

2024 WASHINGTON CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP



Sept. 13-16 | Brigade Sports Complex | Annapolis, MD

CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP INFORMATION

The Washington Capitals will hold their 2024 Rookie Camp from Sept. 13-16 at McMullen Hockey Arena within the Brigade Sports Complex in Annapolis, Md. The Capitals will hold on-ice sessions at McMullen Hockey Arena, located near the campus of the United States Naval Academy, from Friday, Sept. 13 to Monday, Sept. 16. The Rookie Camp will feature Capitals prospects who are under contract and recent Washington draft picks who have not been signed yet. In addition, several undrafted and free agent amateur players will be in attendance. All on-ice sessions at McMullen Hockey Arena will be open to the public and free of charge.

A total of 20 players (12 forwards, five defensemen, three goaltenders) are scheduled to take part in this year's Rookie Camp, including 10 Caps draft picks.

The Capitals will officially open their 2024 Training Camp on Thursday, Sept. 19 at MedStar Capitals Iceplex. All Capitals players, coaches and management will be available to the media. Additional information on media availability and in-person access will be announced at a later date. Similar to previous years, MedStar Capitals Iceplex will be closed to the media on Wednesday, Sept. 18 – the day Capitals veterans conduct physicals and off-ice testing. The complete training camp schedule and roster will be announced at a later date.

CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP NOTES

Reporting For Duty – In 2018, the Capitals hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs in a regular-season outdoor game played at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, home of the NCAA Division I, Navy Midshipmen. Washington defeated the Maple Leafs 5-2 in front of a crowd of 29,516. During Washington's 2014 training camp the team visited the Naval Academy, where they attended Noon Meal Formation and ate lunch with the midshipmen.

Crab Cakes & Hockey – The Capitals played their home games at the Capital Centre in Landover, Md. from 1974 to 1997, before moving to the MCI Center (now Capital One Arena) in Washington, D.C. Prior to the opening of MedStar Capitals Iceplex in 2006, the Capitals practiced at Piney Orchard Ice Arena in Odenton, Md.

Draft Class – Four picks from the Capitals' 2024 NHL Draft class will attend this year's Rookie Camp – forwards Terik Parascak (1st round, 17th overall), Ilya Protas (3rd round, 75th overall) and Eriks Mateiko (3rd round, 90th overall) and defenseman Leon Muggli (2nd round, 52nd overall). Ten of the 20 participants in this year's camp are Capitals' draft picks (also Garin Bjorklund: 2020, 6th round, 179th overall; Alexander Suzdalev: 2022, 3rd round, 70th overall; Andrew Cristall: 2023, 2nd round, 40th overall; Patrick Thomas: 2023, 4th round, 104th overall; Cam Allen: 2023, 5th round, 136th overall; Brett Hyland: 2023, 7th round, 200th overall).

First Rounder – Terik Parascak, Washington's 2024 first-round draft pick, will be participating in his first Capitals Rookie Camp. Parascak, 18, spent the 2023-24 season with the Prince George Cougars (WHL), recording 105 points (43g, 62a) in 68 regular-season games. Parascak led all CHL rookies in goals and points and was named to the 2024 CHL All-Rookie Team. Since 2000-01, only Patrick Kane (145 in 2006-07), Sidney Crosby (135 in 2003-04) and Sam Gagner (118 in 2006-07) recorded more points as a CHL rookie.

