

Buffalo Sabres

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PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

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October 1, 2025 **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

Geertsen, Mason: (GUHRT-suhn) Georgiev, Alexandar: (ghee-OHR-ghee-ehv, al-ehx-AN-duhr) Kozak, Tyson: (KOH-zak) Kulich, Jiri: (koo-LEEK, YIH-ree) Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka: (LOO-koh-nehn, OO-koh-PEH-ka) Malenstyn, Beck: (MAL-ehn-stighn) McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD) Mrtka, Radim: (MUHRT-kuh, ra-DEEM) Tuch, Alex: (TUHK) Zucker, Jason: (ZÚK-uhr)

PEYTON KREBS

1st Round (17th overall) in 2019 6'0", 188 lbs. • Calgary, AB 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 81 GP, 10 G, 18 A, 28 PTS, 60 PIM

Josh Norris

1st Round (19th overall) in 2017 6'2", 196 lbs. • Oxford, MI 2024-25 stats:

FORWARDS

Buffalo/Ottawa (NHL): 53 GP, 21 G, 14 A, 35 PTS, 44 PIM

Tage **THOMPSON**

1st Round (26th overall) in 2016 6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL):

76 GP, 44 G, 28 A, 72 PTS, 35 PIM

JASON ZUCKER

2nd Round (59th overall) in 2010 5'11", 198 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 73 GP, 21 G, 32 A, 53 PTS, 57 PIM

RYAN McLeod

2nd Round (40th overall) in 2018 6'3", 204 lbs. • Mississauga, ON 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 79 GP, 20 G, 33 A, 53 PTS, 16 PIM

39 ALEX

1st Round (18th overall) in 2014 6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 82 GP, 36 G, 31 A, 67 PTS, 47 PIM

JACK QUINN

1st Round (8th overall) in 2020 6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 74 GP, 15 G, 24 A, 39 PTS, 18 PIM

JIRI KULICH

1st Round (28th overall) in 2022 6'1", 193 lbs. • Kadan, CZE 2024-25 stats: Buffalo (NHL): 62 GP, 15 G, 9 A, 24 PTS, 18 PIM

Josh Doan

2nd Round (37th overall) in 2021 6'2", 198 lbs. • Scottsdale, AZ 2024-25 stats: Utah (NHL): 51 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS, 8 PIM

MASON **J** GEERTSEN

4th Round (93rd overall) in 2013 6'4", 231 lbs. • Drayton Valley, AB 2024-25 stats:

Henderson (AHL): 31 GP, 0 G, 5 A, 5 PTS, 77 PIM

Justin DANFORTH

Undrafted 5'8", 193 lbs. • Oshawa, ON 2024-25 stats: Columbus (NHL): 61 GP, 9 G, 12 A, 21 PTS, 18 PIM

BECK MALENSTYN

5th Round (145th overall) in 2016 6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC 2024-25 stats: Buffalo (NHL): 76 GP, 4 Ġ, 6 Á, 10 PTS, 29 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

1st Round (1st overall) in 2018 6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidkoping, SWE 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 73 GP, 17 G, 51 A, 68 PTS, 54 PIM

66 GP, 2 G, 11 A, 13 PTS, 38 PIM

MICHAEL 8 **KESSELRING**

6th Round (164th overall) in 2018 6'5", 215 lbs. • Florence, SC 2024-25 stats: Utah (NHL):

82 GP, 7 G, 22 A, 29 PTS, 89 PIM

33 Ryan Johnson 1st Round (31st overall) in 2019 2nd Round (32nd overall) in 2017 6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh/Toronto (NHL):

Conor Timmins

6'3", 213 lbs. • St. Catharines, ON 2024-25 stats:

68 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 30 PIM

8 JACOB BRYSON

4th Round (99th overall) in 2017 5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON 2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 48 GP, 0 G, 7 A, 7 PTS, 10 PIM

Rochester (AHL):

RADIM MRTKA

1st Round (9th overall) in 2025 6'6", 218 lbs. • Havlickuz Brod, CZE 2024-25 stats:

Seattle (WHL): 43 GP, 3 G, 32 A, 35 PTS, 46 PIM

GOALTENDERS

Ukko-Pekka LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN

2024-25 stats:

Buffalo (NHL): 55 GP, 24-24-5, .887 SV%, 3.20 GAA Career (NHL): 155 GP, 71-65-15, .898 SV%, 3.06 GAA

ALEXANDAR GEORGIEV

6'1", 178 lbs. • Ruse, BUL

2024-25 stats:

Colorado/San Jose (NHL): 49 GP, 15-26-4, .875 SV%, 3.71 GAA Career (NHL): 303 GP, 151-108-26, .903 SV%, 2.99 GAA

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Acciari, Noel: (a-CHAHR-ee, NOHL) Broz, Tristan: (BROHZ) Brunicke, Harrison: (BROON-ihk) Dumba, Matt: (DUHM-ba) Fabbri, Robby: (FAB-ree) Hallander, Filip: (HAHL-ahn-duhr, FIHL-ihp) **Harvey-Pinard, Rafael:**(HAHR-vee pih-NAHRD, ra-FIGH-ehl) Heinen, Danton: (HIGH-nehn) Kindel, Ben: (KIHN-duhl) Koivunen, Ville: (KOI-vuh-nuhn, VIHL-ee)

