



# ***COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS***

## **2016 NHL DRAFT GUIDE**



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## **JOHN DAVIDSON** **PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR**

John Davidson was named president of hockey operations and alternate governor of the Columbus Blue Jackets in October 2012 and in his role oversees all hockey operations activities for the club. In his four seasons with the club, Columbus has posted a 143-124-27 record (.532), including back-to-back 40-win campaigns in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in franchise history from 2012-15. In 2013-14, the Blue Jackets went 43-32-7 (93 pts) to set franchise records for wins

and points.

He joined the Blue Jackets after serving as the president of hockey operations of the St. Louis Blues from 2006-12. During his tenure, the Blues averaged 39 wins and 90 points, including a 49-22-11 record, 109 points and a Central Division title in 2011-12.

One of hockey's most respected figures and the current 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.

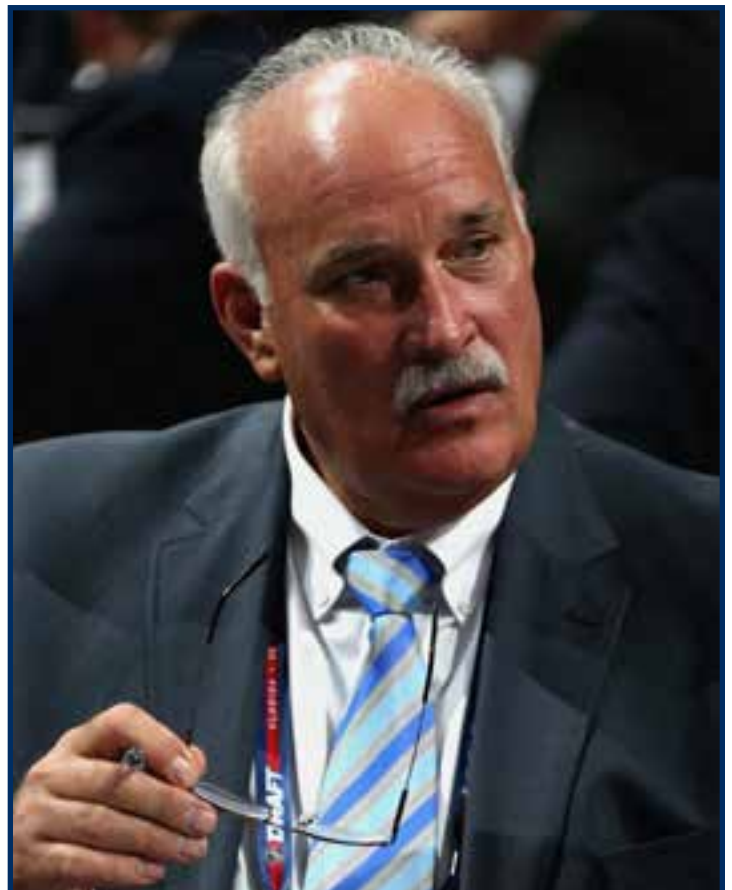
In 2009, he received the prestigious Foster Hewitt Memorial Award for outstanding contributions as a hockey broadcaster by The Hockey Hall of Fame and was inducted on Nov. 9, 2009. The NHL and USA Hockey honored Davidson with the Lester Patrick Award for his contributions to ice hockey in the United 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.





## JARMO KEKALAINEN GENERAL MANAGER

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 their best stretch in club history, posting back-to-back 40-win campaigns in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and three-straight winning seasons for the first time in franchise history from 2012-15. The Jackets finished 42-35-5 (89 pts.) in 2014-15, following a franchise record-breaking 2013-14 season in which they set club records for wins and points with a 43-32-7 mark (93 pts.). In 2012-13, Columbus posted the highest-winning percentage in franchise history at .573 with a 24-17-7 mark.

Kekalainen, who was named assistant general manager for Finland's 2016 World Cup of Hockey team, served in the same capacity at the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia and helped the squad win a bronze medal. He arrived in Columbus after serving as the president and general manager of Jokerit in the Finnish Elite League from 2010-13.

Prior to his stint with Jokerit, Kekalainen spent eight seasons with the St. Louis Blues from 2002-10. He joined the Blues 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 to 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, Kekalainen 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.





## **BILL ZITO**

### **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Bill Zito was named assistant general manager of the Columbus Blue Jackets on Aug. 12, 2013 and brings nearly three decades of experience encompassing a variety of aspects of the game of hockey to the organization. Since joining the Blue Jackets, he has been an integral part of the club's management team in the areas of contract negotiations, scouting and player evaluation, salary cap management and budgeting. He also is the general manager of the 2016 Calder Cup champion Lake Erie Monsters, Columbus' American

Hockey League affiliate, and was a member of the management team for the USA Hockey National Team that won a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF World Hockey Championships.

Zito joined the Blue Jackets after using scouting as a platform to build Acme World Sports into one of the top hockey agencies in the business. In 2013 Forbes magazine ranked Acme as the eighth-most valuable hockey agency in the world with almost \$200 million in contracts under management. In 2007, The Hockey News lauded Zito in their "genius" issue for his scouting prowess noting his ability to uncover late-round or undrafted, lesser-known players as well as the top picks. As the agency's founder and president, he represented players such as Vezina Trophy and Conn Smythe Trophy winner Tim Thomas, Vezina Trophy winner Tuukka Rask, Vezina Trophy finalist Antti Niemi and All-Stars Kimmo Timonen and Brian Rafalski.

He is a graduate of Yale University, where he played varsity hockey from 1984-87. After a one-year stint playing hockey in Europe, Zito attended law school at the University of Wisconsin and during that time served as an assistant coach for the Badgers hockey team. Upon earning his law degree, he practiced appellate litigation and sports law in Chicago before founding Acme in 1995.

Zito was born on September 16, 1964 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Julie, are the parents of twin daughters, Gigi and Frankie, and son, Billy.



## **JOSH FLYNN**

### **DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY ADMINISTRATION**

Josh Flynn is the director of hockey administration for the Columbus Blue Jackets. 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 he is the club's liaison to the National Hockey League regarding 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.



## **VILLE SIREN**

### **HEAD AMATEUR SCOUT**

Ville Siren joined the Columbus Blue Jackets as head amateur scout on July 8, 2013 after spending nine years as a member of the St. Louis Blues scouting staff. 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, of 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.



# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2016 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Position	Team	League
1	7	Dubois, Pierre-Luc	Left Wing	Cape Breton	QMJHL
2	1	Tkachuk, Matthew	Left Wing	London	OHL
3	3	Nylander, Alexander	Left Wing	Mississauga	OHL
4	2	Chychrun, Jakob	Defenseman	Sarnia	OHL
5	5	Juolevi, Olli	Defenseman	London	OHL
6	9	McAvoy, Charles	Defenseman	Boston University	H-EAST
7	14	Brown, Logan	Center	Windsor	OHL
8	10	Sergachev, Mikhail	Defenseman	Windsor	OHL
9	8	Keller, Clayton	Center	USA U-18	USHL
10	12	Bellows, Kieffer	Left Wing	USA U-18	USHL
11	16	Kunin, Luke	Center	U Wisconsin	BIG10
12	4	Gauthier, Julien	Right Wing	Val-D'or	QMJHL
13	6	McLeod, Michael	Center	Mississauga	OHL
14	11	Jones, Max	Left Wing	London	OHL
15	13	Bean, Jake	Defenseman	Calgary	WHL
16	15	Jost, Tyson	Center	Penticton	BCHL
17	17	Tufte, Riley	Left Wing	Blaine	HIGH-MN
18	18	Fabbro, Dante	Defenseman	Penticton	BCHL
19	23	Stanley, Logan	Defenseman	Windsor	OHL
20	24	Thompson, Tage	Center	U Connecticut	H-EAST
21	20	Debrincat, Alexander	Right Wing	Erie	OHL
22	27	Howden, Brett	Center	Moose Jaw	WHL
23	48	Cholowski, Dennis	Defenseman	Chilliwack	BCHL
24	21	Benson, Tyler	Left Wing	Vancouver	WHL
25	32	Katchouk, Boris	Left Wing	Sault Marie	OHL
26	38	Johansen, Lucas	Defenseman	Kelowna	WHL
27	22	Clague, Kale	Defenseman	Brandon	WHL
28	31	Laberge, Pascal	Center	Victoriaville	QMJHL
29	56	Abramov, Vitaly	Right Wing	Gatineau	QMJHL
30	29	Steel, Sam	Center	Regina	WHL
31	26	Hajek, Libor	Defenseman	Saskatoon	WHL
32	36	Allard, Frederic	Defenseman	Chicoutimi	QMJHL
33	33	Kopacka, Jack	Left Wing	Sault Marie	OHL
34	45	Kyrou, Jordan	Center	Sarnia	OHL
35	19	Bastian, Nathan	Right Wing	Mississauga	OHL
36	34	Raddysh, Taylor	Right Wing	Erie	OHL
37	28	Gettinger, Timothy	Left Wing	Sault Marie	OHL
38	40	Girard, Samuel	Defenseman	Shawinigan	QMJHL
39	117	Dineen, Cam	Defenseman	North Bay	OHL
40	37	Green, Luke	Defenseman	Saint John	QMJHL
41	35	Dube, Dillon	Center	Kelowna	WHL
42	57	Mascherin, Adam	Left Wing	Kitchener	OHL
43	42	Bitten, William	Center	Flint	OHL
44	41	Lajoie, Maxime	Defenseman	Swift Current	WHL
45	75	Gregor, Noah	Center	Moose Jaw	WHL
46	59	Morrison, Cameron	Left Wing	Youngstown	USHL
47	39	Frederic, Trent	Center	USA U-18	USHL
48	25	Stransky, Simon	Left Wing	Prince Albert	WHL
49	51	Lindgren, Ryan	Defenseman	USA U-18	USHL
50	67	Fox, Adam	Defenseman	USA U-18	USHL



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51	64	Filipe, Matt	Left Wing	Cedar Rapids	USHL
52	46	Niemelainen, Markus	Defenseman	Saginaw	OHL
53	30	Krys, Chad	Defenseman	USA U-18	USHL
54	63	Smith, Givani	Right Wing	Guelph	OHL
55	44	Kuznetsov, Vladimir	Right Wing	Acadie-Bathurst	QMJHL
56	52	Anderson, Joseph	Right Wing	USA U-18	USHL
57	50	Peeke, Andrew	Defenseman	Green Bay	USHL
58	53	Gleason, Benjamin	Defenseman	Hamilton	OHL
59	43	Day, Sean	Defenseman	Mississauga	OHL
60	62	Anderson, Josh	Defenseman	Prince George	WHL
61	49	Mattson, Mitchell	Center	Grand Rapids	HIGH-MN
62	192	Allison, Wade	Right Wing	Tri-City	USHL
63	68	Burke, Brayden	Left Wing	Lethbridge	WHL
64	95	Twarynski, Carsen	Left Wing	Calgary	WHL
65	84	Stallard, Jordan	Center	Calgary	WHL
66	88	Stillman, Riley	Defenseman	Oshawa	OHL
67	149	Gambrell, Dylan	Center	U Denver	NCHC
68	122	Elynuik, Hudson	Center	Spokane	WHL
69	148	Caamano, Nicholas	Right Wing	Flint	OHL
70	54	Luce, Griffin	Defenseman	USA U-18	USHL
71	55	Middleton, Keaton	Defenseman	Saginaw	OHL
72	107	Brooks, Adam	Center	Regina	WHL
73	124	Malenstyn, Beck	Left Wing	Calgary	WHL
74	58	Mete, Victor	Defenseman	London	OHL
75	83	Pu, Cliff	Right Wing	London	OHL
76	74	Sylvestre, Gabriel	Defenseman	Shawinigan	QMJHL
77	66	Zimmer, Max	Left Wing	Chicago	USHL
78	47	Somppi, Otto	Center	Halifax	QMJHL
79	76	Kaspick, Tanner	Center	Brandon	WHL
80	98	De Wit, Jeffrey	Center	Red Deer	WHL
81		Phillips, Matthew	Center	Victoria	WHL
82	113	Stukel, Jakob	Left Wing	Calgary	WHL
83	73	Murray, Brett	Left Wing	Carleton Place	CCHL
84	126	Salinitri, Anthony	Center	Sarnia	OHL
85	65	Candella, Cole	Defenseman	Hamilton	OHL
86	93	Cairns, Matthew	Defenseman	Georgetown	OJHL
87	81	Bunnaman, Connor	Center	Kitchener	OHL
88	82	Ronning, Ty	Right Wing	Vancouver	WHL
89		Colton, Ross	Center	Cedar Rapids	USHL
90	61	Budik, Vojtech	Defenseman	Prince Albert	WHL
91	79	Falkovsky, Stepan	Defenseman	Ottawa	OHL
92		Duhaime, Brandon	Right Wing	Tri-City	USHL
93	141	Pitlick, Rem	Center	Muskegon	USHL
94	60	Barron, Travis	Left Wing	Ottawa	OHL
95	137	Ang, Jonathan	Center	Peterborough	OHL
96	90	Sambrook, Jordan	Defenseman	Erie	OHL
97	94	O'Brien, Brogan	Left Wing	Prince George	WHL
98	132	Gignac, Brandon	Center	Shawinigan	QMJHL
99	101	Laczynski, Tanner	Center	Lincoln	USHL
100		Hall, Connor	Defenseman	Kitchener	OHL

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2016 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Position	Team	League
1	1	Matthews, Auston	Center	Zurich	SWISS
2	3	Laine, Patrik	Right Wing	Tappara	FINLAND
3	2	Puljujarvi, Jesse	Right Wing	Karpat	FINLAND
4	4	Asplund, Rasmus	Center	Farjestad	SWEDEN
5	6	Rubtsov, German	Center	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
6	5	Grundstrom, Carl	Right Wing	Modo	SWEDEN
7	7	Korshkov, Yegor	Right Wing	Yaroslavl	RUSSIA
8	10	Hronek, Filip	Defenseman	HR. Kralove	CZREP
9	11	Borgstrom, Henrik	Center	HIFK Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
10	8	Lindstrom, Linus	Center	Skelleftea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
11	16	Dahlen, Jonathan	Center	Timra	SWEDEN-2
12	9	Moverare, Jacob	Defenseman	HV Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
13	13	Makinen, Otto	Center	Tappara Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
14	49	Kayumov, Artur	Left Wing/Right Wing	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
15	22	Carlsson, Lucas	Defenseman	Brynäs	SWEDEN
16	18	Cederholm, Jacob	Defenseman	HV Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
17	14	Bratt, Jesper	Left Wing/Right Wing	AIK	SWEDEN-2
18	12	Steen, Oskar	Center	Farjestad Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
19	15	Tuulola, Eetu	Right Wing	HPK Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
20	27	Kuokkanen, Janne	Left Wing/Center	Karpat Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
21	85	Rasanen, Aapeli	Center	Tappara Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
22	35	Bjorkqvist, Kasper	Right Wing	Blues Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
23	19	Svyrev, Igor	Center	Magnitogorsk 2	RUSSIA-JR.
24	43	Svetlakov, Andrei	Center	CSKA	RUSSIA
25	61	Sosunov, Oleg	Defenseman	Loko-Yunior Yaroslav	RUSSIA JR. 2
26	25	From, Mathias	Left Wing/Right Wing	Rogle Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
27	41	Koppanen, Joonas	Left Wing	Ilves Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
28	20	Koivula, Otto	Left Wing	Ilves Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
29	75	Kurovsky, Daniel	Right Wing	Vitkovice Jr.	CZREP-JR.
30	29	Najman, Ondrej	Left Wing	Jihlava Jr.	CZREP-JR.
31		Nurmi, Markus	Right Wing	TPS Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
32	40	Danielsson, Hugo	Defenseman	Skelleftea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
33		Berglund, Filip	Defenseman	Skelleftea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
34	37	Zaitsev, Yegor	Defenseman	MVD 2	RUSSIA-JR.
35	48	Shepelkov, Artur	Defenseman	CSKA 2	RUSSIA-JR.
36	30	Rykov, Yegor	Defenseman	Ska 2	RUSSIA-JR.
37	24	Maltsev, Mikhail	Left Wing	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
38	34	Karafiat, Jiri	Right Wing	Zlin Jr.	CZREP-JR.
39	17	Bernhardt, David	Defenseman	Djurgarden Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
40	39	Suter, Pius	Center	Zurich	SWISS
41	21	Kovalev, Ivan	Defenseman	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
42	23	Alexeyev, Dmitry	Defenseman	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
43	38	Lauta, Artur	Right Wing	Omsk	RUSSIA
44	60	Repo, Sebastian	Right Wing	Pelicans	FINLAND
45	55	Bjurstrom, Alexander	Right Wing/Center	Brynäs Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
46	32	Nassen, Linus	Defenseman	Lulea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
47	66	Kuzmenko, Andrei	Left Wing	CSKA	RUSSIA
48	31	Aho, Sebastian	Defenseman	Skelleftea	SWEDEN
49	47	Eder, Tobias	Center	Bad Tölz	GERMANY-3
50	44	Yakovenko, Alexander	Defenseman	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2016 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Position	Team	League
51	51	Karpukhin, Ilya	Defenseman	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
52	46	Polunin, Alexander	Left Wing	Yaroslavl	RUSSIA
53	33	Reunanen, Tarmo	Defenseman	TPS Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
54		Makeyev, Nikita	Defenseman	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
55	125	Lassen, Matias	Defenseman	Leksand	SWEDEN-2
56	83	Sjolund, Nicklas	Defenseman	AIK Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
57	114	Karlstrom, Fredrik	Center	Aik Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
58	62	Glotov, Vasili	Center	Lvy 2	RUSSIA-JR.
59	58	Kalapudas, Antti	Left Wing/Center	Kalpa	FINLAND
60		Haman Aktell, Hardy	Defenseman	Skelleftea U18	SWEDEN-JR. U18
61	57	Davidsson, Jonathan	Right Wing	Djurgarden Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
62	126	Almari, Niclas	Defenseman	Jokerit Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
63	36	Carlsson, Lukas	Defenseman	Sodertalje Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
64	65	Mityakin, Yevgeni	Right Wing	Yekaterinburg 2	RUSSIA-JR.
65		Alexeyev, Denis	Center	Yaroslavl 2	RUSSIA-JR.
66	64	Forsberg, Fredrik	Right Wing	Leksand	SWEDEN-2
67	68	Krikunenko, Roman	Left Wing/Center	Yaroslavl 2	RUSSIA-JR.
68	70	Johannesen, Johannes	Defenseman	Stavanger	NORWAY
69		Kuiri, Niko	Left Wing	Karpat Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
70	28	Kosorenkov, Ivan	Right Wing	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
71	26	Belyayev, Mikhail	Right Wing	Yaroslavl 2	RUSSIA-JR.
72	42	Zhuldikov, Nikita	Defenseman	Chelyabinsk	RUSSIA
73	45	Ivanyuzhenkov, Artyom	Right Wing	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
74	99	Lestan, Filip	Left Wing/Right Wing	Hv Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
75	95	Stal Lyrenas, Oskar	Left Wing	Modo Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
76	54	Islyamov, Nadir	Defenseman	Chekhov 2	RUSSIA-JR.
77	74	Miranda, Marco	Left Wing	GCK Zurich	SWISS-2
78	73	Stadler, Livio	Defenseman	Zug Jr.	SWISS-JR.
79		Siikonen, Miska	Right Wing/Center	Pelicans	FINLAND
80	72	Poryadin, Pavel	Left Wing/Right Wing	Nizhnekamsk	RUSSIA
81	71	Tolpegin, Denis	Defenseman	MVD 2	RUSSIA-JR.
82		Altybarmakyan, Andrei	Right Wing	Lvy 2	RUSSIA-JR.
83		Mattila, Jesper	Defenseman	Ilves Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
84	80	Riat, Damien	Left Wing	Geneve	SWISS
85	78	Karrer, Roger	Defenseman	Zurich	SWISS
86		Henrikson, Arvid	Defenseman	Aik U18	SWEDEN-JR. U18
87	87	Wahlgren, Tim	Center	Modo Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
88	52	Anderberg, Alexander	Defenseman	Orebro Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
89	81	Lakatos, Dominik	Center	Liberec	CZREP
90		Innala, Jere	Left Wing	HPK Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
91	129	Jaaska, Juha	Left Wing/Right Wing	HIFK Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
92	89	Jonsson Fjallby, Axel	Left Wing	Djurgarden Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
93	123	Juusola, Mikko	Left Wing	Kalpa Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
94	115	Weissbach, Linus	Left Wing/Right Wing	Frolunda Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
95	104	Zetterberg, Lukas	Right Wing	Skelleftea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
96		Pappila, Tony	Right Wing	Rogle Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
97	98	Jonsson, Joseph	Center	HV Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
98	77	Davidek, Milan	Left Wing	Karlovy Jr.	CZREP-JR.
99	94	Rubins, Kristians	Defenseman	Vasteras Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
100		Nordstrom, Filip	Center	Farjestad U18	SWEDEN-JR. U18