CAPITALS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 13 – Start of Capitals Rookie Camp

10:30 a.m. - Goalies on ice (Brigade Sports Complex)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (Brigade Sports Complex)
Post-practice - Media availability

Saturday, Sept. 14

10:30 a.m. - Goalies on ice (Brigade Sports Complex)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (Brigade Sports Complex)
Post-practice - Media availability

Sunday, Sept. 15

10:30 a.m. - Goalies on ice (Brigade Sports Complex)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (Brigade Sports Complex)
Post-practice - Media availability

Monday, Sept. 16 – Final Day of Capitals Rookie Camp

10:30 a.m. - Goalies on ice (Brigade Sports Complex)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (Brigade Sports Complex)
Post-practice - Media availability

Wednesday, Sept. 18

NHL players physicals/testing - no media availability
MedStar Capitals Iceplex closed to the public

Thursday, Sept. 19

2024 Caps Media Day, MedStar Capitals Iceplex

Sunday, Sept. 22 – First Preseason Game

3 p.m. - Washington vs. Philadelphia, Capital One Arena

**All practice times and media availability sessions are approximate and subject to change.*

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Cristall Clear – Andrew Cristall, the Capitals’ second-round pick (40th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, will be attending his second Capitals Rookie Camp. Cristall, 19, was named to the WHL B.C. Division Second All-Star Team after recording 111 points (40g, 71a) in 62 games with the Kelowna Rockets (WHL) last season. The Vancouver, British Columbia native ranked tied for fourth in the WHL in assists and fifth in points and points per game (1.79). On March 8 vs. Kamloops, Cristall registered a single-game career high seven points (2g, 5a) and became the first Kelowna skater since 2007-08 to record a 100-point season. In 11 WHL playoff games, Cristall ranked first on Kelowna in assists (11) and tied for first in points (15).

Bloodlines – Rookie camp attendee Ilya Protas, the younger brother of forward Aliaksei Protas, was drafted by the Capitals with the 75th overall pick at the 2024 NHL Draft. Aliaksei, who was taken 91st overall in 2019, and Ilya Protas are the second set of brothers in franchise history to be selected by Washington, joining Yvon Corriveau (19th overall, 1985) and Rick Corriveau (168th overall, 1991).

Get Funky – Zac Funk, who signed a three-year entry level contract with Washington on March 1, is attending his first Capitals Rookie Camp. The 6’0”, 195-pound forward led the WHL in goals (67), power-play goals (31) and plus/minus (+56) and ranked second in points (123) in 2023-24, playing in 68 regular-season games with the Prince George Cougars. Funk was teammates with Capitals’ 2024 first-round pick Terik Parascak and fellow Rookie Camp attendee Hudson Thornton in Prince George.

You’re Muggli – The Capitals selected Leon Muggli, 18, with the 52nd overall pick in the 2024 NHL Draft. The 6’1”, 173-pound defenseman recorded 12 points (3g, 9a) in 42 games with EV Zug last season. Muggli,

who turned 18 on July 9, led all under-18 skaters in the National League in scoring and his 12 points were the most ever by a defenseman age 17 or younger in league history. Muggli was ranked fifth among International defensemen and 11th among all International skaters by NHL Central Scouting.

Making The Leap – 2023 Rookie Camp attendees Hendrix Lapierre (51 GP), Ivan Miroshnichenko (21 GP) and Vincent Iorio (6 GP) all appeared in regular-season games with the Capitals in 2023-24. In addition, all three made their Stanley Cup Playoff debuts in 2024, with Lapierre playing in all four of Washington’s First Round series games against the New York Rangers and Miroshnichenko and Iorio each appearing in one contest.

Calder Cup Champs – Nine 2023 Rookie Camp participants, including Hendrix Lapierre, Vincent Iorio, Ivan Miroshnichenko and Clay Stevenson, all went on to appear in games with the Hershey Bears during the 2023-24 season. Lapierre, Miroshnichenko and Stevenson, along with fellow 2023 Rookie Camp attendees Bogdan Trineyev, Henrik Rybinski and Nick Leivermann, all dressed for Game 6 of the Calder Cup Finals against the Coachella Valley Firebirds, in which Hershey clinched its second-straight championship. Lapierre was awarded the Jack A. Butterfield Trophy as the Calder Cup Playoffs MVP after leading all skaters with 22 points (7g, 15a) in 20 games. Lapierre, a two-time Calder Cup champion, recorded a team-high seven points (3g, 4a) in six games during the Calder Cup Finals. Miroshnichenko recorded 12 points (7g, 5a) in 20 playoff games, ranking tied for second in goals and tied for third in points among AHL rookies.

