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**2017 NHL DRAFT GUIDE**



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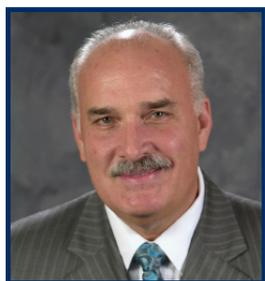
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## **JOHN DAVIDSON** **PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR**

John Davidson was named president of hockey operations and alternate governor of the Columbus Blue Jackets in October 2012 and in his role oversees all hockey operations activities for the club. In his six seasons with the team, Columbus has posted a 193-148-35 record (.560), including a franchise record 50-24-8 (108 pts) in 2016-17, back-to-back 40-win campaigns in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in franchise history from 2012-15 and a pair of Stanley Cup Playoff berths.

The Blue Jackets went 42-35-5 (89 pts.) in 2014-15, earning the third-most wins and fourth-most points in club history. That came a season after the Jackets went 43-32-7 (93 pts.) in 2013-14 to set then-franchise records for wins and points.

He joined the Blue Jackets after serving as the president of hockey operations of the St. Louis Blues from 2006-12. During his tenure, the Blues averaged 39 wins and 90 points, including a 49-22-11 record, 109 points and a Central Division title in 2011-12.

One of hockey's most respected figures and the current chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee, Davidson has enjoyed a long and distinguished career that spans four decades. Prior to his successful stint with the Blues, he was the longtime analyst for New York Rangers games on Madison Square Garden Network (MSG), as well as various NHL national broadcast partners in the United States and Canada. His outstanding work during a 20-plus year broadcasting career earned him numerous honors.

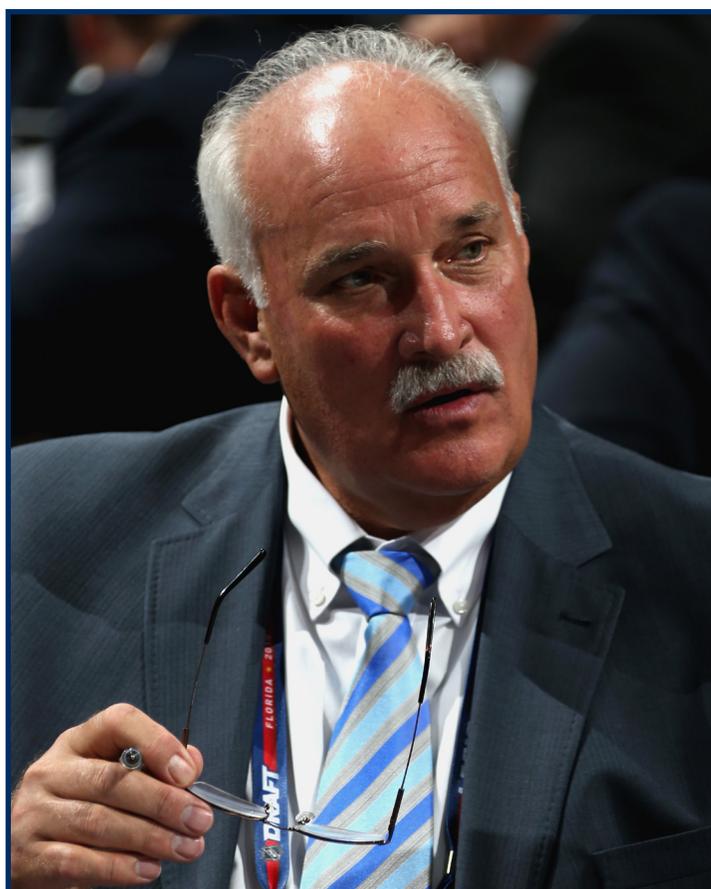
In 2009, he received the prestigious Foster Hewitt Memorial Award for outstanding contributions as a hockey broadcaster by The Hockey Hall of Fame and was inducted on Nov. 9, 2009. The NHL and USA Hockey honored Davidson with the Lester Patrick Award for his contributions to ice hockey in the United States in March 2004. He also won two New York Emmy Awards for "Outstanding On-Camera Achievement" in 2001 and 1995 and was part of MSG's Rangers broadcast team that won the CableACE Award for "Outstanding Live Event Coverage" in 1994.

Davidson began his broadcast career with MSG in 1983 and then spent two years on the popular "Hockey Night in Canada" from 1984-86. He rejoined MSG prior to the 1986-87 season, beginning a partnership with Rangers play-by-play announcer Sam Rosen that concluded following the 2005-06 season. During that time, Davidson also served as NBC's analyst for the NHL All-Star Game from 1990-93 and was lead analyst for the network's hockey coverage at the 1992 (Albertville, France), 1994 (Lillehammer, Norway), 1998 (Nagano, Japan), 2002 (Salt Lake City) and 2006 (Torino, Italy) Winter Olympic Games. He worked for TBS at the 1990 Goodwill Games, contributed to ABC's coverage of the NHL in 1994 and served on the number-one broadcast team with Mike Emrick for FOX's coverage of the NHL regular season, All-Star Games and Stanley Cup Playoffs and Finals from 1995-1999.

In addition, his work included several All-Star Games and Stanley Cup Finals for OLN, ESPN and SportsChannel, the 1991 Canada Cup for "Hockey Night in Canada" and the 1996 World Cup of Hockey for FX. He served as ESPN's studio analyst for the 1993 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The 2005-06 season marked his final season in the broadcast booth on OLN (now NBC Sports Network) and NBC.

Davidson enjoyed a successful junior career as a goaltender with the Calgary Centennials prior to being selected by the Blues with their first pick, fifth overall, in the 1973 Entry Draft. That year, he became the first goaltender to go directly from junior hockey to the NHL as he appeared in 39 games with St. Louis during the 1973-74 season. After two years with the Blues, he joined the Rangers in June 1975 and went on to play eight seasons in New York. In 1978-79, he went 20-15-4 with a 3.52 goals-against average in 39 games and then went 11-7 with a 2.28 goals-against average in 18 playoff games to lead the Rangers to the Stanley Cup Finals. He was forced to retire due to injuries during the 1982-83 season.

Davidson was born on Feb. 27, 1953 in Ottawa, Ontario and raised in Calgary, Alberta. He and his wife, Diana, are the parents of two daughters, Lindsay and Ashley, and welcomed two grandsons in the last year.





## JARMO KEKALAINEN GENERAL MANAGER

Jarmo Kekalainen was named the third general manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on February 13, 2013. Since his arrival, the Blue Jackets have enjoyed their best stretch in club history, posting the best record in franchise history in 2016-17 (50-24-8; 108 pts), back-to-back 40-win campaigns in 2013-14 and 2014-15, three-straight winning seasons for the first time in franchise history from 2012-15 and a pair of Stanley Cup Playoff berths. The Jackets finished 42-35-5 (89 pts.) in 2014-15, following a franchise record-breaking 2013-14 season in which they set then-club records for wins and points with a 43-32-7 mark (93 pts.).

Kekalainen served as assistant general manager for Finland's World Cup of Hockey 2016 team and at the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, where the squad won a bronze medal. He arrived in Columbus after serving as the president and general manager of Jokerit in the Finnish Elite League from 2010-13.

Prior to his stint with Jokerit, Kekalainen spent eight seasons with the St. Louis Blues from 2002-10. He joined the Blues as director of amateur scouting and was named assistant general manager and director of amateur scouting in 2005. In that role, he was involved in all facets of hockey operations, including professional scouting efforts and overseeing the club's amateur scouting and draft preparations. During his eight years in St. Louis, the Blues drafted players such as David Backes, Roman Polak, David Perron, T.J. Oshie, Patrik Berglund and Alex Pietrangelo.

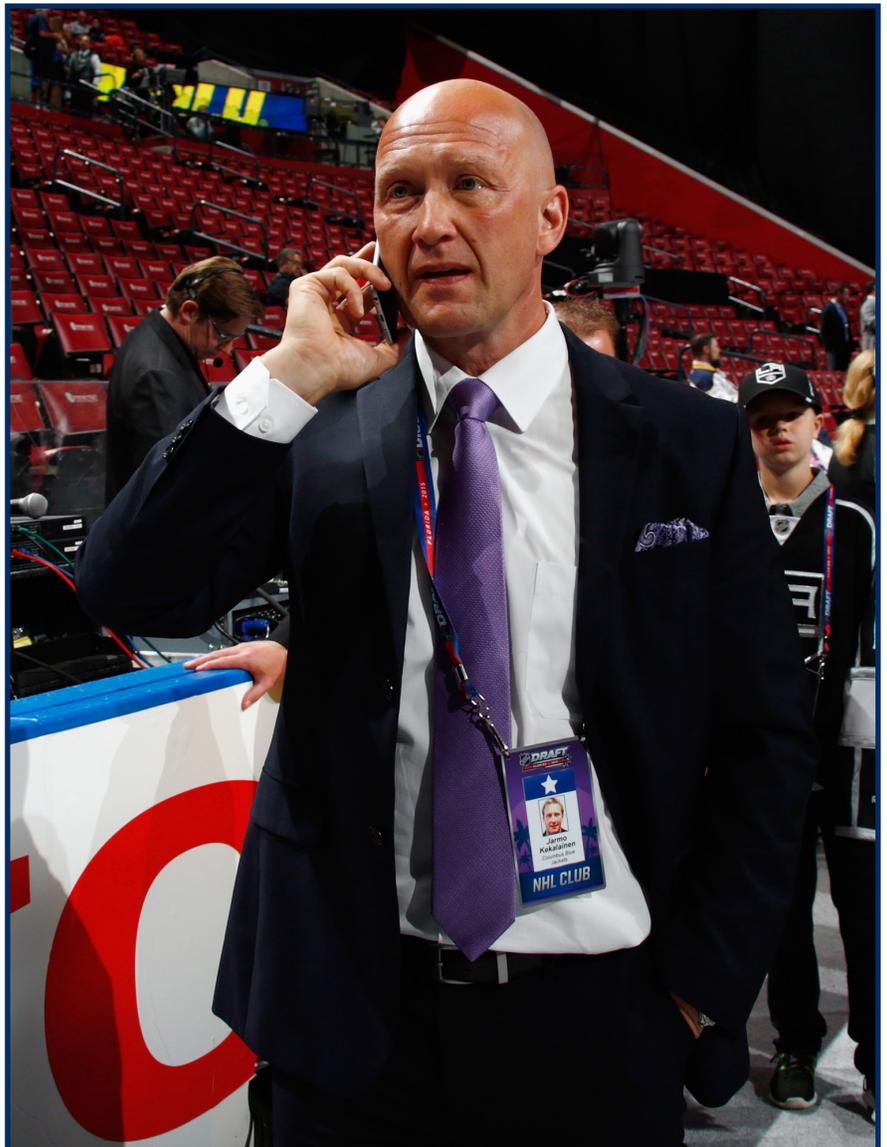
Kekalainen was a member of the Ottawa Senators organization from 1995 to 2002, serving as director of player personnel for three years and also overseeing the amateur draft and the club's scouting efforts in Europe. While working with the Senators, he also served as general manager of HIFK Helsinki in the Finnish Elite League from 1995 to 1999 and led the club to the league championship in 1998.

As a player, Kekalainen appeared in 55 career NHL games with the Senators and Boston Bruins during a six-year career. A left wing, he scored five goals and added eight assists for 13 points with 28 penalty minutes, including a career-high 1-5-6 and 14 penalty minutes in 28 games with the Senators during the 1993-94 season. He also played in the American Hockey League and his native Finland before wrapping up his playing career with Vasteras IK in the Swedish Elite League in 1994-95.

Before signing with the Bruins, Kekalainen played two seasons at Clarkson University from 1987-89. He was named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference First All-Star Team after tallying 19-25-44 and 47 penalty minutes in 31 games during the 1988-89 season. He also represented Finland at the 1986 World Junior Championships and the 1991 Canada Cup Tournament.

Kekalainen was born on July 3, 1966 in Tampere, Finland. He has a bachelor's degree in management from Clarkson University and a master's in business marketing from the University of Tampere.

He and his wife, Tiina, are the parents of daughters, Emilia and Sofia.



# HOCKEY OPERATIONS

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## **BILL ZITO** **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

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Bill Zito was named assistant general manager of the Columbus Blue Jackets on Aug. 12, 2013 and brings nearly three decades of experience encompassing a variety of aspects of the game of hockey to the organization. Since joining the Blue Jackets, he has been an integral part of the club's management team in the areas of contract negotiations, scouting and player evaluation, salary cap management and budgeting. He also is the general manager of the 2016 Calder Cup champion Lake Erie Monsters, Columbus' American

Hockey League affiliate, and was a member of the management team for the USA Hockey National Team that won a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF World Hockey Championships.

Zito joined the Blue Jackets after using scouting as a platform to build Acme World Sports into one of the top hockey agencies in the business. In 2013, Forbes ranked Acme as the eighth-most valuable hockey agency in the world with almost \$200 million in contracts under management. In 2007, The Hockey News lauded Zito in their "genius" issue for his scouting prowess, noting his ability to uncover late-round or undrafted, lesser-known players as well as the top picks. As the agency's founder and president, he represented players such as Vezina Trophy and Conn Smythe Trophy winner Tim Thomas, Vezina Trophy winner Tuukka Rask, Vezina Trophy finalist Antti Niemi and All-Stars Kimmo Timonen and Brian Rafalski.

He is a graduate of Yale University, where he played varsity hockey from 1984-87. After a one-year stint playing hockey in Europe, Zito attended law school at the University of Wisconsin and during that time served as an assistant coach for the Badgers hockey team. Upon earning his law degree, he practiced appellate litigation and sports law in Chicago before founding Acme in 1995.

Zito was born on September 16, 1964 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Julie, are the parents of twin daughters, Gigi and Frankie, and son, Billy.



## **BASIL McRAE** **DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL**

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Basil McRae was named the Blue Jackets' director of player personnel on July 6, 2016, rejoining the club after originally serving as a scout in 2013-14.

McRae, who has been a part owner of the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights since 2000, also spent the past two years as alternate governor and general manager of the club. Last season, London captured OHL and Memorial Cup championships. Prior to his original stint in Columbus, McRae served as a scout for

the St. Louis Blues for five seasons.

In addition to nearly two decades of scouting experience, McRae played 16 seasons in the NHL between 1981-96, registering 53 goals and 83 assists for 136 points with 2,457 penalty minutes in 576 games with the Quebec Nordiques, Toronto Maple Leafs, Detroit Red Wings, Minnesota North Stars, Tampa Bay Lightning, St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawks. The Beaverton, Ontario native was a fifth-round pick of Quebec in the 1980 NHL Draft.

He and his wife, Jill, are the parents of son, Philip, and daughters, Alexandra and Abigail.



## **JOSH FLYNN** **DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY ADMINISTRATION**

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Josh Flynn is the director of hockey administration for the Columbus Blue Jackets. He is responsible for assisting in all facets of the hockey operations department, including salary cap management, contract negotiations and research, salary arbitration, statistical research and strategic planning, and he is the club's liaison to the National Hockey League regarding matters pertaining to the NHL-NHLPA collective bargaining agreement.

Flynn joined the Blue Jackets hockey operations department in June 2008 after spending the previous two seasons with KO Sports Agency in Denver, Colorado, where he worked on contract negotiations for several NHL players represented by the agency.

Flynn was born on December 8, 1982 in Toronto, Ontario. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Toronto in 2004 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver in 2007.



## **FREDRIK MODIN** **HOCKEY OPERATIONS ADVISOR**

Former Columbus Blue Jackets forward Fredrik Modin joined the organization as a hockey operations advisor prior to the 2015-16 season.

Modin notched 232-230-462 and 453 penalty minutes in 898 career NHL games with the Blue Jackets, Toronto Maple Leafs, Tampa Bay Lightning, Los Angeles Kings, Atlanta Thrashers and Calgary Flames. He appeared in 176 games with Columbus between 2006-10 and tallied 39-46-85 and 110 penalty minutes while also serving as an alternate captain from 2008-10. He spent six seasons with the Lightning, collecting 145-141-286 and 224 penalty minutes in 445 games from

1999-2006, helping the club capture the franchise's first Stanley Cup in 2004.

Toronto's third pick, 64th overall, in the 1994 Draft, Modin played in two seasons with Brynass IF Gavle in the Swedish Hockey League before beginning his NHL career with the Maple Leafs in 1996-97. He also represented Sweden at various world tournaments, becoming a member of the Triple Gold Club after capturing gold at the 1998 IIHF World Championships and 2006 Olympic Games to go with the Stanley Cup in 2004. Modin also participated at the 2010 Olympics and 1996, 2000 and 2001 IIHF World Championships.

He and his wife, Linda are the parents of son, Jesper, and daughter, Ida. The family resides in Dublin, Ohio.



## **VILLE SIREN** **DIRECTOR OF AMATEUR SCOUTING**

Ville Siren was named director of amateur scouting of the Columbus Blue Jackets on July 6, 2016 after serving as the club's head amateur scout since joining the club on July 8, 2013.

Siren spent nine seasons as a member of the St. Louis Blues scouting staff from 2003-13. During that time, he was instrumental in the club's selection of current NHL players such as Vladimir Tarasenko (1st Rd., 2010), Lars Eller (1st Rd., 2007), Patrik Berglund (1st Rd., 2006), Nikita Nikitin (5th Rd., 2004) and Roman Polak (6th Rd., 2004).

Prior to joining the Blues, he spent the 2002-03 season working with Tampere of the Finnish Elite League and scouted for the Washington Capitals from 1999-2002. A defenseman, Siren was selected by the Hartford Whalers in the second round, 23rd overall, of the 1983 NHL Draft and made his NHL debut with the Pittsburgh Penguins during the 1985-86 season. He went on to register 14 goals and 68 assists for 82 points with 276 penalty minutes in 290 career NHL games with the Penguins and Minnesota North Stars from 1985-90.

He also played nine seasons in Finland, Sweden and Switzerland before retiring in 1999, and represented Finland in numerous international competitions including the 1984 and 1992 Olympic Games, 1987 and 1991 Canada Cup tournaments, 1983 and 1984 World Junior Championships and 1985, 1991 and 1993 World Championships. Siren was born on Feb. 11, 1964 in Tampere, Finland. He is the father of a son, Viktor.



## **JOSEF BOUMEDIENNE** **DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN SCOUTING**

Josef Boumedienne was promoted to director of European scouting on July 6, 2016 after originally joining the Blue Jackets as its European scout on July 8, 2013.

Boumedienne retired from hockey in 2013 following a 17-year playing career in North America and Europe that concluded with HC Slovan Bratislava in the Kontinental Hockey League. After being selected by New Jersey in the fourth round, 91st overall, in the 1996 NHL Draft, he played in the NHL and American Hockey League from 2000-04 and 2007-09, collecting 4-12-16 and 36 penalty minutes in 47 career NHL games with New Jersey, Tampa Bay and Washington

and 33-143-176 and 443 penalty minutes in 295 career AHL games. He also played in Sweden, Finland, Switzerland and Russia during his career and represented Sweden at the 1997 and 1998 World Junior Championships.

Boumedienne was born on Jan. 12, 1978 in Stockholm, Sweden. He and his wife, Petra, are the parents of three sons, Sami, Sascha and Wilson.



## **CHRIS MOREHOUSE** **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AMATEUR SCOUTING**

Chris Morehouse was named assistant director of amateur scouting of the Columbus Blue Jackets on July 6, 2016. He most recently served as a pro scout for the club after originally joining the Jackets' scouting department as an amateur scout in 2013.

Morehouse joined the Blue Jackets after graduating from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick. As a player, Morehouse spent three seasons with the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League from 2005-08. He played professionally for two seasons in the ECHL and Central Hockey League from 2009-11 before playing

two seasons and earning his degree at St. Thomas.

Morehouse is a native of Saint John, New Brunswick. He currently lives in Canton, Michigan with his wife, Ashley, their son, Judson, and their two dogs.

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2017 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Patrick, Nolan	6' 2"	199	Center	Brandon	WHL
2	2	Hischier, Nico	6' 2"	179	Center	Halifax	QMJHL
3	5	Mittelstadt, Casey	6' 0"	199	Center	Eden Prairie	High-MN
4	3	Vilardi, Gabriel	6' 3"	203	Center	Windsor	OHL
5	6	Rasmussen, Michael	6' 6"	221	Center	Tri-City	WHL
6	8	Glass, Cody	6' 2"	178	Center	Portland	WHL
7	4	Tippett, Owen	6' 0"	203	Right Wing	Mississauga	OHL
8	7	Tolvanen, Eeli	5' 10"	189	Right Wing	Sioux City	USHL
9	10	Makar, Cale	5' 11"	187	Defenseman	Brooks	AJHL
10	16	Suzuki, Nick	5' 11"	183	Center	Owen Sound	OHL
11	9	Valimaki, Juuso	6' 2"	211	Defenseman	Tri-City	WHL
12	12	Foote, Callan	6' 4"	215	Defenseman	Kelowna	WHL
13	14	Poehling, Ryan	6' 2"	177	Center	St. Cloud State	NCHC
14	34	Robertson, Jason	6' 2"	196	Left Wing	Kingston	OHL
15	20	Ratcliffe, Isaac	6' 6"	200	Left Wing	Guelph	OHL
16	13	Bowers, Shane	6' 2"	178	Center	Waterloo	USHL
17	17	Yamamoto, Kailer	5' 8"	146	Right Wing	Spokane	WHL
18	26	Timmins, Conor	6' 2"	184	Defenseman	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL
19	22	Jokiharju, Henri	6' 0"	188	Defenseman	Portland	WHL
20	11	Hague, Nicolas	6' 6"	207	Defenseman	Mississauga	OHL
21	40	Anderson-Dolan, Jaret	5' 11"	191	Center	Spokane	WHL
22	28	Thomas, Robert	6' 0"	193	Center	London	OHL
23	21	Lind, Kole	6' 1"	185	Right Wing	Kelowna	WHL
24	30	Mismash, Grant	6' 0"	181	Left Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
25	25	Henry, Nick	5' 11"	190	Right Wing	Regina	WHL
26	36	Heponiemi, Aleksi	5' 10"	149	Center	Swift Current	WHL
27	42	Joseph, Pierre-Olivier	6' 2"	163	Defenseman	Charlottetown	QMJHL
28	18	Popugaev, Nikita	6' 5"	219	Left Wing	Prince George	WHL
29	24	Formenton, Alex	6' 2"	166	Left Wing	London	OHL
30	15	Comtois, Maxime	6' 2"	207	Left Wing	Victoriaville	QMJHL
31	29	Frost, Morgan	5' 11"	173	Center	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL
32	57	Rasanen, Eemeli	6' 7"	214	Defenseman	Kingston	OHL
33	19	Strome, Matthew	6' 4"	207	Left Wing	Hamilton	OHL
34	46	Norris, Joshua	6' 0"	189	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
35	45	Mitchell, Ian	5' 11"	173	Defenseman	Spruce Grove	AJHL
36	37	Lodnia, Ivan	5' 10"	176	Right Wing	Erie	OHL
37	27	Ruzicka, Adam	6' 4"	209	Center	Sarnia	OHL
38	23	Mattheos, Stelio	6' 0"	189	Right Wing	Brandon	WHL
39	60	Gadjovich, Jonah	6' 1"	199	Left Wing	Owen Sound	OHL
40	47	Reedy, Scott	6' 1"	201	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
41	33	Tyszka, Jarret	6' 2"	188	Defenseman	Seattle	WHL
42	31	Leschyshyn, Jake	5' 11"	189	Center	Regina	WHL
43	38	Chmelevski, Alexander	5' 11"	179	Center	Ottawa	OHL
44	35	Entwistle, Mackenzie	6' 2"	171	Right Wing	Hamilton	OHL
45	50	Geekie, Morgan	6' 2"	190	Center	Tri-City	WHL
46	52	Farrance, David	5' 11"	195	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
47	32	Schnarr, Nate	6' 3"	180	Center	Guelph	OHL
48	53	Lyle, Brady	6' 1"	203	Defenseman	North Bay	OHL
49	75	Brook, Josh	6' 1"	191	Defenseman	Moose Jaw	WHL
50	62	Phillips, Markus	6' 0"	202	Defenseman	Owen Sound	OHL

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Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51	56	Anderson, Michael	5' 11"	197	Defenseman	Waterloo	USHL
52	70	Zablocki, Lane	5' 11"	179	Right Wing	Red Deer	WHL
53	54	Morand, Antoine	5' 10"	175	Center	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL
54	76	Gildon, Maxwell	6' 3"	192	Defenseman	Usa U-18	NTDP
55	63	Shaw, Mason	5' 8"	173	Center	Medicine Hat	WHL
56	58	Olson, Kyle	5' 10"	161	Right Wing	Tri-City	WHL
57	78	Rathbone, Jack	5' 10"	172	Defenseman	Dexter School	High-MA
58	49	Minulin, Artyom	6' 2"	197	Defenseman	Swift Current	WHL
59	105	Lewis, Ty	5' 11"	177	Left Wing	Brandon	WHL
60	65	Walsh, Reilly	5' 11"	184	Defenseman	Proctor Academy	High-NH
61	67	Martin, Luke	6' 2"	221	Defenseman	Michigan	Big10
62	74	Fleury, Cale	6' 2"	199	Defenseman	Kootenay	WHL
63	48	Mirageas, Benjamin	6' 1"	171	Defenseman	Chicago	USHL
64	71	Gallant, Zach	6' 1"	198	Center	Peterborough	OHL
65	55	Barratt, Evan	5' 11"	182	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
66	185	Maksimov, Kirill	6' 2"	192	Right Wing	Niagara	OHL
67	43	Samberg, Dylan	6' 3"	211	Defenseman	Hermantown	High-MN
68	64	Inamoto, Tyler	6' 1"	192	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
69	122	Samorukov, Dmitri	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Guelph	OHL
70	138	Steenbergen, Tyler	5' 10"	188	Center	Swift Current	WHL
71	51	Chekhovich, Ivan	5' 10"	177	Left Wing	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL
72	73	Sushko, Maksim	6' 0"	181	Right Wing	Owen Sound	OHL
73	111	Campoli, Nick	5' 11"	190	Center	North York	OJHL
74	165	Kellenberger, Matthew	6' 0"	172	Defenseman	Oakville	OJHL
75	41	Hoefenmayer, Noel	6' 0"	191	Defenseman	Ottawa	OHL
76	66	Crete-Belzile, Antoine	6' 0"	186	Defenseman	Blainville-Boisbriand	QMJHL
77	84	Coghan, Dylan	6' 2"	189	Defenseman	Tri-City	WHL
78	107	Ferraro, Mario	5' 11"	185	Defenseman	Des Moines	USHL
79	106	Knoepke, Nathan	6' 3"	196	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
80		Pastujov, Michael	6' 0"	190	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
81	61	Miller, Thomas	6' 1"	185	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
82	91	Bellerive, Jordan	5' 10"	196	Center	Lethbridge	WHL
83	44	Koltygin, Pavel	6' 0"	189	Center	Drummondville	QMJHL
84	77	Teasdale, Joel	5' 11"	192	Left Wing	Blainville-Boisbriand	Qmjhl
85	101	Misley, Bryce	6' 1"	185	Center	Oakville	OJHL
86	87	Peckford, Ryan	6' 0"	185	Left Wing	Victoria	WHL
87	109	De Jong, Brendan	6' 5"	192	Defenseman	Portland	WHL
88	108	Stucker, Robbie	6' 3"	178	Defenseman	St. Thomas	High-MN
89	68	Crotty, Cameron	6' 2"	186	Defenseman	Brockville	CCHL
90	153	Walford, Scott	6' 2"	193	Defenseman	Victoria	WHL
91	148	Hancock, Kevin	5' 11"	182	Left Wing	Owen Sound	OHL
92	89	Kotkansalo, Kasper	6' 2"	196	Defenseman	Sioux Falls	Ushl
93	39	Meireles, Greg	5' 10"	172	Center	Kitchener	OHL
94	69	Binner, Alexis	6' 3"	209	Defenseman	Green Bay	USHL
95	199	Yeryomenko, Vladislav	6' 0"	171	Defenseman	Calgary	WHL
96	59	Thilander, Adam	6' 0"	190	Defenseman	North Bay	OHL
97	118	Johnson, Isaac	6' 2"	180	Left Wing	Des Moines	USHL
98	88	Barron, Morgan	6' 2"	200	Center	St. Andrews College	High-ON
99	72	Phillips, Clayton	5' 10"	180	Defenseman	Fargo	USHL
100	102	Nyman, Linus	5' 9"	158	Right Wing	Kingston	OHL