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - 2016 TOP GOALTENDERS

## NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 15 NORTH AMERICAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Position	Team	League
1	2	Fitzpatrick, Evan	Goalie	Sherbrooke	QMJHL
2	1	Hart, Carter	Goalie	Everett	WHL
3	6	Parsons, Tyler	Goalie	London	OHL
4	17	Point, Colton	Goalie	Carleton Place	CCHL
5	8	Woll, Joseph	Goalie	USA U-18	USHL
6	3	Sawchenko, Zachary	Goalie	Moose Jaw	WHL
7	13	Samuel, Antoine	Goalie	Baie-Comeau	QMJHL
8	12	Ingram, Connor	Goalie	Kamloops	WHL
9	4	Raaymakers, Joseph	Goalie	Sault Marie	OHL
10	5	Wells, Dylan	Goalie	Peterborough	OHL
11	7	Cormier, Evan	Goalie	Saginaw	OHL
12	9	Sarthou, Evan	Goalie	Tri-City	WHL
13	10	Lafontaine, Jack	Goalie	Janesville	NAHL
14	11	Willms, Brody	Goalie	Moose Jaw	WHL
15		Helvig, Jeremy	Goalie	Kingston	OHL

## NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 15 EUROPEAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Position	Team	League
1	1	Gustavsson, Filip	Goalie	Lulea Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
2	6	Marmenlind, Daniel	Goalie	Orebro Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
3	4	Vehvilainen, Veini	Goalie	JYP	FINLAND
4	8	Korenar, Josef	Goalie	Jihlava Jr.	CZREP-JR.
5	3	Berdin, Mikhail	Goalie	Team U18	RUSSIA-JR.
6		Peeters, Wouter	Goalie	Ec 2	RBHS U20
7	2	Brizgala, Adam	Goalie	Sparta Jr.	CZREP-JR.
8	10	Bolshakov, Sergei	Goalie	Khabarovsk 2	RUSSIA-JR.
9	7	Kuznetsov, Georgi	Goalie	MVD 2	RUSSIA-JR.
10	5	Larsson, Filip	Goalie	Djurgarden Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
11		Laakso, Leevi	Goalie	Sport Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
12	9	Halonen, Niilo	Goalie	Jokerit Jr.	FINLAND-JR.
13	14	Ritz, Matteo	Goalie	Lausanne Jr.	SWISS-JR.
14	12	Jensen, Robin	Goalie	Djurgarden Jr.	SWEDEN-JR.
15	11	Larmi, Emil	Goalie	Peliitat	FINLAND-2



# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROSPECT RANKINGS

## ISS HOCKEY (JUNE 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
5	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
6	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
7	Logan Brown	Center	USA	Windsor (OHL)	59 GP, 21-53-74, 40 PIM
8	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	CAN	Sarnia (OHL)	62 GP, 11-38-49, 51 PIM
9	Tyson Jost	Right Wing	CAN	Penticton (BCHL)	48 GP, 42-62-104, 43 PIM
10	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	RUS	Windsor (OHL)	67 GP, 17-40-57, 56 PIM

## NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING – NORTH AMERICAN/EUROPEAN COMBINED (APRIL 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
5	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
6	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
7	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	CAN	Sarnia (OHL)	62 GP, 11-38-49, 51 PIM
8	Olli Juolevi	Defenseman	FIN	London (OHL)	57 GP, 9-33-42, 16 PIM
9	Charlie McAvoy	Defenseman	USA	Boston U. (NCAA)	37 GP, 3-22-25, 56 PIM
10	Logan Brown	Center	USA	Windsor (OHL)	59 GP, 21-53-74, 40 PIM

## FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS (JUNE 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
5	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
6	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	CAN	Sarnia (OHL)	62 GP, 11-38-49, 51 PIM
7	Clayton Keller	Center	USA	USNDP	62 GP, 37-70-107, 40 PIM
8	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
9	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	RUS	Windsor (OHL)	67 GP, 17-40-57, 56 PIM
10	Tyson Jost	Right Wing	CAN	Penticton (BCHL)	48 GP, 42-62-104, 43 PIM

## McKEEN'S HOCKEY (JUNE 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
2	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
5	Olli Juolevi	Defenseman	FIN	London (OHL)	57 GP, 9-33-42, 16 PIM
6	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
7	Mikey McLeod	Center	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 21-40-61, 71 PIM
8	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
9	Logan Brown	Center	USA	Windsor (OHL)	59 GP, 21-53-74, 40 PIM
10	Jake Bean	Defenseman	CAN	Calgary (WHL)	68 GP, 24-40-64, 28 PIM

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROSPECT RANKINGS

## TSN (JUNE 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
5	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
6	Clayton Keller	Center	USA	USNDP	62 GP, 37-70-107, 40 PIM
7	Logan Brown	Center	USA	Windsor (OHL)	59 GP, 21-53-74, 40 PIM
8	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	RUS	Windsor (OHL)	67 GP, 17-40-57, 56 PIM
9	Olli Juolevi	Defenseman	FIN	London (OHL)	57 GP, 9-33-42, 16 PIM
10	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM

## THE HOCKEY NEWS (MAY 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
5	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
6	Olli Juolevi	Defenseman	FIN	London (OHL)	57 GP, 9-33-42, 16 PIM
7	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
8	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	RUS	Windsor (OHL)	67 GP, 17-40-57, 56 PIM
9	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	CAN	Sarnia (OHL)	62 GP, 11-38-49, 51 PIM
10	Mikey McLeod	Center	CAN	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 21-40-61, 71 PIM

## RED LINE REPORT (APRIL 2016)

Rank	Player	Position	Nationality	Club	2015-16 Statistics
1	Auston Matthews	Center	USA	ZSC (Swiss)	36 GP, 24-22-46, 6 PIM
2	Patrik Laine	Right Wing/Left Wing	FIN	Tappara (Liiga)	46 GP, 17-16-33, 6 PIM
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	FIN	Karpat (Liiga)	50 GP, 13-15-28, 22 PIM
4	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	USA	London (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
5	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	CAN	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	63 GP, 42-57-99, 112 PIM
6	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	CAN	Sarnia (OHL)	62 GP, 11-38-49, 51 PIM
7	Jake Bean	Defenseman	CAN	Calgary (WHL)	68 GP, 24-40-64, 28 PIM
8	Alexander Nylander	Right Wing/Left Wing	SWE	Mississauga (OHL)	57 GP, 28-47-75, 18 PIM
9	Dante Fabbro	Defenseman	CAN	Penticton (BCJHL)	45 GP, 14-53-67, 30 PIM
10	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	RUS	Windsor (OHL)	67 GP, 17-40-57, 56 PIM

## RANKINGS RECAP

Rank	Player	Position	ISS Top 30	NHL Central Scouting	Future Consider.	McKeen's Top 30	TSN Top 15	Hockey News	Red Line Report	Total
1	Austin Matthews	Center	1	1 EUR	1	2	1	1	1	8
2	Patrick Laine	RW/Left Wing	2	2 EUR	2	1	2	2	2	13
3	Jesse Puljujarvi	Right Wing	3	3 EUR	3	3	3	3	3	21
4	Matthew Tkachuk	Left Wing	4	2 NA	5	4	5	4	4	28
5	Pierre-Luc Dubois	Center/Left Wing	5	1 NA	4	8	4	5	5	32
6	Alexander Nylander	RW/Left Wing	6	3 NA	8	6	10	7	8	48
7	Olli Juolevi	Defenseman	11	5 NA	11	5	9	6	13	60
8	Jakob Chychrun	Defenseman	8	4 NA	6	13	17	9	6	63
9	Mikhail Sergachyov	Defenseman	10	8 NA	9	14	8	8	10	67
10	Logan Brown	Center	7	7 NA	12	9	7	14	18	74
11	Clayton Keller	Center	12	9 NA	7	11	6	12	21	78
12	Tyson Jost	Right Wing	9	16 NA	10	15	11	11	12	84
13	Mikey McLeod	Center	13	13 NA	15	7	19	10	11	88

## BLUE JACKETS SELECTIONS IN 2016 NHL DRAFT

ROUND	NUMBER OF PICKS*	SELECTION
1	1	3
2	1	34
3	1	65
4	0	Traded to CHI
5	0	Traded to STL
6	1	155
7	1	185

Nov. 15, 2014 D Jordan Leopold acquired from St. Louis in exchange for the Blue Jackets' 2016 fifth round draft pick.

June 30, 2015 LW Brandon Saad, D Michael Paliotta and C Alex Broadhurst acquired from Chicago in exchange for forwards Artem Anisimov, Marko Danao, Corey Tropp and Jeremy Morin as well as the Blue Jackets' 2016 fourth round draft pick.

\* Picks as of June 20, 2016

## NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS SELECTIONS

### 3rd Overall

C Leon Draisaitl (2014; Edmonton Oilers), LW Jonathan Drouin (2013; Tampa Bay Lightning), C Alex Galchenyuk (2012; Montreal Canadiens), LW Jonathan Huberdeau (2011; Florida Panthers), D Erik Gudbranson (2010; Florida Panthers), C Matt Duchene (2009; Colorado Avalanche), D Zach Bogosian (2008; Atlanta Thrashers), C Jonathan Toews (2006; Chicago Blackhawks), D Jack Johnson (2005; Carolina Hurricanes), RW Nathan Horton (2003; Florida Panthers), D Jay Bouwmeester (2002; Florida Panthers), LW Marian Gaborik (2000; Minnesota Wild), C Henrik Sedin (1999; Vancouver Canucks), D Brad Stuart (1998; San Jose Sharks), C Olli Jokinen (1997; Los Angeles Kings), RW J.P. Dumont (1996; New York Islanders), C Radek Bonk (1994; Ottawa Senators), C Chris Gratton (1993; Tampa Bay Lightning), D Scott Niedermayer (1991; New Jersey Devils), C Keith Primeau (1990; Detroit Red Wings), C Scott Thornton (1989; Toronto Maple Leafs), D Curtis Leschyshyn (1988; Quebec Nordiques), D Glen Wesley (1987; Boston Bruins), C Ed Olczyk (1984; Chicago Blackhawks), C Pat LaFontaine (1983; New York Islanders), C Bobby Carpenter (1981; Washington Capitals), F Denis Savard (1980; Chicago Blackhawks), F Mike Foligno (1979; Detroit Red Wings), D Robert Picard (1977; Washington Capitals), F Don Lever (1972; Vancouver Canucks)

### 34th Overall

C Jacob De La Rose (2013; Montreal Canadiens), G Jake Allen (2008; St. Louis Blues), G Michael Neuvirth (2006; Washington Capitals), LW Andrew Peters (1998; Buffalo Sabres), C Doug Weight (1990; NY Rangers), G Jeff Hackett (1987; NY Islanders), RW Steve Leach (1984; Washington Capitals), C Paul Gillis (1982; Quebec Nordiques)

### 65th Overall

C Jori Lehtera (2008; St. Louis Blues), D Brian Strait (2006; Pittsburgh Penguins), LW Oleg Kvasha (1996; Florida Panthers), LW Krzysztof Oliwa (1993; New Jersey Devils), LW Kirk Maltby (1992; Edmonton Oilers), LW Mikko Makela (1983; New York Islanders)

### 155th Overall

D Mark Fayne (2005; New Jersey Devils), LW Travis Moen (2000; Calgary Flames)

### 185th Overall

RW Jim Thomson (1984; Washington Capitals)

# 2016 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

## 1ST ROUND

- |                    |                        |                         |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Toronto         | 11. New Jersey         | 21. Carolina (from LAK) |
| 2. Winnipeg        | 12. Ottawa             | 22. Winnipeg (from CHI) |
| 3. <b>COLUMBUS</b> | 13. Carolina           | 23. Florida             |
| 4. Edmonton        | 14. Boston             | 24. Anaheim             |
| 5. Vancouver       | 15. Minnesota          | 25. Dallas              |
| 6. Calgary         | 16. Detroit            | 26. Washington          |
| 7. Arizona         | 17. Nashville          | 27. Tampa Bay           |
| 8. Buffalo         | 18. Philadelphia       | 28. St. Louis           |
| 9. Montreal        | 19. New York Islanders | 29. Boston (from SJS)   |
| 10. Colorado       | 20. Arizona (from NYR) | 30. Toronto (from PIT)  |

## 2ND ROUND

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 31. Toronto            | 42. Ottawa                      | 53. Arizona*                      |
| 32. Edmonton           | 43. Carolina                    | 54. Calgary (from FLA)            |
| 33. Florida (from VAN) | 44. Tampa Bay (from BOS)        | 55. Pittsburgh (from ANA via VAN) |
| 34. <b>COLUMBUS</b>    | 45. Montreal (from MIN via BUF) | 56. Calgary (from DAL)            |
| 35. Calgary            | 46. Detroit                     | 57. Toronto (from WSH)            |
| 36. Winnipeg           | 47. Nashville                   | 58. Tampa Bay                     |
| 37. Arizona            | 48. Philadelphia                | 59. St. Louis                     |
| 38. Buffalo            | 49. Boston (from NYI)           | 60. San Jose                      |
| 39. Montreal           | 50. Chicago (from NYR via CAR)  | 61. Pittsburgh                    |
| 40. Colorado           | 51. Los Angeles                 |                                   |
| 41. New Jersey         | 52. Philadelphia (from CHI)     |                                   |

\*Compensatory pick. Arizona did not sign 2014 1st-round pick Conner Bleackley (Acquired from COL at trade deadline)

## 3RD ROUND

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|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 62. Toronto             | 72. Toronto (from NJD via PIT)           | 82. Philadelphia (from LAK) |
| 63. Edmonton            | 73. New Jersey (from OTT)                | 83. Chicago                 |
| 64. Vancouver           | 74. Carolina                             | 84. Edmonton (from FLA)     |
| 65. <b>COLUMBUS</b>     | 75. Carolina (from BOS)                  | 85. Anaheim                 |
| 66. Calgary             | 76. Buffalo (from MIN via FLA, NJD, ANA) | 86. Buffalo (from DAL)      |
| 67. Carolina (from WPG) | 77. New Jersey (from DET)                | 87. St. Louis (from WSH)    |
| 68. Arizona             | 78. Nashville                            | 88. Tampa Bay               |
| 69. Buffalo             | 79. Philadelphia                         | 89. Buffalo (from STL)      |
| 70. Montreal            | 80. Ottawa (from NYI)                    | 90. Dallas (from SJS)       |
| 71. Colorado            | 81. NY Rangers                           | 91. Edmonton (from PIT)     |

## 4TH ROUND

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 92. Toronto               | 102. New Jersey            | 112. Los Angeles |
| 93. Anaheim (from EDM)    | 103. Ottawa                | 113. Chicago     |
| 94. Florida (from VAN)    | 104. Carolina              | 114. Florida     |
| 95. Chicago (from CBJ)    | 105. New Jersey (from BOS) | 115. Anaheim     |
| 96. Calgary               | 106. Minnesota             | 116. Dallas      |
| 97. Winnipeg              | 107. Detroit               | 117. Washington  |
| 98. NY Rangers (from ARI) | 108. Nashville             | 118. Tampa Bay   |
| 99. Buffalo               | 109. Philadelphia          | 119. St. Louis   |
| 100. Montreal             | 110. NY Islanders          | 120. San Jose    |
| 101. Toronto (from COL)   | 111. San Jose (from NYR)   | 121. Pittsburgh  |



# 2016 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

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## 5TH ROUND

122. Toronto  
123. Edmonton  
124. Montreal (from VAN)  
125. St. Louis (from CBJ)  
126. Calgary  
127. Winnipeg  
128. Arizona  
129. Buffalo  
130. Buffalo (from MTL)  
131. Colorado

132. New Jersey  
133. Ottawa  
134. Carolina  
135. Boston  
136. Boston (from MIN)  
137. Detroit  
138. Nashville  
139. Philadelphia  
140. Vancouver (from NYI via FLA)  
141. NY Rangers

142. Los Angeles  
143. Chicago  
144. Chicago (from FLA)  
145. Washington (from ANA via TOR)  
146. Dallas  
147. Washington  
148. Tampa Bay  
149. Edmonton (from STL)  
150. San Jose  
151. Pittsburgh

## 6TH ROUND

152. Toronto  
153. Edmonton  
154. Vancouver  
**155. COLUMBUS**  
156. Calgary  
157. Winnipeg  
158. Arizona  
159. Buffalo  
160. Montreal  
161. Colorado

162. New Jersey  
163. Ottawa  
164. Carolina  
165. Boston  
166. Calgary (from MIN)  
167. Detroit  
168. Nashville  
169. Philadelphia  
170. NY Islanders  
171. NY Rangers

172. Philadelphia (from LAK)  
173. Chicago  
174. Florida  
175. Florida (from ANA)  
176. Dallas  
177. Washington  
178. Tampa Bay  
179. Toronto (from STL)  
180. San Jose  
181. Pittsburgh

## 7TH ROUND

182. Toronto  
183. Edmonton  
184. Vancouver  
**185. COLUMBUS**  
186. Calgary  
187. Winnipeg  
188. Arizona  
189. Buffalo  
190. Buffalo (from MTL)  
191. Colorado

192. New Jersey  
193. NY Islanders (from OTT)  
194. Vancouver (from CAR)  
195. Boston  
196. Minnesota  
197. Detroit  
198. Nashville  
199. Philadelphia  
200. NY Islanders  
201. NY Rangers

202. Los Angeles  
203. Chicago  
204. Minnesota (from FLA)  
205. Anaheim  
206. Tampa Bay (from DAL via EDM)  
207. Washington  
208. Tampa Bay  
209. St. Louis  
210. San Jose  
211. St. Louis (from PIT)

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## PIERRE-LUC DUBOIS

North American Skater - Cape Breton, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	201
BORN:	June 24, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Rimouski, QC, CAN
BORN IN:	Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, QC, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2015-16, Dubois finished third in Quebec Major Junior Hockey League scoring with 42-57-99 in 62 games and added 7-5-12 in 12 postseason contests for the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.
- Dubois' breakout 2015-16 season saw him named to the QMJHL Second All-Star Team and awarded the Paul Dumont Trophy as QMJHL Personality of the Year and the Mike Bossy Trophy as the QMJHL's Best Professional Prospect.
- Dubois recorded 1-2-3 for Team Orr – including the game-winning goal – in a 3-2 victory over Team Cherry at the 2016 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Vancouver.
- After being selected fifth overall by Cape Breton in the 2014 QMJHL Entry Draft, Dubois finished ninth among rookies in 2014-15 with 10-35-45 in 54 games.
- Internationally, Dubois was part of Canada's gold medal entry at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (2-3-5 in 5 GP) and earned a bronze medal at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 World Championship.
- His father, Eric, - who was selected 76th overall by the Quebec Nordiques in the 1989 NHL Draft – currently serves as an assistant coach with Rimouski Oceanic of the QMJHL.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Dubois is a highly-skilled power forward who is unique in that he can play all three forward positions. He excels at utilizing his size and strength to his advantage and can play with an edge. A strong skater with deceptive speed and quickness, Dubois is a gifted playmaker with elite hockey sense and puck skills."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Cape Breton	QMJHL	54	10	35	45	4	58	7	2	3	5	1	6
2015-16	Cape Breton	QMJHL	62	42	57	99	40	112	12	7	5	12	3	14
QMJHL Totals			116	52	92	144	44	170	19	9	8	17	4	20

