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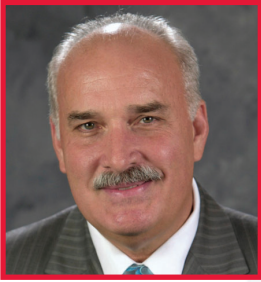
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JOHN DAVIDSON

PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS AND ALTERNATE GOVERNOR

activities for the organization.

Davidson returns to Columbus where under his guidance the Blue Jackets posted a 285-209-46 record (.570 pct.) from 2012-19. The club registered 42-plus wins in five of his last six campaigns and earned four Stanley Cup Playoff berths, including 2018-19 when Columbus swept the Presidents' Trophy-winning Tampa Bay Lightning, 4-0, in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals to record the first playoff series win in franchise history.

Davidson served as president of hockey operations for the New York Rangers from 2019-21. The team went 64-51-11 over that span and posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 2015-17.

Prior to his first stint with the Blue Jackets, Davidson served as the president of hockey operations of the St. Louis Blues from 2006-12. He joined a Blues team that posted a 21-46-15 record (57 pts.) in 2005-06 and led a turnaround that saw the club average 39 wins and 90 points per season, culminating a 49-22-11 record, 109 points and a Central Division title in 2011-12.

One of hockey's most respected figures, who served as the chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee, Davidson has enjoyed a long and distinguished career that spans four decades. Prior to his successful stint with the Blues, he was the longtime analyst for New York Rangers games on Madison Square Garden Network (MSG), as well as various NHL national broadcast partners in the United States and Canada. His outstanding work during a 20-plus year broadcasting career earned him numerous honors.

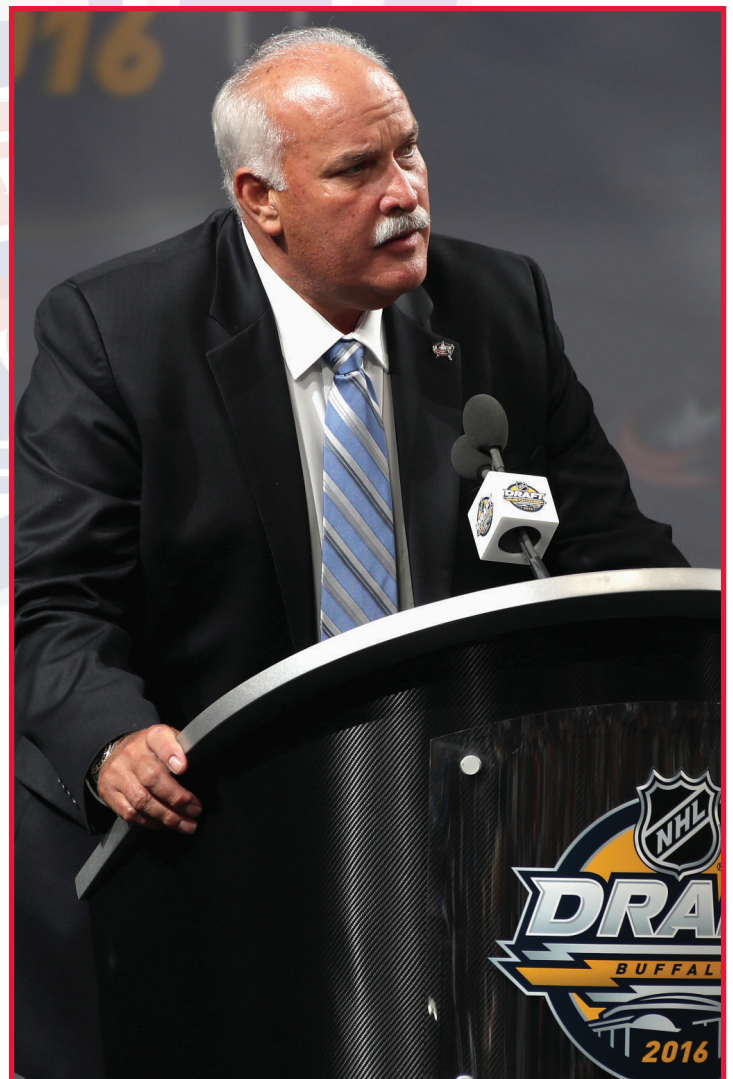
In 2009, he received the prestigious Foster Hewitt Memorial Award for outstanding contributions as a hockey broadcaster by The Hockey Hall of Fame and was inducted on Nov. 9, 2009. The NHL and USA Hockey honored Davidson with the Lester Patrick Award for his contributions to ice hockey in the United States in March 2004. He also won two New York Emmy Awards for "Outstanding On-Camera Achievement" in 2001 and 1995 and was part of MSG's Rangers broadcast team that won the CableACE Award for "Outstanding Live Event Coverage" in 1994.

Davidson began his broadcast career with MSG in 1983 and then spent two years on the popular "Hockey Night in Canada" from 1984-86. He rejoined MSG prior to the 1986-87 season, beginning a partnership with Rangers play-by-play announcer Sam Rosen that concluded following the 2005-06 season. During that time, Davidson also served as NBC's analyst for the NHL All-Star Game from 1990-93 and was lead analyst for the network's hockey coverage at the 1992 (Albertville, France), 1994 (Lillehammer, Norway), 1998 (Nagano, Japan), 2002 (Salt Lake City) and 2006 (Torino, Italy) Winter Olympic Games. He worked for TBS at the 1990 Goodwill Games, contributed to ABC's coverage of the NHL in 1994 and served on the number-one broadcast team with Mike Emrick for FOX's coverage of the NHL regular season, All-Star Games and Stanley Cup Playoffs and Finals from 1995-1999.

In addition, his work included several All-Star Games and Stanley Cup Finals for OLN, ESPN and SportsChannel, the 1991 Canada Cup for "Hockey Night in Canada" and the 1996 World Cup of Hockey for FX. He served as ESPN's studio analyst for the 1993 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The 2005-06 season marked his final season in the broadcast booth on OLN (now NBC Sports Network) and NBC.

Davidson enjoyed a successful junior career as a goaltender with the Calgary Centennials prior to being selected by the Blues with their first pick, fifth overall, in the 1973 Entry Draft. That year, he became the first goaltender to go directly from junior hockey to the NHL as he appeared in 39 games with St. Louis during the 1973-74 season. After two years with the Blues, he joined the Rangers in June 1975 and went on to play eight seasons in New York. In 1978-79, he went 20-15-4 with a 3.52 goals-against average in 39 games and then went 11-7 with a 2.28 goals-against average in 18 playoff games to lead the Rangers to the Stanley Cup Finals. He was forced to retire due to injuries during the 1982-83 season.

Davidson was born on Feb. 27, 1953 in Ottawa, Ontario and raised in Calgary, Alberta. He and his wife, Diana, are the parents of two daughters, Lindsay and Ashley, and have five grandsons.





JARMO KEKALAINEN

GENERAL MANAGER AND ALTERNATE GOVERNOR

Jarmo Kekalainen was named the third general manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on February 13, 2013. Since his arrival, the Blue Jackets have enjoyed the best on-ice stretch in club history, posting their four winningest seasons based on points

percentage over the past six campaigns: 2016-17 (50-24-8, 108 pts., .659), 2018-19 (47-31-4, 98 pts., .598), 2017-18 (45-30-7, 97 pts., .591) and 2019-20 (33-22-15, 81 pts., .579).

Columbus has also registered 42-plus wins in five of the past seven full campaigns and earned five postseason berths during his tenure. The Blue Jackets were one of three teams (Boston and Washington) to qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs in four-straight seasons from 2017-20.

The first European-born general manager in NHL history, he served as assistant general manager for Finland's World Cup of Hockey 2016 team and at the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, where the squad won the bronze medal. He arrived in Columbus after a stint as the president and general manager of Jokerit in the Finnish Elite League from 2010-13.

Kekalainen spent eight seasons with the St. Louis Blues from 2002-10. He joined the club as director of amateur scouting and was named assistant general manager and director of amateur scouting in 2005. In that role, he was involved in all facets of hockey operations, including professional scouting efforts and overseeing the club's amateur scouting and draft preparations. During his eight years in St. Louis, the Blues drafted players such as David Backes, Roman Polak, David Perron, T.J. Oshie, Patrik Berglund and Alex Pietrangelo.

Kekalainen was a member of the Ottawa Senators organization from 1995-2002, serving as director of player personnel for three years and also overseeing the amateur draft and the club's scouting efforts in Europe. While working with the Senators, he also served as general manager of IFK Helsinki in the Finnish Elite League from 1995 to 1999 and led the club to the league championship in 1998.

As a player, he appeared in 55 career NHL games with the Senators and Boston Bruins during a six-year career. A left wing, he scored five goals and added eight assists for 13 points with 28 penalty minutes, including a career-high 1-5-6 and 14 penalty minutes in 28 games with the Senators during the 1993-94 season. He also played in the American Hockey League and his native Finland before wrapping up his playing career with Vasteras IK in the Swedish Elite League in 1994-95.

Before signing with the Bruins, Kekalainen played two seasons at Clarkson University from 1987-89. He was named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference First All-Star Team after tallying 19-25-44 and 47 penalty minutes in 31 games during the 1988-89 season. He also represented Finland at the 1986 World Junior Championships and the 1991 Canada Cup Tournament.

Kekalainen was born on July 3, 1966 in Tampere, Finland. He has a bachelor's degree in management from Clarkson University and a master's in business marketing from the University of Tampere.

He and his wife, Tiina, are the parents of daughters, Emilia and Sofia.





BASIL MCRAE **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Basil McRae was named assistant general manager for the Columbus Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after serving the previous three seasons as director of player personnel. He also was a scout for the club in 2013-14.

McRae, who has been a part owner of the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights since 2000, also spent two years as alternate governor and general manager of the OHL club from 2014-16. London captured OHL and Memorial Cup championships in 2016. Prior to his original stint in Columbus, McRae served

as a scout for the St. Louis Blues for five seasons.

In addition to two decades of scouting experience, McRae played 16 seasons in the NHL between 1981-96, registering 53 goals and 83 assists for 136 points with 2,453 penalty minutes in 576 games with the Quebec Nordiques, Toronto Maple Leafs, Detroit Red Wings, Minnesota North Stars, Tampa Bay Lightning, St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawks.

The Beaverton, Ontario native was a fifth round pick of Quebec in the 1980 NHL Draft. He and his wife, Jill, are the parents of son, Philip, and daughters, Alexandra and Abigail.



JOSH FLYNN **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Josh Flynn was named assistant general manager for the Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after previously serving as the director of hockey administration. He is responsible for assisting in all facets of the hockey operations department, including salary cap management,

contract negotiations and research, salary arbitration, statistical research and strategic planning, and is the club's liaison to the National Hockey League on matters pertaining to the NHL-NHLPA collective bargaining agreement.

Flynn joined the Blue Jackets hockey operations department in June 2008

after spending the previous two seasons with KO Sports Agency in Denver, Colorado, where he worked on contract negotiations for several NHL players represented by the agency.

Flynn was born on December 8, 1982 in Toronto, Ontario. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Toronto in 2004 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver in 2007.

He and his wife, Jen, reside in Upper Arlington with her daughter, Parker.



CHRIS CLARK **DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL AND GM OF THE CLEVELAND MONSTERS**

Chris Clark was promoted to director of player personnel for the Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after spending the previous seven seasons with the club as a development coach and most recently its director of player development.

While continuing to be involved with the development of players throughout the organization, he also has an active role in evaluating personnel at the NHL level and serves as the general manager of the Cleveland Monsters, the club's American Hockey League affiliate.

A native of South Windsor, Connecticut, Clark registered 103-111-214

and 700 penalty minutes in 607 career NHL games with the Blue Jackets, Washington Capitals and Calgary Flames, including 8-12-20 and 59 penalty minutes in 89 games with Columbus from 2009-11. He spent four-plus seasons with the Capitals, tallying 60-63-123 and 278 penalty minutes in 240 games with the club and served as captain from 2006-09.

Calgary's third pick, 77th overall, in the 1994 NHL Draft, Clark earned All-ECAC honors during four seasons at Clarkson University from 1994-98. He then spent six seasons in the Flames organization from 1998-04, and helped the club reach the 2004 Stanley Cup Final.

He and his wife, Kim, are the parents of daughters, Hailie and Rylan; and son, Braiden.



RICK NASH DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Rick Nash was named the club's director of player development in June 2021 after joining the organization as a special assistant to the general manager on June 13, 2019.

Nash supervises the club's development coaches, oversees the progress of prospects throughout the organization and provides feedback to management on player advancement. The former Blue Jackets captain announced his retirement as a player following a 15-year career in January 2019.

Nash spent his first nine NHL seasons with the Blue Jackets after the club selected him with the first overall pick at the 2002 NHL Draft and served as the club's captain from 2008-12. He became the first player in franchise history to have his number retired when "61" was raised to the rafters at Nationwide Arena in a pregame ceremony prior to a contest vs. the Boston Bruins on Mar. 5, 2022. He is the franchise's all-time leader in games played, goals, assists

and points as he registered 289-258-547 and 568 penalty minutes in 674 games from 2002-12. In 1,060 career NHL games, the Brampton, Ontario native tallied 437-368-805 and 750 penalty minutes with the Blue Jackets, New York Rangers and Boston Bruins.

Nash was a finalist for the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top rookie and an All-Rookie Team selection in 2002-03. He won the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy as the NHL's top goal scorer in 2003-04 when he notched 41-16-57 in 80 games and received the NHL Foundation Player Award in 2008-09 for his contributions off the ice and in the community. He appeared in five All-Star Games as a Blue Jacket (2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011) and one as a Ranger (2015), and represented Canada at three Olympic Games (2006, 2010-gold and 2014-gold), four IIHF World Championships (2005-silver, 2007-gold, 2008-silver, 2011) and one IIHF World Junior Championship (2002-silver).

He and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of sons, McLaren and Finn; and daughter, Ellie. The family resides in New Albany.



VILLE SIREN DIRECTOR OF AMATEUR SCOUTING

Ville Siren was named director of amateur scouting of the Columbus Blue Jackets on July 6, 2016 after serving as the club's head amateur scout since joining the organization on July 8, 2013.

Siren spent nine seasons as a member of the St. Louis Blues scouting staff from 2003-13. During that time, he was instrumental in the club's selection of current NHL players such as Vladimir Tarasenko (1st Rd., 2010), Lars Eller (1st Rd., 2007), Patrik Berglund (1st Rd., 2006), Nikita Nikitin (5th Rd., 2004) and Roman Polak (6th Rd., 2004).

Prior to joining the Blues, he spent the 2002-03 season working with Tampere of the Finnish Elite League and scouted for the Washington

Capitals from 1999-2002. A defenseman, Siren was selected by the Hartford Whalers in the second round, 23rd overall, at the 1983 NHL Draft and made his NHL debut with the Pittsburgh Penguins during the 1985-86 season. He went on to register 14 goals and 68 assists for 82 points with 276 penalty minutes in 290 career NHL games with the Penguins and Minnesota North Stars from 1985-90.

He also played nine seasons in Finland, Sweden and Switzerland before retiring in 1999, and represented Finland in numerous international competitions including the 1984 and 1992 Olympic Games, 1987 and 1991 Canada Cup tournaments, 1983 and 1984 World Junior Championships and 1985, 1991 and 1993 World Championships.

Siren was born on Feb. 11, 1964 in Tampere, Finland. He is the father of a son, Viktor.

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Boris Yemelyanov

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS

2022 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Wright, Shane	6' 0"	191	Center	Kingston	OHL
2	2	Cooley, Logan	5' 10"	174	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
3	6	Gauthier, Cutter	6' 2"	189	Left Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
4	3	Savoie, Matthew	5' 9"	175	Center	Winnipeg	WHL
5	4	Geekie, Conor	6' 3"	196	Center	Winnipeg	WHL
6	5	Mintyukov, Pavel	6' 1"	197	Defenseman	Saginaw	OHL
7	20	Korchinski, Kevin	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Seattle	WHL
8	11	Del Bel Belluz, Luca	6' 0"	175	Center	Mississauga	OHL
9	12	Howard, Isaac	5' 10"	182	Left Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
10	19	Beck, Owen	6' 0"	185	Center	Mississauga	OHL
11	8	Snuggerud, Jimmy	6' 1"	186	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
12	33	Firkus, Jagger	5' 10"	153	Right Wing	Moose Jaw	WHL
13	35	Goyette, David	5' 10"	172	Center	Sudbury	OHL
14	9	Mateychuk, Denton	5' 11"	188	Defenseman	Moose Jaw	WHL
15	21	Pickering, Owen	6' 4"	178	Defenseman	Swift Current	WHL
16	16	Gaucher, Nathan	6' 3"	207	Center	Quebec	QMJHL
17	24	Lorenz, Rieger	6' 2"	184	Left Wing	Okotoks	AJHL
18	22	Chesley, Ryan	6' 0"	195	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
19	26	Rinzel, Sam	6' 4"	177	Defenseman	Chaska	HIGH-MN
20	15	Lamoureux, Maveric	6' 7"	197	Defenseman	Drummondville	QMJHL
21	17	Nazar, Frank	5' 10"	175	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
22	18	Mcgroarty, Rutger	6' 1"	200	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
23	13	Sapovaliv, Matyas	6' 3"	182	Center	Saginaw	OHL
24	10	Luneau, Tristan	6' 2"	188	Defenseman	Gatineau	QMJHL
25	31	Hutson, Lane	5' 8"	148	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
26	7	Hughes, Jack	6' 0"	170	Center	Northeastern	H-EAST
27	14	Ingram, Adam	6' 2"	165	Center	Youngstown	USHL
28	34	Minten, Fraser	6' 1"	185	Center	Kamloops	WHL
29	32	Casey, Seamus	5' 9"	162	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
30	36	Buchinger, Michael	6' 0"	175	Defenseman	Guelph	OHL
31	85	Schaefer, Reid	6' 3"	213	Left Wing	Seattle	WHL
32	25	Nelson, Ty	5' 10"	196	Defenseman	North Bay	OHL
33	49	Warren, Noah	6' 5"	216	Defenseman	Gatineau	QMJHL
34	28	McConnell-Barker, Bryce	6' 1"	193	Center	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL
35	27	Zhilkin, Danil	6' 1"	189	Center	Guelph	OHL
36	45	Finley, Quinn	6' 0"	168	Left Wing	Madison	USHL
37	67	James, Dylan	6' 0"	181	Left Wing	Sioux City	USHL
38	51	Filmon, Josh	6' 2"	160	Left Wing	Swift Current	WHL
39	48	Moldenhauer, Nicholas	5' 10"	170	Right Wing	Chicago	USHL
40	37	Lund, Cameron	6' 2"	185	Center	Green Bay	USHL
41		Lucius, Cruz	6' 0"	178	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
42	46	Rohrer, Vinzenz	5' 10"	163	Center	Ottawa	OHL
43	43	Gustafson, Jordan	5' 10"	178	Center	Seattle	WHL
44	47	Haight, Hunter	5' 11"	173	Center	Barrie	OHL
45	23	Poitras, Matthew	5' 11"	174	Center	Guelph	OHL
46	41	Greene, Ryan	6' 1"	174	Center	Green Bay	USHL
47	30	Lindgren, Mats	5' 11"	173	Defenseman	Kamloops	WHL
48	179	Kyrou, Christian	5' 10"	182	Defenseman	Erie	OHL
49	29	Ludwinski, Paul	5' 11"	176	Center	Kingston	OHL
50	60	Macdonald, Ben	6' 0"	165	Center	Noble & Greenough	HIGH-MA

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2022 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51	68	Hayes, Gavin	6' 2"	177	Left Wing	Flint	OHL
52	44	Fisher, Michael	6' 2"	193	Defenseman	St. Mark's School	HIGH-MA
53	42	George, Isaiah	6' 0"	195	Defenseman	London	OHL
54	90	Livanavage, Jake	5' 10"	157	Defenseman	Chicago	USHL
55	81	Spacek, David	6' 0"	174	Defenseman	Sherbrooke	QMJHL
56	55	Weir, Jace	6' 2"	183	Defenseman	Red Deer	WHL
57	74	Gucciardi, David	6' 1"	185	Defenseman	Michigan State	BIG10
58	52	Petrovsky, Servac	5' 10"	172	Center	Owen Sound	OHL
59	76	Guindon, Cedrick	5' 10"	170	Left Wing	Owen Sound	OHL
60	59	Langlois, Jeremy	6' 0"	186	Defenseman	Cape Breton	QMJHL
61	65	Kaplan, Devin	6' 2"	199	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
62	61	Karabela, Jake	5' 10"	160	Center	Guelph	OHL
63	69	Bump, Alex	6' 0"	195	Left Wing	Prior Lake	HIGH-MN
64	40	Plante, Zam	5' 9"	161	Center	Hermantown	HIGH-MN
65	64	Devine, Jack	5' 11"	173	Right Wing	Denver	NCHC
66	134	Jugnauth, Tyson	5' 11"	155	Defenseman	West Kelowna	BCHL
67	82	Sarsland, Tristan	6' 0"	182	Defenseman	Benilde-St. Margaret's	HIGH-MN
68	53	Furlong, Jake	6' 0"	189	Defenseman	Halifax	QMJHL
69	127	Davies, Josh	5' 9"	197	Left Wing	Swift Current	WHL
70	73	Healey, Ryan	6' 0"	172	Defenseman	Sioux Falls	USHL
71	57	Dorrington, Jackson	6' 2"	192	Defenseman	Des Moines	USHL
72	50	Seminoff, Matthew	5' 11"	180	Right Wing	Kamloops	WHL
73	72	Dumais, Jordan	5' 8"	165	Right Wing	Halifax	QMJHL
74	87	Lisowsky, Brandon	5' 8"	171	Left Wing	Saskatoon	WHL
75	77	Fimis, Pano	5' 9"	175	Center	Niagara	OHL
76	58	Schuurman, Brayden	5' 9"	191	Center	Victoria	WHL
77	102	O'Neill, Cameron	6' 0"	182	Right Wing	Mount St. Charles	HIGH-RI
78	79	Mastrodomenico, Michael	6' 0"	196	Defenseman	Lincoln	USHL
79	139	Siepmann, Grayden	5' 10"	175	Defenseman	Calgary	WHL
80	38	Sova, Spencer	6' 0"	185	Defenseman	Erie	OHL
81	39	Donovan, Jorian	6' 1"	182	Defenseman	Hamilton	OHL
82	91	Fegaras, George	6' 1"	188	Defenseman	North York	OJHL
83	63	Ali, Brennan	6' 0"	193	Center	Avon Old Farms	HIGH-CT
84	118	Knuble, Cole	5' 10"	175	Right Wing	Fargo	USHL
85	88	Konyen, Evan	5' 10"	169	Right Wing	Sudbury	OHL
86	154	Hemmerling, Ben	5' 10"	159	Right Wing	Everett	WHL
87	99	Roersma, Rylen	5' 10"	161	Center	Brandon	WHL
88	137	Jelsma, Beau	5' 9"	174	Center	Barrie	OHL
89	164	Mosko, Marian	5' 11"	174	Defenseman	Selects U18 - South Kent	HIGH-CT
90	123	Savoie, Samuel	5' 10"	189	Left Wing	Gatineau	QMJHL
91	78	La Starza, Michael	5' 10"	181	Right Wing	Sioux Falls	USHL
92	54	Booth, Angus	6' 0"	177	Defenseman	Shawinigan	QMJHL
93	148	Sward, Graham	6' 2"	180	Defenseman	Spokane	WHL
94		Lombardi, Amadeus	5' 10"	165	Center	Flint	OHL
95	112	Sidorov, Yegor	6' 0"	182	Right Wing	Saskatoon	WHL
96		King, Ben	6' 2"	205	Center	Red Deer	WHL
97	101	Gardner, Daimon	6' 4"	200	Center	Warroad	HIGH-MN
98	86	Barbashev, Maxim	6' 1"	181	Left Wing	Moncton	QMJHL
99	116	Fisher, James	6' 2"	170	Right Wing	Belmont Hill	HIGH-MA
100	115	Gaudet, Marc-Andre	6' 3"	180	Defenseman	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL

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2022 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	2	Slafkovsky, Juraj	6' 4"	218	Left Wing	Tps	Finland
2	1	Kemell, Joakim	5' 11"	171	Right Wing	Jyp	Finland
3	6	Nemec, Simon	6' 0"	190	Defenseman	Nitra	Slovakia
4	4	Jiricek, David	6' 3"	189	Defenseman	Plzen	Czrep
5	7	Kasper, Marco	6' 1"	183	Center	Rogle	Sweden
6	9	Lekkerimaki, Jonathan	5' 10"	165	Right Wing	Djurgarden	Sweden
7	3	Yurov, Danila	6' 1"	178	Right Wing	Magnitogorsk	Russia
8	11	Ohgren, Liam	6' 0"	187	Left Wing	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
9	14	Bichsel, Lian	6' 5"	216	Defenseman	Leksand	Sweden
10	5	Lambert, Brad	6' 0"	175	Center	Pelicans	Finland
11	8	Miroshnichenko, Ivan	6' 1"	185	Left Wing	Omsk Krylia	Russia-2
12	21	Salomonsson, Elias	6' 0"	172	Defenseman	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
13	22	Kulich, Jiri	6' 0"	172	Center	Karlovy Vary	Czrep
14	10	Perevalov, Alexander	6' 0"	191	Left Wing	Yaroslavl 2	Russia-Jr.
15	12	Trikozov, Gleb	6' 1"	185	Left Wing	Omsk 2	Russia-Jr.
16	13	Odelius, Calle	5' 11"	185	Defenseman	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
17	16	Bystedt, Filip	6' 2"	187	Center	Linkoping Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
18	25	Ostlund, Noah	5' 11"	163	Center	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
19	43	Havelid, Mattias	5' 9"	165	Defenseman	Linkoping Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
20	15	Mesar, Filip	5' 10"	167	Right Wing	Poprad	Slovakia
21	42	Hamara, Tomas	6' 0"	185	Defenseman	Tappara Jr.	Finland-Jr.
22	17	Dolzhnev, Kirill	6' 6"	234	Right Wing	Cska 2	Russia-Jr.
23	18	Salin, Otto	5' 11"	187	Defenseman	Hifk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
24	19	Nyman, Jani	6' 3"	212	Right Wing	Ilves	Finland
25	20	Kaskimaki, Aleksanteri	6' 0"	181	Center	Hifk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
26	24	Suzdalev, Alexander	6' 2"	172	Left Wing	Hv 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
27	26	Wagner, Fabian	5' 11"	170	Center	Linkoping Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
28	23	Duda, Artem	6' 1"	187	Defenseman	Cska 2	Russia-Jr.
29	28	Kulomummi, Kasper	6' 0"	178	Defenseman	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
30	33	Lutz, Julian	6' 2"	185	Left Wing	Munchen	Germany
31	29	Ronni, Topi	6' 2"	179	Center	Tappara Jr.	Finland-Jr.
32	39	Matikka, Miko	6' 3"	187	Right Wing	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
33	37	Forsmark, Simon	6' 2"	191	Defenseman	Orebro	Sweden
34	27	Neuchev, Viktor	6' 2"	165	Left Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.
35	30	Jansson, Ludvig	6' 0"	176	Defenseman	Sodertalje	Sweden-2
36	32	Orlov, Daniil	6' 2"	180	Defenseman	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk 2	Russia-Jr.
37	52	Pettersson, Elias	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
38	81	Engstrom, Adam	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
39	74	Vilmanis, Sandis	6' 1"	192	Left Wing	Lulea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
40	82	Lassila, Jere	5' 9"	173	Center	Jyp Jr.	Finland-Jr.
41	34	Muromtsev, Alexandr	6' 3"	183	Center	Belarus U18	Belarus-2
42	36	Sykora, Adam	5' 10"	172	Left Wing	Nitra	Slovakia
43	87	Pettersson, Oskar	6' 2"	198	Right Wing	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
44	35	Moravec, David	6' 1"	189	Defenseman	MI. Boleslav	Czrep
45	41	Sotek, Alex	6' 0"	176	Right Wing	Bratislava	Slovakia
46	44	Persson, Ludwig	6' 0"	178	Left Wing	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
47		Forsfall, Mans	6' 0"	178	Defenseman	Skelleftea	Sweden
48	62	Lundell, Kasper	5' 11"	174	Center	Hifk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
49		Yapparov, Yaroslav	6' 3"	174	Left Wing	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
50	31	Koromyslov, Arseni	6' 3"	180	Defenseman	Ska St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.

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2022 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51		Grebenkin, Nikita	6' 2"	183	Right Wing	Magnitogorsk 2	Russia-Jr.
52	54	Nordberg, Filip	6' 4"	207	Defenseman	Sodertalje Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
53	40	Grudin, Vladimir	5' 10"	158	Defenseman	Cska 2	Russia-Jr.
54	53	Sulku, Santeri	6' 2"	185	Left Wing	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
55	58	Hokkanen, Otto	6' 2"	184	Center	Saipa	Finland
56	46	Blednov, Nikita	5' 11"	165	Right Wing	Gorniyak Uchaly	Russia-2
57	79	Cech, Ales	6' 2"	189	Defenseman	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
58		Plos, Lukas	6' 4"	198	Center	Liberec Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
59	73	Karlsson, Gustav	6' 1"	165	Center	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
60	49	Hauf, Luca	5' 11"	180	Center	Krefeld U23	Germany-3
61		Kilpinen, Maximilian	6' 0"	165	Left Wing	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
62		Atanasov, Vasily	5' 10"	147	Center	Khanty-Mansiysk 2	Russia-Jr.
63	45	Khvorov, Nikolay	6' 0"	168	Right Wing	Omsk 2	Russia-Jr.
64	60	Johnsen, Martin	5' 10"	168	Center	Farjestad Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
65	80	Asplund, Oskar	5' 11"	174	Defenseman	Almtuna	Sweden-2
66	65	Laakso, Elmeri	6' 1"	185	Defenseman	Saipa Jr.	Finland-Jr.
67	63	Bau, Samu	6' 4"	208	Center	Hifk Jr.	Finland-Jr.
68		Johansson, Anton	6' 4"	172	Defenseman	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
69	71	Tishkevich, Nikolai	5' 10"	172	Right Wing	Belarus U18	Belarus-2
70	69	Pahlsson, Erik	6' 0"	170	Center	Hv 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
71	88	Ivanov, Daniil	6' 4"	209	Defenseman	Spartak 2	Russia-Jr.
72	78	Leuka, Pavel	6' 1"	198	Center	Omsk 2	Russia-Jr.
73	93	Keilin, Theo	5' 11"	172	Center	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
74	97	Becher, Ondrej	6' 1"	172	Center	Havirov Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
75		Krokhalev, Bogdan	6' 3"	198	Defenseman	Magnitogorsk 2	Russia-Jr.
76	38	Savikov, Egor	5' 10"	170	Defenseman	Spartak	Russia
77	55	Marcel, Marcel	6' 3"	216	Left Wing	Plzen Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
78	61	Pelevin, Alexander	6' 1"	183	Defenseman	Nizhny Novgorod 2	Russia-Jr.
79	48	Sychev, Vladimir	5' 11"	156	Left Wing	Ska St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
80	57	Yevseyev, Nikita	6' 1"	187	Defenseman	Bars Kazan	Russia-2
81	75	Kvachko, Ilya	5' 9"	167	Center	Magnitogorsk 2	Russia-Jr.
82		Davydov, Daniil	5' 11"	165	Center	Dynamo St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
83	86	Krepelka, Karel	6' 1"	194	Defenseman	MI. Boleslav Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
84		Percic, Maks	6' 1"	201	Defenseman	K-Espoo Jr.	Finland-Jr.
85	76	Nadvorny, Matvei	5' 10"	174	Left Wing	Dynamo Moscow 2	Russia-Jr.
86	89	Oscarson, Milton	6' 6"	202	Center	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
87	72	Sinyatkin, Semyon	5' 11"	183	Right Wing	Dynamo St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
88	50	Pinkas, Matej	6' 2"	190	Defenseman	Kolin	Czrep-2
89	90	Koch, Gabriel	5' 11"	163	Defenseman	Valerenga	Norway
90	67	Rymon, Dominik	5' 10"	147	Right Wing	Karlovy Vary Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
91	68	Romanov, Vladislav	6' 1"	181	Left Wing	Ska St. Petersburg 2	Russia-Jr.
92	70	Ponomarev, Alexandr	5' 9"	165	Right Wing	Togliatti 2	Russia-Jr.
93	91	Pashuto, Vladislav	6' 1"	203	Defenseman	Belarus U18	Belarus-2
94	51	Kamko, Pavel	6' 5"	203	Defenseman	Cherepovets 2	Russia-Jr.
95	66	Barabosha, Artem	6' 2"	189	Defenseman	Cska 2	Russia-Jr.
96	114	Frylen, Hugo	6' 2"	207	Right Wing	Vasteras Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
97	56	Kuimov, Egor	6' 3"	176	Right Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	Russia-Jr.
98	116	Johnsson, Theodor	6' 1"	187	Defenseman	Vaxjo Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
99	115	Rudslatt, Rasmus	6' 0"	180	Right Wing	Aik Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
100	85	Hauser, Petr	6' 3"	200	Right Wing	Sparta Jr.	Czrep-Jr.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS

2022 TOP GOALTENDERS

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 15 NORTH AMERICAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Brennan, Tyler	6' 4"	184	Goalie	Prince George	WHL
2	2	Zhigalov, Ivan	6' 3"	167	Goalie	Sherbrooke	QMJHL
3	3	Silverstein, Dylan	6' 0"	179	Goalie	USA U-18	NTDP
4	5	Muszelik, Tyler	6' 2"	195	Goalie	USA U-18	NTDP
5	7	Beaupit, Mason	6' 5"	188	Goalie	Spokane	WHL
6	21	Young, Ty	6' 2"	181	Goalie	Prince George	WHL
7	4	Whitehead, Cameron	6' 3"	170	Goalie	Lincoln	USHL
8	26	Dyck, Reid	6' 3"	190	Goalie	Swift Current	WHL
9	8	Oke, Andrew	6' 2"	198	Goalie	Saginaw	OHL
10		Croteau, Emmett	6' 3"	195	Goalie	Waterloo	USHL
11	6	Holt, Braden	6' 0"	160	Goalie	Everett	WHL
12	13	Suchanek, Tomas	6' 0"	171	Goalie	Tri-City	WHL
13	11	Filion, Vincent	6' 0"	181	Goalie	Moncton	QMJHL
14	10	Lalonde, Nolan	6' 1"	186	Goalie	Erie	OHL
15	25	Di Pasquo, Luca	6' 1"	181	Goalie	Maryland	NAHL

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 12 EUROPEAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Leinonen, Topias	6' 4"	214	Goalie	Jyp Jr.	Finland-Jr.
2	9	Havelid, Hugo	5' 10"	170	Goalie	Linkoping Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
3	3	Spunar, Jan	6' 3"	185	Goalie	Olomouc Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
4	4	Arefyev, Maxim	6' 4"	183	Goalie	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk 2	Russia-Jr.
5	5	Mezsargs, Karlis	6' 2"	185	Goalie	Riga 2	Russia-Jr.
6	7	Schnattinger, Michael	6' 0"	176	Goalie	Brno Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
7		Murashov, Sergei	6' 0"	167	Goalie	Loko-76 Yaroslavl	Russia-Jr.
8	2	Blomquist, Ian	6' 2"	183	Goalie	Vasteras Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
9	8	Kokko, Niklas	6' 3"	184	Goalie	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
10		Vondras, Jakub	6' 3"	180	Goalie	Plzen Jr.	Czrep-Jr.
11	6	Guskov, Yegor	5' 11"	200	Goalie	Yaroslavl 2	Russia-Jr.
12	10	Swedin, Lukas	5' 6"	143	Goalie	Hv 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.

COLUMBUS PICKS IN 2022 NHL DRAFT

ROUND	NUMBER OF PICKS*	SELECTION
1	2	6 (CHI), 12
2	1	44
3	1	96 (TBL)
4	2	109, 122 (TOR)
5	0	
6	0	
7	1	203 (ANA)
Feb. 25, 2019	Acquired G Keith Kinkaid from New Jersey in exchange for the Blue Jackets' fifth round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft (141st overall).	
Oct. 7, 2020	Acquired a seven-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft (203rd overall) from Anaheim in exchange for a seven-round pick in the 2020 NHL Draft.	
Jan. 23, 2021	Acquired LW Patrik Laine and C Jack Roslovic from Winnipeg in exchange for C Pierre-Luc Dubois and the Blue Jackets' third round selection in the 2022 NHL Draft (77th).	
Feb. 13, 2021	Acquired LW Gregory Hofmann from Carolina in exchange for the Blue Jackets' seventh round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft (205th overall).	
April 10, 2021	Acquired a first-round pick in the 2021 NHL Draft as well as a third-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft from Tampa Bay (96th overall) in exchange for D David Savard to go to Detroit.	
April 11, 2021	Acquired a first-round pick in the 2021 NHL Draft and a fourth-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft (122nd overall) from Toronto in exchange for San Jose to receive LW Nick Foligno.	
July 23, 2021	Acquired the 2022 first round pick (6th overall) along with a first-round pick in 2021 NHL Draft, a second-round pick in the 2021 NHL Draft and D Adam Boqvist from Chicago in exchange for D Seth Jones, a first-round pick in the 2021 NHL Draft and a six-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft (173rd overall).	

* Picks as of June 30, 2022

NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS' SELECTIONS

6th Overall

D Jamie Drysdale (2020; Anaheim), D Moritz Seider (2019; Detroit), RW Filip Zadina (2018; Detroit), LW Matthew Tkachuk (2016; Calgary), C Pavel Zacha (2015; New Jersey), C Sean Monahan (2013; Calgary), D Hampus Lindholm (2012; Anaheim), C Mika Zibanejad (2011; Ottawa), RW Brett Connolly (2010; Tampa Bay), D Oliver Ekman-Larsson (2009; Phoenix), C Sam Gagner (2007; Edmonton), **C Derick Brassard (2006; Columbus)**, LW Milan Michalek (2003; San Jose), RW Scottie Upshall (2002; Nashville), C Mikko Koivu (2001; Minnesota), LW Scott Hartnell (2000; Nashville), C Boyd Devereaux (1996; Edmonton), LW Ryan Smith (1994; Edmonton), C Viktor Kozlov (1993; San Jose), C Cory Stillman (1992; Calgary), C Peter Forsberg (1991; Philadelphia), C Vincent Damphousse (1986; Toronto), RW John MacLean (1983; New Jersey), D Phil Housley (1982; Buffalo), D Jim Benning (1981; Toronto), D Paul Coffey (1980; Edmonton), D Craig Hartsburg (1979; Minnesota North Stars), D Behn Wilson (1978; Philadelphia), D Doug Wilson (1977; Chicago), D Doug Hicks (1974; Minnesota North Stars), C Andre Savard (1973; Boston), C Walt McKechnie (1963; Toronto)

12th Overall

C Cole Sillinger (2021; Columbus), C Anton Lundell (2020; Florida), LW Matthew Boldy (2019; Minnesota), D Noah Dobson (2018; New York Islanders), C Martin Necas (2017; Carolina), C Michael McLeod (2016; New Jersey), RW Denis Gurianov (2015; Dallas), D Cam Fowler (2010; Anaheim), D Tyler Myers (2008; Buffalo), D Ryan McDonagh (2007; Montreal), C Bryan Little (2006; Atlanta), D Marc Staal (2005; NY Rangers), D Dan Hamhuis (2001; Nashville), LW Alex Tanguay (1998; Colorado), RW Marian Hossa (1997; Ottawa), D Wade Belak (1994; Quebec Nordiques), D Kenny Jonsson (1993; Toronto), C Tyler Wright (1991; Edmonton), RW Turner Stevenson (1990; Montreal), LW Gary Roberts (1984; Calgary), C Dave Gagner (1983; New York Rangers), D Jim Kyte (1982; Winnipeg), LW Tony Tanti (1981; Chicago), D Paul Reinhart (1979; Atlanta), RW Brent Peterson (1978; Detroit), F Mario Tremblay (1974; Montreal)

44th Overall

G Tristan Jarry (2013; Pittsburgh), D Jake McCabe (2012; Buffalo), LW Nikolay Kulemin (2006; Toronto), C Paul Stastny (2005; Colorado), D Matt Greene (2002; Edmonton), D Jordan Leopold (1999; Anaheim), C Mike Fisher (1998; Ottawa), G Jose Theodore (1994; Montreal), D Mathieu Schneider (1987; Montreal), RW Nelson Emerson (1985; St. Louis), C Derrick Smith (1983), C Guy Carbonneau (1979; Montreal)

NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS' SELECTIONS

96th Overall

C Nicholas Roy (2015; Calgary), C Jean-Gabriel Pageau (2011; Ottawa), D Chris Butler (2005; Buffalo), C Eric Belanger (1996; Los Angeles), C Marty Murray (1993; Calgary), D Jack O'Callahan (1977; Chicago)

109th Overall

LW Dwight King (2007; Los Angeles), RW Dan Bylsma (1989; Winnipeg), LW Jeff Daniels (1986; Pittsburgh), LW Randy Gilhen (1982; Hartford Whalers), F Paul MacLean (1978; St. Louis)

122nd Overall

LW Charles Hudon (2012; Montreal), RW Chris Wagner (2010; Anaheim), G Chris Mason (1995; New Jersey), D Dmitri Yushkevich (1991; Philadelphia), LW Tim Sweeney (1985; Calgary)

203rd Overall

LW Frazer McLaren (2007; San Jose), D Igor Ulanov (1991; Winnipeg), LW Mika Alatalo (1990; Winnipeg)

2022 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

1ST ROUND

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Montreal | 12. Columbus | 23. St. Louis |
| 2. New Jersey | 13. New York Islanders | 24. Minnesota |
| 3. Arizona | 14. Winnipeg | 25. Toronto |
| 4. Seattle | 15. Vancouver | 26. Montreal (from CGY) |
| 5. Philadelphia | 16. Buffalo (from VGK) | 27. Arizona (from CAR) |
| 6. Columbus (from CHI) | 17. Nashville | 28. Buffalo (from FLA) |
| 7. Ottawa | 18. Dallas | 29. Edmonton |
| 8. Detroit | 19. Minnesota (from LAK) | 30. Winnipeg (from NYR) |
| 9. Buffalo | 20. Washington | 31. Tampa Bay |
| 10. Anaheim | 21. Pittsburgh | 32. Arizona (from COL) |
| 11. San Jose | 22. Anaheim (from BOS) | |

2ND ROUND

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 33. Montreal | 44. Columbus | 55. New York Rangers (from STL) |
| 34. Arizona | 45. Arizona (from NYI) | 56. Minnesota (compensatory) |
| 35. Seattle | 46. Washington (from WPG) | 57. Chicago (from MIN) |
| 36. Arizona (from PHI) | 47. Minnesota (from VAN via ARI) | 58. Seattle (from TOR) |
| 37. New Jersey | 48. Vegas | 59. Calgary |
| 38. Chicago | 49. Seattle (from NSH) | 60. Carolina |
| 39. Ottawa | 50. Dallas | 61. Seattle (from FLA via CGY) |
| 40. Detroit | 51. Los Angeles | 62. Montreal (from EDM) |
| 41. Buffalo | 52. Detroit (from WSH) | 63. New York Rangers |
| 42. Anaheim | 53. Anaheim (from PIT) | 64. Ottawa (from TBL) |
| 43. Arizona (from SJS) | 54. Boston | 65. New York Islanders (from COL) |

3RD ROUND

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 66. Montreal | 77. Winnipeg (from CBJ) | 88. St. Louis |
| 67. Arizona | 78. New York Islanders | 89. Minnesota |
| 68. Seattle | 79. Toronto (from WPG via VAN) | 90. Chicago (from TOR via CGY) |
| 69. Philadelphia | 80. Vancouver | 91. Boston (from CGY) |
| 70. New Jersey | 81. Chicago (from Vegas) | 92. Montreal (from CAR) |
| 71. Carolina (from CHI) | 82. Nashville | 93. Florida |
| 72. Ottawa | 83. Dallas | 94. Chicago (from EDM) |
| 73. Detroit | 84. Nashville (from LAK) | 95. Vegas (from NYR) |
| 74. Buffalo | 85. Washington | 96. Columbus (from TBL) |
| 75. Montreal (from ANA) | 86. Los Angeles (from PIT) | 97. Colorado |
| 76. San Jose | 87. Ottawa (from BOS) | |

2022 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

4TH ROUND

98. Montreal
99. Winnipeg (from ARI)
100. Seattle
101. Philadelphia
102. New Jersey
103. Tampa Bay (from CHI)
104. Ottawa
105. Detroit
106. Buffalo
107. Anaheim
108. San Jose

109. Columbus
110. New Jersey (from NYI)
111. New York Rangers (from WPG via VGK)
112. Vancouver
113. Detroit (from VGK)
114. Nashville
115. Dallas
116. Los Angeles
117. Seattle (from WSH)
118. Pittsburgh
119. Boston

120. St. Louis
121. Minnesota
122. Columbus (from TOR)
123. Seattle (from CGY)
124. Carolina
125. Florida
126. New Jersey (from EDM)
127. Montreal (from NYR via FLA)
128. Montreal (from TBL)
129. Detroit (from COL)

5TH ROUND

130. Montreal
131. Arizona
132. Seattle
133. Philadelphia
134. Buffalo (from NJD)
135. Vegas (from CHI)
136. Ottawa
137. Detroit
138. San Jose (from BUF via VGK)
139. Anaheim
140. San Jose

141. New Jersey (from CBJ)
142. New York Islanders
143. Ottawa (from WPG)
144. Vancouver
145. Vegas
146. Nashville
147. Dallas
148. Las Angeles
149. Washington
150. Pittsburgh
151. Ottawa (from BOS)

152. St. Louis
153. Minnesota
154. Anaheim (from TOR)
155. Calgary
156. Carolina
157. Florida
158. Edmonton
159. New York Rangers
160. Tampa Bay
161. Colorado

6TH ROUND

162. Montreal
163. Arizona
164. Seattle
165. Philadelphia
166. New Jersey
167. Chicago
168. Ottawa
169. Tampa Bay (from DET)
170. Buffalo
171. Carolina (from ANA)
172. San Jose

173. Chicago (from CBJ)
174. New York Islanders
175. Winnipeg
176. Vancouver
177. Vegas
178. Anaheim (from NSH)
179. Dallas
180. Las Angeles
181. Washington
182. Pittsburgh
183. Edmonton

184. St. Louis
185. Minnesota
186. Florida (from TOR)
187. Buffalo (from CGY via FLA)
188. Carolina
189. Florida
190. Edmonton
191. New York Rangers
192. Tampa Bay
193. Colorado

7TH ROUND

194. Montreal
195. San Jose (from ARI)
196. Seattle
197. Philadelphia
198. New Jersey
199. Chicago
200. Boston (from OTT)
201. Detroit
202. Buffalo
203. Columbus (from ANA)
204. San Jose

205. Carolina (from CBJ)
206. Ottawa (from NYI)
207. Winnipeg
208. Vancouver
209. Vegas
210. Nashville
211. Buffalo (from DAL)
212. Detroit (from LAK)
213. Washington
214. Pittsburgh
215. Boston

216. Montreal (from STL via PHI via ARI)
217. San Jose (from MIN)
218. Toronto
219. Calgary
220. Carolina
221. Florida
222. Edmonton
223. Tampa Bay (from NYR)
223. Tampa Bay
224. Colorado

* Picks as of June 30, 2022

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SHANE WRIGHT

North American Skater - Kingston, OHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	199
BORN:	January 5, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Burlington, ON, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Finished sixth in the Ontario Hockey League in assists, eighth in points as well as shots on goal (260) with 32-62-94 and 22 penalty minutes in 63 appearances with Kingston in 2021-22.
- Helped Canada win gold at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championships with 9-5-14 in five contests.
- Was named the Canadian Hockey League Rookie of the Year and OHL Rookie of the Year and to the OHL's First-All Rookie Team in 2019-20 as he led OHL rookies in goals and points with 39-27-66 in 58 contests with Kingston.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

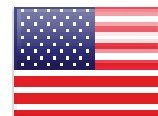
PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2018-19	Don Mills Flyers	U16 AAA	72	66	84	150	n/a	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2019-20	Kingston	OHL	58	39	27	66	-6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Kingston	OHL	DID NOT PLAY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
2021-22	Kingston	OHL	63	32	62	94	23	22	11	3	11	14	4	0
OHL Totals			121	71	89	160	17	32	11	3	11	14	4	0
GTHL Totals			72	66	84	150	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...



