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## 2023 NHL DRAFT GUIDE

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The 2023 Columbus Blue Jackets Draft Guide was produced by the club's Communications Department with special assistance from Jady McRitchie. We hope that you will find it helpful in your continued coverage of our hockey club. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact one of us at any time. We appreciate your coverage of Blue Jackets hockey.

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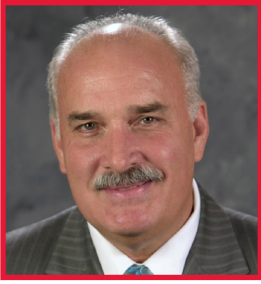
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## JOHN DAVIDSON

### PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS AND ALTERNATE GOVERNOR

John Davidson was named president of hockey operations for the Columbus Blue Jackets for a second time on May 20, 2021. He originally joined the club in the same capacity on October 24, 2012 and spent the next seven years overseeing all hockey operations

activities for the organization.

Davidson returns to Columbus where under his guidance the Blue Jackets posted a 285-209-46 record (.570 pct.) from 2012-19. The club registered 42-plus wins in five of his last six campaigns and earned four Stanley Cup Playoff berths, including 2018-19 when Columbus swept the Presidents' Trophy-winning Tampa Bay Lightning, 4-0, in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals to record the first playoff series win in franchise history.

Davidson served as president of hockey operations for the New York Rangers from 2019-21. The team went 64-51-11 over that span and posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 2015-17.

Prior to his first stint with the Blue Jackets, Davidson served as the president of hockey operations of the St. Louis Blues from 2006-12. He joined a Blues team that posted a 21-46-15 record (57 pts.) in 2005-06 and led a turnaround that saw the club average 39 wins and 90 points per season, culminating a 49-22-11 record, 109 points and a Central Division title in 2011-12.

One of hockey's most respected figures, who served as the 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, and have five grandsons.







## JARMO KEKALAINEN

### GENERAL MANAGER AND ALTERNATE GOVERNOR

Jarmo Kekalainen is currently the NHL's fourth-longest tenured general manager as he was named the third general manager in Columbus Blue Jackets history on February 13, 2013. Since his arrival, the Blue Jackets have enjoyed the best on-ice stretch in club history, posting their four winningest seasons based on points percentage over the past seven campaigns: 2016-17 (50-24-8, 108 pts., .659), 2018-19 (47-31-4, 98 pts., .598), 2017-18 (45-30-7, 97 pts., .591) and 2019-20 (33-22-15, 81 pts., .579).

Columbus has also registered 42-plus wins in five of the past eight 82-game campaigns and earned five postseason berths during his tenure. The Blue Jackets were one of three teams (Boston and Washington) to qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs in four-straight seasons from 2017-20.

The first European-born general manager in NHL history, he served as assistant general manager for Finland's World Cup of Hockey 2016 team and at the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, where the squad won the bronze medal. He arrived in Columbus after a stint as the president and general manager of Jokerit in the Finnish Elite League from 2010-13.

Kekalainen spent eight seasons with the St. Louis Blues from 2002-10. He joined the club 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 1995-2002, 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, he 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.







## **BASIL McRAE** **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Basil McRae was named assistant general manager for the Columbus Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after serving the previous three seasons as director of player personnel. He also was a scout for the club in 2013-14.

McRae, who has been a part owner of the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights since 2000, also spent two years as alternate governor and general manager of the OHL club from 2014-16. London captured OHL and Memorial Cup

championships in 2016. Prior to his original stint in Columbus, McRae served as a scout for the St. Louis Blues for five seasons.

In addition to two decades of scouting experience, McRae played 16 seasons in the NHL between 1981-96, registering 53 goals and 83 assists for 136 points with 2,453 penalty minutes in 576 games with the Quebec Nordiques, Toronto Maple Leafs, Detroit Red Wings, Minnesota North Stars, Tampa Bay Lightning, St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawks.

The Beaverton, Ontario native was a fifth round pick of Quebec in the 1980 NHL Draft. He and his wife, Jill, are the parents of son, Philip, and daughters, Alexandra and Abigail.



