

# SAN JOSE SHARKS PRESEASON GAME NOTES



| Tu  | Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024 7:00 p.m./SAP Center, San Jose, Calif. |                     |                                      |         |          |         |          |                   |      |  |                       |                                  |   |        |         |                    |                      |
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| 35  |  | Gabriel Carriere    | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 30   |  | Oscar Dansk           | -                                | - | -      | -       | _                  | -                    |
| 41  |  | Vitek Vanecek       | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 31   |  | Calle Clang           | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | -                    |
| #   | Р  | Skater              | GP                                   | G       | Α        | Р       | +/-      | PIM               | #    | Р  | Skater                | GP                               | G | Α      | Р       | +/-                | PIM                  |
| 2   | F  | Will Smith          | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 3    | D  | Mark Pysyk            | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | -                    |
| 11  | F  | Luke Kunin          | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 5    | D  | Urho Vaakanainen      | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | -                    |
| 16  | F  | Colin White         | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 14   | F  | Boris Katchouk        | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 18  | F  | Filip Bystedt       | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 20   | F  | Brett Leason          | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 20  | F  | Fabian Zetterlund   | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 26   | F  | Brock McGinn          | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 21  | F  | Alexander Wennberg  | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 28   | D  | Gustav Lindstrom      | _                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | -                    |
| 23  | F  | Barclay Goodrow     | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 38   | F  | Jansen Harkins        | _                                | - | -      | -       | _                  |                      |
| 26  | D  | Jack Thompson       | 1                                    | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0        | 0                 | 39   | F  | Carson Meyer          | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 49  | F  | Scott Sabourin      | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 40   | F  | Pavol Regenda         | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 59  | D  | Jimmy Schuldt       | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 42   | F  | Ryan Carpenter        | _                                | - | -      | -       | _                  |                      |
| 73  | F  | Tyler Toffoli       | 1                                    | 1       | 0        | 1       | 0        | 0                 | 47   | D  | Noah Warren           | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 75  | F  | Danil Gushchin      | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 49   | D  | Roland McKeown        | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 76  | F  | Anthony Vincent     | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 54   | F  | Carey Terrance        | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 79  | D  | Ethan Frisch        | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 57   | F  | Yegor Sidorov         | _                                | - | -      | -       | _                  |                      |
| 84  | D  | Jan Rutta           | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 60   | D  | Tyson Hinds           | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 86  | D  | Braden Hache        | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 62   | F  | Nikita Nesterenko     | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 90  | F  | Justin Bailey       | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 73   | F  | Jan Mysak             | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | _                    |
| 91  | F  | Carl Grundstrom     | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 75   | F  | Judd Caulfield        | _                                | - | -      | -       | _                  |                      |
| 94  | D  | Joey Keane          | _                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | _                 | 76   | D  | Rodwin Dionicio       | _                                | - | -      | -       | _                  |                      |
| 96  | D  | Jake Walman         | -                                    | -       | -        | -       | -        | -                 | 88   | F  | Travis Howe           | -                                | - | -      | -       | -                  | -                    |
|   |  |                     |                                      |         |          |         |          |                   |      |  |                       |                                  |   |        |         |                    |                      |
| Ger   | nera   | l Manager           |                                      |         |          |         | М        | ike Grier         | Gen  | era  | l Manager             |                                  |   |        |         | Pat                | Verbeek              |
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Tonight's Officials

Referees Video Goal Judge Stephen Hiff (#46), Corey Syvret (#23) Mike Shanley

Nick Gialdini (Video Coach),

Cody Ward (Assistant Video Coach)

Linespeople National Anthem

**Goaltending Coach** 

Video Coach

Travis Gawryletz (#67), Bevan Mills (#53) Melissa Gialdini

Peter Budaj

Austin Violette

#### PRESEASON GAME 2 | SEPT. 24, 2024 | 7:00 P.M. PT | SAP CENTER AT SAN JOSE



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#### **SAN JOSE SHARKS**

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# ANAHEIM DUCKS

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 HEAD COACH:
 Ryan Warsofsky

 2023-24 RECORD:
 19-54-9 (60 pts)

 2023-24 FINISH:
 8th Pacific

**2023-24 LEADERS** 

 HEAD COACH:
 Greg Cronin

 2023-24 RECORD:
 27-50-5 (59 pts)

 2023-24 FINISH:
 7th Pacific

#### **2023-24 LEADERS**

GOALS: Fabian Zetterlund (24)
ASSISTS: Mikael Granlund (48)
POINTS: Mikael Granlund (60)
GAA: Mackenzie Blackwood (3.45)
SVP: Mackenzie Blackwood (.899)

