



# BLACKHAWKS PROSPECT REPORT

WEEK OF JAN. 7-14 • BLACKHAWKS COMMUNICATIONS

## QUICK HITS

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Kamloops Blazers forward [Nathan Behm](#) recorded back-to-back multi-point games (2G, 2A) from Jan. 2-3 and now shares third in the Western Hockey League with 55 points (22G, 33A) in 37 games this season ... Behm is now two assists shy of matching his single-season career-high 35 assists from the 2024-25 campaign.

Team Sweden forward [Anton Frondell](#) helped his club to a gold medal at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championships, notching eight points (5G, 3A) in seven games ... He shared second among all tournament skaters with five goals and shared first on Team Sweden with eight points ... Frondell was named to the tournament's All-Star Team and earned Best Forward honors.

Team Czechia forward [Vaclav Nestrasil](#) tallied eight points (2G, 6A) in seven games at the 2026 IIHF WJC, earning a silver medal ... He ranked fifth on the club in both assists and points.

Team USA forward [AJ Spellacy](#) logged four points (1G, 3A) in five games at the 2026 IIHF WJC, sharing third among all team skaters in assists and fourth in points ... Team USA was eliminated by Team Finland in the quarterfinals.

## KEY MATCHUPS

DATE/LEAGUE	MATCHUP	CONTEXT
<b>AHL</b>		
Fri., Jan. 9	Rockford vs. Chicago	Korchinski, Commesso, Rinzel
Sat., Jan. 10	Rockford vs. Manitoba	Korchinski, Commesso, Rinzel
<b>OHL</b>		
Fri., Jan. 9	Brantford at London	Marek Vanacker
<b>WHL</b>		
Fri., Jan. 9	Kamloops at Penticton	Nathan Behm
<b>NCAA</b>		
Fri., Jan. 9	Duluth vs. Lindenwood	Adam Gajan
Sat., Jan. 10	Duluth vs. Lindenwood	Adam Gajan
<b>KHL</b>		
Thu., Jan. 8	Metallurg Mg vs. Avangard	Roman Kantserov
Sat., Jan. 10	Metallurg Mg vs. SKA	Roman Kantserov

## AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE (AHL)

Rockford IceHogs forward [Gavin Hayes](#) (2022, 3rd rd, 66th overall) posted points (2G, 1A) in back-to-back games from Jan. 3-4 and has seven points (4G, 3A) over his last five games, including a career-high four points (2G, 2A) on Dec. 27 vs. Texas ... With a goal on Jan. 4, Hayes set a career-high with six goals in 32 games this season ... He is now just one point shy of tying his career-high 15 points (5G, 10A) from the 2024-25 campaign.

## WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE (WHL)

Kamloops Blazers forward [Nathan Behm](#) (2025 3rd rd, 66th overall) recorded back-to-back multi-point games (2G, 2A) from Jan. 2-3 and now shares third in the Western Hockey League with 55 points (22G, 33A) in 37 games this season ...



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Behm is two assists shy of matching his single-season career-high 35 assists from the 2024-25 campaign ... He's also 11 points shy of matching his career-high 66 points (31G, 35A) from last season.

### IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (WJC)

Team Sweden forward [Anton Frondell](#) (2025, 1st rd, 3rd overall) helped his club to a gold medal at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championships, notching eight points (5G, 3A) in seven games ... He shared second among all tournament skaters with five goals and shared first on Team Sweden with eight points ... Frondell was named to the tournament's All-Star Team and earned Best Forward honors at the event ... He is set to return to Djurgårdens IF in the Swedish Hockey League.

Team Czechia forward [Vaclav Nestrasil](#) (2025, 1st rd, 25th overall) tallied eight points (2G, 6A) in seven games at the 2026 IIHF WJC, earning a silver medal ... He ranked fifth on the club in both assists and points ... He will return to UMass for the remainder of his freshman season ... Nestrasil has recorded 20 points (10G, 10A) in 18 games with the Minutemen this season.

Team USA forward [AJ Spellacy](#) (2024, 3rd rd, 72nd overall) logged four points (1G, 3A) in five games at the 2026 IIHF WJC, sharing third among all team skaters in assists and fourth in points ... Team USA was eliminated by Team Finland in the quarterfinals ... Spellacy will return to the Windsor Spitfires of the OHL, where he has recorded 17 points (9G, 8A) in 27 games in 2025-26.

### KONTINENTAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (KHL)

Metallurg Magnitogorsk forward [Roman Kantserov](#) (2024, 2nd rd, 44th overall) notched two points (1G, 1A) in two games from Jan. 3-6 and continues to lead the KHL with a career-high 27 goals in 40 games this season ... He has also logged a career-high 47 points in 2025-26, which shares third among all league skaters.

### PLAYER STATISTICS

SKATER	TEAM	LEAGUE	WEEK OF DEC. 31-JAN. 7				2025-26 SEASON			
			GP	G	A	PTS	GP	G	A	PTS
Gavin Hayes	Rockford	AHL	3	2	1	3	32	6	8	14
Kevin Korchinski	Rockford	AHL	3	0	2	2	32	2	17	19
Marek Vanacker	Brantford	OHL	1	1	0	1	31	28	16	44
AJ Spellacy	Team USA	WJC	5	1	3	4	27	9	8	17
Jack Pridham	Kitchener	OHL	2	1	1	2	36	23	19	42
Nathan Behm	Kamloops	WHL	2	2	2	4	37	22	33	55
Vaclav Nestrasil	Team Czechia	WJC	7	2	6	8	18	10	10	20
Mason West	Fargo Force	USHL	3	0	0	0	8	3	2	5
John Mustard	Providence College	NCAA	2	1	2	3	18	8	7	15
Anton Frondell	Team Sweden	WJC	7	5	3	8	25	10	5	15
Roman Kantserov	Metallurg	KHL	2	1	1	2	40	27	20	47
GOALTENDER	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	REC.	GAA	SV%	GP	REC.	GAA	SV% SO
Drew Commesso	Rockford	AHL	1	0-1-0	5.15	.783	19	6-11-2	2.72	.909 1
Adam Gajan	Duluth	NCAA	0	0-0-0	0.00	.000	20	14-6-0	1.92	.919 2
Ilya Kanarsky	AKM Tula	VHL	0	0-0-0	0.00	.000	26	7-11-7	2.43	.930 1