Hello Again – Thirteen Rookie Camp participants also attended Washington’s Development Camp in July.



The Capitals selected right wing Terik Parascak with the 17th overall pick in the 2024 NHL Draft



2023 second-round draft pick Andrew Cristall is participating in his second Capitals Rookie Camp

2024 ROOKIE CAMP ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birthplace	Acquired	2023-24 Team	League
1	SETH EISELE	G	6'5"	202	Oct. 30, 1998	Lake Elmo, Minnesota	ECHL Contract	Neb. Omaha	NCAA
14	TYLER WEISS	LW	5'11"	170	Jan. 3, 2000	Raleigh, North Carolina	AHL Contract	Newfoundland	ECHL
18	TERIK PARASCAK	RW	6'0"	173	May 28, 2006	Lethbridge, Alberta	2024 Draft, 1st rd, 17th overall	Prince George	WHL
28	ANDREW CRISTALL	LW	5'10"	180	Feb. 4, 2005	Vancouver, British Columbia	2023 Draft, 2nd rd, 40th overall	Kelowna	WHL
35	COLLIN MACKENZIE	G	6'1"	175	Nov. 30, 2004	Elora, Ontario	Free Agent Invite	Ottawa	OHL
45	LEON MUGGLI	D	6'1"	173	July 9, 2006	Cham, Switzerland	2024 Draft, 2nd rd, 52nd overall	EV Zug	NL
49	PATRICK THOMAS	C	6'0"	175	Aug. 21, 2004	Oakville, Ontario	2023 Draft, 4th rd, 104th overall	Brantford	OHL
50	OASIZ WIESBLATT	C	5'9"	186	April 8, 2004	Calgary, Alberta	Free Agent Invite	Medicine Hat	WHL
54	CAM ALLEN	D	6'0"	196	Jan. 7, 2005	Toronto, Ontario	2023 Draft, 5th rd, 136th overall	Guelph	OHL
59	BRETT HYLAND	C	6'0"	192	Feb. 18, 2003	Edmonton, Alberta	2023 Draft, 7th rd, 200th overall	Brandon	WHL
62	ILYA PROTAS	LW	6'5"	195	July 18, 2006	Vitebsk, Belarus	2024 Draft, 3rd rd, 75th overall	Des Moines	USHL
68	GARIN BJORKLUND	G	6'2"	189	May 28, 2002	Grande Prairie, Alberta	2020 Draft, 6th rd, 179th overall	South Carolina	ECHL
71	ZAC FUNK	RW	6'0"	195	July 20, 2003	Coldstream, British Columbia	Free Agent, March 1, 2024	Prince George	WHL
73	ERIKS MATEIKO	LW	6'5"	208	Nov. 18, 2005	Jelgava, Latvia	2024 Draft, 3rd rd, 90th overall	Saint John	QMJHL
75	JEREMY DAVIDSON	RW	5'10"	177	Feb. 28, 2000	Kalamazoo, Michigan	ECHL Contract	Michigan St.	NCAA
82	KYLER KUPKA	F	6'1"	190	May 11, 1999	Camrose, Alberta	ECHL Contract	St. Cloud State	NCAA
90	HUDSON THORNTON	D	5'11"	192	Nov. 4, 2003	Winnipeg, Manitoba	AHL Contract	Prince George	WHL
91	ALEXANDER SUZDALEV	LW	6'2"	176	March 5, 2004	Khabarovsk, Russia	2022 Draft, 3rd rd, 70th overall	Saskatoon	WHL
95	AYODELE ADENIYE	D	6'5"	190	March 24, 1999	Columbus, Ohio	Free Agent Invite	Adrian College	NCAA
97	JAYDEN LEE	D	5'9"	161	Jan. 10, 2001	N. Vancouver, British Columbia	AHL Contract	Quinnipiac	NCAA