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Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Kostin, Klim	6' 2"	207	Left Wing/Center	Dynamo Moscow	Russia
2	2	Pettersson, Elias	6' 2"	165	Center	Timra	Sweden-2
3	3	Andersson, Lias	5' 11"	201	Center	Hv 71	Sweden
4	6	Heiskanen, Miro	6' 1"	172	Defenseman	Hifk	Finland
5	5	Necas, Martin	6' 1"	178	Center	Brno	Czrep
6	7	Liljegren, Timothy	6' 0"	188	Defenseman	Rogle	Sweden
7	4	Vesalainen, Kristian	6' 4"	209	Left Wing/Right Wing	Frolunda	Sweden
8	8	Vaakanainen, Urho	6' 1"	188	Defenseman	Jyp	Finland
9	16	Brannstrom, Erik	5' 9"	179	Defenseman	Hv 71	Sweden
10	11	Boqvist, Jesper	5' 11"	165	Center	Brynas	Sweden
11	15	Chytil, Filip	6' 2"	192	Center	Zlin	Czrep
12	12	Davidsson, Marcus	6' 0"	191	Center	Djurgarden	Sweden
13	18	Lipanov, Alexei	6' 0"	169	Center	Balashikha	Russia-2
14	9	Safin, Ostap	6' 5"	192	Right Wing	Sparta Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
15	10	Westerlund, Filip	5' 11"	174	Defenseman	Frolunda	Sweden
16	39	Texier, Alexandre	6' 0"	187	Center	Grenoble	France
17	13	Ikonen, Joni	5' 11"	177	Center	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
18	19	Elvenes, Lucas	6' 0"	172	Right Wing/Center	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
19	14	Rondbjerg, Jonas	6' 2"	194	Right Wing	Vaxjo Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
20	17	Salo, Robin	6' 1"	189	Defenseman	Sport	Finland
21	63	Toropchenko, Alexey	6' 3"	187	Right Wing	Mvd Balashikha 2	Russia-Jr.
22	79	Shen, Pavel	6' 1"	183	Center	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
23	28	Slepets, Kirill	5' 10"	165	Left Wing	Yaroslavl 2	Russia-Jr.
24	21	Hugg, Rickard	5' 10"	179	Center	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
25	32	Lindstrom, Gustav	6' 2"	187	Defenseman	Almtuna	Sweden-2
26	20	Galvas, Jakub	5' 11"	161	Defenseman	Olomouc	Czrep
27	67	Volkov, Alexander	6' 1"	191	Right Wing	Ska St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
28	35	Altybarmakyan, Andrei	5' 11"	183	Right Wing	Lvy St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
29	23	Skorikov, Daniil	6' 4"	188	Right Wing	Ufa 2	Russia-Jr.
30	46	Geisser, Tobias	6' 4"	200	Defenseman	Zug Academy	Swiss-2
31	22	Kvasnicka, David	5' 9"	172	Defenseman	Plzen	Czrep
32	24	Dvorak, Jaroslav	6' 0"	176	Right Wing	Hr. Kralove Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
33	71	Rodionychyev, Dmitry	6' 4"	216	Defenseman	Nizhny Novgorod	Russia
34	49	Yelshansky, Pavel	6' 2"	196	Defenseman	Dynamo St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
35	25	Shutov, Gleb	6' 2"	176	Defenseman	Omsk 2	Russia-Jr.
36	62	Asplund, Jonatan	6' 3"	180	Defenseman	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
37	27	Baranov, Venyamin	6' 1"	198	Defenseman	Dynamo St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
38	29	Afonkin, Grigory	6' 3"	185	Defenseman	Magnitogorsk 2	Russia-Jr.
39	30	Novak, Matej	6' 0"	172	Right Wing	Brno Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
40	92	Zetterlund, Fabian	5' 11"	195	Left Wing/Right Wing	Farjestad Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
41	68	Latvala, Otto	6' 5"	189	Defenseman	Hpk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
42	33	Bemstrom, Emil	5' 11"	177	Center	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
43	34	Pavlikov, Mark	5' 11"	170	Defenseman	Yaroslavl 2	Russia-Jr.
44	66	Sjalin, Calle	6' 1"	179	Defenseman	Ostersund	Sweden-3
45	36	Kern, Jan	5' 10"	178	Left Wing	Sparta Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
46		Kurovsky, Daniel	6' 4"	198	Right Wing	Vitkovice	Czrep
47	37	Chrtek, Ondrej	6' 0"	165	Center	Liberec U18	Czrep-Jr. U18
48		Svetlakov, Andrei	6' 0"	202	Center	Cska	Russia
49	59	Hladonik, Jan	5' 9"	161	Center	Trinec Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
50		Lakatos, Dominik	6' 0"	178	Center	Liberec	Czrep

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Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51	43	Salda, Radim	6' 1"	176	Defenseman	Hr. Kralove Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
52	48	Lacka, Jakub	5' 11"	176	Left Wing	Trinec Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
53	38	Kubik, Adam	6' 0"	165	Center	Kladno	Czrep-2
54		Virtanen, Santeri	6' 2"	194	Center	Tps Jr.	Finland-Jr.
55	69	Miketinac, Kalle	5' 11"	183	Center	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
56		Vovchenko, Daniil	5' 10"	172	Right Wing	Cherepovets	Russia
57		Olund, Linus	5' 11"	185	Center	Brynas	Sweden
58	87	Talvitie, Aarne	5' 10"	198	Center	Blues Jr.	Finland-Jr.
59	44	Zotov, Kirill	6' 1"	187	Defenseman	Magnitogorsk 2	Russia-Jr.
60	45	Oskin, Alexander	6' 3"	185	Right Wing	Ufa 2	Russia-Jr.
61	47	Lisin, Ivan	6' 3"	200	Center	Loko-Junior Yaroslav	Russia Jr. 2
62		Walli Walterholm, Erik	6' 1"	179	Right Wing	Djurgarden U18	Swe-Jr. U18
63	26	Koskenkorva, Jesse	6' 0"	177	Center	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
64		Pavlenko, Alexander	6' 2"	194	Right Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.
65	52	Sveningsson, Filip	6' 0"	180	Left Wing	Hv 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
66	42	Soderlund, Tim	5' 9"	163	Left Wing/Center	Skelleftea	Sweden
67	64	Lindgren, William	6' 4"	209	Defenseman	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
68	54	Vybiral, Vladimir	6' 1"	183	Left Wing	L. Mikulas	Slovakia
69	72	Vaclavek, Jan	6' 0"	176	Left Wing	Zlin Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
70	51	Mikyska, Dalimil	6' 1"	200	Defenseman	Brno Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
71	60	Bodak, Martin	6' 1"	194	Defenseman	Tappara Jr.	Finland-Jr.
72	55	Pour, Jakub	6' 3"	187	Right Wing	Plzen Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
73	75	Luusuaniemi, Aatu	6' 1"	196	Right Wing	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
74	56	Marushev, Maxim	6' 0"	176	Center	Irbis Kazan	Russia-Jr.
75	86	Hrehorcak, Patrik	5' 10"	178	Right Wing	Trinec Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
76	73	Zelingr, Matyas	6' 3"	190	Defenseman	Kladno Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
77	57	Skvrne, Marek	6' 0"	172	Right Wing	Brno Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
78	58	Anokhovskiy, Nikita	6' 0"	187	Center	Yaroslavl 2	Russia-Jr.
79		Haudum, Lukas	6' 0"	183	Center	Malmo	Sweden
80		Belyayev, Alexander	6' 1"	180	Left Wing	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
81		Voronkov, Pavel	6' 0"	180	Left Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.
82	50	Hedera, Tomas	6' 1"	194	Defenseman	Bratislava Jr.	Slovakia-Jr.
83	106	Luostarinen, Eetu	6' 2"	178	Center	Kalpa	Finland
84	105	Krivosik, Filip	6' 4"	213	Left Wing/Center	Hpk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
85	78	Korhonen, Juho	5' 9"	167	Defenseman	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
86	96	Luoto, Joonas	6' 2"	185	Right Wing	Tappara	Finland
87	83	Gustavsson, Lucas	6' 2"	191	Defenseman	Brynas Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
88	113	Peterson, Jacob	6' 0"	165	Center	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
89		Belotsky, Artyom	6' 1"	165	Center	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.
90	65	Popov, Kirill	6' 0"	172	Center	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
91	99	Korencik, Marek	6' 2"	194	Defenseman	Lulea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
92	70	Zholobov, Mikhail	6' 0"	169	Left Wing	Spartak 2	Russia-Jr.
93	74	Belyayev, Kirill	6' 2"	218	Center	Khanty-Mansiysk	Russia
94	89	Leuenberger, Sven	5' 10"	187	Center	Zug Jr.	Swiss-Jr.
95	94	Wia, William	5' 11"	163	Right Wing	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
96	76	Kozhevnikov, Kirill	6' 2"	205	Left Wing/Right Wing	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
97	84	Leufvenius, Hugo	6' 3"	218	Left Wing/Center	Linkoping Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
98	77	Wojnar, Jakub	6' 1"	185	Left Wing	Sparta Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
99	115	Gatz Nielsen, Oliver	6' 1"	207	Defenseman	Herning	Denmark
100	80	Ivashov, Roman	6' 1"	187	Left Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2017 TOP GOALTENDERS

## NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 15 NORTH AMERICAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	3	Oettinger, Jake	6' 4"	218	Goalie	Boston University	H-East
2	1	Petruzzelli, Keith	6' 5"	174	Goalie	Muskegon	USHL
3	2	Scott, Ian	6' 3"	169	Goalie	Prince Albert	WHL
4	7	Dipietro, Michael	6' 0"	202	Goalie	Windsor	OHL
5	9	Skinner, Stuart	6' 3"	200	Goalie	Lethbridge	WHL
6	6	Rasmussen, Dayton	6' 0"	198	Goalie	Chicago	USHL
7	4	Primeau, Cayden	6' 2"	186	Goalie	Lincoln	USHL
8	17	Ferguson, Dylan	6' 1"	189	Goalie	Kamloops	WHL
9	5	Zhukov, Maksim	6' 2"	194	Goalie	Green Bay	USHL
10	16	Baribeau, Dereck	6' 5"	191	Goalie	Quebec	QMJHL
11	10	Keyser, Kyle	6' 2"	182	Goalie	Oshawa	OHL
12	18	Swayman, Jeremy	6' 2"	187	Goalie	Sioux Falls	USHL
13	8	D'orio, Alex	6' 3"	204	Goalie	Saint John	QMJHL
14	13	Vomacka, Tomas	6' 3"	165	Goalie	Corpus Christi	NAHL
15	11	Hollett, Jordan	6' 4"	194	Goalie	Regina	WHL

## NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 14 EUROPEAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka	6' 4"	198	Goalie	Hpk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
2	2	Eriksson Ek, Olle	6' 2"	178	Goalie	Farjestad Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
3		Ahman, Adam	6' 0"	163	Goalie	Hv 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
4	6	Patera, Jiri	6' 2"	209	Goalie	C. Budejovice Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
5		Ustimenko, Kirill	6' 3"	187	Goalie	Dynamo St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
6	9	Lehtinen, Lassi	5' 11"	169	Goalie	Lukko Jr.	Finland-Jr.
7	4	Samoilov, Alexander	6' 2"	178	Goalie	Cska 2	Russia-Jr.
8	5	Soderblom, Arvid	6' 2"	177	Goalie	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
9	7	Makiniemi, Eetu	6' 2"	176	Goalie	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
10	3	Tarasov, Daniil	6' 4"	180	Goalie	Ufa 2	Russia-Jr.
11		Ritz, Matteo	6' 3"	198	Goalie	Lausanne Jr.	Swiss-Jr.
12	10	Sklenar, Juraj	6' 1"	172	Goalie	Slovakia U18	Slovakia-Jr.
13		Ovecka, Juraj	6' 4"	200	Goalie	Slovakia U18	Slovakia-Jr.
14	8	Beck, Benjamin	6' 7"	216	Goalie	Ec Salzburg U18	Rbhrc U18

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROSPECT RANKINGS

## ISS HOCKEY (MAY 2017)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2016-17 Statistics
1	Nolan Patrick	Center	CAN	Brandon (WHL)	33 GP, 20-26-46, 36 PIM
2	Nico Hischier	Center	SUI	Halifax (QMJHL)	57 GP, 38-48-86, 24 PIM
3	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	49 GP, 29-32-61, 12 PIM
4	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	60 GP, 44-31-75, 36 PIM
5	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	FIN	HIFK (Liiga)	37 GP, 5-5-10, 4 PIM
6	Cody Glass	Center	CAN	Portland (WHL)	69 GP, 32-62-94, 36 PIM
7	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	USA	Green Bay (USHL)	24 GP, 13-17-30, 2 PIM
8	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	SWE	Rogle (SHL)	19 GP, 1-4-5, 4 PIM
9	Michael Rasmussen	Center	CAN	Tri-City (WHL)	50 GP, 32-23-55, 50 PIM
10	Cale Makar	Defenseman	CAN	Brooks (AJHL)	54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM
11	Nick Suzuki	Center	CAN	Owen Sound (OHL)	65 GP, 45-51-96, 10 PIM
12	Callan Foote	Defenseman	USA	Kelowna (WHL)	71 GP, 6-51-57, 41 PIM
13	Martin Necas	Right Wing	CZE	Brno (Czech)	41 GP, 7-8-15, 6 PIM
14	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	FIN	Tri-City (WHL)	60 GP, 19-42-61, 34 PIM
15	Ryan Poehling	Center	USA	St. Cloud State (NCHC)	35 GP, 7-6-13, 12 PIM
16	Klim Kostin	Center	RUS	Dynamo (KHL)	8 GP, 0-0-0, 27 PIM
17	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	FIN	Sioux City (USHL)	52 GP, 30-24-54, 26 PIM
18	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	65 GP, 18-28-46, 107 PIM
19	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	FIN	Frolunda (SHL)	26 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
20	Elias Pettersson	Center	SWE	Timra (Allsvenskan)	43 GP, 19-22-41, 14 PIM
21	Robert Thomas	Center	CAN	London (OHL)	66 GP, 16-50-66, 26 PIM
22	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	CAN	Guelph (OHL)	67 GP, 28-26-54, 65 PIM
23	Joshua Norris	Center	USA	USA U18 (NTDP)	52 GP, 23-28-51, 34 PIM
24	Kole Lind	Center	CAN	Kelowna (WHL)	70 GP, 30-57-87, 79 PIM
25	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	42 GP, 9-10-19, 18 PIM
26	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	USA	Spokane (WHL)	65 GP, 42-57-99, 46 PIM
27	Shane Bowers	Center	CAN	Waterloo (USHL)	60 GP, 22-29-51, 20 PIM
28	Conor Timmins	Defenseman	CAN	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	67 GP, 7-54-61, 69 PIM
29	Henri Jokiharju	Defenseman	FIN	Portland (WHL)	71 GP, 9-39-488, 38 PIM
30	Maxime Comtois	Left Wing	CAN	Victoriaville (QMJHL)	64 GP, 22-29-51, 88 PIM

## FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS (JUNE 2017)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2016-17 Statistics
1	Nolan Patrick	Center	CAN	Brandon (WHL)	33 GP, 20-26-46, 36 PIM
2	Nico Hischier	Center	SUI	Halifax (QMJHL)	57 GP, 38-48-86, 24 PIM
3	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	FIN	HIFK (Liiga)	37 GP, 5-5-10, 4 PIM
4	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	49 GP, 29-32-61, 12 PIM
5	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	USA	Green Bay (USHL)	24 GP, 13-17-30, 2 PIM
6	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	60 GP, 44-31-75, 36 PIM
7	Cale Makar	Defenseman	CAN	Brooks (AJHL)	54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM
8	Elias Pettersson	Center	SWE	Timra (Allsvenskan)	43 GP, 19-22-41, 14 PIM
9	Martin Necas	Right Wing	CZE	Brno (Czech)	41 GP, 7-8-15, 6 PIM
10	Cody Glass	Center	CAN	Portland (WHL)	69 GP, 32-62-94, 36 PIM
11	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	FIN	Sioux City (USHL)	52 GP, 30-24-54, 26 PIM
12	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	FIN	Tri-City (WHL)	60 GP, 19-42-61, 34 PIM
13	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	42 GP, 9-10-19, 18 PIM
14	Klim Kostin	Center	RUS	Dynamo (KHL)	8 GP, 0-0-0, 27 PIM
15	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	USA	Spokane (WHL)	65 GP, 42-57-99, 46 PIM
16	Michael Rasmussen	Center	CAN	Tri-City (WHL)	50 GP, 32-23-55, 50 PIM
17	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	FIN	Frolunda (SHL)	26 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
18	Erik Brannstrom	Defenseman	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	35 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
19	Nick Suzuki	Center	CAN	Owen Sound (OHL)	65 GP, 45-51-96, 10 PIM
20	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	65 GP, 18-28-46, 107 PIM
21	Ryan Poehling	Center	USA	St. Cloud State (NCHC)	35 GP, 7-6-13, 12 PIM
22	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	SWE	Rogle (SHL)	19 GP, 1-4-5, 4 PIM
23	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	CAN	Guelph (OHL)	67 GP, 28-26-54, 65 PIM
24	Maxime Comtois	Left Wing	CAN	Victoriaville (QMJHL)	64 GP, 22-29-51, 88 PIM
25	Callan Foote	Defenseman	USA	Kelowna (WHL)	71 GP, 6-51-57, 41 PIM
26	Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	USA	Boston U (NCAA)	35 GP, 2.11 GAA, .927 SV%
27	Jason Robertson	Left Wing	CAN	Kingston (OHL)	68 GP, 42-39-81, 29 PIM
28	Michael DiPietro	Goaltender	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	51 GP, 2.35 GAA, .917 SV%
29	Matthew Strome	Left Wing	CAN	Hamilton (OHL)	66 GP, 34-28-62, 62 PIM
30	Urho Vaakanainen	Defenseman	FIN	JYP (Liiga)	41 GP, 2-4-6, 12 PIM

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROSPECT RANKINGS

## McKEEN'S HOCKEY (JUNE 2017)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Nolan Patrick	Center	CAN	Brandon (WHL)	33 GP, 20-26-46, 36 PIM
2	Nico Hischier	Center	SUI	Halifax (QMJHL)	57 GP, 38-48-86, 24 PIM
3	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	FIN	HIFK (Liiga)	37 GP, 5-5-10, 4 PIM
4	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	49 GP, 29-32-61, 12 PIM
5	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	USA	Green Bay (USHL)	24 GP, 13-17-30, 2 PIM
6	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	60 GP, 44-31-75, 36 PIM
7	Cale Makar	Defenseman	CAN	Brooks (AJHL)	54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM
8	Cody Glass	Center	CAN	Portland (WHL)	69 GP, 32-62-94, 36 PIM
9	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	FIN	Frolunda (SHL)	26 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
10	Michael Rasmussen	Center	CAN	Tri-City (WHL)	50 GP, 32-23-55, 50 PIM
11	Elias Pettersson	Center	SWE	Timra (Allsvenskan)	43 GP, 19-22-41, 14 PIM
12	Martin Necas	Right Wing	CZE	Brno (Czech)	41 GP, 7-8-15, 6 PIM
13	Urho Vaakanainen	Defenseman	FIN	JYP (Liiga)	41 GP, 2-4-6, 12 PIM
14	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	FIN	Tri-City (WHL)	60 GP, 19-42-61, 34 PIM
15	Robert Thomas	Center	CAN	London (OHL)	66 GP, 16-50-66, 26 PIM
16	Nick Suzuki	Center	CAN	Owen Sound (OHL)	65 GP, 45-51-96, 10 PIM
17	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	42 GP, 9-10-19, 18 PIM
18	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	CAN	Guelph (OHL)	67 GP, 28-26-54, 65 PIM
19	Erik Brannstrom	Defenseman	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	35 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
20	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	SWE	Rogle (SHL)	19 GP, 1-4-5, 4 PIM
21	Klim Kostin	Center	RUS	Dynamo (KHL)	8 GP, 0-0-0, 27 PIM
22	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	FIN	Sioux City (USHL)	52 GP, 30-24-54, 26 PIM
23	Conor Timmins	Defenseman	CAN	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	67 GP, 7-54-61, 69 PIM
24	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	USA	Spokane (WHL)	65 GP, 42-57-99, 46 PIM
25	Jason Robertson	Left Wing	CAN	Kingston (OHL)	68 GP, 42-39-81, 29 PIM
26	Ryan Poehling	Center	USA	St. Cloud State (NCHC)	35 GP, 7-6-13, 12 PIM
27	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	65 GP, 18-28-46, 107 PIM
28	Joshua Norris	Center	USA	USA U18 (NTDP)	52 GP, 23-28-51, 34 PIM
29	Shane Bowers	Center	CAN	Waterloo (USHL)	60 GP, 22-29-51, 20 PIM
30	Callan Foote	Defenseman	USA	Kelowna (WHL)	71 GP, 6-51-57, 41 PIM

## TSN (JUNE 2017)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Nico Hischier	Center	SUI	Halifax (QMJHL)	57 GP, 38-48-86, 24 PIM
2	Nolan Patrick	Center	CAN	Brandon (WHL)	33 GP, 20-26-46, 36 PIM
3	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	FIN	HIFK (Liiga)	37 GP, 5-5-10, 4 PIM
4	Cale Makar	Defenseman	CAN	Brooks (AJHL)	54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM
5	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	49 GP, 29-32-61, 12 PIM
6	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	USA	Green Bay (USHL)	24 GP, 13-17-30, 2 PIM
7	Elias Pettersson	Center	SWE	Timra (Allsvenskan)	43 GP, 19-22-41, 14 PIM
8	Cody Glass	Center	CAN	Portland (WHL)	69 GP, 32-62-94, 36 PIM
9	Michael Rasmussen	Center	CAN	Tri-City (WHL)	50 GP, 32-23-55, 50 PIM
10	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	60 GP, 44-31-75, 36 PIM
11	Martin Necas	Right Wing	CZE	Brno (Czech)	41 GP, 7-8-15, 6 PIM
12	Nick Suzuki	Center	CAN	Owen Sound (OHL)	65 GP, 45-51-96, 10 PIM
13	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	42 GP, 9-10-19, 18 PIM
14	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	FIN	Tri-City (WHL)	60 GP, 19-42-61, 34 PIM
15	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	FIN	Frolunda (SHL)	26 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
16	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	SWE	Rogle (SHL)	19 GP, 1-4-5, 4 PIM
17	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	FIN	Sioux City (USHL)	52 GP, 30-24-54, 26 PIM
18	Klim Kostin	Center	RUS	Dynamo (KHL)	8 GP, 0-0-0, 27 PIM
19	Ryan Poehling	Center	USA	St. Cloud State (NCHC)	35 GP, 7-6-13, 12 PIM
20	Callan Foote	Defenseman	USA	Kelowna (WHL)	71 GP, 6-51-57, 41 PIM
21	Robert Thomas	Center	CAN	London (OHL)	66 GP, 16-50-66, 26 PIM
22	Urho Vaakanainen	Defenseman	FIN	JYP (Liiga)	41 GP, 2-4-6, 12 PIM
23	Joshua Norris	Center	USA	USA U18 (NTDP)	52 GP, 23-28-51, 34 PIM
24	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	USA	Spokane (WHL)	65 GP, 42-57-99, 46 PIM
25	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	65 GP, 18-28-46, 107 PIM
26	Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	USA	Boston U (NCAA)	35 GP, 2.11 GAA, .927 SV%
27	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	CAN	Guelph (OHL)	67 GP, 28-26-54, 65 PIM
28	Conor Timmins	Defenseman	CAN	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	67 GP, 7-54-61, 69 PIM
29	Erik Brannstrom	Defenseman	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	35 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
30	Jason Robertson	Left Wing	CAN	Kingston (OHL)	68 GP, 42-39-81, 29 PIM

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Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Nolan Patrick	Center	CAN	Brandon (WHL)	33 GP, 20-26-46, 36 PIM
2	Nico Hischier	Center	SUI	Halifax (QMJHL)	57 GP, 38-48-86, 24 PIM
3	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	CAN	Windsor (OHL)	49 GP, 29-32-61, 12 PIM
4	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	USA	Green Bay (USHL)	24 GP, 13-17-30, 2 PIM
5	Cale Makar	Defenseman	CAN	Brooks (AJHL)	54 GP, 24-51-75, 18 PIM
6	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	FIN	HIFK (Liiga)	37 GP, 5-5-10, 4 PIM
7	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	60 GP, 44-31-75, 36 PIM
8	Michael Rasmussen	Center	CAN	Tri-City (WHL)	50 GP, 32-23-55, 50 PIM
9	Elias Pettersson	Center	SWE	Timra (Allsvenskan)	43 GP, 19-22-41, 14 PIM
10	Cody Glass	Center	CAN	Portland (WHL)	69 GP, 32-62-94, 36 PIM
11	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	FIN	Sioux City (USHL)	52 GP, 30-24-54, 26 PIM
12	Martin Necas	Right Wing	CZE	Brno (Czech)	41 GP, 7-8-15, 6 PIM
13	Nick Suzuki	Center	CAN	Owen Sound (OHL)	65 GP, 45-51-96, 10 PIM
14	Klim Kostin	Center	RUS	Dynamo (KHL)	8 GP, 0-0-0, 27 PIM
15	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	SWE	Rogle (SHL)	19 GP, 1-4-5, 4 PIM
16	Callan Foote	Defenseman	USA	Kelowna (WHL)	71 GP, 6-51-57, 41 PIM
17	Ryan Poehling	Center	USA	St. Cloud State (NCHC)	35 GP, 7-6-13, 12 PIM
18	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	FIN	Tri-City (WHL)	60 GP, 19-42-61, 34 PIM
19	Maxime Comtois	Left Wing	CAN	Victoriaville (QMJHL)	64 GP, 22-29-51, 88 PIM
20	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	CAN	Guelph (OHL)	67 GP, 28-26-54, 65 PIM
21	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	FIN	Frolunda (SHL)	26 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
22	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	65 GP, 18-28-46, 107 PIM
23	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	42 GP, 9-10-19, 18 PIM
24	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	USA	Spokane (WHL)	65 GP, 42-57-99, 46 PIM
25	Robert Thomas	Center	CAN	London (OHL)	66 GP, 16-50-66, 26 PIM
26	Pierre-Olivier Joseph	Defenseman	CAN	Charlottetown (QMJHL)	
27	Kole Lind	Center	CAN	Kelowna (WHL)	70 GP, 30-57-87, 79 PIM
28	Erik Brannstrom	Defenseman	SWE	HV71 (SHL)	35 GP, 1-5-6, 2 PIM
29	Urho Vaakanainen	Defenseman	FIN	JYP (Liiga)	41 GP, 2-4-6, 12 PIM
30	Shane Bowers	Center	CAN	Waterloo (USHL)	60 GP, 22-29-51, 20 PIM

## RANKINGS RECAP

Rank	Player	Position	ISS	NHL Central	Future	McKeen's	TSN	Hockey	Total
			Top 30	Scouting	Consider.			News	
1	Nolan Patrick	Center	1	1 NA	1	1	2	1	7
2	Nico Hischier	Center	2	2 NA	2	2	1	2	11
3	Gabriel Vilardi	Center	3	4 NA	4	4	5	3	23
4	Miro Heiskanen	Defenseman	5	4 EUR	3	3	3	6	24
5	Casey Mittelstadt	Center	7	3 NA	5	5	6	4	30
6	Owen Tippett	Right Wing	4	7 NA	6	6	10	7	40
7	Cale Makar	Defenseman	10	9 NA	7	7	4	5	42
8	Cody Glass	Center	6	6 NA	10	8	8	10	48
9	Michael Rasmussen	Center	9	5 NA	16	10	9	8	57
10	Elias Pettersson	Center	20	2 EUR	8	11	7	9	57
11	Martin Necas	Right Wing	13	5 EUR	9	12	11	12	62
12	Nick Suzuki	Center	11	10 NA	19	16	12	13	81
13	Juuso Valimaki	Defenseman	14	11 NA	12	14	14	18	83
14	Klim Kostin	Center	16	1 EUR	14	21	18	14	84
15	Eeli Tolvanen	Left Wing	17	8 NA	11	22	17	11	86
16	Timothy Liljegren	Defenseman	8	6 EUR	22	20	16	15	87
17	Jake Oettinger	Goaltender	2 G	1 NA Goalie	26		26	32	87
18	Kristian Vesalainen	Left Wing	19	7 EUR	17	9	15	21	88
19	Lias Andersson	Left Wing	25	3 EUR	13	17	13	23	94
20	Urho Vaakanainen	Defenseman		8 EUR	30	13	22	29	102
21	Erik Brannstrom	Defenseman		9 EUR	18	19	29	28	103
22	Ryan Poehling	Center	15	13 NA	21	26	19	17	111
23	Callan Foote	Defenseman	12	12 NA	25	30	20	16	115
24	Isaac Ratcliffe	Left Wing	22	15 NA	23	18	27	20	125
25	Kailer Yamamoto	Right Wing	26	17 NA	15	24	24	24	130
26	Nicolas Hague	Defenseman	18	20 NA	20	27	25	22	132
27	Robert Thomas	Center	21	22 NA	33	15	21	25	137
28	Jason Robertson	Left Wing		14 NA	27	25	30	51	147
29	Shane Bowers	Center	27	16 NA	31	29	32	30	165
30	Conor Timmins	Defenseman	28	18 NA	44	23	28	38	198