## **JOSH FLYNN** **ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Josh Flynn was named assistant general manager for the Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after previously serving as the director of hockey administration. 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 is the club's liaison to the National Hockey League on 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.

He and his wife, Jen, reside in Upper Arlington with two daughters, Parker and Marin.



## **CHRIS CLARK** **DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL AND GM OF THE CLEVELAND MONSTERS**

Chris Clark was promoted to director of player personnel for the Blue Jackets on June 13, 2019 after spending the previous seven seasons with the club as a development coach and most recently its director of player development.

While continuing to be involved with the development of players throughout the organization, he also has an active role in evaluating personnel at the NHL level and serves as the general manager of the Cleveland Monsters, the club's American Hockey League affiliate.

Clark served as the general manager of the United States Men's National Team that competed at the 2023 IIHF World Championships in Tampere, Finland.

A native of South Windsor, Connecticut, Clark registered 103-111-214 and 700 penalty minutes in 607 career NHL games with the Blue Jackets, Washington Capitals and Calgary Flames, including 8-12-20 and 59 penalty minutes in 89 games with Columbus from 2009-11. He spent four-plus seasons with the Capitals, tallying 60-63-123 and 278 penalty minutes in 240 games with the club and served as captain from 2006-09.

Calgary's third pick, 77th overall, in the 1994 NHL Draft, Clark earned All-ECAC honors during four seasons at Clarkson University from 1994-98. He then spent six seasons in the Flames organization from 1998-04, and helped the club reach the 2004 Stanley Cup Final.

He and his wife, Kim, are the parents of daughters, Hailie and Rylan; and son, Braiden.



## RICK NASH DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Rick Nash was named the club's director of player development in June 2021 after joining the organization as a special assistant to the general manager on June 13, 2019.

Nash supervises the club's development coaches, oversees the progress of prospects throughout the organization and provides

feedback to management on player advancement. The former Blue Jackets captain announced his retirement as a player following a 15-year career in January 2019.

Nash served as assistant general manager for Canada's National Men's Team that captured a silver medal at the 2022 IIHF World Championships in Helsinki and Tampere, Finland.

Nash spent his first nine NHL seasons with the Blue Jackets after the club selected him with the first overall pick at the 2002 NHL Draft and served as the club's captain from 2008-12. He became the first player in franchise history to have his number retired when "61" was raised to the rafters at Nationwide Arena in a pregame ceremony prior to a contest vs. the Boston Bruins on Mar.

5, 2022. He is the franchise's all-time leader in games played, goals, assists and points as he registered 289-258-547 and 568 penalty minutes in 674 games from 2002-12. In 1,060 career NHL games, the Brampton, Ontario native tallied 437-368-805 and 750 penalty minutes with the Blue Jackets, New York Rangers and Boston Bruins.

Nash was a finalist for the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top rookie and an All-Rookie Team selection in 2002-03. He won the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy as the NHL's top goal scorer in 2003-04 when he notched 41-16-57 in 80 games and received the NHL Foundation Player Award in 2008-09 for his contributions off the ice and in the community. He appeared in five All-Star Games as a Blue Jacket (2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011) and one as a Ranger (2015), and represented Canada at three Olympic Games (2006, 2010-gold and 2014-gold), four IIHF World Championships (2005-silver, 2007-gold, 2008-silver, 2011) and one IIHF World Junior Championship (2002-silver).

He and his wife, Jessica, are the parents of sons, McLaren and Finn; and daughter, Ellie. The family resides in New Albany.



## VILLE SIREN DIRECTOR OF AMATEUR SCOUTING

Ville Siren was named director of amateur scouting of the Columbus Blue Jackets on July 6, 2016 after serving as the club's head amateur scout since joining the organization on July 8, 2013.

Siren spent nine seasons as a member of the St. Louis Blues scouting staff from 2003-13. 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, at 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.