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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95	AYODELE ADENIYE	D	6'5"	190	March 24, 1999	Columbus, Ohio	Free Agent Invite	Adrian College	NCAA
54	CAM ALLEN	D	6'0"	196	Jan. 7, 2005	Toronto, Ontario	2023 Draft, 5th rd, 136th overall	Guelph	OHL
68	GARIN BJORKLUND	G	6'2"	189	May 28, 2002	Grande Prairie, Alberta	2020 Draft, 6th rd, 179th overall	South Carolina	ECHL
28	ANDREW CRISTALL	LW	5'10"	180	Feb. 4, 2005	Vancouver, British Columbia	2023 Draft, 2nd rd, 40th overall	Kelowna	WHL
75	JEREMY DAVIDSON	RW	5'10"	177	Feb. 28, 2000	Kalamazoo, Michigan	ECHL Contract	Michigan St.	NCAA
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71	ZAC FUNK	RW	6'0"	195	July 20, 2003	Coldstream, British Columbia	Free Agent, March 1, 2024	Prince George	WHL
59	BRETT HYLAND	C	6'0"	192	Feb. 18, 2003	Edmonton, Alberta	2023 Draft, 7th rd, 200th overall	Brandon	WHL
82	KYLER KUPKA	F	6'1"	190	May 11, 1999	Camrose, Alberta	ECHL Contract	St. Cloud State	NCAA
97	JAYDEN LEE	D	5'9"	161	Jan. 10, 2001	N. Vancouver, British Columbia	AHL Contract	Quinnipiac	NCAA
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73	ERIKS MATEIKO	LW	6'5"	208	Nov. 18, 2005	Jelgava, Latvia	2024 Draft, 3rd rd, 90th overall	Saint John	QMJHL
45	LEON MUGGLI	D	6'1"	173	July 9, 2006	Cham, Switzerland	2024 Draft, 2nd rd, 52nd overall	EV Zug	NL
18	TERIK PARASCAK	RW	6'0"	173	May 28, 2006	Lethbridge, Alberta	2024 Draft, 1st rd, 17th overall	Prince George	WHL
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2024 ROOKIE CAMP PLAYER BIOS



AYODELE ADENIYE | D | #95 | ADRIAN COLLEGE (NCAA)

Free Agent Invite

Adeniyi, 25, recorded four points (1g, 3a) in 31 games during his senior season at Adrian College (NCAA) in 2023-24. The 6'5", 190-pound defenseman ranked second on the Bulldogs in penalty minutes (53) and third in blocked shots (19). In 85 career games at Adrian, Adeniyi recorded 23 points (4g, 19a) and a +56 plus/minus rating. Adeniyi, who attended Capitals Development Camp in July, also participated in the Capitals' second annual Rising Stars Academy on August 16 at MedStar Capitals Iceplex. The Rising Stars Academy provides elite skill development and mentorship for local hockey players of color and their families. During the event, Adeniyi participated in a off-ice panel and served as an on-ice instructor for more than 100 participants ages 9-17.



CAM ALLEN | D | #54 | GUELPH (OHL)

Drafted by Washington in the fifth round, 136th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Allen missed the first 43 games of the 2023-24 season while recovering from injury. The 6'0", 196-pound defenseman made his season debut on Jan. 26 and recorded nine points (2g, 7a) in 25 regular-season games with the Guelph Storm (OHL). Allen registered a season-long four-game point streak (1g-6a—7p) from March 17 through March 23, including his first career three-assist performance in Guelph's 5-3 win over Owen Sound on March 21.