# BLUE JACKETS SELECTIONS IN 2017 NHL DRAFT

ROUND	NUMBER OF PICKS*	SELECTION
1	0	
2	0	
3	1	86
4	1	117
5	1	148
6	1	179
7	1	210

May 31, 2017 2017 second round pick transferred to Vancouver as compensation for hiring John Tortorella as head coach in October 2015

June 21, 2017 2017 first round pick traded to Vegas along with 2019 second round pick and forward David Clarkson in exchange for the Golden Knights selecting forward William Karlsson in NHL Expansion Draft

\* Picks as of June 22, 2017

## NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS SELECTIONS

### 86th Overall

D Colton Parayko (2012; St. Louis Blues), LW Joshua Leivo (1011; Toronto Maple Leafs), LW Gino Odjick (1990; Vancouver Canucks), LW Petr Klima (1983; Detroit Red Wings), D Brad Shaw (1982; Detroit Red Wings), F Mark Reeds (1979; St. Louis Blues), LW Stan Jonathan (1975; Boston Bruins)

### 117th Overall

D Caleb Jones (2015; Edmonton Oilers), F Cam Janssen (2002; New Jersey Devils), D Jaroslav Spacek (1998; Florida Panthers), D Adrian Aucoin (1992; Vancouver Canucks), RW Brett Hull (1984; Calgary Flames), LW Perry Anderson (1980; St. Louis Blues)

### 148th Overall

D Nikita Nesterov (2011; Tampa Bay Lightning), LW Matt Martin (2008; New York Islanders), RW Lee Stempniak (2003; St. Louis Blues), RW Andrei Kovalenko (1990; Quebec Nordiques)

### 179th Overall

G Marek Mazanec (2012; Nashville Predators), F Paul Byron (2007; Buffalo Sabres), D Andrew Alberts (2001; Boston Bruins), D Pavel Kubina (1996; Tampa Bay Lightning); D Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre (1995; St. Louis Blues); D Jaroslav Modry (1990; New Jersey Devils); F Brian Noonan (1983; Chicago Blackhawks), F Darryl Sutter (1978; Chicago Blackhawks)

### 210th Overall

LW Henrik Zetterberg (1999; Detroit Red Wings), D Bob Beers (1985; Boston Bruins), F Dave Taylor (1975; Los Angeles Kings)

# 2017 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

## 1ST ROUND

1. New Jersey
2. Philadelphia
3. Dallas
4. Colorado
5. Vancouver
6. Vegas
7. Arizona
8. Buffalo
9. Detroit
10. Florida
11. Los Angeles
12. Carolina
13. Vegas (from WPG)
14. Tampa Bay
15. Vegas (from NYI)
16. Calgary
17. Toronto
18. Boston
19. San Jose
20. St. Louis
21. NY Rangers
22. Edmonton
23. Arizona (from MIN)
24. Winnipeg (from CBJ via VGK)
25. Montreal
26. Chicago
27. St. Louis (from WSH)
28. Ottawa
29. Dallas (from ANA)
30. Nashville
31. Pittsburgh

## 2ND ROUND

32. Colorado
33. Vancouver
34. Vegas
35. Arizona
36. New Jersey
37. Buffalo
38. Detroit
39. Dallas
40. Florida
41. Los Angeles
42. Carolina
43. Winnipeg
44. Philadelphia
45. Vegas (from TBL)
46. NY Islanders
47. Ottawa (from CGY)
48. Tampa Bay (from TOR)
49. New Jersey (from BOS)
50. Anaheim (from SJS via TOR)
51. St. Louis
52. Carolina (from NYR)
53. Boston (from EDM)
54. Buffalo (from MIN)
55. Vancouver (from CBJ)
56. Montreal
57. Chicago
58. Montreal (from WSH)
59. Toronto (from OTT)
60. Anaheim
61. Nashville
62. Carolina (from PIT)

## 3RD ROUND

63. New Jersey (from COL)
64. Vancouver
65. Vegas
66. Florida (from ARI)
67. New Jersey
68. Buffalo
69. Arizona (from DET via SJS)
70. Dallas
71. Detroit (from FLA)
72. Los Angeles
73. Carolina
74. Winnipeg
75. Philadelphia
76. Tampa Bay
77. NY Islanders
78. Arizona (from CGY)
79. Detroit (from TOR)
80. Philadelphia (from BOS)
81. San Jose
82. Edmonton (from STL)
83. Detroit (from NYR)
84. Edmonton
85. Minnesota
86. **COLUMBUS**
87. Montreal
88. Detroit (from CHI via CAR & CHI)
89. Buffalo (from WSH)
90. Chicago (from OTT via CAR)
91. Anaheim
92. Nashville
93. Pittsburgh

## 4TH ROUND

94. Colorado
95. Vancouver
96. Vegas
97. Minnesota (from ARI)
98. New Jersey
99. Buffalo
100. Detroit
101. Dallas
102. NY Rangers (from FLA)
103. Los Angeles
104. Carolina
105. Winnipeg
106. Philadelphia
107. Philadelphia (from TBL)
108. Philadelphia (from NYI)
109. Calgary
110. Toronto
111. Boston
112. Vancouver (from SJS)
113. St. Louis
114. Colorado (from NYR)
115. Edmonton
116. Minnesota
117. **COLUMBUS**
118. Los Angeles (from MTL via DAL)
119. Chicago
120. Washington
121. Ottawa
122. Anaheim
123. New Jersey (from NSH)
124. Toronto (from PIT)

# 2017 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

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## 5TH ROUND

125. Colorado  
126. Edmonton (from VAN)  
127. Vegas  
128. Arizona  
129. New Jersey  
130. St. Louis (from BUF)  
131. Detroit  
132. Dallas  
133. Florida  
134. Los Angeles  
135. Chicago (from CAR)

136. Winnipeg  
137. Philadelphia  
138. Los Angeles (from TBL)  
139. NY Islanders  
140. Calgary  
141. Toronto  
142. Vegas (from BOS via CAR)  
143. San Jose  
144. Chicago (from STL)  
145. NY Rangers  
146. Edmonton

147. Minnesota  
**148. COLUMBUS**  
149. Montreal  
150. Chicago  
151. Washington  
152. Pittsburgh (from OTT)  
153. Anaheim  
154. Nashville  
155. Pittsburgh

## 6TH ROUND

156. Colorado (from COL via SJS)  
157. NY Rangers (from VAN)  
158. Vegas  
159. San Jose (from ARI)  
160. New Jersey  
161. Vegas (from BUF)  
162. Detroit  
163. Dallas  
164. Detroit (from FLA)  
165. Los Angeles  
166. Carolina

167. Winnipeg  
168. Philadelphia  
169. Tampa Bay  
170. Chicago (from NYI)  
171. Calgary  
172. Toronto  
173. Boston  
174. San Jose  
175. St. Louis  
176. Nashville (from NYR)  
177. Edmonton

178. Minnesota  
**179. COLUMBUS**  
180. Tampa Bay (from MTL)  
181. Chicago  
182. Washington  
183. Ottawa  
184. Florida (from ANA)  
185. New Jersey (from NSH)  
186. Pittsburgh

## 7TH ROUND

187. Colorado  
188. Vancouver  
189. Vegas  
190. Arizona  
191. New Jersey  
192. Buffalo  
193. Detroit  
194. Dallas  
195. Boston (from FLA)  
196. Tampa Bay (from LAK)  
197. Carolina

198. Winnipeg  
199. Philadelphia  
200. Philadelphia (from TBL)  
201. NY Islanders  
202. Calgary  
203. Toronto  
204. Boston  
205. San Jose  
206. St. Louis  
207. NY Rangers  
208. Edmonton

209. Minnesota  
**210. COLUMBUS**  
211. Winnipeg (from MTL)  
212. San Jose (from CHI)  
213. Washington  
214. San Jose (from OTT)  
215. Chicago (from ANA)  
216. Nashville  
217. Pittsburgh

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## NOLAN PATRICK

North American Skater - Brandon, WHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	199
BORN:	September 19, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN
BORN IN:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Patrick was named captain of the Brandon Wheat Kings prior to the 2016-17 season and averaged more than a point per game despite missing significant time due to injury (20-26-46 in 33 games played).
- He was awarded the CHL Top Draft Prospect at the conclusion of the 2016-17 season, given to the top eligible prospect for the NHL Draft from the Canadian Hockey League.
- Patrick was named MVP of the 2016 WHL playoffs after helping Brandon win its first championship in 20 years, tying teammate Jayce Hawryluk (FLA; 2nd Rd in 2014) for the league lead in points with 13-17-30 in 21 games.
- Won the WHL Rookie of the Year in 2014-15 after averaging more than a point per game (30-26-56 in 55 games played), pacing all rookies in goals.
- His father, Steve Patrick, played 250 games with the Sabres, Rangers and Nordiques from 1980-86, while his uncle, James Patrick, skated in 1,280 games with the Rangers, Whalers, Flames and Sabres from 1983-2004.
- Internationally, Patrick helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial and captained Canada Red at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"He has more than proven over the last three years that he is the real deal and will be an impact NHL player. The poise, the presence, the attention to detail, the way he processes and executes plays — everything has been far more precise, far more accurate and a lot quicker this season."

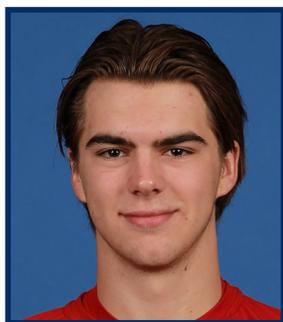
### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Brandon	WHL	3	1	0	1	3	0	9	0	0	0	-2	2
2014-15	Brandon	WHL	55	30	26	56	25	19	19	8	7	15	0	14
2015-16	Brandon	WHL	72	41	61	102	5	41	21	13	17	30	19	16
2016-17	Brandon	WHL	33	20	26	46	9	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>163</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32</b>

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## NICO HISCHIER

North American Skater - Halifax, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	2	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	176
BORN:	January 4, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Naters, SUI
BORN IN:	Naters, SUI		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hischier – who looks to become the highest-drafted Swiss player in NHL history (Nino Niederreiter; fifth overall by NYI in 2010) – led QMJHL rookies with 38-48-86 in 57 games this season and added 3-4-7 in six playoff contests. He was named the QMJHL Rookie of the Year and awarded the Mike Bossy Trophy as the league's Best Professional Prospect.
- His 2016-17 totals include a 3-3-6 performance on Oct. 26 in which he set a Halifax Mooseheads record for points in a game by a rookie.
- Representing Switzerland as a 16-year-old at the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championships, Hischier was the second-youngest player at the event, recording two assists in six games. He paced all 2017 NHL draft-eligible skaters with 4-3-7 in five games at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships.
- Hischier also represented his country at the 2017 Under-18 World Championships where he averaged more than a point per game (1-5-6 in five games played).
- Hischier made his professional hockey debut in 2015-16 at age 16 when he skated in each of the top two leagues in Switzerland, including a 15-game stint alongside his older brother, Luca, with eventual National League A champion SC Bern.
- Playing with Bern's junior team in the 2016 playoffs, Hischier averaged a point per game – including a league-leading eight assists (tied) – to help his team win the championship. He also won a title with the Under-17 team in 2014-15 after pacing all skaters with 28-33-61 during the regular season.
- Compares his style of play to former NHL forward Pavel Datsyuk.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Hischier is definitely worth the price of admission. He has a high skill level, but what's most impressive is the way he competes, his drive and work ethic. He is a player who is first on the forecheck forcing a turnover and when the play transitions, he's the first player back. He's in that category as a special player."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Bern U20	Elite Jr. A	11	1	1	2	n/a	2	10	3	3	6	n/a	0
2015-16	SC Bern	NLA	15	1	0	1	-3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bern U20	Elite Jr. A	18	11	17	28	n/a	6	9	1	8	9	n/a	2
2016-17	Halifax	QMJHL	57	38	48	86	20	24	6	3	4	7	2	0
<b>QMJHL Totals</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NLA Totals</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>Elite Jr. A Totals</b>			<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2</b>

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## CASEY MITTELSTADT

North American Skater - Eden Prairie, High-MN



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	5
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	199
BORN:	November 22, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Eden Prairie, MN, USA
BORN IN:	Edina, MN, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mittelstadt skated for his hometown Eden Prairie High School in 2016-17, leading the team in goals (21), assists (43) and points (64) in 25 games.
- The center also spent time with the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL, averaging more than a point per game with 13-17-30 in 24 games played.
- Mittelstadt was named the winner of Minnesota's Mr. Hockey award in 2016-17 as the top senior high school hockey player in the state. Recent winners who have made an impact in the NHL include Florida Panthers forward Nick Bjugstad (2010), NY Islanders defenseman Nick Leddy (2009) and NY Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh (2007).
- In 2015-16, Mittelstadt split his season between Eden Prairie High School – where he led the team in goals (22), assists (37) and points (59) – and the USA Under-18 National Team Development Program – where he collected 7-6-13 in 13 contests.
- Internationally, Mittelstadt represented Team USA at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka memorial (3-4-7 in four games) and helped his country earn a bronze medal at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (4-5-9 in seven games).
- A dynamic offensive player, Mittelstadt models his style of play after NY Islanders forward John Tavares and Dallas Stars forward Tyler Seguin.
- Committed to University of Minnesota for the 2017-18 season.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Mittelstadt is one of these anomalies that come along every few years [from high school hockey]. We've watched him play against his peers in international tournaments and have seen him play in the USHL and at various camps, and he always makes a difference. It doesn't really matter where he plays because you get the same game from him no matter the environment."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	22	25	47	n/a	4	2	2	1	3	n/a	0
	Team SE	USHS	20	14	14	28	n/a	8	3	2	2	4	n/a	0
2015-16	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	22	37	59	n/a	16	3	6	3	9	n/a	0
	Team SE	USHS	19	14	27	41	n/a	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	USDP	13	7	6	13	n/a	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jrs.	USHL	2	2	0	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	21	43	64	n/a	8	2	1	4	5	n/a	0
	Green Bay	USHL	24	13	17	30	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			26	15	17	32	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHS Totals			114	93	146	239	...	60	10	11	10	21	...	0

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## GABRIEL VILARDI

North American Skater - Windsor, OHL



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	203
BORN:	August 16, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Kingston, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	Kingston, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- As a member of the 2017 Memorial Cup champion Windsor Spitfires, Vilardi recorded 0-7-7 in four games to help Windsor – who hosted the tournament – capture the title for the third time in franchise history.
- Vilardi was one of three Spitfires to be named to the Memorial Cup All-Star team, joining teammates Michael Dipietro (No. 4-ranked N.A. goaltender) and defenseman Mikhail Sergachev (ninth overall by MTL in 2016).
- Vilardi produced at more than a point-per-game pace in the 2016-17 regular season, recording 29-32-61 in 49 games. He led the team in goals and ranked second in assists. He then led Windsor in postseason points during the OHL playoffs with 2-4-6 in a seven-game, first-round series loss to London.
- In 2015-16, Vilardi registered 17-21-38 in the regular season and added 1-3-4 in five games in the playoffs to earn OHL second All-Rookie team honors.
- Vilardi was taken second overall by the Spitfires in the 2015 OHL priority selection after receiving the 2014-15 Hockey Eastern Ontario Player of the Year award for recording 18-21-39 in 21 games with the Cihva Voyageurs.
- Internationally, Vilardi helped Canada White win a gold medal at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (4-3-7 in six games).
- Compares his style of play to NY Islanders forward John Tavares.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

“Vilardi is a high-end possession center with excellent hockey sense and puck-handling ability. He plays a very composed game with the puck, using his vision and playmaking ability to influence the game in all three zones. Vilardi excels below the dots in the offensive zone, where he utilizes his size and reach to control the play and generate scoring opportunities.”

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Windsor	OHL	62	17	21	38	-7	14	5	1	3	4	-4	2
2016-17	Windsor	OHL	49	29	32	61	13	12	7	2	4	6	1	4
OHL Totals			111	46	53	99	6	26	12	3	7	10	-3	6

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## MICHAEL RASMUSSEN

North American Skater - Tri-City, WHL



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 6"	WEIGHT:	221
BORN:	April 17, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Surrey, BC, CAN
BORN IN:	Vancouver, BC, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Rasmussen led the Tri-City Americans with 15 power-play goals in 2016-17, finishing the campaign with 32-23-55 in 50 games.
- He notched a four-goal outing in Tri-City's season opener on Sept. 24, 2016, becoming the first Americans player to score four goals in a game since Brendan Shinnimin on Feb. 26, 2012.
- After being selected seventh overall by the Americans in the 2014 WHL Bantam Draft, Rasmussen led Tri-City rookies in goals (18) and points (43) in 63 games in 2015-16.
- Rasmussen collected 27-23-50 with Okanagan Hockey Academy in 28 games in 2014-15 en route to a Canadian Sport School Hockey League championship.
- Internationally, Rasmussen represented Canada at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (1-3-4 in four games) and Canada Black at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-1-3 in 5 games).
- Compares his style of play to Florida Panthers forward Aleksander Barkov and former NHL forward Mats Sundin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting's John Williams:

"He's playing with much more confidence this season. He's adapted to playing a bigger role and playing heavy minutes against opponents' top lines and defense. The game has slowed down for him a little bit and he's just that much more poised. He can take that extra bit of time and understands he can take that time to make plays and score goals."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Okanagon	CSSHL	28	27	23	50	n/a	36	3	3	5	8	n/a	4
	Tri-City	WHL	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	-1	0
2015-16	Tri-City	WHL	63	18	25	43	4	37	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Tri-City	WHL	50	32	23	55	-13	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>114</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>

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## CODY GLASS

North American Skater - Portland, WHL



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	8
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	178
BORN:	April 1, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN
BORN IN:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Glass was named Co-Most Valuable Player of the Portland Winterhawks in 2016-17 after leading the team and finishing seventh-T in the league in points with 32-62-94 in 69 games, shattering his totals of 10-17-27 in 65 contests from his 2015-16 rookie campaign.
- Glass, who added 4-5-9 in 11 postseason contests, was named a WHL Western Conference First Team All-Star in 2016-17.
- He produced at more than a point-per-game pace in 2014-15, registering 23-32-55 with the Winnipeg Thrashers Midget AAA club in 40 games.
- Internationally, Glass represented Canada Red at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (six games) and Team Canada at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-1-3 in three games).
- Models his style of play after Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Highly skilled center with game-breaker ability – NHL speed and quickness make him a dangerous scoring threat – excellent playmaker with top end puck skills – creates scoring chances almost every shift with his deceptive quickness and smarts."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Winnipeg	MMHL	40	23	32	55	n/a	26	8	2	2	4	n/a	6
	Portland	WHL	3	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Portland	WHL	65	10	17	27	-2	20	4	1	2	3	-5	0
2016-17	Portland	WHL	69	32	62	94	31	36	11	4	5	9	-3	10
WHL Totals			137	42	79	121	29	56	15	5	7	12	-8	10

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## OWEN TIPPETT

North American Skater - Mississauga, OHL



FINAL RANK:	7	MIDTERM RANK:	4
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	203
BORN:	February 16, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Peterborough, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	Peterborough, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tippett led the Steelheads in goals and points – and finished fifth in the OHL in goals – with 44-31-75 in 60 games in 2016-17. He added 10-9-19 in 20 postseason contests before Mississauga fell to Erie in the OHL championship series.
- Drafted fourth overall by Mississauga in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, Tippett was named to the OHL first All-Rookie team in 2015-16 after collecting 15-5-20 in 48 regular-season games and 1-2-3 in seven postseason contests.
- Internationally, he served as an alternate captain for Canada at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (1-1-2 in 4 games). Tippett also was a member of Canada's fourth-place entry at the 2016 Under-18 World Championship (1-2-3 in 7 contests) and helped Canada White to a gold medal at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (5-3-8 in 6 games).
- Tippett models his game after Tampa Bay Lightning forward Steven Stamkos.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"NHL shot and NHL skater – exceptional acceleration and separation speed to pull away – one of the best skaters and shooters in the draft class – prime scoring area is from anywhere inside the offensive zone because of his instant release and heavy, accurate snap shot – great knack for anticipating and recognizing opportunity; all he needs is one chance and the puck is in the back of the net."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Mississauga	OHL	48	15	5	20	-2	10	7	1	2	3	0	4
2016-17	Mississauga	OHL	60	44	31	75	24	36	20	10	9	19	11	14
OHL Totals			108	59	36	95	22	46	27	11	11	22	11	18

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## EELI TOLVANEN

North American Skater - Sioux City, USHL



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	189
BORN:	April 22, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Huhmari, FIN
BORN IN:	Vihti, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tolvanen paced the league-leading Sioux City Musketeers and finished eighth-T in the United States Hockey League in scoring with 30-24-54 in 52 games in 2016-17.
- In the 2016-17 playoffs, he recorded 5-5-10 in 13 contests to help the Musketeers reach the Clark Cup final before falling to the Chicago Steel in Game 5.
- Tolvanen was named a USHL First Team All-Rookie in 2015-16 after finishing sixth in scoring among first-year players with 17-21-38 in 49 games played.
- Internationally, he represented Finland at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships with 2-4-6 in six contests and the 2016 Under-18 World Championships with 7-2-9 in seven games, where he shared the tournament lead in goals en route to a gold medal. Tolvanen was also named to the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge All-Star team after leading the tournament in goals and points with 9-1-10 in five games.
- Tolvanen has announced his commitment to Boston College for the 2017-18 season.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Eeli Tolvanen is one of those players that is always noticeable in a game with his speed, smarts and skills to go along with his work ethic, energy and competitiveness."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Sioux City	USHL	49	17	21	38	-14	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Sioux City	USHL	52	30	24	54	18	26	13	5	5	10	3	6
USHL Totals			101	47	45	92	4	38	13	5	5	10	3	6

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## CALE MAKAR

North American Skater - Brooks, AJHL



<b>FINAL RANK:</b>	9	<b>MIDTERM RANK:</b>	10
<b>POSITION:</b>	Defenseman	<b>SHOOTS:</b>	Right
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	5' 11"	<b>WEIGHT:</b>	187
<b>BORN:</b>	October 30, 1998	<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	Calgary, AB, CAN
<b>BORN IN:</b>	Calgary, AB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Makar paced all Alberta Junior Hockey League defensemen in goals, assists and points with 24-51-75 in 54 games in 2016-17 to help the Bandits clinch first place in the league standings and earn Most Outstanding Defenseman and Most Valuable Player honors. He also became the first player in franchise history to be named Canadian Junior Hockey League Most Valuable Player, chosen among five finalists from the 132 teams that comprise the CJHL.
- In the 2016-17 postseason, Makar averaged more than a point per game with 5-11-16 in 13 games to earn playoff MVP honors and lift the Bandits to a league championship.
- In 2015-16, he collected 10-45-55 in 54 contests in the regular season and 3-11-14 in 13 games in the playoffs to help the Bandits secure the league championship. Makar received AJHL Rookie of the Year honors and was named to the AJHL South All-Star team and All-Rookie team.
- Internationally, Makar served as captain of Canada West at the 2016 World Junior A Challenge, posting 4-4-8 in four games after winning a gold medal in the 2015 installment of the tournament with 1-0-1 in four contests.
- He has committed to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the 2017-18 season.
- Models his style of play after Senators defenseman Erik Karlsson.

### SCOUTING REPORT

**NHL Central Scouting's John Williams:**

"It's his hands and how well he can pass and handle the puck at that speed that really catches your eye. He moves it with great vision and good lateral mobility, which is so important in today's game. It's not just straight-ahead speed, it's being able to create time and space in small areas and he does that exceptionally well."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Calgary Midget	AMHL	34	7	16	23	n/a	14	2	0	0	0	n/a	0
	Brooks	AJHL	3	1	4	5	n/a	4	20	1	6	7	n/a	4
2015-16	Brooks	AJHL	54	10	45	55	n/a	28	13	3	11	14	n/a	0
2016-17	Brooks	AJHL	54	24	51	75	n/a	18	13	5	11	16	n/a	4
<b>AJHL Totals</b>			<b>111</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>8</b>

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## NICK SUZUKI

North American Skater - Owen Sound, OHL



FINAL RANK:	10	MIDTERM RANK:	16
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	183
BORN:	August 10, 1999	HOMETOWN:	London, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	London, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Suzuki ranked second on the Owen Sound Attack and fifth in the Ontario Hockey League with 45-51-96 in 65 games during the 2016-17 regular season and led the team with 8-15-23 in 17 games in the playoffs . He was the recipient of the William Hanley Trophy, awarded annually to the Most Sportsmanlike Player in the OHL.
- After being selected 14th overall in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, Suzuki was named to the OHL first All-Rookie team after leading Owen Sound rookies in goals, assists and points with 20-18-38 in 63 games in 2015-16.
- Suzuki earned Player of the Year honors in 2014-15 after leading the Alliance Hockey League in goals and points with 34-34-68 in 31 games as a member of the London Jr. Knights.
- Internationally, Suzuki represented Canada at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial with 1-2-3 in four games and won a gold medal with Canada White at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (1-3-4 in six contests).
- His brother, Ryan, was selected first overall by the Barrie Colts in the 2017 OHL Priority Selection.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Skilled center with elite hockey sense and vision – smart playmaker who has the ability to drive possession while being able to play all three forward positions – demonstrates an excellent touch around the net and his ability to read the play ensures that he is always in the right position to produce scoring chances for himself and his teammates – competitive and highly intelligent pivot who is able to raise the play of those around him."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Owen Sound	OHL	63	20	18	38	-15	4	6	2	0	2	-6	0
2016-17	Owen Sound	OHL	65	45	51	96	51	10	17	8	15	23	7	10
OHL Totals			128	65	69	134	36	14	23	10	15	25	1	10

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## JUUSO VALIMAKI

North American Skater - Tri-City, WHL



FINAL RANK:	11	MIDTERM RANK:	9
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	211
BORN:	October 6, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Nokia, FIN
BORN IN:	Tampere, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Valimaki was named to the WHL's (West) second All-Star team after tallying 19-42-61 in 60 games with Tri-City in 2016-17. He ranked fourth among WHL blueliners in goals. Along with Islanders prospect Parker Wotherspoon (10-56-66 in 69 games), the Americans were the only team in the WHL to have two defensemen register at least 60 points.
- After being selected 14th overall in the 2015 CHL Import Draft, Valimaki ranked second among Tri-City rookies with 7-25-32 in 56 contests in 2015-16.
- Valimaki won the Heino Pulli award in 2013-14, awarded to the Rookie of the Year in Finland's Under-18 league, after posting 7-26-33 in 44 games with Ilves' Under-18 club. Other notable players to win the award in recent years include Oilers forward Jesse Puljujarvi and Maple Leafs forward Kasper Kapanen.
- Internationally, Valimaki represented Finland at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships, posting 2-0-2 in six games, and helped his country earn a gold medal at the 2016 under-18 world championship (0-2-2 in six games).
- Lists former NHL player and fellow Finland native Teemu Selanne as his childhood hockey idol.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"High-end, dynamic, offensive defenseman – very good skater with speed, quickness and mobility – strong offensive instincts to lead and join the rush – ultra quick transition game – excellent on-ice vision and play-making ability – capable of end-to-end rushes that generate scoring chances."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Ilves U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	44	5	15	20	22	20	10	1	3	4	0	6
2015-16	Tri-City	WHL	56	7	25	32	-1	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Tri-City	WHL	60	19	42	61	2	34	4	0	1	1	-4	8
WHL Totals			116	26	67	93	1	58	4	0	1	1	-4	8
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			44	5	15	20	22	20	10	1	3	4	0	6

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## CALLAN FOOTE

North American Skater - Kelowna, WHL



<b>FINAL RANK:</b>	12	<b>MIDTERM RANK:</b>	12
<b>POSITION:</b>	Defenseman	<b>SHOOTS:</b>	Right
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	6' 4"	<b>WEIGHT:</b>	215
<b>BORN:</b>	December 13, 1998	<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	Kelowna, BC, CAN
<b>BORN IN:</b>	Denver, CO, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Foote led all Kelowna Rockets defensemen in scoring with 6-51-57 in 71 games during the 2016-17 regular season and added 1-6-7 in 14 playoff contests. He ranked second on the club in regular season assists behind forward Kole Lind (57), the No. 23-ranked North American skater.
- He made his WHL debut during the 2015-16 campaign, posting 8-28-36 in 71 games.
- After being selected 43rd overall in the 2013 WHL bantam draft, Foote played two seasons with the Colorado Thunderbirds Under-16 team in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League.
- His father, Adam, is a two-time Stanley Cup champion (1996 and 2001 w/ COL) who patrolled the blueline for 1,154 career NHL games with the Nordiques, Avalanche, and Blue Jackets from 1991-2011.
- Models his style of play after St. Louis Blues defenseman Alex Pietrangelo.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Very smart two-way defenseman – excellent passer with good vision – very good positional defender who uses his size and reach to advantage; hard to beat him one on one – plays against the opposition's top lines as well as on the power play and penalty kill – good puck skills at offensive blue line."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Colorado	T1EHL U16	33	2	12	14	n/a	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
2014-15	Colorado	T1EHL U16	23	4	11	15	n/a	42	4	3	2	5	n/a	2
	Omaha	USHL	2	0	1	1	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Kelowna	WHL	71	8	28	36	16	36	18	1	8	9	-2	12
2016-17	Kelowna	WHL	71	6	51	57	39	41	14	1	6	7	-6	24
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>142</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>T1EHL U16 Totals</b>			<b>56</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2</b>

