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VANCOUVER CANUCKS**16-20-5**

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
 (LOO-koh-neh-n, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
 (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Metsa, Zach: (MEHT-sa)
Ostlund, Noah: (OHST-luhnd)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
 (SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
 22-for-122 (18.0%) -- 22nd
Penalty Kill
 92-for-108 (85.2%) -- 2nd

LEADING SCORERS

Tage Thompson:
 40 GP, 20 G, 17 A, 37 PTS
Alex Tuch:
 39 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
 36 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. VAN

Rasmus Dahlin:
 12 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS
Alex Tuch:
 18 GP, 4 G, 12 A, 16 PTS
Jason Zucker:
 23 GP, 8 G, 6 A, 14 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. VAN

12/11/25: **BUF 3** at VAN 2
 01/21/25: **BUF 3** at VAN 2
 11/29/24: **VAN 4** at BUF 3 (OT)
 03/19/24: BUF 2 at **VAN 3**
 01/13/24: **VAN 1** at BUF 0

FORWARDS**19 PEYTON KREBS**

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2025-26:
 40 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
 336 GP, 33 G, 75 A, 108 PTS, 239 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2025-26:
 40 GP, 20 G, 17 A, 37 PTS, 19 PIM
Career:
 488 GP, 196 G, 166 A, 362 PTS, 222 PIM

91 JOSH DOAN

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ
2025-26:
 40 GP, 12 G, 15 A, 27 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
 102 GP, 24 G, 31 A, 55 PTS, 22 PIM

6 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2025-26:
 27 GP, 4 G, 13 A, 17 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
 173 GP, 25 G, 50 A, 75 PTS, 110 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
 40 GP, 5 G, 15 A, 22 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
 338 GP, 59 G, 91 A, 150 PTS, 58 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2025-26:
 40 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
 218 GP, 46 G, 73 A, 119 PTS, 51 PIM

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2025-26:
 21 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
 791 GP, 226 G, 215 A, 441 PTS, 404 PIM

9 JOSH NORRIS

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI
2025-26:
 14 GP, 5 G, 8 A, 13 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
 253 GP, 96 G, 75 A, 171 PTS, 103 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2025-26:
 39 GP, 12 G, 20 A, 32 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
 575 GP, 179 G, 235 A, 414 PTS, 249 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

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

86 NOAH OSTLUND

5'11", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
 29 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
 37 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 4 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2025-26:
 39 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
 220 GP, 15 G, 25 A, 40 PTS, 85 PIM

DEFENSEMEN**23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON**

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2025-26:
 38 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
 250 GP, 13 G, 49 A, 62 PTS, 96 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2025-26:
 36 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS, 37 PIM
Career:
 545 GP, 87 G, 301 A, 388 PTS, 415 PIM

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2025-26:
 40 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
 286 GP, 42 G, 88 A, 130 PTS, 184 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2025-26:
 39 GP, 3 G, 9 A, 12 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
 281 GP, 22 G, 101 A, 123 PTS, 74 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2025-26:
 24 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
 278 GP, 5 G, 42 A, 47 PTS, 56 PIM

73 ZACH METSA

5'9", 198 lbs. • Delafield, WI
2025-26:
 11 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
 11 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 4 PIM

GOALTENDERS**1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN**

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2025-26 (NHL):
 14 GP, 7-6-1, .901 SV%, 2.58 GAA
Career (NHL):
 169 GP, 78-71-16, .898 SV%, 3.02 GAA
vs. VAN:
 3 GP, 1-1-1, .911 SV%, 2.31 GAA

92 COLTEN ELLIS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Whycocomagh, NS
2025-26 (NHL):
 8 GP, 4-3-0, .895 SV%, 3.25 GAA
Career (NHL):
 8 GP, 4-3-0, .895 SV%, 3.25 GAA
vs. VAN:
 0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

SCRATCHES**28 ZAC JONES**

5'11", 190 lbs. • Richmond, VA
2025-26:
 0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
 115 GP, 4 G, 24 A, 28 PTS, 38 PIM

44 JOSH DUNNE

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

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2025-26:
 24 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
 45 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Bains, Arshdeep: (BAYNZ, ARSH-deep)
Boeser, Brock: (BEH-suhr)
Buium, Zeev: (BOO-ee-yuhm, ZEEV)
DeBrusk, Jake: (duh-BRUHsk)
Demko, Thatcher: (DEHM-koh)
Hronek, Filip: (H'ROH-nehk, FIHL-ihp)
Kampf, David: (KAMPF)
Lankinen, Kevin: (LAHNK-ih-nehn)
Ohgren, Liam: (OH-grehn)
Pettersson, Elias: (PEH-tuhr-suhn, uh-LIGH-uhs)
Pettersson, Marcus: (PEH-tuhr-suhn)
Raty, Aatu: (RA-too, A-too)
Sasson, Max: (sa-SAWN)
Willander, Tom: (wih-LAN-duhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
28-for-138 (20.3%) -- 14th
Penalty Kill
99-for-134 (73.9%) -- 30th

