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COACHING STAFF

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

PRONUNCIATIONS

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
19-for-131 (14.5%) -- 27th
Penalty Kill
110-for-138 (79.7%) -- 17th

LEADING SCORERS

Casey Mittelstadt:
45 GP, 12 G, 27 A, 39 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
44 GP, 13 G, 23 A, 36 PTS
Jeff Skinner:
38 GP, 17 G, 16 A, 33 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. TBL

Kyle Okposo:
41 GP, 7 G, 16 A, 23 PTS
Tage Thompson:
11 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS
Zemgus Girgensons:
35 GP, 5 G, 6 A, 11 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. TBL

10/17/23: TBL 2 at BUF 3 (OT)
03/04/23: TBL 3 at BUF 5
02/23/23: BUF 6 at TBL 5 (OT)
11/28/22: TBL 6 at BUF 5 (OT)
11/05/22: BUF 3 at TBL 5

FORWARDS

9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2023-24:
35 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
35 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS, 18 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2023-24:
35 GP, 14 G, 13 A, 27 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
336 GP, 117 G, 107 A, 224 PTS, 141 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 215 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2023-24:
38 GP, 12 G, 19 A, 31 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
417 GP, 121 G, 166 A, 287 PTS, 135 PIM

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2023-24:
45 GP, 12 G, 27 A, 39 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
322 GP, 60 G, 118 A, 178 PTS, 70 PIM

24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 195 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT
2023-24:
42 GP, 7 G, 15 A, 22 PTS, 31 PIM
Career:
243 GP, 55 G, 86 A, 141 PTS, 143 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2023-24:
45 GP, 14 G, 14 A, 28 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
124 GP, 26 G, 34 A, 60 PTS, 36 PIM

28 ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

6'2", 200 lbs. • Riga, LVA
2023-24:
28 GP, 4 G, 0 A, 4 PTS, 13 PIM
Career:
653 GP, 85 G, 93 A, 178 PTS, 184 PIM

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2023-24:
33 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 29 PIM
Career:
367 GP, 46 G, 88 A, 134 PTS, 256 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2023-24:
13 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
90 GP, 19 G, 28 A, 47 PTS, 21 PIM

71 VICTOR OLOFSSON

5'11", 182 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE
2023-24:
32 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
295 GP, 87 G, 92 A, 179 PTS, 28 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
43 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 34 PIM
Career:
178 GP, 19 G, 38 A, 57 PTS, 106 PIM

21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2023-24:
42 GP, 8 G, 7 A, 15 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
1026 GP, 238 G, 369 A, 607 PTS, 536 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

6'4", 224 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA
2023-24:
39 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
148 GP, 3 G, 26 A, 29 PTS, 64 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2023-24:
44 GP, 13 G, 23 A, 36 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
399 GP, 59 G, 210 A, 269 PTS, 288 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 221 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2023-24:
45 GP, 2 G, 15 A, 17 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
132 GP, 8 G, 47 A, 55 PTS, 36 PIM

33 RYAN JOHNSON

6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2023-24:
26 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
26 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS, 8 PIM

10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN
2023-24:
37 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
310 GP, 15 G, 61 A, 76 PTS, 108 PIM

75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 192 lbs. • Matawan, NJ
2023-24:
42 GP, 0 G, 11 A, 11 PTS, 46 PIM
Career:
274 GP, 10 G, 44 A, 54 PTS, 203 PIM

GOALTENDERS

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2023-24 (NHL):
23 GP, 11-9-2, .909 SV%, 2.64 GAA
Career (NHL):
69 GP, 31-28-8, .901 SV%, 3.20 GAA
vs. TBL:
2 GP, 0-1-1, .765 SV%, 5.80 GAA

31 ERIC COMRIE

6'1", 190 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2023-24 (NHL):
7 GP, 1-5-0, .863 SV%, 4.01 GAA
Career (NHL):
54 GP, 23-24-2, .893 SV%, 3.40 GAA
vs. TBL:
4 GP, 2-1-0, .892 SV%, 3.80 GAA

SCRATCHES

6 ERIK JOHNSON

6'4", 225 lbs. • Bloomington, MN
2023-24:
41 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
961 GP, 91 G, 249 A, 340 PTS, 538 PIM

50 ERIC ROBINSON

6'2", 211 lbs. • Bellmawr, NJ
2023-24:
21 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 17 PIM
Career:
280 GP, 39 G, 48 A, 87 PTS, 57 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 174 lbs. • London, ON
2023-24:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
173 GP, 3 G, 25 A, 28 PTS, 32 PIM

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Goaltending Coach: Frantz Jean

PRONUNCIATIONS

Barre-Boulet, Alex: (bah-RAY boo-LAY)
Cernak, Erik: (CHAIR-nak)
Cirelli, Anthony: (suh-REH-lee)
de Haan, Calvin: (DUH HAWN)
Hagel, Brandon: (HAY-guhl)
Johansson, Jonas: (yoh-HAHN-suhn, YOH-nuhs)
Kucherov, Nikita: (KOO-chuhr-awv, nih-KEE-tuh)
Martinsen Lilleberg, Emil: (MAHR-tihn-sehn LIH-leh-buhrg, eh-MIHL)
Merela, Walteri: (MAIR-eh-lah, VAHLT-air-ee)
Motte, Tyler: (MAWT)
Perbix, Nick: (PUHR-bihx)
Raddysh, Darren: (RA-dihsh)
Sheary, Connor: (SHEER-ee)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
44-for-142 (31.0%) -- 1st
Penalty Kill
100-for-124 (80.6%) -- 13th

