

2025 WASHINGTON CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP

Sept. 12-15 | McMullen Hockey Arena | Annapolis, MD

CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP INFORMATION

The Washington Capitals will hold their 2025 Rookie Camp from Sept. 12-15 at McMullen Hockey Arena within the Brigade Sports Complex in Annapolis, Md. The Capitals will hold on-ice sessions at McMullen Hockey Arena, located near the campus of the United States Naval Academy, on Friday, Sept. 12, Sunday, Sept. 14 and Monday, Sept. 15. All on-ice sessions at McMullen Hockey Arena will be open to the public and free of charge.

A total of 23 players (15 forwards, six defensemen, two goaltenders) are scheduled to take part in this year's Rookie Camp, including 16 Caps draft picks.

The Capitals will officially open their 2025 Training Camp on Thursday, Sept. 18 at MedStar Capitals Iceplex. All Capitals players, coaches and management will be available to the media. Additional information on media availability and in-person access will be announced at a later date. Similar to previous years, MedStar Capitals Iceplex will be closed to the media on Wednesday, Sept. 17 – the day Capitals veterans conduct physicals and off-ice testing. The complete training camp schedule and roster will be announced at a later date.

CAPITALS ROOKIE CAMP NOTES

Reporting For Duty – In 2018, the Capitals hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs in a regular-season outdoor game played at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, home of the NCAA Division I, Navy Midshipmen. Washington defeated the Maple Leafs 5-2 in front of a crowd of 29,516. During Washington's 2014 training camp the team visited the Naval Academy, where they attended Noon Meal Formation and ate lunch with the midshipmen.

Crab Cakes & Hockey – The Capitals played their home games at the Capital Centre in Landover, Md. from 1974 to 1997, before moving to the MCI Center (now Capital One Arena) in Washington, D.C. Prior to the opening of MedStar Capitals Iceplex in 2006, the Capitals practiced at Piney Orchard Ice Arena in Odenton, Md.

Draft Class – Three picks from the Capitals' 2025 NHL Draft class will attend this year's Rookie Camp – left wing Lynden Lakovic (first round, 27th overall), left wing Maxim Schafer (third round, 96th overall) and center Jackson Crowder (fifth round, 155th overall). Sixteen of the 23 participants in this year's camp are Capitals' draft picks.

Hello Leno – The Capitals signed Ryan Leonard to a three-year entry-level contract on March 31. The Amherst, Massachusetts native made his NHL debut on April 1 in his home state against the Boston Bruins and he scored his first NHL goal on April 4 vs. Chicago. Leonard, 20, appeared in Washington's final nine regular-season contests and in eight playoff games, recording an assist in Game 2 of the First Round vs. Montreal. Before joining the Capitals, Leonard led the NCAA in goals with Boston College and was one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given to the top NCAA men's ice hockey player in the nation. In January, Leonard led Team USA to its second straight gold medal at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, the United States' first back-to-back World Junior gold medals in the history of the tournament. Leonard, the U.S. captain, was named tournament MVP and Best Forward after recording 10 points (5g, 5a) in seven games.

CAPITALS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 12 – Start of Capitals Rookie Camp

10:30 a.m. - Goalties on ice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
Post-practice - Media availability

Saturday, Sept. 13

No on-ice session

Sunday, Sept. 14

10:30 a.m. - Goalties on ice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
Post-practice - Media availability

Monday, Sept. 15 – Final Day of Capitals Rookie Camp

10:30 a.m. - Goalties on ice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
11-12:30 p.m. - Practice (McMullen Hockey Arena)
Post-practice - Media availability

Wednesday, Sept. 17

NHL players physicals/testing - no media availability
MedStar Capitals Iceplex closed to the public

Thursday, Sept. 18

Start of NHL training camp (first on-ice session) and Media Day at MedStar Capitals Iceplex