GARIN BJORKLUND | G | #68 | SOUTH CAROLINA (ECHL)

Drafted by Washington in the sixth round, 179th overall, in the 2020 NHL Draft

Bjorklund, 22, posted a record of 14-11-1 with a 3.33 goals-against average and an .882 save percentage in 27 games with the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL) in 2023-24. The 6'2", 189-pound goaltender stopped all 36 shots to earn his first professional shutout on Feb. 3, 2024 against Atlanta.



ANDREW CRISTALL | LW | #28 | KELOWNA (WHL)

Drafted by Washington in the second round, 40th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Cristall, 19, was named to the WHL B.C. Division Second All-Star Team after recording 111 points (40g, 71a) in 62 regular-season games with the Kelowna Rockets (WHL). The Vancouver, British Columbia native ranked tied for fourth in the WHL in assists and fifth in points and points per game (1.79). Cristall registered a career-high seven-point (2g, 5a) performance on March 8 vs. Kamloops and became the first Kelowna skater since 2007-08 to record a 100-point season. In 11 WHL playoff games, Cristall ranked first on Kelowna in assists (11) and tied for first in points (15).



JEREMY DAVIDSON | LW | #75 | MICHIGAN STATE (NCAA)

Signed an East Coast Hockey League contract with South Carolina for the 2024-25 season

Davidson, 24, recorded 22 points (12g, 10a) in 38 games during his senior season at Michigan State University (NCAA) in 2023-24. The 5'10", 177-pound forward ranked fifth on the Spartans in goals and tied for sixth in plus/minus rating (+9). In addition, Davidson's 18.2 shooting percentage (12 goals on 66 shots) ranked second on the team. In 130 career collegiate games at Michigan State and the University of Massachusetts, Davidson registered 68 points (34g, 34a).

**SETH EISELE | G | #1 | NEBRASKA-OMAHA (NCAA)**

Signed an East Coast Hockey League contract with South Carolina for the 2024-25 season

Eisele, 25, posted a record of 4-1-1 with a 2.37 goals-against average and a .919 save percentage in nine appearances during his senior season at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Lake Elmo, Minnesota native stopped a career-high 38 shots to backstop the Mavericks to a 4-1 win over the University of North Dakota on March 9. Prior to UNO, Eisele appeared in 47 games at Lake Superior State University (NCAA) from 2020-23, where he posted a 14-6-0 record with a 2.74 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage.

**ZAC FUNK | RW | #71 | PRINCE GEORGE (WHL)**

Signed with Washington as a free agent on March 1, 2024

Funk, 20, was named the B.C. Division nominee for the Four Broncos Memorial Trophy, presented annually to the WHL Player of the Year. The 6'0", 195-pound forward led the WHL in goals (67), power-play goals (31) and plus/minus (+56) and ranked second in points (123) in 68 regular-season games with the Prince George Cougars. In addition, Funk established Prince George single-season franchise records in goals, power-play goals, points and plus/minus rating. The Coldstream, British Columbia native added 18 points (8g, 10a) in 15 WHL playoff games, including his first career postseason hat trick on April 19 vs. Kelowna.

**BRETT HYLAND | C | #59 | BRANDON (WHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the seventh round, 200th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Hyland, 21, led the Brandon Wheat Kings (WHL) in goals (32), power-play goals (9), points (59) and shots (173) in 66 regular-season games in 2023-24. The Edmonton, Alberta native ranked tied for the team lead with five points (1g, 4a) in four WHL playoff games, including a career-high four-assist performance on March 29 against Moose Jaw. In 195 career WHL games with Brandon, Hyland tallied 145 points (75g, 70a).

**KYLER KUPKA | F | #82 | ST. CLOUD STATE (NCAA)**

Signed an East Coast Hockey League contract with South Carolina for the 2024-25 season

Kupka, 25, was named a Hobey Baker Award nominee after establishing career highs in goals (14), assists (18) and points (32) in 37 games during his senior season at St. Cloud State University (NCAA) in 2023-24. The Camrose, Alberta native ranked second on the Huskies in goals, tied for second in power-play goals (4) and third in points. In 144 career collegiate games at St. Cloud State, Kupka tallied 85 points (32g, 53a). The 6'1", 190-pound forward made his professional debut with the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL) on March 29 against Greenville. In seven games with the Stingrays, Kupka tallied four points (2g, 2a).

