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**May 6, 2026**  
**KeyBank Center**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**COACHING STAFF**

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

**PRONUNCIATIONS**

**Carrick, Sam:** (KAIR-ihk)  
**Helenius, Konsta:** (hehl-ehn-OOHS, KAWN-stuh)  
**Kozak, Tyson:** (KOH-zak)  
**Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:** (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka)  
**Malenstyn, Beck:** (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)  
**McLeod, Ryan:** (muh-KLOWD)  
**Ostlund, Noah:** (OHST-luhnd)  
**Pearson, Tanner:** (PEER-suhn)  
**Samuelsson, Mattias:** (SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)  
**Schenn, Luke:** (SHEHN)  
**Tuch, Alex:** (TUHK)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**Power Play**  
 1-for-24 (4.2%) -- 16th  
**Penalty Kill**  
 14-for-16 (87.5%) -- 6th

**LEADING SCORERS**

**Tage Thompson:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:**  
 6 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS  
**Peyton Krebs:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS

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**FORWARDS**

**19 PEYTON KREBS**

6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 8 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 8 PIM

**72 TAGE THOMPSON**

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 18 PIM

**89 ALEX TUCH**

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 4 G, 3 A, 7 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 72 GP, 23 G, 17 A, 40 PTS, 38 PIM

**17 JASON ZUCKER**

5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 58 GP, 9 G, 10 A, 19 PTS, 14 PIM

**71 RYAN MCLEOD**

6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 62 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS, 28 PIM

**22 JACK QUINN**

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM

**6 ZACH BENSON**

5'10", 177 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 28 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 28 PIM

**9 JOSH NORRIS**

6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 3 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 3 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

**91 JOSH DOAN**

6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 2 PIM

**12 JORDAN GREENWAY**

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 28 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 20 PIM

**48 TYSON KOZAK**

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 4 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

**29 BECK MALENSTYN**

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 10 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

**DEFENSEMEN**

**26 RASMUS DAHLIN**

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM

**23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON**

6'4", 229 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 0 PIM

**25 OWEN POWER**

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM

**4 BOWEN BYRAM**

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 33 GP, 3 G, 14 A, 17 PTS, 12 PIM

**34 ALEX LYON**

6'1", 199 lbs. • Baudette, MN  
**2025-26 (Playoffs):**  
 5 GP, 3-1, .955 SV%, 1.14 GAA  
**Career (Playoffs):**  
 9 GP, 4-3, .922 SV%, 2.21 GAA  
**2025-26 (Regular Season):**  
 36 GP, 20-10-4, .907 SV%, 2.77 GAA  
**Career (Regular Season):**  
 149 GP, 71-48-15, .903 SV%, 2.93 GAA

**1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN**

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN  
**2025-26 (Playoffs):**  
 2 GP, 1-1, .825 SV%, 4.19 GAA  
**Career (Playoffs):**  
 2 GP, 1-1, .825 SV%, 4.19 GAA  
**2025-26 (Regular Season):**  
 35 GP, 22-9-3, .910 SV%, 2.52 GAA  
**Career (Regular Season):**  
 190 GP, 93-74-18, .900 SV%, 2.96 GAA

**64 LOGAN STANLEY**

6'7", 231 lbs. • Waterloo, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 5 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 5 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 22 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 57 PIM

**21 CONOR TIMMINS**

6'3", 213 lbs. • St. Catharines, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 18 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM

**SCRATCHES**

**5 LUKE SCHENN**

**8 MICHAEL KESSELRING**

**10 SAM CARRICK**

**44 JOSH DUNNE**

**70 TANNER PEARSON**

**73 ZACH METSA**

**86 NOAH OSTLUND**

**94 KONSTA HELENIUS**

**92 COLTEN ELLIS**

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**Goaltending Coach:** Marco Marciano

**PRONUNCIATIONS**

**Bolduc, Zachary:** (bohl-DOOK)  
**Carrier, Alexandre:**  
 (KAIR-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)  
**Dach, Kirby:** (DAHk, KUHR-bee)  
**Danault, Phillip:** (duh-NOH, FIHL-ihp)  
**Demidov, Ivan:**  
 (DEH-mih-dahv, IGH-vuhn)  
**Dobes, Jakub:** (DOH-behsh, YA-kuhb)  
**Guhle, Kaiden:** (GOO-lee, KAY-dehn)  
**Kapanen, Oliver:** (KA-puh-nihn)  
**Montembeault, Samuel:** (mawn-tuh-BOH)  
**Slafkovsky, Juraj:**  
 (slaf-KAHV-skee, YUHR-igh)  
**Struble, Jayden:** (STROO-buhl)  
**Texier, Alexandre:**  
 (TEHX-ee-ay, al-ehx-AHN-druh)  
**Veleno, Joseph:** (veh-LEH-noh)  
**Xhekaj, Arber:** (ZHEH-kigh, AR-buhr)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**Power Play**  
 5-for-26 (19.2%) -- 5th  
**Penalty Kill**  
 24-for-29 (82.8%) -- 11th