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## RYAN POEHLING

North American Skater - St. Cloud State, NCHC



FINAL RANK:	13	MIDTERM RANK:	14
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	177
BORN:	January 3, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Lakeville, MN, USA
BORN IN:	Lakeville, MN, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Poehling recorded 7-6-13, including two game-winning goals, in 35 games in his freshman campaign at St. Cloud State in 2016-17.
- Prior to joining St. Cloud State, Poehling starred for Lakeville North High in Minnesota recording 20-34-54 in 25 games in 2015-16 and 14-24-38 in 25 games in 2014-15.
- He completed his studies at Lakeville North High School early, allowing him to enroll and play hockey at St. Cloud State alongside his older twin brothers Jack and Nick.
- Internationally, Poehling won a gold medal with Team USA at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championship (3-2-5 in seven games) and earned a silver medal representing his country at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (4-3-7 in five contests).
- His uncle, Stan Palmer, was drafted 177th overall by the Canadiens in the 1977 NHL Draft.
- Models his style of play after Penguins forward Evgeni Malkin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's David Gregory:

"I think he has great range and has a nice long strong stride. He uses good puck protection and has a long reach. He can be effective in traffic and out of traffic and i like his vision. There is really nice upside with this player."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Lakeville North	USHS	24	11	16	27	n/a	21	3	0	6	6	n/a	0
2014-15	Lakeville North	USHS	25	14	24	38	n/a	12	3	1	8	9	n/a	14
	Team Southeast	USHS	20	3	2	5	n/a	20	3	1	1	2	n/a	0
2015-16	Lakeville North	USHS	25	20	34	54	n/a	10	3	1	7	8	n/a	2
	Team Southeast	USHS	20	6	14	20	n/a	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lincoln	USHL	9	2	2	4	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	St. Cloud State	NCAA	35	7	6	13	-8	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NCAA Totals</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>12</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHS Totals</b>			<b>114</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>16</b>

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## JASON ROBERTSON

North American Skater - Kingston, OHL



FINAL RANK:	14	MIDTERM RANK:	34
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	196
BORN:	July 22, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Northville, MI, USA
BORN IN:	Arcadia, CA, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Robertson led the Frontenacs in goals and points with 42-39-81 in 68 games during the 2016-17 regular season and paced the team with 5-13-18 in 11 playoff contests before Kingston was eliminated by Peterborough in the second round.
- After being selected 62nd overall in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, Robertson led all Frontenacs rookies in goals, assists and points with 18-14-32 in 54 games in 2015-16.
- Robertson registered 28-33-61 in 61 contests with the Greater Toronto Hockey League's Don Mills Flyers during the 2014-15 regular season and added 2-3-5 in seven OHL Cup games before falling to the Toronto Marlboros in the tournament final.
- Models his style of play after Panthers forward Jaromir Jagr and lists former NHL forward Ilya Kovalchuk (Thrashers, Devils) as his childhood hockey idol.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### Future Considerations:

"An opportunistic scoring winger... He reads the game and adapts well but also has games where he becomes too focused on the puck and not the play around him... Has deficiencies in his skating that will need correcting moving forward... Loves to fire the puck and has a strong shot with good accuracy... Dangerous in close... Has the potential to become a goal scorer at the pro level but has some work to do first."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Kingston	OHL	54	18	14	32	5	6	4	1	1	2	1	2
2016-17	Kingston	OHL	68	42	39	81	3	29	11	5	13	18	-1	0
OHL Totals			122	60	53	113	8	35	15	6	14	20	0	2

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## ISAAC RATCLIFFE

North American Skater - Guelph, OHL



FINAL RANK:	15	MIDTERM RANK:	20
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 6"	WEIGHT:	200
BORN:	February 15, 1999	HOMETOWN:	London, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	London, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ratcliffe scored 28-26-54 in 67 games for the Guelph Storm during the 2016-17 regular season, tallying a team-high in goals and finishing second in assists and points.
- After being selected 15th overall by Guelph in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, Ratcliffe produced 5-8-13 in 46 games during his 2015-16 rookie campaign.
- In 2014-15, Ratcliffe recorded 22-27-49 in 32 games with the London Jr. Knights minor-midget team and helped Team Alliance earn a silver medal at the OHL Gold Cup (2-0-2 in two games).
- Internationally, Ratcliffe represented Canada Red at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge and notched two goals while playing for his country at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships.
- Models his style of play after Rangers forward Rick Nash.
- Lists former Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman as his childhood hockey idol.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Big, strong power forward who demonstrates good hockey intelligence and a soft touch around the net – possesses a multi-dimensional skill set where he can make plays on the rush and also use his size, strength and reach to be a threat on the cycle – good puck protection game and strong net-front presence – willing to compete for time and space and capable of finishing in a variety of different ways."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	London	AHMMPL	32	22	27	49	n/a	16	13	6	1	7	n/a	12
2015-16	Guelph	OHL	46	5	8	13	-25	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Guelph	OHL	67	28	26	54	-2	65	...	...	...	...	...	...
OHL Totals			113	33	34	67	-27	89	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## SHANE BOWERS

North American Skater - Waterloo, USHL



FINAL RANK:	16	MIDTERM RANK:	13
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	178
BORN:	July 30, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Halifax, NS, CAN
BORN IN:	Halifax, NS, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Bowers finished 10th-T in the United States Hockey League in scoring with 22-29-51 in 60 games with the Black Hawks during the 2016-17 season en route to being named to the USHL third All-Star team. He also notched 2-1-3 in six postseason contests.
- Bowers was named to the USHL All-Rookie second team after leading Black Hawks rookies and finishing ninth in the USHL among first-year players with 15-18-33 in 56 contests in 2015-16.
- In 2014-15, Bowers earned Most Valuable Player honors after leading the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League in goals and points with 23-29-52 in 31 games as a member of the Halifax McDonald's.
- Internationally, Bowers captained Canada Black at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge and scored a goal in four appearances with Canada at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial.
- Lists fellow Nova Scotia native Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins as his childhood hockey idol.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Greg Rajanen:

"Bowers is a hard-working, smart, two-way player. He's a solid skater with good passing ability. He makes players around him better and has a very good feel for the game. He uses his size well in contact areas."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Waterloo	USHL	56	15	18	33	6	16	9	0	2	2	-1	0
2016-17	Waterloo	USHL	60	22	29	51	14	20	6	2	1	3	2	2
USHL Totals			116	37	47	84	20	36	15	2	3	5	1	2

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## KAILER YAMAMOTO

North American Skater - Spokane, WHL



FINAL RANK:	17	MIDTERM RANK:	17
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 8"	WEIGHT:	146
BORN:	September 29, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Spokane, WA, USA
BORN IN:	Spokane, WA, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Yamamoto led the Chiefs and finished sixth in the Western Hockey League with 42-57-99 in 65 games during the 2016-17 regular season and was named to the WHL (West) second All-Star team.
- After being selected in the fifth round (105th overall) in the 2013 WHL Bantam Draft, Yamamoto finished second among WHL rookies in goals and points with 23-34-57 in 68 games in 2014-15.
- Internationally, Yamamoto helped Team USA earn a silver medal at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-3-6 in six games) and captured bronze at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 World Championships while leading the tournament with seven goals (7-6-13 in seven contests).
- His brother, Keanu, has spent the past four seasons with the Chiefs registering a career high in points with 26-43-69 in 72 games in 2016-17.
- Models his style of play after Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane and Rangers forward Mats Zuccarello.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Dynamic, undersized offensive player with exceptional speed and quickness – led his team in goals, assists and game-winning goals – excellent vision and play-making ability – able to make plays at top speed."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Spokane	WHL	68	23	34	57	12	50	6	2	3	5	-1	6
2015-16	Spokane	WHL	57	19	52	71	20	34	6	1	4	5	0	10
2016-17	Spokane	WHL	65	42	57	99	14	46	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>190</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>16</b>

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## CONOR TIMMINS

North American Skater - Sault Ste. Marie, OHL



FINAL RANK:	18	MIDTERM RANK:	26
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	184
BORN:	September 18, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Thorold, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	St. Catherinies, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Timmins led all Greyhounds defensemen with 7-54-61 in 67 games during the 2016-17 regular season, highlighted by a team-high in assists. He went on to add 1-7-8 in 11 playoff games.
- Timmins finished the 2016-17 regular season with a plus-53 rating, the highest on his team and ranked fifth-T in the OHL.
- After being selected in the fourth round (79th overall) of the 2014 OHL Priority Selection, Timmins' plus-27 rating led all Greyhounds skaters and ranked third among all rookies during the 2015-16 campaign.
- Timmins, who lists Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith as his favorite NHL player, compares his style of play to Capitals blue-liner Kevin Shattenkirk.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Highly intelligent defender with good vision and offensive instincts – reads the play extremely well – passing ability allows him to be a constant threat in his team's transition game – very poised under pressure and quick to process the game – capable of making high percentage plays while being checked – has the ability to run a power play – gets his hard, accurate shot through from the point with consistency."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	60	4	9	13	27	20	12	0	1	1	-2	6
2016-17	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	67	7	54	61	53	69	11	1	7	8	2	10
OHL Totals			127	11	63	74	80	89	23	1	8	9	0	16

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## HENRI JOKIHARJU

North American Skater - Portland, WHL



<b>FINAL RANK:</b>	19	<b>MIDTERM RANK:</b>	22
<b>POSITION:</b>	Defenseman	<b>SHOOTS:</b>	Right
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	6' 0"	<b>WEIGHT:</b>	188
<b>BORN:</b>	June 17, 1999	<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	Tampere, FIN
<b>BORN IN:</b>	Oulu, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Jokiharju tallied 9-39-48 in 71 games with the Winterhawks during the 2016-17 regular season and 0-3-3 in 11 postseason contests.
- In 2015-16 with Tappara's junior club in Finland, Jokiharju was named to the second All-Star team after recording 9-20-29 in 47 games. In 2014-15 with Jokerit's Under-18 team, he was named best defenseman after registering 8-22-30 in 37 regular season games and 4-2-6 in 10 postseason contests.
- Internationally, Jokiharju was a member of Finland's gold medal-winning team at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-3-3 in seven games) and represented his country at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (0-2-2 in five contests).
- His father, Juha, played professionally in Finland's top league from 1988-95, including winning a league championship with Jokerit in 1993-94.
- Compares his style of play to Ducks defenseman Sami Vatanen.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Excellent skater who is very elusive with the puck – can beat the forecheck with a pass or his skating ability – very good passer with excellent vision – quickness and mobility allows him to take away time and space defensively."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Jokerit U18	Jr. B SM-sarja	37	8	22	30	n/a	30	10	4	2	6	n/a	2
2015-16	Tappara U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	47	9	20	29	17	20	3	1	2	3	1	4
	Tappara U18	Jr. B SM-sarja	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	2	2	n/a	10
2016-17	Portland	WHL	71	9	39	48	14	38	11	0	3	3	-8	4
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>71</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jr. A SM-liiga Totals</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jr. B SM-sarja Totals</b>			<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>12</b>

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## NICOLAS HAGUE

North American Skater - Mississauga, OHL



FINAL RANK:	20	MIDTERM RANK:	11
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 6"	WEIGHT:	207
BORN:	December 5, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Kitchener, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	Kitchener, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hague led all Steelheads defensemen in goals and points with 18-28-46 in 65 games during the 2016-17 regular season, including six power-play goals which trailed only forward Owen Tippett (12) for the most on the team. A physical player, Hague also accumulated 107 penalty minutes, the fifth-highest total in the Ontario Hockey League.
- In the Steelheads' run to the Eastern Conference Championship series during the 2017 OHL playoffs, Hague registered 1-11-12 in 18 contests.
- Selected in the second round (29th overall) of the 2014 OHL Priority Selection, Hague was named to the OHL second All-Rookie team after finishing second among Steelheads rookies in scoring with 14-10-24 in 66 games in 2015-16. Additionally, Hague was named the recipient of the 2016 Bobby Smith trophy as the OHL Scholastic Player of the Year.
- In 2014-15, Hague was named the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Midwestern Rookie of the Year after recording 3-8-11 in 43 games with the Kitchener Dutchmen.
- Internationally, Hague represented Canada White at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-0-2 in five games) and skated for Team Canada at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-2-2 in seven games).
- Compares his style of play to Coyotes defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's Matt Ryan:

"He's a big defenseman who is a fluid skater. He moves the puck extremely well, creating a ton of offense. He shows an ability to run the power play and has an excellent shot that he gets through with consistency."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Mississauga	OHL	66	14	10	24	4	84	7	0	2	2	2	13
2016-17	Mississauga	OHL	65	18	28	46	22	107	18	1	11	12	13	19
OHL Totals			131	32	38	70	26	191	25	1	13	14	15	32

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## JARET ANDERSON-DOLAN

North American Skater - Spokane, WHL



FINAL RANK:	21	MIDTERM RANK:	40
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	191
BORN:	September 12, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Calgary, AB, CAN
BORN IN:	Calgary, AB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Anderson-Dolan ranked second on the Chiefs in scoring with 39-37-76 in 72 games during the 2016-17 regular season, becoming the fourth 17-year-old in franchise history to score 30 or more goals in a season. His 39 goals ranked 12th in the Western Hockey League.
- Anderson-Dolan's team-high 14 power-play goals in 2016-17 were the most by a Chiefs player since Mitch Holmberg (23) and Mike Aviani (20) during the 2013-14 season.
- In 2015-16, Anderson-Dolan led all Chiefs rookies in goals, assists and points with 14-12-26 in 65 games during his first full season in the Western Hockey League.
- Internationally, Anderson-Dolan captained Team Canada at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships and won a gold medal with Canada White at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (1-3-4 in six games).
- Models his style of play after Islanders forward John Tavares.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Very smart player with excellent puck skills – can score and make plays on his own – very sound in the details of the game – reliable in all situations."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Edge School	CSSHL	25	13	17	30	n/a	8	3	1	2	3	n/a	2
	Edge School	MPHL	16	7	6	13	n/a	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Spokane	WHL	5	0	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0
2015-16	Spokane	WHL	65	14	12	26	-7	21	6	1	2	3	2	2
2016-17	Spokane	WHL	72	39	37	76	4	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>142</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

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## ROBERT THOMAS

North American Skater - London, OHL



FINAL RANK:	22	MIDTERM RANK:	28
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	193
BORN:	July 2, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Aurora, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	Aurora, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Thomas finished third on the Knights in scoring with 16-50-66 in 66 contests during the 2016-17 regular season. He went on to add 7-5-12 in 14 games during the playoffs, second-T on the Knights before they fell to Erie in the second round.
- Thomas was a member of London's OHL and Memorial Cup Championship team in 2015-16 – his rookie season with the club - posting 3-12-15 in 40 regular season contests and 1-4-5 in 15 playoff games.
- In 2014-15, Thomas served as an alternate captain with the York-Simcoe Express of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, registering 18-27-45 in 34 games. Additionally that year, he represented OMHA White during the OHL Gold Cup (4-2-6 in five games).
- Internationally, Thomas was a member of Canada White's gold medal-winning entry at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.
- Compares his style of play to Kings forward Anze Kopitar and Predators forward Mike Fisher.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's David Gregory:

"Excellent hockey IQ – very smart and poised playmaker; the type that makes players around him better – strong offensive hockey sense; very creative handling and moving the puck – deceptive; can surprise you with a play that keeps his team's puck possession alive or generates a scoring chance – hard working and competitive – capable of making a difference every time he's on the ice."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	London	OHL	40	3	12	15	-2	0	15	1	4	5	3	2
2016-17	London	OHL	66	16	50	66	41	26	14	3	9	12	1	6
OHL Totals			106	19	62	81	39	26	29	4	13	17	4	8

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## KOLE LIND

North American Skater - Kelowna, WHL



<b>FINAL RANK:</b>	23	<b>MIDTERM RANK:</b>	21
<b>POSITION:</b>	Right Wing	<b>SHOOTS:</b>	Right
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	6' 1"	<b>WEIGHT:</b>	185
<b>BORN:</b>	October 16, 1998	<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	Shaunavon, SK, CAN
<b>BORN IN:</b>	Swift Current, SK, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Lind was named to the WHL Western Conference second All-Star team after leading the Kelowna Rockets and finishing 15th in the league with 30-57-87 in 70 games in the 2016-17 regular season. He added 6-6-12 in 17 games in the 2017 WHL playoffs.
- Lind posted 14-27-41 in 70 contests as a rookie in the 2015-16 regular season, highlighted by a hat trick on Dec. 28 vs. Kamloops.
- Drafted in the fourth round (87th overall) by the Rockets in the 2013 WHL Bantam Draft, Lind was named to the SMHL first All-Star team in 2014-15 after leading the league in goals with the Saskatoon Contacts (45-34-79 in 44 games). Lind also made his WHL debut that season and collected 0-1-1 in six games with Kelowna. He added 0-3-3 in seven postseason contests to help the Rockets win their fourth Ed Chynoweth Cup in franchise history.
- Lists fellow Saskatchewan native Jordan Eberle of the Edmonton Oilers as his childhood hockey idol.
- Compares his style of play to Predators forward Filip Forsberg.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Very good offensive player with game-breaking ability – strong skater with an extra gear to quickly pull away on the play – NHL shot with a quick release – power-play specialist – precise passer with excellent vision and timing to generate scoring chances."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Kelowna	WHL	6	0	1	1	0	4	7	0	3	3	1	4
2015-16	Kelowna	WHL	70	14	27	41	14	54	16	0	0	0	1	12
2016-17	Kelowna	WHL	70	30	57	87	36	79	17	6	6	12	-5	10
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>146</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>26</b>

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## GRANT MISMAASH

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	24	MIDTERM RANK:	30
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	181
BORN:	February 19, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Edina, MN, USA
BORN IN:	Brooklyn Park, MN, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mismash tied for the team lead in scoring with 26-35-61 in 65 games for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program's Under-18 squad in 2016-17 and added 8-16-24 in 26 USHL games with the club.
- In 2015-16, Mismash led the U.S. National Under-17 team in goals and finished second in points with 23-21-44 in 58 games. He added 14-9-23 in 35 USHL games with the team.
- Internationally, the Edina, Minnesota native helped the United States win a gold medal at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (3-5-8 in seven games). He also represented his country at the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-3-5 in five games).
- Mismash has committed to the University of North Dakota for the 2017-18 season.
- Lists Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane as his childhood hockey idol.
- Compares his style of play to Ducks forward Corey Perry.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"A fluid, strong skater who shows an extra gear in open ice – uses his size and strength to handle the puck well in traffic and create scoring opportunities – very good puck skills – difficult to contain in the offensive zone."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	USNTDP JR	USHL	35	14	9	23	-12	54	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	USDP	58	23	21	44	n/a	88	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	USNTDP JR	USHL	26	8	16	24	12	44	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	USDP	65	26	35	61	n/a	106	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			61	22	25	47	0	98	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			123	49	56	105	...	194	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## NICK HENRY

North American Skater - Regina, WHL



FINAL RANK:	25	MIDTERM RANK:	25
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	190
BORN:	July 4, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Portage, MB, CAN
BORN IN:	Portage, MB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Henry made his WHL debut with the Regina Pats in 2016-17, collecting 35-46-81 in 72 games in the regular season and 4-8-12 in 22 games in the playoffs. He ranked second among all WHL rookies in scoring, behind only Swift Current's Aleksii Heponiemi (28-58-86).
- In 2015-16, Henry registered 26-35-61 in 50 contests in the regular season and 8-6-14 in 12 playoff games with the Portage Terriers, helping the club win the Manitoba Junior Hockey League championship. Henry received MJHL Rookie of the Year honors and was named to the MJHL All-Rookie team.
- Compares his style of play to Bruins forward David Krejci.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"A goal scorer's touch – very good from inside the hash marks and around the net – excellent shot with a good, quick release – strong and competitive on the puck."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Portage	MJHL	50	26	35	61	n/a	38	12	8	6	14	n/a	12
2016-17	Regina	WHL	72	35	46	81	32	49	22	4	8	12	3	12
WHL Totals			72	35	46	81	32	49	22	4	8	12	3	12
MJHL Totals			50	26	35	61	...	38	12	8	6	14	...	12

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## ALEKSI HEPONIEMI

North American Skater - Swift Current, WHL



FINAL RANK:	26	MIDTERM RANK:	36
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	149
BORN:	January 9, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Tampere, FIN
BORN IN:	Tampere, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Heponiemi finished second on the Swift Current Broncos in scoring and first among WHL rookies with 28-58-86 in 72 games during the 2016-17 regular season. He was the recipient of the Jim Piggott trophy, awarded annually to the WHL Rookie of the Year.
- In 2015-16, Heponiemi spent the majority of the season with Ilves' Under-18 team in Finland, where he was named best forward and to the first All-Star team after recording 25-40-65 in 39 contests in the regular season and 2-4-6 in five postseason games. He also recorded 2-2-4 in seven regular-season games with Ilves' junior team and appeared in seven playoff games for the eventual league champions.
- Internationally, Heponiemi represented Finland at the 2015 IIHF World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (five games) and tallied 0-5-5 in four contests for his country at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial.
- Compares his style of play to Flyers forward Valteri Filppula.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Very smart and creative offensive player – excellent vision and play-making ability – very elusive with and without the puck – can create time and space in the offensive zone."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Ilves U18	Jr. B. SM-sarja	1	0	0	0	n/a	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Ilves U20	Jr. A. SM-liiga	7	2	2	4	4	2	7	1	0	1	1	2
	Ilves U18	Jr. B. SM-sarja	39	25	40	65	n/a	24	5	2	4	6	n/a	2
2016-17	Swift Current	WHL	72	28	58	86	15	18	14	0	8	8	-7	8
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jr. A. SM-liiga Totals</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Jr. B. SM-liiga Totals</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2</b>

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## PIERRE-OLIVIER JOSEPH

North American Skater - Charlottetown, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	27	MIDTERM RANK:	42
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	163
BORN:	July 1, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Chambly, QC, CAN
BORN IN:	Laval, QC, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Joseph recorded 6-33-39 in 62 games with the Islanders in 2016-17 and added 1-5-6 in 13 playoff contests before a semifinal defeat at the hands of Blainville-Boisbriand.
- A fifth round selection (78th overall) in the 2015 QMJHL Entry Draft, the left-handed defenseman split time between the Islanders and the Collège Antoine-Girouard Gaulois of the Quebec Midget Hockey League in 2015-16. Joseph notched 1-9-10 in 19 games with College Antoine-Girouard and added 1-7-8 in 48 games with Charlottetown.
- His older brother, Mathieu, is a forward who was selected 120th overall by the Lightning in the 2015 NHL Draft and competed at the 2017 Memorial Cup with the Saint John Sea Dogs of the QMJHL.
- Compares his style of play to Sharks defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Puck-moving defenseman with very good size and range – makes effective decisions with the puck to find open outlets – good skater with quickness and mobility that will only get better as he gets stronger – good positioning in defensive zone and good compete / battle level – strong ability to distribute the puck on the power play."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	College Antoine-Girouard	QMAA	19	1	9	10	7	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Charlottetown	QMJHL	48	1	7	8	2	30	12	1	2	3	0	6
2016-17	Charlottetown	QMJHL	62	6	33	39	14	54	13	1	5	6	3	12
QMJHL Totals			110	7	49	47	16	84	25	2	7	9	3	18

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## NIKITA POPUGAEV

North American Skater - Prince George, WHL



FINAL RANK:	28	MIDTERM RANK:	18
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 5"	WEIGHT:	2197
BORN:	November 20, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Moscow, RUS
BORN IN:	Moscow, RUS		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Popugaev split time between Moose Jaw and Prince George in 2016-17, totaling 29-40-69 in 71 games.
- After being selected 23rd overall in the 2015 CHL Import Draft by Moose Jaw, the Moscow, Russia native finished second in Warriors rookie scoring with 16-31-47 in 70 games during the 2015-16 season and added 2-2-4 in six playoff contests.
- Internationally, Popugaev won a gold medal with Team Russia at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-0-3 in six games).
- Popugaev wears No. 71 in honor of his favorite player – Penguins forward Evgeni Malkin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

“Good package of size, skills and smarts – excellent vision with hockey sense to support teammates and make good choices on the play – utilized in all situations and plays the point on the power play at times – unselfish game with the puck – responsible two-way game – vision and thought process often a step ahead of teammates – doesn’t like to lose a battle in any situations and plays to win.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Moose Jaw	WHL	70	16	31	47	-7	28	6	2	2	4	-1	0
2016-17	Moose Jaw	WHL	40	22	29	51	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Prince George	WHL	31	7	11	18	9	15	6	1	2	3	1	2
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>141</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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## ALEX FORMENTON

North American Skater - London, OHL



FINAL RANK:	29	MIDTERM RANK:	24
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	166
BORN:	September 13, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Barrie, ON, CAN
BORN IN:	Barrie, ON, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Formenton ranked 10th among rookies in the OHL with 16-18-34 in 65 games in 2016-17, while his +21 rating was the best among first-year skaters.
- After being selected in the 11th round (216th overall) of the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, Formenton spent 2015-16 with the Aurora Tigers of the Ontario Junior A Hockey League registering 13-13-26 in 54 games.
- Formenton was coached by Maple Leafs legend Wendel Clark while skating with the Toronto Nationals in 2013-14.
- Lists Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane as his childhood hockey idol.
- Compares his style of play to Devils forward Taylor Hall.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Central Scouting:

"Excellent speed and quickness – combination of size, speed and skill make him a dangerous offensive threat – his speed can be a difference maker that defenders learn to respect – brings a consistent work ethic and plays a strong puck pursuit game – competes consistently and effectively with his skills and assets in all situations to earn extra ice time."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Aurora	OJHL	54	13	13	26	n/a	66	5	2	0	2	n/a	0
2016-17	London	OHL	65	16	18	34	21	50	14	0	0	0	-2	6
<b>OHL Totals</b>			<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>OJHL Totals</b>			<b>54</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>0</b>

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## MAXIME COMTOIS

North American Skater - Victoriaville, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	30	MIDTERM RANK:	15
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	207
BORN:	January 8, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Delson, QC, CAN
BORN IN:	Longueuil, QC, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2016-17, Comtois finished fourth on the Victoriaville Tigres in scoring with 22-29-51 in 64 games.
- Selected third overall in the 2015 QMJHL Entry Draft, Comtois was named to the QMJHL All-Rookie team after ranking third among first-year players with 26-34-60 in 62 contests in 2015-16.
- Comtois averaged more than a point per game for the Chateauguay Grenadiers in 2014-15 with 23-33-56 in 41 games and added 12-19-31 in 16 postseason contests to help the club capture the Quebec Midget AAA Hockey League championship.
- Internationally, Comtois represented Canada Red at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge where he was named to the tournament All-Star team after leading all players in assists with 1-6-7 in six games. He also represented his country at the 2016 and 2017 Under-18 World Championships and the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (4-1-5 in four contests).
- Models his style of play after his favorite NHL player – Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's David Gregory:

"Skilled winger with good offensive game – plays with an edge and is willing to go to dirty areas to score goals – effective physical game, protects the puck well – good hockey sense and ability to make skilled plays while being checked – strong two-way game and effective special teams player."

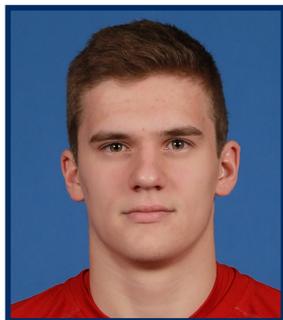
### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Victoriaville	QMJHL	62	26	34	60	4	68	5	1	5	6	-4	4
2016-17	Victoriaville	QMJHL	64	22	29	51	-7	88	4	1	0	1	-5	8
QMJHL Totals			126	48	63	111	-3	156	9	2	5	7	-9	12

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## KLIM KOSTIN

European Skater - Dynamo Moscow, Russia



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Left Wing/Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	207
BORN:	May 5, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Penza, RUS
BORN IN:	Penza, RUS		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Kostin spent the majority of the 2016-17 season playing professional hockey in Russia, despite missing significant time due to injury. He played in eight games with Dynamo Moscow in the Kontinental Hockey League and also spent time with Balashikha in Russia's Second Division (nine contests).
- In 2015-16, Kostin spent the majority of the season with Balashikha's junior team, recording 8-13-21 in 30 games.
- Internationally, Kostin captained Russia to a silver medal at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge with 2-3-5 in six games and also captained his country's entries at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championship (0-4-4 in five games) and 2016 Ivan Hlinka memorial (4-3-7 in five contests).