Sunday, Sept. 21 – First Preseason Game

5 p.m. - Washington at Boston, TD Garden

**All practice times and media availability sessions are approximate and subject to change.*

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First Rounders – Washington's two most recent first-round draft picks will be at this year's rookie camp, Lynden Lakovic (27th overall, 2025) and Terik Parascak (17th overall, 2024). Lakovic, 18, spent the 2024-25 season with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the Western Hockey League (WHL) and established single-season career highs in goals (27), assists (31), points (58) and power-play goals (7) despite appearing in just 47 regular-season games. Lakovic led Moose Jaw in goals, points and shots on goal (183) and ranked second on the team in assists. Parascak, 19, spent the 2024-25 season with the Prince George Cougars (WHL), recording 82 points (28g, 54a) in 59 regular-season games. The Lethbridge, Alberta native ranked second on Prince George in points, assists, and points-per-game (1.39). Parascak led the Cougars in scoring in the WHL Playoffs, recording 10 points (4g, 6a) in seven games during the team's first round series against Portland.

Making the Jump – Nine 2025 rookie camp attendees made their professional debuts during the 2024-25 season. Ryan Leonard made his NHL debut with the Capitals on April 1 at Boston and appeared in Washington's final nine regular-season games. Leonard also skated in eight Stanley Cup playoff games, recording an assist. Terik Parascak was re-assigned to the Hershey Bears at the conclusion of his second WHL season and made his AHL debut with the Bears on April 19 vs. Lehigh Valley. Ryan Chesley, 21, signed with the Capitals following his junior year at the University of Minnesota (NCAA) and went on to register three points (1g, 2a) in four games with Hershey. Defenseman David Gucciardi scored his first professional goal in his AHL debut with Hershey on April 5 vs. Hartford, while forward Ludwig Persson registered an assist in his debut on April 19. Leon Muggli, the Capitals' 2024 second-round pick (52nd overall), made his debut with Hershey on April 12 at Lehigh Valley and appeared in two games with the Bears. In addition, free agent invites Kaden Bohlsen (Calgary – AHL), Nolan Krenzen (South Carolina – ECHL) and Seth Eisele (South Carolina – ECHL) made their professionals debuts last season.

Welcome Back – Nine of this year's rookie camp participants also attended camp last year: forwards Andrew Cristall, Eriks Mateiko, Terik Parascak, Ilya Protas, Alexander Suzdalev and Patrick Thomas, defensemen Cam Allen and Leon Muggli and goaltender Seth Eisele.

Bloodlines – The Capitals drafted Ilya Protas, the younger brother of forward Aliaksei Protas, with the 75th overall pick at the 2024 NHL Draft. Aliaksei, who was taken 91st overall in 2019, set single-season career highs in goals (30), assists (33) and points (66) and ranked tied for 11th in the NHL in five-on-five points (50) in 76 games with the Capitals in 2024-25. Fellow 2024 draft pick and rookie camp attendee Miroslav Satan is the son of 14-year NHL veteran Miroslav Satan, who recorded 735 points (363g, 372a) in 1,050 career games.

Cristall Clear – Andrew Cristall, the Capitals' second-round pick (40th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, will be attending his third Capitals Rookie Camp. The Vancouver, British Columbia native won the Bobby Clarke Trophy as the Western Hockey League's top scorer after recording 132 points (48g, 84a) in 57 games with the Kelowna Rockets and Spokane Chiefs. Cristall added a league-leading 21 goals in 19 WHL playoff games, marking the most goals by a WHL player in a single postseason since 1999 and tied for third most all-time. The 5'10", 180-pound forward concluded his WHL career with 412 points (157g, 255a) in 248 games and became the first WHL player this century to reach the 400-point mark. Cristall has appeared in five preseason games with the Capitals over the last two seasons, recording four points (2g, 2a).

Welcome Back – Eighteen Rookie Camp participants also attended Washington's Development Camp in July.



