

SEATTLE KRAKEN

# DRAFT GUIDE

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### ROUND 1

**DAY:** Friday, June 27

**TIME:** 4 p.m. PT

**TV:** ESPN, ESPN+, SN, TVAS

**RADIO:** KJR 93.3

**PICK:** 8TH overall

### ROUNDS 2-7

**DAY:** Saturday, June 28

**TIME:** 9 a.m. PT

**TV:** NHLN, ESPN+, SN, SN1

**RADIO:** KJR 93.3

**PICKS:** Four total



2024 SEATTLE KRAKEN DRAFT CLASS

The 2025 NHL Draft marks the Seattle Kraken's fifth draft as a franchise. Held at LA Live's Peacock Theater in Los Angeles, the draft will begin with the first round on Friday, June 27 at 4 p.m. PT. Rounds 2-7 will continue the following day beginning at 9 a.m. PT.

The Kraken currently hold five picks in this year's draft, which includes a first rounder (eighth overall), two in the second round and one apiece in the fifth and seventh rounds. Seattle owns four of its five selections and acquired one additional pick from a previous trade with the Tampa Bay Lightning (via the Toronto Maple Leafs).

32 Bar & Grill at Kraken Community Iceplex will host a watch party presented by Upper Deck beginning at 3:30 p.m. PT on June 27 with Kraken broadcaster Everett Fitzhugh set to MC the event. KJR 93.3 – the Kraken's flagship radio station – will broadcast live with Mike Benton from 32 Bar & Grill from 4-7 p.m. PT in conjunction with the watch party and will feature live call-ins from Las Vegas. The watch party will feature raffles, food and drink specials, and more.

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# 2024 NHL DRAFT RECAP

The 2024 NHL Draft at The Sphere in Las Vegas marked the fourth-ever draft for the Seattle Kraken. The team made eight selections in the draft, coming away with five forwards, two defensemen and one goaltender. Draft efforts were led by General Manager Ron Francis, Director of Amateur Scouting Robert Kron and the Kraken's front office staff.

The draft was the fourth for the Kraken's front-office staff but marked the eighth time Francis had headed up a draft. Prior to the 2021 draft with the Kraken, Francis had been the GM for the Carolina Hurricanes for the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 drafts.



With its first selection, Seattle took forward Berkly Catton with the eighth overall pick. Catton had completed his third Western Hockey League (WHL) season with the Spokane Chiefs, setting career highs across the scoresheet with 116 points (54g/62a) in 68 regular-season games.

The alternate captain led his team in both goals (54) and points and ranked third and fourth, respectively, among all WHL skaters during the 2023-24 season. He was named the WHL's U.S. Division Player of the Year, earning WHL First All-Star Team honors at the conclusion of the season for his efforts.

The Kraken then made two picks in the second round, nabbing forwards Julius Miettinen (40th overall) and Nathan Villeneuve (63rd overall), and two more in the third round with defenseman Alexis Bernier (73rd overall) and goaltender Kim Saarinen (88th overall).

Seattle rounded out its 2024 draft class with three more selections: forward Ollie Josephson (fourth round, 105th overall), forward Clarke Caswell (fifth round, 141st overall) and defenseman Jakub Fibigr (seventh round, 202nd overall).





# KRAKEN DRAFT HISTORY

2025 Draft Selections		
Round	Overall	How Acquired
1	8	
2	38	
2-TBL	57	Acquired from Tampa (via Toronto) with F Mikey Eyssimont, 2026 and 2027 first-round picks in exchange for F Oliver Bjorkstrand and F Yanni Gourde on March 5, 2025
5	134	
7	198	

June 28 to 29, 2024			Las Vegas, NV - The Sphere		
Round	Overall	Name	POS.	2023-24 Club (League)	Country of Birth
1	8	Berkly Catton	C	Spokane (WHL)	Canada
2	40	Julius Miettinen	C	Everett (WHL)	Finland
2 (from NYR)	63	Nathan Villeneuve	C	Sudbury (OHL)	Canada
3	73	Alexis Bernier	D	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	Canada
3 (from TOR)	88	Kim Saarinen	G	HPK (Liiga)	Finland
4	105	Ollie Josephson	C	Red Deer (WHL)	Canada
5 (from PHI)	141	Clarke Caswell	LW	Swift Current (WHL)	Canada
7 (from CGY)	202	Jakub Fibigr	D	Brampton (OHL)	Czechia