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"Kostin is a big, strong, mobile power forward who plays a physical game. He is a strong skater with good speed, very good hockey sense and is an excellent competitor."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Dynamo Moskva	Russia U16	33	35	31	66	n/a	46	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Dynamo Moskva	Russia U17	10	10	5	15	n/a	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HK MVD Balashikha	MHL	30	8	13	21	3	74	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Dynamo Moskva	KHL	8	0	0	0	1	27	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dynamo Balashikha	VHL	9	1	0	1	-1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HK MVD Balashikha	MHL	1	0	1	1	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>KHL Totals</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>VHL Totals</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>4</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>MHL Totals</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## ELIAS PETTERSSON

European Skater - Timra, Sweden-2



FINAL RANK:	2	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	165
BORN:	November 12, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Ange, SWE
BORN IN:	Sundsvall, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Pettersson spent the entire 2016-17 season with Timra in Sweden's second division, where he produced at almost a point-per-game pace with 19-22-41 in 43 games as an 18-year-old.
- He ranked second on Timra in goals and points in 2016-17, while his 22 assists were the most by a junior-aged player in Sweden's second division.
- In 2015-16, Pettersson split time between Timra's junior club (6-8-14 in 22 games) and its main team in the second division (3-6-9 in 25 contests).
- Pettersson's 2014-15 season saw him record 20-18-38 in 18 regular-season contests before adding 5-9-14 in eight playoff games to help secure the league's bronze medal with Timra's Under-18 team.
- Internationally, Pettersson won a silver medal for Sweden at both the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships with 1-7-8 in seven games and 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial. He was also a member of Sweden's fourth-place entry at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships.
- Compares his style of play to Washington Capitals forward Nicklas Backstrom and former NHL forward Pavel Datsyuk.

### SCOUTING REPORT

**NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:**

"A fast, speedy star, he had a sensational season for Timra in Sweden's Second Division, consistently producing offense despite the fact he's playing with and against much older players."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Timra IK J20	SuperElit	6	4	9	13	10	2	1	1	1	2	-2	0
2015-16	Timra IK	Allsvenskan	25	3	6	9	2	0	5	0	4	4	4	2
	Timra IK J20	SuperElit	22	6	8	14	-2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Timra IK	Allsvenskan	43	19	22	41	15	14	3	2	4	6	2	0
	Timra IK J20	SuperElit	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	1	1	1	2
Allsvenskan Totals			68	22	28	50	17	14	8	2	8	10	6	2
SuperElit Totals			28	10	17	27	8	22	5	5	5	10	4	2

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## LIAS ANDERSSON

European Skater - HV71, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	201
BORN:	October 13, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Smogen, SWE
BORN IN:	Smogen, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Andersson compiled 9-10-19 in 42 games during the 2016-17 regular season and 4-1-5 in 16 playoff contests to help HV71 capture their fifth Le Mat trophy, awarded to the Swedish Hockey League champions.
- He led Sweden's junior league in assists and points with 24-35-59 in 37 games during the 2015-16 season and also made his SHL debut, appearing in 22 regular season games and four playoff contests.
- Internationally, Andersson represented Sweden at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships, posting 3-0-3 in seven games and the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships with 5-4-9 in seven contests, where he won a silver medal.
- His father, Niklas, was selected 68th overall by the Quebec Nordiques in 1989 and skated in 164 career NHL games across five seasons with the Nordiques, Islanders, Sharks, Predators and Flames.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"He is a really skilled, two-way forward with great moves with the puck. He shows very good attitude, works hard both ways, has smooth hands and is very effective in the offensive zone as he can both shoot and create scoring chances for linemates."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Kungälv IK J20	SuperElit	1	0	0	0	-1	0	2	0	0	0	n/a	0
2014-15	HV71 J20	SuperElit	25	6	3	9	2	16	6	0	2	2	-6	0
2015-16	HV71	SHL	22	0	0	0	-7	6	4	0	0	0	1	0
	HV71 J20	SuperElit	37	24	35	59	17	91	1	2	0	2	3	2
2016-17	HV71	SHL	42	9	10	19	21	18	16	4	1	5	-3	18
	HV71 J20	SuperElit	3	2	0	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
SHL Totals			64	9	10	19	14	24	20	4	1	5	-2	18
SuperElit Totals			65	32	38	70	20	109	7	2	2	4	-3	2

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## MIRO HEISKANEN

European Skater - HIFK, Finland



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	172
BORN:	July 18, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Espoo, FIN
BORN IN:	Espoo, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Heiskanen collected 5-5-10 in 37 games during the 2016-17 regular season and 0-3-3 in eight playoff contests with HIFK in the top professional league in Finland.
- Internationally, Heiskanen represented Finland in their silver-medal entry at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, picking up best defenseman honors and was named to the tournament All-Star team after leading all skaters in assists and all defensemen in points with 2-10-12 in seven games.
- He also represented Finland at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships (0-1-1 in six contests) and won a gold medal at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-1-1 in seven games).
- In 2015-16, Heiskanen posted 3-11-14 in 30 games for HIFK's junior team to capture Rookie of the Year honors. Other notable players to win the award: Hurricanes forward Sebastian Aho, Predators forward Miikka Salomaki and Canucks prospect Olli Juolevi.

### SCOUTING REPORT

**NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb::**

"Miro Heiskanen had a terrific season playing regularly with a big role in Finland's top league with HIFK. He is a very smooth skater. Two-way player with great vision. The most improved player among the international prospects last season. Heiskanen was by far the best defenseman at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships in April.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	HIFK U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	30	3	11	14	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	HIFK	Liiga	37	5	5	10	-1	4	8	0	3	3	-1	0
Liiga Totals			37	5	5	10	-1	4	8	0	3	3	-1	0
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			30	3	11	14	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## MARTIN NECAS

European Skater - Brno, CZRep



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	5
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	178
BORN:	January 15, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Nove Mesto na Morave, CZE
BORN IN:	Nove Mesto na Morave, CZE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Necas registered 7-8-15 in 41 games during the 2016-17 regular season and 4-0-4 in 10 playoff contests to help HC Kometa Brno win the franchise's first championship in the Czech Republic's top league.
- As a member of the HC Kometa Brno Under-18 club in 2015-16, Necas collected 9-21-30 in 18 games in the regular season and 4-11-15 in 10 contests in the playoffs en route to a Czech Under-18 championship.
- He led the Czech Under-16 league in assists and points with 32-59-91 in 34 games during the 2014-15 season.
- Internationally, Necas represented the Czech Republic at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships (1-2-3 in five games) and the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-3-3 in five contests). He also served as captain at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (2-4-6 in four games), helping the Czech Republic win their first gold medal at the tournament.
- Models his style of play after Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane and Capitals forward Evgeny Kuznetsov.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"Martin Necas was a captain and leader when the Czech Under-18 team that won, for the first time ever, the Ivan Hlinka Memorial in August 2016. He is a very good skater with acceleration and speed. Creates scoring opportunities with his surprising moves and high skill level. Played a regular role with Brno in the Czech Republic's top league."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	HC Kometa Brno	Czech U18	4	1	2	3	-1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	HC Kometa Brno	Czech U18	18	9	21	30	11	14	10	4	11	15	10	6
2016-17	HC Kometa Brno	Czech	41	7	8	15	-2	6	10	4	0	4	3	8
	HC Kometa Brno	Czech U20	1	1	2	3	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Czech Totals</b>			<b>41</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Czech U20 Totals</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>Czech U18 Totals</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## TIMOTHY LILJEGREN

European Skater - Rogle, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	188
BORN:	April 30, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Angelholm, SWE
BORN IN:	Kristianstad, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Liljegren collected 1-4-5 in 19 games with Rogle of the Swedish Hockey League in 2016-17 and added 5-2-7 in 12 regular-season contests with Rogle's junior team. Representing Rogle's junior team in the postseason, Liljegren produced 1-4-6 in three games.
- He made his SHL debut in 2015-16, recording 1-4-5 in 19 games. That same season, he added 7-15-22 in 29 games in the regular season and 1-2-3 in three playoff contests with Rogle's junior team.
- Internationally, the 2016-17 season saw Liljegren represent Sweden at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-2-2 in seven games) and the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (1-6-7 in nine contests). A year prior, he won a silver medal with Sweden at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (1-5-6 in seven games) and was named to the tournament All-Star team at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-2-5 in six games).
- Models his style of play after Senators defenseman Erik Karlsson and Kings defenseman Drew Doughty.

### SCOUTING REPORT

**NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:**

"Timothy Liljegren was a top European prospect heading into the season but had tough luck with illness and missed all of November. He came back to form towards the end of the season. A smart, mobile, skilled, two-way defenseman."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2015-16	Rogle BK	SHL	19	1	4	5	-7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rogle BK J20	SuperElit	29	7	15	22	22	26	3	1	2	3	-3	0
2016-17	Rogle BK	SHL	19	1	4	5	-3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Timra IK	Allsvenskan	5	0	1	1	-2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rogle BK J20	SuperElit	12	5	2	7	-7	8	3	1	4	5	0	0
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>8</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Allsvenskan Totals</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>4</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>SuperElit Totals</b>			<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## KRISTIAN VESALAINEN

European Skater - Frolunda, Sweden



<b>FINAL RANK:</b>	7	<b>MIDTERM RANK:</b>	4
<b>POSITION:</b>	Left Wing/Right Wing	<b>SHOOTS:</b>	Left
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	6' 3"	<b>WEIGHT:</b>	209
<b>BORN:</b>	June 1, 1999	<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	Helsinki, FIN
<b>BORN IN:</b>	Helsinki, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Vesalainen posted 1-5-6 in 26 games with Frolunda of the Swedish Hockey League in 2016-17 and helped the club secure their second-straight Champions Hockey League title. He also appeared in nine games with HPK, the top professional hockey league in Finland.
- Vesalainen added 4-0-4 in 10 games in the regular season and 2-1-3 in five playoff contests with Frolunda's junior team in 2016-17.
- He made his SHL debut in 2015-16, appearing in 19 regular-season games and five playoff contests and helping Frolunda capture the league championship. He added 15-19-34 in 37 contests with Frolunda's junior squad.
- The 2016-17 season saw Vesalainen represent Finland at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships (1-1-2 in six games).
- As part of Finland's silver medal entry at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, Vesalainen produced 6-7-13 in seven contests to lead the tournament in goals and points. He was awarded MVP, best forward and was named to the tournament All-Star team.
- He helped Finland win gold at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-4-6 in seven games) and also represented his country at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-4-7 in five games) and the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (five contests).
- Models his style of play after Penguins forward Evgeni Malkin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

**NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:**

"He's a big, physical power forward who likes to go straight for the net."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	HIFK U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	17	1	1	2	-3	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0
	HIFK U18	Jr. B SM-sarja	18	10	5	15	n/a	29	12	5	3	8	n/a	4
2015-16	Frolunda	SHL	19	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	1	2
	Frolunda J20	SuperElit	37	15	19	34	14	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
	Frolunda J18	J18 Allsvenskan	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	0	1	1	0
2016-17	Frolunda	SHL	26	1	5	6	-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
	HPK	Liiga	9	1	0	1	-1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Frolunda J20	SuperElit	10	4	0	4	-7	14	5	2	1	3	-2	0
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Liiga Totals</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>SuperElit Totals</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## URHO VAAKANAINEN

European Skater - JYP, Finland



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	8
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	188
BORN:	January 1, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Jyvaskyla, FIN
BORN IN:	Joensuu, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Vaakanainen compiled 4-2-6 in 41 games in the 2016-17 regular season and 0-3-3 in 14 games in the playoffs with JYP of Finland's top professional league, Liiga.
- The 2015-16 season saw Vaakanainen make his Finnish Elite League debut with the Espoo Blues, posting 1-5-6 in 25 games, in addition to helping the Blues Under-20 club secure a Junior League silver medal.
- Internationally, he represented Finland at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championships, posting 1-0-1 in six games, and helped Finland win a silver medal at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World championships with 3-3-6 in five contests. Vaakanainen also registered 1-2-3 in seven games in Finland's gold-medal entry at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships.
- Models his style of play after Ducks defenseman Hampus Lindholm and Coyotes blueliner Oliver Ekman-Larsson.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"He's a big, physical power forward who likes to go straight for the net."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Blues U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	30	4	8	12	20	34	9	2	0	2	-2	0
2015-16	Blues	Liiga	25	1	5	6	-8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Blues U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	18	2	11	13	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	2
2016-17	JYP	Liiga	41	2	4	6	5	12	14	0	3	3	1	2
	JYP U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	1	0	0	0	-1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liiga Totals			66	3	9	12	-3	20	14	0	3	3	1	2
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			49	6	19	25	29	42	11	2	0	2	-2	2

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## ERIK BRANNSTROM

European Skater - HV71, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	9	MIDTERM RANK:	16
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 9"	WEIGHT:	179
BORN:	September 2, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Eksjo, SWE
BORN IN:	Eksjo, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Brannstrom posted 1-5-6 in 35 games with HV71 of the Swedish Hockey League in 2016-17, helping the club capture their fifth Le Mat trophy as league champions.
- Brannstrom also posted 9-14-23 in 19 games in the regular season and 3-4-7 in seven playoff contests as captain of the HV71 junior team. He led all blueliners in postseason goals, assists and points and earned best defenseman honors.
- He made his SHL debut in 2015-16, appearing in three games with HV71 and added 8-22-30 in 41 contests with the junior team that season.
- Internationally, Brannstrom represented Sweden at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-3-5 in seven games) and at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (1-3-4 in seven contests), where he won a silver medal. He also captained Sweden to a bronze medal at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-0-3 in six games) and represented his country twice at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial.
- His father, Niklas, collected 82-84-166 in 341 career SHL games and represented Sweden at the 1990 IIHF World Junior Championships (5-1-6 in seven games). His older brother, Isac, also plays for HV71.
- Models his style of play after Flyers defenseman Shayne Gostisbehere.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### Future Considerations:

"A diminutive, but highly skilled offensive blueliner... A smooth skater who is mobile and able to escape pressure... Has great poise with the puck and tremendous vision... Makes great outlet passes and has the ability to run a PP... Projects as a solid top-four two-way contributor or better."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	HV71 J20	SuperElit	1	0	0	0	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	HV71	SHL	3	0	0	0	-1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HV71 J20	SuperElit	41	8	22	30	-4	26	3	0	0	0	0	0
	HV71 J18	J18 Elit	2	2	1	3	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HV71 J18	J18 Allsvenskan	5	1	3	4	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	HV71	SHL	35	1	5	6	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HV71 J20	SuperElit	19	9	14	23	13	18	7	3	4	7	5	4
SHL Totals			38	1	5	6	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
SuperElit Totals			61	17	36	53	10	46	10	3	4	7	5	4

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## JESPER BOQVIST

European Skater - Brynas, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	10	MIDTERM RANK:	11
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	165
BORN:	October 30, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Hedemora, SWE
BORN IN:	Falun, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2016-17 season saw Boqvist collect 0-6-6 in 16 games in the regular season with Brynas of the Swedish Hockey League and 1-0-1 in 10 contests in the postseason to help the club reach the playoff final. Boqvist also registered 10-5-15 in 15 games with the junior club and was loaned to Timra in the second division where he registered 3-9-12 in 19 games.
- In 2015-16, Boqvist made his debut in the top league with Brynas (0-1-1 in eight contests) and led the North division in points with the junior club (23-35-58 in 38 games).
- Internationally, he represented Sweden in their silver-medal entries at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-1-3 in seven games) and the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (0-1-1 in five games).
- His younger brother, Adam, plays for Brynas' junior club and is a prospect eligible for the 2018 NHL Draft.
- Models his style of play after Capitals forward Evgeny Kuznetsov.

### SCOUTING REPORT

#### Future Considerations:

"A speedster with lethal offensive skill... Possesses a smooth-skating style and often makes use of his speed to beat defensemen on the outside... His speed combined with very fine hands is what makes him such a dangerous player... High-upside, offensive forward on the next level."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Brynas IF J20	SuperElit	7	1	1	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2015-16	Brynas IF	SHL	8	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Brynas IF J20	SuperElit	388	23	35	58	23	8	3	0	1	1	-6	0
2016-17	Brynas IF	SHL	16	0	6	6	6	2	10	1	0	1	3	0
	Timra IK	Allsvenskan	19	3	9	12	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Brynas IF J20	SuperElit	15	10	5	15	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Allsvenskan Totals</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>SuperElit Totals</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## JAKE OETTINGER

North American Goalie - Boston University, H-East



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Goalie	CATCHES:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	218
BORN:	December 18, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Lakeville, MN, USA
BORN IN:	Lakeville, MN, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Oettinger appeared in 35 games with Boston University as a freshman in 2016-17 and compiled a record of 21-11-3 with a 2.11 goals-against average, .927 save percentage and four shutouts. His save percentage was tied with Collin Delia of Merrimack College for the best in the Hockey East conference.
- Oettinger made 56 saves to backstop the Terriers to a 4-3 double-overtime victory over the University of North Dakota to open the 2017 Frozen Four tournament.
- The 2016-17 season saw Oettinger named to the Hockey East All-Rookie team. Other notable NHL goaltenders to receive the honor: Jimmy Howard (2002-03), Cory Schneider (2004-05), Ben Bishop (2005-06) and Connor Hellebuyck (2012-13). Oettinger was also named to the Hockey East second All-Star team and the New England hockey writers Division I All-Star team.
- He appeared in 37 games with the USA Hockey Under-18 team in 2015-16 posting a record of 25-8-1 with a 2.38 goals-against average, .908 save percentage and two shutouts.
- Internationally, the Lakeville, Minnesota native backstopped the United States to a bronze medal at the 2016 Under-18 World Championships and a silver medal at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, leading the tournament with a 1.34 goals-against average. He was also a member of the United States' gold-medal entries at the 2017 World Junior Championships and the 2015 Under-18 World Championships.
- Compares his style of play to Sharks goaltender Martin Jones.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Central Scouting's Al Jensen:

"There's a lot to like about his game. He's a big goalie who covers a lot of the net. His positional play is very good and he has a phenomenal butterfly with great rebound control."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2015-16	USA U-18	NTDP	37	25-8-1	2	.908	2.38	2,038	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Team USA	USHL	15		1	.919	2.24	858	...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	Boston	H-East	35	21-11-3	4	.927	2.11	2,131	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2017 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

European Goalie - HPK Jr., Finland-JR



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goalie	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	198
BORN:	March 9, 1999	HOMETOWN:	Hameenlinna, FIN
BORN IN:	Espoo, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2016-17, Luukkonen led Finland's junior league with a 1.78 goals-against average in the regular season and 2.01 in the playoffs, backstopping HPK's junior club to a league championship. Other notable NHL goaltenders to previously lead Finland's junior league in goals-against average include Karri Ramo (2004-05), Joonas Korpisalo (2011-12) and Juuse Saros (2012-13).
- In 2015-16, he led Finland's junior league with a 1.94 goals-against average through eight postseason contests. He also appeared in 31 regular-season games for the Under-18 club and was named to the league's second All-Star team.
- Internationally, Luukkonen backstopped Finland to a silver medal at the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championships. He also represented his country at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial and the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, where he was named to the tournament All-Star team after helping Finland win the gold medal.
- Models his style of play after fellow Finland native and Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"Luukkonen plays an effective butterfly style and does a good job of controlling rebounds."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2015-16	HPK U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	15			.924	1.98		8			.920	1.94	
	HPK U18	Jr. B SM-sarja	31			.901			...	...	...	...	...	...
2016-17	HPK U20	Jr. A SM-liiga	35			.916	1.78		9			.915	2.01	
	Jr. A SM-liiga Totals		50						17					
	Jr. B SM-sarja Totals		31			.901			...	...	...	...	...	...

# THE HOCKEY NEWS DRAFT PROFILES

# 1



## NOLAN PATRICK

**BORN** Sept. 19, 1998, Winnipeg, Man.  
**2016-17** Brandon **POS** C  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 198 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 1

**PERHAPS IT'S** time we all began to focus on what Patrick is rather than what he isn't. What he is: the best prospect in a draft that has been unfairly maligned. What he's not: Connor



McDavid or Auston Matthews. Patrick will not jump to the NHL and score 40 goals next

season, but that simply makes him human. "I don't see a better player in this draft," said a scout. "He's not a generational player, he's not a superstar, but he's a really, really good player."

He's also a player who has been plagued by a host of injuries in his draft year, which might scare some teams off, but it could also be a case of bad fortune that is befalling him all at once. Prior to getting injured this season (sports hernia surgery last summer and later an unrelated abdominal injury), he was a 100-point player, and had he been born four days earlier, he probably would have been a top-three selection in last year's draft.

And aside from an inability to stay healthy this season, there are no flaws in his game. "Try to find a deficiency," said another scout. "Every important box you want checked is checked."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Wpg Hawks	Ban.	19	33	42	75	14
'13-14	Wpg Thrashers	Mid.	39	33	30	63	42
'14-15	Brandon	WHL	55	30	26	56	19
'15-16	Brandon	WHL	72	41	61	102	41
'16-17	Brandon	WHL	33	20	26	46	36

**Best case** | Eric Staal

# 2



## NICO HISCHIER

**BORN** Jan. 4, 1999, Naters, Sui.  
**2016-17** Halifax **POS** C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 174 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 2

**COMING TO** Halifax from Switzerland via the CHL import draft, Hischier entered the season with modest expectations but proceeded to blow up the hockey world. His ascent



was aided by a tough year for consensus No. 1 Nolan Patrick, and Hischier staked his claim at the

WJC with a virtuoso performance that saw him nearly take out the eventual champs from Team USA by himself. "It's hard not to give Hischier his due," said one scout. "The way he played at the world juniors with a less-than-ideal supporting cast was impressive."

It's also tempting to compare him with previous Mooseheads imports, as the franchise has been adept at finding European talent. Nikolaj Ehlers had a similar impact, though what Hischier accomplished might be more impressive. "The difference is Ehlers had a strong team," said another scout. "Halifax was so young, particularly the D-corps. Usually your defensemen get the puck up to you. Sometimes Nico just had to go back and retrieve it himself."

"He doesn't have the speed of Ehlers, but Nico is quick and finds the holes. His hockey IQ is great."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Bern	Mid.	22	28	33	61	2
'15-16	Bern	Jr.A	18	11	17	28	6
	Bern	Sui.	15	1	0	1	2
'16-17	Halifax	QMJHL	57	38	48	86	24
	Switzerland	WJC	5	4	3	7	2

**Best case** | Joe Pavelski

# 3



## GABE VILARDI

**BORN** Aug. 16, 1999, Kingston, Ont.  
**2016-17** Windsor **POS** C  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 193 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 3

**VILARDI'S YEAR** started on a down note when he hurt his knee just before the summer's U-18 Ivan Hlinka tournament. Then there was the emergency appendectomy that cost him games



in November (he played a game before realizing he needed surgery).

But when he was on the ice, Vilardi was a huge driver for the Memorial Cup host Windsor Spitfires. "He's got tremendous feel for the game," said one scout. "His hockey sense and awareness of the players around him is outstanding, with or without the puck. There may be some concern about his skating, but he's too smart not to get over that."

Ah yes, the skating. It's the skill Vilardi must improve upon, but talent hawks have seen Mark Stone succeed in the NHL with Ottawa, and they believe Vilardi's skating is already better than Stone's was at the same age. In the meantime, there's a lot to like. "Everyone's on the same page - it's his feet," said another scout. "But his stick is lethal, and the skating will come. The way he scores goals in traffic reminds me of Corey Perry."

Playing in the Memorial Cup will also be a good experience.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Frontenacs	Ban.	23	19	19	38	10
'14-15	Voyageurs	Mid.	21	18	21	39	12
'15-16	Windsor	OHL	62	17	21	38	14
	Canada White	WU17	6	4	3	7	0
'16-17	Windsor	OHL	49	29	32	61	12

**Best case** | Jason Allison

# 4



## CASEY MITTELSTADT

**BORN** Nov. 22, 1998, Eden Prairie, Minn.  
**2016-17** Eden Prairie **POS** C  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 201 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 7

**MITTELSTADT ALMOST** fast-tracked to the University of Minnesota this summer, but he wanted one more shot at a Minnesota State title with his hometown high school Eden Prairie



Eagles first. While he waited for that season to begin, the promising center laid waste to the

USHL with Green Bay. "With his skill and how crafty he is, he's got a chance to be a player," said one scout. "His skating is OK - not very fluid - but he's faster with the puck than without it."

Carrying such a high profile, Mittelstadt was a constant shadow target for opposing high school teams, and his Eden Prairie squad ended up falling in the semifinal (he was a little banged up at the time, but played through it). He then returned to Green Bay and didn't miss a step, getting eight points in the final eight games of the season. "He's a dynamic player with great puckhandling skills and vision," said another scout. "He can take the puck to the net or he can distribute. He's grown, and his skating has improved. He makes plays in tight areas."

Mittelstadt's 1.25 points per game led all USHL scorers.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	22	25	47	4
'15-16	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	22	37	59	16
	USA U18	NTDP	13	7	6	13	6
'16-17	Eden Prairie	USHS	25	21	43	64	8
	Green Bay	USHL	24	13	17	30	2

**Best case** | Jaden Schwartz

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# 5



## CALE MAKAR

**BORN** Oct. 30, 1998, Calgary, Alta.  
**2016-17** Brooks **POS** D  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 175 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 11

**THERE'S A** high likelihood Makar is the first defenseman taken in the draft. The fact he's relatively small indicates the quality of his skill set and changing attitudes towards NHL projection.



"He's going to excel at every level, because he wants it so bad," said one scout. "He's a good kid,

and I'd be shocked if he didn't go top 10. He has a bit of a mean streak. He's 5-foot-10 but doesn't play that way."

Makar made a statement while playing for Canada West at the World Jr. A Challenge in December, setting a tournament record for D-men with five points in a win over the Swiss. "The funny thing is that in the first game he was outstanding, and after that he was just good, so you probably have to average it out," said another scout. "The way he thinks the game and moves the puck, I don't think size is that much of an issue."

A great skater and dynamic passer, Makar scorched the Alberta Jr. League and dominated at the Jr. A Top Prospects Game. He's committed to Massachusetts. Makar will be the highest player drafted from the AJHL since Joe Colborne went 16th to Boston in 2008.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Cgy Flames	Ban.	33	3	19	22	22
'13-14	NWCAA Stamps	Mid.	36	9	19	28	35
'14-15	Cgy Flames	Mid.	34	7	16	23	14
'15-16	Brooks	Jr. A	54	10	45	55	28
'16-17	Brooks	Jr. A	54	24	51	75	18

**Best case** | Erik Karlsson

# 6



## MIRO HEISKANEN

**BORN** July 18, 1999, Espoo, Fin.  
**2016-17** HIFK **POS** D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 174 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 5

**NO DOUBT**, Finland's entry at the world juniors was disappointing, nearly getting relegated one season after winning gold on home ice. But evaluators were high on Heiskanen's



performance, some considering it better than that of Canucks first-rounder Olli Juolevi. "So smooth," said one scout. "He has ability as a two-way defender and to play under duress. The game is only getting faster, and he's smart enough to keep the flow going."

Heiskanen was just as impressive playing against men in Finland's top league, registering solid minutes and stats. A viral infection/fever caused him to miss time late in the season, but he came back during the playoffs and didn't miss a beat. While Makar and Timothy Liljegren are also options, Heiskanen could be the first blueliner off the board. "I wouldn't be surprised," said another scout. "He's so smooth and skilled. He's not physical, but he goes to the tough areas. He has everything."

Heiskanen will attract attention from major junior teams at the import draft but is likely to continue developing in Finland, where he's in a good situation with HIFK.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	HIFK	Mid.	35	7	13	20	8
'15-16	HIFK	Jr. A	30	3	11	14	6
'16-17	HIFK	Fin.	37	5	5	10	4
	Finland	WJC	6	0	1	1	0
	Finland	WU18	7	2	10	12	0

**Best case** | Ryan McDonagh

# 7



## OWEN TIPPETT

**BORN** Feb. 16, 1999, Peterborough, Ont.  
**2016-17** Mississauga **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 204 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 4

**THE LAST** time we checked, the team that scored more goals won the game, and that's what makes Tippett a valuable commodity. But the team that takes him is going to have



to live with his lapses in defense and competitiveness. Tippett has the best shot and is the best natural goal scorer in this draft, but red flags abound. "Is he Patrick Kane or is he Robbie Schremp?" said a scout. "He is 100 percent accountable 15 feet from the net, but the further he gets and the further outside the middle of the ice he gets, it gets lower."