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## MATTHEW TKACHUK

North American Skater - London, OHL



FINAL RANK:	2	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	200
BORN:	December 11, 1997	HOMETOWN:	St. Louis, MO, USA
BORN IN:	Scottsdale, AZ, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tkachuk finished fifth in the Ontario Hockey League with 30-77-107 in 57 games while skating mostly on a dynamic London Knights line with Coyotes prospect Christian Dvorak (52-69-121 in 59 GP) and Maple Leafs prospect Mitchell Marner (39-77-116 in 57 GP). He then led all players with 20 goals in the OHL Playoffs (20-20-40) to help the Knights win the league championship.
- At the 2016 Memorial Cup in Red Deer, Alberta, Tkachuk finished with 5-3-8 in four games – including two goals in the championship game, one of which was the overtime winner – as the Knights captured the second Memorial Cup title in franchise history.
- In 2014-15, Tkachuk registered 38-57-95 in 65 games for USA Hockey National Team Development Program's Under-18 squad, second on the team to No. 1-ranked European Skater Auston Matthews' club record 55-62-117.
- Internationally, Tkachuk earned gold with Team USA at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (4-3-7 in 6 GP) and won another gold for his country while leading the tournament in assists at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-10-12 in 7 GP). At the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships, Tkachuk (4-7-11 in 7 GP) tied for the team lead in points (Matthews: 7-4-11) to help Team USA earn bronze.
- His father, Keith Tkachuk, played in 1,201 NHL games over 18 seasons with the Jets/Coyotes, Blues and Thrashers, registering career totals of 538-527-1,065. He is one of only four U.S.-born players to reach the 500-goal milestone (Mike Modano: 561, Jeremy Roenick: 513; Joe Mullen: 502).
- Lists Penguins forward Sidney Crosby as his favorite NHL player and compares his style of play to Maple Leafs forward James van Riemsdyk.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Tkachuk is unique in that he brings both skill and a physical package to game situations. He possesses elite hockey sense and vision, has a very good scoring touch and makes players around him better. One of the best puck protection players eligible for the 2016 NHL Draft, he is difficult to check and willing to go to the hard areas to score goals."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	USA U-17	USDP	53	13	20	33	n/a	39	...	...	...	...	...	...
2014-15	USA U-18	USDP	65	38	58	96	n/a	119	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	London	OHL	57	30	77	107	45	80	18	20	20	40	23	42
OHL Totals			57	30	77	107	45	80	18	20	20	40	23	42
USDP Totals			118	51	78	129	...	158	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## ALEXANDER NYLANDER

North American Skater - Mississauga, OHL



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	March 2, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Stockholm, SWE
BORN IN:	Calgary, AB, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Nylander, a member of the Mississauga Steelheads in 2015-16, led all Ontario Hockey League rookies with 75 points in 57 games (28-47-75). He averaged two points per game (6-6-12 in 6 GP) for the Steelheads in their first round loss to Barrie in the postseason.
- The forward was named the 2015-16 OHL Rookie of the Year and Canadian Hockey League Rookie of the Year.
- Nylander led Sweden's fourth-place entry at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships with 4-5-9 in seven games.
- Internationally, Nylander also earned silver while representing Sweden at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, where he led the team with 3-8-11 in seven games. He also captured silver for his country at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (2-4-6 in 5 GP) and bronze as Sweden's leading scorer at the 2014 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-5-7 in 7 GP).
- His father, Michael Nylander, played for seven NHL teams spanning a 920-game, 15-season career and currently serves as an assistant coach with the Steelheads. His brother, William, was selected eighth overall by the Maple Leafs at the 2014 NHL Draft and dressed for 22 games with the club in 2015-16.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Nylander is a dynamic player who is an elite skater with a creative skill-set. He has very good offensive hockey sense allowing him to create scoring chances in a variety of ways while making plays at top speed. His offensive instincts make him extremely dangerous in one-on-one situations and a scoring threat every time he is on the ice."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	AIK	Allsvenskan	3	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	AIK Jr.	SuperElit	42	15	25	40	-4	12	2	0	1	1	-4	0
	AIK J18	J18 Allsvenskan	5	2	11	13	7	2	2	0	0	0	-2	4
2015-16	Mississauga	OHL	57	28	47	75	8	18	6	6	6	12	1	2
	OHL Totals		57	28	47	75	8	18	6	6	6	12	1	2
	Allsvenskan Totals		3	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	SuperElit Totals		42	15	25	40	-4	12	2	0	1	1	-4	0



# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## JAKOB CHYCHRUN

North American Skater - Sarnia, OHL



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	205
BORN:	March 31, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Boca Raton, FL, USA
BORN IN:	Boca Raton, FL, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Chychrun patrolled the blue line as an alternate captain for the Sarnia Sting of the Ontario Hockey League in 2015-16, where he recorded 11-38-49 in 62 games. He produced at a point-per-game clip for Sarnia in the postseason, recording 2-6-8 in seven contests.
- After being picked first overall by Sarnia in the 2014 OHL Priority Selection, Chychrun registered 16-17-33 in 2014-15 and ranked second in scoring among rookie defensemen. He earned First All-Rookie Team and Third All-Star Team honors.
- Chychrun served as an alternate captain for Team Canada at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, registering 1-3-4 in seven games for the fourth place club.
- Posted 16-27-43 in 29 games for the Toronto Jr. Canadiens of the Greater Toronto Hockey League in 2013-14 and then added 5-8-13 in 14 playoff games to help his team secure the Kraft Cup Championship.
- His father, Jeff Chychrun, played 262 career NHL games as a defenseman with the Flyers, Kings, Penguins and Oilers. His uncle, Luke Richardson, also patrolled the blue line for 1,417 career NHL games with the Maple Leafs, Oilers, Flyers, Blue Jackets, Lightning and Senators.
- Lists his favorite NHL players as Kings defenseman Drew Doughty and Penguins forward Sidney Crosby.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"A complete defenseman with the size, strength, speed and puck skills for today's NHL. Chychrun is an excellent transitional skater who possesses high-end hockey sense, passing ability, a powerful shot and the poise to make plays under pressure. He plays a solid two-way game displaying quick offensive instincts, is responsible defensively and rarely out of position."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Sarnia	OHL	42	16	17	33	-11	37	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Sarnia	OHL	62	11	38	49	23	51	7	2	6	8	4	8
OHL Totals			104	27	55	82	12	88	7	2	6	8	4	8

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## OLLI JUOLEVI

North American Skater - London, OHL



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	5
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	182
BORN:	May 5, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Helsinki, FIN
BORN IN:	Helsinki, FIN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2015-16, Juolevi finished third among Ontario Hockey League rookie defensemen with 9-33-42 in 57 games for the London Knights, earning OHL Second All-Rookie Team and OHL Third All-Star Team honors.
- In the playoffs, Juolevi registered 3-11-14 in 18 games to help the Knights capture the OHL championship. He added 0-7-7 in four games at the 2016 Memorial Cup – where he was named to the tournament All-Star Team – to help the undefeated Knights capture the title for the second time in franchise history.
- Juolevi was a member of Finland's gold medal-winning team at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships, leading all defensemen with nine assists (0-9-9 in 7 GP) and was named to the tournament All-Star Team.
- During 2014-15, Juolevi tallied 6-26-32 in 44 games for Jokerit's junior squad and was named the league's best defenseman, rookie of the year and selected to the First All-Star Team.
- Juolevi compares his style of play to Oliver Ekman-Larsson of the Arizona Coyotes. His favorite NHL player is Nashville Predators captain Shea Weber.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Juolevi is a smart, smooth skating, puck moving defenseman with excellent poise and composure. He displays elite hockey sense and instincts with and without the puck and plays in every situation."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Jokerit Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	11	1	3	4	-5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2014-15	Jokerit Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	44	6	26	32	0	28	5	1	2	3	0	2
2015-16	London	OHL	57	9	33	42	38	16	18	3	11	14	15	4
OHL Totals			57	9	33	42	38	16	18	3	11	14	15	4
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			55	7	29	36	-5	34	5	1	2	3	0	2

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## CHARLES McAVOY

North American Skater - Boston University, H-EAST



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	9
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	208
BORN:	December 21, 1997	HOMETOWN:	Long Beach, NY, USA
BORN IN:	Long Beach, NY, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- McAvoy, the youngest player in the NCAA in 2015-16, was named to the Hockey East All-Rookie Team after finishing sixth in the conference among defensemen with 25 points in his freshman season (3-22-25) at Boston University.
- The Long Beach, New York native finished second-T among NCAA freshmen defensemen in assists (eighth-T among all NCAA blueliners) and fifth in points. He was named to the Hockey East All-Rookie team after leading BU defensemen in assists and points.
- Internationally, McAvoy skated in seven games at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships and helped the United States capture a bronze medal. He also earned gold medals at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (0-4-4 in 7 GP) and the 2014 U17 World Hockey Challenge (1-2-3 in 6 GP).
- Prior to attending BU, McAvoy spent two seasons with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. In 2014-15, he tallied 7-33-40 in 63 games with the U18 team, finishing as the club's top-scoring defenseman. He notched 7-12-19 in 54 games with the USA U17 squad in 2013-14.
- McAvoy, who learned to play hockey on rollerblades, was named the Metro Junior Hockey League's offensive defenseman of the year in 2012-13 after collecting 43 points in 35 games with the New Jersey Rockets.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's David Gregory:

"He has a real pro game to him. He's a player who, because of his late birthdate, has played with players already drafted at a very high level for a long time, but has shown the kind of game that really translates well to the pro game."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	USA U17	USDP	54	7	12	19	n/a	58	...	...	...	...	...	...
2014-15	USA U18	USDP	63	7	33	40	n/a	51	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Boston U.	Hockey East	37	3	22	25	10	56	...	...	...	...	...	...
NCAA Totals			37	3	22	25	10	56	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			117	14	45	59	...	109	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## LOGAN BROWN

North American Skater - Windsor, OHL



FINAL RANK:	7	MIDTERM RANK:	14
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 6"	WEIGHT:	220
BORN:	March 5, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Chesterfield, MO, USA
BORN IN:	Raleigh, NC, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Brown led the Spitfires with 53 assists and finished second on the team with 74 points – behind linemate Christian Fischer (selected 32nd overall by ARI in 2015) – to help Windsor return to the Ontario Hockey League Playoffs in 2015-16.
- He was named to the OHL's Second All-Rookie Team in 2014-15 after finishing fifth among first-year players with 43 points (17-26-43).
- Brown played his final minor hockey season with the Indiana Jr. Ice Under-16 team, but spent much of his youth with the St. Louis AAA Blues organization. He is one of six AAA Blues alumni on NHL Central Scouting's final rankings for the 2016 NHL Draft.
- Internationally, he helped the United States capture a bronze medal at the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-9-12 in seven games. He finished second-T in the tournament in assists and fourth in points.
- His father, Jeff Brown, played in 747 NHL games over 13 seasons with the Nordiques, Blues, Canucks, Whalers, Hurricanes, Maple Leafs and Capitals, registering career totals of 154-431-585 from the blueline. He is currently the general manager and coach of the Ottawa 67's in the OHL.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"He's still growing, which is amazing because he's already big as it is. His skating has developed and I just think it will take a little more time for the rest of it to catch up to his body. When he has the confidence and assertiveness to play to his size and play a little more selfishly, then his numbers will rise and good things will begin to happen."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Windsor	OHL	56	17	26	43	-8	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Windsor	OHL	59	21	53	74	24	40	5	0	6	6	-7	6
OHL Totals			115	38	79	117	16	60	5	0	6	6	-7	6



# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## MIKHAIL SERGACHEV

North American Skater - Windsor, OHL



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	10
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	208
BORN:	June 25, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Nizhnekamsk, RUS
BORN IN:	Nizhnekamsk, RUS		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sergachev was named the Ontario Hockey League Most Outstanding Defenseman (Max Kaminsky Trophy) and was named to the OHL First All-Star and OHL First All-Rookie teams after posting 17-40-57 in 67 games with the Windsor Spitfires in 2015-16.
- The 17-year-old was the second-youngest recipient of the Max Kaminsky Trophy (six days older than Craig Hartsburg, 1976-77). He also became just the second rookie to receive the honor, joining Bryan Berard (1994-95).
- The defenseman led all blueliners in goals (ninth-T among rookie skaters) and finished second among rookie blueliners and third among all rookies in assists and points.
- Had two shots in the 2016 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Vancouver.
- In 2014-15, he posted 2-6-8 in 25 games with Irbis Kazan in Russia's Junior Hockey League (MHL)
- Internationally, he has skated for Russia in three international tournaments. He suited up for the Russians at the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World U18 Championships, serving as an alternate captain at the 2016 tournament. He also helped Russia win a gold medal at the 2015 U17 World Hockey Challenge (1-0-1 in 6 GP).
- Sergachev's favorite NHL team is the Washington Capitals and favorite player is Alex Ovechkin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"His read-and-react game is fast. He's able to transition quickly. He's got that focus on the ice, and he's a guy you don't catch out of position. It is a lot tougher to beat him 1-on-1 now than it was earlier in the year."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

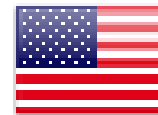
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Irbis Kazan	MHL	25	2	6	8	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0
2015-16	Windsor	OHL	67	17	40	57	15	56	5	2	3	5	-4	8
OHL Totals			67	17	40	57	15	56	5	2	3	5	-4	8
MHL Totals			25	2	6	8	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## CLAYTON KELLER

North American Skater - USA U-18, USHL



FINAL RANK:	9	MIDTERM RANK:	8
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	168
BORN:	July 29, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Swansea, IL, USA
BORN IN:	Chersterfield, MO, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Keller averaged 1.73 points per game with the U.S. Under-18 team in 2015-16, compiling 37-70-107 in 62 contests. Only one player has collected more points in a season for the U.S. National Team Development Program - Auston Matthews, the No. 1-Ranked European Skater for the 2016 NHL Draft (55-62-117 in 2014-15).
- His total of 70 assists in 2015-16 established a USNTDP single-season record, besting the previous mark of 64 set the year prior by Jeremy Bracco (selected 61st overall by TOR in 2015).
- Keller, who split the 2014-15 season between the U.S. Under-17 and Under-18 teams, also moved past Penguins forward Phil Kessel (104-76-180) into sole possession of first place on the USNTDP career points list (71-118-189).
- The Swansea, Illinois, native has medaled with the U.S. at each of the last two IIHF Under-18 World Championships, winning gold in 2015 and bronze in 2016. At the most recent event, Keller was voted MVP and named to the tournament All-Star Team after collecting 4-10-14 in seven games, leading the tournament in assists and finishing second in points, to help the U.S. win bronze.
- Keller, who played minor hockey in St. Louis, also won a silver medal at the 2015 World U17 Hockey Challenge, where he paced all players with 13 points and shared the tournament lead with seven assists.
- He has committed to Boston University for the fall of 2016, along with USNTDP teammates Kieffer Bellows (No. 10 NA Skater) and Chad Kryz (No. 53 NA Skater).

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Keller is a skilled center who is a game breaker. Every time he's on the ice he influences the game, and as a small player has the requisite hockey IQ, speed and compete that smaller players need to be successful in the NHL."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	USA U18	USDP	16	9	14	23	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	USDP	45	25	34	59	n/a	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	32	14	23	37	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	USA U18	USDP	62	37	70	107	n/a	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	23	13	24	37	16	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			123	71	118	189	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			55	27	47	74	20	24	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## KIEFFER BELLOWS

North American Skater - USA U-18, USHL



FINAL RANK:	10	MIDTERM RANK:	12
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	196
BORN:	June 10, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Edina, MN, USA
BORN IN:	Edina, MN, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2015-16, Bellows collected 50-31-81 in 62 games with the U.S. Under-18 team to finish second in team scoring behind Clayton Keller (No. 9 NA Skater). He became the fourth different player to score 50 goals in a season with the U.S. National Team Development Program, joining Auston Matthews (No. 1 European Skater), Patrick Kane (Chicago Blackhawks) and Phil Kessel (Pittsburgh Penguins, 2x).
- His father is former NHL forward Brian Bellows, who won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens in 1993 and compiled 485-537-1,022 in 1,188 career regular-season games with five teams. On his dad: "He is my idol. I looked up to him when I was a kid and I still look up to him today, as both a player and a dad."
- In 2014, Bellows scored twice in the championship game to help Edina High School secure its second-straight Minnesota Class 2A state championship. The following season, he was named United States Hockey League Rookie of the Year and led the Sioux Falls Stampede to a Clark Cup title.
- Bellows also won a bronze medal with the U.S. at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championships, collecting 5-3-8 in seven games.
- He has committed to Boston University for the fall of 2016, along with USNTDP teammates Clayton Keller (No. 9 NA Skater) and Chad Krysl (No. 53 NA Skater).

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Central Scouting's David Gregory:

"I think he's going to be the finisher and the sniper. He can play on the wing and he's very adept at getting open for shooting lanes. He can distribute, but there are not many people that can shoot it like him and finish like him."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Sioux Falls	USHL	58	33	19	52	10	78	12	9	3	12	9	12
2015-16	USA U18	USDP	62	50	31	81	n/a	101	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	23	16	16	32	17	41	...	...	...	...	...	...
USDP Totals			62	50	31	81	n/a	101	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			81	49	35	84	27	119	12	9	3	12	9	12

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## AUSTON MATTHEWS

European Skater - Zurich, SWISS



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	210
BORN:	September 17, 1997	HOMETOWN:	Scottsdale, AZ, USA
BORN IN:	Scottsdale, AZ, USA		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Matthews, who joined Zurich of Switzerland's top professional league for the 2015-16 season, averaged more than a point-per-game (24-22-46 in 36 GP) while playing under former NHL head coach and Stanley Cup champion Marc Crawford.
- A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Matthews learned the game while playing in the local minor hockey system – including Bantam and Midget seasons with the Arizona Bobcats – before joining the U.S. National Team Development Program in 2013-14.
- In 2014-15, Matthews registered 55-62-117 to set U.S. Under-18 team records for goals and points in one season, surpassing Patrick Kane's 52 goals and 102 points in 2005-06.
- Matthews was awarded USA Hockey's Bob Johnson Award in 2014-15, recognizing excellence in international hockey competition. He is a two-time IIHF U18 World Championship gold medalist (2014 and 2015) and in 2015 was named tournament MVP after leading all players in goals and points (8-7-15 in 7 GP). Matthews also has represented his country twice at the IIHF World Jr. Championships (2015 and 2016), leading the 2016 tournament in goals (7-4-11 in 7 GP) to help the U.S. capture bronze. As an 18-year-old at the 2016 IIHF World Championships, Matthews led his team with six goals and ranked first-T on Team USA with nine points (6-3-9 in 10 GP).
- A fan of his home-town Coyotes, Matthews began attending games when he was just two years old. His favorite players growing up were Shane Doan and Daniel Briere.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Matthews is an extraordinary prospect with NHL size, speed and smarts. He is the ultimate package when you combine all of that with his exceptional work ethic and relentless compete level."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	USA U18	USDP	20	12	5	17	n/a	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	USDP	24	12	21	33	n/a	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	20	10	10	20	-5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2014-15	USA U18	USDP	60	55	61	116	n/a	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	24	20	28	48	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	ZSC Lions	NLA	36	24	22	46	16	6	4	0	3	3	1	2
NLA Totals			36	24	22	46	16	6	4	0	3	3	1	2
USDP Totals			104	79	87	166	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			44	30	38	68	15	14	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## PATRIK LAINE

European Skater - Tappara, FINLAND



**FINAL RANK:** 2  
**POSITION:** Right Wing  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 4"  
**BORN:** April 19, 1998  
**BORN IN:** Tampere, FIN

**MIDTERM RANK:** 3  
**SHOOT:** Right  
**WEIGHT:** 206  
**HOMETOWN:** Tampere, FIN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Laine spent the entire 2015-16 season skating with Tappara of the Finnish Elite League, where he registered 17-16-33 in 46 contests to lead the league in goals and points by a rookie. He added 10-5-15 in 18 postseason games to help Tappara win the league championship. For his performance, Laine was awarded the Jari Kurri Award as best player in the playoffs.
- As a member of Team Finland's silver medal-winning team at the 2016 IIHF World Championships, 18-year-old Laine tied for the tournament lead with seven goals and led his team with 12 points (tied). For his efforts, he was named most valuable player, best forward and a tournament All-Star.
- On home soil at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships in Helsinki, Laine helped lead Finland to a gold medal while playing on a line with Jesse Puljujarvi (No. 3-ranked European Skater) and Sebastian Aho (drafted 35th overall by CAR in 2015). Laine (7-6-13 in 7 GP) tied Team USA's Auston Matthews (No. 1-ranked European Skater) for the tournament lead in goals and was named to the tournament All-Star Team alongside countrymen Puljujarvi and Olli Juolevi (No. 5-ranked North American Skater).
- Internationally, Laine also tied Matthews for the tournament lead in goals at the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championships, registering 8-3-11 in seven games en route to a silver medal and tournament All-Star Team honors.
- A large, powerful forward who likes to score, Laine models his game after his favorite NHL player, Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Laine is an extremely skilled winger with size, speed, hockey sense and competitiveness. He is a natural scorer who possesses an NHL caliber shot. Laine is a tough competitor to play against and even harder to check, an offensive threat every time he is on the ice."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Tappara Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	40	26	11	37	-7	43	1	0	0	0	1	0
2014-15	Tappara	Liiga	6	0	1	1	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	LeKi	Mestis	36	5	7	12	-12	14	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Tappara Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	6	4	1	5	-2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Tappara	Liiga	46	17	16	33	6	6	18	10	5	15	1	6
Liiga Totals			52	17	17	34	6	8	0	0	0	0	2	
Mestis Totals			36	5	7	12	-12	14	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			46	30	12	42	-9	47	1	0	0	0	1	0



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## JESSE PULJUJARVI

European Skater - Karpas, FINLAND



FINAL RANK:	3	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 4"	WEIGHT:	203
BORN:	May 7, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Tornio, FIN
BORN IN:	Alvkarleby, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Puljujarvi spent the entire 2015-16 season with Karpas of the Finnish Elite League, where he registered 13-15-28 in 50 regular season games and 4-5-9 in 10 postseason contests.
- On home soil at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships in Helsinki, Puljujarvi led Finland to a gold medal playing on a line with Patrik Laine (No. 2 ranked European Skater) and Sebastian Aho (drafted 35th overall by CAR in 2015).
- Puljujarvi (5-12-17 in 7 GP) led all players at the World Jr. Championships in assists and points en route to gold, collecting most valuable player, best forward and All-Star Team honors.
- Internationally, Puljujarvi also earned gold at the 2016 IIHF Under-18 World Championship (5-2-7 in 4 GP), scoring a hat trick in the gold medal game against rival Sweden and a silver medal with Finland at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 World Championships (2-5-7 in 7 GP).
- In 2014-15, Puljujarvi played 21 games with Karpas (4 7-11), who eventually went on to win the Finnish Elite League Championship, and spent 15 games with Hokki (8-5-13), who earned bronze in Finland's second division. He was also a member of Karpas's silver medal junior squad in 2013-14, racking up seven goals in 12 postseason contests.
- Lists Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin as his favorite NHL player.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"Puljujarvi is the ultimate power forward package. He is a big, mobile, highly skilled, well-rounded winger who is both a scorer and a playmaker. He is a powerful skater with excellent offensive instincts, puck skills and determination."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Karpas Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	18	12	11	23	15	4	12	7	0	7	-4	2
2014-15	Karpas	Liiga	21	4	7	11	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hokki	Mestis	15	8	5	13	9	8	3	0	1	1	-1	0
	Karpas Jr.	Jr. A SM-liiga	11	12	6	18	6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Karpas	Liiga	50	13	15	28	5	22	10	4	5	9	-3	2
Liiga Totals			71	17	22	39	9	32	10	4	5	9	-3	2
Mestis Totals			15	8	5	13	9	8	3	0	1	1	-1	0
Jr. A SM-liiga Totals			29	24	17	41	21	14	17	9	1	10	-6	6

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## RASMUS ASPLUND

European Skater - Farjestad, SWEDEN



FINAL RANK:	4	MIDTERM RANK:	4
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	176
BORN:	December 3, 1997	HOMETOWN:	Filipstad, SWE
BORN IN:	Filipstad, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Asplund notched 4-8-12 in 46 games with Färjestad BK in his second season in the Swedish Hockey League and skated in three playoff contests.
- In 2014-15, the center split time between Färjestad BK (SHL) and the junior team (SuperElit). He registered 2-1-3 in 35 games with Färjestad BK and added 8-17-25 in 19 games in the SuperElit, leading the SuperElit in faceoff percentage (68.1 pct.).
- Asplund skated for Sweden at the 2016 IIHF World Jr. Championships, posting 3-2-5 in seven games.
- The Filipstad, Sweden native served as team captain at the 2015 IIHF U18 World Championships (2-3-5 in 5 GP) as well as the 2014 U17 World Hockey Challenge (1-1-2 in 5 GP).
- Was named the J18 best forward in 2013-14 after recording 12-14-26 in 17 combined games with Färjestad BK J18. He also added 7-7-14 in 38 games with the Junior team (SuperElit).

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb::

"Asplund is a smart, effective two-way center. He's not very big nor strong, but compensates his lack of size with smart moves, mobile skating and excellent playmaking skills. He makes the play at top speed; both passing and shooting. He has very good acceleration speed, handles the puck extremely well in traffic, and creates scoring chances on every shift. He's a leader on and off the ice."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2013-14	Farjestad BK Jr.	SuperElit	38	7	7	14	-14	12	4	1	0	1	3	0
2014-15	Farjestad BK	SHL	35	2	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	-1	0
	Farjestad BK Jr.	SuperElit	19	8	17	25	16	14	6	3	4	7	7	0
2015-16	Farjestad BK	SHL	46	4	8	12	10	16	3	0	0	0	-4	0
SHL Totals			81	6	9	15	10	20	6	0	0	0	-5	0
SuperElit Totals			57	15	24	39	2	26	10	4	4	8	10	0

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## GERMAN RUBTSOV

European Skater - Team U18, RUSSIA-JR.



FINAL RANK: 5  
POSITION: Center  
HEIGHT: 6' 2"  
BORN: June 27, 1998  
BORN IN: Chekhov, RUS

MIDTERM RANK: 6  
SHOOT: Left  
WEIGHT: 178  
HOMETOWN: Chekhov, RUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2015-16, Rubtsov notched 12-14-26 in 28 games with the Team Russia U18 team in Russia's junior hockey league (MHL).
- Split the 2014-15 campaign between Vityaz Podolsk in the Russia U17 league (5-5-10 in 9 GP) and the Russkie Vityazi Chekhov club in the MHL (1-4-5 in 11 GP).
- Internationally, the center earned a bronze medal with Russia at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial, posting 1-3-4 and 16 penalty minutes in five contests.
- Rubtsov also helped Russia capture gold at the 2014 U17 World Hockey Challenge with 1-4-5 in six games.

### SCOUTING REPORT

NHL Director of European Scouting Goran Stubb:

"He's a hard-working, good skater and competitor; fine straightaway speed. He has good vision, hockey-sense, skills and skating speed; a consistent two-way forward who competes hard and is strong in traffic. He is a very good stickhandler and finds his teammates with smart passes; a classical Russian skilled forward."

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2014-15	Russkie Vityazi	MHL	11	1	4	5	-9	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Vityaz Podolsk U17	Russia U17	9	5	5	10	n/a	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Team Russia U18	MHL	28	12	14	26	12	10	3	0	1	1	-3	0
MHL Totals			39	13	18	31	3	14	4	0	1	1	-2	0
Russia U17 Totals			9	5	5	10	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2016 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## EVAN FITZPATRICK

North American Goalie - Sherbrooke, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	2
POSITION:	Goalie	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	206
BORN:	January 28, 1998	HOMETOWN:	St. Johns, NL, CAN
BORN IN:	St. Johns, NL, CAN		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Fitzpatrick posted 18 victories in 2015-16 to become the all-time wins leader for the Sherbrooke Phoenix and help the club reach the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoffs for the third time in its four-year history.
- In 2014-15, he earned a spot on the QMJHL All-Rookie team after establishing a franchise record for wins by a first-year goaltender (13). That included a 26-save shutout victory on Oct. 19, 2014 against the Drummondville Voltigeurs, the only clean sheet ever by a Sherbrooke rookie goaltender.
- He was Canada's starting goaltender at the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championships, posting a 3-2 record with a .895 save percentage to help the club reach the bronze medal game. He also represented his country at the 2014 World U17 Hockey Challenge.
- He moved from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia to attend Newbridge Academy, where he played behind fellow 2016 NHL Draft prospect Luke Green (No. 40 NA Skater). Fitzpatrick was named a First Team All-Star in each of his two seasons with Newbridge and also claimed the Nova Scotia Major Bantam Hockey League's Top Goaltender Award in 2012-13.
- Fitzpatrick, selected fourth overall by Sherbrooke in 2014, is one of four goaltenders to be chosen in the top four selections in the QMJHL Draft over the past 10 years.

### SCOUTING REPORT

Central Scouting's Al Jensen:

"He has a very big presence in the net, has great angle play and he plays mostly at the top of the paint on initial shots while not giving much room to shooters. He has good strength in the crease, holding his ground and battling hard to either track the puck through traffic or grab a loose puck in the crease area. He has very good butterfly coverage for both the low and high shots and can extend his pads out quickly to protect the low corners."

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2014-15	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	32	13-11-3	1	.884	3.41	1,689	3	1-1	0	.853	4.56	145
2015-16	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	54	18-26-8	2	.896	3.42	3,067	5	1-4	0	.920	3.41	317
QMJHL Totals			86	31-37-11	3	.892	3.42	4,756	8	2-5	0	.903	3.77	462

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## FILIP GUSTAVSSON

European Goalie - Lulea Jr., SWEDEN-JR.



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goalie	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	184
BORN:	June 7, 1998	HOMETOWN:	Skelleftea, SWE
BORN IN:	Skelleftea, SWE		

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gustavsson made his Swedish Hockey League debut with Lulea in 2015-16, finishing 4-2-0 with a 2.17 goals-against average and a .910 save percentage in six games. Also posted a 3.22 goals-against average and .893 save percentage in 20 games with the junior team in the SuperElit League.
- In 2014-15, he split time with Lulea's J18 and junior teams, posting a 2.22 goals-against average and .905 save percentage in nine contests in the J18 Elite league, 2.18 goals-against average and .908 save percentage in nine contests in the J18 Allsvenskan league and 3.96 goals-against average and .881 save percentage in seven games in the SuperElit league.
- The Skelleftea, Sweden native led Sweden to a silver medal at the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championships and was named the Directorate's Best Goaltender after finishing 3-1 with a 2.70 goals-against average and a .906 save percentage in five games.
- He helped Sweden earn a silver medal at the 2015 Ivan Hlinka Memorial with a 2.11 goals-against average and .930 save percentage in five games played.
- The netminder guided Sweden to a bronze medal at the 2014 U17 World Hockey Challenge after posting a tournament-best .942 save percentage along with a 1.61 goals-against average in five games.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2014-15	Lulea Jr.	SuperElit	7	n/a	0	.881	3.96	424	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lulea U18	J18 Allsvenskan	9	n/a	1	.908	2.18	551	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lulea U18	J18 Elit	9	n/a	1	.905	2.22	541	...	...	...	...	...	...
2015-16	Lulea HF	SHL	6	4-2-0	0	.910	2.17	359	1	0-0	0	1.000	0.00	1
	Lulea Jr.	SuperElit	20	n/a	0	.893	3.22		1			.870	3.00	
SHL Totals			6	4-2-0	0	.910	2.17	359	1	0-0	0	1.000	0.00	1



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**AUSTON MATTHEWS**

BORN Sept. 17, 1997, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
2005-16 Zurich POS C  
HT 6-2 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 1

**W**HEN WE COMPILE these rankings and bios for Draft Preview, we consult with scouts who have spent decades assessing teenage talent and identifying those they think will be the best. When someone who has been scouting that long talks about Matthews and says, "He's one of the favorite players I've ever scouted," that's lofty praise.

Matthews has put up numbers superior to those of Patrick Kane and Jack Eichel at the same age, but scouts see him as a less dynamic, more well-rounded player than the two American stars. "You can say he won't put up the points of a McDavid or an Eichel, and that's perhaps true," said one scout. "But I think he's a Jonathan Toews-type of player. He's the kind of guy you win with."

Connor McDavid and Eichel have been described as generational talents, while Matthews is perhaps a touch below that. "He's a player that comes along not all that often," said another scout. "He's on the heels of those two guys, so people think one of these players is coming every year, but they're not. He's that good."

YO	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-15	Arizona	MHL	48	55	45	100	16
13-14	USA U18	NTDP	20	12	5	17	8
14-15	USA U18	NTDP	60	55	61	116	30
15-16	Zurich	Svi.	35	24	22	46	6
	USA	WJC	7	7	4	11	2

**NHL Projection:** Franchise center

2






**PATRIK LAINE**

BORN April 19, 1998, Tampere, Fin.  
2005-16 Tappara POS RW  
HT 6-4 WT 209 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 3

**T**HIS TIME LAST YEAR, most observers would have predicted countryman Jesse Puljujarvi would rank higher, but, using the world juniors as his coming-out party, Laine has pulled dead even, if not slightly ahead of Puljujarvi.

When scouts watch Laine, they see a pure scorer, one who has the potential to be a 50-goal man. And that's not all they like about him. "I hate making comparisons because they're not fair to the kid, but you watch (Alex) Ovechkin run over (Seeni) Couturier (in the playoffs)," said a scout. "That's the way this kid does it. If he doesn't score, he'll still hit you."

But he'll still score. Laine owns a devastating shot, one that can be downright lethal from the top of the circle on the power play. And he's also matured from the player who was sent home from the 2014 Ivan Hlinka tournament for flipping the bird to his coach, then giving him a death threat. "He's a guy who's figured it out," said another scout. "He's always been an immense talent, but I would not have expected him, prior to this year, being in the top 20. But the light bulb went on."

YO	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-15	Tappara	Mit.	27	17	9	26	6
13-14	Tappara	Jr.	40	26	11	37	43
14-15	Lukla	Fin. 2	56	5	7	12	14
15-16	Tappara	Fin.	46	37	36	73	6
	Finland	WJC	7	7	6	13	6

**NHL Projection:** Goal-scoring winger

3






**JESSE PULJUJARVI**

BORN May 7, 1998, Alwarby, Swe.  
2005-16 Kärpät POS RW  
HT 6-5 WT 201 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 2

**A**LTHOUGH IT'S happening with a little more frequency in recent years, it's still not often an 18-year-old player leads the World Junior Championship in scoring, is named MVP and top forward and is put on the all-tournament team. But that's what Puljujarvi did on home soil when the Finns took their second gold medal in three years in 2016.

Unlike Laine, Puljujarvi is more of a playmaker and 200-foot player than a pure scorer. He's not expected to have the same offensive impact Laine will at the NHL level, but there's a two-way component to his game that scouts like. But even though he led the under-20 worlds in scoring, some scouts wonder how much he'll produce at the NHL level. "He's done everything but score in the games I've seen him play this year," said one scout.

Puljujarvi will never short-change his team in effort. But while he is hugely competitive, he's far more than just a high-motor guy. "Sometimes people see his competitiveness and activity, they get caught looking at that and forget what a good player he is," said a scout.

YO	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	Kärpät	Jr.	18	12	11	23	4
14-15	Kärpät	Fin.	21	4	7	11	10
15-16	Kärpät	Fin.	50	15	15	28	22
	Finland	WJC	7	5	12	17	0
	Finland	WU18	4	5	3	8	2

**NHL Projection:** Two-way winger

4






**MATTHEW TKACHUK**

BORN Dec. 11, 1997, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
2005-16 London POS LW  
HT 6-1 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 6

**T**HE ONLY, AND WE mean only, knock on Tkachuk is his skating. And even that is not enough to deter most scouts from getting very excited about the son of former NHL 50-goal man Keith Tkachuk.

The elder Tkachuk was more of a pure sniper (538 goals in 1,201 games), and while the son can score, he excels more at setting up teammates. Both are big and imposing around the net, but the younger Tkachuk doesn't quite have the nasty bite his father had. "The sky is the limit with this guy," said one scout. "Everyone tries to poke holes in him, but all he's done is answer all those critics and then some. He's going to be a hell of an NHL player."

Playing on one of the most dominant lines in major junior with Mitch Marner and Christian Dvorak in London, Tkachuk has proved he can complement elite players, not hold them back. "If you were teaching Hockey 101, you would look at this kid and say, 'This is what you want from your left winger,'" said another scout. "He's strong on his skates, he battles for pucks and he has a soft spot around the net."

YO	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-15	St. Louis	Ban.	41	25	57	82	25
13-14	USA U19	NTDP	53	18	26	44	39
14-15	USA U18	NTDP	65	38	58	96	119
15-16	London	ONL	57	30	77	107	80
	USA	WJC	7	4	7	11	6

**NHL Projection:** Two-way winger

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**PIERRE-LUC DUBOIS**



BORN June 24, 1998, Ste-Agathe, Que.  
2015-16 Cape Breton POS LW  
HT 6-3 WT 201 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 5

**D**UBOIS WAS A LATE cut from Canada's world junior team, but, based on the lackadaisical effort of that squad, perhaps it should have kept him. "He'll cross-check you in the face," said one scout. "He's got an edge to his game."

Fortunately, that's not all Dubois has in his arsenal. He's also a complete 200-foot player who makes plays with the puck. Though he can sometimes cross the line - he was suspended two games at the end of the season after he dished out a dodgy shove from behind - Dubois' stock has been rising all year thanks to prodigious production.

By April, he became a legitimate candidate to go in the top five, and at least one team was hoping it wouldn't have to choose between him and Michael McLeod. "He's like Jerome Iginla: meat and potatoes player, north-south game," said a scout. "Makes plays in tight spaces, finds open ice, finishes checks. He scores NHL-type goals."

Dubois' dad, Eric, played pro in Europe (the son was raised partly in Germany) and is now an assistant coach with Rimouski.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Pembroke	Bar.	16	11	12	23	34
13-14	Notre-Dame	Mid.	40	17	21	38	92
14-15	Cape Breton	QMJHL	54	30	35	65	58
	Canada	WJU18	6	0	1	1	4
15-16	Cape Breton	QMJHL	42	42	57	99	82

**NHL Projection:** Power forward

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**OLLI JUOLEVI**



BORN May 5, 1998, Helsinki, Fin.  
2015-16 London POS D  
HT 6-2 WT 183 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 11

**W**ISDOM AT THE START of the season had Sarnia's Jakob Chychrun as the top defenseman of the draft, but Juolevi kept gaining and eventually passed him before the season ended. Juolevi's star turn came at the WJC, where he was a tournament all-star and Finland's most important defenseman. "When you get a 17-year-old that played those minutes against that competition, it's impressive," said one scout. "He's efficient, intelligent and has the mental maturity."

He did so in his hometown of Helsinki, en route to the nation's second gold in three years. While the Finns gave up goals early, they clamped down later.

While Europeans often need an adjustment period when they come over to play major junior, Juolevi made a near-seamless transition to the OHL Knights - something even Pittsburgh's Olli Maatta had early troubles with. "Really smart, very smooth," said another scout. "He reads the game exceptionally well and doesn't panic. Lots of poise, whether he's on the power play or (moving) the puck up the ice."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Jokerit	Bar.	31	10	19	29	28
13-14	Jokerit	Mid.	33	7	22	29	63
14-15	Jokerit	Jr.	44	6	26	32	28
15-16	London	OHL	57	9	35	42	16
	Finland	WJC	7	0	5	9	4

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender

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**ALEXANDER NYLANDER**



BORN March 2, 1998, Calgary, Alta.  
2015-16 Mississauga POS RW  
HT 6-0 WT 176 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 4

**W**E ALL ASSUMED A Nylander would be a force for Sweden at the WJC, we just didn't realize it would be "A. Nylander." Older brother William was knocked out of the tournament in the first game due to a head shot, so Alex picked up the slack. Playing on a line with Rasmus Asplund and Dmitry Timashov, Nylander dominated the stat sheet, finishing as Sweden's top scorer with nine points. "Maybe as pure a talent as anyone in this draft," said one scout. "He makes plays. It's so impressive. He has the vision, the hands and the instincts."

While Mississauga took a chance selecting Nylander in the CHL import draft one year after his brother turned down a spot, Alex did report and paid dividends. He formed a potent line with Michael McLeod and Nathan Bastien and was a consistent threat every shift. "As skilled as anyone in the OHL," said another scout. "Good skater, good stick."

Since Nylander was technically "loaned" to the OHL from Sweden, he'd have to play in the AHL next season - like Dallas prospect Julius Honka two years ago.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	SOE	Mid.	21	9	27	36	2
14-15	AK	Jr.	42	15	25	40	32
15-16	Mississauga	OHL	57	28	47	75	18
	Sweden	WJC	7	4	5	9	0
	Sweden	WJU18	7	1	8	11	0

**NHL Projection:** Playmaking winger

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**MIKHAIL SERGACHEV**



BORN June 25, 1998, Nizhnykamsk, Rus.  
2015-16 Windsor POS D  
HT 6-2 WT 205 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 10

**W**HEN RUSSIA'S under-18 squad got caught up in a drug scandal before the worlds, Bergachev, coming over from the OHL, inherited the unenviable job of helping a bunch of under-17s survive the tournament. Not only did the team make the playoff round, it only lost to Finland by a goal in the quarters.

Sergachev has been excellent all year, boosting a Windsor team that wasn't supposed to be that good. "He's been great," said a scout. "The minutes he plays? People notice. Very good skater, great offensive instincts."

All reasons why Bergachev had bounded up the rankings. The sturdy Spitfire even had some GMs contemplating him as the top blueliner available, ahead of Olli Juolevi and Jakob Chychrun, in what is one of the draft's best storylines. "In terms of his size, skill and upside," said another scout, "he might be one of the most NHL-ready players in the draft, too."

Based on his skill set and readiness, it's hard not to compare Sergachev to countryman Ivan Provorov, the Flyers prospect.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
14-15	Irkutsk	Jr.	25	2	6	8	18
	Russia	WJU17	5	1	0	1	8
	Russia	WJU18	5	0	0	0	0
15-16	Windsor	OHL	67	17	40	57	56
	Russia	WJU18	5	0	0	0	8

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



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**JAKOB CHYCHRUN**

BORN March 31, 1998, Boca Raton, Fla.  
2015-16 Samia POS D  
HT 6-2 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 8

**I**T HAPPENS EVERY YEAR. One player, for whatever reason, ends up dropping inexplicably in the first round. It happened to Cam Fowler. It happened to Filip Forsberg. And it will probably happen to Chychrun. "He's a big guy who will play in the league for a long time," said one scout. "His game is still evolving – we haven't seen the best of him yet. We have to give him a chance."

But in a fickle business, Chychrun saw his status as top dog defender usurped by Olli Juolevi and perhaps Mikhail Sergachev as the season wore on. Other than getting crossed up by Max Jonas in a viral video, the Samia blueliner didn't show many cracks in his game. He's still a beast who can put up points and has excellent mobility. Chychrun didn't make Canada's World Junior Championship squad, and he didn't look great during the camp's exhibition games, but there is still a ton to like about the youngster. "So mature, so reliable," said another scout. "He just gives it for you."

And some lucky team may get his services with a pick well below his potential.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Little Caesars	Mid.	25	11	7	18	43
13-14	Tor. Jr. Cons.	Mid.	29	16	27	43	28
14-15	Samia	OHL	42	16	17	33	37
15-16	Samia	OHL	62	11	38	49	51
	Canada	WJHL	7	1	3	4	8

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender



**MICHAEL McLEOD**

BORN Feb. 3, 1998, Mississauga, Ont.  
2015-16 Mississauga POS C  
HT 6-2 WT 187 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 13

**H**E MAY NOT HAVE as high a profile as Mississauga Enemate Alexander Nylander, but make no mistake: scouts have been loving McLeod all year, dating back to the summer's premier event. "He was the biggest difference maker at the Ivan Hlinka tournament," said one scout. "Big, strong, powerful skater with skill. That Canada team was deep and fast and, even amongst that group, he distinguished himself."

Canada won gold again, but McLeod wasn't finished there. He was also one of the best players at the CHL Top Prospects Game in January after the world juniors. McLeod didn't play for Canada in Helsinki, but he did put up nice numbers in the OHL for the Steelheads, excelling at faceoffs as well as offensive production. An MCL injury in his right knee cost him some games in the second half, but the speedy pivot did return for the playoffs. "He's a horse," said another scout. "Great utility and competes every night."

McLeod also has the skills to go end-to-end for highlight reel goals – something that's hard to do in the modern-day game.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Tor. Marlboros	Bar.	33	40	55	95	-
13-14	Tor. Marlboros	Mid.	33	21	36	57	20
14-15	Mississauga	OHL	63	12	17	29	55
15-16	Mississauga	OHL	57	21	49	61	21
	Canada	WJHL	7	2	2	4	2

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center



**TYSON JOST**

BORN March 14, 1998, St. Albert, Alta.  
2015-16 Peniticon POS C  
HT 6-0 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 9

**I**F THERE'S ONE QUESTION surrounding Jost, it's how his season stacks up against prospects in tougher circuits. He torched the BCHL, but so did Beau Bennett back in the day. On the other hand, Kyle Turris and Tyler Bozak also came out of that league, and Jost (named MVP) has the tools to be as good as or better than them. "This kid's the real deal," said one scout. "Already has man strength. He skates well, his hands are phenomenal and he has a great shot."

Jost led Canada West to a gold medal at the World Jr. A Challenge, earning MVP honors as the tourney's top scorer and dawning traditional power Team USA. He also scored the winner against Russia in the final. A University of North Dakota commit next season, Jost was slowed in the BCHL playoffs by a hand injury that made it hard for him to even take faceoffs, but there's no doubting his physical skill set when healthy – in particular his skating. "He's got high-end quickness," said another scout. "Power on turns, agility, balance... extremely strong skater overall. I like the way he can get behind guys."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	R. of Excellence	Bar.	33	56	53	109	46
13-14	Okanagan	Mid.	36	44	44	88	85
14-15	Peniticon	Jr. A	46	23	22	45	36
15-16	Peniticon	Jr. A	48	42	62	104	43
	Canada	WJHL	7	6	9	15	2

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center



**CLAYTON KELLER**

BORN July 29, 1998, Swansco, Ill.  
2015-16 USA NTDP POS C  
HT 5-10 WT 170 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 12

**A**T ONE POINT in the season, it seriously looked like Keller was going to take a run at Auston Matthews' single-season NTDP scoring record. In the end, the smaller center tailed off – but that's a relative concept. Keller still led Team USA in scoring by 20 points over linemate Kleffer Bellows. "One of the most skilled in the entire draft," said one scout.

If there is a knock on Keller, it's his frame. Were he two inches taller and 15 pounds heavier, the St. Louis-raised dynamo would likely go higher in the draft – but ask Max Domi and Robby Fabbri how much that matters in the end. "He's one of those undersized guys who is smart enough and has enough creativity to compensate for it," said another scout. "I've never seen such consistency in a player. He elevates his game against college teams."

Keller is committed to Boston University next year, but there will be a pitched battle between the Terriers and OHL Windsor for his services. One of Keller's best friends is Logan Brown, who already plays for the Spitfires and has no doubt put in a good word.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Shutluck	Bar.	60	58	71	129	22
13-14	Shutluck	USHS	51	36	41	77	20
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	45	25	34	59	24
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	62	32	70	107	40
	USA	WJHL	7	4	10	14	2

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center

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MAX JONES



BORN Feb. 17, 1996, Rochester, Mich.  
2015-16 London POS LW  
HT 6-3 WT 201 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 14

**J**ONES' POST-SEASON HIT a divot when he was slapped with a 12-game suspension for a blindside head shot in London's series against Owen Sound in the OHL playoffs. But scouts already know what his game is all about – and they like it. "Really athletic kid," said one scout. "Competitive, good skater, great passion and drive in his game. Finishes his checks."

Jones splashed onto the scene with an impressive performance at the All-American Prospects Game in Buffalo. He had another signature moment late in the OHL season when he undressed defenseman Jakob Chyrekum with a nifty move for a goal. Jones plays a game that translates easily to the pro ranks. The mission is to bring order to the chaos. "He just needs to settle down," said another scout. "There's a lot of high-end skill there."

An OHL scout dubbed Jones "the American Lawson Crouse," for his blend of puck skills and punishment. Jones' game is very much in a straight line, which is why he's sure to be part of a second tier of forwards taken, just outside the top 10.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Compuware	Bar	29	5	8	13	34
13-14	Honeybaked	Mtl	25	9	13	22	125
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	38	18	10	28	189
	USA	WJLT	6	7	4	11	14
15-16	London	OHL	43	28	24	52	106

NHL Projection: Power forward

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LOGAN BROWN



BORN March 5, 1998, Raleigh, N.C.  
2015-16 Windsor POS C  
HT 6-5 WT 218 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 7

**T**HE SON OF FORMER NHL defenseman Jeff Brown is another product of the burgeoning St. Louis hockey factory, and, if he develops his game, he could become one of those kinds of players every team in the NHL craves. "He's that big centerman everyone is looking for," said a scout.

At 6-foot-6, Brown has an enormous reach and highly tuned playmaking skills, but some scouts would like to see him get a little more selfish when the puck is on his stick. "He's got great vision and he's a really good playmaker," said another scout. "But like a lot of playmakers, he'll pass up a shot."

Other scouts can see raw talent there but think there is still years worth of work to be done to get him ready to play in the NHL. "He's a little bit of an enigma, to tell you the truth," said another scout said. "In terms of tools, his tools are as good as anyone's in the draft. He's got size, but he might be the weakest guy in all of the draft. Even without strength, though, guys have trouble getting the puck off him. I don't think he's bought in yet."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	Indiana	Mtl	19	10	12	22	12
14-15	Windsor	OHL	56	17	26	43	20
	Canada Red	WJLT	5	2	2	4	2
15-16	Windsor	OHL	59	21	55	74	40
	USA	WJLT	7	1	6	12	7

NHL Projection: Playmaking center

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JULIEN GAUTHIER



BORN Oct. 15, 1997, P-a-Trembles, Que.  
2015-16 Val-d'Or POS RW  
HT 5-4 WT 225 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 21

**T**HE WORD "BIG" FIRST comes to mind when scouts think about Gauthier – big body, big talent, big potential. He won't go first overall the way Rick Nash did in 2002, but there are similarities between the two. "He's a huge talent," said a scout. "He exudes talent. He's big and powerful and fluid, and he's got a great skating stride. For a power guy, his skating style is smooth and elegant. For him to get to the areas he gets to is as much a testament to his feel and instincts as it is to his skating."

In terms of exactly what kind of player Gauthier is going to ultimately be, scouts aren't sure. That's because in his first two years in Val-d'Or, he scored 46 goals and 56 assists, but his goal numbers dwarfed his assists this season. "I really liked him last year and I really liked him this year, but he's had two different years," said another scout. "He's just a horse down the wing. He's not a playmaker at all. He's really hard to handle because he can move, and he has those good hands in those hard areas."

Some scouts get wary when goal's greatly outnumber assists.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Level-Montreal	Mtl	42	12	20	32	30
13-14	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	62	8	21	29	39
14-15	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	68	38	35	73	45
15-16	Val-d'Or	QMJHL	54	41	16	57	24
	Canada	WJLT	5	0	2	2	0

NHL Projection: Power forward

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JAKE BEAN



BORN June 9, 1998, Calgary, Alta.  
2015-16 Calgary POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 172 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 16

**I**F THE SON OF Calgary Flames chief operating officer John Bean makes it to the NHL, it will be on the strength of his offensive game and skating and not on any family connections. Scouts would have liked to have seen the younger Bean in the world under-18s, but a broken foot kept him out of Canada's lineup. Yet there is still a body of work that scouts like.

Bean was nearly a point-per-game player in the WHL, and one scout said he wouldn't be surprised to see a team take him higher up in the first round. "He controls the play every time you watch him play," the scout said.

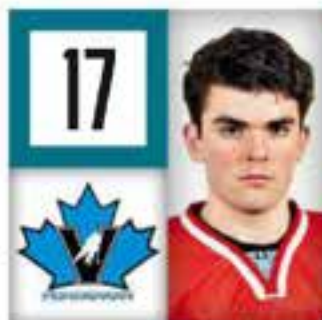
Even though he has work to do on his defensive game, Bean is seen as an impact offensive defenseman who has the vision, skating ability and hockey sense to run a power play at the NHL level. He can also lug the puck out of his own zone and make plays off the rush. "If you take Jake Bean and get mad at him for not playing defense or getting outmuscled down low, you're taking him for the wrong reason," said another scout. "This guy is an offensive defenseman."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Calgary	Bar	44	19	34	53	24
13-14	Calgary	Mtl	57	27	42	69	26
14-15	Calgary	WHL	51	5	34	39	2
	Canada Black	WJLT	5	1	3	4	2
15-16	Calgary	WHL	48	24	40	64	28

NHL Projection: Offensive defender



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**DANTE  
FABBRO**



BORN June 20, 1998, N. Westminster, B.C.  
2015-16 Penikese Island, N.S. POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 185 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 19

**S**LIGHTLY OVERSHADOWED by Penikese Island teammate Tyson Jost's bonkers season, Fabbro put up stunning numbers himself – and he did so from the blueline. “There’s a lot to like,” said one scout. “Big shot, offense-minded defenseman. Not a dynamic skater, but here’s a solid kid. It’s a matter of where teams see him.”

Fabbro looks like a safe pick. He is committed to Boston University next season, and the Terriers excel at developing talent under coach David Quinn. Fabbro will join a blueline corps laden with NHL draft picks, but he’ll also get a chance to make an impact right away.

Whether he’s putting up points at the pro level or simply preventing them is a matter of debate, but the experts are bullish on the young man either way. “He’s basically like an NHL player already,” said another scout. “He gets pucks through and processes things well. I see him as a two-way guy with a shutdown look. His D-zone coverage is high-end, and he closes in on guys quickly.”

Fabbro earned the BCHL’s top defenseman award.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Barnaby	Ban.	58	25	51	76	48
13-14	Van Gorder	Mid.	38	22	33	61	44
14-15	Penikese	J.A.	44	4	29	33	16
15-16	Penikese	J.A.	45	14	53	67	50
	Canada	WUSA	7	0	8	8	16

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender



**CHARLIE  
McAVOY**



BORN Dec. 21, 1997, Long Beach, N.Y.  
2015-16 Boston University POS D  
HT 6-0 WT 205 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 23

**I**T’S HARD ENOUGH BEING a true freshman in college, let alone one who plays defense, but that’s the challenge

McAvoy took with the Terriers. The push paid off as the blueliner made great strides and earned a bronze medal along the way with Team USA’s world junior squad. And we’ve only seen the tip of the iceberg. “His best asset is his ability to get around the ice and his willingness to make mistakes – because nine out of 10 times, he gets away with it,” said one scout. “His abilities are coming out, and he doesn’t dumb himself down.”

That risk-taking may have been sketchy in the fall, but the self-confidence allowed the blueliner to blossom by the spring. “Charlie has all the tools, but as the season went on, his decision-making improved. At the start, he was making high-risk, no-reward plays – he’d get caught behind the other team’s goal line.”

The best part? There’s a fallback plan. The son of a firefighter, McAvoy is tough, so if for whatever reason he doesn’t develop into an offensive threat at the NHL level, he can still play effectively on a bottom pairing.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	New Jersey	Mid.	42	15	39	54	47
13-14	USA U17	NTDP	54	7	32	39	58
14-15	USA U18	NTDP	63	7	33	40	51
15-16	Boston U.	HE	51	3	22	25	56
	USA	WJC	7	0	0	0	0

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



**LOGAN  
STANLEY**



BORN May 26, 1998, Kitchener, Ont.  
2015-16 Windsor POS D  
HT 6-6 WT 216 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 25

**T**HERE AREN’T MANY players in this draft whose games have progressed more than Stanley’s has. And there’s room to grow – in his game, not his 6-foot-6 body – which has scouts excited about his potential. “If you’d seen him a year ago, you wouldn’t have dreamt he was being considered where he’s being considered now,” said one scout.

There’s not going to be an overabundance of offense to Stanley’s game, but he skates well for his size. One scout said he could end up being the defensive half of a tandem with a more offensive partner. Stanley uses his size well and is learning what he’s capable of. “He has all the attributes you want to see in a big frame,” said another scout. “Every deficiency I see, I think time and teaching will fix.”

His skating needs work, but from where it was a year-and-a-half ago, there’s been a steady progression. I don’t think it’s a limiting factor, but it’s not good enough. Project picks usually have more uncertainty and I don’t see a lot of uncertainty with him.”

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Windsor	Mid.	2	0	0	0	0
13-14	Windsor	Mid.	28	8	20	28	95
14-15	Windsor	OH.	58	0	8	4	60
15-16	Windsor	OH.	64	5	32	37	103
	Canada	WUSA	7	0	1	1	12

**NHL Projection:** Shutdown defender



**KIEFFER  
BELLOW**



BORN June 10, 1998, Edina, Minn.  
2015-16 USA NTDP POS LW  
HT 6-1 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 17

**S**ONS OF NHLERS WALK a fine line in that they’re proud of their fathers but don’t want to be compared to them constantly. For Brian Bellows’ son, however, it’s tough to get away from that: “The way he shoots – you see the father,” said one scout. “Gifted offensive instincts. When he gets the puck, it’s a hair trigger.”

One of the best scoring talents in the draft, Bellows worked the competition on a pairing with center Clayton Keller, dominating the NTDP scoresheet. Bellows needs time to iron out his overall game, though. “He’s a bit of a one-dimensional player, but it’s a good dimension,” said another scout. “Catch him on the wrong night and he can be frustrating to watch. He needs to get quicker and exert himself more.”

A Boston University commit, Bellows may have gone the major junior route if he could have followed his dad’s footsteps into the NHL, but because he was born in Minnesota, he is NHL property. Portland owns his rights there. Before he got to the NTDP, Bellows was a standout underager for USHL Sioux Falls.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	Edina High	USHS	25	10	17	27	45
	Team Southwest	USHS	7	1	2	3	10
14-15	Sioux Falls	USHL	58	33	19	52	70
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	62	50	31	81	101
	USA	WUSA	7	5	3	8	8

**NHL Projection:** Goal-scoring winger



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**LUKE KUNIN**



BORN Dec. 4, 1997, Chesterfield, Mo.  
2015-16 Wisconsin POS C  
HT 6-0 WT 196 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 18

**T**HERE WAS CONSIDERABLE speculation in November that Kunin was going to leave the University of Wisconsin to join the San Jose Sharks, but Kunin put that to rest and finished at almost a point per game on a very bad team.

Kunin does a lot of things well and is one of a number of undersized forwards in this draft who have definite NHL potential. "He's kind of a Swiss Army knife," said one scout. "He's skilled and can do a bit of everything. He's a high-energy skill guy. A bit undersized."

With a new coaching staff in Wisconsin next season led by Tony Granato, Kunin will have a chance to build on his solid rookie year with what will probably be a better team. One scout compared him to Mike Fisher but said Kunin has more offensive upside than the Nashville center displayed at the same age.

Another scout liked what he saw but wasn't sure whether it helped or hurt Kunin to be part of a weak college team. "To me, he was too good not to go college, but he wasn't physically prepared for college, either. He's kind of one of those in-between guys."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	St. Louis	Ban.	34	36	58	68	18
13-14	USA U17	NTDP	52	20	18	38	35
14-15	USA U18	NTDP	41	27	15	42	54
	USA	WUHL	7	6	0	6	2
15-16	Wisconsin	Big Ten	34	19	11	32	54

**NHL Projection:** Two-way center



**RILEY TUFT**



BORN April 10, 1998, Ham Lake, Minn.  
2015-16 Blaine POS LW  
HT 6-5 WT 190 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 22

**T**UFT DECIDED, somewhat controversially, to return to his Minnesota high school team in 2015-16 for one last shot at local glory. Since that season starts late, he began and ended his campaign with USHL Fargo, and the change from before to after was staggering. "The caterpillar has become a butterfly," said one scout upon Tufte's return to junior. "The awkwardness is gone. Without a doubt he's a first-rounder."

Tufte destroyed the high school ranks, winning the state's coveted Mr. Hockey Award and averaging more than three points per game for the Blaine Bulldogs. The team fell in the state regional, but Tufte had proven his intuition right: he was more ready for the USHL now. "In all my years of scouting, he's the best raw prospect I've seen to come out of Minnesota," said another scout. "He's got the skating, the size and he plays with some bite, which is often the knock on Minnesota kids. He'll chase you down."

Tufte is committed to Minnesota-Duluth and has often been compared to fellow tall Blaine alumnus Nick Bjugstad.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Blaine	USHS	24	2	1	3	4
13-14	Blaine	USHS	25	17	18	35	26
14-15	Blaine	USHS	24	21	28	51	30
15-16	Blaine	USHS	25	47	31	78	55
	Fargo	USHL	25	9	3	12	30

**NHL Projection:** Power forward



**GERMAN RUBTSOV**



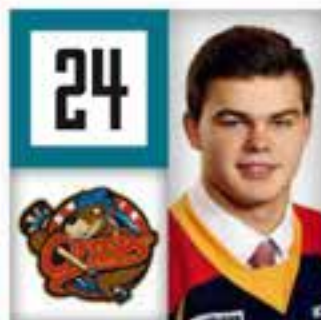
BORN June 27, 1998, Chelkovo, Rus.  
2015-16 Russia POS C  
HT 6-1 WT 174 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 15

**S**COOTS WERE LOOKING forward to seeing what Rubtsov would accomplish in the under-18 worlds, but the entire team was scratched from the tournament for testing positive for meldonium and replaced by its under-17 team. It's not expected to hurt his draft standing, but scouts would have liked to see him there. "I wish I had seen him more," said one scout. "He's a steady two-way guy."

What scouts like most about Rubtsov is he has a grasp of the game that is difficult to find in teenagers. Playing for the Russian under-18 team in the KHL's junior league, Rubtsov has a firm handle on the defensive side of the game. "He's an elite skater, and his defensive game is mature," said another scout. "It's rare you see a guy with the attention to detail and defensive responsibility this guy has at that age. That's usually the thing you have to teach, and it's usually the thing you're not sure they're going to buy into. That foundation is there. He could play anywhere from a top second-line role to the fourth line, and you don't see guys with that versatility that often."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
14-15	Podolsk	Msl.	9	5	5	10	8
	Chelkovo	Jr.	11	1	4	5	4
	Russia	WU17	6	1	8	5	4
	Russia	WU18	5	1	1	2	2
15-16	Team Russia	Jr.	28	12	31	26	10

**NHL Projection:** Two-way center



**ALEX DEBRINCAT**



BORN Dec. 18, 1997, Farmington Hills, Mich.  
2015-16 Erie POS RW  
HT 5-7 WT 161 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 26

**M**AKE NO MISTAKE: DeBrincat is a small player. But as one NHL scout rhetorically asked, "Have you seen all those YouTube videos of him getting hit?" Nope - because they don't exist.

DeBrincat is elusive and slippery but doesn't limit himself by staying on the perimeter. "I don't know many teams who aren't looking for scoring today, and this kid can put the puck in the net," said another scout. "He has more quickness than flat-out speed. Difficult to contain in tight spaces because of that. Good shot, and he unloads it in a hurry."

DeBrincat had a tough world juniors, getting booted from his first game against Canada for a spear and then hurt in his second. When he returned, his spot on the top line with Auston Matthews was gone, but U.S. coach Ron Wilson liked how DeBrincat soldiered on with whatever ice time he could get as the extra forward.

Matthews was the third wonderkid DeBrincat has seen time with - Connor McDavid and Dylan Strome being his other centers - so he knows how to play with talent, which is also a skill.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Victory Hawks	Ban.	40	25	26	51	28
13-14	Lake Forest	USHL	50	54	57	111	-
14-15	Erie	OHL	68	53	53	104	75
15-16	Erie	OHL	60	51	50	101	28
	USA	WJC	5	1	0	1	25

**NHL Projection:** Scoring winger

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**CLIFF  
PU**



**BORN** June 3, 1996, North York, Ont.  
2015-16 London POS C  
HT 6-1 WT 157 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 34

**T**HERE IS A DEFINITE pecking order to playing for the London Knights, and Pu is finding that out in his first full year with one of the CHL's top franchises. Drafted by the Oshawa Generals, Pu was dealt to London last season as part of a blockbuster trade that helped put the Generals over the top.

Pu gets overlooked with the Knights, but that won't be the case much longer. "Cliff Pu is this year's Christian Dvorak," said one scout. "He's underrated in London because they've got an all-star lineup, but once he gets a chance to shine, he's going to be one hell of a major junior player with NHL upside. He's got tremendous upside, but he's buried on a tremendous team."

If an NHL team thinks Pu is a future star, it will have to step up to draft him earlier than this slot. Most scouts feel the gamble will be worth it. He's seen as an all-around player who does everything well, but nothing elite. "You have to go 10 deep (on the Knights' roster) before you get to this kid," said another scout. "Everything he gets is secondary. Everything is remainder time."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
12-13	Tor. Marlies	Ban.	A/A				
13-14	Tor. Marlies	Mtl.	33	23	24	47	10
14-15	Osh. Gen.	CHL	41	4	5	9	4
	Canada Black	WU17	5	1	0	1	2
15-16	London	CHL	43	12	19	31	24

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center



**BRETT  
HOWDEN**



**BORN** March 29, 1996, Calgary, Alta.  
2015-16 Moose Jaw POS C  
HT 6-5 WT 190 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 20

**A**S MOOSE JAW'S second-line center behind Tampa Bay prospect Brayden Point, Howden was in the shadows somewhat this season. The younger brother of Florida's Quinton Howden did have evaluators intrigued, however, even if there were question marks. "Good skater, hard worker, average skill set," said one scout. "Complete level is a little in and out. His first couple shifts he'll be aggressive, then it fades away and he'll just focus on offense."

To his credit, Howden finished the campaign strong. He was a points machine in two playoff rounds, then joined Canada's world under-18 team once Moose Jaw was eliminated. With the nationals, the offense continued, and Howden was named one of the team's top three players at the tournament. "He's got good size," said another scout. "He's got a little bite to his game, and a lot of teams will have interest because he's a 200-foot player."

With Moose Jaw graduating some of its top liners, Howden will have a bigger role, and his offense is sure to spike. Scouts hope the complete level will, too.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
12-13	Eastman Sel.	Mtl.	30	11	13	24	16
13-14	Eastman Sel.	Mtl.	38	24	34	58	38
14-15	Moose Jaw	WHL	68	22	24	46	24
15-16	Moose Jaw	WHL	68	24	49	64	61
	Canada	WU18	6	5	3	8	8

**NHL Projection:** Project center



**PASCAL  
LABERGE**



**BORN** April 9, 1996, Chateauguy, Que.  
2015-16 Victoriaville POS C  
HT 6-1 WT 172 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 30

**S**COOTS WATCHED Laberge closely this season, because there was a lot to be intrigued with early on. "He's very quick and thrives more on the offensive side," said one scout. "He plays with a bit of an edge, but is it real? Is the push-back there?"

Laberge grabbed the spotlight at the CHL Top Prospects Game in Vancouver. He had two goals and an assist in the 3-2 Team Orr win over Team Cherry and was named player of the game. He was Victoriaville's leading scorer and landed himself a spot on Canada's world under-18 squad once the Tigres were eliminated from the post-season.

And that edge? It did indeed continue – in the most positive sense of the word. "He's choppy," said another scout. "He's got a little 'eff you' in him. In time, he'll mature into a good player. Strides get tighter on long shifts. When he has open ice, he's as dangerous as anyone in the league."

Right now, Laberge loses a lot of battles because he's not strong enough, but evaluators like that he gets in those battles in the first place.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
12-13	Las. St. Louis	Ban.	23	14	25	39	43
13-14	Chateauguy	Mtl.	40	20	23	43	52
14-15	Gatineau/Vic.	QMJHL	58	33	21	64	38
15-16	Victoriaville	QMJHL	54	25	45	68	64
	Canada	WU18	7	2	2	4	4

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center



**MARKUS  
NIEMELAINEN**



**BORN** June 8, 1996, Kuopio, Fin.  
2015-16 Saginaw POS D  
HT 6-6 WT 205 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 63

**I**T'S BEEN A SEASON of adjustments for Niemelainen, a lanky Finn with some nice mobility and upside on the blueline. "At the Ivan Hlinka, I thought he was top-10 material," said one scout. "He had some bumps and adjustments in the OHL. The size and mobility is all there. It's just the execution and reading the game."

This is a common problem for Europeans coming over to play major junior – even Olli Maatta wasn't perfect in London – but one remedied with time.

The fact Niemelainen played for a bad Saginaw team didn't help in terms of his support system on the ice, but he persevered and made a great impression on scouts. "Right from the start, he was their best defenseman," said another scout. "Size, reach, range, skating...what's not to like? He's a product of everything good that is coming out of Finland lately. We're starting to see the strides that program has taken."

Niemelainen ended the campaign on a high note for his country, playing a key role on Finland's blueline as the squad nabbed gold at the world under-18s.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
12-13	HPK	Jr. C	31	3	6	9	10
13-14	Tappara	Jr. B	40	1	11	14	14
14-15	HPK	Jr.	39	2	14	16	28
15-16	Saginaw	CHL	65	1	26	27	28
	Finland	WU18	7	0	1	1	6

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender



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**BORN** May 8, 1998, Chelyabinsk, Rus.  
**2015-16** Gatineau POS RW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 170 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 33

**U**NLIKE THE BEHEMOTHS at the top end of the draft, Abramov has forced his way into the discussion despite being one of the smallest players in the field.

A key member of the championship Russian team at the world under-17s in 2014, Abramov brought his game to the QMJHL and had an outstanding season. "He's undersized but has all the tools necessary for an undersized player to have success at the NHL level," said a scout. "He's got elite quickness and agility combined with quick hands, so his skill keeps up to his feet. He's intelligent, doesn't put himself in bad positions for taking physical abuse, but if there's a chance or a puck on the line, he's accountable and goes there with no fear."

There is an equal amount of feistiness and skill to Abramov's game, and the fact he's adjusted to North America will improve his stock in the draft. Leading his team and QMJHL rookies in scoring, Abramov has proved to be an adept scorer and playmaker. "You don't notice he's small," said another scout, "because he does a lot of good things out there."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	Chelyabinsk	Bsn	29	41	54	95	48
	Chelyabinsk	Mld	6	7	10	2	
14-15	Chelyabinsk	Mld	15	20	19	39	12
	Chelyabinsk	Jr.	20	8	6	14	8
15-16	Gatineau	QMJHL	63	38	55	93	34

**NHL Projection:** Scoring winger



**BORN** Dec. 6, 1997, Kitchener, Ont.  
**2015-16** Mississauga POS RW  
**HT** 6-4 **WT** 207 **SHOOTS** R  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 31

**L**IKE RASMUS ASPLUND got upstaged by Alex Nylander at the WJC, the same thing happened to Bastian in Mississauga. Playing on an all-draft eligible line with Michael McLeod, Bastian was a little overlooked despite being 6-foot-4 and more than 200 pounds.

Bastian's not a great skater, but he's a big winger who can make plays and complement good players. The concerns about his skating may limit his upside, but it's not going to keep him out of the NHL. What scouts like about Bastian is he complements high-level players. "He doesn't break the chain," said a scout.

Bastian earned his near point-per-game average by allowing Nylander and McLeod to do what they do best and providing support. He started many plays with his work along the boards and in corners and finished some of them with his opportunism. "He's a complementary winger, not the guy who drives the bus," said another scout. "He's a big body, goes to the net, cleans up the garbage. But he's not going to go down the ice and wow you with playmaking or anything like that."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Kitchener	Mld	35	22	25	47	42
13-14	Brantford	Jr.	48	17	29	46	24
	Mississauga	QHL	21	2	1	5	6
14-15	Mississauga	QHL	68	17	32	29	22
15-16	Mississauga	QHL	64	15	40	55	50

**NHL Projection:** Power forward



**BORN** Aug. 13, 1998, Edmonton, Alta.  
**2015-16** Everett POS G  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 170 **CATCHES** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 5 G

**F**OR ALL THE TOP-END talent in the draft, there has not been much hype around the goaltenders. Hart typifies the crop of stoppers available: capable but unheralded.

Hart is not a big goaltender by today's standards, but makes up for a lack of size with a superior technical game. He can make the desperation play, but he rarely needs to because he's usually square to the shooter.

Hart is a structured goalie who plays in a structured system in Everett, which might be one of the reasons why he has flown under the radar. "It would have been nice to see him play for a more free-wheeling team where he was exposed a bit more," said one scout. "That being said, you can't fault him for that. And he plays very well in that style."

Hart shared the goaltending duties for Canada's championship team in the Ivan Hlinka tournament last summer and helped the Silvertips to the second round of the WHL playoffs. "All he's done is perform at a real high level," said another scout. "The team that takes him will get a good goalie."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
18-12	Fort Saskatchewan	Bsn	GP 19	4.20	387
12-13	Sherwood Park	Bsn	GP 20	5.36	508
13-14	Sherwood Park	Mld	GP 21	1.93	936
14-15	Everett	WHL	18-5-5	2.29	375
15-16	Everett	WHL	35-23-4	2.14	388

**NHL Projection:** Starting goalie



**BORN** June 18, 1998, Vancouver, B.C.  
**2015-16** Sault Ste. Marie POS LW  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 183 **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 27

**K**ATCHOUK IS attractive because of his versatility and relentlessness. After failing to make a veteran-laden Soo Greyhounds team last season, Katchouk played Jr. A and established himself as an impact player in his rookie major junior season. "He's a guy who can play up and down any lineup," said one scout. "He can complement first-line guys, but he can also be that fourth-line agitating player who stirs the pot. And he can play a shutdown role if that's what you want from him."

Katchouk missed the last part of the season after sustaining a concussion in a fight in which he was standing up for a teammate, but he came back for the playoffs and was a difference maker in the first round when the Greyhounds upset heavily favored Sarnia. "This guy is a hockey player," another scout said. "He's just a gamer. He plays the same way, every shift, every game. He's not a great skater, but he has good hands, and he's a hungry player."

He's the son of Russian parents, and his mother, Elena Tomanova, was a speed skater in the 1988 Winter Olympics.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	Waterloo	Mld	29	25	31	56	35
14-15	Soo Jr. B's	Jr. A	29	18	27	45	18
	Sault Ste. Marie	QHL	12	0	2	2	17
15-16	Sault Ste. Marie	QHL	63	24	27	51	60
	Canada	WJHL	5	1	1	2	8

**NHL Projection:** Two-way winger

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BLAZES

LIBOR  
HAJEK



BORN Feb. 4, 1998, Smrcek, Czech Rep.  
2015-16 Saskatoon POS D  
HT 6-2 WT 196 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 36

**H**AJEK, THE SECOND overall pick in the 2015 CHL import draft, adopted well to his first season in North America and represented a beacon of hope on one of the worst teams in major junior. "He played on a poor team that was disorganized, and he still looked good," said one scout. "He can be a big-time shutdown guy."

Hajek is not a sexy selection, but as one scout said, "He just goes out and does everything the way it's supposed to be done."

There are no elite elements to his game, but Hajek is proficient in every department. He projects as a No. 4 or 5 defenseman depending on the team. He won't be on the first power play or penalty-killing groups, but he could be an important part of the second special teams units. "He's got a stay-at-home style and presence, but he's able to move the puck and distribute it well," said another scout. "I don't see an offensive element, but there are flashes of secondary offensive ability. His puck movement is efficient and smart. He understands the game and plays to his strengths. He's a safe pick."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-14	Brno	MHL	32	4	14	18	24
14-15	Brno	Jr.	44	1	9	10	62
	Brno	Chc	17	0	1	1	2
15-16	Saskatoon	WHL	69	3	23	26	76
	Czech Rep.	WU18	5	0	2	2	6

NHL Projection: Shutdown defender

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FALCKA

RASMUS  
ASPLUND



BORN Dec. 3, 1997, Filipstad, Swe.  
2015-16 Farjestad POS C  
HT 5-11 WT 176 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 35

**C**ENTERING SWEDEN'S second line at the World Junior Championship, Asplund was upstaged by linemates Alex Nylander and Dmitry Timashov. But scouts have taken notice of the undersized, hardworking center who likes to overcome the odds.

Reviews on Asplund are mixed, largely because of his size, but scouts are unified in their assessment he has a high work ethic and a lot of feistiness in his game. "He's light, and he's not overly physical, but he's still able to play in those areas because of his brain and the way he uses the ice," one scout said.

Asplund will get a higher billing on the Swedish team at the 2017 WJC. With five points in seven games, he helped fill the void that was created when William Nylander was hurt and had to leave early in the first game. The question is whether Asplund will be able to compete at the NHL level. He has the mentality to do so. "He's pretty feisty, good playmaker, good skill," another scout said. "Smallish, but I don't think it's going to hurt him down the road. He's pretty elusive."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-14	Farjestad	Jr.	38	7	7	14	12
14-15	Farjestad	Jr.	12	8	17	25	14
	Farjestad	Swe.	35	2	1	3	4
15-16	Farjestad	Swe.	46	4	8	12	16
	Sweden	WJC	7	1	2	5	6

NHL Projection: Playmaking center

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OTTAWA 67'S

TAYLOR  
RADDYSH



BORN Feb. 18, 1998, Toronto, Ont.  
2015-16 Erie POS R/W  
HT 6-2 WT 198 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 28

**T**HE BIGGEST QUESTION scouts have with Raddysh is how much he contributed to the Erie Otters' top line, which was centered by THN's No. 1 Future Watch prospect, Dylan Strome, and had draft-eligible sniper Alex DeBrincat on the left side. "He's going to be a great comparison for analytics vs. the eye test," said one scout, "because if you're just looking at stats, you say, 'This guy is off the charts,' but if you go to the game and you see he's getting secondary assists where he shoots the puck out of the defensive zone, then you've got to temper that."

Other scouts argue that it takes a special talent to play with players that good and not hinder them, so there is something there with Raddysh. The biggest concern with Raddysh is his skating, which is going to have to improve if he's to get to the NHL level.

Scouts would also like to see what he could accomplish without his linemates. "Part of his problem is he deferred to his two linemates a lot, which is understandable," another scout said, "but he also was content to defer to them, which I didn't like."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Tor. Marlboros	Ban.	n/a				
13-14	Tor. Marlboros	Mid.	31	25	27	52	28
14-15	Erie	OHL	58	21	6	27	11
	Canada White	WU18	5	0	1	1	0
15-16	Erie	OHL	67	24	49	71	18

NHL Projection: Project winger

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MODO

CARL  
GRUNDSTROM



BORN Dec. 1, 1997, Umea, Swe.  
2015-16 Modo POS LW  
HT 6-0 WT 194 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 55

**W**ITH TWO YEARS OF experience in the top Swedish League, Grundstrom might not have the learning curve that faces a lot of other prospects. What he lacks in pure skill he makes up for with a high compete level and an energy that has caught the eye of the scouting community. "The feisty little redhead from Modo," said one scout. "I don't think he's got high-end skill, but he comes to play."

The fact Grundstrom might not have as much panache as other players in this draft doesn't necessarily mean he can't produce offensively. It's just that his goals are not going to be works of art off the rush; they'll tend to be more of the grinding variety that are scored a couple feet from the net. "There might be a ceiling to his offensive game, but the way he skates and goes to dirty areas with drive and determination, he's going to get extra chances," said another scout. "He might end up with slightly lesser numbers, but not much, because he'll have a much higher number of chances because of his compete level."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
12-13	Bjorklaven	MHL	35	10	8	18	24
13-14	Modo	Jr.	51	6	4	10	6
14-15	Modo	Swe.	24	2	3	5	8
15-16	Modo	Swe.	43	7	9	16	53
	Sweden	WJC	7	1	0	1	6

NHL Projection: Power forward



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**DENNIS CHOLOWSKI**

BORN Feb. 15, 1998, Langley, B.C.  
2015-16 Chilliwack POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 165 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 43

**C**HOLOWSKI STARTED the season as a projected middle-round pick but has rocketed up the charts.

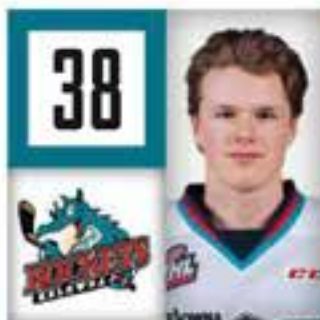
Scouts would have liked to see him play in a more competitive circuit than the B.C. Jr. League, but they like what they see in terms of raw tools. What they want to know now is whether he can add structure to his game.

After a slow start at the World Jr. A Challenge early in the season, Cholowski came on and has been picking up momentum. Scouts would have liked to catch him at the world under-18s, but his Chilliwack team was still in the playoffs. "His tools right now are better than his overall game," said one scout. "But he's lacking in some of that foundation. He sometimes plays down to his level of competition, and it hurt him at the World Jr. A Challenge, because it took him a while to elevate his game."

Cholowski, who is headed for St. Cloud State next season, is a very good skater but needs to work on his defensive game. That will take time, but it will come. "He's a smooth, heads-up, puck-moving guy," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Langley	Ban					
13-14	Yale Academy	Ban	17	1	15	16	8
	Chilliwack	Jr.A	1	0	0	0	0
14-15	Chilliwack	Jr.A	55	4	23	27	4
15-16	Chilliwack	Jr.A	50	12	28	40	16

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



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**LUCAS JOHANSEN**

BORN Nov. 15, 1997, Port Moody, B.C.  
2015-16 Kelowna POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 176 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 42

**S**TOP US IF YOU'VE heard this before: Kelowna is developing a young defenseman with a lot of pro potential. Crazy, right? But the Rockets, a.k.a. the House of Bluebliners, are at it again with Ryan Johansen's younger brother.

Lucas had a great campaign with Kelowna. "He's a beautiful skater, just pergeous," said one scout. "He can jump into the play, is smart and can move the puck. He takes away space - not physically, but with his stick and skating. He's built for today's game."

In a year where prospects from the WHL were expected to take it on the chin compared to other leagues, Johansen bucked the trend. He put himself on an upward trajectory. Some scouts even like him better than other WHL 'D' prospects. "Way higher physical attributes than (Kale) Clague," said another scout. "He's got real skill."

And it's hard to ignore the pipeline Johansen is in. From Shea Weber and Duncan Keith (also time with Michigan State) to Tyler Myers and Madison Boway, Kelowna has become the place for defensemen to develop.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Van NE Oshes	Mid	40	3	7	10	8
13-14	Van NE Oshes	Mid	40	7	17	24	26
14-15	Kelowna	WHL	65	1	7	8	16
15-16	Kelowna	WHL	65	10	39	49	20

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender



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**KALE CLAGUE**

BORN June 5, 1998, Regina, Sask.  
2015-16 Brandon POS D  
HT 6-0 WT 179 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 38

**E**XPECTATIONS WERE high for Clague coming into the season, particularly because he was playing for a top-flight Wheat Kings squad that figured to dominate the WHL's Eastern Conference.

Well, the Wheaties were good, but Clague struggled out of the gate. "Good skater, really mobile offensive defenseman," said one scout. "He's going to have to get stronger, but he has really good hockey sense. He missed a lot of time last year, and it looks like it hurt him early on. He certainly picked it up as the year went on."

Clague played in just 20 games last year due to a broken wrist and a leg injury. He was hurt again in the playoffs but did suit up for 12 contests. Even though he helped Canada win a gold at the Ivan Hlinka tournament, Clague appeared to be playing catch-up with his development.

He had five goals and 10 points in 14 playoff games for Brandon, so there is still a lot to like about the defenseman, even if the weight room beckons. "It's very simple: he needs to get stronger," said another scout. "But he's smart and competitive."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Lloydminster	Ban	33	35	42	77	44
13-14	Lloydminster	Mid	31	11	22	33	84
14-15	Brandon	WHL	20	4	9	13	6
	Canadiestack	WUFL	4	1	0	1	0
15-16	Brandon	WHL	71	6	37	43	54

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



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**FILIP GUSTAVSSON**

BORN June 7, 1998, Skelleftea, Swe.  
2015-16 Lulea POS G  
HT 6-2 WT 185 CATCHES L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 36

**T**HE GOLD MEDAL GAME of the Ivan Hlinka tournament was not kind to Gustavsson, who was pulled after giving up four goals to a powerhouse Canadian team in just 17 minutes. But the low-scoring Swedes almost certainly wouldn't have made it to the championship game if not for Gustavsson, who gave up only six goals in the previous four contests.

Like Carter Hart, Gustavsson has not attracted a lot of attention, but he has performed well for the Lulea under-20 team and in spot duty with the big team.

Some scouts think Gustavsson's season was like his performance in the Hlinka tournament, outstanding at times, leaving them wanting at others. "For a guy who's being projected as a No. 1, I think he has to find a little more consistency," said one scout. "Over in Europe, it's a little harder to see some of the dynamic elements, and I don't think his dynamic elements always came through. He was positionally good, he read the puck well, he tracks and locates the puck well, but he's either got to be more dynamic or more consistent."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	GAA	SP
13-14	Skelleftea	Mid	12	1.75	305
14-15	Lulea	Jr.	7	1.96	881
15-16	Lulea	Jr.	20	1.22	893
	Lulea	Swe	6	2.37	330
	Sweden	WUFL	5	2.70	906

**NHL Projection:** Starting goalie

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**BORN** July 20, 1998, Golden, B.C.  
**2015-16** Kelowna WHL  
**WT** 150 **HT** 181 **POSS** C **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 48

**P**LAYERS SUCH AS DUBE and Vitali Abramov can send a thank-you card to Robby Fabbri of the St. Louis Blues once they reach the NHL. One scout can't help but envision a player such as Fabbri when he watches Dube play. "I loved Robby Fabbri in junior," the scout said. "And you worried about his size going forward, but he's always in the thick of things. Dube is the same way, always in the middle of it. He has that small-man chip on his shoulder."

What impresses another scout most about Dube is that many smaller players create their offensive opportunities off the rush, but Dube manages to do most of his damage when the puck is already in the offensive zone. That requires him to win puck battles with players who are usually bigger than he is. "He does a good job of throwing off defenders with his agility and his ability to create space in traffic areas in the offensive zone," the scout said. "And once he does that, he uses his vision to distribute the puck."

Not everyone is a fan, however. "I'm not sold on his hockey sense," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
11-12	Andrie Khrym	Bar.	21	7	11	18	4
12-13	Notre Dame	Bar.	26	24	20	44	43
13-14	Notre Dame	Mtd.	44	21	42	63	65
14-15	Kelowna	WHL	45	17	30	27	32
15-16	Kelowna	WHL	45	26	40	66	50

**NHL Projection:** Scoring center



**BORN** April 10, 1998, Ridgefield, Conn.  
**2015-16** USA NTDP  
**WT** 151 **HT** 183 **POSS** D **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 52

**T**HOUGH HE LACKS IDEAL NHL size for a defenseman, Kryz has consistently played beyond his years during his tenure at the NTDP. He was one of two players brought up from the under-17s to play at the under-18 worlds last season (winning gold) and even made the WJC squad for Helsinki.

A bruise on his foot slowed him down in Finland, but he still helped the U.S. win bronze. Perhaps because of that long-term exposure, scouts are more nitpicky with Kryz, who needs to work on his defensive play. "His first pass coming out of the zone is exceptional," said one scout. "We've been watching him so long, it's like he's a late birthday, so we may have been overly critical."

Kryz, another member of Boston University's outstanding recruiting class for 2015-17, comes from an athletic family, and it shows in his overall fitness. "At the end of the day, he's a hell of an athlete," said another scout. "High-end power in his legs. Two strides and he's gone. He loves to take the puck up ice, and he supports the rush. But you're gonna have to live with some stuff."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	N.J. Rockets	Mtd.	41	10	35	45	22
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	41	5	26	29	22
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	53	3	26	29	78
	USA	WJC	7	0	0	0	2
	USA	WJC	7	0	3	3	11

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



**BORN** Feb. 3, 1998, Edmonton, Alta.  
**2015-16** Regina WHL  
**WT** 151 **HT** 176 **POSS** C **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 40

**S**TEEL CAME INTO THE season as one of the highest-rated prospects out of the WHL. But like many of his fellow 'Dub' representatives, he ended up sliding considerably once the puck was actually dropped. How much of this was his fault? Scouts aren't too sure. "He played fairly well at the summer Ivan Hlinka tournament, but some of his play fell off at the start of the year," said one talent hawk. "Now, was it an injury or the cast surrounding him? He would pass the puck and not get a pass back in return. That got him off his game."

There is a nice package to work with, however. Steel has lots of skill and skates well. He put together a nice offensive run in the playoffs, particularly in Regina's first-round upset of Lethbridge. And his issues are largely solvable. "Pretty good player, needs to get stronger," said another scout. "Kind of a poor man's Ryan Nugent-Hopkins."

So Steel may not be the top-10 player he was originally envisioned as, but there's no reason he can't turn out to be an NHLer with value in a scoring role.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Shenwood Park	Bar.	31	52	52	104	16
13-14	Shenwood Park	Mtd.	14	7	16	23	8
14-15	Regina	WHL	41	17	37	54	16
	Canada Black	WU17	5	1	2	3	4
15-16	Regina	WHL	72	23	47	70	24

**NHL Projection:** Playmaking center



**BORN** June 7, 1998, Toronto, Ont.  
**2015-16** London OHL  
**WT** 150 **HT** 165 **POSS** D **SHOOTS** L  
**INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES** No. 81

**O**N A KNIGHTS TEAM that produces offense at a dizzying clip, it's common to find Mete powering the puck up ice, playing that fourth-forward role so trendy in the NHL today. "Very good skater, lots of power play time," said one scout. "Plays in all situations. Not big, but he's fast."

Mete was a minor midget teammate of Sam's Jakob Chytrik. Mete's flashiness often makes him the most noticeable blueliner on London's back end, which is saying something since top-ranked defender Olli Juolevi is part of that cohort as well. But Mete is not strictly a one-way player.

Even though plus-minus doesn't get the validity it once did as a statistic, it's hard to ignore Mete was a plus-53, surpassed only by center Christian Overak and Barrie winger Kevin Labanc. If teams can overlook his smallish frame, Mete will bring an enticing package of skills with him to the pro level. "He can escape the forecheck and make that first guy miss," said another scout. "He has a good shot and gets it through to the net, which is so important these days."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Tor. Jr. Canadiens	Bar.	n/a				
13-14	Tor. Jr. Canadiens	Mtd.	33	12	18	30	10
14-15	London	OHL	58	7	16	23	14
	Canada Red	WU17	5	1	1	2	4
15-16	London	OHL	48	8	30	38	18

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



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**JONATHAN DAHLEN**

BORN Dec. 20, 1997, Ostersund, Swe.  
2015-16 Timra POS LW  
HT 5-11 WT 176 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 51

**S**COOTS TRY AS THEY might not to pigeonhole young players by comparing them to their NHL fathers, but they have a difficult time doing that with Dahlen. Young Jonathan and his father, Ulf, both have less-than-attractive and rather awkward skating styles.

The elder Dahlen, who played 666 games and scored 20 or more goals eight times in the NHL, still managed to get the job done. Scouts think the son might be able to do the same. "He's a solid player, not a lot of flash, but he's competitive," said one scout. "He doesn't mind going to hard areas, and he has a pretty balanced skill set between hockey sense and skill. His hockey sense is probably a bit better than his skill, but he does have decent scoring touch around the net."

Dahlen led Sweden in scoring at the Ivan Hlinka tournament and put up good numbers for Timra, which plays in Sweden's First Division, one rung below the SHL. "He has really improved," said another scout. "He's not the biggest kid and not a great skater, but he's a smart, skilled player. He really came on this year."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	HTV	Ben	22	14	13	27	10
13-14	HTV	Mid	20	13	16	29	2
14-15	Timra	Jr.	45	25	25	50	14
	Sweden	WU18	5	2	3	5	0
15-16	Timra	Sve 1	51	15	14	29	8

**NHL Projection:** Scoring winger

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**TRENT FREDERIC**

BORN Feb. 11, 1998, St. Louis, Mo.  
2015-16 USA NTDP POS C  
HT 6-2 WT 205 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 60

**N**TOP COACH DANTON Cole thinks Frederic could be another David Beckes once the youngster learns to use his big frame in the same imposing fashion as the Blues captain. And while Frederic is committed to Wisconsin, not MSU-Mankato, he does have a lot of Beckes-like potential.

On an NTDP squad that didn't have scoring depth, Frederic could get on the scoresheet. "Trent has a lot of the intangibles you like at the pro level," said one scout. "If he had more skill around him, would his numbers have been better?"

Frederic finished fifth in team scoring and, with his skating and size, he'll be a potent force as he matures. Frederic did well during the NTDP's games against college teams, which had older, stronger talent on their side.

Frederic will play for another NTDP coach next year, as Don Granato will join brother Tony as part of Wisconsin's new coaching staff. The Badgers can use all three in their rebuilding process and, in Frederic, they're getting a freshman who won't be intimidated.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-14	St. Louis	Ben	37	11	19	30	30
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	55	5	9	14	42
	USA	WU17	6	1	0	1	4
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	61	20	29	49	75
	USA	WU18	7	4	3	7	4

**NHL Projection:** Power forward

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**TAGE THOMPSON**

BORN Oct. 30, 1997, Oyster Bay, N.Y.  
2015-16 Connecticut POS RW  
HT 6-5 WT 185 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 24

**I**N TERMS OF SIZE and results, Thompson looks like a no-brainer. The 6-foot-5 freshman was the University of Connecticut's second-leading scorer, trailing only Arizona prospect Max Letunov in Huskies offense. On top of that, the kid has great hockey sense and NHL roots thanks to his dad, Brent Thomsen, who played for Los Angeles, Winnipeg and Phoenix as part of a lengthy pro career.

But there are question marks surrounding young Tage (rhymes with stage). "He's a quiet player," said one scout. "No doubt he has the size, skill and range. He shoots the puck well, but what would he be if he had a bit of Auston Matthews' motor? Is there any quick-batch there?"

Another talent hawk was bolder in his criticism. "I don't see him as a top-six player at the next level," he said. "All his goals come on the power play. If he had even a centimeter of what his dad had - his dad was a lunatic on the ice - he'd be a sure thing."

Thompson has three more years at UConn to discover his fire, and the Huskies have a better supporting cast coming in.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Long Island	Ben	14	12	13	25	19
13-14	P.A.L.	Mid	16	17	14	31	8
14-15	USA U18	NTDP	64	12	14	26	32
	USA	WU18	7	0	1	1	2
15-16	Connecticut	HE	34	14	18	32	12

**NHL Projection:** Project winger

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**WILL BITTEN**

BORN July 10, 1998, Ottawa, Ont.  
2015-16 Flint POS C  
HT 5-10 WT 168 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 74

**W**E ALL KNOW BITTEN can deal with adversity. After all, he played and thrived for the Flint Firebirds, the junior team that put the fun in dysfunctional this season.

But scouts have known about Bitten's determination and character for some time and see him as one of a number of undersized players in this draft who could have a solid future. "He could be one of the surprises," said one scout. "He's a high-character guy, plays hard in all three zones and has sneaky offensive upside. He wasn't playing with a lot of support and produced. He'll find a way and be a good value pick."

Bitten picked up his offensive game in his second OHL season, and scouts see more of a quality scorer, a player who generated higher numbers from fewer opportunities. They also like the fact that, despite his size, Bitten plays a disciplined 200-foot game. "He might not be as dynamic individually in terms of offense, but his offensive game, like his game overall, is balanced," said another scout. "There's an energy, a compete, an accountability to his play that shines through."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
13-13	Ottawa	Ben	30	29	25	54	26
13-14	Ottawa	Mid	29	36	42	78	18
14-15	Plymouth	OHL	63	15	16	31	16
15-16	Flint	OHL	67	30	35	65	32
	Canada	WU18	7	1	5	6	2

**NHL Projection:** Two-way center

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**LUKE GREEN**



BORN Jan 12, 1998, Halifax, N.S.  
2015-16 Saint John POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 185 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 88

**G**REEN'S OFFENSIVE numbers were about the same in his second year of junior as they were in the first, but he has become better in his own end of the ice.

Scouts have always been mesmerized by his skating, but they are now further encouraged since seeing him expand his range. "Luke has finally brought more defense to his game," said a scout. "He used to be a whirling dervish, a riverboat gambler when he was younger. Once he packs on some weight and pays more attention to detail in the defensive zone, he'll be a guy who has NHL upside."

Skating has always been Green's forte, and while it might not lead to eye-popping offensive stats, it does add a dimension to his game scouts like to see.

One scout said consistency is a factor, and there are times he didn't know what to make of Green this season, but you can't help but like his mobility. "He creates offense with his skating by carrying it out of trouble," said another scout. "Some guys can only pass it out of trouble. He carries it out of trouble."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
11-12	Bedford	Ban.	32	5	11	16	22
12-13	Bedford	Ban.	31	17	41	58	32
13-14	Newbridge Aca	Mid.	34	17	20	37	22
14-15	Saint John	QMJHL	60	6	30	36	23
15-16	Saint John	QMJHL	61	10	25	35	29

**NHL Projection: Offensive defender**



**TYLER BENSON**



BORN March 15, 1998, Edmonton, Alta.  
2015-16 Vancouver POS LW  
HT 6-0 WT 201 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 57

**I**F ANY PLAYER HAD the draft year from hell, it's Benson. A No. 1 pick in the WHL bantam draft and potential top-10 prospect coming into the campaign, he was beset by injuries and never got on track with the underwhelming Giants. "I'm not a Benson guy," said one scout. "I know he was hurt and had that cyst on his back that was painful, but he just isn't a good skater. He can't get in on the forecheck, he can't separate himself when he has the puck. Heavy body, though, and he can shoot the puck pretty well."

Other scouts were willing to see the bright side of Benson, however. His lack of skating prowess had been known for a while, but he proved something when he won gold with Canada at the Ivan Hlinka tournament in Europe. "I thought he would struggle on the big ice at the Ivan Hlinka, but his skating was fine," said another scout. "He thinks the game well."

A lower-body injury eventually shut down Benson's season for good and also caused him to miss playing in the CHL Top Prospects Game — where he was supposed to be captain.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	SSAC	Ban.	33	57	89	146	52
13-14	R of Excellence	Mid.	49	37	58	95	128
14-15	Vancouver	WHL	62	34	51	85	55
	Canada	WJHL	7	1	3	4	4
15-16	Vancouver	WHL	30	9	19	28	46

**NHL Projection: Scoring winger**



**GIVANI SMITH**



BORN Feb. 27, 1998, Thornhill, Ont.  
2015-16 Guelph POS LW  
HT 6-1 WT 196 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 109

**P**ITY SMITH PLAYED FOR one of the worst teams in all of major junior, the Guelph Storm. But also praise the young man for never taking a night off and proving himself to be the kind of nasty talent that is always in NHL demand, but not always in supply. "Those guys are hard to find," said one scout. "A big, tough winger. In front of the net, you can't move him."

Smith, whose older brother Gernel is a prospect in the Dallas organization, can also drop the gloves when necessary, and he's not picky: big boys Lawson Crouse and Logan Stanley were two of his dance partners this year. Unfortunately, Smith's toughness has made him a target of referees in the OHL, according to scouts. But Smith makes space for his linemates and is not fun to play against. "He's at his best when he's physical and takes the puck to the net," said another scout. "More skilled than he appears."