LOGAN COOLEY

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	2	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	May 4, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Pittsburgh, PA, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cooley has spent the past two seasons with the United States Development Program, combining for 40-71-111 in 75 games between the junior and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Led the United States to a silver medal at the 2022 U18 IIHF World Championships and was named the tournament's Best Forward and to the All-Star Team after posting 3-7-10 in six contests.
- He is committed to the University of Minnesota for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	27	15	13	28	-1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	19	4	10	14	0	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	28	16	16	32	n/a	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP Jr	USHL	24	13	23	36	19	55	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	51	27	48	75	38	67
USHL Totals			51	28	36	64	...	65
USDP Totals			98	47	74	121	38	81

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CUTTER GAUTHIER

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	200
BORN:	January 19, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Skelleftea, Sweden

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gauthier has spent the past two seasons with the United States Development Program, combining for 53-40-93 in 76 games between the juniors and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Was named to the United States' 2022 U18 IIHF World Junior Championship team and went 3-6-9 in six contests, helping the team claim silver.
- He is committed to Boston College for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	32	12	9	21	-28	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	USDP	44	20	17	37	n/a	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP Jr	USHL	22	19	9	28	14	31	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	USDP	54	34	31	65	33	49	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			54	31	18	49	-14	45	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			99	54	48	102	33	82	...	...	...	...	...	...



MATTHEW SAVOIE

North American Skater - Winnipeg, WHL



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 9"	WEIGHT:	170
BORN:	January 1, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	St. Albert, AB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Savoie led Western Hockey League rookies in points and was second in goals and assists in 2021-22 after recording 35-55-90 in 65 games with Winnipeg.
- Led Winnipeg in scoring and finished second in assists and third in goals in 2021-22.
- Finished second among USHL rookies in goals (Cole Sillinger, 24) and fifth in points after posting 21-17-38 in 34 outings with Dubuque in 2020-21.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Winnipeg	WHL	22	0	7	7	-6	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Dubuque	USHL	34	21	17	38	11	8	2	0	0	0	-1	15
	Sherwood Park	AJHL	4	3	3	6	n/a	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Winnipeg	WHL	65	35	55	90	54	32	10	6	6	12	13	2
WHL Totals			87	35	62	97	48	44	10	6	6	12	13	2
USHL Totals			34	21	17	38	11	8	2	0	0	0	-1	15
AJHL Totals			4	3	3	6	...	0

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CONOR GEEKIE

North American Skater - Winnipeg, WHL



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	4
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	190
BORN:	May 5, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Strathclair, MB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Geekie played for Winnipeg in the Western Hockey League for a third season in 2021-22 and recorded 24-46-70 in 63 contests to help the team to be regular season champions.
- Led Winnipeg rookies in assists and points after notching 9-14-23 in 24 appearances in 2020-21.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Winnipeg	WHL	7	0	0	0	-4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Winnipeg	WHL	24	9	14	23	13	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Virden	MJHL	9	1	3	4	n/a	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Winnipeg	WHL	63	24	46	70	46	49	15	3	8	11	4	10
WHL Totals			94	33	60	93	55	71	15	3	8	11	4	10
MJHL Totals				9	1	3	4	...	20	...	...	...	...	...



PAVEL MINTYUKOV

North American Skater - Saginaw, OHL



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	5
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	194
BORN:	November 25, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Moskva, RUS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mintyukov played for the Saginaw Spirit in the Ontario Hockey League in 2021-22 and went 17-45-62 in 67 games to finish third overall in the league.
- Helped Russia capture a gold medal at the U17 World Hockey Challenge with 0-5-5 in six games.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Dynamo Moscow	MHL	33	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	...	0
	Dynamo Moscow	Russia-Jr U18	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	1	1	0	1	...	0
	Dynamo Moscow	Russia-Jr U17	3	1	1	2	n/a	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Saginaw	OHL	DID NOT PLAY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
2021-22	Saginaw	OHL	67	17	45	62	-14	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
OHL Totals			67	17	45	62	-14	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
MHL Totals			33	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	...	0
Russia-Jr U17 Totals			3	1	1	2	...	2
Russia-Jr U18 Totals			0	0	0	0	...	0	1	1	0	1	...	0

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KEVIN KORCHINSKI

North American Skater - Seattle, WHL



FINAL RANK:	7	MIDTERM RANK:	20
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	185
BORN:	June 21, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Saskatoon, SK, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Korchinski ranked third in the Western Hockey League in assists while posting 4-61-65 in 67 appearances with Seattle in 2021-22.
- He led his team and rookies in the WHL in assists (61) while also ranking second among all blueliners in assists and fourth in points in 2021-22.
- Finished fourth among all league rookies in assists and points in the 2022 playoffs with 6-13-19 in 25 outings.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Seattle	WHL	1	0	0	0	-2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Seattle	WHL	23	0	10	10	-8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Seattle	WHL	67	4	61	65	36	40	25	6	13	19	6	22
WHL Totals			91	4	71	75	26	44	25	6	13	19	6	22



LUCA DEL BEL BELLUZ

North American Skater - Mississauga, OHL



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	11
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	179
BORN:	November 10, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Woodbridge, ON, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Del Bel Belluz played for the Mississauga Steelheads in the Ontario Hockey League for three seasons from 2019-22, combining for 31-51-82 in 126 contests.
- In 2021-22 he led the team in assists and ranked second in both goals and points with 30-46-76 in 68 games.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

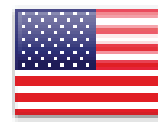
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Mississauga	OHL	58	1	5	6	-13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Mississauga	OHL	DID NOT PLAY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
2021-22	Mississauga	OHL	68	30	46	76	23	28	10	1	3	4	-5	0
OHL Totals			126	31	51	82	10	36	10	1	3	4	-5	0

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ISAAC HOWARD

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	9	MIDTERM RANK:	12
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	March 30, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Hudson, WI, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Howard has spent the past two seasons with the United States Development Program, combining for 44-75-119 in 87 games between the junior and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Led the junior team in assists (tied) and points and led the U18 squad in points and ranked second in assists in 2021-22.
- Helped the United States win a silver medal at the 2022 U18 IIHF World Championships with 6-5-11 in six games.
- He is committed to the University of Minnesota-Duluth for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	28	16	17	33	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	34	27	27	54	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	17	5	14	19	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP Jr	USHL	27	11	26	37	18	32	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	60	33	49	82	31	42	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			55	27	43	70	21	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			111	65	90	155	36	46	...	...	...	...	...	...



OWEN BECK

North American Skater - Mississauga, OHL



FINAL RANK:	10	MIDTERM RANK:	19
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	187
BORN:	February 3, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Peterborough, ON, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Finished third on Mississauga in scoring, fourth in goals and fifth in assists with 21-30-51 in 68 appearances in 2021-22.
- Ranked fifth among Ontario Hockey League rookies in scoring and 19th-T in assists in 2021-22.
- Was named the OHL's 2021-22 Scholastic Player of the Year (Bobby Smith Trophy).

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Mississauga	OHL	DID NOT PLAY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
2021-22	Mississauga	OHL	68	21	30	51	17	14	10	1	5	6	-1	4
OHL Totals			68	21	30	51	17	14	10	1	5	6	-1	4

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JIMMY SNUGGERUD

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	11	MIDTERM RANK:	8
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	188
BORN:	June 1, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Minneapolis, MN, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Snuggerud has spent the past two seasons at the United States Development Program, combining for 30-59-89 in 85 contests between the junior and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- He was named to the United States' 2022 U18 IIHF World Junior Championship team, recording 3-4-7 in six contests, to help the club claim silver.
- He is committed to the University of Minnesota for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP JR	USHL	29	7	7	14	-3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	45	15	17	32	n/a	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP JR	USHL	26	6	20	26	15	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	59	24	39	63	27	32	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			55	13	27	40	12	36	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			104	39	56	95	27	32	...	...	...	...	...	...



JAGGER FIRKUS

North American Skater - Moose Jaw, WHL



FINAL RANK:	12	MIDTERM RANK:	33
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	151
BORN:	April 29, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Irma, AB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Firkus spent the 2021-22 season at Moose Jaw in the Western Hockey League and posted 36-44-80 in 66 appearances.
- Led Moose Jaw in goals and points and finished third in assists in 2021-22.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Moose Jaw	WHL	12	1	1	2	-8	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	23	6	8	14	-5	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	66	36	44	80	15	34	10	6	6	12	2	4
WHL Totals			101	43	53	96	2	64	10	6	6	12	2	4

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DAVID GOYETTE

North American Skater - Sudbury, OHL



FINAL RANK: 13

POSITION: Center

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

BORN: March 27, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 35

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 175

BIRTHPLACE: Saint-Jerome, QC, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Goyette spent the 2021-22 season with the Sudbury Wolves in the Ontario Hockey League and finished 33-40-73 with 33 penalty minutes in 66 games.
- He led rookies in the OHL in goals and points in 2021-22.
- Was named to Canada's 2022 U18 IIHF World Championships team and recorded 1-2-3 in four contests.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Pal Jr Islanders	NCDC	4	3	3	6	n/a	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Sudbury	OHL	66	33	40	73	-6	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
OHL Totals			66	33	40	73	-6	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
NCDC Totals			4	3	3	6	...	0	...	...	...	...	...	...



DENTON MATEYCHUK

North American Skater - Moose Jaw, WHL



FINAL RANK: 14

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

BORN: July 12, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 9

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 194

BIRTHPLACE: Winnipeg, MB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mateychuk spent the majority of the past three seasons with Moose Jaw in the Western Hockey League from 2019-22 and combined for 16-59-75 in 88 games.
- Was named to the WHL East First All-Star Team after finishing second on the Warriors in assists and third in points with 13-51-64 in 65 outings in 2021-22.
- Helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2021 U18 IIHF World Championships.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Moose Jaw	WHL	7	1	1	2	-4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	16	2	7	9	-8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Steinbach	MJHL	8	1	2	3	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	65	13	51	64	20	15	10	1	9	10	-2	2
WHL Totals			88	16	59	75	8	23	10	1	9	10	-2	2
MJHL Totals			8	1	2	3	...	4

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OWEN PICKERING

North American Skater - Switch Current, WHL



FINAL RANK: 15

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 6' 4"

BORN: January 27, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 21

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 180

BIRTHPLACE: St. Adolphe, MB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pickering spent the 2021-22 season with the Swift Current Broncos in the Western Hockey League, finishing third on the club in assists with 9-24-33 in 62 contests.
- Represented Canada at the 2022 U18 IIHF World Championships and recorded 0-2-2 in four games.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Swift Current	WHL	23	2	7	9	-3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Swift Current	WHL	62	9	24	33	-29	39	...	...	...	...	...	...
WHL Totals			85	11	31	42	-32	47	...	...	...	...	...	...



NATHAN GAUCHER

North American Skater - Quebec, QMJHL



FINAL RANK: 16

POSITION: Center

HEIGHT: 6' 3"

BORN: November 6, 2003

MIDTERM RANK: 16

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 207

BIRTHPLACE: Chambly, QC, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaucher spent the past three seasons with the Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL and combined for 58-54-112 with 170 penalty minutes in 155 contests.
- Led the club in penalty minutes and finished third in goals and points with 31-26-57 and 74 PIM in 66 contests in 2021-22.
- Represented Canada at the 2020 U17 World Hockey Challenge and recorded 2-3-5 in five contests.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Quebec	QMJHL	59	13	11	24	-15	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Quebec	QMJHL	30	14	17	31	6	22	6	1	3	4	1	4
2021-22	Quebec	QMJHL	66	31	26	57	30	74	12	3	6	9	1	12
QMJHL Totals			155	58	54	112	21	120	18	4	9	13	2	16

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RIEGER LORENZ

North American Skater - Okotoks, AJHL



FINAL RANK: 17

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 6' 2"

BORN: March 30, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 24

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 194

BIRTHPLACE: Calgary, AB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Led Okotoks in the Alberta Junior Hockey League in goals, assists, points and power play goals with 38-47-85 and 9 PPG in 60 games in 2021-22.
- Represented Canada at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships and collected 0-4-4 in four appearances.
- He is committed to the University of Denver for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Okotoks	AJHL	1	0	0	0	n/a	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Okotoks	AJHL	7	2	1	3	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Okotoks	AJHL	60	38	47	85	n/a	54	14	2	9	11	...	8
AJHL Totals			68	40	48	88	...	60	14	2	9	11	...	8



RYAN CHESLEY

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK: 18

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 6' 0"

BORN: February 27, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 22

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 201

BIRTHPLACE: St. Paul, MN, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chesley combined for 17-27-44 in 85 games split between the junior and U18 teams in 2021-22, ranking second among junior team blueliners in goals, assists and points and leading U18 defensemen in goals and ranking third in points.
- Represented the United States at both the 2021 and 2022 U18 IIHF World Junior Championships, where in 2022 he helped the club win a silver medal with 2-3-5 in six contests.
- He is committed to the University of Minnesota for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	27	6	8	14	-8	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	37	11	23	34	n/a	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	12	1	1	2	-1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP Jr	USHL	26	5	10	15	20	45	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	59	12	17	29	44	69
USHL Totals			53	11	18	29	12	57
USDP Totals			108	24	41	65	43	91

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SAM RINZEL

North American Skater - Chaska, High-MN



FINAL RANK:	19	MIDTERM RANK:	26
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	June 25, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Waconia, MN, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Rinzel split the 2021-22 campaign with Waterloo in the USHL and Chaska in Minnesota's high school league, combining for 11-37-48 in 48 contests.
- Collected 2-8-19 in 21 contests for Waterloo in 2021-22.
- He is committed to the University of Minnesota for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Chaska	High-MN	19	8	17	25	n/a	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Waterloo	USHL	21	2	8	10	-2	8	6	0	0	0	-1	4
	Chaska	High-MN	27	9	29	38	n/a	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			21	2	8	10	-2	8	6	0	0	0	-1	4
High-MN Totals			46	17	46	63	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...



MAVERIC LAMOUREUX

North American Skater - Drummondville, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	20	MIDTERM RANK:	15
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 7"	WEIGHT:	199
BORN:	January 13, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Laval, QC, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lamoureux spent the past two seasons with Drummondville in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, combining for 5-26-31 in 78 games.
- He led the club in penalty minutes (69) and finished fifth in assists with 4-20-24 in 2021-22.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

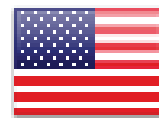
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Drummondville	QMJHL	24	1	6	7	9	26	3	0	0	0	-1	0
2021-22	Drummondville	QMJHL	54	4	20	24	-30	69	4	0	1	1	-4	4
USHL Totals			78	5	26	31	-21	95	7	0	1	1	-5	4

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FRANK NAZAR

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	21	MIDTERM RANK:	17
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	January 14, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Detroit, MI, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nazar has spent the past two seasons at the United States Development Program, combining for 43-62-105 in 80 contests split between the juniors and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Helped the USA capture silver at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-6-9 in six games.
- He is committed to the University of Michigan for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP JR	USHL	31	20	16	36	7	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	2	2	1	3	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	45	28	27	55	n/a	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP JR	USHL	24	15	20	35	26	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	56	28	42	70	38	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			55	35	36	71	33	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			103	58	70	128	41	40	...	...	...	...	...	...



RUTGER MCGROARTY

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	22	MIDTERM RANK:	18
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	204
BORN:	March 30, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Lincoln, NE, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- McGroarty has spent the past two seasons at the United States Development Program, combining for 50-52-102 in 79 contests split between the juniors and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Captained the United States to a silver medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships after ranking second in the tournament in goals with 8-1-9 in six games.
- He is committed to the University of Michigan for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP JR	USHL	30	12	7	19	-7	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	34	17	18	35	n/a	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	19	3	3	6	0	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP JR	USHL	25	15	18	33	24	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	54	35	34	69	54	65
USHL Totals			55	27	25	52	17	48
USDP Totals			107	55	55	110	54	99

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MATYAS SAPOVALIV

North American Skater - Saginaw, OHL



FINAL RANK:	23	MIDTERM RANK:	13
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	183
BORN:	February 12, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Prague, CZE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sapovaliv finished fourth among OHL rookies in assists (tied) and points with 18-34-52 in 68 contests with Saginaw in 2021-22.
- Finished second on his team in assists, fourth in points and fifth in goals in 2021-22.
- Represented Czechia at the 2021 and 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Kladno	Czechia2	12	0	3	3	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HC Stdion	Czechia2	1	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kladno Jr.	Czechia-Jr.	6	4	7	11	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Saginaw	OHL	68	18	34	52	-18	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
OHL Totals			68	18	34	52	-18	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
CZECHIA2 Totals			13	0	3	3	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
CZREP-Jr. Totals			6	4	7	11	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...



TRISTAN LUNEAU

North American Skater - Gatineau, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	24	MIDTERM RANK:	10
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	189
BORN:	January 12, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Victoriaville, QC, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Luneau combined for 16-45-61 in 94 contests with Gatineau in the QMJHL from 2020-22.
- Led club blueliners in assists and points and ranked second in goals with 12-31-43 and three PPG in 63 games in 2021-22.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

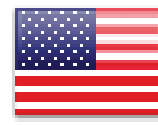
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Gatineau	QMJHL	31	4	14	18	-5	2	4	0	1	1	-1	0
2021-22	Gatineau	QMJHL	63	12	31	43	9	20	7	0	6	6	1	4
QMJHL Totals			94	16	45	61	4	22	11	0	7	7	0	4

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LANE HUTSON

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	25	MIDTERM RANK:	31
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 8"	WEIGHT:	158
BORN:	February 14, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Holland, MI, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hutson has spent the past two seasons at the United States Development Program, combining for 16-79-95 in 87 contests split between the junior and U18 teams in 2021-22.
- Represented the USA at the 2021 and 2022 (silver) IIHF U18 World Championships and was named the Best Defenseman and to the tournament All-Star team after leading blueliners at the 2022 tournament in assists with 0-8-8 in six outings.
- He is committed to Boston University for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

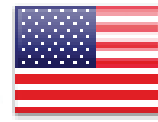
PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP JR	USHL	27	3	11	14	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	39	4	15	19	n/a	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	10	1	7	8	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP JR	USHL	27	6	26	32	27	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	60	10	53	63	59	51	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USHL Totals		109	15	75	90	67	67	...	...	...	...	...	..
	USDP Totals		54	9	37	46	29	26	...	...	...	...	...	...



JACK HUGHES

North American Skater - Northeastern, H-East



FINAL RANK:	26	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	169
BORN:	November 2, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Westwood, MA, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hughes spent the 2021-22 season at Northeastern in the Hockey East (NCAA), posting 7-9-16 and 28 penalty minutes in 39 games.
- Finished third on the club in PIM, fourth in shots (81) and fifth-T in goals.
- Represented the United States at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championships and recorded 1-1-2 in four contests.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	USNTDP Jr	USHL	29	8	10	18	-4	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	49	14	24	38	n/a	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	14	1	7	8	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-18	USDP	38	8	26	34	18	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Northeastern	H-East	39	7	9	16	-2	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
	NCAA Totals		39	7	9	16	-2	28
	USHL Totals		43	9	17	26	-3	22
	USDP Totals		87	22	50	72	18	52

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ADAM INGRAM

North American Skater - Youngstown, USHL



FINAL RANK:	27	MIDTERM RANK:	14
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	161
BORN:	October 14, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ingram led Youngstown (USHL) in goals and points and finished second in assists with 26-29-55 and 30 penalty minutes in 54 games in 2021-22.
- Was named to the 2021-22 USHL All-Rookie team after ranking second among league rookies in goals and points and third-T in assists.
- He is committed to St. Cloud State University for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Selkirk	MJHL	8	2	5	7	n/a	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Youngstown	USHL	54	26	29	55	10	30	2	1	0	1	-1	2
USHL Totals			54	26	29	55	10	30	2	1	0	1	-1	2
MJHL Totals			8	2	5	7	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...



FRASER MINTEN

North American Skater - Kamloops, WHL



FINAL RANK:	28	MIDTERM RANK:	34
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	185
BORN:	July 5, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Vancouver, BC, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Minten recorded 20-35-55 with 57 penalty minutes and 10 power play goals in 67 games with Kamloops (WHL) in 2021-22, finishing fifth on the club in assists and sixth in goals, points and PIM.
- Led club rookies in goals, assists and points and ranked fifth-T among WHL rookies in PPG in 2021-22.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

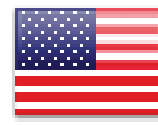
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Kamloops	WHL	20	4	14	18	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Kamloops	WHL	67	20	35	55	23	57	13	5	8	13	2	4
WHL Totals			87	24	49	73	27	69	13	5	8	13	2	4
BCHL Totals			2	0	0	0	...	0

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SEAMUS CASEY

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	29	MIDTERM RANK:	32
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	173
BORN:	January 8, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Miami, FL, USA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Casey combined for 13-33-46 in 65 contests split between the US National Team Development Program junior and U18 teams in 2021-22, ranking second among U18 blueliners in goals (tied), assists and points.
- Helped the United States win a silver medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-3-6 in six games.
- He is committed to the University of Michigan for the 2022-23 season.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	USNTDP Jr	USHL	30	2	18	20	-19	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U-17	USDP	46	8	28	36	n/a	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	USNTDP Jr	USHL	17	3	10	13	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	USDP	48	10	23	33	32	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			47	5	28	33	-4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			92	18	51	69	32	30	...	...	...	...	...	...



MICHAEL BUCHINGER

North American Skater - Guelph, OHL



FINAL RANK:	30	MIDTERM RANK:	36
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	181
BORN:	April 25, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Markham, ON, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Buchinger played at Guelph in the Ontario Hockey League for the 2021-22 season and recorded 5-39-44 with 47 penalty minutes in 63 games.
- He finished the 2021-22 season second on the team in assists and fifth in points and penalty minutes.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Guelph	OHL	DID NOT PLAY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC											
2021-22	Guelph	OHL	63	5	39	44	15	47	5	1	2	3	-5	4
OHL Totals			63	5	39	44	15	47	5	1	2	3	-5	4

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JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

European Skater - TPS, Finland



FINAL RANK: 1 MIDTERM RANK: 2
 POSITION: Left Wing SHOOTS: Left
 HEIGHT: 6' 4" WEIGHT: 229
 BORN: March 30, 2004 BIRTHPLACE: Kosice, SVK

HIGHLIGHTS

- Slafkovsky posted 5-5-10 with 33 penalty minutes in 31 games with TPS in the Liiga to help the club reach the league final.
- Named the MVP and to the tournament All-Star team at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games after leading the tournament in goals and points with 7-0-7 in seven games while leading Slovakia to a bronze medal.
- Led teenagers in scoring at the 2022 IIHF World Championships with 3-6-9 in eight contests for Slovakia.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	TPS Jr	Finland-Jr.	16	8	5	13	4	10	2	0	0	0	-2	0
2021-22	TPS	Liiga	31	5	5	10	1	33	18	2	5	7	1	8
	TPS Jr	Finland-Jr.	11	6	12	18	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liiga Totals			431	5	5	10	1	33	18	2	5	7	1	8
Finland-Jr. Totals			27	14	17	31	10	16	2	0	0	0	-2	0



JOAKIM KEMELL

European Skater - JYP, Finland



FINAL RANK: 2 MIDTERM RANK: 1
 POSITION: Right Wing SHOOTS: Right
 HEIGHT: 5' 10" WEIGHT: 185
 BORN: April 27, 2004 BIRTHPLACE: Jyvaskyla, FIN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kemell split the past two seasons between JYP and JYP JR in Finland.
- Named the Liiga Rookie of the Year in 2021-22 after leading league rookies in goals with 15-8-23 in 39 games with JYP.
- Helped Finland win a bronze medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships after finishing third-T in the tournament in goals with 6-2-8 in five contests.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	JYP	Liiga	1	1	0	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	JYP JR	Finland-Jr.	38	22	14	36	5	51	3	0	0	0	-1	0
2021-22	JYP	Liiga	39	15	8	23	-13	2
Liiga Totals			40	16	8	24	-12	2
Finland-Jr. Totals			38	22	14	36	5	51	3	0	0	0	-1	0

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SIMON NEMEC

European Skater - Nitra, Slovakia



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	199
BORN:	February 15, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Liptovsky Mikulas, SVK

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nemec has spent the past three seasons with Nitra in Slovakia and combined for 3-45-48 in 88 games.
- He finished third on the team in assists and ranked second among club blueliners in assists and points in the 2021-22 regular season.
- Helped Nitra earn a silver medal at the Hlinka Gretzky Cup and was named the tournament's most valuable player, as he led the team in assists (12) and finished second in points (14) and fourth in goals (5) during the playoffs.
- Represented Slovakia at several tournaments, including the 2022 Winter Olympics (bronze), 2021 and 2022 IIHF World Championships and 2021

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Nitra	Slovakia	12	0	3	3	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Nitra	Slovakia	37	2	17	19	-10	12	5	0	0	0	-4	0
2021-22	Nitra	Slovakia	39	1	25	26	13	20	19	5	12	17	2	14
Slovakia Totals			88	3	45	48	5	32	24	5	12	17	-2	14



DAVID JIRICEK

European Skater - Plzen, CZREP



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	4
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	189
BORN:	November 28, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Klatovy, CZE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jiricek played for Plzen in the Czech Republic in 2021-22, ranking second on the team in penalty minutes posting 5-6-11 with 49 penalty minutes in 29 games.
- Helped Czechia win a bronze medal in the 2022 World Championships with 1-1-2 in five games.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	HC Plzen	Czechia	4	0	0	0	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HC Plzen-Jr.	Czechia-Jr.	31	10	11	21	n/a	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	HC Plzen	Czechia	34	3	6	9	13	34	2	0	1	1	-1	4
2021-22	HC Plzen	Czechia	29	5	6	11	0	49
CZECHIA Totals			67	8	12	20	13	85	2	0	1	1	-1	4
CZECHIA-Jr. Totals			31	10	11	21	...	28

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MARCO KASPER

European Skater - Rogle, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	187
BORN:	April 8, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Innsbruck, AUT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kasper split the past season between Rogle and Rogle Jr. combining for 13-11-24 with 27 penalty minutes in 58 games.
- Led 18-year-olds in the SHL in points after posting 7-4-11 in 46 contests with Rogle in 2021-22 and helped the club win the Champions Hockey League tournament.
- Represented Austria in the 2022 IIHF World Championships, posting 0-2-2 in seven games.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Rogle	SHL	10	0	1	1	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	6	2	0	2	-3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Rogle	SHL	46	7	4	11	-10	17	13	3	3	6	4	9
	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	12	6	7	13	2	10	1	1	2	3	2	0
SHL Totals			56	7	5	12	-10	21	19	3	3	6	4	9
Sweden-Jr. Totals			18	8	7	15	-1	16	1	1	2	3	2	0



JONATHAN LEKKERIMAKI

European Skater - Djurgarden, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	9
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	171
BORN:	July 24, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Tullinge, SWE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lekkerimaki split the 2021-22 season between Djurgarden in the SHL and Djurgarden Jr. in Sweden Jr., combining for 27-17-44 in 32 games.
- He finished fifth in goals (7) on the team for Djurgarden in 2021-22.
- Led Sweden to a gold medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships and was named to the All-Star team after leading the tournament in assists and points with 5-10-15 in six games.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden Jr.	1	0	1	1	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Djurgarden	SHL	26	7	2	9	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden Jr.	26	20	15	35	18	8
SHL Totals			26	7	2	9	0	0
Sweden Jr. Totals			27	20	16	36	19	8

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DANILA YUROV

European Skater - Magnitogorsk, Russia



FINAL RANK: 7

POSITION: Right Wing

HEIGHT: 6' 1"

BORN: December 22, 2003

MIDTERM RANK: 3

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 178

BIRTHPLACE: Chelyabinsk, RUS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yurov split the 2021-22 season between Magnitogorsk and Magnitogorsk 2, combining for 13-23-36 in 44 games.
- He represented Russia in the 2022 U20 IIHF World Junior Championship and 2021 U18 IIHF World Junior Championship, posting a combined 5-7-12 in nine games, helping the U18 team claim silver.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON[®]

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Magnitogorsk 2	MHL	18	6	7	13	10	6	5	0	0	0	-1	0
2020-21	Magnitogorsk	KHL	21	1	1	2	-4	0	3	1	0	1	1	0
	Magnitogorsk 2	MHL	23	13	12	25	-1	8	3	2	1	3	-3	2
2021-22	Magnitogorsk	KHL	21	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	0	0	-1	0
	Magnitogorsk 2	MHL	23	13	23	36	22	8	2	1	0	1	1	0
KHL Totals			42	1	1	2	-4	2	22	1	0	1	0	0
MHL Totals			64	32	42	74	42	22	10	3	1	4	-3	2



LIAM OHGREN

European Skater - Djurgarden Jr., Sweden-Jr.



FINAL RANK: 8

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 6' 1"

BORN: January 28, 2004

MIDTERM RANK: 11

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 201

BIRTHPLACE: Stockholm, SWE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ohgren split the 2021-22 season between Djurgarden in the SHL and Djurgarden Jr. in Sweden Jr., combining for 34-26-60 in 55 games.
- Led Sweden's junior league in goals, plus minus and ranked fifth-T in points and was named the league's Best Forward after posting 33-25-58 in 30 contests with Djurgarden Jr. in 2021-22.
- Captained Sweden to a gold medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-6-9 in six contests.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	8	4	2	6	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Djurgarden	SHL	25	1	1	2	-7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	30	33	25	58	41	6	6	2	4	6	3	4
SHL Totals			25	1	1	2	-7	6
Sweden-Jr. Totals			38	37	27	64	43	6	6	2	4	6	3	4

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LIAN BICHSEL

European Skater - Leksand, Sweden



FINAL RANK:	9	MIDTERM RANK:	14
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 6"	WEIGHT:	225
BORN:	May 18, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Olfen, SWI

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bichsel split the 2021-22 season between Leksand and Leksand Jr. in Sweden, combining for 4-6-10 in 40 games.
- Was named a top-three player for Switzerland at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championships after collecting 1-1-2 in five contests.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Biel	NL	4	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Biel Jr.	Swiss-Jr.	45	5	23	28	n/a	48	2	0	0	0	...	0
2021-22	Leksand	SHL	29	1	2	3	-6	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	11	3	4	7	-1	6	1	0	0	0	-2	2
SHL Totals			29	1	2	3	-6	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
NL Totals			4	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swiss-Jr. Totals			45	5	23	28	...	48	2	0	0	0	...	0
Sweden-Jr. Totals			11	3	4	7	-1	6	1	0	0	0	-2	2



BRAD LAMBERT

European Skater - Pelicans, Finland



FINAL RANK:	10	MIDTERM RANK:	5
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	183
BORN:	December 19, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Lahti, FIN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lambert split the 2021-22 season between JYP and the Pelicans in the Liiga, combining for 4-6-10 in 49 games.
- Represented Finland at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championships (bronze) and 2021 IIHF U18 World Championships, combining for 1-8-9 in 12 appearances.

CAREER RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	HIFK	Liiga	4	0	2	2	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HIFK Jr.	Finland-Jr.	42	18	20	38	5	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	JYP	Liiga	46	7	8	15	-24	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	JYP	Liiga	24	2	4	6	-10	31	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pelicans	Liiga	25	2	2	4	-6	12	3	0	0	0	-1	0
Liiga Totals			99	11	16	27	-40	61	3	0	0	0	-1	0
Finland-Jr. Totals			60	20	30	50	3	46	10	1	1	2	-5	6

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TYLER BRENNAN

North American Goalie - Prince George, WHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goaltender	CATCHES:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	185
BORN:	September 27, 2003	BIRTHPLACE:	Winnipeg, MB, CAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Brennan has played the past four seasons with Prince George in the Western Hockey League.
- He recorded 11-25-2 with a 3.58 GAA and .899 SV% in 39 games in 2021-22 and was fourth-T in the WHL in shutouts (4).
- Served as a backup for Canada at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championships (gold).

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2018-19	Prince George	WHL	1	0-1-0	0	.800	5.90	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2019-20	Prince George	WHL	15	4-6-1	0	.887	3.34	755	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Prince George	WHL	4	2-0-2	1	.933	2.16	250	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Prince George	WHL	39	11-25-2	4	.899	3.58	2098	4	0-3-0	0	.954	1.86	226
WHL Totals			59	17-32-5	5	.898	3.41	3,113	4	0-3-0	0	.954	1.86	226



TOPIAS LEINONEN

European Goalie - JYP Jr., Finland-Jr.



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goaltender	CATCHES:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 5"	WEIGHT:	233
BORN:	January 25, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Jyvaskyla, FIN

HIGHLIGHTS

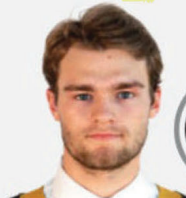
- Leinonen split the season between Keupa, JYP and JYP Jr. in Finland, spending the the majority of the 2021-22 season with JYP Jr.
- He posted a 9-10-0 record with a 2.28 GAA and .916% in 21 games played.
- Helped Finland win a bronze medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships after going 3-2-0 with a 2.61 GAA and .897 SV% in five games.

CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2020-21	JYP Jr.	Finland-Jr.	15	n/a	1	.895	2.70	909	3	n/a	n/a	.860	2.67	n/a
2021-22	JYP	Liiga	4	0-1-2	0	.825	5.02	215	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Keupa	Finland-2	2	1-1-0	0	.861	3.15	95	...	...	...	...	...	...
	JYP Jr.	Finland-Jr.	21	9-10-0	2	.916	2.28	1,263	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liiga Totals			4	0-1-2	0	.825	5.02	215
Finland-2 Totals			2	1-1-0	0	.861	3.15	95
Finland Jr. Totals			36	...	3	2,172	3860	2.67	...

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SHANE WRIGHT

BORN Jan. 5, 2004, Burlington, Ont.
2021-22 Kingston POS C
HT 6-1 WT 185 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 1 (NA skaters)

AFTER BASICALLY missing an entire season due to the pandemic, Wright came into 2021-22 as the undisputed No. 1 pick and managed to hang onto that status wire to wire. "I think the COVID break really hurt him in the first half, like it did a lot of Ontario kids," said one scout. "Clearly, he's the No. 1 guy, and I think there's a gap again. He's not a generational guy, but he can play next year with his IQ and his ability to play away from the puck."

Wright was his team's MVP at the CHL Top Prospects Game and poured on the points as the season progressed, finishing top-10 in the OHL and best among first-year draft-eligible players. "He had a very good (final quarter) of the season, kind of what you expected all year long," said another scout. "He's being compared against expectations rather than being compared against the field. He's an easy No. 1 pick. He'll play next year. He plays a complete game, and he won't have to learn the defensive side."

With his size, skating and smarts, Wright should have an easy transition to the pro game and can be trusted in all situations, including when your team is either up or down a goal.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Don Mills	U16	72	66	84	150	18
'19-20	Kingston	OHL	58	39	27	66	10
'20-21	Kingston	OHL	DNP				
	Canada	WU18	5	9	5	14	2
'21-22	Kingston	OHL	63	32	62	94	22

BEST CASE: Nico Hischier

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JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY

BORN March 30, 2004, Kosice, Svk.
2021-22 TPS POS LW
HT 6-4 WT 224 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 1 (Euro skaters)

THE YOUNG powerhouse served notice at the Olympics, when he led underdog Slovakia to a surprise bronze medal while earning himself MVP honors on the strength of seven goals in seven games.

For a kid who had struggled to produce early in the Finnish League this season – his first campaign against pro men, it should be noted – it was a nice reward in the minds of NHL team scouts. "It was good to see the scoring touch at the Olympics," said one scout. "At the (U-18) Hlinka Gretzky tournament, he had that and the power game. In the Liiga, his point production was down, and he played more of a checking role, so it was good to see the scoring touch back, not that we doubted him. The physical package speaks for itself, with his size and skating. He's a man amongst boys."

Even playing against men, Slafkovsky has been a bruiser, and sometimes goes over the line with his physicality: he garnered a suspension for a head shot at one point this season. But the snarl is part of the excitement. "No doubt he's a talent," said another scout. "He's big, he's a phenomenal athlete, he's 100 kilos of pure dynamite, physically."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Hradec Kralove	U16	22	19	23	42	74
'19-20	TPS	U18	39	22	30	52	36
'20-21	TPS	Jr.	16	8	5	13	10
'21-22	TPS	Fin.	31	5	5	10	33
	Slovakia	Oly.	7	7	0	7	0

BEST CASE: Jamie Benn

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LOGAN COOLEY

BORN May 4, 2004, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS C
HT 5-11 WT 174 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 2 (NA skaters)

THE SMART AND speedy Cooley was the focal point of USA Hockey's NTDP this year, leading the squad in points per game (1.47). He also earned a spot on the U.S. World Junior Championship team. "I'm a big fan," said one scout. "It's his ability to play with pace and scan the ice while holding the puck, the ability to attack off the rush and pull up. Wright is an elite goal-scorer, while Logan leans towards more of a pace driver, a possession driver, but I don't know if he's an elite offensive player. Nonetheless, there's a package there for a really good pro."

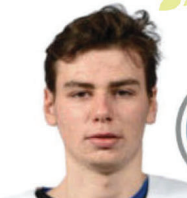
Originally committed to Notre Dame, Cooley switched up during the season and is now headed to the University of Minnesota. The college route will also give him maximum gym time as he continues to physically mature, something talent hawks are banking on.

"He's got long legs, long arms and a small torso, he's got room to grow width-wise because he's not the heaviest or strongest guy," said another scout. "But he's a great skater, and once he gets more strength, he'll pop. His skill set is great because he makes guys around him better, and he's smooth."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Pitt. Penguins	U14	69	44	39	83	22
'19-20	Pitt. Penguins	U16	45	18	28	46	-
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	28	16	16	32	10
	USA U18	NTDP	19	4	10	14	4
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	51	27	48	75	67

BEST CASE: Mathew Barzal

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SIMON NEMEC

BORN Feb. 15, 2004, Liptovsky Mikulas, Svk.
2021-22 Nitra POS D
HT 6-1 WT 192 SHOOT R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 3 (Euro skaters)

WHEN SCOUTS WATCH Nemecek play, they don't see any discernible flaws in his game. But they don't see anything that gets them super excited, either. "He does everything so well and so efficiently without being overly dynamic or exceptional in any one area," said one scout. "It's just not fun to talk about him. There are not a lot of weaknesses."

But that doesn't mean Nemecek doesn't have a bright future. He has played well all season against men in the Slovak League. He has definitely got more of an offensive bent to his game than David Juricko, but he's not nearly as physical. "He can make really good plays to start the rush, he can transition the puck in the neutral zone, he can play 1-on-1 without having a physical presence," said another scout. "You don't get by him because he's in good position with stick on puck. He's just a good, safe, solid guy. This guy is not going to wow people, but he's going to play a long time in top-four role."

Nemecek has decent size and has put up good numbers. "His offensive upside is why you're drafting him," said another scout. "This guy is going to be an analytics dream."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Levice	Svk.2	20	2	6	8	18
'20-21	Nitra	Svk.	37	2	17	19	12
	Slovakia	WJC	5	0	4	4	2
'21-22	Nitra	Svk.	39	1	25	26	20
	Slovakia	Oly.	7	0	1	1	2

BEST CASE: Miro Heiskanen

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DAVID JIRICEK

BORN Nov. 28, 2003, Klatovy, Cze.
2021-22 Plzen POS D
HT 6-3 WT 176 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 4 (Euro skaters)

➤ **A SERIOUS KNEE** injury sustained in the world juniors derailed much of Jiricek's season. Which was a shame, because his stock was definitely on the rise when he got hurt in what turned out to be a meaningless tournament.

Jiricek only returned to the Plzen lineup in mid-April, but he did play for Czechia in the World Championship. Scouts love his physicality, snarl and all-round ability on the defensive side. "He's probably the most complete defenseman in the draft," said one scout. "He's not going to be an offensive superstar, but he's able to make plays. Defensively, he's solid, and he's got some nasty to him. You're not drafting him to run your power play, but he's a guy who's going to be out in the last minute when you're up by a goal."

Although Jiricek isn't considered an elite skater, his feet won't be a deterrent to him making it. And while he's capable of providing a modicum of offense, his calling card will be his ability to shut down opposing forwards. "He's kind of a throwback," said another scout. "He's a big body who hits people. He's a hard guy to play against. Guys don't like being on the ice against him."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Plzen	U16	37	19	21	40	54
'19-20	Plzen	Jr.	24	6	11	17	10
'20-21	Plzen	Cze.	34	3	6	9	34
	Czechia	WJC	5	1	1	2	2
'21-22	Plzen	Cze.	29	5	6	11	49

BEST CASE: Marc-Edouard Vlasic

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JOAKIM KEMELL

BORN April 27, 2004, Jyväskylä, Fin.
2021-22 JYP POS RW
HT 5-11 WT 165 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 2 (Euro skaters)

➤ **EYES WERE POPPING** everywhere Kemell went early in the season. He had 10 goals in the Finnish League after only 13 games and was a star on the league's highlight reels. But it was unrealistic to expect him to maintain that pace, and an injury was followed by a bit of a mid-season funk. He finished strong, however, and scouts are still high on Kemell because of his shot and his ability to find the back of the net.

"He's proven himself to be a goal-scorer, and those are hard guys to find," said one scout. "He's a volume shooter, quick release, hard shot, good skater. He's not like a Pavel Bure who can take the puck and blow by people, but he finds open holes in the offensive zone, and he can get the puck and is good."

Early in the season, one scout compared Kemell's shot to that of Alex Ovechkin. That was probably hyperbole, but it's definitely elite. "His short-area quickness and his shot make him dangerous," said another scout. "He's got a high-level shot. The puck jumps off his stick. His release is really good, and he can get it off in traffic. His jump allows him to hit holes in the offensive zone, and that allows him to use his shot."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	JYP	U18	40	17	21	38	38
'20-21	JYP	Jr.	38	22	14	36	51
	Finland	WU18	7	3	0	3	2
'21-22	JYP	Fin.	39	15	8	23	2
	Finland	WU18	5	6	2	8	6

BEST CASE: Patrik Laine

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CONNOR GEEKIE

BORN May 5, 2004, Strathclair, Man.
2021-22 Winnipeg POS C
HT 6-4 WT 205 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 5 (NA skaters)

➤ **PLAYING ON A** juggernaut ice team, Geekie was overshadowed at times by high-scoring teammates such as Matt Savoie, Connor McClellon and Mikey Milne, but as the only member of that grouping with size, he holds a lot of intrigue. "He's a big rig," said one scout. "He's a dominant player at this level, and he makes great plays. It's not just his size but his skill and skating. He's got the high-end puck skill, really noticeable 5-on-5 and on the power play."

The important thing to remember about Geekie – whose older brother Morgan plays for the Seattle Kraken – is that there is still a lot of upside for him to tap into. Centers with size tend to take longer to develop, and Geekie can improve on his faceoff work in the coming years. The potential is exciting. "I thought he struggled early, but in the second half of the year, he got back on track," said another scout. "He showed a little more of the playmaking ability rather than being the one-dimensional scorer some people thought he might be heading into this year."

Given how much bigger he is than most of his high-end competition at center, don't be surprised if Geekie goes a little earlier than his draft ranking.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Yellowhead	U15	31	49	37	86	58
'19-20	Yellowhead	U18	26	18	17	35	50
'20-21	Virtden	Jr. A	9	1	3	4	20
	Winnipeg	WHL	24	9	14	23	20
'21-22	Winnipeg	WHL	63	24	46	70	49

BEST CASE: Jeff Carter

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MATTHEW SAVOIE

BORN Jan. 1, 2004, St. Albert, Alta.
2021-22 Winnipeg POS C
HT 5-9 WT 178 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 4 (NA skaters)

➤ **WITH THE WHL** playing a limited schedule last year, Savoie headed down to the USHL and dominated for Dubuque. And it wasn't just the points he put up that impressed talent hawks, it was also the bloody-mouthed drive he brought to every shift.

Back in Winnipeg this season, Savoie was one of the WHL's leading scorers on one of the best teams in major junior. "He's a terrific player," said one scout. "Really good skater. He's got an excellent shot, and he can be tenacious on loose pucks. He has high-end abilities, and he's opportunistic on pucks, which is what you want. He anticipates where the puck is going to be, and he's like a hound tracking it down. He can make high-end plays at high speed, and he's got great shooting accuracy."

The only fly in the ointment: his size. NHL teams have typically shied away from sub-5-foot-11 players in the top 10. But that would be their loss. "He's very impressive and answered all the questions," said another scout. "He has elite skill and sense, he's just not the biggest guy in the world. At the end of the day, he drives his line, and he's top of the charts in scoring. He did what he was supposed to do."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Northern Alta.	U15	30	28	69	97	22
'18-19	Northern Alta.	U18	31	31	40	71	53
'19-20	Winnipeg	WHL	22	0	7	7	12
'20-21	Dubuque	USHL	34	21	17	38	8
'21-22	Winnipeg	WHL	65	35	55	90	32

BEST CASE: Brayden Point

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CUTTER GAUTHIER

BORN Jan. 19, 2004, Skelleftea, Swe.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS LW
HT 6-3 **WT** 189 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 3 (NA skaters)

▶ WHILE GAUTHIER IS listed as a left winger, he did play center this year when top NTDP pivot Logan Cooley left for the world juniors.

Gauthier thrived in the role, which speaks to his versatility. As one of the bigger top-end forwards on the team, the Boston College commit is providing a lot of fodder for NHL executives as they ponder his value versus that of smaller teammate Frank Nazar. "There's a package there, he's 6-foot-3, he can skate, and he can shoot," said one scout. "He doesn't drive like Nazar, at one point he had no assists in USHL play, so it's a really interesting conversation. I bet 25 to 30 teams are wrestling with that debate."

There is no debate that the power-forward style played by Gauthier is coveted around the league these days, plus he has a lot of other skills to back it up. "Cutter has a pro release and can really shoot the puck," said another scout. "He worked on being a better penalty-killer and got some shorthanded goals where he just beat the goalie clean. He's physical, doesn't shy away and has a good pro frame. The game is fast now, but you have to be strong, and he's got a lot of pro tools."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Honeybaked	U13	17	6	11	17	0
'18-19	Honeybaked	U16	65	28	27	55	-
'19-20	Compuware	U16	12	8	4	12	23
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	44	20	17	37	33
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	54	34	31	65	49

BEST CASE: Brayden Schenn

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RYAN CHESLEY

BORN Feb. 27, 2004, Mahtomedi, Minn.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS D
HT 6-0 **WT** 187 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 18 (NA skaters)

▶ HE MAY NOT be the flashiest defenseman in the 2022 draft class, but Chesley has inspired a lot of love from NHL teams. "He's smart, he competes, he can skate, and he has a little more offense than he's given credit for," said one scout. "He's a high-character player who can be counted on in all situations."

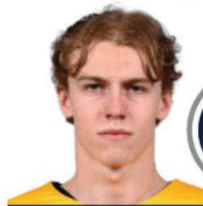
The University of Minnesota commit played part of his under-17 season up with the NTDP's under-18s and looked comfortable with Team USA at the world under-18s. Chesley also broke an NTDP record in the gym for deadlift squatting and has gotten up to 655 pounds this year, so it's fair to say he's one of the few teens who doesn't need to get a whole lot stronger.

"Some people want him to be more offensive and wow you, but he just plays the game and takes what it gives him," said another scout. "I would compare him to Ryan McDonagh, who played on the power play in New York but you don't really think of as a power-play guy. McDonagh does everything, and that's what Chesley can do, he can hit a one-timer and play the power play, but he can kill penalties for you, too."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Shattuck	U14	25	5	12	17	22
'19-20	Shattuck	U16	43	14	19	33	14
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	37	11	23	34	14
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	59	12	17	29	69
	USA	WU18	6	2	3	5	4

BEST CASE: Ryan McDonagh

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JONATHAN LEKKERIMAKI

BORN July 24, 2004, Huddinge, Swe.
2021-22 Djurgarden POS RW
HT 5-11 **WT** 172 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 6 (Euro skaters)

▶ A NUMBER OF scouts have described Lekkerimäki as the Swedish version of Joakim Kemell. He's been described by many as a shooter, but in a very successful performance at the world under-18s, he began to show a more well-rounded game.

But he's definitely seen as more of a goal-scorer than a set-up man. "He's better at finding holes in the offensive zone, getting open and taking a shot than he is at taking the puck and going through people," said one scout. "He can really shoot and score goals."

It's difficult for draft-eligible teenagers to play in the veteran-laden Swedish League at the best of times, but it's even more difficult when they're undersized. But scouts were impressed to see Lekkerimäki was unafraid of going to the difficult areas of the ice and playing in tight quarters.

When he played with his peers at the U-18 worlds, he showed he could make an impact. "He's very slick with the puck, very creative," said another scout. "He's not big, but he's not afraid to go into traffic. It's not the most physical league in the world, but he still puts himself into situations where, if he was shy, he wouldn't go there."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Djurgarden	U16	18	16	4	20	6
'20-21	Djurgarden	U18	8	12	4	16	0
'21-22	Djurgarden Jr.		26	20	15	35	8
	Djurgarden Swe.		26	7	2	9	0
	Sweden	WU18	6	5	10	15	4

BEST CASE: Brock Boeser

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DENTON MATEYCHUK

BORN July 12, 2004, Dominion City, Man.
2021-22 Moose Jaw POS D
HT 5-11 **WT** 186 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 14 (NA skaters)

▶ PLAYING FOR A Moose Jaw franchise that has consistently developed high-end talent over the years, Mateychuk is the latest one to watch for the Warriors.

He was among the highest-scoring defensemen in the WHL this season and a solid performer at the CHL Top Prospects Game. "He's super smart, loves to play offense, impacts the game every night," said one scout. "He needs to settle himself down once he gets to the pros because right now he's all over the ice, and that's not the way things work. His hockey sense drives his game, and he wants to make an impact."

In an era where you don't need to be a hulk on the back end to be a star, the 5-foot-11, 186-pounder gets it done with skating and other tools. "He's not the biggest, but he plays with bite," said a scout. "He doesn't punish forwards, but he makes it difficult for them to get involved. He defends well and has a long stick. He can transport pucks, he can make plays, and it's interesting: on the power play, he plays the middle of a 1-3-1, which isn't common for a D-man. He reads the play well, gets the puck up quickly and has quick feet and good acceleration."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Eastman	U15	36	23	38	61	12
'19-20	Eastman	U18	30	13	17	30	0
	Moose Jaw	WHL	7	1	1	2	0
'20-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	16	2	7	9	8
'21-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	65	13	51	64	15

BEST CASE: Kris Letang

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KEVIN KORCHINSKI

BORN June 21, 2004, Saskatoon, Sask.
2021-22 Seattle POS D
HT 6-2 WT 175 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 7 (NA skaters)

➤ **IN HIS FIRST** full season in the WHL, Korchinski broke out in a big way and finished second among defensemen in assists. And according to some scouts, he was on the verge of posting even gaudier numbers. "He's a big defenseman who skates like the wind and moves the puck pretty well," said one scout. "He might lead the league in third assists. He can get the rush started, but in the offensive zone, he doesn't create a lot of quality chances. He doesn't shoot. He's a passer who follows the rush."

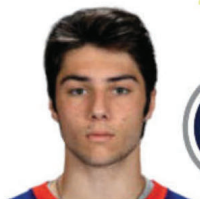
Some scouts see Korchinski as a perhaps a little undervalued as a possible mid-first-round pick. He moved up the charts this season, going from a player who was a borderline selection entering 2021-22 to a player who will be among the first chosen.

His skating is elite, but scouts would like to see him concentrate more on his defensive game and be a little more physical. "No one would say he's a physical defenseman," said another scout. "I don't see soft, but I think people see a 6-foot-2 guy who skates like that and his defending is average. He's definitely not as physical as he needs to be. He's definitely not as competitive as he could be."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Sask. Stallions	U15	30	8	15	23	8
'18-19	Sask. Generals	U15	31	10	37	47	34
'19-20	Sask. Contacts	U18	41	7	19	26	10
'20-21	Seattle	WHL	23	0	10	10	4
'21-22	Seattle	WHL	67	4	61	65	40

BEST CASE: Tyson Barrie

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FRANK NAZAR

BORN Jan. 14, 2004, Mt. Clemens, Mich.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS RW
HT 5-11 WT 175 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 21 (NA skaters)

➤ **AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY,** there's going to be a pretty good debate in many NHL teams' war rooms about the order of NTDP players and, specifically, Nazar versus Cutter Gauthier. Both were probably underrated last season with the under-17 squad but have staked their claims this year.

For Nazar, it's all about the drive. "I love him," said one scout. "He plays with so much energy, his motor is relentless, and he can skate like crazy. He darts, he reaches his top speed in two strides, and because of that, when he's going east-west or picking up a bad puck off the wall, he gets there so quick. He's pretty cerebral and can do a bit of everything."

A Michigan commit, Nazar can play physical and help on both special teams. Thanks to his stick skills, he can play the bumper on the power play or be a shooter. And with his battle level, he can also be productive as a net-front presence. "He finds a way to score," said another scout. "He has the ability to get behind defenders, play in small areas, play off contact, shoot pucks in tight areas and against the grain. Those skills are all as high-end as I've seen in this area. He just produces all the time."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Honeybaked	U13	17	4	7	11	0
'18-19	Little Caesars	U14	stats/n/a				
'19-20	Honeybaked	U15	55	49	78	127	-
'20-21	USAU17	NTDP	45	28	27	55	20
'21-22	USAU18	NTDP	56	28	42	70	20

BEST CASE: Matt Duchene

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MARCO KASPER

BORN April 8, 2004, Innsbruck, Aut.
2021-22 Rogle POS C
HT 6-1 WT 183 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 5 (Euro skaters)

➤ **IT'S A DOUBLE-EDGED** sword playing for a smaller international program like Austria: you're going to get opportunities, but your team is going to take some beatings.

That's been Kasper's experience so far, but talent hawks saw his high potential nonetheless. "He played at the world juniors but barely touched the puck because they played Finland and Canada," said one scout. "I think he goes high because he has that motor and competes like hell. He goes to the front of the net and has sneaky skill. Every shift, he does something positive. He's a high-compete guy who helps you in the playoffs."

Speaking of which, Kasper was huge for Rogle in the SHL playoffs, helping the team to the semifinal and even dropping the gloves at one point. So how good can he be? That's what teams will need to determine in the lead-up to the draft. "He's a strong skater, really smart, good two-way guy," said another scout. "His stock will depend on what people see in his offense. Is he more of a two-way guy, or is there legit point production in his game?"

Scouts got another chance to make that assessment when Kasper suited up for Austria at the men's World Championship.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	EC-KAC	U18	30	9	63	72	18
'19-20	EC-KAC	U18	22	29	34	63	18
'20-21	Rogle	Swe.	10	0	1	1	4
	Austria	WJC	4	0	1	1	2
'21-22	Rogle	Swe.	46	7	4	11	17

BEST CASE: J.T. Miller

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OWEN PICKERING

BORN Jan. 27, 2004, St. Adolphe, Man.
2021-22 Swift Current POS D
HT 6-5 WT 178 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 15 (NA skaters)

➤ **SCOUTS WERE LOOKING** for a big Under-18 World Championship from Pickering after an up-and-down season in the WHL, and, like the rest of the Canadian team, he looked good 5-on-5 but struggled killing penalties. Pickering was on the ice for three of the four power-play goals Canada surrendered in its 6-5 loss to Finland in the quarterfinal. Scouts were concerned when he went minus-5 in a game in January but were encouraged by his play in the CHL Top Prospects Game.

"You have to do a lot of projection with Owen Pickering that he'll fill out and be able to grow into his body and improve his skating, which is just average right now," said one scout. "He has a lot of potential, but he has to realize that potential. He's good at everything, but he's not elite at anything."

The good thing is that most of Pickering's deficiencies could be diminished on a team that has a capable development coach. Scouts would like to see him play more assertively in the offensive zone for someone so big. "He should have a 10-foot buffer zone with his skating, reach and size," said another scout. "Guys should turn and go to the other side of the ice, and they don't."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Eastman	U15	35	6	11	17	14
'19-20	Rink Academy	U16	34	5	16	21	8
'20-21	Swift Current	WHL	23	2	7	9	8
'21-22	Swift Current	WHL	62	9	24	33	39
	Canada	WU18	4	0	2	2	0

BEST CASE: Tyler Myers

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JIMMY SNUGGERUD

BORN June 1, 2004, Chaska, Minn.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS RW
HT 6-2 WT 186 SHOOT S R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 11 (NA skaters)

➤ SNUGGERUD COMES

from a big hockey family that includes his former NHLer dad, Dave, and cousin Luc, a one-time Chicago prospect who spent this season playing in Slovakia. Heck, even grandfather Jim Westby played for Team USA at the 1964 Olympics.

So the path is obvious for Snuggerud, but the best is yet to come for the former Chaska High School star. "He's still a little raw, but he's piecing it together and has improved," said one scout. "He's been working on his skating for three years. He has a good head on his shoulders and always has a smile on his face. He can shoot the puck, he can grind and go to dirty areas. People may not really see him play his better hockey until the University of Minnesota, but that's a good thing. Jimmy's a hockey player."

Indeed, Snuggerud is heading to the Golden Gophers, where he'll be surrounded by talent and have the chance to take his game to the next level. And he's bringing a lot of tools with him. "High ceiling, jack of all trades," said another scout. "He plays in all situations, he's a good skater with a good shot, great stick and he's smart. He's the F1, the first guy back. This kid has a chance to be really good."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Great Plains	UIA	15	8	4	12	-
'19-20	Chaska	USHS	23	15	19	34	12
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	45	15	17	32	20
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	59	24	39	63	32
	USA	WU18	6	3	4	7	2

BEST CASE: Timo Meier

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PAVEL MINTYUKOV

BORN Nov. 25, 2003, Moscow, Rus.
2021-22 Saginaw POS D
HT 6-2 WT 190 SHOOT S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 6 (NA skaters)

➤ MINTYUKOV MADE THE

commitment to North America last year, only to see his first OHL campaign wiped out by provincial COVID-19 regulations, so he was a bit of a curiosity once he finally took to the ice for Saginaw this season.

"He had to adjust, and that took time, but he's been good," said one scout. "He had flashes on the power play or 4-on-4 where you understood why the team got him, then 5-on-5 he got better, as did the team."

Saginaw underperformed and missed the playoffs, but Mintyukov always put his best effort forward, even if it might have been to his own detriment. "His tools are great," said another scout. "He's a great skater, rushes the puck well, has a good shot, distributes the puck. Saginaw doesn't play with a lot of structure, and he has a tendency to try and do too much. He's a good team guy but tries to accomplish more than he should. When he plays a structured, under-control game and focuses on picking his spots on the rush, he's very good. He can be coached up, he's a competitor."

Teammates saw a chip on his shoulder when Mintyukov was snubbed for a Russian world-junior camp invite, too.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Dyn. Moscow	UI6	24	9	11	20	10
'19-20	Dyn. Moscow Jr.		33	1	2	3	0
	Russia	WU17	6	0	5	5	2
'20-21	Saginaw	OHL	DNP				
'21-22	Saginaw	OHL	67	17	45	62	28

BEST CASE: Ivan Provorov

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DANILA YUROV

BORN Dec. 22, 2003, Chelyabinsk, Rus.
2021-22 Magnitogorsk POS RW
HT 6-1 WT 172 SHOOT S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 7 (Euro skaters)

➤ WHEN IT COMES

to this year's extraordinary Russian factor, Yurov will be a test case to watch. Based on skill and projection alone, he's worthy of a top-10 pick. But how high he actually goes will be one of the most scrutinized moments of the draft. "Go back to last year's under-18s in Dallas, he was one of the studs along with Shane Wright and Ivan Miroshnichenko," said one scout. "In terms of talent, he's top five, top 10. The Russian factor might kick in now more than ever. Put him with his age group and he's pretty dominant, and he plays both ways, more North American than other Russians in the draft."

Indeed, Yurov was an offensive demon with Magnitogorsk in Russia's top junior league but got scant ice time and opportunity in the KHL, well into Metallurg's long playoff run.

"He can play a big, heavy, powerful game," said another scout. "There's discussion as to whether he's a center or winger, I think he can do both. He handles the puck well, especially down low, and he has a good shot. He's too good for the MHL, but not quite ready to have the same impact in the KHL, but I don't see any risk with this guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Magnitogorsk	UI7	19	7	20	27	14
'20-21	Magnitogorsk Jr.		23	13	12	25	8
	Magnitogorsk KHL		21	1	1	2	0
'21-22	Magnitogorsk Jr.		23	13	23	36	8
	Magnitogorsk KHL		21	0	0	0	2

BEST CASE: Mikko Rantanen

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LIAM OHGREN

BORN Jan. 28, 2004, Stockholm, Swe.
2021-22 Djurgarden Jr. POS LW
HT 6-1 WT 190 SHOOT S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 8 (Euro skaters)

➤ THE CAPTAIN OF

Swe-den's world under-18 team, Ohgren was a solid contributor for the gold-winning side, especially in the final when he had two goals and three points in the 6-4 win over Team USA. But the template for success was set earlier, as Ohgren ripped up the Swedish junior ranks. "He's well-built and has a heavy release," said one scout. "He has a shoot-first mentality, but he can also make plays. More of an up-and-down winger with compete level and skill."

Ohgren spent half the year up in the SHL, and while he didn't post numbers, that experience is good for a teenager. Unfortunately, Djurgarden was relegated, so his next action with the team would be in the second-tier Allsvenskan. Nonetheless, he has a great skill package.

The only question is what his ceiling will be. "He's strong and well along the way (in his development)," said another scout. "Well built, strong skater, easy to project, and he's got unbelievable numbers in junior. It just depends on whether people think it will translate. Is he a point producer or more of a hardworking, up-and-down winger on projection? I mean, he's been a goal-per-gamer."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Djurgarden	UI8	21	9	6	15	4
'20-21	Djurgarden	UI8	8	5	8	13	2
	Djurgarden Jr.		8	4	2	6	0
'21-22	Djurgarden Jr.		30	33	25	58	6
	Djurgarden Swe.		25	1	1	2	6

BEST CASE: Filip Forsberg

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BRAD LAMBERT

BORN Dec. 19, 2003, Lahti, Fin.
2021-22 Pelicans **POS** RW
HT 6-0 **WT** 179 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 10 (Euro skaters)

➤ **LAST YEAR, A** highly touted Finnish forward dropped from top three in the pre-season all the way to the second round due to a tough year. That was Aatu Raty, now an Islanders prospect. This year's wild card is Lambert, the half-Canadian, half-Finn who is inspiring similar handwringing.

"The best skater in the draft, and maybe the best hands," said one scout. "But his hockey sense is a question mark. His compete level and work ethic is so bad at times, too, 90 percent of the time, it's not there. But the hands and feet are special."

Lambert struggled to put up points in the Liiga, and a mid-season trade from JYP to Lahti did nothing to fix that. He has always played well internationally, however, and he has hockey roots: uncle Lane played in the NHL and is the New York Islanders' new coach, while dad Ross played pro in Europe.

"There are two sides," said another scout. "You're going to get the side that loves his speed, skill and ability to skate the puck into the zone because you can't teach the speed he brings. The other side will look at the strength aspect, 'Does he play inside? How does he project in the playoffs versus the regular season?'"

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	HIFK	Jr.	42	18	20	38	28
'20-21	JYP	Fin.	46	7	8	15	18
	Finland	WJC	7	1	3	4	0
'21-22	JYP	Fin.	24	2	4	6	31
	Pelicans	Fin.	25	2	2	4	12

BEST CASE: Eeli Tolvanen

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LIAN BICHSEL

BORN May 18, 2004, Wolfwil, Swi.
2021-22 Lehigh Valley Phantoms **POS** D
HT 6-5 **WT** 212 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 9 (Euro skaters)

➤ **WHEN NHL SCOUTS** talk about Bichsel, you can hear the excitement in their voices. Playing in his first pro season in Sweden, the Swiss national was a physical force, playing the bullying, throwback style that's more in demand lately due to its scarcity. "He's just huge," said one scout. "The presence, the whole aura around him, and it's the way he uses it. He's got a mean streak, and he's hard to play against. He moves well, and who knows, he might be 6-foot-5, 230 pounds when he's done. Those 'D' are hard to find."

In previous international play with Swiss junior squads, Bichsel has shown nice rushing ability, and his offensive numbers in a stint with Lehigh Valley's under-20 outfit were good, but it's the defensive aspects of his game that really intrigue teams, especially when imagining going on long playoff runs. "You look at teams like St. Louis and Tampa Bay in terms of what wins in the playoffs and he's a perfect example of a guy who helps you," said another scout. "He's big, strong and mean. He's a throwback. Not many kids play like him now, and it looks like he likes to do it."

The fact Nolan Allan went in the first round (32nd overall) last year bodes well for Bichsel.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Biel-Bienne	U15	27	14	18	32	24
'19-20	Biel-Bienne	U17	31	3	11	14	28
'20-21	Biel-Bienne	Jr.	45	5	23	28	48
	Switzerland	WU18	5	1	1	2	6
'21-22	Leksand	Swe.	29	1	2	3	16

BEST CASE: Darnell Nurse

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RUTGER MCGROARTY

BORN March 30, 2004, Lincoln, Neb.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP **POS** C
HT 6-1 **WT** 204 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 22 (NA skaters)

➤ **MCGROARTY HAS BEEN** on the radar for a while, thanks to his excellent youth hockey career and an early stint with the NTDP's under-18s when he was still in his under-17 year. The only knock is his skating, and it's still a work in progress.

"If you can get by his skating, everything else is good," said one scout. "I still think he goes in the first round because he's such a talented, competitive player with leadership. He's got goal-scoring ability, playmaking ability and has rounded out to a physical, defensively responsible, 200-foot guy. He's very consistent, he brings it all the time and approaches everything like a pro. He'll help you in the playoffs."

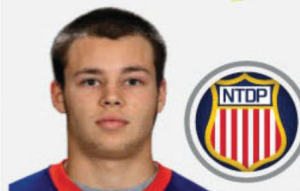
Another talent hawk echoed those sentiments, but added further analysis: "If you break down his season, he got a lot of points with Logan Cooley because Cooley always had the puck two zones ahead of everybody, and the trailing guys would benefit," he said. "That's what Rutger is good at, finishing and finding ways to get open. When he played on a checking line with Charlie Stramel and Cruz Lucius, he had no impact on the game."

Committed to Michigan, McGroarty captained the U.S. to silver at the world under-18s.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Honeybaked	U14	20	25	29	54	8
'19-20	Oakland	U15	63	82	78	160	-
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	34	17	18	35	26
	USA U18	NTDP	19	3	3	6	8
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	54	35	34	69	65

BEST CASE: Mark Stone

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ISAAC HOWARD

BORN March 30, 2004, Hudson, Wis.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP **POS** LW
HT 5-10 **WT** 182 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 9 (NA skaters)

➤ **THE TOP SCORER** with the NTDP's under-18s, Howard continued his offensive ways at the under-18 worlds. Whichever NHL team takes Howard will have the luxury of watching him develop at Minnesota-Duluth, one of the premier programs in college hockey.

"What a waterbug," said one scout. "I love the way he plays. I wish he were bigger, but so do 31 other teams. He has high-level quickness, and it's amazing how many times he gets the puck behind defenders. He had more open chances than anybody I've seen this year. His quickness and instincts really allow him to put defensemen on their heels."

Like a lot of smaller players, Howard can sometimes get bullied out of games when they get heavy and physical, but scouts were encouraged that he showed more of a greasy element as the season progressed.

Despite his stats, Howard isn't projected to be a big point producer at the pro level, but his speed and tenacity will help him create his share of chances. "He's a small, skilled guy, but not elite skill," said another scout. "So he's probably a third-line guy on a team that has three offensive lines. He'll probably play, but will he be a star? We're not sure."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Shattuck	U14	53	49	29	78	6
'19-20	Shattuck	U16	38	31	33	64	6
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	34	27	27	54	4
	USA U18	NTDP	17	5	14	19	0
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	60	33	49	82	42

BEST CASE: Jean-Gabriel Pageau

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JAGGER FIRKUS

BORN April 29, 2004, Irma, Alta.
2021-22 Moose Jaw POS C
HT 5-10 WT 150 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 12 (NA skaters)

YOU HAVE TO respect the swagger: not only did Firkus pull off a lacrosse-style goal in the first round of the WHL playoffs, but he wore a Michigan toque during a media interview the next day.

Needless to say, this young man has some puck tricks. "Really skilled kid with a brain for the game," said one scout. "He has a knack for finishing. Skinny, light and small, so he'll have to rely on his skills and sense to make his way to the NHL and stick. But he is fun to watch. He makes a lot of plays, and he's got a unique confidence about him."

The spotlight seems to agree with Firkus, too. At the CHL Top Prospects Game, he was named MVP of the victorious Team White after notching two points (including a highlight-reel goal) in a 3-1 win over Team Red. "He'll probably go fairly high because he's got really crafty playmaking abilities," said another scout. "Good vision, great hands and awareness. Below the hashmarks, he's really diligent in what he's doing. He can be hard on the forecheck, and when he gets the puck below the icing line, he knows who he wants to give it to right away. He doesn't need a lot of room to create offense, he's just dangerous."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Lloydminster	U15	30	33	32	65	18
'19-20	Lloydminster	U18	30	10	24	34	24
	Moose Jaw	WHL	12	1	1	2	6
'20-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	23	6	8	14	24
'21-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	66	36	44	80	34

BEST CASE: Mitch Marner

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NATHAN GAUCHER

BORN Nov. 6, 2003, Longueuil, Que.
2021-22 Quebec POS C
HT 6-3 WT 207 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 16 (NA skaters)

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a guy who can be a reliable third-line center for a long time, Gaucher could be your man. But if you're looking for something a little more dynamic, you're probably not inclined to use a high pick on him. Some scouts think he's better suited as a winger at the pro level rather than center.

"He's one of the safer guys in terms of he'll play in the NHL, but I don't know how much impact he'll have in the NHL," said one scout. "He's got NHL size, NHL skating and NHL strength right now, but doesn't have a lot of vision or creativity with the puck. Most of his offense tends to be him doing things 1-on-1 and driving wide, which he can do against junior defensemen, but I'm not sure how well it's going to translate against pro defensemen. But he's a pretty honest two-way worker, so he's probably a good bet to play."