LEADING SCORERS

Nikita Kucherov:
44 GP, 28 G, 47 A, 75 PTS
Brayden Point:
45 GP, 21 G, 26 A, 47 PTS
Victor Hedman:
43 GP, 8 G, 36 A, 44 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Steven Stamkos:
49 GP, 22 G, 25 A, 47 PTS
Nikita Kucherov:
33 GP, 17 G, 23 A, 40 PTS
Victor Hedman:
51 GP, 8 G, 20 A, 28 PTS

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11/28/22: TBL 6 at BUF 5 (OT)
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FORWARDS

91 STEVEN STAMKOS

6'1", 193 lbs. • Markham, ON
2023-24:
42 GP, 19 G, 23 A, 42 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
1045 GP, 534 G, 564 A, 1098 PTS, 619 PIM

21 BRAYDEN POINT

5'10", 178 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
45 GP, 21 G, 26 A, 47 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
544 GP, 239 G, 271 A, 510 PTS, 136 PIM

86 NIKITA KUCHEROV

5'11", 182 lbs. • Maykop, RUS
2023-24:
44 GP, 28 G, 47 A, 75 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
688 GP, 304 G, 500 A, 804 PTS, 331 PIM

38 BRANDON HAGEL

6'2", 183 lbs. • Saskatoon, SK
2023-24:
45 GP, 13 G, 23 A, 36 PTS, 41 PIM
Career:
256 GP, 77 G, 91 A, 168 PTS, 137 PIM

71 ANTHONY CIRELLI

6'1", 190 lbs. • Etobicoke, ON
2023-24:
44 GP, 10 G, 10 A, 20 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
396 GP, 87 G, 121 A, 208 PTS, 211 PIM

20 NICHOLAS PAUL

6'3", 229 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2023-24:
45 GP, 11 G, 12 A, 23 PTS, 17 PIM
Career:
373 GP, 62 G, 73 A, 135 PTS, 142 PIM

23 MICHAEL EYSSIMONT

6'0", 201 lbs. • Littleton, CO
2023-24:
44 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS, 52 PIM
Career:
99 GP, 12 G, 17 A, 29 PTS, 115 PIM

64 TYLER MOTTE

5'10", 194 lbs. • St. Clair, MI
2023-24:
35 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
366 GP, 46 G, 40 A, 86 PTS, 90 PIM

73 CONOR SHEARY

5'8", 179 lbs. • Winchester, MA
2023-24:
27 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
558 GP, 121 G, 140 A, 261 PTS, 118 PIM

51 AUSTIN WATSON

6'4", 238 lbs. • Ann Arbor, MI
2023-24:
24 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 67 PIM
Career:
506 GP, 60 G, 57 A, 117 PTS, 679 PIM

11 LUKE GLENDENING

5'10", 190 lbs. • Grand Rapids, MI
2023-24:
45 GP, 7 G, 1 A, 8 PTS, 27 PIM
Career:
751 GP, 76 G, 80 A, 156 PTS, 286 PIM

39 WALTERI MERELA

6'3", 210 lbs. • Ylojarvi, FIN
2023-24:
15 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
15 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

77 VICTOR HEDMAN

6'7", 246 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE
2023-24:
43 GP, 8 G, 36 A, 44 PTS, 38 PIM
Career:
1017 GP, 151 G, 545 A, 696 PTS, 704 PIM

43 DARREN RADDYSH

6'1", 195 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2023-24:
45 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
66 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS, 10 PIM

44 CALVIN DE HAAN

6'1", 192 lbs. • Carp, ON
2023-24:
40 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
613 GP, 23 G, 113 A, 136 PTS, 229 PIM

48 NICK PERBIX

6'3", 202 lbs. • Elk River, MN
2023-24:
43 GP, 1 G, 14 A, 15 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
112 GP, 6 G, 29 A, 35 PTS, 30 PIM

78 EMIL MARTINSEN LILLEBERG

6'2", 202 lbs. • Sarpsborg, NOR
2023-24:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
5 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM

65 MAXWELL CROZIER

6'1", 197 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

GOALTENDERS

31 JONAS JOHANSSON

6'5", 219 lbs. • Gavle, SWE
2023-24 (NHL):
21 GP, 9-6-5, .891 SV%, 3.45 GAA
Career (NHL):
56 GP, 20-19-9, .889 SV%, 3.37 GAA
vs. BUF:
1 GP, 0-0-1, .903 SV%, 2.99 GAA

88 ANDREI VASILEVSKIY

6'4", 220 lbs. • Tyumen, RUS
2023-24 (NHL):
22 GP, 13-9-0, .899 SV%, 2.86 GAA
Career (NHL):
447 GP, 276-132-28, .918 SV%, 2.54 GAA
vs. BUF:
15 GP, 12-1-2, .924 SV%, 2.04 GAA

SCRATCHES

5 PHILIPPE MYERS

6'6", 213 lbs. • Moncton, NB
2023-24:
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
157 GP, 8 G, 28 A, 36 PTS, 72 PIM

12 ALEX BARRE-BOULET

5'10", 178 lbs. • Montmagny, QC
2023-24:
31 GP, 6 G, 3 A, 9 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
63 GP, 12 G, 6 A, 18 PTS, 14 PIM

81 ERIK CERNAK

6'3", 230 lbs. • Kosice, SVK
2023-24:
39 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS, 23 PIM
Career:
335 GP, 18 G, 62 A, 80 PTS, 277 PIM

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