The Capitals selected left wing Lynden Lakovic with the 27th overall pick in the 2025 NHL Draft



2024 third-round pick Ilya Protas made his Capitals preseason debut alongside his brother, Aliaksei, on Sept. 24, 2024 in Boston

2025 ROOKIE CAMP ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Born | Birthplace | Acquired | 2024-25 Team | League |
|-----|--------------------|------|-------|-----|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | SETH EISELE | G | 6'5" | 201 | Oct. 30, 1998 | Lake Elmo, Minnesota | AHL Contract | S. Carolina | ECHL |
| 9 | RYAN LEONARD | RW | 6'0" | 200 | Jan. 21, 2005 | Amherst, Massachusetts | 2023 Draft, 1st, round, 8th overall | Boston Col. | NCAA |
| 14 | LYNDEN LAKOVIC | LW | 6'4" | 200 | Dec. 12, 2006 | Kelwona, British Columbia | 2025 Draft, 1st round, 27th overall | Moose Jaw | WHL |
| 18 | TERIK PARASCAK | RW | 6'0" | 190 | May 28, 2006 | Lethbridge, Alberta | 2024 Draft, 1st rd, 17th overall | Prince George | WHL |
| 28 | ANDREW CRISTALL | LW | 5'10" | 186 | Feb. 4, 2005 | Vancouver, British Columbia | 2023 Draft, 2nd rd, 40th overall | Spokane | WHL |
| 35 | CHASE ANDERSON | G | 6'3" | 200 | Mar. 30, 2006 | Marblehead, Massachusetts | Free Agent Invite | Phillips | USHS-Prep |
| 41 | RYAN CHESLEY | D | 6'2" | 210 | Feb. 27, 2004 | Mahtomedi, Minnesota | 2022 Draft, 2nd rd, 37th overall | Hershey | AHL |
| 45 | LEON MUGGLI | D | 6'1" | 182 | July 9, 2006 | Cham, Switzerland | 2024 Draft, 2nd rd, 52nd overall | EV Zug | NL |
| 49 | PATRICK THOMAS | C | 6'0" | 180 | Aug. 21, 2004 | Oakville, Ontario | 2023 Draft, 4th rd, 104th overall | Brantford | OHL |
| 54 | CAM ALLEN | D | 6'0" | 197 | Jan. 7, 2005 | Toronto, Ontario | 2023 Draft, 5th rd, 136th overall | London | OHL |
| 59 | JACKSON CROWDER | C | 6'3" | 184 | Apr. 26, 2007 | Allen, Texas | 2025 Draft, 5th round, 155th overall | Chicago | USHL |
| 62 | ILYA PROTAS | LW | 6'6" | 218 | July 18, 2006 | Vitebsk, Belarus | 2024 Draft, 3rd rd, 75th overall | Windsor | OHL |
| 65 | MAXIM SCHAFER | LW | 6'4" | 182 | May 17, 2007 | Nurnberg, Germany | 2025 Draft, 3rd rd, 96th overall | Eisbaren | DEL |
| 67 | MIROSLAV SATAN | C | 6'8" | 200 | March 2, 2006 | East Amherst, New York | 2024 Draft, 7th rd, 212th overall | Omaha | USHL |
| 73 | ERIKS MATEIKO | LW | 6'6" | 214 | Nov. 18, 2005 | Jelgava, Latvia | 2024 Draft, 3rd rd, 90th overall | Rimouski | QMJHL |
| 83 | STANLEY COOLEY | C | 5'11" | 200 | May 27, 2002 | Ottawa, Ontario | ECHL Contract | Colorado Col. | NCAA |
| 85 | LUWIG PERSSON | C | 6'1" | 185 | Oct. 8, 2003 | Goteborg, Sweden | 2022 Draft, 3rd rd, 85th overall | Jukurit | Liiga |
| 86 | LYNDEN BREEN | C | 5'9" | 175 | May 31, 2001 | Grand Bay-Westfield, NB | AHL Contract | S. Carolina | ECHL |
| 89 | NOLAN KRENZEN | D | 5'10" | 192 | July 13, 2001 | Duluth, Minnesota | Free Agent Invite | Neb. Omaha | NCAA |
| 91 | ALEXANDER SUZDALEV | LW | 6'2" | 180 | March 5, 2004 | Khabarovsk, Russia | 2022 Draft, 3rd rd, 70th overall | S. Carolina | ECHL |
| 93 | DAVID GUCCIARDI | D | 6'2" | 211 | Oct. 9, 2002 | Toronto, Ontario | 2022 Draft, 7th rd, 213th overall | Michigan St. | NCAA |
| 95 | KADEN BOHLSSEN | C | 6'4" | 205 | Jan. 10, 2001 | Willmar, Minnesota | AHL Contract | Minnesota St. | NCAA |
| 96 | JOHN FUSCO | D | 5'10" | 200 | June 13, 2001 | Westwood, Massachusetts | AHL Contract | Dartmouth | NCAA |