LEADING SCORERS

Elias Pettersson:
33 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS
Filip Hronek:
41 GP, 3 G, 22 A, 25 PTS
Conor Garland:
33 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Jake DeBrusk:
30 GP, 7 G, 13 A, 20 PTS
Conor Garland:
12 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS
Evander Kane:
27 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS

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FORWARDS**74 JAKE DEBRUSK**

6'1", 198 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2025-26:
40 GP, 10 G, 10 A, 20 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
587 GP, 176 G, 158 A, 334 PTS, 123 PIM

40 ELIAS PETTERSSON

6'2", 176 lbs. • Sundsvall, SWE
2025-26:
33 GP, 10 G, 15 A, 25 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
504 GP, 195 G, 287 A, 482 PTS, 102 PIM

94 LINUS KARLSSON

6'1", 178 lbs. • Eksjo, SWE
2025-26:
38 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
65 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS, 30 PIM

91 EVANDER KANE

6'2", 218 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2025-26:
40 GP, 6 G, 14 A, 20 PTS, 55 PIM
Career:
970 GP, 332 G, 305 A, 637 PTS, 1241 PIM

63 MAX SASSON

6'1", 181 lbs. • Birmingham, MI
2025-26:
38 GP, 8 G, 2 A, 10 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
67 GP, 11 G, 6 A, 17 PTS, 12 PIM

6 BROCK BOESER

6'1", 208 lbs. • Burnsville, MN
2025-26:
39 GP, 9 G, 9 A, 18 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
593 GP, 213 G, 239 A, 452 PTS, 146 PIM

18 DREW O'CONNOR

6'4", 209 lbs. • Chatham, NJ
2025-26:
41 GP, 10 G, 6 A, 16 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
282 GP, 44 G, 47 A, 91 PTS, 90 PIM

64 DAVID KAMPF

6'2", 198 lbs. • Chomutov, CZE
2025-26:
20 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
556 GP, 50 G, 96 A, 146 PTS, 118 PIM

44 KIEFER SHERWOOD

6'0", 194 lbs. • Columbus, OH
2025-26:
41 GP, 17 G, 4 A, 21 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
306 GP, 60 G, 59 A, 119 PTS, 140 PIM

92 LIAM OHGREN

6'0", 187 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
28 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
56 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS, 2 PIM

54 AATU RATY

6'2", 204 lbs. • Oulu, FIN
2025-26:
33 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
81 GP, 12 G, 13 A, 25 PTS, 34 PIM

21 NILS HOGLANDER

5'9", 185 lbs. • Bocktrask, SWE
2025-26:
8 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
301 GP, 58 G, 57 A, 115 PTS, 129 PIM

DEFENSEMEN**29 MARCUS PETTERSSON**

6'5", 174 lbs. • Skelleftea, SWE
2025-26:
41 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 43 PIM
Career:
563 GP, 19 G, 151 A, 170 PTS, 357 PIM

5 TOM WILLANDER

6'1", 180 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2025-26:
31 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
31 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM

24 ZEEV BUIUM

6'0", 183 lbs. • San Diego, CA
2025-26:
41 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
41 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 12 PIM

17 FILIP HRONEK

6'0", 190 lbs. • Hradec Kralove, CZE
2025-26:
41 GP, 3 G, 22 A, 25 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
492 GP, 43 G, 220 A, 263 PTS, 252 PIM

7 PIERRE-OLIVIER JOSEPH

6'2", 185 lbs. • Laval, QC
2025-26:
13 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
207 GP, 8 G, 33 A, 41 PTS, 113 PIM

57 TYLER MYERS

6'8", 229 lbs. • Houston, TX
2025-26:
41 GP, 1 G, 7 A, 8 PTS, 34 PIM
Career:
1107 GP, 100 G, 303 A, 403 PTS, 895 PIM

GOALTENDERS**35 THATCHER DEMKO**

6'4", 192 lbs. • San Diego, CA
2025-26 (NHL):
18 GP, 8-8-1, .906 SV%, 2.72 GAA
Career (NHL):
260 GP, 134-97-21, .910 SV%, 2.80 GAA
vs. BUF:
8 GP, 3-4-1, .892 SV%, 3.13 GAA

32 KEVIN LANKINEN

6'2", 190 lbs. • Helsinki, FIN

2025-26 (NHL):
20 GP, 6-10-4, .884 SV%, 3.37 GAA
Career (NHL):
183 GP, 76-68-26, .902 SV%, 2.98 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 1-1-0, .873 SV%, 4.40 GAA

SCRATCHES**8 CONOR GARLAND**

5'10", 165 lbs. • Scituate, MA
2025-26:
33 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
518 GP, 129 G, 184 A, 313 PTS, 230 PIM

13 ARSHDEEP BAINS

6'0", 184 lbs. • Surrey, BC
2025-26:
26 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
47 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 18 PIM

25 ELIAS PETTERSSON

6'2", 185 lbs. • Vasteras, SWE
2025-26:
36 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
64 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS, 27 PIM

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