Tippett has an abundance of NHL attributes - size, skating and shooting are chief among them - and he has a scorer's mentality. But there are questions about his work ethic and hockey sense, and the general feeling is he's going to have to play with a center who will be able to get him the puck. "Right now he scores four of nine from just outside home plate, but in the NHL that will only be two of nine," said another scout. "To get back those two, you're going to have to show a different level of bearing down, a different level of positioning, a different level of execution."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Tor. Red Wings	Mid.	31	15	6	21	8
'14-15	Tor. Red Wings	Mid.	50	52	35	87	n/a
'15-16	Mississauga	OHL	48	15	5	20	10
	Canada	WU18	7	1	2	3	12
'16-17	Mississauga	OHL	60	44	31	75	36

**Best case** | Kyle Okposo

# 8



## MICHAEL RASMUSSEN

**BORN** April 17, 1999, Surrey, B.C.  
**2016-17** Tri-City **POS** C  
**HT** 6-5 **WT** 200 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 9

**HOCKEY TWITTER** went a little crazy earlier in the year when a stats blogger questioned Rasmussen's 5-on-5 scoring ability. The fact the Tri-City center hails from Canucks territory



in a year when Vancouver selects high brought out the crazy in fans, but those who work for NHL teams aren't concerned. "A lot of teams want that big center," said one scout. "He has good hands around the net, gets rebounds and has great reach. He skates well, but his first few strides could use some work. He has a mean streak and is more effective when he uses it."

Rasmussen showed well at the CHL Top Prospects Game on a line with fellow WHL stars Cody Glass and Kole Lind. A broken wrist killed the latter part of Rasmussen's season, and Vancouver fans are paranoid, but it's important to remember perspective, especially since there isn't a lot of high-end talent in this draft. "He's easy to like," said another scout. "He's strong and has nice hands around the net. He's an unbelievable net-front presence and finishes checks. Some teams think he's a first-liner. Others see him as a third-liner. He's probably a very good second-liner."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Okanagan	Ban.	59	41	46	87	123
'14-15	Okanagan	Mid.	28	27	23	50	36
	Tri-City	WHL	1	0	0	0	2
'15-16	Tri-City	WHL	63	18	25	43	37
'16-17	Tri-City	WHL	50	32	23	55	50

**Best case** | James van Riemsdyk

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# 9



## ELIAS PETTERSSON

**BORN** Nov. 12, 1998, Sundsvall, Swe.  
**2016-17** Timra POS C  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 161 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 20

**LISTED GENEROUSLY,** some would say extremely generously, at 161 pounds, Pettersson has an enormous amount of filling out to do before he even thinks of playing at the NHL level.



But after being a near point-per-game player for Timra in Sweden's Allsvenskan, Pettersson will put his offensive gifts on display with Vaxjo in the top league next year.

Aside from size and strength, basically all the boxes are ticked off. He has tremendous vision, very good puck skills and a competitive instinct. Pettersson has the ability to produce as a goal scorer and playmaker. But there are scouts who wonder whether he'll be able to handle the rigors of playing in the NHL. "The way he plays now, he stays out of some of the high-traffic situations," said a scout. "So you have to ask yourself whether it's smart to not put yourself in those situations or is it because he's scared? Only one person can answer that. You have to determine whether it's intelligent self-preservation or it's a lack of accountability."

The feeling is he'll get more physical and involved as he puts on weight and gains strength.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Timra	Mid.	18	20	18	38	6
'15-16	Timra	Jr.	22	6	8	14	20
	Timra	Swe.2	25	3	6	9	0
'16-17	Timra	Swe.2	43	19	22	41	14
	Sweden	WJC	6	0	1	1	0

**Best case | Henrik Zetterberg**

# 10



## CODY GLASS

**BORN** April 1, 1999, Winnipeg, Man.  
**2016-17** Portland POS C  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 179 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 6

**GETTING CUT** from Canada's summer Ivan Hlinka team was more than enough motivation for Glass to come out swinging in his draft year. Off the radar last season, the skinny kid



from Winnipeg quickly became one of the most dangerous players in the WHL, and his ascent may

not be finished.

Don't be surprised if a team reaches a little higher to get the Winterhawks star, just as the Jets did with Mark Scheifele a few years ago. "His hockey sense, playmaking and hands are all really good," said one scout. "Give him a year and he'll dominate this league. He's still thin, but you're projecting he'll get bigger. He can play with anyone with intelligence."

By no means is Glass a finished product, but he hung with the best at the CHL Top Prospects Game and continued to produce as Portland upset Prince George in the first round of the WHL playoffs. The ceiling is high, but Glass must keep working. "He's skilled, very smart," said another scout. "He needs to raise his compete level. His work ethic is good, but when it comes to digging in, he has to raise his game."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Wpg Hawks	Ban.	32	31	46	77	4
'14-15	Wpg Thrashers	Mid.	40	23	32	55	26
'15-16	Portland	WHL	65	10	17	27	20
'16-17	Portland	WHL	69	32	62	94	36
	Canada	WU18	3	2	1	3	0

**Best case | Mark Scheifele**

# 11



## EELI TOLVANEN

**BORN** April 22, 1999, Vihti, Fin.  
**2016-17** Sioux City POS LW  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 17

**THERE IS** no doubting the offensive package Tolvanen brought to the table this season. "He's the most dynamic player I've seen in the USHL in 10 years," said one scout. "Unbe-



lievable speed, brilliant shot. He reminds me of Marian Gaborik. He's a defensive liability, and he'll

have to figure out his energy, but he's got that danger factor."

And that's the cautionary flag – rounding out his game and being harder to play against (other than when he's scoring). Tolvanen, like many of his national teammates, was a non-factor for Finland at the WJC, and an undisclosed injury may have played a part in that. He also missed the USHL Top Prospects Game later in the month.

A Boston College commit who will assuredly get more calls from OHL Oshawa, has an incredible one-timer and release. "He's a pure shooter, pure goal scorer," said another scout. "His shot is elite. It's heavy and accurate. It's pretty unreal. And he can get it off from different points. He is slight and a little soft, though."

Tolvanen's challenge? Play bigger but continue to wield that powerful stick.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Blues	Jr. C	28	43	33	76	6
'14-15	Blues	Jr. B	41	39	45	84	24
'15-16	Sioux City	USHL	49	17	21	38	12
'16-17	Sioux City	USHL	52	30	23	53	24
	Finland	WJC	6	2	4	6	2

**Best case | Nikita Kucherov**

# 12



## MARTIN NECAS

**BORN** Jan. 15, 1999, Nove Mesto, Czech Rep.  
**2016-17** Brno POS RW  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 168 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 13

**NECAS HAS** been playing up against top competition all season, whether it was for Kometa Brno in the Czech League or as an underager at the world juniors, where he was one of the



team's top scorers. But when he had a grand stage to show off his wares at the Five Nations tourney in

February, he flopped. "Awful tournament," said one scout. "He's a good kid, but he didn't compete to get back in the game when things weren't clicking offensively. You could hear scouts swearing. 'What the f--- is going on?' He was much better at the world juniors."

There, Necas played a responsible, mature game and took care of defense first, using his speed. And that skating acumen is going to be the key to all he does. "His skating is as good as anybody's," said another scout. "He has high-end offensive touch. He makes a lot of plays."

And while the Five Nations may have been a down note for Necas, he thrived in the Czech League playoffs and captained his nation's world under-18 team, playing on a fun-to-watch top line with Filip Chytil and 2018 phenom Filip Zadina.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Zdar nad Sazavou	Ban.	25	24	47	71	10
'15-16	Brno	Mid.	18	9	21	30	14
'16-17	Brno	Cze.	41	7	8	15	6
	Czech Rep.	WJC	5	1	2	3	2
	Czech Rep.	WU18	5	0	3	3	4

**Best case | Claude Giroux**

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# 13



**NICK SUZUKI**

**BORN** Aug. 10, 1999, London, Ont.  
**2016-17** Owen Sound **POS** C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 183 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 10

**THE OLDER** brother of Ryan, the No. 1 overall pick in the OHL draft, Suzuki is not as purely offensively gifted as his younger sibling but makes up for that with tenacity, great hockey



sense and a commitment to a two-way game. And for all the talk of Owen Tippett's scoring

ability, it's interesting to note Suzuki scored one more goal than Tippett did this season. "I would say he's more of a hard-working, two-way guy with talent than a talented guy who works hard," said one scout.

The sense among scouts is Suzuki gets the short shrift when it comes to his accomplishments and his standing as a prospect. They talk about him being undersized, how he's not flashy and how he's not the greatest skater on the ice, but then you look and see he finished four shy of a 100-point season. He has to think his way through situations rather than rely on his skating, which is usually a lot more difficult. "He doesn't toe-drag anybody, but all he does is be a factor in the game in every way," another scout said. "I think it's ridiculous he's not rated ahead of Owen Tippett."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	London	Mid.	31	34	34	68	16
	London	Jr. B	1	0	1	1	0
'15-16	Owen Sound	OHL	63	20	18	38	4
	Canada White	WU17	6	1	3	4	2
'16-17	Owen Sound	OHL	65	45	51	96	10

**Best case** | Rickard Rakell

# 14



**KLIM KOSTIN**

**BORN** May 5, 1999, Penza, Rus.  
**2016-17** Dynamo Moscow **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 196 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 16

**CONSIDER KOSTIN** the mystery man of this draft class. Highly coveted coming into the campaign thanks to his performances in international tournaments, the big Russian was picked



first overall by the WHL's Kootenay Ice in the CHL import draft. But he decided to stay in Russia, where he

received paltry minutes in the KHL with Dynamo Moscow.

Even worse? Shoulder surgery ended his season in mid-January. But there's a lot to like, as his performance at the summer Ivan Hlinka tourney indicated. "His physical talent is elite, and he protects the puck as well as anybody," said one scout. "His scoring got better as the tournament went on. He reminds me of Valeri Nichushkin."

Still, Kostin's stock could surge or drop depending on the whims of the teams making the picks in the middle third of the first round. There are still certain feelings about Russian players that help or hinder a player's rank. "Every year they seem to have one big, powerful forward that's - not inconsistent, but in and out a bit," said another scout. "He's got size, can skate, has a heavy shot and plays in the tough areas."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Mos. Dynamo	Ban.	33	35	31	66	46
'15-16	MVD	Jr.	30	8	13	21	74
	Mos. Dynamo	Mid.	10	10	5	15	18
'16-17	Mos. Dynamo	KHL	8	0	0	0	27
	Balashikha	Rus.	9	1	0	1	4

**Best case** | Dustin Brown

# 15



**TIMOTHY LILJEGREN**

**BORN** April 30, 1999, Kristianstad, Swe.  
**2016-17** Rogle **POS** D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 192 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 8

**IT'S BEEN** an up and down season for Liljegren, who entered the campaign as the top blueliner available and practically a lock to go second overall behind Nolan Patrick. But they



play the games for a reason, and Liljegren's stock has bounced all over the place.

The fact he played for a poor Rogle squad didn't help matters. "They were a bad team, so it was hard for him to gain trust, but it's not like he gave them a reason, either," said one scout. "He's a bit of a mess defensively, but he's dynamic and great offensively. His hockey sense may not be where it needs to be."

Eyebrows were raised when Liljegren was passed over for a world junior spot by the younger Rasmus Dahlin (2018), though Liljegren's early season bout with mononucleosis was a factor. While he will slide down from his lofty pre-season perch, talent evaluators are not blind to his charms. "His skill set is right up there," said another scout. "There's a premium on power play defensemen in the game, and he can be that guy."

Just to muddy the waters further, Liljegren was also both good and bad at the world under-18s.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Rogle	Mid.	14	4	7	11	2
'15-16	Rogle	Jr.	29	7	15	22	26
'16-17	Rogle	Jr.	12	5	2	7	8
	Rogle	Swe.	19	1	4	5	4
	Sweden	WU18	7	0	2	2	4

**Best case** | Jay Bouwmeester

# 16



**CAL FOOTE**

**BORN** Dec. 13, 1998, Engelwood, Colo.  
**2016-17** Kelowna **POS** D  
**HT** 6-4 **WT** 210 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 12

**FOOTE HAS** a lot going for him. Not only is he a defenseman learning from the NHL blueline machine that is Kelowna, but he's the son of Colorado



Avalanche great Adam Foote - so the pedigree is there. And with that comes a bit of leeway with scouts, who know his heavy feet

must improve. "There are skating issues because he is still growing, but his motor is really good," said one scout. "I still see him as a two-way defender."

Foote, a dual citizen, played for Canada at the summer world junior camp tourney in Michigan but wasn't allowed to compete for them internationally at the WJC because he had been living in the U.S. for too long. That will change next season.

In the meantime, he'll continue to carve out his own niche with the Rockets. "He's a big, solid defender who can really shoot the puck," said another scout. "He has great poise, reads the game well, uses his stick and can push guys out of the crease. I don't think he's a top power play guy, but he's getting a lot of responsibility there, and I could see him as a second-unit guy in the NHL."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Colo. T-Birds	Ban.	33	2	12	14	19
'14-15	Colo. T-Birds	Ban.	23	4	11	15	42
	Omaha	USHL	2	0	1	1	0
'15-16	Kelowna	WHL	71	8	28	36	36
'16-17	Kelowna	WHL	71	6	51	57	41

**Best case** | Erik Johnson

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# 17



## RYAN POEHLING

**BORN** Jan. 3, 1999, Lakeville, Minn.  
**2016-17** St. Cloud State **POS** C  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 15

**POEHLING COULD** not pass up the chance to play with his older twin brothers, Nick and Jack, at St. Cloud State, and it might have had an adverse effect on his draft status. He started the



season there at 17 and was playing against players three and four years older.

Scouts would have rather seen him play in the USHL against players his own age and at the same stage of development. "There are parts of his game that are behind where they should be," said a scout. "But that being said, college hockey was not too good for him. He played in one of the best conferences, and even though he didn't excel at times, the pace of the game was never too fast for him."

Although it made it more difficult to get a read on Poehling, it's not expected it will hamper his development. A positive showing at the world under-18s gave scouts a better indication of where he stacked up against his elite peers. They saw a two-way center who showed smarts and a competitive streak. "I don't think he's going to be a high-end scorer," another scout said, "but I think he's going to be a 55- or 60-point guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Lakeville North	USHS	24	11	16	27	21
'14-15	Lakeville North	USHS	25	14	24	38	12
'15-16	Lakeville North	USHS	25	20	34	54	10
'16-17	St. Cloud State	NCHC	35	7	6	13	12
	USA	WU18	7	3	2	5	6

**Best case** | Ryan O'Reilly

# 18



## JUUSO VALIMAKI

**BORN** Oct. 6, 1998, Nokia, Fin.  
**2016-17** Tri-City **POS** D  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 200 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 14

**AS A FREQUENT** member of Finland's junior national teams, Valimaki has seen some highs and lows in his young career. He was captain of Suomi's gold-medal entry at last year's



world under-18s but also suffered the indignation of staving off relegation at the WJC in Montreal

this year. "At every level, he has put up numbers," said one scout. "His skating at the world juniors was a bit surprising, but that could be the maturation process - I don't think it will hold him back. He's a real solid two-way guy."

Navigating the rough waters of the WHL the past two seasons, Valimaki has adapted nicely after getting challenged to fight on his first shift (he turned the offer down). Coming over meant smaller rinks and a culture shift from Finland to Washington state, but it has served his purpose so far. "He has adapted well," said another scout. "He has really improved his skating, and he likes to jump up in to the rush - maybe too much sometimes for me."

Valimaki will return to a growing Tri-City Americans squad next season in what is always a challenging U.S. Division.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Iives	Jr. B	44	7	26	33	22
'14-15	Iives	Jr. A	44	5	15	20	20
'15-16	Tri-City	WHL	56	7	25	32	24
'16-17	Tri-City	WHL	60	19	42	61	34
	Finland	WJC	6	2	0	2	6

**Best case** | Mark Giordano

# 19



## MAXIME COMTOIS

**BORN** Jan. 8, 1999, Longueuil, Que.  
**2016-17** Victoriaville **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 200 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 30

**COMTOIS IS** an excellent example of the need for realistic expectations. Last year, he put up breakout numbers as a rookie in the QMJHL, so more offense was predicted in his draft



season. While Tigres fans may moan about his totals dropping, talent evaluators gave him a break.

"People get too carried away with his lack of numbers," said one scout. "His compete level is fine, the details are there, and he's not cheating. He blocks shots, he's smart and always one of the best penalty-killers. He's got a wide gait, but he's a powerful skater."

An early-season injury to Philadelphia prospect Pascal Laberge likely put pressure on Comtois to produce, but he has always shown up for high-profile gigs like the Top Prospects Game and international duty with Canada, where he is consistently dangerous short-handed. If he's more a dependable, 200-foot player than an electrifying scorer in the NHL, that's OK - those guys are valuable. "He didn't have a great offensive year, but I never saw him as a big goal-scorer," said another scout. "He plays the right way, and I see him as a great complement guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Chateauguay	Mid.	41	23	33	56	50
'15-16	Victoriaville	QMJHL	62	26	34	60	68
	Canada	WU18	7	1	1	2	12
'16-17	Victoriaville	QMJHL	64	22	29	51	88
	Canada	WU18	5	2	0	2	28

**Best case** | Brandon Saad

# 20



## ISAAC RATCLIFFE

**BORN** Feb. 15, 1999, London, Ont.  
**2016-17** Guelph **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-6 **WT** 195 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 22

**SOMETIMES PLAYERS** are considered "projects," and that's usually not in a good way. Ratcliffe is indeed a project, but it's borne out of the fact he's 6-foot-5 and his feet and mind are



catching up to the rest of his body. "He's a project in the sense of youth and physical immaturity,"

said a scout. "You're not looking at a guy whose skating you have to overhaul. I'd say 80 to 85 percent of his deficiencies are related to strength. He's a project without the scary part of a project being attached to it."

Ratcliffe put up impressive numbers on a rebuilding Guelph team, especially when you consider he was 17 most of the season. He made positive strides in his game and put in a good showing in the Top Prospects Game. He has an impressive skill level and a good set of hands for a player his size.

Scouts reckon once Ratcliffe does gain thickness to match length, some team will have a tantalizing power forward on its hands. "I see a player who will carve his way inside the dots and go to the net," said another scout. "I see lots of ability. There is room for growth in his game."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	London	Mid.	32	22	27	49	16
'15-16	Guelph	OHL	46	5	8	13	24
	Canada Red	WU17	6	0	0	0	0
'16-17	Guelph	OHL	67	28	26	54	65
	Canada	WU18	5	2	0	2	6

**Best case** | Kevin Hayes

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## KRISTIAN VESALAINEN

**BORN** June 1, 1999, Helsinki, Fin.  
**2016-17** Frolunda POS LW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 207 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 19

**SCOUTS HAVE** been waiting all year for Vesalainen to break through. The kid has all the tools you'd look for in a power forward, but he was snake-bitten.

When his Swedish team brought



in Sean Bergerheim in November, Vesalainen was loaned back home to Finland's HPK squad,

where he could showcase himself for the WJC team. He didn't light it up there. "His size, skating and possession play were all on display at the world juniors, but there were no puck touches," said one scout. "There is a lot of ability there, and the WJC is not designed for those underaged kids to be successful, but he wasn't scoring in Sweden, he wasn't scoring in Finland and he wasn't scoring at the world juniors, so eventually you do have to raise an eyebrow."

Finally, Vesalainen put up solid numbers at the world under-18 championship and, if anything, talent hawks were more upset with his path. "I didn't like the move from Sweden to Finland," said another scout. "The size of ice is different, and he got more confused. You can see he has everything to be a top-six forward. Once he gets drafted, he can relax."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'15-16	Frolunda	Jr.	37	15	19	34	0
'16-17	Frolunda	Swe.	26	1	5	6	2
	HPK	Fin.	9	1	0	1	0
	Finland	WJC	6	1	1	2	0
	Finland	WU18	7	6	7	13	8

**Best case | Alex Killorn**



## NIC HAGUE

**BORN** Dec. 5, 1998, Kitchener, Ont.  
**2016-17** Mississauga POS D  
**HT** 6-5 **WT** 216 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 18

**IT'S NOT** fair to call Hague "polarizing," but there is a big range of opinion about what he can be at the next level. The numbers sound great, but scouts don't necessarily see him as an



offensive defenseman at a higher tier of hockey.

At the CHL-Russia series, he paired with high-flying Montreal pick Victor Mete, and it was a good tandem. "He'll be more of the player he was at the CHL-Russia series at the next level: a stay-at-home guy with bite and size," said one scout. "I worry about the skating mechanics as he gets stronger."

The skating complaint involves his knees going in, which affects his balance. It's fine against junior competition, but what about stronger pro opponents?

Still, other evaluators are fine with his development path. "He's a big, tall kid with good hockey sense, and he can really bring it with that shot," said another scout. "He has good reach, too. I'm not worried about his skating. Big guys adjust to their bodies at different times, and his hockey sense speeds him up, if that makes sense. He's not a burner, but his brain gets him to where he needs to go."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Kitchener	Mid.	31	3	13	16	44
'14-15	Kitchener	Jr.B	43	3	8	11	70
'15-16	Mississauga	OHL	66	14	10	24	84
	Canada	WU18	7	0	2	2	4
'16-17	Mississauga	OHL	65	18	28	46	107

**Best case | Ben Hutton**



## LIAS ANDERSSON

**BORN** Oct. 13, 1998, Smogen, Swe.  
**2016-17** HV71 POS C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 198 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 25

**HOCKEY NERDS** among us may remember Niklas Andersson, who was drafted by the Quebec Nordiques in 1989 and went on to play 165 games in the NHL and another 212 in the AHL.



He's also currently a European scout for the Los Angeles Kings, and he's Lias Andersson's father. And as

they say, the proverbial apple did not fall far from the tree.

Like his father, Andersson is a little undersized, but that does not stop him from being a conscientious two-way player. The fact he is playing in the Swedish League has prevented him from putting up big numbers, but he has done well internationally when playing with players his own age. "As a younger player, he had more offensive talent than you're seeing now," said a scout. "He may have moved up a little too quickly and may not have been able to show us just how good he can be."

Calling a player a 'safe' pick has become a bit of a dirty word, but that's what Andersson is. His offensive ceiling might not be as high as others', but he'll definitely play and contribute at the NHL level. "He's a coach's dream," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	HV71	Mid.	32	18	19	37	76
'14-15	HV71	Jr.	25	6	3	9	16
'15-16	HV71	Jr.	37	24	35	59	91
'16-17	HV71	Swe.	42	9	10	19	18
	Sweden	WJC	7	3	0	3	6

**Best case | Ondrej Palat**



## KAILER YAMAMOTO

**BORN** Sept. 29, 1998, Spokane, Wash.  
**2016-17** Spokane POS RW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 160 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 26

**YAMAMOTO CAN** thank Johnny Gaudreau for clearing a path for smaller guys in the modern NHL. And while Gaudreau went 104th overall in 2011, there's no way Yama-



moto stays on the board that long. "He's an excellent player," said one scout. "I've liked him for years."

He has great hockey sense and skates well. The big thing is size. Gaudreau carries the play more, but Kailer has really good touch around the puck. He's not shy, but he's smart enough not to get caught in the railroad tracks."

Playing on a transitioning Spokane team, Yamamoto has been a big driver. Internationally, he's had mixed results with Team USA, leading last year's world under-18s in goals en route to bronze but failing to make the WJC squad after being held in check at the summer camp tune-up tourney.

That has scouts wondering what happens if he's not a top-line guy. "He's an opportunistic player," said another scout. "You don't notice him, but then he's got three points on the night. He's not overly physical. He gets to the quiet areas. The question is, will he be a top-line forward all the time?"

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	L.A. Jr. Kings	Ban.	34	17	23	40	14
'14-15	Spokane	WHL	68	23	34	57	50
'15-16	Spokane	WHL	57	19	52	71	34
	USA	WU18	7	7	6	13	12
'16-17	Spokane	WHL	65	42	57	99	46

**Best case | Conor Sheary**

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## ROBERT THOMAS

**BORN** July 2, 1999, Aurora, Ont.  
**2016-17** London POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 188 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 21

**WHEN YOU** think of the London Knights, offensively gifted run-and-gun stars are usually the first kinds of players who come to mind. You don't often associate the Knights with committed two-way centers who think defense first and are content to play a less glamorous role.

But that's what Thomas does, although you could also argue he's been stuck as a young player in a star-studded organization. "Most young kids embrace offense first and respect structure," said a scout. "This kid embraces structure, then worries about offense."

Thomas is a rare commodity, made all the more valuable by the fact he's versatile and can play any forward position. One scout described him as very good at everything but not elite in any area of the game.

He skates very well, has a high hockey IQ and was still a point-per-game player despite embracing a two-way role. "There is not a lot of flash to his game," said another scout, "but he's really smart and he has a real understanding of how to play and a real understanding of how to advance the cause of the team."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	York Simcoe	Mid.	34	18	27	45	22
	St. Andrew's	Ind.	1	0	0	0	0
'15-16	London	OHL	40	3	12	15	0
	Canada White	WU17	6	0	1	1	0
'16-17	London	OHL	66	16	50	66	26

**Best case** | Mike Fisher



## PIERRE-OLIVIER JOSEPH

**BORN** July 1, 1999, Chambly, Que.  
**2016-17** Charlottetown POS D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 160 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 34

**AS THE** Charlottetown Islanders were wending their way through the QMJHL playoffs, a greater number of important NHL talent evaluators were checking in on Joseph. That's because the potential in the puck-moving defenseman is tantalizing. "He's very smart and his hockey IQ is very good," said one scout. "He's composed with the puck. He's good on angles, keeps his gaps tight, and his stickwork is good. On the power play, he can put the puck in good places. He sucks guys in and then dishes off."

Joseph still needs to get stronger and bigger - right now he'll battle for pucks and lose because he doesn't have the mass - but the will is there. His older brother, Mathieu, is a Tampa Bay pick (fourth round, 2015) who earned silver with Canada at the WJC. So no one is sleeping on Pierre-Olivier. "I love him," said another scout. "He might be taken in the middle of the first round. He has to put some weight on, but he plays the right way for a defenseman. He's got passion, just like his brother."

And with Charlottetown making a long playoff run, there were many nice viewings of that upside.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	AGG College	Mid.	42	3	8	11	18
'15-16	AGG College	Mid.	19	1	9	10	12
	Charlottetown	QMJHL	48	1	7	8	30
'16-17	Charlottetown	QMJHL	62	6	33	39	54

**Best case** | Roman Josi



## KOLE LIND

**BORN** Oct. 16, 1998, Shaunavon, Sask.  
**2016-17** Kelowna POS RW  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 173 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 24

**ONE SCOUT** had an interesting take on the late-blooming Lind. "His game is a little more subdued," the scout said. "He's kind of like that introverted girl at the party that you spend 20 minutes talking to and you're like, 'Man, why haven't I asked her out?'"

Which is a unique way of saying there is not a whole lot of sizzle or flash to Lind's game, but there is a lot to like about how he goes about his on-ice business. Most scouts describe Lind as an up-and-down winger who can make plays and contribute offensively.

After more than doubling his point totals in his second WHL season in Kelowna, the lanky right winger is giving the sense he can do more than just skate and go up and down his wing, although he can do those things very well. "He's one of those guys you look at in the scoresheet and he had a little more of an impact on the game than you thought he did," said another scout.

"When you think of a player who can move quickly and make plays at a high pace and tempo, that's him. He's not a heavy guy, but he does have skill."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	S.C. Raiders	Ban.	20	22	24	46	30
'13-14	Sask. Contacts	Mid.	44	21	16	37	38
'14-15	Sask. Contacts	Mid.	44	45	34	79	54
'15-16	Kelowna	WHL	70	14	27	41	54
'16-17	Kelowna	WHL	70	30	57	87	79

**Best case** | Gustav Nyqvist



## ERIK BRANNSTROM

**BORN** Sept. 2, 1999, Eksjo, Swe.  
**2016-17** HV71 POS D  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 179 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 60

**SOME TEAM** may fall completely in love with Brannstrom and pick him higher than expected. "He's the closest thing to Kimmo Timonen I've seen," said one scout. "The details in his game are amazing. He can skate, he's got skill - he has no flaws except his size. He's terrific, but he'll have to prove himself."

Indeed, he doesn't have the height, but Brannstrom has the numbers. He was second in Swedish junior league assists and points by a blueliner behind teammate Johan Malmborg during the regular season despite 25 fewer games played. Plus, Brannstrom has shown an ability to produce at the international level, taking some of the spotlight away from Timothy Liljegren. "He created something nearly every period at the Five Nations," said another scout. "That was a big coming-out party for him. He's very skilled, very smart, good on the power play. He's a bit small, but he was the best defenseman in the tournament."

Assuming NHL teams can get over the size bias - and based on where the latest trends are going, they will - Brannstrom will have a lot of suitors.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	HV71	Mid.	15	6	7	13	8
'15-16	HV71	Jr.	41	8	22	30	26
'16-17	HV71	Jr.	19	9	14	23	18
	HV71	Swe.	35	1	5	6	2
	Sweden	WU18	7	2	3	5	0

**Best case** | Torey Krug

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## URHO VAAKANAINEN

**BORN** Jan. 1, 1999, Joensuu, Fin.  
**2016-17 JYP** POS D  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 187 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 37

**THANKS TO** his advanced play, Vaakanainen found himself playing against men in Finland's top league in 2015-16. That put him on the radar early, and the hype machine put him at a bit of



a disadvantage coming into his draft campaign. "He survived in the Liiga last year, but he didn't

excel – it didn't develop him," said one scout. "He has strong character, and he's physical, but he needs to develop his hockey sense."