June 28 to 29, 2023			Nashville, TN - Bridgestone Arena		
Round	Overall	Name	POS.	2022-23 Club (League)	Country of Birth
1	20	Eduard Sale	LW	HC Kometa Brno (Czechia)	Czechia
2 (from WPG)	50	Carson Rehkopf	LW	Kitchener (OHL)	Canada
2	52	Oscar Fisker Molgaard	C	HV 71 (SHL)	Denmark
2 (from TOR)	57	Lukas Dragicevic	D	Tri-City (WHL)	Canada
3	84	Caden Price	D	Kelowna (WHL)	Canada
4	116	Andrei Loshko	C	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	Belarus
5	148	Kaden Hammell	D	Everett (WHL)	Canada
6 (from WSH)	168	Visa Vedenpaa	G	Karpat Jr. (Liiga)	Finland
6	180	Zeb Forsfjall	C	Skelleftea (J20 Nationell)	Sweden
7	212	Zaccharya Wisdom	R	Cedar Rapids (USHL)	Canada

# KRAKEN DRAFT HISTORY CONT.

July 7 to 8, 2022			Montreal, QC - Bell Centre		
Round	Overall	Name	POS.	2021-22 Club (League)	Country of Birth
1	4	Shane Wright	C	Kingston (OHL)	Canada
2	35	Jagger Firkus	RW	Moose Jaw (WHL)	Canada
2 (from NSH)	49	Jani Nyman	RW	Ilves (Liiga)	Finland
2 (from TOR)	58	Niklas Kokko	G	Karpat (U20 SM-sarja)	Finland
2	61	David Goyette	C	Sudbury (OHL)	Canada
3	68	Ty Nelson	D	North Bay (OHL)	Canada
3 (from CGY via BOS)	91	Ben MacDonald	C	Noble & Greenough (USHS-MA)	United States
4	100	Tyson Jugnauth	D	West Kelowna (BCHL)	Canada
4 (from CGY)	123	Tucker Robertson	C	Peterborough (OHL)	Canada
6	164	Barrett Hall	C	Gentry Academy (USHS-MN)	United States
7	196	Kyle Jackson	C	North Bay (OHL)	Canada

July 23 to 24, 2021			Held virtually due to Covid-19 pandemic		
Round	Overall	Name	POS.	2020-21 Club (League)	Country of Birth
1	2	Matty Beniers	C	Univ. of Michigan (NCAA)	United States
2	35	Ryker Evans	D	Regina Pats (WHL)	Canada
3	67	Ryan Winterton	C	Hamilton Bulldogs (OHL)	Canada
4	99	Ville Ottavainen	D	JYP (Liiga)	Finland
5	131	Jacob Melanson	RW	Acadie-Bathurst Titan (QMJHL)	Canada
6	163	Semyon Vyazovoi	G	Tolpar Ufa (MHL)	Russia
7	195	Justin Janicke	LW	U.S. NTDP (USHL)	United States

## BACK IN THE SADDLE

The 2025 NHL Draft will be Jason Botterill's first as general manager of the Kraken and fourth overall as a GM, having previously served in the same capacity with the Buffalo Sabres for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 drafts. As Buffalo's GM, Botterill made 18 picks in total over three drafts, including Casey Mittelstadt (eighth overall in 2017), Rasmus Dahlin (first overall in 2018) and Dylan Cozens (seventh overall in 2019). In all, nine of the 18 picks have played in at least one NHL game.



Jason Botterill's Previous Draft Selections

Name	Year	Rd.	Overall	POS.	Previous Club	GP	G/Record	A/GAA	PTS/SV%	PIM
Rasmus Dahlin	2018	1	1	D	Frolunda HC (SHL)	509	83	277	360	378
Casey Mittelstadt	2017	1	8	C	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)	438	81	155	236	106
Dylan Cozens	2019	1	7	C	Lethbridge Hurricanes (WHL)	362	82	131	213	222
Jacob Bryson	2017	4	99	D	Providence College (NCAA)	254	4	39	43	50
Mattias Samuelsson	2018	2	32	D	U.S. Under-18 Team (USHL)	212	7	36	43	88
Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	2017	2	54	G	HPK (Finland-Jr)	155	71-65-15	3.06	.898	12
Ryan Johnson	2019	1	31	D	Sioux Falls Stampede (USHL)	44	0	7	7	16
Lukas Rousek	2019	6	160	R	Sparta Praha (Czech)	17	1	3	4	0
Erik Portillo	2019	3	67	G	Frolunda (Sweden Jrs.)					
Marcus Davidsson	2017	2	37	C	Djurgardens IF (SHL)					
Oskari Laaksonen	2017	3	89	D	Ilves (Finland-Jrs)					
Linus Weissbach	2017	7	192	L	Tri-City Storm (USHL)					
Matej Pekar	2018	4	94	C	Muskegon Lumberjacks (USHL)					
Linus Cronholm	2018	4	117	D	Malmo-2 (Sweden Jrs.)					
Miska Kukkonen	2018	5	125	D	Ilves-2 (Finland Jrs.)					
William Worge-Kreu	2018	7	187	D	Linkoping-2 (Sweden Jrs.)					
Aaron Huglen	2019	4	102	R	Fargo Force (USHL)					
Filip Cederqvist	2019	5	143	L	Vaxjo HC (SHL)					





## THE PICK IS IN THE LINEUP

Since the Kraken's inaugural draft in 2021, Seattle has had eight of its draft picks play in at least one regular-season game for the team: Matty Beniers (2021-22), Shane Wright (2022-23), Ryker Evans (2023-24), Ryan Winterton (2023-24), Nikke Kokko (2024-25), Jacob Melanson (2024-25), Jani Nyman (2024-25) and Ville Ottavainen (2024-25).



The 2024-25 campaign saw four Kraken draft picks make their NHL debuts, including Nyman, who became the first Kraken player to score in his NHL debut on March 12 vs. Montreal.



Since the start of the 2021-22 season, the only teams that have at least eight draft picks make their NHL debut are Chicago (10), Columbus (9), Seattle (8) and Arizona (8).



**Alexis Bernier** Baie-Comeau Drakkar (QMJHL) | 59 GP | 14 G | 32 A | 46 P | 59 PIM

- Served as an alternate captain for Baie-Comeau Drakkar during the 2024-25 QMJHL season.
- Recorded 46 points in 59 games played, notching 14 goals and 32 assists.
- Finished the regular season tied for first in game-winning goals (4), tied for third in goals and tied for fifth in points among defensemen in the QMJHL.
- Posted a 10-game point streak, recording 13 points (5g/8a) in that span.

**Clarke Caswell** Swift Current Broncos (WHL) | 65 GP | 22 G | 62 A | 84 P | 36 PIM

- Served as captain of the Swift Current Broncos during the 2024-25 WHL season, posting a WHL career-high 84 points (22g/62a).
- Led the team in assists and shorthanded goals (2), ranked second in points, and finished fifth in goals.
- Recorded three separate seven-game point streaks during the regular season, with his best run producing 11 points.
- Added four points (2g/2a) in five games during the WHL playoffs.

**Berkly Catton** Spokane Chiefs (WHL) | 57 GP | 38 G | 71 A | 109 P | 30 PIM

- Was named captain of the Spokane Chiefs for the 2024-25 WHL season.
- Tallied 109 points during the regular-season, including 38 goals and 71 assists—the highest assist total of his WHL regular-season career.
- Finished the regular season third in goals and second in both assists and total points on the Chiefs roster.
- Ranked fourth in assists and third in points across the league.
- Posted an 18-game point streak during the regular season, totaling 52 points in that span, including a season-high seven-point game.
- Recorded 42 points (11g/31a) in the 2024-25 Calder Cup, leading the league in playoff scoring.
- Finished the WHL playoffs first in assists (31) and tied for seventh in goals (11).
- Recorded a 14-game point streak in the postseason, contributing 36 points during that run.
- Was awarded the Brad Hornung Memorial Trophy as the WHL's Most Sportsmanlike Player for the 2024-25 season for his outstanding performance and sportsmanship.
- Named to the CHL's Second All-Star Team.

**Lukas Dragicevic** Prince Albert Raiders (WHL) | 66 GP | 18 G | 52 A | 70 P | 45 PIM

- Finished the 2024-25 WHL season ranked fourth among all defensemen in points (70), third in assists (52), and tied for first in game-winning goals.
- Led the Prince Albert Raiders defensemen in both points and assists.
- Maintained better than a point-per-game pace during the regular season, recording 70 points in 66 games, and added 14 points in 11 playoff games.

**Jakub Fibigr** Brampton Steelheads (OHL) | 58 GP | 3 G | 30 A | 33 P | 18 PIM

- Finished the 2024-25 OHL season with the Brampton Steelheads ranked second among all defensemen in both points (33) and assists (30).
- Contributed two assists during the OHL playoffs.
- Represented Czechia at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship (U20), recording five assists in seven games.

**Jagger Firkus** Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 69 GP | 15 G | 21 A | 36 P | 20 PIM

- Recorded 36 points (15g/21a) during his AHL rookie year with the Firebirds.
- Finished the season seventh in points, tied for first in overtime goals (2) and tied for fourth in game-winning goals (3).
- Recorded a point in six consecutive games, his longest streak of the season.



## **Cale Fleury** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 39 GP | 7 G | 19 A | 26 P | 11 PIM

- Recorded 26 points (7g/19a) in 39 games with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Served as an alternate captain in his first season with the team.
- Tied for first among Firebirds defensemen in goals (7).
- Appeared in 14 NHL games with the Seattle Kraken, recording one assist.
- Signed a two-year, one way contract extension (\$890,000 AAV) with Seattle on June 20, 2025.

## **David Goyette** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 54 GP | 6 G | 12 A | 18 P | 20 PIM

- Recorded 18 points (6g/12a) in 54 games during his rookie season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Finished the season sixth in points out of Firebirds rookies and 15th overall.
- Added a helper during the Calder Cup Playoffs.

## **Kaden Hammell** **Everett Silvertips (WHL)** | 59 GP | 10 G | 28 A | 38 P | 25 PIM

- Appeared in 59 regular-season games with the Everett Silvertips of the Western Hockey League (WHL) during the 2024-25 campaign, tallying a career high 38 points (10g/28a).
- Among Silvertips defensemen, he ranked third in both assists (28) and points and fourth in goals (10).
- Recorded a season-high five-game point streak on two occasions, including a run from Nov. 23-30, 2024 where he notched six points and scored in three straight games.
- Added 13 points (4g/9a) in 13 playoff games with the Tips, ranking fourth on the team in assists (9) and points and sharing fifth in goals (4).
- Signed a three-year, two-way entry-level contract (\$908,333 AAV) starting in the 2025-26 season with the Seattle Kraken.

## **John Hayden** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 44 GP | 11 G | 16 A | 27 P | 34 PIM

- Earned his first professional alternate captaincy with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Ranked third in total penalty minutes (34), seventh in points (27), and third in power-play goals (5) among forwards on the Coachella roster.
- Appeared in 20 NHL games with the Seattle Kraken, registering two points and accumulating 31 penalty minutes.
- Signed a two-year, one-way contract extension (\$775,000 AAV) starting in 2025-26 with the Kraken.

## **Ollie Josephson** **Red Deer Rebels (WHL)** | 48 GP | 14 G | 21 A | 35 P | 37 PIM

- Served as captain of the Red Deer Rebels during the 2024-25 WHL season.
- Recorded 35 points, ranking second on the team.
- Tied for third in goals (14) and tied for first in assists (21) among Rebels skaters.
- Led the team with 183 shots on goal.

## **Tyson Jugnauth** **Portland Winterhawks (WHL)** | 65 GP | 13 G | 76 A | 89 P | 36 PIM

- Appeared in 65 regular-season games with the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League (WHL) in 2024-25, leading all blueliners in points (89) and assists (76).
- Paced Portland defensemen across the scoresheet in goals (13), power-play goals (6), power-play assists (35) and shots (208)
- Total power-play points (41) and power-play assists led all WHL skaters in the 2024-25 campaign, while his assists ranked third overall.
- Was awarded the Bill Hunter Memorial Trophy, annually given to the WHL's Defenseman of the Year, and was named to the WHL's Western Conference First All-Star Team for his efforts.
- Named WHL Player of the Week after adding six assists, including three on the power play, during Portland's win over Vancouver on Dec. 7, 2024.
- Named to the CHL's Second All-Star Team.
- Signed a three-year, two-way, entry-level (\$950,000 AAV) contract starting in the 2025-26 season with the Kraken.

**Nikke Kokko** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 33 GP | 20-10-2 | 2.26 GAA | .913 SV% | 0 SO

- Posted a 20-10-0 record in his rookie season with Coachella.
- Led all AHL rookie goalies in wins, save percentage (.913), and goals-against average (2.26).
- Named to the AHL All-Rookie Team.
- Played in his first NHL game with the Seattle Kraken on Feb. 25.

**Andrei Loshko** **Niagara Icedogs (OHL)** | 67 GP | 34 G | 36 A | 70 P | 21 PIM

- Played 67 regular season games with the Niagara IceDogs in the OHL, recording 70 points (34g/36a) in his first OHL season.
- Led all IceDogs in power-play goals (16) and ranked third in points and goals and fourth in assists.
- His success on the power play saw his 16 goals rank fourth among all OHL skaters.
- Held a season-high seven-game point streak from Dec. 12-29, recording 12 points (8g/4a) in that span, including goals in four straight games.
- Appeared in one AHL game with the Coachella Valley Firebirds and netted two goals.
- Signed a three-year, two-way entry-level contract (\$870,000 AAV) starting in the 2025-26 season with the Seattle Kraken on April 7.

**Max McCormick** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 19 GP | 7 G | 6 A | 13 P | 13 PIM

- Named captain of the Coachella Valley Firebirds for the third consecutive year.
- Appeared in only 19 games this season due to injury, recording 13 points.

**Jacob Melanson** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 42 GP | 8 G | 5 A | 13 P | 48 PIM

- Appeared in 42 games with Coachella Valley during the 2024-25 season, recording 13 points (8g/5a).
- Played in his first NHL game with the Seattle Kraken on March 6.

**Julius Miettinen** **Everett Silvertips (WHL)** | 36 GP | 11 G | 28 A | 39 GP | 27 PIM

- Appeared in 36 regular-season games with the Everett Silvertips, recording 39 points (11g/28a) during the 2024-25 WHL season, only playing in the first half of the season due to injury.
- Maintained better than a point-per-game pace for his second consecutive WHL season.
- During the regular season, he was tied for second on the team in shorthanded goals (2) and tied for third in power-play goals (6) in just 36 games played.
- In the postseason, he added nine points (6g/3a), finishing tied for second in goals among all Silvertips skaters.
- Won a Silver Medal and represented Finland at the 2024-25 IIHF World Junior Championships, where he appeared in seven games, registering one goal and one assist during the tournament.

**Ben Meyers** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 57 GP | 23 G | 28 A | 51 P | 26 PIM

- Had an AHL career year, leading the Firebirds in points (51) in just 57 games played.
- Held four five-game streaks, recording six points in each.
- Played in eight games with the Seattle Kraken.
- Signed a one-year, one-way contract extension (\$775,000 AAV) through the 2025-26 season with the Seattle Kraken.

**Logan Morrison** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 72 GP | 14 G | 28 A | 42 P | 16 PIM

- Had a career year tallying 42 points in 72 games, surpassing his rookie season by one point.
- Finished the 2024-25 season third in points, tied for third in assists (28), and fifth in goals (14).
- Notched two shootout goals.

**Ty Nelson** **Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)** | 72 GP | 6 G | 26 A | 32 P | 48 PIM

- Recorded 32 points (6g/26a) in his AHL rookie season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Ranked eighth on the team in total points, sixth in assists (26), and fourth in goals among defensemen during the 2024-25 season.
- Finished third among Firebirds defensemen in both points and goals.
- Ranked fourth in points among all AHL rookie defensemen.



**Jani Nyman** *Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 58 GP | 28 G | 16 A | 44 P | 31 PIM*

- Notched 44 points (28g/16a) in his AHL rookie season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Finished his rookie campaign first on the team in goals and power-play goals (9), second in points, and tied for fourth in game-winning goals (3).
- Maintained an eight-game point streak, tallying 11 points (6g/5a) during that stretch.
- Recorded a four-game goal streak, scoring in each game.
- Appeared in 12 NHL games with the Seattle Kraken, registering three goals and three assists.
- Scored his first NHL goal in his debut game on March 12 against Montreal.

**Gustav Olofsson** *Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 51 GP | 3 G | 14 A | 17 P | 24 PIM*

- Served as an alternate captain for the third consecutive season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds for 2024-25.
- Recorded 17 points (3g/14a) in 51 regular season games.

**Victor Östman** *Kansas City Mavericks (ECHL) | 32 GP | 21-7-4 | 5.52 GAA | .903 SV%*

- Played the majority of the season with the Kansas City Mavericks in the ECHL, posting a 21-7-4 record, with a 2.52 goals-against average and a .903 save percentage.
- Appeared in five games with the Firebirds, posting a 2-1-2 record, .916 save percentage and a 2.38 goals-against average.
- Made his NHL debut with the Seattle Kraken on April 8.

**Ville Ottavainen** *Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 68 GP | 3 G | 12 A | 15 P | 41 PIM*

- Appeared in 68 games with the Coachella Valley Firebirds, recording 15 points (3g/12a).
- Made his NHL debut on April 15, 2025, and recorded his first NHL point in the same game.
- Added two assists during the Calder Cup Playoffs.

**Caden Price** *Lethbridge Hurricanes (WHL) | 30 GP | 3 G | 8 A | 11 P | 40 PIM*

- Split his 2024-24 WHL season between the Kelowna Rockets and the Lethbridge Hurricanes.
- Appeared in 27 games with Kelowna, playing better than a point-per-game pace recording 32 points.
- Finished the second half of the season with Lethbridge recording 11 points (3g/8a) in 30 regular-season games and eight points (2g/6a) in the WHL playoffs.
- Tallied 62 minutes in the penalty box, the second most on the Hurricanes, and was second among defensemen in goals, assists and points.
- His four game-winning-goals were tied for third among Hurricanes skaters and first among defensemen.
- Posted a seven-game point streak with Kelowna, recording 14 points (2g/12a) in that span.
- Represented Canada in the World Junior Championships Under-20, recording two points in five games.

**Carson Rehkopf** *Brampton Steelheads (OHL) | 57 GP | 42 G | 44 A | 86 P | 22 PIM*

- Recorded 86 points (42g/44a) in 57 games played in the OHL with the Brampton Steelheads.
- Ranked first in goals, fourth in assists, second in points, second in power-play goals (9), second in first goals (8), second in game-winning goals (4), and tied for first in insurance goals (4).
- Held a 10-game point streak, recording 13 points and a four-game goal streak in that span.
- Had a game best six points (3g/3a) on Feb. 2.
- Tallied 13 games in which he recorded at least three points.
- Netted seven goals and added an assist during the OHL playoffs.
- Tied for 14th among all OHL skaters in points.
- Represented Canada in the World Junior Championships.

**Tucker Robertson** *Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 38 GP | 4 G | 5 A | 9 P | 13 PIM*

- Recorded nine points (4g/5a) in his second season with Coachella Valley during the 2024-25 season.

**Lleyton Roed** *Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 56 GP | 13 G | 13 A | 26 P | 19 PIM*

- Played his AHL rookie season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds, recording 13 goals and 13 assists.
- Finished the 2024-25 season third in goals among rookie skaters and sixth overall on the team.
- Led the Firebirds with five game-winning goals.
- Posted a six-game point streak, tallying nine points (3g/6a), including a three-point performance to close out the streak.

**Kim Saarinen** HPK (Liiga) | 30 GP | 10-11-5 | 2.49 GAA | .911 SV%

- Posted a 10-11-5 record, .911 save percentage, 2.49 goals against average and three shoutouts with HPK during the 2024-25 Liiga regular season.

**Eduard Šalé** Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 51 GP | 6 G | 15 A | 21 P | 14 PIM

- Played his professional rookie season with the Coachella Valley Firebirds, appearing in 51 games and recording 21 points (6g/15a).
- Won a bronze medal for Czechia in the World Championship Juniors U-20, helping his team secure the bronze with his game-deciding shootout goal.
- He netted six goals during the WJC-20 tournament and added two helpers.

**Mitchell Stephens** Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 35 GP | 6 G | 7 A | 13 P | 23 PIM

- Recorded six goals and seven assists with the Coachella Valley Firebirds.
- Scored three goals in two games during the 2025 Calder Cup Playoffs.
- Notched three points (1g/2a) within 28 games with the Seattle Kraken.

**Nathan Villeneuve** Sudbury Wolves (OHL) | 57 GP | 34 G | 36 A | 70 P | 120 PIM

- In his third season with the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Sudbury Wolves, he set new career highs in points (70), assists (36), goals (34), power-play goals (12), game-winning goals (5) and penalty minutes (120) in 2024-25.
- Three of his 34 goals were netted on Dec. 20, marking his first career hat trick.
- His 120 penalty minutes co-led the Sudbury roster and were tied for third among all OHL skaters. His total goals and 12 on the power play rank second among all Wolves skaters, while his points and assists ranked third and fourth, respectively.
- Recorded an OHL career-high 13 points (7g/6a) during a seven-game point streak from Feb. 7-21.
- Signed a three-year, two-way entry-level (\$975,000 AAV) contract starting in the 2025-26 season with Seattle.

**Ryan Winterton** Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) | 56 GP | 18 G | 19 A | 37 P | 26 PIM

- Notched his first NHL point on Dec. 3, 2024, with the Seattle Kraken, appearing in 12 games during the 2024-25 season.
- Recorded a career-high 37 points in the AHL, including 18 goals and 19 assists.
- Led the Firebirds with three shorthanded goals, ranked third in goals, and sixth in total points.



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