Smith's supporting cast will only improve next season, so his offensive numbers will surely increase in tandem with Guelph's overall ascent.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
12-13	Mississauga	Ban.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
13-14	Mississauga	Mid.	26	9	8	17	71
14-15	Barnet/Guelph	OHL	61	7	32	39	76
	Canada/Red	WJHL	5	0	0	0	16
15-16	Guelph	OHL	65	23	39	42	146

**NHL Projection: Power forward**



**TIM GETTINGER**



BORN April 14, 1998, N. Olmsted, Ohio  
2015-16 Sault Ste. Marie POS LW  
HT 6-6 WT 203 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 53

**G**ETTINGER, WHO PLAYED virtually all his youth hockey in Cleveland, is a behemoth winger only beginning to discover what he's capable of accomplishing. Scouts are as well. The offensive numbers have not been dazzling, but talent hawks are more excited about the raw potential.

Scouts would like to see him be more competitive and use his size to be more physical. He is a project. "It's a testament to his abilities that he's able to get what he gets done without using all his biggest assets," said a scout. "If he puts those things together, you're talking about an absolute home-run pick. If not, it's still going to be hard for him not to make it with his size and ability."

For a player so big, Gettinger has good mobility, and his hockey sense is solid. Most players Gettinger's size can skate north-south fine but have a trouble with east-west mobility. That's not the case with him. Consistency, however, is an issue. "Sometimes he looks really put together and powerful," said another scout, "and the next time he's awkward, stumbles and loses his balance."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
11-12	Cleveland	Ban.	36	0	2	2	2
12-13	Cleveland	Ban.	29	25	19	44	32
13-14	Cleveland	Ban.	36	24	8	32	44
14-15	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	54	10	35	25	13
15-16	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL	60	17	22	39	32

**NHL Projection: Project winger**



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**GRIFFIN  
LUCE**



BORN March 10, 1998, St. Thomas, Ont.  
2015-16 USA NTDP POS D  
HT 6-3 WT 214 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 96

**A**LTHOUGH HIS DAD, Scott Luce, the Panthers' director of player personnel, has said Florida won't draft him, Griffin's bloodlines have otherwise been a big positive.

It's clear from the young man's play he knows what it means to be a pro. "Every shift, every game, you know what you're getting," said a scout. "He leads with a team concept, and he's probably underappreciated because he's so reliable. He's like a left guard on a really good offensive line."

Where Luce does go in the draft depends on how much a team values his high character, size and physicality. He can move the puck and he holds the blue-line well, but there is one significant drawback to his game: "He's really slow," said another scout. "He struggles against speed."

A Michigan commit, Luce will get thrown into the fire in Ann Arbor, as the Wolverines lost Zach Werenski and Michael Downing to the pro ranks. The upshot, of course, is the grandson of ex-Sabre defensive forward ace Dan Luce will likely be granted a nice chunk of ice time right away thanks to his maturity and build.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-15	Elgin Midgets	Mid.	4	1	1	2	6
13-14	Salsbury	USHS	26	5	4	7	-
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	32	0	2	2	51
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	64	5	8	11	32
	USA	WUSA	7	1	1	2	8

**NHL Projection:** Shutdown defender



**CAM  
MORRISON**



BORN Aug. 27, 1998, East York, Ont.  
2015-16 Youngstown POS LW  
HT 6-2 WT 205 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 84

**W**HEN IT COMES TO the eye test, Morrison is no sure thing. But scouts can't shake the fact the kid puts up numbers. "He looks ugly out there, he has an awkward stride, but at the end of the night he has two or three points," said one scout. "Reminds me of Andrew Brunette. He's good in the corners and behind the net. Somehow the puck always finds his stick out in front."

And it did so often. Despite being a rookie, Morrison tied for second in USHL scoring and earned a spot on Canada's under-18 team, a squad dominated by major junior players.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish commit was also a very good soccer player growing up, so it's a bit surprising his footwork is an issue. "There is some concern about his athleticism based on his skating - he loses pace," said another scout. "It is more a stamina issue than stride mechanics, though. I like him. He has the ability to score clutch goals."

Some scouts believe all it will take is some work with an athletic trainer and skating will no longer be a question mark.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-14	York-Simcoe	Mid.	32	17	26	43	14
	Aurora	J.E.A.	5	0	0	0	10
14-15	Aurora	J.E.A.	49	51	22	51	8
15-16	Youngstown	USHL	40	34	32	66	42
	Canada	WUSA	7	1	1	4	0

**NHL Projection:** Project winger



**FREDERIC  
ALLARD**



BORN Dec. 27, 1997, Quebec City, Que.  
2015-16 Chicoutimi POS D  
HT 6-1 WT 179 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 155

**A**LLARD JUST MIGHT be your guy if you're looking for a player who has on-ice personality and can contribute points.

A defenseman who puts up impressive stats, Allard has a tenacity and rambunctiousness to his game that overshadows his skill level. "He produces, and he looks ugly doing it," said a scout. "He's a really, really enthusiastic player. He wants to get things done. He's excitable, and he's fun to watch, because he's always trying. He's always in the game."

One scout said Allard has been overlooked this year, in part because he's a late 1997 birthday and because he plays in a place that isn't a scouting fraternity favorite. "Guys don't like going to Chicoutimi," said another scout. "There are places guys get overlooked in, and that's one of them."

Like many young D-men with an offensive bent, Allard must shore up his play in his own end. But if eagerness to learn is any indication, that won't be an obstacle. "I like him," said another scout. "He's got some offensive skill, he's got some spark and personality."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-12	Chicoutimi	Ban.	18	3	8	11	4
12-13	St-Francois	Mid.	42	1	19	22	20
13-14	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	61	8	19	23	20
14-15	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	62	2	28	30	26
15-16	Chicoutimi	QMJHL	64	16	45	59	54

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender



**SAMUEL  
GIRARD**



BORN May 12, 1998, Roberval, Que.  
2015-16 Shawinigan POS D  
HT 5-10 WT 161 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 47

**A**NOTHER IN A LONG line of undersized but offensively talented players in this draft, Girard is a player constantly making things happen on the ice. Unfortunately, not all of those things are good for his team. "He's a fun guy to watch," said a scout. "He might not be a fun guy to watch if you're his coach, but he brings you out of your seat."

Girard's offensive instincts are so good that some scouts are willing to overlook his size deficiency. The fact he's a defenseman exacerbates the size concerns, but his talents are enough to make some talent evaluators look beyond his flaws. Reaction is mixed because others are not able to do so.

The team that does take him will likely have to live with the risk that comes with the potential reward. "He makes all kinds of fancy plays that a lot of other kids can't do," said another scout. "You take him for what he is, and you take him because he's a really good offensive player. If you're going to say, 'Oh, he can't play defense,' or 'He's too small,' just don't bother with him then."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-12	Lac-St-Jean	Ban.	20	1	9	10	6
12-13	Lac-St-Jean	Ban.	19	7	22	29	18
13-14	Jongueux	Mid.	42	7	25	55	16
14-15	Shawinigan	QMJHL	64	5	38	43	8
15-16	Shawinigan	QMJHL	67	10	64	74	10

**NHL Projection:** Offensive defender

# THE HOCKEY NEWS DRAFT PROFILES



**RYAN LINDGREN**



BORN Feb. 11, 1998, Minneapolis, Minn.  
2015-16 USA NTDP POS D  
HT 6-0 WT 196 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 41

**T**HE NTDP UNDER-18 squad was unbalanced this season, and that skewed some offensive stats.

You therefore may not have heard much about Lindgren. "He'll get undervalued a bit," said one scout. "Phenomenally high character, super-competitive, NHL skating ability. You're getting a solid, two-way guy."

Lindgren ended up fourth in scoring among NTDP D-men, but there is a lot of potential, and he did finish the year with five points at the world under-18s. "He's very coy out there," said another scout. "His puck decisions and distribution are very good."

Lindgren, whose older brother Charlie just signed with Montreal after an NCAA career with St. Cloud State, will suit up for NCAA Minnesota next season. The Go-pers once again have some nice talents coming in, plus several NHL draft picks returning to the blue line, so Lindgren will have to find his place. But the skills are there for him over the long run.

Before the NTDP, Lindgren was a standout at the famed Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school in Minnesota.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Shattuck	Bar	55	24	64	88	68
13-14	Shattuck	USHS	51	8	12	20	80
14-15	USA U17	NTDP	55	3	16	19	85
15-16	USA U18	NTDP	61	6	19	25	60
	USA	WUSA	7	2	3	5	4

**NHL Projection:** Two-way defender



**ZACH SAWCHENKO**



BORN Dec. 30, 1997, Calgary, Alta.  
2015-16 Moose Jaw POS G  
HT 6-1 WT 179 CATCHES L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 13 G

**T**HIS YEAR'S DRAFT MAY end up being a bit of a town hall on the state of goaltending in the game.

Size, which has dominated the discussion of late, is not in strong supply. But there is a host of goalies under 6-foot-2 who bring a lot of talent to the table and actually have stronger numbers than the tall kids.

Sawchenko had a top-10 save percentage in the WHL and faced a ton of shots in the process. "Had a good start this year, but then he started playing deeper in his net and had trouble," said one scout. "Now he's playing with more confidence. Very quick and agile - moves laterally well and has the athletic ability."

As a late birthday, Sawchenko was not eligible for this year's world under-18s, but he did suit up for Canada last year and played well for the bronze medalists. He also has a gold medal from the Ivan Hlinka tournament.

The Warriors will be strong again next season, and Sawchenko already rules the crease, but will his size scare away NHL teams? That's going to be a storyline in Buffalo at the draft.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
13-13	Notre Dame	Mtl	9-12-1	3.42	894
13-14	Moose Jaw	WHL	9-13-1	3.63	885
14-15	Moose Jaw	WHL	21-22-2	3.32	896
	Canada	WUSA	4-1-0	3.61	899
15-16	Moose Jaw	WHL	25-16-6	3.04	596

**NHL Projection:** Project goalie



**OTTO MAKINEN**



BORN May 21, 1998, Tampere, Fin.  
2015-16 Tappara POS C  
HT 6-1 WT 179 SHOOTS L  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 87

**T**HE GOLDEN AGE OF Finnish hockey is upon us, and while the revolution is coming through high-end skill talents, there is still room - and certainly utility - for hard-working role players such as Mäkinen.

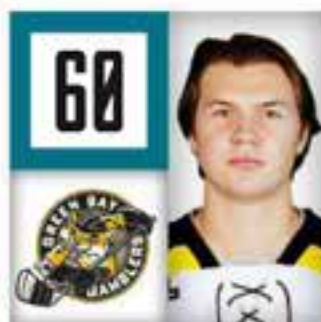
From a first-liner at the Five Nations tournament to a deft third-liner at the world under-18s, Mäkinen has impressed scouts in a variety of roles. "He's your prototypical two-way guy," said one scout. "Really good hockey IQ and works as hard defensively as anyone in the draft. So involved, always makes the right play."

Though he only put up two points at the under-18s, Mäkinen centered a strong third line that helped propel the Finns to gold. But on a team with so much talent for 2016 (Jesse Puujärvi, Markus Niemeläinen) and 2017 (Eeli Tolvanen, Kristian Vesilainen), Mäkinen didn't impress everyone. "I'm the wrong guy to ask," said another scout. "Not a fan."

So in a draft class that is top-heavy and a bit of a toss-up after the first 20 or so picks, Mäkinen must bank on the teams that like his upside versus the ones that are nonplussed about him.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-13	Tappara	Bar	20	14	15	29	4
13-14	Tappara	Mtl	12	12	14	26	10
14-15	Tappara	Jr	38	5	10	13	18
15-16	Tappara	Jr	47	11	19	30	30
	Finland	WUSA	7	1	1	2	6

**NHL Projection:** Two-way center



**ANDREW PEEKE**



BORN March 17, 1998, Parkland, Fla.  
2015-16 Green Bay POS D  
HT 6-3 WT 205 SHOOTS R  
INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SERVICES No. 73

**P**EEKE MAY BE THE perfect example of a player who is seen very differently by scouts from rival franchises. "He reminds me of Gustav Olofsson," said one scout. "NHL size and length, very smart defenseman. Breaks pucks out of your zone, and he can make plays at the offensive blue line."

Another evaluator is more skeptical of Peeke's offensive upside. Green Bay gave him ample power play time, and 19 of his 30 points came with the man advantage, but were those numbers more a result of usage? "I see him as a defensive defenseman at the next level," said another scout. "Green Bay had me wondering sometimes. I don't see the offense. He's a smart player, but at the next level he'll need to assert himself as just a defender."

For a big body, Peeke skates well and has a strong core that he can thank for that acumen. A Notre Dame commit, he is slated to join the Fighting Irish for 2016-17. He was also one of the better players on a Team USA squad that underperformed (by its lofty standards) at the World Jr. A Challenge in Ontario.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
13-14	Selects HA	Bar	28	1	9	10	16
14-15	Selects HA	Mtl	28	8	12	20	8
15-16	Green Bay	USHL	56	4	26	30	30

**NHL Projection:** Shutdown defender



# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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*	Linköping Jr. (SuperElit)	
Paul Bittner	LW	2	38	Portland (WHL)	
Kevin Stenlund	C	2	58@	HV71 Jr. (SuperElit)	* Acquired from Toronto
Keegan Kolesar	RW	3	69	Seattle (WHL)	@ Acquired from Anaheim
Sam Ruopp	D	5	129	Prince George (WHL)	^ Acquired from Minnesota
Veeti Vainio	D	5	141^	Blues Jr. (Finland Jr.)	
Vladislav Gavrikov	D	6	159	Yaroslavl (KHL)	
Markus Nutivaara	D	7	189	Karpat (Finland)	

## 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)	* Acquired from Detroit
Julien Pelletier	LW	4	107	Cape Breton (QMJHL)	
Tyler Bird	RW	5	137	Kimball Union (USHS)	
Olivier LeBlanc	D	7	197	Saint John (QMJHL)	

## 2013 DRAFT

June 30, Newark, New Jersey (Prudential Center)

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

## 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)	
Joonas Korpi	G	3	62	Jokerit Jr. (Finland Jr.)	* Acquired from Vancouver
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)	

## 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 (High-MN)	* Acquired from Ottawa
Seth Ambroz	RW	5	128	Omaha (USHL)	
Lukas Sedlak	C	6	158	Ceske (Czech U-20)	
Anton Forsberg	G	7	188	MOD0 Jr. (SuperElit)	

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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)	* Acquired from Buffalo
Mathieu Corbeil	G	4	102@	Halifax (QMJHL)	@ Acquired from Anaheim
Austin Madaisky	D	5	124	Kamloops (WHL)	
Dalton Prout	D	6	154	Barrie (OHL)	
Martin Ouellette	G	7	184	Kimball Union (High-NH)	

## 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)	* Acquired from Anaheim
Thomas Larkin	D	5	137	Exeter (USHS-NH)	@ Acquired from NY Islanders
Anton Blomqvist	D	6	167	Malmo Jr. (Sweden Jr.)	# Acquired from Colorado
Kyle Neuber	RW	7	197	Mississauga (OHL)	

## 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 (USHS)	* Acquired from Boston
Matt Calvert	LW	5	127	Brandon (WHL)	@ Acquired from Philadelphia
Tomas Kubalik	C/RW	5	135#	Plzen (CZE)	# Acquired from Carolina
Brent Regner	D	5	137*	Vancouver (WHL)	
Cam Atkinson	RW	6	157	Avon Old Farms (USHS)	
Sean Collins	LW	7	187	Waywayseecappo (MJHL)	

## 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 (USHS)	* Acquired from San Jose
Jake Hansen	RW/LW	3	68	Sioux Falls (USHL)	@ Acquired from Dallas
Maksim Mayorov	RW/LW	4	94@	Leninogorsk (Russia)	# Acquired from Anaheim (conditional)
Allen York	G	6	158	Camrose (AJHL)	
Trent Vogelhuber	RW	7	211#	St. Louis (NAHL)	

## 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)	* Acquired from San Jose
Tom Sestito	LW	3	85	Plymouth (OHL)	@ Acquired from Los Angeles
Ben Wright	D	4	113*	Lethbridge (WHL)	# Acquired from Anaheim
Robert Nyholm	D	5	129	IFK Jr. (Finland)	^ Acquired from Toronto
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)	



# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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)	* Acquired from Carolina
Tomas Popperle	G	5	131	Sparta (Czech)	+ Acquired from Phoenix
Derek Reinhart	D	6	177+	Regina (WHL)	
Kirill Starkov	C	6	189	Frolunda Jr. (Sweden)	
Trevor Hendriks	D	7	201	Peterborough (OHL)	

## 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)	* Acquired from Carolina
Dan LaCosta	G	3	93#	Owen Sound (OHL)	+ Acquired from Calgary
Andrey Plekhanov	D	3	96	Nizhnekamsk 2 (Russia)	@ Acquired from Boston
Petr Pohl	RW	5	133	Gatineau (QMJHL)	# Acquired from Vancouver
Rob Page	D	6	167	Blake School (USHS)	- Acquired from NY Rangers
Lennart Petrell	C	6	190@	IFK Jr. (Finland)	^ Acquired from Los Angeles
Justin Vienneau	D	7	198	Shawinigan (WMJHL)	
Brian McGuirk	LW	8	231	Gov. Drummer Aca. (USHS)	
Matt Greer	LW	8	233-	White Bear Lake (USHS)	
Grant Clitsome	D	9	271^	Nepean (CJHL)	

## 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 Kosmachov	D	3	71	CSKA (Russia)	* Acquired from Chicago
Kevin Jarman	LW	4	103#	Stouffville (Ont. Jr. A)	# Acquired from Pittsburgh
Philippe Dupuis	C	4	104	Hull (QMJHL)	+ Acquired from Carolina
Arsi Piiapanen	RW	5	138+	Jokerit (Finland)	^ Acquired from Los Angeles
Marc Methot	D	6	168+	London (OHL)	
Alexander Guskov	D	7	200	Yaroslavl (Russia)	
Mathieu Gravel	LW	8	233	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	
Trevor Hendriks	D	9	283^	Peterborough (OHL)	

## 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 Genovy	LW	3	96#	Des Moines (USHL)	
Ivan Tkachenko	LW	4	98	Yaroslavl (Russia)	* Acquired from Florida
Jekabs Redlihs	D	4	119+	Apple Core, N.Y. (EJHL)	# Acquired from Atlanta
Lasse Pirjeta	LW/C	5	133	Karpat (Finland)	+ Acquired from NY Islanders
Tim Konsorada	RW	6	168	Brandon (WHL)	^ Acquired from Philadelphia
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	Plzen Jr. (Czech)	
Sergei Mozyakin	LW	9	263*	CSKA (Russia)	

# NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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)	* Acquired from Montreal (Originally San Jose's pick)
Per Mars	C	3	87#	Brynäs (Sweden)	# Acquired from Buffalo
Cole Jarrett	D	5	141	Plymouth (OHL)	+ Acquired from Pittsburgh
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)	

## 2000 ENTRY DRAFT

June 24-25, Calgary, Alberta (Saddledome)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team	
Rostislav Klesla	D	1	4	Brampton (OHL)	* Acquired from Boston
Ben Knopp	RW	3	69	Moose Jaw (WHL)	# Acquired from San Jose
Petteri Nummelin	D	5	133	HC Davos (Switz.)	+ Acquired from Florida
Scott Heffernan	D	5	138*	Sarnia (OHL)	^ Acquired from Detroit
Tyler Kolarik	C	5	150	Deerfield Academy (USHSSE)	
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)	

## 2000 EXPANSION DRAFT

June 23, 2000 (Calgary, Alberta)

Goaltenders			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				
Defensemen	Pick	Overall	Team	Kevyn Adams	6	12	Toronto				
Mattias Timander	1	2	Boston	Dmitri Subbotin	7	14	NY Rangers				
Bert Robertsson	2	3	Edmonton	Dallas Drake	8	16	Phoenix				
Tommi Rajamaki	3	5	Toronto	Bruce Gardiner	9	17	Tampa Bay				
Jamie Pushor	4	8	Dallas	Barrie Moore	10	20	Washington				
Lyle Odelein	5	10	Phoenix	Martin Streit	11	22	Philadelphia				
Radim Bicanek	6	11	Chicago	Kevin Dineen	12	23	Ottawa				
Mathieu Schneider	7	13	NY Rangers	Jeff Williams	13	25	New Jersey				
Jonas Andersson-Junkka	8	16	Pittsburgh								
								Additional Players			
				Sergei Luchinkin	1	2	Dallas				
				Ted Drury	2	4	NY Islanders				



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