**JAYDEN LEE | D | #97 | QUINNIPIAC (NCAA)**

Signed an American Hockey League contract with Hershey for the 2024-25 season

Lee, 23, recorded 26 points (3g, 23a) and a +20 plus/minus rating during his senior season at Quinnipiac University (NCAA) in 2023-24. Lee, who led the team's blueliners in assists and points, was named to the 2024 ECAC Hockey First All-Conference Team and was a finalist for the 2024 Howie's Best Defensive Defenseman Award. In 172 career collegiate games at Quinnipiac, Lee tallied 73 points (16g, 57a) and a +74 plus/minus rating.

**COLLIN MACKENZIE | G | #35 | OTTAWA (OHL)***Free Agent Invite*

The 6'0", 175-pound goaltender posted a record of 14-11-2 with a 3.05 goals-against average, a .901 save percentage and one shutout in 31 appearances with the Ottawa 67's (OHL) in 2023-24. During the 2022-23 season, MacKenzie ranked first among OHL goaltenders in goals-against average (1.88) and save percentage (.928) and recorded a career high 21 wins. In 69 career OHL games with Ottawa, MacKenzie has a record of 39-13-5 with a 2.62 goals-against average, a .907 save percentage and two shutouts.

**ERIKS MATEIKO | LW | #73 | SAINT JOHN (QMJHL)***Drafted by Washington in the third round, 90th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft*

Mateiko, 18, recorded 43 points (23g, 20a) in 49 games with the Saint John Sea Dogs of the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) in 2023-24. The 6'5", 208-pound forward, who served as an alternate captain for Saint John, led the team in goals and ranked tied for first in power-play goals (6) and second in points. A native of Jelgava, Latvia, Mateiko represented his country at the 2024 World Junior Championship, where he recorded one goal in five games. Mateiko was the captain of Latvia at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship and finished the tournament with two points in five games.

**LEON MUGGLI | D | #45 | EV ZUG (NL)***Drafted by Washington in the second round, 52nd overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft*

Muggli, 17, spent the 2023-24 season with EV Zug of the Swiss National League (NL), where he led all under-18 skaters with 12 points (3g, 9a) in 42 games. Muggli's 12 points were the most ever by a defenseman age 17 or younger in league history. The 6'1", 173-pound defenseman also added two points (1g, 1a) in 11 playoff games last season. Muggli represented Switzerland at the 2024 World Junior Championship and the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup. In addition, Muggli captained Team Switzerland to a gold medal at the 2023 European Youth Olympics, where he was named the best defenseman of the tournament after tallying four points (1g, 3a) in four games.

**TERIK PARASCAK | RW | #18 | PRINCE GEORGE (WHL)***Drafted by Washington in the first round, 17th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft*

Parascak, 18, was ranked third among North American right wings and 15th among all North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting. The Lethbridge, Alberta native spent the 2023-24 season with the Prince George Cougars (WHL), recording 105 points (43g, 62a) in 68 regular-season games. Parascak led all CHL rookies in goals and points and was named to the 2024 CHL All-Rookie Team. Since 2000-01, only Patrick Kane (145 in 2006-07), Sidney Crosby (135 in 2003-04) and Sam Gagner (118 in 2006-07) recorded more points as a CHL rookie. In addition, Parascak ranked eighth among all WHL skaters in points, tied for ninth in goals and tied for 12th in assists. The 6'0", 173-pound forward ranked second among WHL rookies with 14 points (6g, 8a) in 12 playoff games during Prince George's run to the WHL Conference Final.

