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GOING FOR GOLD

The Penguins have two players, Harrison Brunicke and Will Horcoff, representing their respective countries at the 2026 World Junior Championship that kicked off on Friday in Minnesota.

- Defenseman Brunicke skated 19:44 minutes in Team Canada's 7-5 win over Team Czechia on Friday, the second-most time on ice by a Canadian.
- Brunicke is one of five members of Canada's World Junior Championship squad with NHL experience:

Team Canada Players with NHL Experience		
Player	Team	NHL Games
Zayne Parekh	Calgary	11
Harrison Brunicke	Pittsburgh	9
Michael Misa	San Jose	7
Braeden Cootes	Vancouver	3
Brady Martin	Nashville	3

- Brunicke previously represented Team Canada at the 2024 World Under-18 Championship and tallied one goal, three assists and four points en route to a gold medal.
- Forward Horcoff scored his first goal of the World Juniors in Team USA's 6-3 win on Friday. The current NCAA goal-scoring leader represented his country at the 2025 World Under-18 Championship, tallying two goals and two assists in seven games en route to the bronze medal.



FILLING THE NET

Sidney Crosby ranks first on Pittsburgh and seventh in the NHL with 20 goals on the season.

- During the 2025 calendar year, only eight players have more goals than Crosby's 43:

Goals

2025-26

1. Morgan Geekie	50	5. Alex DeBrincat	44
2. Jason Robertson	49	5. Tage Thompson	44
3. Nathan MacKinnon	48	5. Wyatt Johnston	44
4. Leon Draisaitl	45	9. Sidney Crosby	43
5. David Pastrnak	44		

- Sixteen of Crosby's 43 goals in 2025 came on the man advantage, ranking fourth in the league in that category:

Power-Play Goals

2025

1. Wyatt Johnston	23	4. Sidney Crosby	16
2. Leon Draisaitl	20	4. Jake DeBrusk	16
3. Pavel Dorofeyev	18		

DISHIN' DEFENDER

Erik Karlsson has tallied a team-leading 23 assists on the season with 11 of them coming in the month of December.

- Karlsson has points in six of his last nine games (2G-6A) and has 11 points in 12 games this month (2G-9A).
- Only six defensemen have more points than Karlsson in December:

Points in December

Defensemen

1. Zach Werenski	16
2. Lane Hutson	15
3. Moritz Seider	13
3. Evan Bouchard	13
5. Miro Heiskanen	12
5. Rasmus Dahlin	12
7. Erik Karlsson	11



- Karlsson enters tonight's game with 896 career points and sits one point away from surpassing Brad Park for sole possession of the 14th-most points by a defenseman in NHL history:

Points by a Defenseman

NHL History

13. Scott Stevens	908
14. Erik Karlsson	896
14. Brad Park	896
16. Gary Suter	844
17. Doug Wilson	827



- He also sits four points away from becoming the second active defenseman and 18th active skate with 900 career points.
- Karlsson has points in five of his last eight games against the Blackhawks (3G-4A) and has 18 points in 25 career games (3G-15A) versus Chicago.

ARTY PARTY

Arturs Silovs has gone 2-0-0 with a 1.50 goals-against average and a .938 save percentage in his career against the Blackhawks

- Silovs' .938 save percentage is his fifth-best against any one team, but second highest against teams that he's played multiple times (PHI):

SV% vs. One Team

Silovs' Career

1. Edmonton	1.000
2. Vancouver	.958
3. Philadelphia	.944
4. Boston	.941
5. Chicago	.938



- The Penguins have earned points in 11 of the 16 games that Silovs has started in this season (5-5-6).