GOALS: ASSISTS: POINTS: GAA: SVP: Frank Vatrano (37)
Cam Fowler/Troy Terry (34)
Frank Vatrano (60)
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| SHARKS 2024 PRESEASON SCHEDULE |          |            |                        |             |              |                      |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| DAY                            | DATE     | OPPONENT   | SITE                   | TIME/RESULT | TV           | RADIO                |  |
| Sun.                           | Sept. 22 | Vegas      | SAP Center at San Jose | L, 2-4      | sjsharks.com | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |
| Tue.                           | Sept. 24 | Anaheim    | SAP Center at San Jose | 7:00 p.m.   | sjsharks.com | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |
| Thu.                           | Sept. 26 | at Anaheim | Honda Center           | 7:00 p.m.   | TBA          | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |
| Tue.                           | Oct. 1   | Utah       | SAP Center at San Jose | 7:00 p.m.   | sjsharks.com | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |
| Fri.                           | Oct. 4   | Anaheim    | SAP Center at San Jose | 7:00 p.m.   | sjsharks.com | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |
| Sat.                           | Oct. 5   | at Vegas   | T-Mobile Arena         | 7:00 p.m.   | TBA          | SHARKS AUDIO NETWORK |  |

#### **SHARK BITES**

**BEHIND THE BENCH:** The San Jose Sharks made a change behind the bench following the conclusion of the 2023-24 season, naming **Ryan Warsofsky** the 11th head coach in franchise history on June 13. Warsofsky, 36, served as an assistant with San Jose for each of the previous two seasons, overseeing the team's defense and penalty kill. Under his tutelage, Erik Karlsson won the Norris Trophy in 2022-23 while posting the first 100-point season by a NHL defenseman since 1991-92. Most recently, Henry Thrun finished 2023-24 ranked third among rookie defensemen in PK time on ice and 10th among the group in scoring.

Prior to joining the Sharks, Warsofsky won the AHL's Calder Cup as head coach of the Chicago Wolves in 2021-22. It was his second league championship, following a 2018 title while serving as an assistant coach with the Charlotte Checkers

HERE'S GRANNY: Center Mikael Granlund capped the 2023-24 season on a high note, setting a career long and Sharks franchise record for longest point streak by a forward as he found the score sheet in each of the final 13 games of the year (two goals, 13 assists). His run finished one shy of the team's longest-ever point streak, set by Erik Karlsson in his Norris Trophy-winning season, 2022-23. Granlund, named Sharks Player of the Year by Bay Area media, scored 31 points (seven goals, 24 assists) over his final 30 games played and led the team in points (60) and assists (48). He logged a team-best 14 multi-point contests and appeared his milestone 800th career NHL game, March 9 against Ottawa. Granlund, who leads all active Finnish skaters in games played, hit the 60-point and 40-assist threshhold for the fourth time in his career last season. He logged his 500th career point on Dec. 7 at Detroit and a day later was named NHLPA Player of the Week after tallying nine points (two goals, seven assists) in four games to start the month of December.

**FREE WILLY:** Sharks forward **William Eklund** had a strong first full season of NHL action, the Swedish forward posting a breakout campaign with 45 points (16 goals, 29 assists) in 80 contests, finishing the season ranked second on the club in points and tied for second in goals. Eklund, who completed the schedule with points in eight of the final 10 games, recorded his first professional hat trick with three goals, including overtime, game-winner, in a 3-2 victory over St. Louis on April 6. The hat trick punctuated a 10-game home point streak for the forward, finishing two shy of matching San Jose's team record of 12 set by Brent Burns in 2017-18. He was the youngest Shark to ever tally points in at least nine consecutive games and was the first Shark age 21 or younger to hit eight games since Pat Falloon in the team's inaugural season. Eklund finished the year with 23 points (11 goals, 12 assists) in the final 25 games on the year, paced the team in power-play goals (8) and game-winning goals (5). He was second on San Jose with 16 power-play points.

**YOU ZETTER BELIEVE IT:** Forward **Fabian Zetterlund**, acquired at the 2023 NHL Trade Deadline, set career highs in all scoring categories with a team-high 24 goals to go with 20 assists for 44 points. He was the lone Sharks iron man, appearing in all 82 games, and was the third Sharks skater to reach the 40-point mark on the year, coming on an assist on April 7 against Arizona. The Swedish forward finished the year with 12 points (six goals, six assists) in the final

#### **ALL-TIME PRESEASON SERIES**

The Sharks trail in the all-time preseason series against Anaheim, 18-22-3-4.

#### **GAME 1 RECAP**

**SJS 2, VGK 4...** Macklin Celebrini (1g, 1a) and Luca Cagnoni (0g, 2a) each recorded multi-point games while Sharks newcome **Tyler Toffoli** (1g, 0a) also lit the lamp in the contest. **Sam Dickinson**, selected in the first round of the 2024 draft, led San Jose skaters with 20:22 TOI.

#### **SHARK BITES CONTINUED**

14 games, a stretch that started with a three-point effort against Chicago to match his career high for single-game points. He was one of only 18 NHL skaters age 24 or younger to score 24 or more goals on the season.

**NEW SHARKS IN THE BAY:** San Jose made one of the splash signings on July 1, inking forward **Tyler Toffoli** to a four-year deal. bringing in the 2014 Stanley Cup champion and three-time 30-goal scorer into the fold as another veteran presence and proven scorer to help on the front end. Additionally, center **Alexander Wennberg** signed a two-year deal at the opening of free agency, adding to the team's depth down the middle. Forwards **Ty Dellandrea** and **Carl Grundstrom** were acquired via trade from Dallas and Los Angeles, respectively, and **Barclay Goodrow** was claimed off waivers from the New York Rangers in June.

Along the blue line, San Jose added veteran presence Cody Ceci from Edmonton, joining the team alone with a third-round pick in the 2025 NHL Draft in exchange for Ty Emberson in an August 18 swap with Edmonton as well as acquiring Jake Walman, who has appeared in 202 NHL contests, along with a 2025 second-round pick from Detroit in a future considerations deal on June 25.

In goal, Vitek Vanecek and Yaroslav Askarov will both look to factor into the action this season, Vanecek being acquired at the 2024 NHL Trade Deadline but unable to play due to injury and Askarov joining the organization via trade after two stellar seasons with Milwaukee (AHL).

**THE FUTURE IS TEAL:** Following two seasons that saw San Jose continue to add to its young franchise core through free agency, the NHL Draft and a blockbuster trade, the Sharks' future is looking arguably as bright as any in the NHL. Lauded as one of the top prospect pipelines in the league, San Jose inked 2023 first-round pick **Will Smith** (fourth overall) and 2024 first-overall selection **Macklin Celebrini** (first overall), acquired top goaltending prospect **Yaroslav Askarov** from Nashville in August and return 2023–24 NHL contributors **William Eklund** (21 years old), **Collin Graf** (21 years old), **Thomas Bordeleau** (22 years old), **Henry Thrun** (23 years old) and **Fabian Zetterlund** (25 years old).

The team's full 2024 Draft class is below:

| ROUND | PICK | PLAYER               | POSITION | 2023-24 TEAM (LGE)                   | COUNTRY     |
|-------|------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1     | 1    | Macklin Celebrini    | С        | Boston Univ. (NCAA)                  | Canada      |
| 1     | 11   | Sam Dickinson        | D        | London (OHL)                         | Canada      |
| 2     | 33   | Igor Chernyshov      | LW       | Dynamo Moscow (KHL)                  | Russia      |
| 2     | 53   | Leo Sahlin Wallenius | D        | Vaxjo Jr. (Sweden Jr.)               | Sweden      |
| 3     | 82   | Carson Wetsch        | RW       | Calgary (WHL)                        | Canada      |
| 4     | 116  | Christian Kirsch     | G        | Zug Jr. (Switzerland Jr.)            | Switzerland |
| 5     | 131  | Colton Roberts       | D        | Vancouver (WHL)                      | Canada      |
| 5     | 143  | Nate Misskey         | D        | Victoria (WHL)                       | Canada      |
| 7     | 194  | Yaroslav Korostelyov | G        | SKA St. Petersburgh Jr. (Russia Jr.) | Russia      |

Additional depth comes from several prospects who made significant leaps last year with their junior clubs, including forward **Quentin Musty** (19 years old), who led the OHL with 1.92 points per game adn was one of five OHL skaters to hit the century mark in scoring last year (102 points), **Kasper Halttunen** (19 years old), who enjoyed a strong first season in North America, punctuated by back-to-back hat tricks and eight total goals in a four-game championship series sweep with London (OHL), and **Luca Cagnoni** (19 years old), whose 90 points with Portland were the most by a WHL defenseman since 1993-94.

With the Barracuda, forward **Danil Gushchin** (22 years old) posted another strong season on the offensive end with 54 points (20 goals, 34 assists) in 56 games. He was selected to participate in the AHL All-Star Classic but could not participate due to injury. Defenseman **Shakir Mukhamadullin** (22 years old), who made his NHL debut and played in three games with the Sharks last season, tallied 34 points in his first full AHL campaign and played in the AHL All-Star Classic at Tech CU Arena. Forward **Ethan Cardwell** (22 years old) finished the year 13th among league rookies in scoring, tallying 43 points (23 goals, 20 assists), and defenseman **Jack Thompson** (22 years old) tied for 11th among league defensemen in scoring with 41 points (six goals, 35 assists) in 62 games. **Filip Bystedt** (20 years old) join the AHL club during the home stretch of the campaign and finished his brief first taste of North American hockey with seven points (four goals, three assists) in eight games, including three points with two goals in his debut on April 3.

**RETURN OF THE MACK:** San Jose made history with their first-ever, first-overall selection on June 28, 2024, selecting Boston University center **Macklin Celebrini** with the top pick in the NHL Draft. The consensus top player in the draft became the youngest-ever winner of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given to the top player in college hockey, last season after posting 64 points (32 goals, 32 assists) in 38 games and helping the Terriers reach the Frozen Four. Celebrini earned nearly every possible honor available for a collegiate freshman, including the Hobey Baker, Tim Taylor Award (given annually to the best rookie in college hockey), AHCA NCAA East First Team All-America, Hockey East Player of the Year, Hockey East Rookie of the Year, Hockey East First Team, Hockey East All-Rookie Team and Hockey East All-Tournament Team. Prior to attending BU, Celebrini tore up the USHL with the Chicago Steel, winning league Player of the Year and Rookie fo the Year honors after leading the circuit in points (86) and goals (46) in 2022-23. Celebrini skated with the San Jose Jr. Sharks in 2019-20, totaling 101 points (54 goals, 47 assists) in 61 games.