**ILYA PROTAS | LW | #62 | DES MOINES (USHL)***Drafted by Washington in the third round, 75th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft*

The 6'5", 195-pound forward recorded 51 points (14g, 37a) in 61 games with the Des Moines Buccaneers (USHL) in 2023-24. Protas led all USHL rookies in assists and ranked tied for second among first-year players in power-play goals (6) and third in points. In addition, Protas led Des Moines in assists and power-play goals, while his 51 points ranked second on the team. The Minsk, Belarus native split the 2022-23 season with the Under-17 and Under-18 Belarus national team, recording 34 points (19g, 15a) in 29 games with the Under-17s and nine points (5g, 4a) in 10 games with the Under-18s. Ilya's older brother, Aliaksei, was drafted by the Capitals in the third round (91st overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft and has recorded 53 points (13g, 40a) in 169 career NHL games with Washington.

**ALEXANDER SUZDALEV | LW | #91 | REGINA (WHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 70th overall, in the 2022 NHL Draft

Suzdalev, the Capitals' third-round choice (70th overall) in the 2022 NHL Draft, recorded 25 points (9g, 16a) in 30 games with the Saskatoon Blades of the Western Hockey League (WHL). The 6'2", 176-pound forward added 13 points (4g, 9a) in 16 WHL playoff games. The Khabarovsk, Russia native also appeared in 13 games with Mora IK of HockeyAllsvenskan, where he registered three points (2g, 1a).

**PATRICK THOMAS | C | #49 | BRANTFORD (OHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the fourth round, 104th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Thomas, 19, recorded 66 points (21g, 45a) in 57 games with the Brantford Bulldogs of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) in 2023-24. The 6'0", 175-pound forward ranked second on the Bulldogs in points, tied for second in power-play goals (8), third in assists and power-play assists (13) and fifth in goals. In addition, Thomas tallied seven points (1g, 6a) in six WHL playoff games.

**HUNDSON THORNTON | D | #90 | PRINCE GEORGE (WHL)**

Signed an American Hockey League contract with Hershey for the 2024-25 season

Thornton, 21, recorded a career-high 74 points (18g, 56a) while appearing in all 68 regular-season games with the Prince George Cougars (WHL) in 2023-24. Thornton, who served as captain, led Prince George blueliners in goals, assists, points, power-play goals (6) and power-play assists (32). In addition, Thornton ranked second in power-play assists, tied for third in goals and fourth in points among all WHL defensemen. The Winnipeg, Manitoba native led Cougars defensemen with 15 points (6g, 9a) in 15 playoff games during Prince George's run to the WHL Conference Finals. Thornton appeared in 207 career WHL games with Prince George and is the franchise's all-time leader in goals (56), assists (140), points (196) and power-play goals (24) by a defenseman.

**OASIZ WIESBLATT | C | #50 | MEDICINE HAT (WHL)**

Free Agent Invite

Wiesblatt, 20, was named to the WHL Central Division Second All-Star Team after recording 91 points (26g, 65a) in 63 regular-season games with the Medicine Hat Tigers. The Calgary, Alberta native established single-season career highs in assists and points and his 26 goals were tied for a career high. In addition, Wiesblatt finished the season ranked first on the Tigers in assists, second in points and power-play points (36) and fifth in goals. In 218 career WHL games with Medicine Hat, Wiesblatt has recorded 185 points (65g, 120a) and 314 penalty minutes.

**TYLER WEISS | LW | #14 | NEWFOUNDLAND (ECHL)**

Signed an American Hockey League contract with Hershey for the 2024-25 season

Weiss, 24, recorded 39 points (14g, 25a) in 56 games during his first professional season with the Newfoundland Growlers (ECHL) in 2023-24. The Raleigh, North Carolina native ranked fifth on the Growlers in assists and seventh in goals and points. Prior to joining Newfoundland, Weiss attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha from 2018-23, where he recorded 116 points (28g, 88a) in 159 career games. Weiss was originally drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the fourth round (109th overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft.