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Buffalo, New York

COACHING STAFF

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

PRONUNCIATIONS

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
17-for-123 (13.8%) -- 27th
Penalty Kill
104-for-132 (78.8%) -- 19th

LEADING SCORERS

Casey Mittelstadt:
43 GP, 11 G, 24 A, 35 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
42 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS
Alex Tuch:
36 GP, 11 G, 18 A, 29 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. SJS

Erik Johnson:
42 GP, 4 G, 14 A, 18 PTS
Kyle Okposo:
19 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS
Alex Tuch:
19 GP, 7 G, 7 A, 14 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. SJS

02/18/23: BUF 4 at SJS 2
12/04/22: SJS 3 at BUF 6
01/06/22: SJS 3 at BUF 2
11/02/21: BUF 3 at SJS 5
11/22/19: SJS 3 at BUF 4 (OT)

FORWARDS

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2023-24:
43 GP, 11 G, 24 A, 35 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
320 GP, 59 G, 115 A, 174 PTS, 70 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

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

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 215 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2023-24:
36 GP, 11 G, 18 A, 29 PTS, 30 PIM
Career:
415 GP, 120 G, 165 A, 285 PTS, 135 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2023-24:
43 GP, 13 G, 14 A, 27 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
122 GP, 25 G, 34 A, 59 PTS, 36 PIM

24 DYLAN COZENS

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

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2023-24:
11 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
88 GP, 19 G, 26 A, 45 PTS, 21 PIM

9 ZACH BENSON

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

12 JORDAN GREENWAY

6'6", 231 lbs. • Canton, NY
2023-24:
31 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 25 PIM
Career:
365 GP, 45 G, 88 A, 133 PTS, 252 PIM

50 ERIC ROBINSON

6'2", 211 lbs. • Bellmawr, NJ
2023-24:
19 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
278 GP, 39 G, 48 A, 87 PTS, 55 PIM

28 ZEMGUS GIRGENSONS

6'2", 200 lbs. • Riga, LVA
2023-24:
26 GP, 3 G, 0 A, 3 PTS, 11 PIM
Career:
651 GP, 84 G, 93 A, 177 PTS, 182 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2023-24:
41 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 34 PIM
Career:
176 GP, 19 G, 37 A, 56 PTS, 106 PIM

21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN
2023-24:
40 GP, 8 G, 6 A, 14 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
1024 GP, 238 G, 368 A, 606 PTS, 536 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2023-24:
42 GP, 12 G, 22 A, 34 PTS, 28 PIM
Career:
397 GP, 58 G, 209 A, 267 PTS, 286 PIM

10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

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

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 221 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2023-24:
43 GP, 2 G, 15 A, 17 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
130 GP, 8 G, 47 A, 55 PTS, 34 PIM

6 ERIK JOHNSON

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

33 RYAN JOHNSON

6'1", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2023-24:
24 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
24 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM

75 CONNOR CLIFTON

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

GOALTENDERS

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 217 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2023-24 (NHL):
21 GP, 9-9-2, .901 SV%, 2.91 GAA
Career (NHL):
67 GP, 29-28-8, .899 SV%, 3.30 GAA
vs. SJS:
3 GP, 2-1-0, .906 SV%, 2.70 GAA

27 DEVON LEVI

6'0", 192 lbs. • Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC
2023-24 (NHL):
19 GP, 8-7-2, .889 SV%, 3.32 GAA
Career (NHL):
26 GP, 13-9-2, .894 SV%, 3.21 GAA
vs. SJS:
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA

SCRATCHES

23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON

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

38 KALE CLAGUE

6'0", 190 lbs. • Regina, SK
2023-24:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
91 GP, 2 G, 18 A, 20 PTS, 50 PIM

71 VICTOR OLOFSSON

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

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Barabanov, Alexander: (bah-rah-BAN-ahv)
Eklund, William: (EHK-luhnd)
Granlund, Mikael: (GRAN-lund, mih-KIGH-ehl)
Hertl, Tomas: (HUHR-tuhl, toh-MAHSH)
Kahkonen, Kaapo: (kah-KOH-nihn, KAH-poh)
Kunin, Luke: (KUH-nihn)
Labanc, Kevin: (la-BANK)
Okhotiuk, Nikita: (oh-HOHT-ch'yook, nih-KEE-tuh)
Thrun, Henry: (THRUHN)
Vlasic, Marc-Edouard: (VLAS-ihk, MAHRK-EHD-wahrd)
Zadina, Filip: ((za-DEE-nuh, FIHL-ihp)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
20-for-108 (18.5%) -- 20th
Penalty Kill
101-for-141 (71.6%) -- 32nd

LEADING SCORERS

Tomas Hertl:
42 GP, 13 G, 17 A, 30 PTS
Mikael Granlund:
36 GP, 5 G, 24 A, 29 PTS
William Eklund:
42 GP, 7 G, 11 A, 18 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Mike Hoffman:
28 GP, 8 G, 11 A, 19 PTS
Tomas Hertl:
17 GP, 6 G, 6 A, 12 PTS
Marc-Edouard Vlasic:
23 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS

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11/02/21: BUF 3 at SJS 5
11/22/19: SJS 3 at BUF 4 (OT)

FORWARDS

18 FILIP ZADINA

6'0", 190 lbs. • Pardubice, CZE
2023-24:
38 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
228 GP, 33 G, 47 A, 80 PTS, 30 PIM

48 TOMAS HERTL

6'3", 215 lbs. • Praha, CZE
2023-24:
42 GP, 13 G, 17 A, 30 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
706 GP, 216 G, 264 A, 480 PTS, 256 PIM

72 WILLIAM EKLUND

5'11", 181 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2023-24:
42 GP, 7 G, 11 A, 18 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
59 GP, 9 G, 16 A, 25 PTS, 28 PIM

10 ANTHONY DUCLAIR

5'11", 197 lbs. • Pointe-Claire, QC
2023-24:
39 GP, 8 G, 8 A, 16 PTS, 26 PIM
Career:
529 GP, 130 G, 147 A, 277 PTS, 191 PIM

64 MIKAEL GRANLUND

5'10", 185 lbs. • Oulu, FIN
2023-24:
36 GP, 5 G, 24 A, 29 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
786 GP, 150 G, 363 A, 513 PTS, 231 PIM

20 FABIAN ZETTERLUND

5'11", 220 lbs. • Karlstad, SWE
2023-24:
43 GP, 12 G, 6 A, 18 PTS, 17 PIM
Career:
124 GP, 21 G, 28 A, 49 PTS, 31 PIM

94 ALEXANDER BARABANOV

5'10", 195 lbs. • St. Petersburg, RUS
2023-24:
23 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
183 GP, 31 G, 71 A, 102 PTS, 44 PIM

11 LUKE KUNIN

6'0", 197 lbs. • Chesterfield, MO
2023-24:
38 GP, 6 G, 2 A, 8 PTS, 40 PIM
Career:
320 GP, 57 G, 57 A, 114 PTS, 289 PIM

90 JUSTIN BAILEY

6'4", 214 lbs. • Buffalo, NY
2023-24:
22 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
104 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 20 PIM

62 KEVIN LABANC

5'11", 185 lbs. • Brooklyn, NY
2023-24:
30 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
462 GP, 82 G, 141 A, 223 PTS, 209 PIM

22 RYAN CARPENTER

6'1", 198 lbs. • Oviedo, FL
2023-24:
26 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
356 GP, 28 G, 49 A, 77 PTS, 118 PIM

49 SCOTT SABOURIN

6'4", 207 lbs. • Orleans, ON
2023-24:
1 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
44 GP, 2 G, 6 A, 8 PTS, 53 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

44 MARC-EDOUARD VLASIC

6'1", 205 lbs. • Montreal, QC
2023-24:
21 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
1260 GP, 78 G, 288 A, 366 PTS, 450 PIM

38 MARIO FERRARO

6'0", 209 lbs. • Toronto, ON
2023-24:
43 GP, 1 G, 13 A, 14 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
295 GP, 10 G, 57 A, 67 PTS, 116 PIM

3 HENRY THRUN

6'2", 190 lbs. • Southborough, MA
2023-24:
18 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
26 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM

84 JAN RUTTA

6'3", 204 lbs. • Pisek, CZE
2023-24:
37 GP, 0 G, 6 A, 6 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
331 GP, 15 G, 61 A, 76 PTS, 167 PIM

83 NIKITA OKHOTIUK

6'1", 195 lbs. • Chelyabinsk, RUS
2023-24:
30 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 36 PIM
Career:
45 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 40 PIM

4 KYLE BURROUGHS

6'0", 193 lbs. • Vancouver, BC
2023-24:
37 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 36 PIM
Career:
132 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 142 PIM

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6'2", 217 lbs. • Helsinki, FIN
2023-24 (NHL):
20 GP, 5-12-1, .897 SV%, 3.70 GAA
Career (NHL):
122 GP, 47-55-13, .898 SV%, 3.30 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 0-2-0, .896 SV%, 3.61 GAA

29 MACKENZIE BLACKWOOD

6'4", 225 lbs. • Thunder Bay, ON
2023-24 (NHL):
28 GP, 5-17-2, .892 SV%, 3.84 GAA
Career (NHL):
180 GP, 70-74-20, .903 SV%, 3.10 GAA
vs. BUF:
7 GP, 3-3-0, .889 SV%, 3.47 GAA

SCRATCHES

6 TY EMBERSON

6'2", 193 lbs. • Eau Claire, WI
2023-24:
21 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
21 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 2 PIM

33 CALEN ADDISON

5'11", 173 lbs. • Brandon, MB
2023-24:
40 GP, 1 G, 11 A, 12 PTS, 24 PIM
Career:
120 GP, 6 G, 39 A, 45 PTS, 48 PIM

68 MIKE HOFFMAN

6'0", 190 lbs. • Kitchener, ON
2023-24:
42 GP, 8 G, 6 A, 14 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
721 GP, 226 G, 252 A, 478 PTS, 263 PIM

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