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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| 54 | CAM ALLEN | D | 6'0" | 197 | Jan. 7, 2005 | Toronto, Ontario | 2023 Draft, 5th rd, 136th overall | London | OHL |
| 35 | CHASE ANDERSON | G | 6'3" | 200 | Mar. 30, 2006 | Marblehead, Massachusetts | Free Agent Invite | Phillips | USHS-Prep |
| 95 | KADEN BOHLSSEN | C | 6'4" | 205 | Jan. 10, 2001 | Willmar, Minnesota | AHL Contract | Minnesota St. | NCAA |
| 86 | LYNDEN BREEN | C | 5'9" | 175 | May 31, 2001 | Grand Bay-Westfield, NB | AHL Contract | S. Carolina | ECHL |
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| 93 | DAVID GUCCIARDI | D | 6'2" | 211 | Oct. 9, 2002 | Toronto, Ontario | 2022 Draft, 7th rd, 213th overall | Michigan St. | NCAA |
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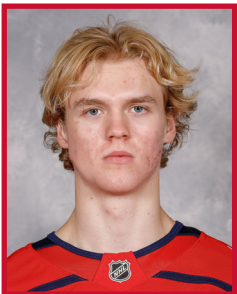
2025 ROOKIE CAMP PLAYER BIOS



CAM ALLEN | D | #54 | LONDON (OHL)

Drafted by Washington in the fifth round, 136th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Allen, the Capitals' fifth-round pick (136 overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, recorded 45 points (11g, 34a) in 49 games with the Guelph Storm and London Knights (OHL) last season. The Toronto, Ontario native ranked second among Knights defensemen in assists and points, tied for second in goals and fourth in shots on goal (144). Allen, who was traded to London from Guelph on Dec. 17, registered 6 points (3g, 3a) and a plus-11 plus-minus rating in 17 playoff games, helping lead the Knights to the OHL and Memorial Cup championships. The 6'0", 197-pound defenseman registered 116 points (31g, 85a) in 201 career OHL games.



CHASE ANDERSON | G | #35 | PHILLIPS ACADEMY ANDOVER (USHS-PREP)

Free Agent Invite

Anderson, 19, appeared in 32 games at Phillips Academy Andover (USHS-Prep) in 2024-25. The 6'3", 200-pound goaltender was named to the All-NEPSAC Honorable Mention Team and helped lead the Big Blue to their first ever NEPSAC Large School Tournament championship.



KADEN BOHLSSEN | C | #95 | CALGARY (AHL) / MINNESOTA STATE (NCAA)

AHL Contract

Bohlson, 24, registered 17 points (12g, 5a) in 28 games played with Minnesota State University (NCAA) in 2024-25. The Willmar, Minnesota native lead the team in first goals (4) and ranked fourth in goals, sixth in shots (64), tied for sixth in power-play goals (1) and seventh in points. In 113 career NCAA games with Minnesota State and the University of Nebraska-Omaha, the 6'4", 205-pound forward recorded 42 points (25g, 17a). Bohlson made his professional debut with the Calgary Wranglers (AHL) on April 1 and tallied his first AHL point with an assist on April 18 vs. San Jose. Bohlson signed a one-year AHL contract with Hershey for the 2025-26 season on Aug. 1.



LYNDEN BREEN | C | #86 | SOUTH CAROLINA (ECHL) / MAINE (NCAA)

AHL Contract

Breen, 24, recorded 13 points (7g, 6a) in 22 games played with the University of Maine (NCAA) in 2024-25. The 5'9", 175-pound forward ranked tied for second among Black Bears skaters in shooting percentage (13.5%). The Black Bears' captain led the team to its first Hockey East Conference Championship since 2004. The Grand Bay-Westfield, New Brunswick native made his professional debut for South Carolina (ECHL) on April 5 vs. Orlando where he registered an assist. Breen appeared in five regular-season games with the Stingrays where he recorded four points (2g, 2a). In addition, Breen appeared in all seven of the Stingrays' playoff games and registered two assists.