So he's a low-risk pick with a ceiling that might be limited. But every team needs players who have Gaucher's skill set to fill out their third and fourth lines and provide some secondary scoring. "I don't see him scoring a lot," said another scout. "If you're going to take a guy in the first round, I can't take a guy who's going to be a third-line guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Ecole Fardette	U15	28	18	14	32	40
'18-19	St-Hyacinthe	U18	42	18	15	33	48
'19-20	Quebec	QMJHL	59	13	11	24	24
'20-21	Quebec	QMJHL	30	14	17	31	22
'21-22	Quebec	QMJHL	66	31	26	57	74

BEST CASE: Blake Coleman

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FILIP MESAR

BORN Jan. 3, 2004, Spisska Bela, Svk.
2021-22 Poprad POS RW
HT 5-10 WT 172 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 20 (Euro skaters)

BEFORE THIS SEASON. there was some talk among scouts that Mesar might be a high first-round pick, but a somewhat disappointing year has him pegged for either late in the first round or early in the second. He has a high-end hockey IQ and offensive skill, but he's seen more as a two-way player than a big-time producer.

"He's a guy who's going to play, but he isn't the sum of his parts," said one scout. "You watch him in warm-up and you're like, 'Man, this kid is a stud.' And he just doesn't really put it together. I'll be shocked if he becomes anything more than a third-line guy who skates well."

And, hey, there's absolutely nothing wrong with third-line guys who skate well and have a defensive conscience. Every NHL team needs those. Another scout posited that Mesar might actually be a better offensive player than he has shown in the Slovak League, which is not a terribly creative offensive league and one that is heavier and more structured than other European circuits. "I think there'll be a secondary element to his game when he fills out, and he'll be more well-rounded than you would expect from a small European," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Poprad	U16	41	26	23	49	6
'18-19	Poprad	U18	47	23	24	47	10
'19-20	Poprad	Jr.	33	13	28	41	8
'20-21	Poprad	Svk.	36	4	10	14	4
'21-22	Poprad	Svk.	37	8	8	16	8

BEST CASE: Artturi Lehkonen

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LUCA DEL BEL BELLUZ

BORN Nov. 10, 2003, Woodbridge, Ont.
2021-22 Mississauga POS C
HT 6-1 WT 178 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 8 (NA skaters)

NOT EVERYONE AGREES on Del Bel Belluz's season, and it seems to come down to which games a scout saw: does the eye test match the output on a top-heavy Steelheads team? But those who believe in him see a well-rounded player who can put up numbers.

"He's a player," said one scout. "He makes plays as well away from the puck as he does with it. He makes his wingers better, and that's rare. Wherever they plug him in, whoever he plays with gets touches. He's their matchup guy and can still be one of the best guys on the ice."

Indeed, during an OHL schedule limited to conference play, Del Bel Belluz saw a lot of Kingston's Shane Wright and often gave the draft's top prospect a hard time (funny enough, they also played against each other in the OHL Cup final at the under-16 level in 2018-19).

Del Bel Belluz was named the Eastern Conference's most improved player of the year by OHL coaches. "He came on in the second half and will be knocking on the door in the first round," said the scout. "His skating is a little bit of an issue, but you think that when he plays and practises with better skaters, it will improve. His hockey sense is elite."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Tor. Red Wings	U16	70	33	36	69	-
'19-20	Mississauga	OHL	58	1	5	6	8
'20-21	Mississauga	OHL					DNP
'21-22	Mississauga	OHL	68	30	46	76	28

BEST CASE: Sam Reinhart

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JACK D. HUGHES

BORN Nov. 2, 2003, Westwood, Mass.
2021-22 Northeastern POS C
HT 6-0 WT 165 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 26 (NA skaters)

➤ **AS A TRUE** freshman this season, there were times when the son of Montreal Canadiens GM Kent Hughes struggled against older, stronger players. Going to school is never a bad idea, but some scouts wish Hughes would have waited a year to play at that level.

"I understand it, but people would be talking about him a whole lot higher if he hadn't gone to college," said one scout. "Don't get me wrong, he was good, but he was overmatched a lot of times. Playing second-line center in college at that age is hard. If he were playing in the USHL or CHL, he would have had 40 or 50 more points. Some of his attributes were muted because some games he was fighting to just tread water."

That has caused Hughes to drop in the draft rankings, but the encouraging thing is he'll improve with more experience, and there is a lot to like about his game. He's diligent defensively and plays an honest style. "He's a really good player," said another scout. "There are no holes in his game. Better-than-average skater, better-than-average skill, better-than-average hockey sense. I don't think there's one dynamic element to his game, but it's all really good."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	St. Sebastian's USHS		29	15	10	25	-
'19-20	USA U17	NTDP	49	14	24	38	28
'20-21	USA U18	NTDP	38	8	26	34	24
	USA	WU18	4	1	1	2	4
'21-22	Northeastern	HE	39	7	9	16	28

BEST CASE: Adam Henrique

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MAVERIC LAMOUREUX

BORN Jan. 13, 2004, Hawkesbury, Ont.
2021-22 Drummondville POS D
HT 6-7 WT 196 SHOOTS R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 20 (NA skaters)

➤ **HE'S PROBABLY ON** the bubble when it comes to being selected in the first round, but don't be surprised if a team with multiple picks in the opening round grabs Lamoureux late. The native of Hawkesbury, Ont., is several years away, but he might be the most intriguing player in the draft.

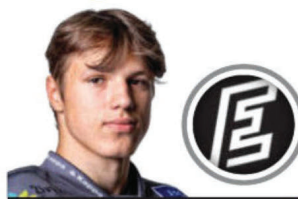
First, he's huge. Second, he skates very, very well for a big man. That's about all that can be quantified at the moment, but scouts very much like what they see. "I really love him," said one scout, "probably more than his parents do."

But you're definitely playing the long game if you pick him. If you're a Lamoureux fan, you see him as a second-pairing defenseman who can skate with almost anyone in the league. If you're not, the worst-case scenario is he's a bottom-pairing guy who can play a shutdown role. Either way you're getting a player, but one of them is a slam-dunk first-rounder, while the other is not. "Everybody drools over this kid," said another scout. "How many times do you see a 6-foot-3 guy who can skate like he does? Now add four inches. It's really rare to see a kid that size skate as well as he does. He's not even close to growing into his body."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Nord Selects	U15	27	1	3	4	20
'18-19	East. Ontario	U15	26	5	16	21	48
'19-20	Jonquiere	U18	38	2	12	14	54
'20-21	Drummondville QMJHL		24	1	6	7	26
'21-22	Drummondville QMJHL		54	4	20	24	69

BEST CASE: Nic Hague

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JIRI KULICH

BORN April 14, 2004, Kadan, Cze.
2021-22 Karlovy Vary POS C
HT 6-0 WT 172 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 13 (Euro skaters)

➤ **GOING INTO THE** world under-18s, scouts were looking forward to seeing what Kulich could accomplish against his peers. And with a tournament-leading nine goals, he did not disappoint. Some scouts had a sense Kulich had more offensive upside than he displayed in the Czech League this season, and it seems they were right.

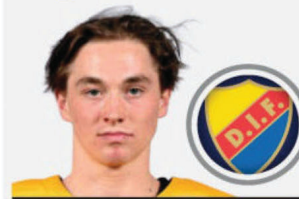
Scouts also like that he can play both center and the wing. "The pace of his game against men was excellent," said one scout. "There was never an issue with the pace. He played on the second or third line, which is rare in that league. He moves the puck well, he positions himself well. He managed to contribute at an age where guys don't contribute. He's perceived as a solid two-way guy, but I think there's more offense to his game and especially as he matures. He's a good skater and makes smart reads on both sides of the puck."

The problem with assessing draft-eligible players in the Czech League is that it's not at all offense-oriented and it's difficult for a young player to earn the playing time to show off his scoring chops. But Kulich managed to overcome that. "He's all energy," said another scout. "Work, work, work."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Chomutov	U16	35	21	27	48	39
'19-20	Chomutov	U16	19	23	16	39	8
'20-21	Kadan	Cze. 2	10	3	0	3	2
'21-22	Karlovy Vary	Cze.	49	9	5	14	4
	Czechia	WU18	6	9	2	11	2

BEST CASE: Martin Necas

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NOAH OSTLUND

BORN March 11, 2004, Nykvarn, Swe.
2021-22 Djurgarden Jr. POS C
HT 5-10 WT 163 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 18 (Euro skaters)

➤ **A VERY SMART** playmaking center, Ostlund makes scouts wonder if his size and style will result in him excelling at the NHL level, even in an era when small but talented players have a better chance to succeed than ever before. "He's interesting," said one scout. "We really liked him at times, but we thought he was inconsistent. We liked his overall skill, but it's what they have inside that is the million-dollar question."

Well, it's actually a lot more than a million-dollar question when you're dealing with future NHLers, but you get the idea. The sentiment among scouts is that Ostlund must become more fearless and move in from playing on the perimeter if he's going to succeed in the NHL.

More of a playmaker than a scorer, Ostlund has the ability to get the puck through tight spaces in the offensive zone and is an adept and deceptive skater with a number of speeds. "He's not equipped to go into the hard areas, and that's fine, but he's also going to have to change his mindset," said another scout. "He's really creative, and for a small guy, he does have the attributes to make the NHL, but he's slight and he's a little averse to going into the hard areas."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Sodertalje	U16	23	10	18	28	6
'19-20	Djurgarden	U18	15	2	7	9	10
'20-21	Djurgarden Jr.		10	7	8	15	0
'21-22	Djurgarden Jr.		32	9	33	42	6
	Djurgarden	Swe.	11	0	0	0	0

BEST CASE: Jesper Bratt

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JULIAN LUTZ

BORN Feb. 29, 2004, Weingarten, Ger.
2021-22 Munich POS LW
HT 6-2 **WT** 179 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 30 (Euro skaters)

LUTZ LOST MOST of his DEL season to a back injury, but once he returned to action, he showed why he is the best German prospect of the class. "It's the skating, the athleticism and the puck protection," said one scout. "He jumped right into the DEL after six months, and he did not look out of place."

Scouts also had the benefit of seeing Lutz suit up with his peer group at the world under-18s in Germany, and even though the home team was outgunned and overmatched for the most part, Lutz was still a point-per-gamer, leading the national side in scoring. That was good, because some NHL teams needed as much info out of those games as possible. "When he has played, he's looked great, but it's not enough of a sample size," said another scout. "High upside. He's got a lot of flash, and we haven't seen the production yet, but he has a lot of attributes with his skating, skill and size."

Lutz looks like that classic 25-to-40 draft pick right now. Does he go late in the first to a team that really believes he has the goods, or is he taken early in the second round by a franchise with multiple picks and willing to take a bit of a risk?

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	RB Akademie	U18	27	28	32	60	40
'19-20	RB Akademie Jr.		34	17	9	26	24
'20-21	RB Salzburg Jr. Aut.2		31	13	13	26	23
'21-22	Munich	Ger.	14	1	2	3	8
	Germany	WU18	4	2	2	4	12

BEST CASE: Roope Hintz

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CALLE ODELIUS

BORN May 30, 2004, Sodertalje, Swe.
2021-22 Djurgarden Jr. POS D
HT 6-0 **WT** 182 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 16 (Euro skaters)

IN A DRAFT featuring a lot of defensemen who can skate well, Odelius might be the best of the bunch. One scout said he's a top-five skater among all players in the 2022 class. "I think this guy is really, really underrated," said the scout. "I love him. He's got offense, he makes plays. His talents offensively are really, really good. Defensively, he's got some warts. If he were great defensively, he'd be in the top five, but I really like him. I think teams are hoping he falls."

Some scouts really like his ability to rush the puck, but see diminishing returns once he arrives at the offensive blueline. He has first-class agility and mobility, but scouts are wary of being intoxicated by his ability to get around the ice. "His skating is his No. 1 calling card," said another scout, "and mostly his only calling card."

That skating can also make him difficult to beat defensively, since he's able to get back quickly when some of those plays do die at the offensive blueline. If he's going to develop into more than a bottom-pairing D-man, he's going to have to improve that part of his game. "He'll probably play," said another scout, "but he's more of a No. 5 or 6 than he is a top four."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Sodertalje	U16	19	7	12	19	54
'19-20	Djurgarden	U18	12	1	3	4	12
'20-21	Djurgarden	U18	6	0	3	3	6
'21-22	Djurgarden Jr.		43	7	23	30	24
	Sweden	WU18	6	0	3	3	12

BEST CASE: Artem Zub

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CAM LUND

BORN June 7, 2004, Bridgewater, Mass.
2021-22 Green Bay POS C
HT 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 40 (NA skaters)

LUND WAS ABLE to right the ship after having a rough start that saw him tally just two points in his first 10 games of the season with USHL Green Bay.

He eventually became one of the top producers on a Gamblers team that struggled and ended up firing their coach-GM upon missing the playoffs. "He might be one of the biggest surprises in the USHL," said one scout. "He has taken big steps. He does a good job of driving the offense from the wall, which is not easy. He's willing to get inside the dots and can make plays off the rush. He's got poise, he sees it, and he can let the puck rip."

A Northeastern commit who was impressive as a 16-year-old with the USPFL's Boston Jr. Bruins, Lund has been on the New England radar for a while. "Big, strong kid who effortlessly flies," said another scout. "He has a great stride. He likes Jack Eichel, and there's some of that in the way he skates. He's got a really heavy shot and goal-scoring ability, so when you add it up, he's 6-foot-2, strong, he can shoot and he can skate. He's got a lot of NHL assets. He just needs to compete and skate more consistently. His motor doesn't always run hot."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Cushing	USHS	34	6	26	32	18
'20-21	Boston Bruins Jr.		40	17	17	34	30
	Green Bay	USHL	2	1	0	1	2
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	1	0	1	1	0
	Green Bay	USHL	62	25	25	50	49

BEST CASE: Taylor Hall

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NOAH WARREN

BORN July 15, 2004, Montreal, Que.
2021-22 Gatineau POS D
HT 6-5 **WT** 214 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 33 (NA skaters)

THE NAME 'BIG Noah Warren is not on the young man's birth certificate – at least we don't think it is – but that may as well be his official handle according to NHL scouts. Warren is not quite as big or as good a skater as fellow draft behemoth Maveric Lamoureux, but with the right development, he could become an everyday NHL defenseman. Warren's puck skills are not that high, and scouts would like to see him develop more of a mean streak.

"He's capable of making a big, big hit, and he's shown his ability to fight," said one scout. "His straight-line skating, you don't see it in a 6-foot-5 defenseman. Those guys are sought after for a reason."

When it comes to whether or not he'll play in the NHL, Warren is another long-term project who, like a lot of big defensemen, will require some time to develop his game in the minors. He does skate well for a player his size, but there is not a lot of offense in his game. "The knock on him is that he's been soft, but he's gotten a little more physical this year," said another scout. "He has to continue to get physical because he doesn't have the skill to create offense. He has to get meaner."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Dynamiques	U15	30	3	11	14	32
'18-19	C-Lemoyne	U18	39	3	12	15	78
'19-20	C-Lemoyne	U18	32	1	7	8	28
'20-21	Gatineau	GMJHL	29	1	3	4	6
'21-22	Gatineau	GMJHL	62	5	19	24	52

BEST CASE: Jamie Oleksiak

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TY NELSON

BORN March 30, 2004, Toronto, Ont.
2021-22 North Bay POS D
HT 5-10 **WT** 197 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 32 (NA skaters)

➤ NELSON, THE NO. 1 pick in the 2020 OHL draft, has been described by more than one scout as being "built like a fire hydrant." Despite putting up 51 points in his rookie OHL season, Nelson isn't expected to be a big NHL point producer. "Can I see him playing the second power play in the NHL someday?" said one scout. "He's got a good shot, so maybe. He moves the puck smartly, quickly and efficiently. He's a good skater, he can transport it with his feet to open up the passing lanes. He doesn't make a lot of mistakes with the puck and put himself in bad situations. You're going to get a really strong transitional game from a guy who will have no issues with the size or speed of the game."

The 5-foot-10 D-man is strong and can handle himself and opposing forwards quite well. But he does have limitations defensively because of his size. He doesn't have a long reach, so he's not as adept at breaking up plays as bigger defensemen. He didn't fare well in the CHL Top Prospects Game, but his body of work over the course of the season was encouraging. "He's a strong skater, has above-average mobility and moves the puck well," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U16	35	5	9	14	10
'19-20	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U16	61	18	47	65	-
'20-21	North Bay	OHL	DNP				
'21-22	North Bay	OHL	66	9	42	51	39

BEST CASE: Matt Grzelcyk

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TRISTAN LUNEAU

BORN Jan. 12, 2004, Trois-Rivieres, Que.
2021-22 Gatineau POS D
HT 6-2 **WT** 174 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 24 (NA skaters)

➤ THERE SEEMS TO be a good number of players like Luneau in this draft – D-men with size and mobility but without the offensive ability to play above the third pairing.

Luneau does have promising offensive instincts, but it's a question whether those will translate to the NHL level. "The word I use to describe him is cerebral," said one scout. "Clean exits, clean entries. He's another guy analytics will like. He's going to play in the league, but he gets overlooked because he's not dynamic or flashy in any area."

Scouts don't raise much concern over Luneau's ability to defend and are impressed with the way he can start the rush. "He moves the puck very well and has good instincts," said another scout. "This guy delivers the puck when it needs to be delivered. He really makes life easy for his forwards. The puck goes up the ice with speed. He's a good skater, and there's some secondary offense to his game."

Some would like to see Luneau use his size to assert himself more on the game. "He can be so unassuming that you almost don't realize he's 6-foot-2," said a scout. "It's weird. Sometimes I see an undersized defenseman, and he's not."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Mauricie	U15	30	2	11	13	12
'18-19	Trois-Rivieres	U18	42	4	20	24	16
'19-20	Trois-Rivieres	U18	37	6	24	30	22
'20-21	Gatineau	QMJHL	31	4	14	18	2
'21-22	Gatineau	QMJHL	63	12	31	43	20

BEST CASE: Anton Stralman

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MATTHEW POITRAS

BORN March 10, 2004, Brooklin, Ont.
2021-22 Guelph POS C
HT 5-11 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 45 (NA skaters)

➤ IF IT WAS still the 1990s, superficial traits would probably keep Poitras from being drafted. Luckily for him, the Storm center was born in the right era, and his light frame won't outweigh his savvy talents. "Smart, skilled and a pretty good distributor of the puck," said one scout. "They've got a fair number of younger players, and they're pretty competitive. Not the biggest guy but not small, either."

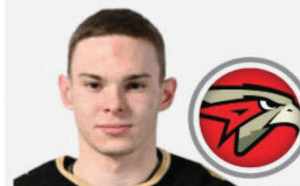
Indeed, Guelph has a number of players up for this year's draft, plus another good one for 2023 in D-man Cam Allen, so the best is yet to come there – especially since players lost a development year last season due to the OHL's cancellation. Poitras was put in a position to succeed and finished third in team scoring behind fellow draft hopeful Danny Zhilkin and Ducks third-rounder Sasha Pastujov. "He's a little insulated there, and (coach) George Burnett does a good job letting kids get some success," said another scout. "He's the way the NHL is going, not big, but very smart, on the puck, plays at both ends of the ice. He's a kid I really like."

Poitras tied for the team lead in playoff scoring, though Guelph was unceremoniously dumped by Sault Ste. Marie in a five-game first-round series.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Whitby	U15	16	8	6	14	39
'19-20	Whitby	U16	36	26	42	68	28
'20-21	Guelph	OHL	DNP				
'21-22	Guelph	OHL	68	21	29	50	58

BEST CASE: Clayton Keller

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IVAN MIROSHNICHENKO

BORN Feb. 4, 2004, Ussuriysk, Rus.
2021-22 Omskie Krylia POS LW
HT 6-1 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 11 (Euro skaters)

➤ IT'S BEEN A very trying year for Miroschnichenko, and frankly, the draft is probably not top of mind after he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. Beyond the illness, he'll have to fight the stigma of being Russian and playing overseas.

So the kid came into the year as a top-10 talent, but when he'll actually go is anyone's guess. He did play quite a bit before his diagnosis, though. "League play, maybe the performance hasn't been there, but internationally, he has always really performed on the big stage," said one scout. "Real nice blend of power, skill and compete. He can play a heavy game, he's got a great shot and a real drive to score."

While playing against men in Russia's second-tier VHL, he found his footing midway through the campaign and began to put up points while also finishing every bodycheck he could, no matter the opponent. "The shot, the desire to be the guy, I thought he had a really good (under-20) tournament in November and really came on in the VHL," said another scout. "Is he Alex Ovechkin? No, but he's got the same traits with the right shot and he likes to be in that same Ovechkin spot. He looks physically strong."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Vityaz Podolsk	U16	25	36	17	53	71
'19-20	Vityaz Podolsk	U17	16	11	7	18	16
'20-21	Oms. Yastreby Jr.	20	5	10	15	2	
	Russia	WU18	7	6	2	8	4
'21-22	Omskie Krylia Rus.2	31	10	6	16	6	

BEST CASE: Vladimir Tarasenko

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DANNY ZHILKIN

BORN Dec. 19, 2003, Moscow, Rus.
2021-22 Guelph POS C
HT 6-2 WT 185 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 35 (NA skaters)

➤ THOUGH HE WAS born in Moscow, Zhilkin represented Canada at the 2021 under-18s, where he was part of a powerhouse gold-medal squad with peers such as Shane Wright and Connor Bedard.

Zhilkin came over to Canada to play youth hockey in Toronto and suited up for the under-16 Toronto Marlboros before he was drafted by OHL Guelph as a local, not an import. "He's a highly skilled kid," said one scout. "A guy, among many, who would have benefited from having a season last year, though he did finish up with Canada, which helped. He's got skill, he's a great skater. He's more of a creator than a finisher, though he can score. If you really like him, he could work his way into the first round."

Zhilkin, a late 2003 birthday, had a rookie OHL season in 2019-20, though the under-18s were the only action he saw last year when the OHL season was axed. Nevertheless, he's in a learning environment in Guelph. "I maybe started out a little disappointed because he's a late birthday, but (Guelph coach) George Burnett has him playing the right way," said another scout. "He was out there in big situations and has been pretty good."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Marlboros	U16	69	32	25	57	66
'19-20	Guelph	OHL	60	7	8	15	22
'20-21	Guelph	OHL	DNP				
	Canada	WU18	7	0	2	2	2
'21-22	Guelph	OHL	66	23	32	55	24

BEST CASE: Nick Schmaltz

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SAM RINZEL

BORN June 25, 2004, Chanhassen, Minn.
2021-22 Chaska POS D
HT 6-4 WT 181 SHOOT R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 19 (NA skaters)

➤ SCOUTS CAME AWAY from this season's All-American Game wondering why Rinzel had such a terrible showing. That is, until they learned he had just come back after having his appendix removed.

The interesting thing about Rinzel is scouts liked him a lot more when he played against better competition with USHL Waterloo than they did when he went back to play high-school hockey in Minnesota. Either way, he's a long-term project.

"He was really good at the beginning of the year in the USHL," said one scout. "His defense was good, he really played to his skating, really played to his size. The structure of his game was good. I think the Minnesota high-school league gives you a false sense of his ability. I like him better when he plays simpler. I think he gets himself into trouble sometimes."

Rinzel managed impressive offensive totals in high school, and it's tough to ignore a 6-foot-4 right-shot blueliner who can skate. And he'll have time to develop at NCAA Minnesota, starting in 2023. "If he could embrace the defensive side of the game and contribute offensively, you'd have a high-functioning fourth defenseman," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Minn. Lakers	U14	16	3	8	11	2
'19-20	Chaska	USHS	25	4	5	9	8
'20-21	Chaska	USHS	19	8	17	25	12
'21-22	Chaska	USHS	27	9	29	38	22
	Waterloo	USHL	21	2	8	10	8

BEST CASE: Jake McCabe

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REID SCHAEFER

BORN Sept. 21, 2003, Spruce Grove, Alta.
2021-22 Seattle POS LW
HT 6-3 WT 213 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 31 (NA skaters)

➤ THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM on the left side of an NHL roster for a big player who can put the puck in the net, and that's precisely what Schaefer has done in his second season of major junior with the WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds.

Whether or not he can continue the trend as a professional is open to debate. "He overpowers kids at the junior level in a way that he's not going to get away with at the pro level," said one scout. "But he shows a willingness to get involved and be physical. He's doing some things that will give him a chance, and he's putting up good numbers this year, but some of that is because he's a late birthday and he's a little stronger than some of the guys."

To be sure, Schaefer is more of a goal-scorer than a playmaker. He shows a strong move to the net and he protects the puck well. His skating isn't a detriment, but there's room to improve. And if it does, he has the potential to be even more dangerous as a burgeoning power forward. "He can be a little one-dimensional offensively," said another scout, "but with his size and his ability to shoot, he's going to produce goals, which are hard to get."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	OHA Edm.	U15	27	11	12	23	20
'18-19	OHA Edm.	U16	34	7	17	24	74
'19-20	Spruce Grove	Jr. A	33	6	10	16	32
'20-21	Seattle	WHL	18	0	2	2	14
'21-22	Seattle	WHL	66	32	26	58	88

BEST CASE: Lawson Crouse

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JORDAN GUSTAFSON

BORN Jan. 20, 2004, Ardrossan, Alta.
2021-22 Seattle POS C
HT 5-11 WT 177 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 43 (NA skaters)

➤ GUSTAFSON HAS EARNED the trust of coach Matt O'Dette in his second season with WHL Seattle through his responsible play and was rewarded by seeing the ice in almost every situation. "Every kid in the league would like to get the usage he got," said one scout, "and there's a reason he got that usage."

While he's definitely something of a Swiss Army knife, the lack of a clearly defined role could also lead to something of an identity crisis. Scouts would like to see Gustafson excel in one area of the game. But there's a lot to be said for a player who can skate well, create a modicum of offense and play an honest two-way game.

Gustafson is a very good skater who thinks the game at a high level, which allows him to be opportunistic on both sides of the puck. He plays a pressure game, which forces opponents to make snap decisions, leading to lots of takeaways and chances going the other way. And the fact he does it without getting many penalties is an asset. "That's how he generates offense, it's battles, loose pucks, jumping on things and finding a hole," said another scout. "I don't find him to be very creative."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Fort Sask.	U15	35	21	19	40	8
'18-19	Fort Sask.	U15	33	31	39	70	16
'19-20	Fort Sask.	U18	29	11	20	31	10
'20-21	Seattle	WHL	23	4	7	11	10
'21-22	Seattle	WHL	58	23	29	52	16

BEST CASE: Calle Jarnkrok

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FILIP BYSTEDT

BORN Feb. 4, 2004, Linköping, Swe.
2021-22 Linköping Jr. POS C
HT 6-4 **WT** 187 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 17 (Euro skaters)

➤ ALTHOUGH HE PLAYED center for his Linköping junior team for most of this season, a good number of scouts think Bystedt is better suited to be a winger at the NHL level. If he stays in the middle, it would likely be as a third-line center, "but a good one," said one scout, "because he's got size and he can skate."

Linköping did move Bystedt to the left side toward the end of the season, and scouts liked what they saw from him after the move. He also played 15 games this year with the men's team, but like so many other teenagers in the Swedish League, Bystedt saw limited action. "His size and skating are a really good blend," said another scout. "I like him better on the wing. He's not a playmaker first. Being on the wing, his size and skating get put to the forefront, instead of him being limited sometimes by his average vision and compete. He doesn't have to do some of those things on the wing, so it frees him up to be a more dangerous offensive player. He can shoot the puck, he's big, and he can skate."

Bystedt defends well, can play a physical game and create offense, but he doesn't do any of those things at an elite level.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Linköping	U16	13	12	9	21	0
'19-20	Linköping	U18	15	6	9	15	6
'20-21	Linköping	Jr.	15	5	7	12	2
'21-22	Linköping	Jr.	40	16	33	49	40
	Linköping	Swe.	15	1	1	2	0

BEST CASE: Brock McGinn

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ADAM INGRAM

BORN Oct. 14, 2003, West St. Paul, Min.
2021-22 Youngstown POS LW
HT 6-2 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 27 (NA skaters)

➤ WHEN EVALUATORS LOOK at Ingram, they see a player with some nice tools who will need molding on his path to the pros – and they have no problem with that.

"He's a good skater in a straight line and pucks just find him in the offensive zone," said one scout. "He has a knack for goal-scoring. He's shown flashes of getting better at understanding the game, because he does have a long way to go without the puck, but you really like what you see, a 6-foot-2 kid who can skate. The understanding of the game just isn't there, but that's why we project, right?"

Committed to St. Cloud State, the Manitoba native came out of nowhere this season to become one of the most prolific first-year draft-eligible producers in the USHL. "Very skilled, great shot," said another scout. "He's got that nose for the net, and he's really good at showing up at the right place at the right time. Then it's the one-timer, catch-and-shoot and it's in the back of the net. The knocks on him are the compete level and the fact he's really skinny, which is not always a bad thing."

Scouts do want to keep digging into his conditioning, so the draft combine will be important.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Wpg. Hawks	U15	34	12	14	26	16
'18-19	Wpg. Hawks	U17	35	32	32	64	10
'19-20	Wpg. Thrashers	U18	32	15	18	33	12
'20-21	Selkirk	Jr. A	8	2	5	7	8
'21-22	Youngstown	USHL	54	26	29	55	30

BEST CASE: Brock Boeser

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OWEN BECK

BORN Feb. 3, 2004, Port Hope, Ont.
2021-22 Mississauga POS C
HT 6-0 **WT** 190 **SHOOTS** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 10 (NA skaters)

➤ BECK PROVED TO be one of the more diligent and responsible players on his Steelheads team in his rookie OHL season. In fact, he finished third in the league in faceoff wins. "When you watch Mississauga, if there's an important faceoff in either end, defensively or offensively, he's taking it," said one scout. "He's a smart player."

Beck's value goes well beyond the dot. Not only does he take key draws, he takes on the more difficult and less glamorous minutes. His hockey sense and competitive instincts should make him an effective two-way NHL center. The problem is scouts don't see much of his offensive ability because of that challenging deployment. "His skating is sneaky fast and sneaky good," said another scout. "You don't see him blazing, but he has so many of these give-and-go things that lead to 2-on-1s and breakaways. It's deceptive. He's a good skater, but there's a deceptive quality to get by guys. He's a very intelligent player with an underrated shot. The puck really comes off his stick well."

If you think Beck will develop more of an offensive game, you probably see him as a second-line center in the NHL. If not, he'll be a good third-liner.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Quinte	U15	29	16	18	34	10
'19-20	Quinte	U16	34	19	20	39	15
	Cobourg	Jr. A	2	0	0	0	2
'20-21	Mississauga	OHL	DNP				
'21-22	Mississauga	OHL	68	21	30	51	14

BEST CASE: Nick Bonino

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RIEGER LORENZ

BORN March 30, 2004, Calgary, Alta.
2021-22 Okotoks POS C
HT 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 17 (NA skaters)

➤ THE BROOKS BANDITS dominated the Alberta Jr. A league again this year, but Lorenz and his Okotoks Oilers at least put up a fight during the regular season and even ended a mammoth Bandits winning streak in November.

Lorenz finished fifth in AJHL scoring, but he was also the only non-Brooks player in the top five. "He got a lot of play this year, and rightfully so," said one scout. "He's more of a straight-line, hardworking player who goes to the hard areas and drives the net. He did himself a lot of good and gained a lot of attention from 32 NHL teams."

Lorenz, committed to NCAA Denver next season, will have a chance to grow in a great Pioneers program – they just won the national title – even though he did play both special teams in Okotoks.

"He's got real good size, and can really shoot the puck," said another scout. "He'll have time to develop in college and continue to develop his goal-scorer's game. He needs to round out his game, he's behind some of the WHL kids in their whole game. There might be some growing pains initially in college, but if he's ready to be a sponge, there won't be any problems."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Edge School	U15	30	11	25	36	14
'19-20	Edge School	U18	35	37	35	72	40
'20-21	Okotoks	Jr. A	7	2	1	3	4
'21-22	Okotoks	Jr. A	60	38	47	85	54
	Canada	WU18	4	0	4	4	2

BEST CASE: Blake Wheeler

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ALEXANDER PEREVALOV

BORN April 16, 2004, Mezhdurechensk, Rus.
2021-22 Yaroslavl Jr. POS LW
HT 6-0 WT 185 SHOOT R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 14 (Euro skaters)

PEREVALOV IS ONE of the top Russians in the draft. He dominated at the U-16 level, then put up a point per game at last summer's Hlinka Gretzky U-18 tournament.

Having said that, scouts were more impressed with his regular-season growth. "He's been dynamite," said one scout. "Really dominated the MHL, big body, and what I like is that he wasn't unbelievable at the Hlinka, so he's gotten better during the regular season in a bigger role. I've seen his game improve."

The X-factor is his Russian citizenship and what it means for his availability in the coming years, not to mention his draft stock. He's already played KHL games for Yaroslavl and enjoyed the experience. "We really like him," said another scout. "He can play a strong board game, he protects the puck well, he has good size and can shoot. If he had a different passport, he's a first-rounder for sure."

Perevalov speaks some English, which he learned in part from video games. And you can't question his dedication: he and his family moved more than 2,000 miles from Mezhdurechensk, near Mongolia, to Yaroslavl, so he could join Lokomotiv's program a few years ago.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Yaroslavl	U16	21	27	30	57	28
'20-21	Yaroslavl Jr.	B	9	2	2	4	0
	Yaroslavl Jr.		17	4	2	6	4
'21-22	Yaroslavl Jr.		42	25	25	50	32
	Yaroslavl	KHL	5	0	0	0	0

BEST CASE: David Pastrnak

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SEAMUS CASEY

BORN Jan. 8, 2004, Fort Myers, Fla.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS D
HT 5-10 WT 162 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 29 (NA skaters)

CASEY, A FAVORITE of internet pundits, was one of the NTDP's most important defensemen this season, but the real evaluators are a little more grounded in their assessment of his pro prospects.

"He can really skate, he's got edgework and he can get up the ice," said one scout. "He's a bit smaller, and I don't see as much offense there. I have a hard time wrapping my head around him right now. Good player, but probably outside the first round."

Born and raised in Florida, Casey played mostly in the Sunshine State before coming to the NTDP, where his dynamic flair has garnered him many fans. At 5-foot-10 and 162 pounds, he doesn't have ideal size, which gives scouts pause.

In all likelihood, his draft will probably be similar to 2021 prospect Sean Behrens, the NTDP'er who went 61st overall to Colorado. "He's an undersized 'D,' but a dynamic skater and skilled," said another scout. "Very good at breaking pucks out. He has offense in his game, but does he have enough to make up for his lack of size? He defends hard and he's not a dummy by any means, but there's a tradeoff defensively if he's in the NHL. He's more of a second-rounder."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Compuware	U13	16	7	8	15	0
'18-19	Compuware	U14	17	15	7	22	0
'19-20	Fla. Alliance	U16	15	11	18	29	4
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	46	8	28	36	16
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	48	10	23	33	14

BEST CASE: Samuel Girard

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MATS LINDGREN

BORN Aug. 26, 2004, North Van., B.C.
2021-22 Kamloops POS D
HT 6-0 WT 176 SHOOT L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 47 (NA skaters)

THE SON OF Mats Lindgren, who played 387 NHL games, the younger Lindgren is a smooth-skating D-man with the ability to create offense. It's the defensive side of the game that is challenging for him. But that's not to say Lindgren could not become a useful NHL blueliner with the right team and a good development strategy.

"He's a guy I like a lot," said one scout. "I think he's going to be a quarterback on the power play in the NHL. Defensively, he can be a disaster, and that's the issue. Some of that stuff can be corrected, and some guys figure it out, and some don't. But he makes good decisions with the puck. His first option is always to make a play rather than be safe."

That is to say that Lindgren's game is not where it needs to be, but that doesn't mean it won't ever get there. But there could be a competent, puck-moving, third-pairing defenseman in there with the right guidance. "He's a good-skating, puck-carrying defenseman, but he has a bit of tunnel vision, so he needs to create more as opposed to trying to do so much himself," said another scout. "He needs to definitely produce more opportunities for the other guys on the ice."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Burnaby	U15	27	4	22	26	20
'19-20	Burnaby	U18	31	3	20	23	14
'20-21	Chi. Cougars Jr.		10	2	9	11	4
	Kamloops	WHL	22	1	9	10	10
'21-22	Kamloops	WHL	68	5	39	44	42

BEST CASE: P.K. Subban

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OTTO SALIN

BORN March 7, 2004, Helsinki, Fin.
2021-22 HIFK Jr. POS D
HT 5-11 WT 192 SHOOT R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 23 (Euro skaters)

SOMEONE WHO HAS been on Finnish radars for a couple of years now, Salin made his Liiga debut this season while spending most of his time in junior.

His progression was a bit of a mystery due to a number of ailments. "He's a skilled kid, but he has missed a lot of time, with a concussion, hip injury, a case of COVID, and that will hurt his stock because people haven't seen him enough to get a fair judgment," said one scout. "I liked him a lot last year, and you can't erase that part of it. Excellent in the junior playoffs, but he didn't have the same power-play role at the world under-18s."

Indeed, Salin only had two points at the U-18s in Germany, but he did help Finland claim bronze, and his toolbox excites the evaluators. "Very big upside offensively, he's creative, cool and calm," said another scout. "He's got ice in his veins. Sometimes the risks aren't necessary and he gets burned, but there's a lot of upside. He needs to be coached well and learn some things, but he's quite dynamic."

Other scouts didn't see the blueliner pull off as many moves this year as last season, but they also wondered if that was due to the lingering effects of COVID.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Jokerit	U18	28	4	9	13	4
'20-21	HIFK Jr.		19	3	7	10	8
'21-22	HIFK Jr.		11	4	8	12	10
	HIFK	Fin.	6	0	1	1	2
	Finland	WU18	4	0	2	2	6

BEST CASE: Tyson Barrie

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DAVID GOYETTE

BORN March 27, 2004, St-Jerome, Que.
2021-22 Sudbury POS C
HT 5-11 WT 174 SHOOT'S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 13 (NA skaters)

➤ **ONE BENEFIT TO** playing for a rebuilding team, which the Sudbury Wolves are again this season, is you get a lot of ice time and play in all situations. And Goyette certainly took advantage of the opportunity presented to him.

Like many OHLers who didn't play much meaningful hockey last year, Goyette started slowly. But once he found his way, he thrived. "He's been their best skater all year, and it hasn't been close," said one scout. "The biggest thing is this guy faced the other team's top line, he faced the other team's top pairing all year and still put up really good numbers. He wasn't riding shotgun with 19-year-olds. He played primarily with other 17-year-olds."

That was good enough to get him a spot on Canada's team for the under-18 worlds after the OHL season ended. There are varying opinions on whether Goyette is a second-round pick or will drop into the later rounds, much of it based on the fact he's a little undersized. "I would have a hard time jumping on him in the early rounds," said another scout. "There is some potential and some good risk-reward, but my risk-reward starts in the middle rounds."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	East. Ontario	U15	30	43	51	94	12
'19-20	Selects	U15	65	49	104	153	-
'20-21	Jr. Islanders	Jr.	4	3	3	6	0
'21-22	Sudbury	OHL	66	33	40	73	33
	Canada	WU18	4	1	2	3	0

BEST CASE: Jake Evans

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BEN MACDONALD

BORN Feb. 24, 2004, Weston, Mass.
2021-22 Nobles & Greenough POS LW
HT 5-11 WT 165 SHOOT'S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 50 (NA skaters)

➤ **MACDONALD, THE TOP** prospect from this year's New England prep-school crop, helped Nobles win the prestigious Flood-Marr tournament in December, then to the semifinal of the New England prep school league's large-school championship before losing to Brunswick. And he was a favorite throughout the year.

"The best is yet to come," said one scout. "He's maturing late and starting to take it to another level. His skating keeps getting better, and he's been dynamic. He makes skill plays off his backhand, there's something there with that kid. You look at him as an investment pick, he's four or five years out. I like him, and he really helped himself at the Flood-Marr. He dominated."

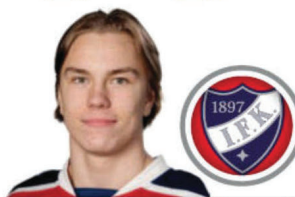
MacDonald will head out west next season to play for West Kelowna in the BCHL. He is committed to Harvard for 2023-24, and the Crimson jersey will fit well: his father, Lane, won the 1989 Hobey Baker while leading Harvard to a national title.

But for Ben, his story is just beginning. "He can skate, he plays a good two-way game, has a good skill set and shot," said another scout. "When he plays consistently and is competing, he's a really good prospect."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Nobles	USHS	27	1	1	2	-
'20-21	Nobles	USHS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	E.C. Wizards	U16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
'21-22	Nobles	USHS	22	14	15	29	0
	E.C. Wizards	U18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

BEST CASE: Kevin Fiala

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ALEKSANTERI KASKIMAKI

BORN Feb. 6, 2004, Espoo, Fin.
2021-22 HIFK Jr. POS C
HT 6-0 WT 183 SHOOT'S L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 25 (Euro skaters)

➤ **A PROMISING SHOWING** with HIFK's junior team earned Kaskimaki a four-game audition with the men's team, and he most certainly did not look out of place there.

Whether or not he projects in the NHL as a top-six or bottom-six forward will depend on how well he develops a sense of consistency. "He doesn't work hard enough all the time, but he's a big body who skates well and can be physical and shoot the puck," said one scout, "but then he'll go long stretches where you can't find him."

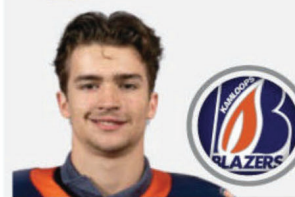
There is a lot to like in Kaskimaki's game in all areas of the ice. He has above-average skating skills, and his ability to read and anticipate the play gives his game good structure. But he doesn't excel in any one area of the game.

"He'll be a strong defensive player who will have a secondary element," said another scout. "He's a guy you look at on the third line who makes a difference because he's not breaking even. He'll be strong defensively, can play defensive-zone faceoffs in the last minute protecting a lead, but he's also going to have those offensive elements that can get him on the second power play. He can chip in and contribute."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Jokipojat	U16	27	17	20	37	10
'19-20	Jokipojat	U18	18	22	26	48	4
'20-21	HIFK	Jr.	13	1	1	2	0
'21-22	HIFK	Jr.	31	19	21	40	20
	Finland	WU18	6	1	3	4	0

BEST CASE: Teddy Blueger

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MATTHEW SEMINOFF

BORN Dec. 27, 2003, Leesburg, Va.
2021-22 Kamloops POS RW
HT 5-11 WT 183 SHOOT'S R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 72 (NA skaters)

➤ **IN HIS THIRD** WHL season, Seminoff began to get rewarded for all his diligence with decent offensive totals. And while there are definite deficiencies, starting with size, he has two attributes that put him in good stead with NHL talent evaluators – quick feet and a solid work ethic.

"His skating is average, offensive play is average, but he works hard," said one scout. "So that gives a guy a chance, but he's got to get stronger. He's not a big guy, so he goes in on the forecheck and doesn't have a lot of impact. He hits people and doesn't really leave an impact."

Seminoff does everything at high speed, and there is a lot to like about the urgency in his game – since it's far easier to tame a beast than to create one. "He's one of the best skaters in the draft," said another scout. "He's a high-volume shooter. He's what we call a chucker. He'd shoot from the dressing room if he could, which is fine, unless you're playing with him. He's just one of those guys who fly around and look good if they have time and space, but he's going to have to add a physical element. You can see how he'd be useful as a penalty-killer or an energy guy, a bottom-six guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Burnaby	U15	30	12	13	25	12
'18-19	Burnaby	U16	32	19	33	52	32
'19-20	Kamloops	WHL	48	5	10	15	13
'20-21	Kamloops	WHL	22	11	5	16	6
'21-22	Kamloops	WHL	64	26	31	57	8

BEST CASE: Kasperii Kapanen

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ISAIAH GEORGE

BORN Feb. 15, 2004, Oakville, Ont.
2021-22 London POS D
HT 6-0 WT 196 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 53 (NA skaters)

THE MAIN REASON

George projects to go as high as the second round in his skating ability. The reason he won't go in the first is he still must develop most other parts of his game.

But if you're seeking a mobile, two-way blueliner, George is worth a long look. "He's a really good skater, but he has questionable hockey sense," said one scout. "He can skate the puck out of his own zone and up the ice, but once he gets to the offensive blueline, things come to a halt because he doesn't really know what to do."

George is another player for whom the proper development will be crucial. He has the raw tools, but they're going to require someone to add structure to his game. George could be spending a lot of time watching video early in his pro career.

"Defensemen who are over six feet and can skate well and have better-than-average tools are usually successful," said another scout. "He's going to have to simplify his game in terms of transition and devote more to using that skating and that ability to close guys off defensively. I envision him figuring it out in the AHL and being one of those strong-skating defensemen."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Marlboros	U15				n/a	
'19-20	Marlboros	U16	29	5	6	11	6
	Oakville	Jr. A	1	0	0	0	0
'20-21	London	OHL				DNP	
'21-22	London	OHL	67	6	17	23	32

BEST CASE: Brian Dumoulin

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LANE HUTSON

BORN Feb. 14, 2004, North Barrington, Ill.
2021-22 U.S. NTDP POS D
HT 5-9 WT 148 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 25 (NA skaters)

HUTSON WAS THE best offensive defenseman on this year's NTDP, he comes from a hockey family that includes a former pro dad and two up-and-coming brothers and he's committed to Boston University.

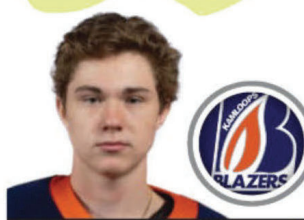
The only knock on him? He's 5-foot-9 and 148 pounds. But he has NHL teams intrigued. "I'm a huge fan," said one scout. "I know he's not that big, but if he's not the smartest defenseman in the draft, then he's right up there. His hockey IQ is special, the way he sees the ice is special. Very skilled, deceptive, creative, he's got true No. 1 power-play QB upside. Insanely competitive and actually defends very well for a guy his size. He comes off as a late-bloomer type. He still looks like a little kid, which is intriguing. There might be more size to come. If he gets to 5-foot-10, you've got a steal."

The other knock is Hutson isn't the fastest skater in the world, but what's a draft without a little risk? "He is really good on the power play, he handles the puck well, has a ton of moxy and he's offensive," said another scout. "But can he defend? I think he'll be a really good college player, but you don't know if it will translate to the pro game."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Honeybaked	U14	20	5	20	25	6
'19-20	North Jersey	U16	19	10	28	38	10
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	39	4	15	19	16
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	60	10	53	63	51
	USA	WU18	6	0	8	8	0

BEST CASE: Adam Fox

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FRASER MINTEN

BORN July 5, 2004, Vancouver, B.C.
2021-22 Kamloops POS C
HT 6-1 WT 185 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 28 (NA skaters)

AT THIS POINT, Minten is seen primarily as a bottom-six forward who may be able to work his way to the second line if he develops and improves. "You could probably say that about two-thirds of the forwards in this draft," said a scout. "And one or a couple of them will turn out really well."

Like many in this class, Minten does many things well, but nothing at an elite level. His offensive shortcomings may keep him out of an NHL top six, but he has the size and compete to find a home as a league regular. "With his lack of offensive skill, he's probably a third- or fourth-line center," said one scout. "But a lot of guys figure out how to maximize that role as a third- or fourth-line player. He's a little undervalued. I don't see him as a scoring guy, but he's a smart two-way center as a third or fourth."

Minten sometimes gets lost in the shuffle on a talented Kamloops team, one on which he takes on a lot of the more difficult assignments. "He's undervalued sometimes," said another scout. "He's got a very good structure to his game. He's an above-average skater, slightly above-average skill and sense. I look at him as a secondary offensive guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	West Van.	U15	26	9	29	38	20
'18-19	West Van. Prep	U15	29	15	50	65	28
'19-20	West Van. Prep	U18	34	20	41	61	22
'20-21	Kamloops	WHL	20	4	14	18	12
'21-22	Kamloops	WHL	67	20	35	55	57

BEST CASE: Ryan McLeod

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MATYAS SAPOVALIV

BORN Feb. 12, 2004, Kladno, Cze.
2021-22 Saginaw POS C
HT 6-3 WT 180 SHOOTS L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 23 (NA skaters)

PLAYING ON A weak Spirit team that ended up in the OHL lottery (but hey, at least they won it), Sapovaliv had a pretty impressive rookie season in North America, and evaluators took his situation into account when considering his development curve.

"I like him," said one scout. "Sometimes he's guilty of trying to do too much. He's a tall, rangy kid, pretty smart, creative on the attack. He's a good skater with maybe a little issue playing at a high pace. He has that old European tendency of slowing the game down, but he's getting better at that. He played with a variety of wingers, and they played short sometimes, so he was probably forced to take more ice time than he should. He thinks the game well, and he's a very good penalty-killer."

Sapovaliv had other strong showings, too, making nice plays at the CHL Top Prospects Game and contributing to Czechia's surprise run to the world under-18 semifinal (which included a round-robin win over Canada). "He needs more strength, but he's got size going for him," said another scout. "His hockey sense is very good, and he was pretty good right from the start of the season. There's upside there."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Kladno	U16	38	18	42	60	22
'19-20	Kladno	U17	18	9	27	36	6
'20-21	Kladno	Cze.2	12	0	3	3	2
'21-22	Saginaw	OHL	68	18	34	52	26
	Czechia	WU18	6	1	2	3	0

BEST CASE: Jordan Staal

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RYAN GREENE

BORN Oct. 21, 2003, Paradise, Nfld.
2021-22 Green Bay POS C
HT 6-1 **WT** 174 **SHOOT** R
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 46 (NA skaters)

IF YOU WANT to start a bar fight among scouts, bring up Greene's name. Playing on a turmoil-plagued Gamblers team, he entered the year highly touted but then authored his own mercurial campaign.

For some, his ability to play with pace with and without the puck checks all the boxes. For others, not so much. "Probably a disappointment," said one scout. "I'd say the majority of U.S. scouts thought he would be a first-rounder, and that's not where we are. His pace of play, compete, body language and habits have not been good. But they improved a little in the second half."

Greene ended up leading Green Bay in points, but previous leader Jackson Hallum was traded to Dubuque in February. A Boston University commit, he has some fetching attributes, but much still to prove. "Greene is a really good two-way center," said another scout. "Great skater, really good skill, very smart and plays a competitive 200-foot game. He's a lighter, skinnier kid, and goal-scoring doesn't come natural to him. You wonder if he'll be able to play a heavier game in the NHL."

The NCAA's Hockey East conference will be a great challenge.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Selects	U15	50	31	50	81	-
'19-20	Selects	U16	46	17	40	57	-
	Green Bay	USHL	18	3	2	5	2
'20-21	Green Bay	USHL	51	12	20	32	24
'21-22	Green Bay	USHL	59	19	32	51	53

BEST CASE: Mikael Backlund

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DYLAN JAMES

BORN Oct. 12, 2003, Calgary, Alta.
2021-22 Sioux City POS LW
HT 6-0 **WT** 181 **SHOOT** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 37 (NA skaters)

THE CALGARY NATIVE finished as the top-scoring first-year draft-eligible USHL player and did so with panache, notching 17 points in his final 10 games.

Playing on a line with breakout star Owen McLaughlin (a Philadelphia draft pick) went a long way there, so don't expect James to necessarily be an offensive demon as a pro. "He's got a pretty simple game based on speed and effort," said one scout. "He's really good on the forecheck and backcheck, and he goes hard to the net, a lot of his production comes from there."

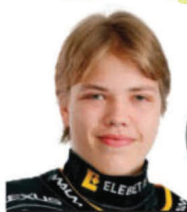
"He's on one of the best lines in the league with McLaughlin, so he actually projects as more of a checker and penalty-kill guy in the NHL. To James' credit, he's the one that gets the puck for McLaughlin and, in turn, McLaughlin gets him production he wouldn't get elsewhere."

James is committed to North Dakota, which is another checkmark for NHL teams, since that program has been so good at developing pros over the years. "He's a straight-line player who plays with skill guys," said another scout. "Thick kid, heavy in the corners and the hard areas. Is he an offensive guy or a defensive forward? I don't know."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'17-18	Cgy. Bisons	U15	35	26	30	56	25
'18-19	Cgy. Buffaloes	U18	34	20	14	34	6
'19-20	Okotoks	Jr. A	51	20	23	43	31
'20-21	Okotoks	Jr. A	7	2	1	3	21
'21-22	Sioux City	USHL	62	28	33	61	39

BEST CASE: Zach Hyman

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JANI NYMAN

BORN July 30, 2004, Valkeakoski, Fin.
2021-22 Kookee POS LW
HT 6-3 **WT** 207 **SHOOT** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 24 (Euro skaters)

NYMAN BELONGS TO lives in Finland's Liiga, and that's where he is slated to play next season, but he was loaned out to second-tier outfit Kookee for most of this season. There, he thrived, leading the team in scoring as one of its youngest players.

"He's a terrific finisher," said one scout. "He can really score goals, he can make passes in the offensive zone. He's big. He needs to intensify his skating and work on his overall game, but he's a very good finisher."

At the world under-18s in Germany, Nyman was more of a secondary threat on a team headlined by Joakim Kemell and young phenom defenseman Aron Kiviharju, but he still contributed to the bronze-medal cause. He has impressed in the past internationally, particularly at the Hlinka Gretzky tourney.

But the youngster still has work to do. "He's a really smart guy with great puck skills and an excellent shot, so there's a lot of potential there," said another scout. "There's no chance he can play in the NHL unless he improves his skating, and he needs to work on his pace of play. And he needs to get quicker, but if he does those things, there's a lot of potential."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Ilves	U16	27	22	24	46	18
'19-20	Ilves	U18	40	19	21	40	28
'20-21	Ilves	Jr.	36	10	13	23	8
'21-22	Kookee	Fin.2	34	18	17	35	20
	Ilves	Fin.	10	0	1	1	0

BEST CASE: Jason Robertson

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MICHAEL BUCHINGER

BORN April 25, 2004, Markham, Ont.
2021-22 Guelph POS D
HT 6-0 **WT** 185 **SHOOT** L
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 30 (NA skaters)

SOMETIMES, IT CAN be fascinating to see the in-season progression of a player during their draft year. For Buchinger, the offense he brought to the back end was a rollercoaster, with his best production coming at the end of February.

Before that, some scouts were still trying to figure him out. "I just don't know if he'll be a real good junior with AHL interest, or a guy who can step into the NHL," said one scout. "He's a utility knife, he can do a bit of everything but doesn't do anything especially well. One game, he won't be physical, then another game, he'll be really physical, but he's not managing the puck well. It's tough for me to project because they have to do everything excellent."

Given Buchinger had no OHL season to play in 2020-21, it's understandable his development curve was a little hard to decipher, but he does have believers.

"He's a great puck-mover, he's quick to the puck and he's a good skater," said another scout. "He makes a good first pass, his offensive game is evolving and he plays in all situations. Very intelligent, kind of an angle-and-contain defender, one of those 5-foot-11/six-foot guys that will have to put up numbers."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U15				n/a	
'19-20	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U16	31	6	7	13	22
'20-21	Guelph	OHL				DNP	
'21-22	Guelph	OHL	63	5	39	44	47

BEST CASE: Neal Pionk

CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

2021 DRAFT

July 23-24, Virtual Draft

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Kent Johnson	C	1	5	Michigan (Big Ten)
Cole Sillinger	C	1	12*	Sioux Falls (USHL)
Corson Ceulemans	D	1	25@	Brooks (AJHL)
Stanislav Svozil	D	3	69	Brno Kometa (Czech)
Guillaume Richard	D	4	101	Tri-City (USHL)
Nikolai Makarov	D	5	132^	CSKA (Russia-Jr.)
James Malatesta	L	5	133	Quebec (QMJHL)
Ben Boyd	R	6	165	Charlottetown (QMJHL)
Martin Rysavy	L	7	197	Prerov (Czech Rep.)

*Acquired from CHI @ Acquired from TOR ^ Acquired from NJD

2020 DRAFT

Oct. 9-10, Virtual Draft

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Yegor Chinakhov	RW	1	21	Omsk Jr (Russia Jr.)
Samuel Knazko	D	3	78*	TPS Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Mikael Pyhtia	F	4	114	TPS Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Ole Julian Bjorgvik-Holm	D	5	145	Mississauga (OHL)
Samuel Johannesson	D	6	176	Rogle BK (SHL)

*Acquired from MTL

2019 DRAFT

June 21-22, Vancouver, British Columbia (Rogers Arena)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Eric Hjorth	D	4	104*	Linkoping Jr (SuperElit)
Dmitry Voronkov	F	4	114*	Kazan (Russia Jr.)
Tyler Angle	C	7	212	Windsor (OHL)

* Acquired from FLA

2018 DRAFT

June 22-23, Dallas, Texas (American Airlines Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Liam Foudy	C	1	18	London (OHL)
Kirill Marchenko Jr.)	RW	2	49	Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia)
Marcus Karlberg	LW	3	80	Leksand (SuperElit)
Tim Berni	D	6	159*	Zurich (NLA)
Veini Vehvilainen	G	6	173	Karpat (SHL)
Trey Fix-Wolansky	RW	7	204	Edmonton (WHL)

* Acquired from DET

2017 DRAFT

June 23-24, Chicago, Illinois (United Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Alexandre Texier	C	2	45*	Grenoble (France)
Daniil Tarasov	G	3	86	Ufa (Russia Jr.)
Emil Bemstrom	C	4	117	Leksand (SuperElit)
Kale Howarth	LW	5	148	Trail (BCHL)
Jonathan Davidsson	RW	6	170@	Djurgardens IF (SHL)
Carson Meyer	RW	6	179	Miami-Ohio (NCHC)
Robbie Stucker	D	7	210	St. Thomas (MN-HS)

* Acquired from TBL via VGK @ Acquired from NYI via CHI

2016 DRAFT

June 24-25, Buffalo, New York (First Niagara Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Pierre Luc-Dubois	LW/C	1	3	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Andrew Peeke	D	2	34	Green Bay (USHL)
Vitaly Abramov	RW	3	65	Gatineau (QMJHL)
Peter Thome	G	6	155	Aberdeen (NAHL)
Calvin Thurkauf	C	7	185	Kelowna (WHL)

2015 DRAFT

June 26-27, Sunrise, Florida (BB&T Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Zach Werenski	D	1	8	Michigan (Big Ten)
Gabriel Carlsson	D	1	29*	Linkoping Jr. (SuperElit)
Paul Bittner	LW	2	38	Portland (WHL)
Kevin Stenlund	C	2	58@	HV71 Jr. (SuperElit)
Keegan Kolesar	RW	3	69	Seattle (WHL)
Sam Ruopp	D	5	129	Prince George (WHL)
Veeti Vainio	D	5	141^	Blues Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Vladislav Gavrikov	D	6	159	Yaroslavl (KHL)
Markus Nutivaara	D	7	189	Karpat (Finland)

* Acquired from TOR @ Acquired from ANA ^ Acquired from MIN

2014 DRAFT

June 27-28, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Wells Fargo Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Sonny Milano	LW	1	16	USNDP (USHL)
Ryan Collins	D	2	47	USNDP (USHL)
Elvis Merzlikins	G	3	76*	Lugano (Swiss-1)
Blake Siebenaler	D	3	77	Niagara (OHL)
Julien Pelletier	LW	4	107	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Tyler Bird	RW	5	137	Kimball Union (NH-HS)
Olivier LeBlanc	D	7	197	Saint John (QMJHL)

* Acquired from DET

2013 DRAFT

June 30, Newark, New Jersey (Prudential Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Alexander Wennberg	C	1	14	Djurgarden (SWE-1)
Kerby Rychel	LW	1	19*	Windsor (OHL)
Marko Dano	C	1	27@	Bratislava (KHL)
Dillon Heatherington	D	2	50^	Swift Current (WHL)
Oliver Bjorkstrand	RW	3	89^	Portland (WHL)
Nick Moutrey	C	4	105	Saginaw (OHL)
Marcus Soberg	LW	6	165	Frolunda (SWE Jr.)
Peter Quenneville	C	7	195	Dubuque (USHL)

* Acquired from NYR @ Acquired from LAK ^ Acquired from PIT

2012 DRAFT

June 22-23, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (CONSOL Energy Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Ryan Murray	D	1	2	Everett (WHL)
Oscar Dansk	G	2	31	Brynäs Jr. (SuperElit)
Joona Korpisalo	G	3	62	Jokerit Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Josh Anderson	LW	4	95*	London (OHL)
Daniel Zaar	RW	6	152	Rogle Jr. (Sweden Jr.)
Gianluca Curcuruto	D	7	182	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)

* Acquired from VAN

CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

2011 DRAFT

June 24-25, St. Paul, Minnesota (Xcel Energy Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Boone Jenner	C	2	37	Oshawa (OHL)
T.J. Tynan	C	3	66*	Notre Dame (CCHA)
Mike Reilly	D	4	98	St. Mary's (MN-HS)
Seth Ambroz	RW	5	128	Omaha (USHL)
Lukas Sedlak	C	6	158	Ceske (Czech U-20)
Anton Forsberg	G	7	188	MODO Jr. (SuperElit)

* Acquired from OTT

2010 DRAFT

June 25-26, Los Angeles, California (STAPLES Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Ryan Johansen	C	1	4	Portland (WHL)
Dalton Smith	LW	2	34	Ottawa (OHL)
Petr Straka	RW	2	55*	Rimouski (QMJHL)
Brandon Archibald	D	4	94	Sault Ste. Marie (OHL)
Mathieu Corbeil	G	4	102@	Halifax (QMJHL)
Austin Madaisky	D	5	124	Kamloops (WHL)
Dalton Prout	D	6	154	Barrie (OHL)
Martin Ouellette	G	7	184	Kimball Union (NH-HS)

* Acquired from BUF @ Acquired from ANA

2009 DRAFT

June 26-27, Montreal, Quebec (Bell Centre)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
John Moore	D	1	21*	Chicago (USHL)
Kevin Lynch	C	2	56@	USA U-18 (USDP)
David Savard	D	4	94#	Moncton (QMJHL)
Thomas Larkin	D	5	137	Exeter (NH-HS)
Anton Blomqvist	D	6	167	Malmö Jr. (Sweden Jr.)
Kyle Neuber	RW	7	197	Mississauga (OHL)

* Acquired from ANA @ Acquired from NYI # Acquired from COL

2008 DRAFT

June 20-21, Ottawa, Ontario (Scotiabank Place)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Nikita Filatov	LW	1	6	CSKA (RUS)
Cody Goloubef	D	2	37	Wisconsin (WCHA)
Steven Delisle	D	4	107*	Gatineau (QMJHL)
Drew Olson	D	4	118@	Brainerd (MN-HS)
Matt Calvert	LW	5	127	Brandon (WHL)
Tomas Kubalik	C/RW	5	135#	Plzen (CZE)
Brent Regner	D	5	137*	Vancouver (WHL)
Cam Atkinson	RW	6	157	Avon Old Farms (CT-HS)
Sean Collins	LW	7	187	Waywayseecappo (MJHL)

* Acquired from BOS @ Acquired from PHI # Acquired from CAR

2007 DRAFT

June 22-23, Columbus, Ohio (Nationwide Arena)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Jakub Voracek	RW	1	7	Halifax (QMJHL)
Stefan Legein	RW	2	37	Niagara (OHL)
Will Weber	D	2	53*	Gaylord (MI-HS)
Jake Hansen	RW/LW	3	68	Sioux Falls (USHL)
Maksim Mayorov	RW/LW	4	94@	Leninogorsk (Russia)
Allen York	G	6	158	Camrose (AJHL)
Trent Vogelhuber	RW	7	211#	St. Louis (NAHL)

* Acquired from SJS @ Acquired from DAL # Acquired from ANA (conditional)

2006 DRAFT

June 24, Vancouver, British Columbia (General Motors Place)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Derick Brassard	C	1	6	Drummondville (QMJHL)
Steve Mason	G	3	69	London (OHL)
Tom Sestito	LW	3	85	Plymouth (OHL)
Ben Wright	D	4	113*	Lethbridge (WHL)
Robert Nyholm	D	5	129	IFK Jr. (Finland)
Nick Sucharski	LW	5	136@	Michigan State (CCHA)
Maxime Frechette	D	5	142#	Drummondville (QMJHL)
Jesse Dudas	D	6	159	Prince George (WHL)
Derek Dorsett	RW	7	189	Medicine Hat (WHL)
Matt Marquardt	LW	7	194^	Moncton (QMJHL)

* Acquired from SJS @ Acquired from LAK # Acquired from ANA

^ Acquired from TOR

2005 DRAFT

June 30, Ottawa, Ontario (Westin Hotel)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Gilbert Brule	C	1	6	Vancouver (WHL)
Adam McQuaid	D	2	55	Sudbury (OHL)
Kris Russell	D	3	67	Medicine Hat (WHL)
Jared Boll	RW	4	101*	Lincoln (USHL)
Tomas Popperle	G	5	131	Sparta (Czech)
Derek Reinhart	D	6	177+	Regina (WHL)
Kirill Starkov	C	6	189	Frolunda Jr. (Sweden)
Trevor Hendriks	D	7	201	Peterborough (OHL)

* Acquired from CAR + Acquired from PHX

2004 DRAFT

June 26-27, Raleigh, North Carolina (RBC Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Alexandre Picard	LW	1	8*	Lewiston (QMJHL)
Adam Pineault	RW	2	46+	Boston College (HEA)
Kyle Wharton	D	2	59*	Ottawa (OHL)
Dan LaCosta	G	3	93#	Owen Sound (OHL)
Andrey Plekhanov	D	3	96	Nizhnekamsk 2 (Russia)
Petr Pohl	RW	5	133	Gatineau (QMJHL)
Rob Page	D	6	167	Blake School (MN-HS)
Lennart Petrell	C	6	190@	IFK Jr. (Finland)
Justin Viennieu	D	7	198	Shawinigan (WMJHL)
Brian McGuirk	LW	8	231	Gov. Drummer Aca. (MA-HS)
Matt Greer	LW	8	233-	White Bear Lake (MN-HS)
Grant Clitsome	D	9	271^	Nepean (CJHL)

* Acquired from CAR + Acquired from CGY @ Acquired from BOS

Acquired from VAN - Acquired from NYR ^ Acquired from LAK

CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

2003 DRAFT

June 21-22, Nashville, Tennessee (Gaylord Entertainment Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Nikolai Zherdev	RW	1	4	CSKA (Russia)
Dan Fritsche	C	2	46*	Sarnia (OHL)
Dmitry Kosmach	D	3	71	CSKA (Russia)
Kevin Jarman	LW	4	103#	Stouffville (Ont. Jr. A)
Philippe Dupuis	C	4	104	Hull (QMJHL)
Arsi Piispanen	RW	5	138+	Jokerit (Finland)
Marc Methot	D	6	168+	London (OHL)
Alexander Guskov	D	7	200	Yaroslavl (Russia)
Mathieu Gravel	LW	8	233	Shawinigan (QMJHL)
Trevor Hendrikx	D	9	283^	Peterborough (OHL)

* Acquired from CHI # Acquired from PIT + Acquired from CAR

^ Acquired from LAK

2001 DRAFT

June 23-24, Sunrise, Florida (National Car Rental Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Pascal Leclaire	G	1	8	Montreal (QMJHL)
Tim Jackman	RW	2	38	Minn-Mankato (WCHA)
Kiel McLeod	C	2	53*	Kelowna (WHL)
Aaron Johnson	D	3	85*	Rimouski (QMJHL)
Per Mars	C	3	87#	Brynäs (Sweden)
Cole Jarrett	D	5	141	Plymouth (OHL)
Justin Aikins	C	6	173	Langley (BCJHL)
Artem Vostrikov	C	6	187+	Togliatti (Russia Jr.)
Raffaele Sannitz	C	7	204	Lugano (Switz.)
Ryan Bowness	RW	8	236	Brampton (OHL)
Andrew Murray	C	8	242	Selkirk (MJHL)

* Acquired from SJS via MTL # Acquired from BUF + Acquired from PIT

2002 DRAFT

June 22-23, Toronto, Ontario (Air Canada Centre)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Rick Nash	LW	1	1*	London (OHL)
Joakim Lindstrom	LW/RW	2	41#	MODO (Sweden)
Ole-Kristian Tollefsen	D	3	65	Lillehammer (Norway)
Jeff Genov	LW	3	96#	Des Moines (USHL)
Ivan Tkachenko	LW	4	98	Yaroslavl (Russia)
Jekabs Redlihs	D	4	119+	Apple Core, N.Y. (EJHL)
Lasse Pirjeta	LW/C	5	133	Karpat (Finland)
Tim Konsorada	RW	6	168	Brandon (WHL)
Jaroslav Balastik	RW	6	184^	Zlin (Czech)
Greg Mauldin	C	7	199	UMass-Amherst (HEA)
Steven Goertzen	RW	7	225^	Seattle (WHL)
Jaroslav Kracik	RW	8	231	Pizen Jr. (Czech)
Sergei Mozyakin	LW	9	263*	CSKA (Russia)

* Acquired from FLA # Acquired from ATL + Acquired from NYI

^ Acquired from PHI

2000 DRAFT

June 24-25, Calgary, Alberta (Saddledome)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Rostislav Klesla	D	1	4	Brampton (OHL)
Ben Knopp	RW	3	69	Moose Jaw (WHL)
Petteri Nummelin	D	5	133	HC Davos (Switz.)
Scott Heffernan	D	5	138*	Sarnia (OHL)
Tyler Kolarik	C	5	150	Deerfield Academy (MA-HS)
Shane Bendera	G	6	169	Red Deer (WHL)
Janne Jokila	LW	7	200	TPS (Finland)
Peter Zingoni	C	8	231	New England (EJHL)
Martin Paroulek	LW	9	278#	Vsetin HC (Czech)
Andrej Nedorost	C	9	286+	ESC Essen (Germany)
Louis Mandeville	D	9	292^	Rouyn-Noranda (QMJHL)

* Acquired from BOS # Acquired from SJS + Acquired from FLA

^ Acquired from DET

2000 EXPANSION DRAFT

June 23, 2000 (Calgary, Alberta)

Goalenders	Pick	Overall	Team	Forwards	Pick	Overall	Team
Rick Tabaracci	1	1	Colorado	Geoff Sanderson	1	1	Buffalo
Frederic Chabot	2	4	Montreal	Turner Stevenson	2	4	Montreal
Dwayne Roloson	3	5	Buffalo	Robert Kron	3	6	Carolina
				Steve Heinze	4	7	Boston
				Tyler Wright	5	9	Pittsburgh
				Kevyn Adams	6	12	Toronto
				Dmitri Subbotin	7	14	NY Rangers
				Dallas Drake	8	16	Phoenix
				Bruce Gardiner	9	17	Tampa Bay
				Barrie Moore	10	20	Washington
				Martin Streit	11	22	Philadelphia
				Kevin Dineen	12	23	Ottawa
				Jeff Williams	13	25	New Jersey

Additional Players

Sergei Luchinkin	1	2	Dallas
Ted Drury	2	4	NY Islanders



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