jan. 22. Leonard, a sophomore, leads No. 1 Boston College in goals (15) and shots (112) and ranks third on the team in points (22). The 6'0", 192-pound forward sits tied for first in the NCAA in game-winning goals (6), while his 15 goals are tied for the third most in the nation. The Amherst, Massachusetts native helped lead Team USA to its second-straight gold medal at the IIHF World Junior Championship in January. Leonard, the U.S. captain, was named tournament MVP and Best Forward after recording 10 points (5g, 5a) in seven games.

#### COLE HUTSON

Hutson, 18, was also named to the initial Hobey Baker Award nominees list after recording 20 points (5g, 20) in his first 20 games as a freshman at Boston University (NCAA). The St. Louis, Missouri native leads the team in assists and ranks first among Terrier defensemen in goals, points, power-play points (7) and shots (53). Hutson enters this weekend's home-and-home series against Ryan Leonard and Boston College on a five-game point streak (3g-7a-10p). Along with Leonard, Hutson won gold at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championships, where he finished as the tournament's leader in points (3g-8a-11p in 7 GP) and plus-minus (+11) and was named to the Media All-Star Team. Hutson broke Team USA's single-tournament scoring record for a defenseman and became the first defenseman in World Junior Championship history to lead the tournament in scoring outright.

#### ILYA PROTAS

Ilya, the younger brother of Capitals forward Aliaksei, has recorded 70 points (30g, 40a) in 39 games during his first season with the Windsor Spitfires (OHL). The 6'5", 200-pound forward ranks tied for third in the OHL in points, tied for fourth in goals and tied for fifth in assists and plus-minus rating (+33). Protas has registered a team-leading 26 points (11g, 15a) over Windsor's last ten games dating back to Dec. 19, including a career-high four-goal performance on Jan. 2 against Guelph.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

Terik Parascak, Washington's first-round pick (17th overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, has tallied 54 points (20g, 34a) in 39 games with the Prince George Cougars (WHL). Parascak leads Prince George in assists and ranks second in points per-game (1.38).

Forward Alexander Suzdalev has registered 22 points (8g, 14a) and leads South Carolina (ECHL) in points per-game (1.05) in 21 games since being loaned to the Stingrays on Oct. 31.

Goaltender Clay Stevenson leads all AHL goaltenders in the month of January with a 5-0-0 record and has posted a 2.06 goals-against average and .911 save percentage (h/t Jesse Liebman).

Defenseman Ryan Chesley has established single-season career highs in goals (7), assists (9) and points (16) in 26 games as a junior at the University of Minnesota.

Among OHL defensemen, Cam Allen ranks tied for sixth in goals (10) and seventh in points (38).