RYAN CHESLEY | D | #41 | HERSEY (AHL) / MINNESOTA (NCAA)

Drafted by Washington in the second round, 37th overall, in the 2022 NHL Draft

Chesley, the Capitals' second-round pick (37th overall) in the 2022 NHL Draft, registered career highs goals (8), assists (12) and points (20) in 40 games during his junior season at the University of Minnesota in 2024-25. Chesley's eight goals ranked second among Golden Gopher defensemen, while his 20 points ranked tied for second. In addition, Chesley led the team in blocked shots (73). Chesley, who was named to the All-Big Ten Honorable Mention Team, helped Minnesota to a share of the Big Ten Hockey Championship and a fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance. The Mahtomedi, Minnesota native made his professional debut with the Hershey Bears and scored his first career AHL goal on April 6 vs. Hartford. In four AHL games with the Bears, Chesley registered three points (1g, 2a). The Capitals signed Chesley to a three-year, entry-level contract on May 16.

**STAN COOLEY | C | #83 | COLORADO COLLEGE (NCAA)***ECHL Contract*

Cooley, 23, served as team captain for Colorado College (NCAA) in 2024-25. The 5'11", 200-pound forward registered 12 points (6g, 6a) in 37 games with the Tigers. Cooley's six goals were tied for a single-season career high, while his 72 shots ranked fourth on the team. In 148 career collegiate games at Colorado College from 2021-25, Cooley registered 64 points (23g, 41a) and was named to the NCHC All-Academic Team in each of his four seasons.

**ANDREW CRISTALL | LW | #28 | SPOKANE (WHL)***Drafted by Washington in the second round, 40th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft*

Cristall, the Capitals' second-round pick (40th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, won the Bobby Clarke Trophy as the Western Hockey League's top scorer after recording 132 points (48g, 84a) in 57 games with the Kelowna Rockets and Spokane Chiefs. The Vancouver, British Columbia native led the WHL in points per game (2.32) and ranked second in goals, assists and plus-minus (+59). The 20-year-old registered a league-leading seven games with five or more points during the regular season, including a seven-point performance (3g, 4a) on Jan. 11 vs. Wenatchee, tying a career-high. In 19 playoff games, Cristall scored a league-leading 21 goals, the most by a WHL player in a single postseason since 1999 and tied for third most all-time. In addition, Cristall ranked second in playoff points (41), power-play goals (7) and game-winning goals (3). The 5'10", 186-pound forward was named to the Canadian Hockey League First All-Star Team and the WHL Western Conference First All-Star Team. Cristall concluded his WHL career with 412 points (157g, 255a) in 248 games and became the first WHL player this century to reach the 400-point mark.

**JACKSON CROWDER | C | #59 | CHICAGO (USHL)***Drafted by Washington in the fifth round, 155th overall, in the 2025 NHL Draft*

Crowder, 18, recorded 24 points (11g, 13a) in 56 games between the Sioux City Musketeers and the Chicago Steel (USHL) in 2024-25. The 6'3", 184-pound forward ranked fourth among USHL rookies in penalty minutes (82), ninth in shots on goal (99) and tied for 17th in points. Crowder, a native of Allen, Texas, spent the 2023-24 season with the Dallas Stars Elite Under-16 team (16U-AAA), where he recorded a team-leading 107 points (48g, 59a) in 62 games. Crowder is committed to Ohio State University for the 2025-26 season.

**JOHN FUSCO | D | #96 | DARTMOUTH (NCAA)***AHL Contract*

Fusco, 24, recorded 21 points (11g, 10a) in 32 games played with Dartmouth (NCAA) in 2024-25. The Westwood, Massachusetts native ranked first among Big Green skaters in shots (85), second in plus-minus rating (+15) and tied for third in power-play goals (2). Fusco also ranked tied for first among Dartmouth defensemen in goals and second in assists and points. In 112 career NCAA games with Dartmouth and Harvard, the 5'10", 200-pound defenseman registered 51 points (22g, 29a). Fusco, who was originally selected by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2020 NHL Draft (7th round, 189th overall), signed a one-year AHL contract with Hershey for the 2025-26 season on Aug. 19.

**SETH EISELE | G | #1 | HERSHEY (AHL) / SOUTH CAROLINA (ECHL)***AHL Contract*

Eisele, 26, posted a record of 19-10-1 with a 2.30 goals-against average, a .914 save percentage and three shutouts in 31 games with the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL) in 2024-25. Among ECHL goaltenders with at least 30 games played, Eisele ranked fifth in goals-against average and tied for eighth in save percentage. The Lake Elmo, Minnesota native also appeared in two Kelly Cup playoff games, where he stopped 65 of 70 shots (.929 Sv%).

**DAVID GUCCIARDI | D | #93 | HERSHEY (AHL) / MICHIGAN STATE (NCAA)**

Drafted by Washington in the seventh round, 206th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Gucciardi, 22, recorded career highs in goals (6), assists (10), points (16), plus-minus (+21) and shots (88) in 37 games with Michigan State University (NCAA) this season. The 6'2", 211-pound defenseman ranked second on the Spartans in plus-minus, third in blocked shots (39) and tied for first in goals among the team's defensemen. The fourth-year senior helped the Spartans claim its second straight Big Ten Conference Tournament title and earn its second consecutive NCAA Tournament bid. Gucciardi, who signed a two-year entry-level contract on March 31, made his professional debut with Hershey and scored his first career AHL goal on April 5 vs. Hartford.

**NOLAN KRENZEN | D | #89 | SOUTH CAROLINA (ECHL) / NEBRASKA-OMAHA (NCAA)**

Free Agent Invite

Krenzen, 23, served as team captain and registered a career-high 11 assists while appearing in all 36 games for the University of Nebraska-Omaha (NCAA) in 2024-25. Krenzen, who recorded a team-leading 43 blocked shots, was the runner-up for the 2025 NCHC Defensive Defenseman Award and earned his fifth consecutive NCHC Academic All Conference selection. The 5'10", 192-pound defenseman played in 161 games with the Mavericks from 2020-25, marking the fourth-most games played in UNO program history. Krenzen signed an ECHL contract with South Carolina on March 19 and appeared in four regular-season games with the Stingrays.

**LYNDEN LAKOVIC | LW | #14 | MOOSE JAW (WHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the first round, 27th overall, in the 2025 NHL Draft

Lakovic, 18, was ranked second among North American left wings and 14th among all North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting. The 6'4", 200-pound forward spent the 2024-25 season with the Moose Jaw Warriors of the Western Hockey League (WHL) and established single-season career highs in goals (27), assists (31), points (58) and power-play goals (7) despite appearing in just 47 regular-season games. Lakovic led Moose Jaw in goals, points and shots on goal (183) and ranked second on the team in assists. Lakovic's 1.23 point-per-game rate led the Warriors and was the fifth highest among draft eligible WHL players. The Kelowna, British Columbia native registered a career-long 13-game point streak (10g-9a-19p) from Nov. 8 – Dec. 27, which marked the 11th-longest point streak by a WHL skater in 2024-25. On Feb. 14, Lakovic was named Moose Jaw's captain. In addition, Lakovic represented the Canadian Hockey League at the inaugural CHL-USA Prospects Challenge, where he registered two points (1g, 1a) in two games.

**RYAN LEONARD | RW | #9 | WASHINGTON (NHL) / BOSTON COLLEGE (NCAA)**

Drafted by Washington in the first round, 27th overall, in the 2025 NHL Draft

Leonard, the Capitals' first-round pick (8th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, recorded 49 points (30g, 19a) in 37 games during his sophomore season at Boston College (NCAA). The 6'0", 200-pound forward led the nation in goals and became the first NCAA player with back-to-back 30-goal seasons since Boston College's Cam Atkinson in 2009-10 and 2010-11. In addition, Leonard led the NCAA in game-winning goals (9) and ranked 10th in the country in points. The Amherst, Massachusetts native was named Hockey East Player of the Year, a Hockey East First Team All-Star and was one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given to the top NCAA men's ice hockey player in the nation. In January, Leonard led Team USA to its second straight gold medal at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, the United States' first back-to-back World Junior gold medals in the history of the tournament. Leonard, the U.S. captain, was named tournament MVP and Best Forward after recording 10 points (5g, 5a) in seven games. Leonard recorded two primary assists in the gold medal game against Finland to help the Americans overcome a 3-1 deficit en route to a 4-3 overtime win. Leonard, 20, made his NHL debut on April 1 at Boston and scored his first career goal on April 4 vs. Chicago. Leonard appeared in Washington's final nine regular-season contests and in eight playoff games, recording an assist in Game 2 of the First Round vs. Montreal.