**LEADING SCORERS**

**Lane Hutson:**  
 7 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS  
**Nick Suzuki:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS  
**Zachary Bolduc:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS

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**FORWARDS**

**13 COLE CAUFIELD**

5'8", 175 lbs. • Mosinee, WI  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 32 GP, 8 G, 12 A, 20 PTS, 0 PIM

**14 NICK SUZUKI**

5'11", 207 lbs. • London, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 44 GP, 14 G, 17 A, 31 PTS, 4 PIM

**20 JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY**

6'3", 225 lbs. • Kosice, SVK  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 7 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 12 GP, 5 G, 0 A, 5 PTS, 11 PIM

**15 ALEX NEWHOOK**

5'11", 200 lbs. • St. John's, NL  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 39 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS, 18 PIM

**71 JAKE EVANS**

6'0", 190 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 25 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 12 PIM

**93 IVAN DEMIDOV**

6'1", 192 lbs. • Sergiyev Posad, RUS  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 12 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM

**85 ALEXANDRE TEXIER**

6'1", 196 lbs. • Saint-Martin-d'Heres, FRA  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 28 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 6 PIM

**24 PHILLIP DANAUULT**

6'1", 200 lbs. • Victoriaville, QC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 69 GP, 9 G, 20 A, 29 PTS, 34 PIM

**17 JOSH ANDERSON**

6'3", 226 lbs. • Burlington, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 55 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 PTS, 87 PIM

**76 ZACHARY BOLDUC**

6'0", 187 lbs. • Trois-Rivieres, QC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 14 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 18 PIM

**77 KIRBY DACH**

6'4", 221 lbs. • Fort Saskatchewan, AB  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 2 G, 1 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 16 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS, 10 PIM

**90 JOSEPH VELENO**

6'1", 201 lbs. • Montreal, QC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

**DEFENSEMEN**

**8 MIKE MATHESON**

6'2", 196 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 32 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 28 PIM

**45 ALEXANDRE CARRIER**

5'11", 174 lbs. • Quebec City, QC  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 28 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 8 PIM

**21 KAIDEN GUHLE**

6'3", 202 lbs. • Edmonton, AB  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 12 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 16 PIM

**48 LANE HUTSON**

5'9", 162 lbs. • Holland, MI  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 7 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 12 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 2 PIM

**72 ARBER XHEKAJ**

6'4", 240 lbs. • Hamilton, ON  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 6 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 9 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 16 PIM

**53 NOAH DOBSON**

6'4", 200 lbs. • Summerside, PE  
**2025-26 Playoffs:**  
 1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Playoff Career:**  
 32 GP, 0 G, 10 A, 10 PTS, 8 PIM

**32 JACOB FOWLER**

6'1", 223 lbs. • Melbourne, FL  
**2025-26 (Playoffs):**  
 0 GP, 0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA  
**Career (Playoffs):**  
 0 GP, 0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA  
**2025-26 (Regular Season):**  
 17 GP, 9-6-2, .908 SV%, 2.43 GAA  
**Career (Regular Season):**  
 17 GP, 9-6-2, .908 SV%, 2.43 GAA

**GOALTENDERS**

**75 JAKUB DOBES**

6'4", 215 lbs. • Ostrava, CZE  
**2025-26 (Playoffs):**  
 7 GP, 4-3, .923 SV%, 2.03 GAA  
**Career (Playoffs):**  
 10 GP, 5-5, .914 SV%, 2.25 GAA  
**2025-26 (Regular Season):**  
 43 GP, 29-10-4, .901 SV%, 2.78 GAA  
**Career (Regular Season):**  
 59 GP, 36-14-7, .904 SV%, 2.77 GAA

**SCRATCHES**

**11 BRENDAN GALLAGHER**

**35 SAMUEL MONTEMBEAULT**

**47 JAYDEN STRUBLE**

**91 OLIVER KAPANEN**

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