He played 15 minutes per night, which is pretty decent for a teenager, though much less than countryman Miro Heiskanen, who played 19 minutes per game with HIFK. On the other hand, different talent hawks liked what they saw as this year progressed, especially since Vaakanainen's JYP team made a deep playoff run before he decamped for the world under-18s in Slovakia. "He's very good," said another scout. "He's a smooth skater and has offense in his game. He's a first-rounder for sure."

There's a safeness to Vaakanainen and, given his position, that's a positive. In a draft with a lot of variance, he will catch the eye of at least a few teams in the top 31.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'15-16	Blues	Jr. A	18	2	11	13	8
	Blues	Fin.	25	1	5	6	8
'16-17	JYP	Fin.	41	2	4	6	12
	Finland	WJC	6	1	0	1	4
	Finland	WU18	5	3	3	6	2

**Best case | Jake Gardiner**



## SHANE BOWERS

**BORN** July 30, 1999, Halifax, N.S.  
**2016-17 Waterloo** POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 178 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 27

**WHAT BEGAN** as a controversy ended up opening a new path for Bowers. The Halifax native was drafted by Cape Breton in the QMJHL but chose not to sign there. Paperwork had to be



filed to make him U.S.H.L. eligible at 16, but Bowers and his advisors made it happen. He was among

the top 10 in scoring this year.

Not only that, but he committed to Boston University, where early departures by forwards Clayton Keller and Jakob Forsbacka-Karlsson will bring more opportunities for the solid pivot. "He's just a really safe pick, pretty much a guaranteed NHL player," said one scout. "Great habits, really good all-around game and really good approach to the game. He's very competitive. Not sure what his offensive ceiling is, but at worst he's a third-liner in the NHL."

So the game here is to figure out how high Bowers goes, knowing that he'll be a pro, but perhaps a bottom-sixer at best. Is safe better than risky? "He has great stickhandling skills," said another scout. "But I wanted it to add up to more points. He didn't have a bad year, but he doesn't lift you out of your seat like Eeli Tolvanen."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Halifax Gulls	Ban.	31	21	18	39	0
'13-14	Halifax Gulls	Ban.	33	33	36	69	22
'14-15	Hfx McDonald's	Mid.	34	23	29	52	24
'15-16	Waterloo	USHL	56	15	18	33	16
'16-17	Waterloo	USHL	60	22	29	51	20

**Best case | Jordan Staal**



## JONAH GADJOVICH

**BORN** Oct. 12, 1998, Whitby, Ont.  
**2016-17 Owen Sound** POS LW  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 201 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 59

**PLAYING ON** a line in Owen Sound with fellow 2017 draft prospect Nick Suzuki, Gadjovich scored 33 points in his first two OHL years, then exploded for 74 this season.



There might be a temptation to chalk that up to riding on Suzuki's coattails, but that's not

the case. "He certainly benefited from playing with Suzuki," said a scout, "but Gadjovich did all the dirty work on that line. He gets to play with Suzuki because he does things that other guys won't do. He's big enough and strong enough to do it."

To be sure, Gadjovich's play in the corners and in front of the net are his strongest assets. At this stage of his development, he's projected to be a third-liner at the NHL level, with a chance to move up to a top-six forward depending on whether he continues to develop well.

Skating is a concern with talent evaluators, but not a huge one. "He plays a really hard, heavy game," said another scout. "He's not the greatest skater, but he knows his way around the net. He's shown the ability to play with a top talent and not be passive."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Whitby	Mid.	23	15	15	30	20
	OMHA White	Jr.	5	1	3	4	4
'14-15	Owen Sound	OHL	60	4	5	9	59
'15-16	Owen Sound	OHL	66	14	10	24	42
'16-17	Owen Sound	OHL	60	46	28	74	32

**Best case | Patric Hornqvist**



## JAKE OETTINGER

**BORN** Dec. 18, 1998, Lakeville, Minn.  
**2016-17 Boston University** POS G  
**HT** 6-4 **WT** 205 **CATCHES** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 2 G

**THE BEANPOT** pits the four Boston NCAA schools against each other in a mid-season showdown for city glory. This year, Harvard smacked BU in the final 6-3, but Oettinger still impressed.



"Harvard dominated that game," said one scout. "I know he gave up six goals, but it could have been

a hundred. His stock went through the roof after that."

Oettinger is a big, calm netminder who controls rebounds and doesn't get rattled if he gives up a goal. He was a rare first-year draft-eligible freshman goalie – like Thatcher Demko at Boston College a few years back. Playing for the rival Terriers, Oettinger had some incredible games for a team loaded with talent, but not one that found its cohesiveness. "It's very impressive for a true freshman to go in and have the year he did," said another scout. "Any faults that Boston U. team had, they certainly didn't come from Jake."

At one point, Oettinger rang off an eight-game win streak. His season ended in overtime against Minnesota Duluth, but before that his Frozen Four opened with a double-overtime victory against defending champ North Dakota.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'13-14	Lakeville North	USHS	GP 9	1.86	.931
'14-15	USA U17	NTDP	GP 29	2.57	.916
'15-16	USA U18	NTDP	25-8-1	2.38	.908
	USA	WU18	4-0-0	1.50	.934
'16-17	Boston U.	HE	21-11-3	2.11	.927

**Best case | Braden Holtby**

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## JARET ANDERSON-DOLAN

**BORN** Sept. 12, 1999, Calgary, Alta.  
**2016-17** Spokane **POS** C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 31

**SCOUTS ALREADY** like what they see in Anderson-Dolan, but they're anticipating even better numbers for the kid once Spokane kicks off 2017-18. That's because the Chiefs parted ways with coach Don Nachbaur, whose Spokane teams weren't offensively prosperous. "He's a hardworking kid," said one scout. "He'll really shine next year, and his offense will take another step."

Considering the Chiefs also have Kailer Yamamoto up front and offensive defenseman Ty Smith on the rise, the points will be there for the taking.

Another nice accolade for 'J.A.D.' was the fact he earned the captaincy for Canada's world under-18 team. He may not have a ton of size, but the pivot is checking off all the right boxes with talent evaluators. "He's going to get better as the years go on," said another scout. "He's not a real standout now, but he has a nice 200-foot game. He's good on face-offs, smart and strong."

Anderson-Dolan is a product of the Edge School in Calgary, one of a number of elite academies churning out WHL talent by consolidating high bantam draft picks.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Edge School	Ban.	59	79	47	126	14
'14-15	Edge School	CAHS	25	13	17	30	8
'15-16	Spokane	WHL	65	14	12	26	21
'16-17	Spokane	WHL	72	39	37	76	22
	Canada	WU18	5	0	0	0	4

**Best case** | Mike Richards



## NIKITA POPUGAEV

**BORN** Nov. 20, 1998, Moscow, Rus.  
**2016-17** Prince George **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-6 **WT** 202 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 52

**USUALLY, GETTING** trad-ed from a bottom-feeder to a contender reaps benefits. If anything, it had the opposite effect for Popugaev. The towering Russian went from Moose Jaw to

Prince George and saw his production nosedive. Then, the Cougars were upset in the first round of the

playoffs. "I have not been a fan," said one scout. "It's his work ethic. If he knows he's getting the puck, he's dangerous. If not, he's not very hard to play against."

Popugaev wasn't the only Prince George player lacking in character this year, so you can't put the whole loss on him, but it's a little troubling that the late-1998 birthday seems to have peaked early. The numbers in his rookie season in Moose Jaw were pretty exemplary. And he carried that on early this season. His performance at the CHL Top Prospects Game was solid, so perhaps he just needs a team that will kick him in the butt, because there is talent and potential there. "He's a big man and highly talented," said another scout. "He can shoot from anywhere. I guess you'd call him a sniper. He needs to work on his consistency and his skating."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	CSKA	Mid.	24	19	22	41	10
	Krasnaya Armiya Jr.		28	2	2	4	4
'15-16	Moose Jaw	WHL	70	16	31	47	28
'16-17	Moose Jaw	WHL	40	22	29	51	14
	Prince George	WHL	31	7	11	18	15

**Best case** | Mikhail Grigorenko



## IVAN LODNIA

**BORN** Aug. 31, 1999, Los Angeles, Calif.  
**2016-17** Erie **POS** RW  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 181 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 73

**LODNIA DISTINGUISHED** himself before the regular season even began, turning heads with Team USA at the summer Ivan Hlinka tournament.

And while he was fighting for ice time on a loaded Erie Otters squad, the youngster still got his offensive touches. "I've always thought he was bigger than he actually is," said one scout. "He can skate, and he captured everyone's imagination last year. He's a smart player and can contribute offensively. And he does have awareness away from the puck."

Lodnia's diverse game has also been lauded, and it definitely helped him make an impact with the Otters. Erie already had Dylan Strome, Alex DeBrincat and Taylor Raddysh up front, then added more NHL picks in Warren Foegele and Anthony Cirelli as the season went on.

Still, Lodnia had a key goal in the team's Game 7 OHL playoff victory over the defending champions from London. "He's an agile skater, a quick guy who is good at changing directions, and he gets open quick," said another scout. "Good versatility. He seems to play everywhere in their lineup."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Belle Tire	Ban.	28	32	24	56	16
'13-14	Belle Tire	Ban.	28	25	30	55	16
'14-15	Honeybaked	Ban.	26	15	14	29	14
'15-16	Erie	OHL	62	16	23	39	14
'16-17	Erie	OHL	66	24	33	57	24

**Best case** | Mikkel Boedker



## GRANT MISMASH

**BORN** Feb. 19, 1999, Edina, Minn.  
**2016-17** USA NTDP **POS** C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 183 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 38

**IT'S A** down year for the NTDP, so much so that 'The Program' may not have a current roster player go in the first round for the first time since 2008. But if there's a kid who can crack the top 31, it's Mismash. The North Dakota commit brings a nice combination of talent and grit

to the table. "I love the guy," said one scout. "He had a slow start, but he's a big, heavy body with great hands. He has pro upside, shoots the puck with power...loves the give-and-go, catch-and-shoot plays. He's always ready. There were nights where he didn't make an impression early. Later, there was more rhythm and pace to his game. He's pure offense."

Mismash fared decently against older, NCAA competition during his NTDP regular season, but really caught on during the world under-18s, catching points in all of his round robin games en route to a gold medal. "He got better over the year, more consistent," said another scout. "He was one of the NTDP's big offensive contributors."

Before the NTDP, the Minnesota native played at Shattuck-St. Mary's, the state's famous prep school and hockey hothouse.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Shattuck	Ban.	65	48	48	96	132
'14-15	Shattuck	Mid.	52	31	31	62	64
'15-16	USA U17	USHL	58	23	21	44	88
'16-17	USA U18	NTDP	57	23	29	52	90
	USA	WU18	7	3	5	8	10

**Best case** | Boone Jenner

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## ALEX FORMENTON

**BORN** Sept. 13, 1999, King City, Ont.  
**2016-17** London **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 167 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 32

**> ANOTHER PLAYER** who has been stuck in a talent-laden lineup in London, Formenton is one of the best skaters in the draft. The problem is the rest of his game has not caught up to his foot

speed. At least not yet. "Think of Jason Chimera as a young player," said a scout. "He's had a tough time

securing himself a top-nine spot in London because the skill parts of his game haven't caught up to his feet."

But in a game that is leaning more toward speed and quickness, Formenton remains an intriguing prospect. There is still a lot of time for him to grow his game in major junior, and if he can ever put his tools together, there will be something very good here.

But while he plays with an incredible pace and energy, there is a concern he sometimes actually plays the game a little too fast. "He overskates his brain sometimes, and when that happens, his biggest strengths also become his biggest weaknesses," said another scout. "And the results vary. When he gets outside of structure, his tools work against each other. When he's inside of structure, his tools work with each other."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Tor. Nationals	Ban.	n/a				
'14-15	Mississauga	Mid.	65	27	28	55	92
'15-16	Aurora	Jr. A	54	13	13	26	66
'16-17	London	OHL	65	16	18	34	50

**Best case | Carl Hagelin**



## CONOR TIMMINS

**BORN** Sept. 18, 1998, Thorold, Ont.  
**2016-17** Sault Ste. Marie **POS** D  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 182 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 29

**> SCOUTS WEREN'T** expecting to see as much offense as they did from Timmins, and the fact he added that dimension makes him more appealing.

Timmins has always been a smart, puck-moving defenseman, but when he got a chance to display his offensive chops

with a talented and high-scoring Greyhounds team, he did not disappoint. "He has good size, and he's a good skater, but he needs to defend better and with more commitment," a scout said. "He sometimes seems to wait for the play to die instead of ending the play from the offensive team."

Other scouts think he competes harder than he receives credit for, and the fact he doesn't have more of an impact stems from him not being fully physically developed. And even though he's a good puck-mover and can start the rush in transition, his skating needs to improve, particularly his first three steps. "What a smart defenseman," said another scout. "Steady, error-free, just plays the game and makes it look simple. I don't think he'll ever put up a ton of points, but he's going to be a really good defenseman for a lot of years."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Southern Tier	Mid.	38	4	18	22	39
'14-15	Thorold	Jr. B	15	2	8	10	28
	St. Catharines	Jr. B	15	5	3	8	12
'15-16	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	60	4	9	13	20
'16-17	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	67	7	54	61	69

**Best case | Marc-Edouard Vlasic**



## MORGAN FROST

**BORN** May 14, 1999, Aurora, Ont.  
**2016-17** Sault Ste. Marie **POS** C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 70

**> THE SON** of one of Canada's foremost rock and roll radio personalities and the former PA announcer for the Toronto Maple Leafs (Andy Frost), this undersized, smart playmaker

shows a high level of patience with the puck and an ability to distribute it.

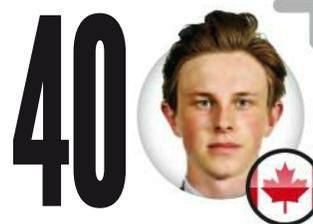
Skating is a big part of his game, but scouts would like to see the other facets catch up to his speed and smarts. "He's very skilled and when he has the space, and he's able to create really well," said a scout said. "He does his best work on the power play. The tools are unquestioned, but he's one of those guys who should be doing more than he does 5-on-5."

Like most other players in this draft, there is still a lot of room for growth, literally and metaphorically. Scouts like the trajectory Frost is on and are interested to see how he develops. "He's a really good all-around player who hasn't yet showed me he's elite at anything," said another scout. "But he has some really good tools, and he's had a good season."

"He's smart and knows how to make plays," said another. "He makes plays at the right time. He's competitive with a good skill set."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Barrie	Mid.	32	30	25	55	34
	OMHA Navy	Jr.	5	1	7	8	2
'15-16	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	65	7	20	27	12
'16-17	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	67	20	42	62	36

**Best case | Ryan Spooner**



## MACKENZIE ENTWISTLE

**BORN** July 14, 1999, Georgetown, Ont.  
**2016-17** Hamilton **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 181 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 42

**> IT'S KIND** of strange that a player gets pigeonholed as a bottom-six forward before he even plays a game in the NHL, but that is exactly what has happened with Entwistle, a prospect with

good size and an excellent work ethic but lacking in offensive creativity. "He's a pretty easy player

to scout," said one scout. "His game is basic, and I don't say that with a negative connotation. It's basic in terms of being simple and straightforward, which means he gets the most from his tools, and there's not a lot of time wasted on what he's not good at."

So teams looking to swing for the fences will surely be steering clear of Entwistle. But for those looking for an identifiable commodity, a safe pick who will contribute in a defined role, he is a good candidate. "He's a hard worker who hasn't shown the hockey sense or skill to be above a third- or fourth-line guy right now," said another scout.

"And that's OK. Every team needs third- and fourth-line guys, too. He'll find a niche for himself in the pro game, but I don't see it being in any kind of offensive capacity."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Tor. Marlboros	Mid.	66	22	27	49	24
'15-16	Hamilton	OHL	60	6	8	14	17
	Canada Red	WU17	6	1	0	1	6
'16-17	Hamilton	OHL	54	12	13	25	25
	Canada	WU18	5	4	3	7	6

**Best case | Alex Chiasson**

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## UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

**BORN** March 9, 1999, Espoo, Fin.  
**2016-17** HPK Jr. POS G  
**HT** 6-4 **WT** 196 **CATCHES** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 1 G

**THE SUPERBLY** named Luukkonen first came on the radar last season at the world under-18s, where the under-ager helped Finland clinch a gold medal. He remained the consensus

top European netminder this season, though talent evaluators were doing their due diligence. "He has high-end elements," said one scout. "He's huge and he's calm. I want to dig into his athleticism. Is he a natural athlete? I'm not sure yet. But if that corrects itself, I have no worries."

The early portion of Luukkonen's campaign was derailed by mononucleosis, which limited his work, but he bounced back in fine fashion and helped his junior squad win a national title thanks to a strong playoff. "It was an up-and-down year," said another scout. "The mono, but he looked like himself by the end. He's such a big kid. He moves well, and it's hard to see the holes. He's the top goalie prospect in Europe."

Luukkonen returned to the world under-18s and helped a potent Finnish lineup earn silver, though he was more of a bend-don't-break presence instead of a shutout machine.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'14-15	HPK	Ban.	GP 9	2.78	.911
'15-16	HPK	Mid.	GP 31	n/a	.901
	HPK	Jr.	GP 15	1.98	.924
'16-17	HPK	Jr.	GP 35	n/a	.917
	Finland	WU18	GP 6	2.90	.899

**Best case | Ben Bishop**



## ALEXEI LIPANOV

**BORN** Aug. 17, 1999, Moscow, Rus.  
**2016-17** Balashikha POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 35

**WHILE THE** Russian Hockey Federation favors veterans at the world juniors, it has been great about giving kids a run at the World Jr. A Challenge. That's where Lipanov first came

on the radar, playing with 2018 phenom Andrei Svechnikov and helping the team to a bronze medal

in Alberta. "He was good at the WJAC," said one scout. "He's an Igor Larionov type: playmaker, good on faceoffs and a good teammate. You see him give his guys taps with his stick out there."

Lipanov split his time between Russia's version of the AHL and the KHL's top junior circuit during the season and acquitted himself nicely, but the spotlight has been brighter for him internationally, and teaming up with Svechnikov again at the world under-18s proved to be another good outing. While Lipanov isn't a flashy guy and doesn't get a ton of points, he plays a complete game, and that has talent hawks intrigued. "He plays a game that is, I don't want to say greasy, but he makes a lot happen," said another scout. "He gets his guys the puck. He's not an explosive skater, but he has high-end hockey sense."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'15-16	Dynamo	Mid.	18	2	12	14	39
	MVD	Jr.	32	3	5	8	16
'16-17	MVD	Jr.	11	0	3	3	6
	Balashikha	Rus.	21	3	5	8	8
	Russia	WU18	7	0	3	3	0

**Best case | Nazem Kadri**



## ANTOINE MORAND

**BORN** Feb. 18, 1999, Mercier, Que.  
**2016-17** Acadie-Bathurst POS C  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 87

**OVERALL, IT'S** a down year for the QMJHL in terms of draft prospects – there may only be one or two first-rounders after star Nico Hischier is picked – but Morand has the

potential to make a team very happy. "I love the kid," said one scout. "He's not as high-end as

Tyson Jost but the same type of player. He's 5-foot-10, and that's the knock on him right now. He's slight and gets knocked out of the play sometimes. He's a smart player, and he skates well. He's got the quickness."

Morand improved his skating as the campaign went on and, while he can score goals, he was an excellent playmaker in the post-season, helping the Titan to the second round. Prior to that, the youngster showed well at the CHL Top Prospects Game, where he used an active stick to defend and showed a willingness to dig for pucks against larger opponents. But he's most fun when he has some room to operate. "He's a darting player," said another scout. "He makes plays at high speeds. His shot isn't all that strong, but he's a good passer and a strong puckhandler."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Lac St-Louis	Ban.	n/a				
'14-15	Chateauguay	Mid.	41	18	37	55	34
'15-16	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	48	14	36	50	37
	Canada Red	WU17	6	3	3	6	0
'16-17	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL	67	28	46	74	52

**Best case | Marc Savard**



## MARKUS PHILLIPS

**BORN** March 21, 1999, Port Perry, Ont.  
**2016-17** Owen Sound POS D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 202 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 43

**AS THE** season began, scouts were intrigued by Phillips but wanted to see if he could put up some attention-grabbing offensive numbers to really sell them on his talents. On that

front, he did OK, finishing top-20 in OHL blueline scoring. But his Attack team was on fire and had

a nice playoff run, so it's worth remembering what the collective accomplished. "He's a pretty good defenseman," said one scout. "He fits in today's game. He's a good skater and is smart."

Coming in with decent size and skills, Phillips may not be the flashiest blueliner around, but he has a high level of competency and played on his team's top pairing with Juuso Valimaki at the CHL Top Prospects Game in Quebec City, acquitting himself well in the process. Phillips is a solid all-around player. "He's a mobile defenseman who loves to join the rush," said another scout. "His skating and sturdiness are very noticeable – he doesn't get knocked off the puck very often."

With Phillips and several other young talents returning next season, Owen Sound will be a force once again in the OHL.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Tor. Titans	Mid.	6	2	0	2	2
'14-15	Tor. Titans	Mid.	24	4	17	21	n/a
'15-16	Owen Sound	OHL	63	3	9	12	22
	Canada	WU18	7	0	2	2	2
'16-17	Owen Sound	OHL	66	13	30	43	44

**Best case | Karl Alzner**

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**JOSH  
NORRIS**

**BORN** May 5, 1999, Oxford, Mich.  
**2016-17 USA NTDP** POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 192 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 23

**THE U.S.** NTDP's under-18 squad started off the year with just two wins in its first 10 games. That's a struggle, no matter which way you slice it.

But as talent hawks tried to get a beat on which Team USA kids would rise to the top, their gaze kept falling back on Norris, even if the kid didn't get a lot of outside attention. "He was under the radar in the first half," said one scout. "He's not super dynamic, but even when the team was struggling, he was always consistent. He's a hardworking, smooth-skating center with hockey sense. He plays in all situations. Teams could step up to get him."

Norris is committed to the University of Michigan, and with that squad also struggling of late, the Wolverines could use a player who does his job without much fanfare. He may not put up numbers like Kyle Connor or Zach Werenski did in their time there, but Norris won't let his draft team down, either. "He plays a two-way game," said another scout. "He's a player NHL coaches would be very comfortable playing. There isn't a real high end with him, but neither is there a real low end."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Oakland Griz.	Ban.	28	11	14	25	30
'14-15	Oakland Griz.	Mid.	21	10	18	28	14
'15-16	USA U17	NTDP	44	14	13	27	34
'16-17	USA U18	NTDP	61	27	33	60	36
	USA	WU18	7	3	4	7	2

**Best case | Logan Couture**

# 46



**STELIO  
MATTHEOS**

**BORN** June 14, 1999, Winnipeg, Man.  
**2016-17 Brandon** POS C  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 190 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 33

**DRAFTED FIRST** overall by the Brandon Wheat Kings in 2014 after a 100-point season in bantam, Mattheos displayed some offensive chops in his second WHL season. But those looking for bofo numbers will be a little disappointed.

Mattheos is definitely more defense oriented than focused on offense. He's versatile and can play either wing and embraces the responsibility of being a two-way player. "I find him to be a very good complementary player," said one scout. "I've seen him play on the second line, I've seen him play on the third line, and I've seen him play on the fourth line, and he plays them all equally well. He's smart and versatile. Those are his two biggest strengths."

There's not a lot in Mattheos' game that will make people get out of their seats, but he's that kind of industrious, unselfish player every winning team needs. "He has good size, and he's a good skater, but I'm not sure he brings much offense to the table," said another scout. "He can make it as a third- or fourth-liner as long as he wants to be an energy player and good defender."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Wpg Monarchs	Ban.	32	53	50	103	28
'14-15	Wpg Wild	Mid.	27	14	11	25	18
'15-16	Brandon	WHL	50	13	17	30	10
'16-17	Brandon	WHL	69	26	35	61	59
	Canada	WU18	5	4	0	4	2

**Best case | Eric Fehr**

# 47



**MATTHEW  
STROME**

**BORN** Jan. 6, 1999, Mississauga, Ont.  
**2016-17 Hamilton** POS LW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 203 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 55

**STROME IS** the third in line of a trio of NHL prospects from the same family who are big, smart and possess nice puck skills but whose effectiveness is limited by a lack of speed. "He's

a big kid with good hands, but I'm telling you what everyone else is saying," said a scout. "He

doesn't skate well. And that will be where your risk lies with him."

Matthew did not put up near as good numbers as his brothers Ryan and Dylan did in their draft years and consequently isn't expected to go anywhere near as high as they did. Ryan went fifth in 2011 and Dylan third in 2015.

Scouts thought Matthew lacked consistency in his game. Others think he slowed down more as he got bigger. There is still much to like from a hockey sense perspective, however. "For a guy who thinks the game like he does and has the scoring touch he does, he didn't make the difference he should have a lot of nights," said another scout. "If you don't skate well, you don't have the luxury not to initiate and not to compete every shift. When he did compete at 100 percent, his skating was not nearly as much of a factor."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Tor. Marlboros	Mid.	64	23	37	60	36
'15-16	Hamilton	OHL	61	16	22	38	29
	Canada Black	WU17	5	0	0	0	4
'16-17	Hamilton	OHL	66	34	28	62	62
	Canada	WU18	5	1	2	3	6

**Best case | Patrick Maroon**

# 48



**DYLAN  
SAMBERG**

**BORN** Jan. 24, 1999, Hermantown, Minn.  
**2016-17 Hermantown** POS D  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 190 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 44

**THERE'S** genuine excitement in scouts' voices when they talk about Samberg, who won back-to-back Minnesota state high school titles this season and last with Hermantown in the small-school bracket.

Prior to that, he was getting it done in the hothouse Elite

League, a magnet for talent in the region. "He just rag-dolls guys," said one scout. "He was a raging bull in the Elite League - just fun to watch. He has toned it down a bit so he's not in the penalty box so much. He's a big, strong kid and is a great skater. He's really competitive. The offensive side is raw, but there's something there."

Samberg is committed to his local school, Minnesota Duluth, and he'll be a great addition to a top program. Talent evaluators have also noted his father is 6-foot-5, so the son may not be finished growing. "I love the kid," said another scout. "He's a 10-year NHLer for sure. He has size, reach and plays with an aggressive mindset. He's an effective skater but not a pretty skater. Once he's in flight, though, he looks like Bret Hedican."

Samberg also played six games with USHL Waterloo this year.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Hermantown	USHS	11	1	0	1	0
'15-16	Team North	USHS	10	0	2	2	2
	Hermantown	USHS	23	5	13	18	6
'16-17	Team North	USHS	18	5	7	12	14
	Hermantown	USHS	25	10	18	28	43

**Best case | Jonathan Ericsson**

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**JOSH  
BROOK**

**BORN** June 17, 1999, Roblin, Man.  
**2016-17** Moose Jaw **POS** D  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 64

**AFTER AN** injury-plagued WHL rookie season that limited him to 30 games, Brook stayed healthy this season and displayed his abilities as a puck-moving defenseman who can play a steady, smart game.



He struggled early but, once he hit his stride, came on as a draft prospect. "He does his best work in a half-court setting on the power play, once the rush gets into the offensive zone," said one scout. "He's a nice, steady, puck-moving, two-way defenseman. He has some offensive ability, but I don't think he's going to be a lead power play guy. But he's a very good passer and a good defender and an honest two-way player."

Scouts said Brook looks smaller than he is because he skates hunched over. He has decent size and can defend his end adequately. He's more of a puck-moving transitional D-man than a pure offensive catalyst, but his forte is creating pace and flow. "He's shown a well-defined defensive game," said another scout. "He's shown the learning curve of defending at the next level should be less painful than a lot of guys who play his role in major junior."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Notre Dame	Ban.	32	6	20	26	50
'14-15	Notre Dame	Mid.	32	9	27	36	52
'15-16	Moose Jaw	WHL	30	4	6	10	18
'16-17	Moose Jaw	WHL	69	8	32	40	61
	Canada	WU18	5	0	2	2	4

**Best case** | Mark Fayne

# 50



**ALEKSI  
HEPONIEMI**

**BORN** Jan. 9, 1999, Tampere, Fin.  
**2016-17** Swift Current **POS** C  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 141 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 56

**IF YOU** were choosing strictly based on hockey sense, there's a good chance Heponiemi would hear his name called among the first five in this year's draft. But, alas, scouts look at the complete package, and Heponiemi's size and skating will hold him back.



He is very good with the puck, possesses excellent vision and has an ability to find seams and exploit mistakes in defensive coverage. That much was evident when he led WHL rookies in scoring and tied Nico Hischier for first among first-year scorers in CHL major junior.

Heponiemi is a pass-first thinker who relies more on his hockey IQ and supreme passing than he does explosive speed. He's not necessarily a bad skater, just not as good as scouts would like to see for someone his size. "He has to do things with his passing and his brain and slowing down the play," said one scout. "And that's a lot more difficult to do at the next level. You don't see a lot of guys in the NHL at that size who can play a slow-down game like that."

One thing that's going to have to change is his weight. Right now he's about half a Dustin Byfuglien.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Ilves	Ban.	15	2	5	7	2
'14-15	Ilves	Ban.	31	26	50	76	16
'15-16	Ilves	Mid.	39	25	40	65	24
	Ilves	Jr. A	7	2	2	4	2
'16-17	Swift Current	WHL	72	28	58	86	18

**Best case** | Tomas Plekanec

# 51



**JASON  
ROBERTSON**

**BORN** July 22, 1999, Northville, Mich.  
**2016-17** Kingston **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 196 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 36

**ROBERTSON PUT** up big offensive numbers this season, and that didn't stop in the post-season, even when his Frontenacs team was in the process of getting ousted by Peterborough in the second round of the OHL playoffs. But talent hawks are a little leery about the big kid with the laser-accurate shot. "He clearly has a scorer's touch," said one scout. "Anywhere in the scoring zone, he's dangerous. But his skating needs to improve a lot. That's his ticket. And he needs more weight. Right now, he's a power forward without a lot of power."



So there is definitely potential in the young American from Michigan. But it's the weaknesses in his game that right now slot him outside the first round. Should Robertson be able to shore up his game in those areas, then for certain one team is going to get a nice steal.

Robertson's pro hockey future is in his own hands. "He has a great stick, good mind, but he lacks skating and competitiveness for me," said another scout. "If you don't have power in your stride, I don't know how much better it can get. It will be up to him."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Little Caesars	Ban.	20	16	7	23	6
'13-14	Detroit Kings	Mid.	51	40	47	87	6
'14-15	Don Mills Flyers	Mid.	62	28	33	61	14
'15-16	Kingston	OHL	54	18	14	32	6
'16-17	Kingston	OHL	68	42	39	81	29

**Best case** | Mark Stone

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**KEITH  
PETRUZZELLI**

**BORN** Feb. 9, 1999, Wilbraham, Mass.  
**2016-17** Muskegon **POS** G  
**HT** 6-5 **WT** 180 **CATCHES** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 8 G

**PETRUZZELLI HAS** been on the radar a couple of years for two reasons. The first is the fact he helped his Springfield Cathedral High team to the semi-final of the Massachusetts state championship in back-to-back years at 15 and 16. The second is at his size, he's impossible to miss.



But with Petruzzelli, it's more a marathon than a sprint. Whichever team takes him will be prepared to wait a long time for him to develop and gain strength. Remember, Ben Bishop was traded twice before he became an NHL regular. "He's not going to get any smaller, but he is going to get stronger, and when he gets stronger, he's going to be more athletic," said one scout. "You're looking at a two-to-three-year period where he can even get the strength to just address his other technical things."

Petruzzelli took the route less travelled when it comes to Massachusetts players by competing in the USHL. That earned him a scholarship to Quinnipiac, although some scouts think he'd be better served by another USHL season. "You'd like to see more consistency from a guy who's going to be a No. 1 goalie."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'13-14	Springfield Cath.	USHS	GP 9	1.54	.929
	Bos. Jr. Bruins	Ind.	GP 11	1.31	.924
'14-15	Springfield Cath.	USHS	GP 22	0.99	.951
'15-16	Selects Academy Ind.		21+0	1.13	.936
'16-17	Muskegon	USHL	21-10-1	2.41	.917

**Best case** | Devan Dubnyk

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## JAKE LESCHYSHYN

**BORN** March 10, 1999, Grasswood, Sask.  
**2016-17** Regina **POS** C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 182 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 63

**THERE'S SOMETHING** to be said for NHL pedigree. Right or wrong, talent evaluators see a famous last name and know that, in many cases, the kid has already ingested important lessons

about being a pro hockey player. This is certainly the case with Curtis Leschyshyn's son. "He's hard

working, highly competitive and plays like a leader," said one scout. "He needs to get quicker and faster, but he's very reliable away from the puck. He's a hockey player's son, and those kids tend to figure things out earlier."

Leschyshyn's season ended early due to a knee injury, and though his Regina Pats were a top-flight team, his absence hampered them. The Pats were still a skilled outfit, but without Leschyshyn's grit, they were easier to play against and almost lost to Swift Current in the second round of the WHL playoffs. "He's one of the hardest-working players in the draft," said another scout. "He's not the most gifted, but through his effort, he makes plays. I can certainly see him on an NHL team's penalty-kill unit."

In a draft bereft of sure things, Leschyshyn can at least be a solid pro for many seasons.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Sask. Stallions	Ban.	31	31	28	59	69
'14-15	Sask. Blazers	Mid.	38	15	20	35	30
	Regina	WHL	12	3	0	3	3
'15-16	Regina	WHL	66	7	9	16	38
'16-17	Regina	WHL	47	17	23	40	22

**Best case** | Riley Sheahan

# 54



## MARCUS DAVIDSSON

**BORN** Nov. 18, 1998, Tyreso, Swe.  
**2016-17** Djurgarden **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 192 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 105

**WATCHING A** player such as Davidsson play among men in the Swedish League can sometimes create confusion for scouts, who often have to decide whether a young player is simply overmatched because of his age or if his production there should be raising red flags.

Such is the situation with Davidsson, who didn't look out of place in 45 games with Djurgarden but didn't do much to distinguish himself, either. "He's a bit of a tweener," said one scout. "He's a second-tier offensive player and a second-tier defensive player. So he probably falls into a top-nine role, but you want more offense from him to be in that top nine. And you'd probably like to see a little more fight and a little more grit out of him to do that."

Davidsson is a two-way center who is not a big kid but is solid and stocky. His most prominent attribute is his skating. "He played to the lowest common denominator of his ability this year," said another scout. "I didn't see a lot of initiative, I didn't see a lot of accountability. I thought he was happy to be there and just blend into the game in most situations."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Djurgarden	Ban.	23	3	5	8	2
'13-14	Djurgarden	Mid.	16	2	12	14	10
'14-15	Djurgarden	Mid.	16	11	7	18	4
'15-16	Djurgarden	Jr.	45	17	23	40	24
'16-17	Djurgarden	Swe.	45	5	4	9	6

**Best case** | Nick Bonino

# 55



## JACK STUDNICKA

**BORN** Feb. 18, 1999, Tecumseh, Ont.  
**2016-17** Oshawa **POS** C  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 174 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 41

**ANOTHER IN** a long line of players in this draft who play a conscientious two-way game, Studnicka compares favorably to MacKenzie Entwistle, with less size and potentially more offensive ability.

There's a lot of variance among scouts who viewed Studnicka. Some saw a lot of value in what he brought to the Generals, while others were not as impressed. "He's a gritty kid," said one scout. "He's a gamer who comes to play. He's a right-shot center who plays a two-way game."

It should be noted Studnicka produced when it counted. He had 15 points for Oshawa in the playoffs and was one of the few players, along with Entwistle, to contribute to Canada's disappointing team in the world under-18s. Studnicka had three goals in five games for that team, which left the tournament early by losing in the quarterfinal 7-3 to Sweden.

Although Studnicka is Canadian, he opted to play his bantam and midget seasons in Detroit, for Compuware, then Belle Tire. "His skills are good, and he's a good skater," said another scout. "He didn't excite all our guys, but you can tell there's something there."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Compuware	Ban.	17	10	16	26	14
'14-15	Belle Tire	Mid.	71	31	58	89	49
'15-16	Oshawa	OHL	62	4	22	26	25
'16-17	Oshawa	OHL	64	18	34	52	36
	Canada	WU18	3	3	0	3	0

**Best case** | Trevor Lewis

# 56



## HENRI JOKIHARJU

**BORN** June 17, 1999, Oulu, Fin.  
**2016-17** Portland **POS** D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 28

**COUNT JOKIHARJU** as another modern defenseman who would have been selected much later in the draft just five years ago. Though the Finnish national doesn't have a lot of size,

he does have the skills NHL teams covet these days. "He's a smart player," said one scout. "He skates well, and he's a puck-mover."

Jokiharju's rookie season with WHL Portland came with some distinct ups and downs. He put up nice numbers during the regular season but got thrashed in the playoffs despite the Winterhawks making it to the second round. "I still want to see a bit more," said another scout. "He's a mid-sized defenseman and a tweener. He's still adjusting to contact over here. He could carry the play more."

But in the middle of the campaign, he got a chance to shine at the CHL Top Prospects Game and took full advantage. Jokiharju rang up three assists to earn player of the game honors for the victorious Team Cherry while also showing off how he defends with an active stick. If he can raise his game in Year 2 with Portland, he'll bring a nice package of skills to an NHL team in the future.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Jokerit	Ban.	32	6	17	23	14
'14-15	Jokerit	Mid.	37	8	22	30	6
'15-16	Tappara	Jr. A	47	9	20	29	20
	Finland	WU18	7	0	3	3	10
'16-17	Portland	WHL	71	9	39	48	38

**Best case** | Jared Spurgeon

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## OSTAP SAFIN

**BORN** Feb. 11, 1999, Prague, Czech Rep.  
**2016-17** Prague **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-4 **WT** 198 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 50

**IF THERE'S** a team out there that already has a good stable of prospects and can afford to take a chance on a mercurial talent, Safin just might be your man.

**S** In terms of pure skill, he's one of the top players in this draft. But scouts raise very large red flags when it comes to overall two-way effort and hockey sense. "He's one of those kids that it doesn't matter what round you take him in," said one scout. "If you're right, he's a home run. If you're wrong, he's a bust."

Which will make Safin a wild card on draft day. This draft is chock full of serviceable players, but they're the kinds of players who are a lot easier to find. It is lacking somewhat in star power, so some team will be willing to take a gamble on someone they think could turn out to be a star. "There's no question he can produce, and he produces without being accountable," said another scout. "He produces without effort. He can produce playing seven minutes a game. So the question is: can you get over that fact or can he get over that fact? Because without question, his tools are excellent."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Prague	Ban.	31	33	19	52	12
'15-16	Prague	Mid.	38	28	19	47	26
'16-17	Prague	Jr.	24	6	12	18	66
	Prague	Czech	8	1	1	2	2
	Czech Rep.	WU18	5	1	3	4	2

**Best case** | Victor Rask



## IAN MITCHELL

**BORN** Jan. 18, 1999, Calahoo, Alta.  
**2016-17** Spruce Grove **POS** D  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 77

**A SECOND-ROUND** WHL draft pick of Brandon in 2014, Mitchell has so far eschewed the 'Dub' and plans to play at the NCAA champion University of Denver next season.

**S** Like a number of other defensemen in this draft, Mitchell is undersized but is a good skater who makes a very good first pass and is a boon to the transition game. "He's able to skate and pass the puck equally well, which is rare," said one scout. "You often find guys who can skate it out of trouble but struggle to pass it or vice versa. This guy does both very well."

The biggest shortcoming in Mitchell's game is on the defensive side. Some scouts would like to see him use his speed in the defensive zone more. But the defensive game they expect will develop in a good college program. Mitchell, who played Jr. A this season for the Spruce Grove Saints of the Alberta Junior League, was the only non-major junior player on Canada's team for the world under-18 championship. "He's a good transitioning defenseman," said another scout. "But he needs to work harder defensively."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'13-14	Spruce Grove	Ban.	24	4	17	21	26
'14-15	St. Albert	Mid.	27	1	10	11	6
'15-16	Spruce Grove	Jr. A	54	6	21	27	8
'16-17	Spruce Grove	Jr. A	53	8	29	37	34
	Canada	WU18	5	0	2	2	0

**Best case** | Troy Stecher



## CAMERON CROTTY

**BORN** May 5, 1999, Greely, Ont.  
**2016-17** Brockville **POS** D  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 188 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 91

**PUT CROTTY** in the "sleeper" category. He may not be a household name right now, but those in the know kept tabs on him in Jr. A all season long. "I really like him," said one

**S** scout. "He's got good size, he skates really well, and he moves pucks. But he was a little disappointing at the World Jr. A Challenge. Was it the stage?"

If Crotty was trying to do too much, it wouldn't be a strike against him. He hurt his shoulder early in the season, but that allowed him to take a serious look at his NCAA options for next season and, in the end, he chose Boston University. The Terriers have been a factory for NHL prospects under coach David Quinn, and being surrounded by a higher level of peer will help Crotty.

On an OK Brockville Braves squad, his point totals actually dipped this season, and that is something to keep an eye on. "His lack of offense concerns me, but I like the rest of his game," said another scout. "He's a great skater, defends well and moves the puck."

That's a recipe for a modern NHL defenseman, and Crotty has size to boot.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'12-13	Upper Canada	Ban.	26	1	5	6	10
'13-14	Upper Canada	Ban.	28	1	5	6	8
'14-15	Upper Canada	Mid.	29	2	9	11	22
'15-16	Brockville	Jr. A	57	3	15	18	38
'16-17	Brockville	Jr. A	41	4	9	13	32

**Best case** | Chris Tanev



## JONI IKONEN

**BORN** April 14, 1999, Espoo, Fin.  
**2016-17** Frolunda **POS** C  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 168 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 66

**LIKE KRISTIAN** Vesalainen, Ikonen was a Finn playing in Sweden for the Frolunda program this season. Talent hawks were curious albeit cautious about his upside. "He's hard to get a

**S** read on," said one scout. "He's got some skills. It'll be interesting to see where he goes in the draft. He's got something to prove in April."

April is when the world under-18s took place in Slovakia, and Ikonen did step up, notching eight points in seven games to help Finland earn silver. The team beat Canada and Russia in the tourney, so the schedule wasn't easy, and Ikonen's speed and skill helped.

If a team really falls in love with the pivot, he could easily go much higher – especially in such a wide-open draft. Earlier international performances bolstered Ikonen's resume. "He's a smaller, skilled center," said another scout. "He was Finland's best player at the Five Nations with the big guns gone. He makes moves on guys in the neutral zone – very dynamic. He's a boom-bust guy. I like him."

Ikonen comes from an extensive hockey family, with his dad, brother, uncle and cousin all playing at high levels in Europe.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'14-15	Blues	Mid.	45	20	38	58	24
'15-16	Frolunda	Mid.	21	17	10	27	4
'16-17	Frolunda	Jr.	40	22	19	41	42
	Frolunda	Swe.	10	0	0	0	0
	Finland	WU18	7	4	4	8	8

**Best case** | Tyler Johnson

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 2016 DRAFT

June 24-25, Buffalo, New York (First Niagara Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Pierre Luc-Dubois	LW/C	1	3	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Andrew Peeke	D	2	34	Green Bay (USHL)
Vitaly Abramov	RW	3	65	Gatineau (QMJHL)
Peter Thome	G	6	155	Aberdeen (NAHL)
Calvin Thurkauf	C	7	185	Kelowna (WHL)

## 2015 DRAFT

June 26-27, Sunrise, Florida (BB&T Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Zach Werenski	D	1	8	Michigan (Big Ten)
Gabriel Carlsson	D	1	29*	Linköping Jr. (SuperElit)
Paul Bittner	LW	2	38	Portland (WHL)
Kevin Stenlund	C	2	58 <sup>Ø</sup>	HV71 Jr. (SuperElit)
Keegan Kolesar	RW	3	69	Seattle (WHL)
Sam Ruopp	D	5	129	Prince George (WHL)
Veeti Vainio	D	5	141 <sup>^</sup>	Blues Jr. (Finland Jr. )
Vladislav Gavrikov	D	6	159	Yaroslavl (KHL)
Markus Nutivaara	D	7	189	Karpat (Finland)

\* Acquired from Toronto  
<sup>Ø</sup> Acquired from Anaheim  
<sup>^</sup> Acquired from Minnesota

## 2014 DRAFT

June 27-28, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Wells Fargo Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Sonny Milano	LW	1	16	USNDP USHL
Ryan Collins	D	2	47	USNDP (USHL)
Elvis Merzlikins	G	3	76*	Lugano (Swiss-1)
Blake Siebenaler	D	3	77	Niagara (OHL)
Julien Pelletier	LW	4	107	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Tyler Bird	RW	5	137	Kimball Union (USHS)
Olivier LeBlanc	D	7	197	Saint John (QMJHL)

\* Acquired from Detroit

## 2013 DRAFT

June 30, Newark, New Jersey (Prudential Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Alexander Wennberg	C	1	14	Djurgarden (SWE-1)
Kerby Rychel	LW	1	19*	Windsor (OHL)
Marko Dano	C	1	27 <sup>Ø</sup>	Bratislava (KHL)
Dillon Heatherington	D	2	50 <sup>^</sup>	Swift Current (WHL)
Oliver Bjorkstrand	RW	3	89 <sup>^</sup>	Portland (WHL)
Nick Moutrey	C	4	105	Saginaw (OHL)
Marcus Soberg	LW	6	165	Frolunda (SWE Jr.)
Peter Quenneville	C	7	195	Dubuque (USHL)

\* Acquired from NY Rangers  
<sup>Ø</sup> Acquired from Los Angeles  
<sup>^</sup> Acquired from Pittsburgh

## 2012 DRAFT

June 22-23, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (CONSOL Energy Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Ryan Murray	D	1	2	Everett (WHL)
Oscar Dansk	G	2	31	Brynäs Jr. (SuperElit)
Joonas Korpiälö	G	3	62	Jokerit Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Josh Anderson	LW	4	95*	London (OHL)
Daniel Zaar	RW	6	152	Rogle Jr. (Sweden Jr.)
Gianluca Curcuruto	D	7	182	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

\* Acquired from Vancouver

## 2011 DRAFT

June 24-25, St. Paul, Minnesota (Xcel Energy Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Boone Jenner	C	2	37	Oshawa (OHL)
T.J. Tynan	C	3	66*	Notre Dame (CCHA)
Mike Reilly	D	4	98	St. Mary's (High-MN)
Seth Ambroz	RW	5	128	Omaha (USHL)
Lukas Sedlak	C	6	158	Ceske (Czech U-20)
Anton Forsberg	G	7	188	MODO Jr. (SuperElit)

\* Acquired from Ottawa

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 2010 DRAFT

June 25-26, Los Angeles, California (STAPLES Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Ryan Johansen	C	1	4	Portland (WHL)	
Dalton Smith	LW	2	34	Ottawa (OHL)	
Petr Straka	RW	2	55*	Rimouski (QMJHL)	
Brandon Archibald	D	4	94	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)	* Acquired from Buffalo
Mathieu Corbeil	G	4	102@	Halifax (QMJHL)	@ Acquired from Anaheim
Austin Madaisky	D	5	124	Kamloops (WHL)	
Dalton Prout	D	6	154	Barrie (OHL)	
Martin Ouellette	G	7	184	Kimball Union (High-NH)	

## 2009 DRAFT

June 26-27, Montreal, Quebec (Bell Centre)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
John Moore	D	1	21*	Chicago (USHL)	
Kevin Lynch	C	2	56@	USA U-18 (USDP)	
David Savard	D	4	94#	Moncton (QMJHL)	* Acquired from Anaheim
Thomas Larkin	D	5	137	Exeter (USHS-NH)	@ Acquired from NY Islanders
Anton Blomqvist	D	6	167	Malmo Jr. (Sweden Jr.)	# Acquired from Colorado
Kyle Neuber	RW	7	197	Mississauga (OHL)	

## 2008 DRAFT

June 20-21, Ottawa, Ontario (Scotiabank Place)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Nikita Filatov	LW	1	6	CSKA (RUS)	
Cody Goloubef	D	2	37	Wisconsin (WCHA)	
Steven Delisle	D	4	107*	Gatineau (QMJHL)	
Drew Olson	D	4	118@	Brainerd (USHS)	* Acquired from Boston
Matt Calvert	LW	5	127	Brandon (WHL)	@ Acquired from Philadelphia
Tomas Kubalik	C/RW	5	135#	Pizen (CZE)	# Acquired from Carolina
Brent Regner	D	5	137*	Vancouver (WHL)	
Cam Atkinson	RW	6	157	Avon Old Farms (USHS)	
Sean Collins	LW	7	187	Waywayseecappo (MJHL)	

## 2007 DRAFT

June 22-23, Columbus, Ohio (Nationwide Arena)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Jakub Voracek	RW	1	7	Halifax (QMJHL)	
Stefan Legein	RW	2	37	Niagara (OHL)	
Will Weber	D	2	53*	Gaylord, MI (USHS)	* Acquired from San Jose
Jake Hansen	RW/LW	3	68	Sioux Falls (USHL)	@ Acquired from Dallas
Maksim Mayorov	RW/LW	4	94@	Leninogorsk (Russia)	# Acquired from Anaheim (conditional)
Allen York	G	6	158	Camrose (AJHL)	
Trent Vogelhuber	RW	7	211#	St. Louis (NAHL)	

## 2006 DRAFT

June 24, Vancouver, British Columbia (General Motors Place)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Derick Brassard	C	1	6	Drummondville (QMJHL)	
Steve Mason	G	3	69	London (OHL)	* Acquired from San Jose
Tom Sestito	LW	3	85	Plymouth (OHL)	@ Acquired from Los Angeles
Ben Wright	D	4	113*	Lethbridge (WHL)	# Acquired from Anaheim
Robert Nyholm	D	5	129	IFK Jr. (Finland)	^ Acquired from Toronto
Nick Sucharski	LW	5	136@	Michigan State (CCHA)	
Maxime Frechette	D	5	142#	Drummondville (QMJHL)	
Jesse Dudas	D	6	159	Prince George (WHL)	
Derek Dorsett	RW	7	189	Medicine Hat (WHL)	
Matt Marquardt	LW	7	194^	Moncton (QMJHL)	

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 2005 DRAFT

June 30, Ottawa, Ontario (Westin Hotel)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Gilbert Brule	C	1	6	Vancouver (WHL)	
Adam McQuaid	D	2	55	Sudbury (OHL)	
Kris Russell	D	3	67	Medicine Hat (WHL)	
Jared Boll	RW	4	101*	Lincoln (USHL)	* Acquired from Carolina
Tomas Popperle	G	5	131	Sparta (Czech)	+ Acquired from Phoenix
Derek Reinhart	D	6	177+	Regina (WHL)	
Kirill Starkov	C	6	189	Frolunda Jr. (Sweden)	
Trevor Hendrikk	D	7	201	Peterborough (OHL)	

## 2004 DRAFT

June 26-27, Raleigh, North Carolina (RBC Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Alexandre Picard	LW	1	8*	Lewiston (QMJHL)	
Adam Pineault	RW	2	46+	Boston College (HEA)	
Kyle Wharton	D	2	59*	Ottawa (OHL)	* Acquired from Carolina
Dan LaCosta	G	3	93#	Owen Sound (OHL)	+ Acquired from Calgary
Andrey Plekhanov	D	3	96	Nizhnekamsk 2 (Russia)	@ Acquired from Boston
Petr Pohl	RW	5	133	Gatineau (QMJHL)	# Acquired from Vancouver
Rob Page	D	6	167	Blake School (USHS)	- Acquired from NY Rangers
Lennart Petrell	C	6	190@	IFK Jr. (Finland)	^ Acquired from Los Angeles
Justin Vienneau	D	7	198	Shawinigan (WMJHL)	
Brian McGuirk	LW	8	231	Gov. Drummer Aca. (USHS)	
Matt Greer	LW	8	233-	White Bear Lake (USHS)	
Grant Clitsome	D	9	271^	Nepean (CJHL)	

## 2003 DRAFT

June 21-22, Nashville, Tennessee (Gaylord Entertainment Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Nikolai Zherdev	RW	1	4	CSKA (Russia)	
Dan Fritsche	C	2	46*	Sarnia (OHL)	
Dmitry Kosmachev	D	3	71	CSKA (Russia)	* Acquired from Chicago
Kevin Jarman	LW	4	103#	Stouffville (Ont. Jr. A)	# Acquired from Pittsburgh
Philippe Dupuis	C	4	104	Hull (QMJHL)	+ Acquired from Carolina
Arsi Piispanen	RW	5	138+	Jokerit (Finland)	^ Acquired from Los Angeles
Marc Methot	D	6	168+	London (OHL)	
Alexander Guskov	D	7	200	Yaroslavl (Russia)	
Mathieu Gravel	LW	8	233	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	
Trevor Hendrikk	D	9	283^	Peterborough (OHL)	

## 2002 DRAFT

June 22-23, Toronto, Ontario (Air Canada Centre)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Rick Nash	LW	1	1*	London (OHL)	
Joakim Lindstrom	LW/RW	2	41#	MODO (Sweden)	
Ole-Kristian Tollefsen	D	3	65	Lillehammer (Norway)	
Jeff Genovy	LW	3	96#	Des Moines (USHL)	
Ivan Tkachenko	LW	4	98	Yaroslavl (Russia)	* Acquired from Florida
Jekabs Redlihs	D	4	119+	Apple Core, N.Y. (EJHL)	# Acquired from Atlanta
Lasse Pirjeta	LW/C	5	133	Karpat (Finland)	+ Acquired from NY Islanders
Tim Konsorada	RW	6	168	Brandon (WHL)	^ Acquired from Philadelphia
Jaroslav Balastik	RW	6	184^	Zlin (Czech)	
Greg Mauldin	C	7	199	UMass-Amherst (HEA)	
Steven Goertzen	RW	7	225^	Seattle (WHL)	
Jaroslav Kracik	RW	8	231	Plzen Jr. (Czech)	
Sergei Mozyakin	LW	9	263*	CSKA (Russia)	

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 2001 DRAFT

June 23-24, Sunrise, Florida (National Car Rental Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Pascal Leclaire	G	1	8	Montreal (QMJHL)	
Tim Jackman	RW	2	38	Minn-Mankato (WCHA)	
Kiel McLeod	C	2	53*	Kelowna (WHL)	
Aaron Johnson	D	3	85*	Rimouski (QMJHL)	* Acquired from Montreal (Originally San Jose's pick)
Per Mars	C	3	87#	Brynas (Sweden)	# Acquired from Buffalo
Cole Jarrett	D	5	141	Plymouth (OHL)	+ Acquired from Pittsburgh
Justin Aikins	C	6	173	Langley (BCJHL)	
Artem Vostrikov	C	6	187+	Togliatti (Russia Jr.)	
Raffaele Sannitz	C	7	204	Lugano (Switz.)	
Ryan Bowness	RW	8	236	Brampton (OHL)	
Andrew Murray	C	8	242	Selkirk (MJHL)	

## 2000 ENTRY DRAFT

June 24-25, Calgary, Alberta (Saddledome)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Rostislav Klesla	D	1	4	Brampton (OHL)	* Acquired from Boston
Ben Knopp	RW	3	69	Moose Jaw (WHL)	# Acquired from San Jose
Petteri Nummelin	D	5	133	HC Davos (Switz.)	+ Acquired from Florida
Scott Heffernan	D	5	138*	Sarnia (OHL)	^ Acquired from Detroit
Tyler Kolarik	C	5	150	Deerfield Academy (USHSE)	
Shane Bendera	G	6	169	Red Deer (WHL)	
Janne Jokila	LW	7	200	TPS (Finland)	
Peter Zingoni	C	8	231	New England (EJHL)	
Martin Paroulek	LW	9	278#	Vsetin HC (Czech)	
Andrej Nedorost	C	9	286+	ESC Essen (Germany)	
Louis Mandeville	D	9	292^	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)	

## 2000 EXPANSION DRAFT

June 23, 2000 (Calgary, Alberta)

Goaltenders	Pick	Overall	Team	Forwards	Pick	Overall	Team
Rick Tabaracci	1	1	Colorado	Geoff Sanderson	1	1	Buffalo
Frederic Chabot	2	4	Montreal	Turner Stevenson	2	4	Montreal
Dwayne Roloson	3	5	Buffalo	Robert Kron	3	6	Carolina
				Steve Heinze	4	7	Boston
<b>Defensemen</b>	<b>Pick</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Team</b>	Tyler Wright	5	9	Pittsburgh
Mattias Timander	1	2	Boston	Kevyn Adams	6	12	Toronto
Bert Robertsson	2	3	Edmonton	Dmitri Subbotin	7	14	NY Rangers
Tommi Rajamaki	3	5	Toronto	Dallas Drake	8	16	Phoenix
Jamie Pushor	4	8	Dallas	Bruce Gardiner	9	17	Tampa Bay
Lyle Odelein	5	10	Phoenix	Barrie Moore	10	20	Washington
Radim Bicanek	6	11	Chicago	Martin Streit	11	22	Philadelphia
Mathieu Schneider	7	13	NY Rangers	Kevin Dineen	12	23	Ottawa
Jonas Andersson-Junkka	8	16	Pittsburgh	Jeff Williams	13	25	New Jersey
				<b>Additional Players</b>			
				Sergei Luchinkin	1	2	Dallas
				Ted Drury	2	4	NY Islanders





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