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December 3, 2024
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Lindy Ruff
Assistant Coach: Seth Appert
Assistant Coach: Mike Bales
Assistant Coach: Matt Ellis
Assistant Coach: Marty Wilford

PRONUNCIATIONS

Aube-Kubel, Nicolas:
(oh-BAY-koo-BEHL, NIH-koh-las)
Cozens, Dylan: (KUH-zihnz)
Jokiharju, Henri:
(yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)
Lafferty, Sam: (LA-fuhr-tee)
Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:
(LOO-koh-neh, OO-koh-PEH-ka)
Malenstyn, Beck:
(MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)
McLeod, Ryan: (muh-KLOWD)
Peterka, JJ: (peh-TUHR-kah)
Samuelsson, Mattias:
(SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)
Tuch, Alex: (TUHK)
Zucker, Jason: (ZUK-uhr)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Power Play
11-for-72 (15.3%) -- 29th
Penalty Kill
64-for-80 (80.0%) -- T-15th

LEADING SCORERS

Alex Tuch:
24 GP, 8 G, 14 A, 22 PTS
Rasmus Dahlin:
24 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS
Tage Thompson:
19 GP, 11 G, 7 A, 18 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. COL

Jason Zucker:
32 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS
Alex Tuch:
21 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 PTS
Tage Thompson:
9 GP, 5 G, 4 A, 9 PTS

LAST 5 GAMES VS. COL

12/13/23: BUF 1 at COL 5
10/29/23: COL 0 at BUF 4
12/15/22: BUF 4 at COL 2
12/01/22: COL 6 at BUF 4
02/19/22: COL 5 at BUF 3

FORWARDS

17 JASON ZUCKER

5'11", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA
2024-25:
24 GP, 5 G, 9 A, 14 PTS, 27 PIM
Career:
721 GP, 201 G, 183 A, 384 PTS, 364 PIM

72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ
2024-25:
19 GP, 11 G, 7 A, 18 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
391 GP, 143 G, 128 A, 271 PTS, 172 PIM

89 ALEX TUCH

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY
2024-25:
24 GP, 8 G, 14 A, 22 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
478 GP, 139 G, 198 A, 337 PTS, 174 PIM

9 ZACH BENSON

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC
2024-25:
18 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS, 22 PIM
Career:
89 GP, 14 G, 22 A, 36 PTS, 58 PIM

24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 207 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT
2024-25:
24 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 PTS, 20 PIM
Career:
304 GP, 71 G, 105 A, 176 PTS, 174 PIM

77 JJ PETERKA

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU
2024-25:
22 GP, 7 G, 9 A, 16 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
183 GP, 47 G, 51 A, 98 PTS, 60 PIM

71 RYAN MCLEOD

6'3", 188 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2024-25:
24 GP, 6 G, 6 A, 12 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
243 GP, 38 G, 49 A, 87 PTS, 42 PIM

20 JIRI KULICH

6'1", 190 lbs. • Kadan, CZE
2024-25:
15 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
16 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM

22 JACK QUINN

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON
2024-25:
23 GP, 1 G, 4 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
127 GP, 25 G, 38 A, 63 PTS, 27 PIM

29 BECK MALENSTYN

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC
2024-25:
24 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
129 GP, 9 G, 18 A, 27 PTS, 44 PIM

19 PEYTON KREBS

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2024-25:
23 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 15 PIM
Career:
238 GP, 23 G, 50 A, 73 PTS, 154 PIM

96 NICOLAS AUBE-KUBEL

6'0", 213 lbs. • Slave Lake, AB
2024-25:
8 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
290 GP, 31 G, 47 A, 78 PTS, 189 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

4 BOWEN BYRAM

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC
2024-25:
24 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS, 12 PIM
Career:
188 GP, 30 G, 56 A, 86 PTS, 138 PIM

26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE
2024-25:
24 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
460 GP, 72 G, 239 A, 311 PTS, 342 PIM

25 OWEN POWER

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON
2024-25:
24 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
187 GP, 15 G, 71 A, 86 PTS, 60 PIM

10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN
2024-25:
18 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
365 GP, 17 G, 73 A, 90 PTS, 130 PIM

78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON
2024-25:
13 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
219 GP, 4 G, 34 A, 38 PTS, 46 PIM

75 CONNOR CLIFTON

5'11", 195 lbs. • Matawan, NJ
2024-25:
23 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 19 PIM
Career:
334 GP, 14 G, 51 A, 65 PTS, 264 PIM

GOALTENDERS

1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN
2024-25 (NHL):
16 GP, 8-5-2, .909 SV%, 2.54 GAA
Career (NHL):
116 GP, 55-46-12, .905 SV%, 2.92 GAA
vs. COL:
4 GP, 2-2-0, .905 SV%, 3.01 GAA

47 JAMES REIMER

6'2", 200 lbs. • Morweena, MB
2024-25 (NHL):
4 GP, 1-3-0, .890 SV%, 3.29 GAA
Career (NHL):
505 GP, 216-180-63, .910 SV%, 2.88 GAA
vs. COL:
12 GP, 6-2-1, .919 SV%, 2.40 GAA

SCRATCHES

8 DENNIS GILBERT

6'2", 216 lbs. • Buffalo, NY
2024-25:
6 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
88 GP, 3 G, 11 A, 14 PTS, 98 PIM

48 TYSON KOZAK

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB
2024-25:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

81 SAM LAFFERTY

6'2", 205 lbs. • Hollidaysburg, PA
2024-25:
22 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 14 PIM
Career:
311 GP, 37 G, 47 A, 84 PTS, 168 PIM

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de Haan, Calvin: (DUH HAWN)
Drouin, Jonathan: (drou-EHN)
Georgiev, Alexandar: (gee-OHR-gee-ehv, al-ehx-AN-duhr)
Girard, Samuel: (zhih-RAHRD, SAM-yew-ehl)
Ivan, Ivan: (IGH-vuhn, IGH-vuhn)
Kiviranta, Joel: (kih-vee-RAN-tah, YOH-ehl)
Kovalenko, Nikolai: (koh-va-LEHNK-oh, NIH-koh-ligh)
Kylington, Oliver: (CHIH-lihng-tuhn)
Lehkonen, Artturi: (LEH-koh-neh, AR-too-ree)
Nichushkin, Valeri: (nih-KOOSH-kihn, val-AIR-ee)
Prishchepov, Nikita: (PRIH-shuh-pawv)
Rantanen, Mikko: (RAHN-ta-neh, MEE-koh)
Toews, Devon: (TAYVZ, deh-VAWN)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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22-for-81 (27.2%) -- 6th
Penalty Kill
46-for-64 (71.9%) -- 29th

LEADING SCORERS

Nathan MacKinnon:
25 GP, 7 G, 29 A, 36 PTS
Mikko Rantanen:
25 GP, 15 G, 19 A, 34 PTS
Cale Makar:
25 GP, 8 G, 24 A, 32 PTS

LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

Nathan MacKinnon:
16 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS
Mikko Rantanen:
13 GP, 7 G, 11 A, 18 PTS
Jonathan Drouin:
26 GP, 1 G, 13 A, 14 PTS

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FORWARDS

62 ARTTURI LEHKONEN

5'11", 179 lbs. • Piikkio, FIN
2024-25:
13 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
534 GP, 121 G, 131 A, 252 PTS, 158 PIM

29 NATHAN MACKINNON

6'0", 200 lbs. • Halifax, NS
2024-25:
25 GP, 7 G, 29 A, 36 PTS, 18 PIM
Career:
816 GP, 342 G, 593 A, 935 PTS, 366 PIM

96 MIKKO RANTANEN

6'4", 215 lbs. • Nousiainen, FIN
2024-25:
25 GP, 15 G, 19 A, 34 PTS, 16 PIM
Career:
595 GP, 277 G, 374 A, 651 PTS, 364 PIM

51 NIKOLAI KOVALENKO

5'10", 180 lbs. • Raleigh, NC
2024-25:
25 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
25 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 8 PIM

37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 195 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN
2024-25:
25 GP, 7 G, 11 A, 18 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
382 GP, 73 G, 141 A, 214 PTS, 88 PIM

13 VALERI NICHUSHKIN

6'4", 210 lbs. • Chelyabinsk, RUS
2024-25:
8 GP, 3 G, 3 A, 6 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
520 GP, 119 G, 161 A, 280 PTS, 80 PIM

94 JOEL KIVIRANTA

5'11", 185 lbs. • Vantaa, FIN
2024-25:
25 GP, 4 G, 1 A, 5 PTS, 10 PIM
Career:
244 GP, 23 G, 19 A, 42 PTS, 82 PIM

82 IVAN IVAN

6'0", 190 lbs. • Ostrava, CZE
2024-25:
25 GP, 5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
25 GP, 5 G, 3 A, 8 PTS, 6 PIM

25 LOGAN O'CONNOR

6'0", 175 lbs. • Missouri City, TX
2024-25:
25 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 11 PIM
Career:
288 GP, 37 G, 49 A, 86 PTS, 128 PIM

85 NIKITA PRISHCHEPOV

6'1", 194 lbs. • Orenburg, RUS
2024-25:
7 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
7 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

17 PARKER KELLY

6'1", 185 lbs. • Camrose, AB
2024-25:
25 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
202 GP, 18 G, 21 A, 39 PTS, 131 PIM

14 CHRIS WAGNER

6'0", 192 lbs. • Walpole, MA
2024-25:
14 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 9 PIM
Career:
387 GP, 39 G, 27 A, 66 PTS, 213 PIM

DEFENSEMEN

7 DEVON TOEWS

6'1", 191 lbs. • Abbotsford, BC
2024-25:
21 GP, 1 G, 6 A, 7 PTS, 8 PIM
Career:
418 GP, 53 G, 188 A, 241 PTS, 108 PIM

8 CALE MAKAR

6'0", 187 lbs. • Calgary, AB
2024-25:
25 GP, 8 G, 24 A, 32 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
340 GP, 94 G, 274 A, 368 PTS, 100 PIM

49 SAMUEL GIRARD

5'10", 170 lbs. • Roberval, QC
2024-25:
25 GP, 2 G, 12 A, 14 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
500 GP, 33 G, 180 A, 213 PTS, 97 PIM

70 SAM MALINSKI

5'11", 190 lbs. • Lakeville, MN
2024-25:
25 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM
Career:
48 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS, 8 PIM

44 CALVIN DE HAAN

6'1", 192 lbs. • Carp, ON
2024-25:
18 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
650 GP, 24 G, 118 A, 142 PTS, 243 PIM

3 JOHN LUDVIG

6'1", 210 lbs. • Liberec, CZE
2024-25:
6 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 6 PIM
Career:
39 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 53 PIM

GOALTENDERS

40 ALEXANDAR GEORGIEV

6'1", 178 lbs. • Ruse, BUL
2024-25 (NHL):
16 GP, 7-7-0, .875 SV%, 3.31 GAA
Career (NHL):
270 GP, 143-89-22, .907 SV%, 2.88 GAA
vs. BUF:
10 GP, 5-4-0, .899 SV%, 2.93 GAA

41 SCOTT WEDGEWOOD

6'2", 201 lbs. • Brampton, ON
2024-25 (NHL):
5 GP, 1-2-1, .878 SV%, 3.69 GAA
Career (NHL):
135 GP, 49-50-23, .905 SV%, 3.01 GAA
vs. BUF:
2 GP, 0-1-1, .854 SV%, 3.37 GAA

SCRATCHES

27 JONATHAN DROUIN

5'11", 198 lbs. • Ste-Agathe, QC
2024-25:
5 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
569 GP, 98 G, 243 A, 341 PTS, 213 PIM

58 OLIVER KYLINGTON

6'0", 183 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE
2024-25:
8 GP, 1 G, 1 A, 2 PTS, 4 PIM
Career:
209 GP, 18 G, 39 A, 57 PTS, 56 PIM

67 KEATON MIDDLETON

6'6", 240 lbs. • Edmonton, AB
2024-25:
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM
Career:
3 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 4 PIM

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