**ERIKS MATEIKO | LW | #73 | RIMOUSKI (QMJHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 90th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft

Mateiko, the Capitals' third-round pick (90th overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, split the 2024-25 season between the Saint John Sea Dogs and Rimouski Océanic (QMJHL), recording 41 points (26g, 15a) in 47 games. Mateiko, who was named captain of the Sea Dogs prior to the start of the season, registered 19 points (14g, 5a) with Saint John before being traded to Rimouski on Jan. 6. The 6'6", 214-pound forward recorded 22 points (12g, 10a) in 24 regular-season games with the 2025 Memorial Cup hosts and added 11 points (7g, 4a) in 18 playoff games, helping Rimouski reach the QMJHL Final. Mateiko's seven goals during the QMJHL Playoffs were tied for the third most on his team. At the Memorial Cup, Mateiko scored one goal in three games. In addition, Mateiko served as an alternate captain for Latvia at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, where he registered five goals in five games. Mateiko's five goals ranked tied for fourth at the tournament and were tied for the most among skaters with five or fewer games played.

**LEON MUGGLI | D | #45 | HERSHEY (AHL) / EV ZUG (NL)**

Drafted by Washington in the second round, 52nd overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft

Muggli, the Capitals' second-round pick (52nd overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, recorded 11 points (5g, 6a) in 40 games with EV Zug of the Swiss National League (NL) last season. Muggli ranked first among EV Zug defensemen in penalty minutes (43) and third in goals. The 6'1", 182-pound defenseman also appeared in four playoff games for EV Zug. In addition, Muggli represented Switzerland at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, where he recorded three assists in five games. Muggli, 19, was re-assigned to Hershey on April 5 and made his AHL debut with the Bears on April 12 at Lehigh Valley.

**TERIK PARASCAC | RW | #18 | HERSHEY (AHL) / PRINCE GEORGE (WHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the first round, 17th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft

Parascak, the Capitals' first-round pick (17th overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, recorded 82 points (28g, 54a) in 59 regular-season games with the Prince George Cougars (WHL) in 2024-25. The 6'0", 190-pound forward ranked second on Prince George in points, assists, and points-per-game (1.39). In addition, Parascak ranked tied for second on his team in gamewinning goals (4), third in power-play goals (6), fourth in goals and shots (168) and fifth in plus-minus (+16). Parascak led the Cougars in scoring in the WHL Playoffs, recording 10 points (4g, 6a) in seven games during the team's first round series against Portland. The Lethbridge, Alberta native registered three points (2g, 1a) in Game 1 on March 28, including the game-winning goal in overtime. Parascak, 19, made his professional debut with Hershey on April 19 vs. Lehigh Valley.

**LUDWIG PERSSON | LW | #85 | JUKURIT (LIIGA)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 85th overall, in the 2022 NHL Draft

Persson, the Capitals' third-round pick (85th overall) in the 2022 NHL Draft, recorded 16 points (4g, 12a) in 52 games played with Jukurit of Liiga (Finland-1) in 2024-25. The Göteborg, Sweden native ranked second on the team in scoring among players age 21 and younger. The 6'1", 185-pound forward made his AHL debut and recorded his first career AHL point (1a) with Hershey on April 19 vs. Lehigh Valley.

**ILYA PROTAS | LW | #62 | WINDSOR (OHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 75th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft

Protas, the Capitals' third-round pick (75th overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, ranked second in the OHL in points (124), assists (74) and plus-minus rating (+58) in 2024-25. The 6'6", 218-pound forward also ranked third in the OHL in goals (50) and game-winning goals (8). Protas became the first player since Alex DeBrincat in 2014-15 to score 50 goals in his first OHL season, while his 2.03 points-per-game rate was the highest by a Windsor Spitfires player over a full season since Jason Spezza (2.09) in 2000-01. In addition, the Vitebsk, Belarus native led Windsor in power-play goals (15), power-play assists (23) and short-handed assists (3). Protas added 25 points (5g, 20a) in 12 postseason games, which led all skaters through the first two rounds of the OHL Playoffs. Protas was the recipient of the William Hanley Trophy, presented annually to the League's Most Sportsmanlike Player as voted by OHL General Managers and was named to the OHL Second All-Star Team.

**MIROSLAV SATAN | C | #67 | OMAHA (USHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the seventh round, 212th overall, in the 2024 NHL Draft

Satan, the Capitals' seventh-round pick (212th overall) in the 2024 NHL Draft, recorded four points (3g, 1a) in 45 games played with the Sioux Falls Stampede and Omaha Lacers of the USHL in 2024-25. Satan also represented Slovakia at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, appearing in three games.

**MAXIM SCHAFER | LW | #65 | EISBÄREN BERLIN (DEL)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 96th overall, in the 2025 NHL Draft

Schafer, 18, recorded three points (1g, 2a) in 31 regular-season games with Eisbären Berlin of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga (Germany-1) in 2024-25. Schafer was one of three teenagers to dress for Eisbären Berlin this past season and the only one to record a point. The 6'4", 182-pound forward also appeared in six DEL playoff games, helping Eisbären Berlin capture the league championship. In addition, Schafer played 15 games with Eisbären Berlin's U-20 team, registering 35 points (12g, 23a), and three games with Lausitzer Füchse of DEL2 (Germany-2). Schafer represented Germany at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, the 2025 Under-18 World Championship and the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, amassing seven points (5g, 2a) in 14 games. At the World Junior Championship, Schafer recorded three points (2g, 1a) in five games, which ranked third on his team. Schafer served as an alternate captain for the Germans at the Under-18 World Championship, where he tied for the team lead in goals with three in five games.

**ALEXANDER SUZDALEV | LW | #91 | HERSHEY (AHL) / SOUTH CAROLINA (ECHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the third round, 70th overall, in the 2022 NHL Draft

Suzdalev, the Capitals' third-round pick (70th overall) in the 2022 NHL Draft, recorded 39 points (15g, 24a) in 50 games during his first full professional season with the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL). Suzdalev's 39 points were the most among Stingrays skaters age 21 or younger, while his 15 goals ranked seventh on the team. Suzdalev also ranked tied for sixth on South Carolina in power-play assists (8). The 6'2", 180-pound forward added four points (2g, 2a) in seven playoff games, which tied for the third most points on the team. In addition, Suzdalev scored the game-winning goal in overtime of Game 2 of the South Division Semifinals vs. Orlando. Suzdalev also appeared in three games with Hershey in 2024-25, making his AHL debut on Oct. 26 at Springfield.

**PATRICK THOMAS | C | #49 | BRANTFORD (OHL)**

Drafted by Washington in the fourth round, 104th overall, in the 2023 NHL Draft

Thomas, the Capitals' fourth-round pick (104th overall) in the 2023 NHL Draft, recorded a career-high 104 points (27g, 77a) in 66 games with the Brantford Bulldogs (OHL) in 2024-25. The 6'0", 180-pound forward finished the regular season as the OHL's assists leader and ranked sixth in the OHL in points. Thomas, Brantford's captain, also ranked first on his team in faceoff percentage (52.8), second in power-play goals (15) and game-winning goals (7) and fourth in plus-minus (+16). Thomas recorded a 10-game point streak from Feb. 7 to March 1, registering 25 points (4g, 21a) in that span. In 11 OHL Playoff games, Thomas recorded 13 points (3g, 10a) and a team-high 10 assists. The Capitals signed Thomas to a three-year entry-level contract on April 9.



Ryan Leonard celebrates after scoring his first career NHL goal on April 4 vs. Chicago



Andrew Cristall has appeared in five preseason games with the Capitals over the last two seasons, recording four points (2g, 2a)