Koppanen, Joona: (koh-PAH-nehn, YOH-nuh) **Lizotte, Blake:** (lih-ZAWT) Poulin, Sam: (POO-lihn) SIlovs, Arturs: (SIH-lahvz, AR-tuhrz) St. Ivany, Jack: (SAINT IGH-van-ee) Tomasino, Philip: (aw-muh-SEE-noh)

FORWARDS

VILLE KOIVUNEN

2nd Round (51st overall) in 2021 6'0", 184 lbs. • Oulu, FIN 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 63 GP, 21 G, 35 A, 56 PTS, 52 PIM

BEN KINDEL

1st Round (11th overall) in 2025 5'11", 182 lbs. • Coquitlam, BC

2024-25 stats: Calgary (WHL):

65 GP, 35 G, 64 A, 99 PTS, 39 PIM

Undrafted 5'10", 180 lbs. • Westland, MI 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 60 GP, 23 G, 19 A, 42 PTS, 58 PIM

1 FILIP HALLANDER

2nd Round (58th overall) in 2018 6'1", 203 lbs. • Sundsvall, SWE 2024-25 stats:

Timra IK (SHL): 51 GP, 26 G, 27 Á, 53 PTS, 18 PIM

BLAKE LIZOTTE

Undrafted 5'9", 176 lbs. • Lindstrom, MN 2024-25 stats: Pittsburgh (NHL):

59 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS, 26 PIM

53 PHILIP TOMASINO

1st Round (24th overall) in 2019 6'0", 187 lbs. • Mississauga, ON 2024-25 stats: Pittsburgh (NHL):

50 GP, 11 G, 12 A, 23 PTS, 8 PIM

49 RAFAEL HARVEY-PINARD

7th Round (201st overall) in 2019 5'9", 179 lbs. • Saguenay, QC 2024-25 stats:

Laval (AHL): 40 GP, 5 G, 14 A, 19 PTS, 14 PIM

TRISTAN O BROZ

2nd Round (58th overall) in 2021 6'0", 204 lbs. • River Falls, WI 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 59 GP, 19 G, 18 A, 37 PTS, 38 PIM

Noel 55 NOEL ACCIARI

Undrafted 5'11", 204 lbs. • Johnston, RI 2024-25 stats: Pittsburgh (NHL): 79 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS, 16 PIM

DANTON HEINEN

4th Round (116th overall) in 2014 6'2", 187 lbs. • Langley, BC 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh (NHL): 28 GP, 3 G, 8 A, 11 PTS, 0 PIM

JOONA KOPPANEN

5th Round (135th overall) in 2016 6'5", 216 lbs. • Tampere, FIN 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 56 GP, 8 G, 15 A, 23 PTS, 24 PIM

2 Robby Fabbri

1st Round (21st overall) in 2014 5'11", 185 lbs. • Mississauga, ON 2024-25 stats: Anaheim (NHL):

GOALTENDERS

ARTURS SILOVS

44 GP, 8 G, 8 A, 16 PTS, 20 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

RYAN GRAVES

4th Round (110th overall) in 2013 6'5", 225 lbs. • Yarmouth, NS 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh (NHL):

61 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 29 PIM

RYAN SHEA

4th Round (121st overall) in 2015 6'1", 200 lbs. • Milton, MA 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh (NHL):

39 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 14 PIM

6'4", 208 lbs. • Riga, LVA 2024-25 stats:

Abbotsford (AHL): 21 GP, 14-5-2, .908 SV%, 2.41 GAA Career (NHL):

19 GP, 2-6-1, .861 SV%, 3.65 GAA

JACK St. Ivany

4th Round (112th overall) in 2018 6'4", 197 lbs. • Manhattan Beach, CA 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh (NHL): 19 GP, 0 Ğ, 1 A, 1 PTS, 17 PIM

HARRISON BRUNICKE

2nd Round (44th overall) in 2024 6'3", 201 lbs. • Johannesburg, RSA 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 10 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 18 PIM

FILIP LARSSON

6'2", 201 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE

2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 28 GP, 12-9-3, .910 SV%, 2.84 GAA **Career (NHL):** 0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

38 OWEN PICKERING

1st Round (21st overall) in 2022 6'5", 206 lbs. • St. Adolphe, MB 2024-25 stats:

Pittsburgh (NHL): 25 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM

MATT DUMBA

1st Round (7th overall) in 2012 6'0", 191 lbs. • Yarmouth, NS 2024-25 stats:

Dallas (NHL): 63 GP, 1 G, 9 A, 10 PTS, 60 PIM

SCRATCHES

2 SAM POULIN

1st Round (21st overall) in 2019 6'2", 217 lbs. • Blainville, QC 2024-25 stats:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL): 57 GP, 19 G, 24 A, 43 PTS, 34 PIM

PHILIP **) ∠** KEMP

7th Round (208th overall) in 2017 6'4", 214 lbs. • Greenwich, CT

2024-25 stats:

Bakersfield (AHL): 56 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS, 39 PIM

Projected lines are unofficial and subject to change.