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|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| DATE     | GAME                    | SCORE                  | PP         | PK         | GOALS                          | GOALTENDERS                         | SV/SA                      | GWG | ATT.  |
| Sept. 22 | San Jose<br>vs. Vegas   | 2   0-0-2<br>4   1-2-1 | 2/4<br>0/5 | 5/5<br>2/4 | 71pp, 73pp<br>68, 21, 11, 17en | Blackwood/ROMANOV<br>Schmid/SAVILLE | 16/18; 17/18<br>8/8; 10/12 | 11  | 9,049 |
| Sept. 24 | San Jose<br>vs. Anaheim |                        |            |            |                                |                                     |                            |     |       |
| Sept. 26 | San Jose<br>at Anaheim  |                        |            |            |                                |                                     |                            |     |       |
| Oct. 1   | San Jose<br>vs. Utah    |                        |            |            |                                |                                     |                            |     |       |
| Oct. 4   | San Jose<br>vs. Anaheim |                        |            |            |                                |                                     |                            |     |       |
| Oct. 5   | San Jose<br>at Vegas    |                        |            |            |                                |                                     |                            |     |       |



#### SHARK BITES CONTINUED

**GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT:** Sharks forward **Will Smith** logged one of the best freshman seasons in NCAA history last season at Boston College, leading the Golden Eagles to Hockey East regular season and tournament championships and an appearance in the National Championship Game. He led the nation in scoring with 71 points (25 goals, 46 assists) with a long list of honors including AHCA First-Team All-America, NCAA Frozen Four All-Tournament Team, Hockey East Tournament MVP, Hockey East All-Tournament Team, Hockey East First All-Star Team and Hockey East All-Rookie Team. His scoring total tied Jack Eichel (2014-15, Boston Univ.) as most by a NCAA U-19 skater since 1993-94. In international competition, Smith helped Team USA win a Gold Medal at the World Junior Championship, tallying two assists in the Gold Medal Game and finishing the tournament with points in each of the final six contests. The 2023-24 Sharks Prospect of the Year, presented by Kaiser Permanente, also represented the national team at the IIHF World Championship, appearing in five games. Smith, selected fourth overall in the 2023 NHL Draft, signed his entry-level deal on May 28, 2024.

**GOING IN THE RAFTERS:** Two years after retiring Patrick Marleau's No. 12 jersey, the San Jose Sharks will be adding No. 19 to the rafters in honor of **Joe Thornton**'s legendary career. One of the greatest playmakers in NHL history, Thornton remains San Jose's all-time leader in assists (804) and power play points (402), ranks second in club history in scoring (1,055 points) and even-strength points (645), is third with 1,104 games played and is fourth in all-time goals (251) and game-winning goals (40).

Thornton registered the only 100-point season by a forward in club history, finishing 2006-07 with 114, including a team-record 92 assists). He won the Art Ross and Hart Memorial trophies in 2005-06, the season he was acquired from Boston, after leading the NHL with 125 points (29 goals, 96 assists). The forward was selected to the NHL First All-Star Team that season, was a member of the Second All-Star Team three times and was selected to participate in the league's All-Star Game four times. He won two Olympic gold medals (2006, 2010) and two World Cup golds (2004, 2016).

In the NHL's all-time ranks, Thornton's 1,714 career games is the sixth-most in the league's history and he ranks seventh all-time in assists (1,109), 11th in even strength points (979), 14th in career points (1,539) and 22nd in power play points (548).

The No. 19 will be retired to the SAP Center rafters on Saturday, Nov. 23 as the Sharks host the Buffalo Sabres.

MILESTONE WATCH: San Jose skaters can reach numerous milestones in the upcoming season, including (alphabetically by last name):

| PLAYER              | MILESTONE                                       | NEEDS                               |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Justin Bailey       | 200 games played                                | 59 games                            |
| Matt Benning        | 500 games played<br>100 assists                 | 43 games<br>15 assists              |
| Mackenzie Blackwood | 200 games played<br>100 wins                    | 4 games<br>25 wins                  |
| Thomas Bordeleau    | 100 games played                                | 57 games                            |
| Cody Ceci           | 800 games played                                | 14 games                            |
| William Eklund      | 100 games played<br>100 points                  | 3 games<br>48 points                |
| Mario Ferraro       | 400 games played<br>100 points                  | 70 games<br>26 points               |
| Barclay Goodrow     | 600 games played<br>200 points                  | 28 games<br>31 points               |
| Mikael Granlund     | 900 games played<br>600 points<br>400 assists   | 81 games<br>56 points<br>13 assists |
| Carl Grundstrom     | 300 games played<br>100 points                  | 67 games<br>33 points               |
| Klim Kostin         | 200 games played                                | 45 games                            |
| Luke Kunin          | 400 games played                                | 41 games                            |
| Jan Rutta           | 400 games played<br>100 points                  | 37 games<br>11 points               |
| Givani Smith        | 200 games played                                | 45 games                            |
| Nico Sturm          | 300 games played<br>100 points                  | 31 games<br>22 points               |
| Henry Thrun         | 100 games played                                | 41 games                            |
| Tyler Toffoli       | 300 goals<br>300 assists                        | 40 goals<br>39 assists              |
| Vitek Vanecek       | 200 games played<br>100 wins                    | 37 games played<br>9 wins           |
| Marc-Edouard Vlasic | 1,300 games played<br>300 assists<br>400 points | 4 games<br>7 assists<br>24 points   |
| Alexander Wennberg  | 100 goals                                       | 9 goals                             |
| Fabian Zetterlund   | 200 games played<br>100 points                  | 37 games<br>25 points               |

## **SHARK BITES CONTINUED**

**MAKING MOVES:** The Sharks' transactions from the end of the 2023-24 season through the start of training camp are listed below:

| DATE    | TRANSACTION  |
|---------|--|
| Aug. 23 | Acquired G Yaroslav Askarov, F Nolan Burke and a third-round selection (Colorado's choice) in the 2025 NHL Draft from Nashville in exchange for C David Edstrom, G Magnus Chrona and a first-round selection (Top-10 protected, San Jose's choice to transfer their own pick or Vegas's) in the 2025 NHL Draft |
| Aug. 18 | Acquired D <b>Cody Ceci</b> as well as a third-round selection in the 2025 NHL Draft from Edmonton in exchange for D Ty Emberson   |
| Aug. 1  | Signed F Igor Chernyshov to a standard entry-level contract  |
| July 29 | Signed C Thomas Bordeleau to a one-year contract   |
| July 11 | Signed D Ty Emberson to a one-year contract  |
| July 10 | Signed D Sam Dickinson to a standard entry-level contract  |
| July 6  | Signed C Macklin Celebrini to a standard entry-level contract  |
| July 4  | Signed F Ty Dellandrea to a two-year contract  |
| July 3  | Signed F Andrew Poturalski to a two-year, two-way contract   |
| July 2  | Signed F Carl Grundstrom to a two-year contract  |
| July 1  | Signed D <b>Jimmy Schuldt</b> to a one-year, two-way contract  |
| July 1  | Signed D Lucas Carlsson to a two-year, two-way contract  |
| July 1  | Signed C Alexander Wennberg to a two-year contract   |
| July 1  | Signed F Tyler Toffoli to a four-year contract   |
| June 30 | Re-signed F <b>Justin Bailey</b> to a one-year, two-way contract   |
| June 30 | Re-signed F Luke Kunin to a one-year contract  |
| June 27 | Acquired F Carl Grundstrom from Los Angeles in exchange for D Kyle Burroughs   |
| June 25 | Acquired D <b>Jake Walman</b> as well as a second-round selection (53rd overall; originally Tampa Bay's) in the 2024 NHL Draft in exchange for future considerations   |
| June 23 | Acquired F Egor Afanasyev from Nashville in exchange for F Ozzy Wiesblatt  |
| June 19 | Claimed F Barclay Goodrow off waivers from New York Rangers  |
| June 19 | Acquired F <b>Ty Dellandrea</b> from Dallas in exchange for a fourth-round selection (originally Winnipeg's) in the 2025 NHL Draft   |
| June 13 | Named Ryan Warsofsky head coach  |
| May 28  | Signed C Will Smith to a standard entry-level contract   |
| May 22  | Signed D Luca Cagnoni to a standard entry-level contract   |



# **ANAHEIM DUCKS MEDIA NOTES**

| GAME INFORMATION                           |            |           |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sept. 24, 2024                             | SAP Center | 7 p.m. PT |  |  |  |  |  |
| TV: AnaheimDucks.com   AUDIO: Ducks Stream |            |           |  |  |  |  |  |

| 2024 ANAHEIM DUCKS PRESEASON SCHEDULE |               |              |        |                                  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| DATE                                  | OPPONENT      | LOCATION     | TIME   | BROADCAST (TV / Audio)           |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, Sept. 24                     | @ San Jose    | SAP Center   | 7 p.m. | AnaheimDucks.com / Ducks Stream  |  |  |  |
| Thursday, Sept. 26                    | SAN JOSE      | Honda Center | 7 p.m. | AnaheimDucks.com / Ducks Stream  |  |  |  |
| Saturday, Sept. 28                    | @ Los Angeles | Toyota Arena | 3 p.m. | Bally Sports West / Ducks Stream |  |  |  |
| Monday, Sept. 30                      | LOS ANGELES   | Honda Center | 7 p.m. | Victory+/KCOP-13 / Ducks Stream  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, Oct. 2                     | UTAH          | Honda Center | 7 p.m. | Victory+/KCOP-13 / Ducks Stream  |  |  |  |
| Friday, Oct. 4                        | @ San Jose    | SAP Center   | 7 p.m. | AnaheimDucks.com / Ducks Stream  |  |  |  |

# **TONIGHT'S GAME**

The Anaheim Ducks open their 2024 preseason schedule today when the club visits the San Jos Sharks at SAP Center (7 p.m. PT). The Ducks begin a stretch of playing all six exhibitions contests every other night, with tonight marking the first of three contests against the Sharks this preseason. Anaheim has posted a 92-91-24 record in all-time exhibition contests, including a 56-44-7 record on home ice and 36-47-17 mark on the road. Facing San Jose in exhibition contests, the Ducks have posted a 26-18-3 record, including an 8-12-2 mark in San Jose.

#### **GUDAS NAMED DUCKS CAPTAIN**

The Ducks named defenseman **Radko Gudas** team captain Sept. 19, the ninth captain in Ducks history and first since Ryan Getzlaf (2010-22). Gudas also becomes the sixth NHL captain from Czechia, joining Peter Stastny (Quebec, 1985-90), Jaromir Jagr (Pittsburgh, 1998-01, and NY Rangers, 2006-08), Patrik Elias (New Jersey, 2006-07), Bobby Holik (Atlanta, 2007-08), Milan Hejduk (Colorado, 2011-12). Gudas, 34, is entering his 13th NHL season and second with Anaheim. In his first season with the club in 2023-24, he recorded 6-12=18 points in 66 games, leading Ducks skaters in plus/minus (+14), hits (232) and blocked shots (154), while also leading Anaheim defensemen in goals (6). The defenseman has collected 39-143=182 points with a +87 rating and 971 PIM in 748 career games with Anaheim (2023-present), Florida (2021-23), Washington (2019-20), Philadelphia (2015-19) and Tampa Bay (2012-15). The Kladno, Czechia native helped his country to a gold medal at the 2024 World Championship on home ice in Prague while serving as an alternate captain.

#### **ROSTER REPORT**

The Ducks opened their 2024 Training Camp presented by OC Navigator on Thursday, Sept. 19 with 66 players, including 39 forwards, 20 defensemen and seven goaltenders. Anaheim made 10 cuts to the roster on Sunday, Sept. 22, trimming the roster to 56 players (33 forwards, 17 defensemen and six goaltenders). The roster currently features eight Anaheim first-round selections and 26 Anaheim draft selections overall, including seven first-round selections from the past six NHL Drafts.

#### **DUCKS RANKED NO. 1 IN ANNUAL FUTURE WATCH**

The Hockey News released its annual Future Watch issue March 8, ranking the Ducks No. 1 in the NHL in a poll of top 21-and-under NHLers plus prospects (ranked by a panel of NHL scouts). Anaheim received an 'A' letter grade for 2024, with the Ducks the only team to achieve a grade this high in this issue of Future Watch. Anaheim is the only franchise to achieve an 'A' grade each of the past two editions (A+ in 2023 Future Watch). The Ducks have been ranked first in two of the last three Future Watch issues (also 2022) and were second despite an A+ rating in 2023. Among al NHL clubs ranked in Future Watch, Anaheim is first in five-year average position and also 20-year average position. No NHL team has had more top-10 finishes (13), top-five finishes (10) and top-three finishes (eight) than the Ducks over the past 20 years.

# **2024 ANAHEIM DUCKS PRESEASON MEDIA NOTES**



#### **THE 2024 PRESEASON**

Anaheim's 2024 preseason schedule will include six exhibition contests, all in the state of California. The Ducks will host three home games at Honda Center and participate in three road contests. Anaheim's three home games include Thursday, Sept. 26 vs. the San Jose Sharks (7 p.m.), in addition to Monday, Sept. 30 vs. the Los Angeles Kings (7 p.m.) and Wednesday, Oct. 2 vs. Utah (7 p.m.). The Ducks will visit San Jose at SAP Center on Tuesday, Sept. 24 (7 p.m.) and Friday, Oct. 4 (7 p.m.). In addition, Anaheim will participate in a neutral-site game on Saturday, Sept. 28 against Los Angeles as part of the 'Empire Classic' at Toyota Arena in Ontario, Calif. (3 p.m.).

#### **NEW FACES**

Over the offseason, Anaheim added four players through trades and free agency, including defenseman **Brian Dumoulin**, centers **Robby Fabbri** and **Jansen Harkins**, and right wing **Carson Meyer**.

- Brian Dumoulin (acquired from Seattle for a 2026 4th rd. pick, July 2
  - Won back-to-back Stanley Cups with Pittsburgh in 2016 and 2017. In his 11th NHL season with Seattle in 2023-24, set a single-season career high of six goals and had 6-10=16 points with a +3 rating in 80 games.
- Robby Fabbri (acquired from Detroit with a 2025 4th rd pick for G Gage Alexander, July 5)
  - Won a Stanley Cup St. Louis in 2018. In his ninth NHL season and fifth with Detroit in 2023-24, tied a career high with 18 goals, totaling 18-14=32 points in 68 games.
- Jansen Harkins (signed to a two-year contract, July 2)
  - Split 2023-24 between Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL). Had four points (0-4=4) in 45 NHL games with the Penguins and 5-7=12 points in 14 AHL games with the Penguins.
- Carson Meyer (signed to a one-year, two-way contract, July 3)
  - Split last season between Columbus and Cleveland (AHL). Had 1-1=2 points in 14 NHL games and set AHL career highs in points (22-15=37) and goals in 55 AHL contests.

#### **NEW-LOOK COACHING STAFF**

Anaheim's 2024 Training Camp will feature three new members of Greg Cronin's coaching staff. **Richard Clune** joined as Assistant Coach June 21, while **Tim Army** (Assistant Coach) and **Peter Budaj** (Goaltending Coach) were named to their roles July 10. **Sudarshan Maharaj** was promoted to Director of Goaltending July 10 (formerly Goaltending Coach), overseeing all aspects of the club's goaltending (coaching, development and scouting). The Ducks' 2024-25 coaching staff includes Head Coach **Greg Cronin**, Assistant Coaches **Tim Army**, **Richard Clune** and **Brent Thompson**, Goaltending Coach **Peter Budaj** and Video Coordinator **Austin Violette**.

#### 2024-25 REGULAR-SEASON SCHEDULE

The Ducks will begin the regular season with consecutive road games Saturday, Oct. 12 vs. San Jose (7 p.m.) and at Vegas Sunday, Oct. 13 (7 p.m.). The season opening back-to-back is the second straight campaign Anaheim opens with consecutive games. The club's home opener is Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the first-ever matchup vs. Utah Hockey Club (7 p.m.) and the regular-season Honda Center debut of the club's new primary uniforms. Anaheim will host 23 home weekend dates, including nine Friday, three Saturday and 11 Sunday contests.

# 2024 NHL DRAFT

The Ducks made nine selections at the 2024 NHL Draft at Sphere in Las Vegas June 28-29, including two first round picks for the fourth time the last six drafts (2019, 2020, 2022 and 2024). Below is a list of Anaheim's nine NHL Draft selections:

| ANAHEIM DUCKS 2024 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS |       |      |          |                       |  |  |  |
|---|-------|------|----------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| PLAYER                                  | ROUND | PICK | POSITION | TEAM                  |  |  |  |
| Beckett Sennecke                        | 1     | 3    | RW       | Oshawa (OHL)          |  |  |  |
| Stian Solberg                           | 1     | 23   | D        | Valerenga (Norway)    |  |  |  |
| Lucas Pettersson                        | 2     | 35   | С        | Modo Jr. (Sweden Jr.) |  |  |  |
| Maxim Masse                             | 3     | 66   | RW       | Chicoutimi (QMJHL)    |  |  |  |
| Ethan Procyszyn                         | 3     | 68   | С        | North Bay (OHL)       |  |  |  |
| Tarin Smith                             | 3     | 79   | D        | Everett (WHL)         |  |  |  |
| Alexandre Blais                         | 4     | 100  | С        | Rimouski (QMJHL)      |  |  |  |
| Austin Burnevik                         | 6     | 182  | RW       | Madison (USHL)        |  |  |  |
| Darels Uljanskis                        | 7     | 214  | D        | AIK Jr. (Sweden Jr.)  |  |  |  |



# 2024 ANAHEIM DUCKS PRESEASON MEDIA NOTES

| RECENT ANAHEIM TRANSACTIONS |   |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| DATE                        | TRANSACTION   |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 21, 2024              | Assigned C Alexandre Blais to Rimouski (QMJHL), RW Maxim Masse to Chicoutimi (QMJHL), D Vojtech Port to Moose Jaw (OHL), C Ethan Procyszyn to North Bay (OHL) and D Tarin Smith to Everett (WHL). |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 12, 2024              | Signed D Mark Pysyk, D Gustav Lindstrom and F Boris Katchouk to a professional tryout (PTO).  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 30, 2024               | Signed G Oscar Dansk to a one-year, two-way contract.   |  |  |  |  |
| July 15, 2024               | Signed D <b>Jackson LaCombe</b> to a two-year contract. Signed F <b>Nikita Nesterenko</b> to a one-year, two-way contract.  |  |  |  |  |
| July 5, 2024                | Signed LW <b>Pavol Regenda</b> to a one-year, two-way contract. Signed RW <b>Beckett Sennecke</b> and D <b>Sitan Solberg</b> to three-year, entry-level contracts.                                |  |  |  |  |
| July 3, 2024                | Signed RW Carson Meyer to a one-year, two-way contract. Acquired C Robby Fabbri from Detroit and a conditional fourth-round selection in the 2025 NHL Draft for G Gage Alexander.                 |  |  |  |  |
| July 2, 2024                | Signed C <b>Jansen Harkins</b> to a two-year contract. Acquired D <b>Brian Dumoulin</b> from Seattle for a 2026 fourth-round selection in the 2026 NHL Draft.                                     |  |  |  |  |
| July 1, 2024                | Signed D Urho Vaakanainen and RW Brett Leason to one-year contracts.  |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2024               | Signed C Isac Lundestrom to a one-year contract extension.  |  |  |  |  |
| June 28-29, 2024            | Selected nine players at the 2024 NHL Draft at Sphere Las Vegas, including <b>Beckett Sennecke</b> (third overall) and <b>Stian Solberg</b> (23rd overall).                                       |  |  |  |  |

# **DUCKS-SHARKS**

Anaheim and San Jose begin the first of three preseason matchups in 2024, the first of two contests at SAP Center. The three games mark the most times Anaheim will face an opponent this preseason. Last season, Anaheim posted a 3-1-0 record in the four regular-season matchups in 2023-24, outscoring the Sharks by a 16-12 margin. In the regular season, the club will meet three times, with the Ducks opening their 2024-25 regular season schedule against the Sharks at SAP Center Saturday, Oct. 12 (7 p.m.). The teams will meet twice in an 11-day span, with Anaheim featuring a matchup vs. San Jose on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Honda Center.

| HEAD-TO-HEAD ALL-TIME |                         |              |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| ANAHEIM               |                         | SAN JOSE     |  |  |  |  |
| 78-69-16              | ALL-TIME RECORD         | 81-61-21     |  |  |  |  |
| 39-34-9               | HOME                    | 40-33-8      |  |  |  |  |
| 39-35-7               | ROAD                    | 41-28-13     |  |  |  |  |
| 432                   | GOALS FOR               | 461          |  |  |  |  |
| 461                   | GOALS AGAINST           | 432          |  |  |  |  |
| 2-0-0                 | CURRENT STREAK          | 0-1-0        |  |  |  |  |
| 7-3-0                 | LAST 10 MEETINGS        | 3-3-4        |  |  |  |  |
| 6-3-1                 | LAST 10 MEETINGS AT ANA | 3-5-2        |  |  |  |  |
| 7-3-0                 | LAST 10 MEETINGS AT SJS | 4-1-5        |  |  |  |  |
|                       | 2024-25 SEASON SERIES   |              |  |  |  |  |
| DATE                  | LOCATION                | TIME         |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday, Oct. 12     | SAP Center              | 7 p.m. PT    |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, Oct. 22      | Honda Center            | 7:15 p.m. PT |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, Apr. 1       | Honda Center            | 7 p.m. PT    |  |  |  |  |



#### HOW THE DUCKS WERE BUILT (TRAINING CAMP EDITION)

### NHL DRAFT (26):

# First Round (8)

Cam Fowler - 12th overall in 2010 Isac Lundestrom - 23rd overall in 2018 Trevor Zegras - 9th overall in 2019 Mason McTavish - 3rd overall in 2021 Pavel Mintyukov - 10th overall in 2022 Nathan Gaucher - 22nd overall in 2022 Leo Carlsson - 2nd overall in 2023 Beckett Sennecke - 3rd overall in 2024

#### Second Round (8)

John Gibson - 39th overall in 2011
Jackson LaCombe - 39th overall in 2019
Sam Colangelo - 36th overall in 2020
Olen Zellweger - 34th overall in 2021
Noah Warren - 42nd overall in 2022
Tristan Luneau - 53rd overall in 2022
Nico Myatovic - 33rd overall in 2022
Carey Terrance - 59th overall in 2023

# Third Round (5)

Lukas Dostal - 85th overall in 2018 Sasha Pastujov - 66th overall in 2021 Tyson Hinds - 76th overall in 2021 Coulson Pitre - 65th overall in 2023 Yegor Sidorov - 85th overall in 2023

#### Fourth Round (2)

Josh Lopina - 98th overall in 2021 Konnor Smith - 97th overall in 2023

#### Fifth Round (2)

Troy Terry - 148th overall in 2015 Rodwin Dionicio - 129th overall in 2023

# Sixth Round (1)

Vyacheslav Buteyets - 178th in 2022

#### **Seventh Round**

None

## FREE AGENT (10)

Oscar Dansk - Sept. 5, 2024
Carson Meyer - July 3, 2024
Jansen Harkins - July 2, 2024
Tomas Suchanek - March 21, 2024
Radko Gudas - July 1, 2023
Alex Killorn - July 1, 2023
Ryan Strome - July 13, 2022
Jaxsen Wiebe - March 2, 2023
Frank Vatrano - July 13, 2022
Pavol Regenda - June 1, 2022

#### **TRADE (10)**

Robby Fabbri - From Detroit, July 3, 2024
Brian Dumoulin - From Seattle, July 2, 2024
Jan Mysak - From Montreal, March 7, 2024
Cutter Gauthier - From Philadelphia, Jan. 8, 2024
Judd Caulfield - From Pittsburgh, March 31, 2023
Brock McGinn - From Pittsburgh, March 3, 2023
Nikita Nesterenko - From Minnesota, March 3, 2023
Calle Clang - From Pittsburgh, March 21, 2022
Urho Vaakanainen - From Boston, March 19, 2022
Drew Helleson - From Colorado, March 14, 2022

#### WAIVERS (2)

Ross Johnston - From NY Islanders, Oct. 10, 2023 Brett Leason - From Washington, Oct. 10, 2022

#### **CAMP INVITES (8)**

Ryan Carpenter (AHL contract, San Diego)
Dillon Heatherington (AHL contract, San Diego)
Travis Howe (AHL contract, San Diego)
Boris Katchouk (PTO)
Roland McKeown (AHL contract, San Diego)
Gustav Lindstrom (PTO)
Mark Pysyk (PTO)
Ruslan Gazizov (ATO)

# PLAYERS DRAFTED NOT ATTENDING CAMP (9)

Austin Burnevik (RW) - St. Cloud St. (NCAA)
Michael Callow (RW) - Harvard (NCAA)
Damian Clara (G) - on loan at Farjestad (SHL)
Will Francis (D) - Minnesota Duluth (NCAA)
Kyle Kukkonen (C) - Wisconsin (NCAA)
lan Moore (D) - Harvard Univ. (NCAA)
Lucas Pettersson (C) - MoDo (SHL)
Stian Solberg (D) - Farjestad (SHL)
Darels Uljanskis (D) - AIK (Sweden 2)