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Danny Flynn  
Dave Peters  
Roman Polak

William Ronnholm  
Chris Shero

# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS

## 2023 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Bedard, Connor	5' 10"	185	Center	Regina	WHL
2	2	Fantilli, Adam	6' 2"	195	Center	Michigan	BIG10
3	3	Smith, William	6' 0"	181	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
4	8	Wood, Matthew	6' 4"	193	Right Wing	UCONN	H-EAST
5	4	Leonard, Ryan	6' 0"	192	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
6	7	Benson, Zach	5' 9"	163	Left Wing	Winnipeg	WHL
7	13	Danielson, Nate	6' 2"	185	Center	Brandon	WHL
8	6	Moore, Oliver	5' 11"	188	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
9	9	Honzek, Samuel	6' 4"	186	Left Wing	Vancouver	WHL
10	15	Perreault, Gabriel	5' 11"	165	Right Wing	USA U-18	NTDP
11	5	Yager, Brayden	5' 11"	166	Center	Moose Jaw	WHL
12	10	Barlow, Colby	6' 0"	190	Left Wing	Owen Sound	OHL
13	17	Ritchie, Calum	6' 2"	185	Center	Oshawa	OHL
14	11	Musty, Quentin	6' 2"	200	Left Wing	Sudbury	OHL
15	16	Cristall, Andrew	5' 10"	167	Left Wing	Kelowna	WHL
16	14	Gauthier, Ethan	5' 11"	175	Right Wing	Sherbrooke	QMJHL
17	19	Nadeau, Brady	5' 10"	161	Left Wing	Penticton	BCHL
18	12	Dragicevic, Lukas	6' 1"	190	Defenseman	Tri-City	WHL
19	24	Morin, Etienne	6' 0"	180	Defenseman	Moncton	QMJHL
20	18	Bonk, Oliver	6' 2"	180	Defenseman	London	OHL
21	26	Heidt, Riley	5' 10"	178	Center	Prince George	WHL
22	22	Nelson, Danny	6' 3"	202	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
23	40	Brindley, Gavin	5' 8"	165	Center	Michigan	BIG10
24	42	Sawchyn, Gracyn	5' 11"	157	Center	Seattle	WHL
25	20	Ziemmer, Koehn	6' 0"	202	Right Wing	Prince George	WHL
26	47	Myatovic, Nico	6' 2"	182	Left Wing	Seattle	WHL
27	96	Lardis, Nick	5' 10"	165	Left Wing	Hamilton	OHL
28	36	Molendyk, Tanner	6' 0"	182	Defenseman	Saskatoon	WHL
29	31	Rehkopf, Carson	6' 2"	193	Left Wing	Kitchener	OHL
30	21	Stramel, Charlie	6' 3"	212	Center	Wisconsin	BIG10
31	32	Gibson, Andrew	6' 3"	196	Defenseman	Sault Ste. Marie	OHL
32	51	Bertucci, Tristan	6' 2"	172	Defenseman	Flint	OHL
33	25	Akey, Beau	6' 0"	173	Defenseman	Barrie	OHL
34	37	Burns, Quinton	6' 1"	180	Defenseman	Kingston	OHL
35	34	Cagnoni, Luca	5' 9"	180	Defenseman	Portland	WHL
36	27	Cataford, Mathieu	5' 11"	190	Center	Halifax	QMJHL
37	41	Pitre, Coulson	6' 0"	172	Right Wing	Flint	OHL
38	50	Terrance, Carey	6' 0"	175	Center	Erie	OHL
39	23	Lind, Kalan	6' 0"	158	Left Wing	Red Deer	WHL
40	35	Suniev, Aydar	6' 2"	198	Left Wing	Penticton	BCHL
41	33	Brzustewicz, Hunter	6' 0"	190	Defenseman	Kitchener	OHL
42	55	Whitelaw, William	5' 9"	173	Right Wing	Youngstown	USHL
43	28	Perron, Jayden	5' 9"	163	Right Wing	Chicago	USHL
44	67	Strathmann, Andrew	5' 10"	187	Defenseman	Youngstown	USHL
45	28	Misiak, Martin	6' 2"	194	Right Wing	Youngstown	USHL
46	29	Allen, Cameron	6' 0"	194	Defenseman	Guelph	OHL
47	30	Price, Caden	6' 0"	185	Defenseman	Kelowna	WHL
48	44	Strbak, Maxim	6' 2"	205	Defenseman	Sioux Falls	USHL
49	38	Lipinski, Jaden	6' 4"	204	Center	Vancouver	WHL
50	45	Miedema, Ethan	6' 4"	203	Left Wing	Kingston	OHL



# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS

## 2023 TOP 100 NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51	75	Cowan, Easton	5' 10"	170	Right Wing	London	OHL
52	39	Mccarthy, Gavin	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Muskegon	USHL
53	72	Ludtke, Tanner	6' 0"	185	Center	Lincoln	USHL
54	49	Pinelli, Luca	5' 9"	165	Center	Ottawa	OHL
55	64	Shaugabay, Jayson	5' 9"	153	Right Wing	Warroad	HIGH-MN
56	114	Squires, Cam	6' 0"	165	Right Wing	Cape Breton	QMJHL
57	43	Gardiner, Brad	6' 0"	178	Center	Ottawa	OHL
58	52	Fischer, Paul	6' 1"	195	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
59	70	Nehring, Zach	6' 3"	179	Right Wing	Shattuck - St. Mary's Prep	HIGH-MN
60	58	Fortescue, Drew	6' 1"	176	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
61	65	Mackinnon, Dylan	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Halifax	QMJHL
62	111	Mynio, Sawyer	6' 1"	173	Defenseman	Seattle	WHL
63	66	Fink, Aiden	5' 9"	153	Right Wing	Brooks	AJHL
64	59	Cleveland, Brady	6' 5"	211	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
65	78	Malinoski, Hudson	6' 0"	175	Center	Brooks	AJHL
66	69	Svoboda, Brandon	6' 3"	205	Center	Youngstown	USHL
67	94	Hendrickson, Beckett	6' 2"	174	Center	USA U-18	NTDP
68	104	Loshko, Andrei	6' 1"	173	Center	Chicoutimi	QMJHL
69	105	Brown, Cole	6' 2"	178	Left Wing	Hamilton	OHL
70	62	Mania, Matthew	6' 1"	180	Defenseman	Sudbury	OHL
71	89	Sotheran, Carter	6' 3"	197	Defenseman	Portland	WHL
72	122	Mayich, Matthew	6' 2"	187	Defenseman	Ottawa	OHL
73	107	Keenan, Larry	6' 3"	185	Defenseman	Culver Academy	HIGH-IN
74	71	Connor, Joseph	5' 10"	175	Left Wing	Avon Old Farms	HIGH-CT
75	60	Levis, Connor	6' 1"	187	Right Wing	Kamloops	WHL
76	46	Peddle, Tyler	6' 0"	195	Left Wing	Drummondville	QMJHL
77	54	Pharand, Alex	6' 2"	198	Center	Sudbury	OHL
78	57	Minnetian, Aram	5' 11"	192	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
79	84	Barkey, Denver	5' 8"	155	Center	London	OHL
80	112	Poitras, Benjamin	5' 10"	177	Center	Sioux City	USHL
81	86	Sidorov, Yegor	6' 0"	182	Right Wing	Saskatoon	WHL
82	56	Deangelo, Michael	5' 11"	180	Left Wing	Green Bay	USHL
83	90	Hay, Ethan	6' 1"	189	Center	Flint	OHL
84	53	Mann, Matteo	6' 5"	222	Defenseman	Chicoutimi	QMJHL
85	77	Stanley, Hoyt	6' 2"	187	Defenseman	Victoria	BCHL
86	128	Beckner, Owen	6' 2"	175	Center	Salmon Arm	BCHL
87	108	Fisher, Jake	6' 2"	182	Center	Cretin-Derham	HIGH-MN
88	74	Foster, Cooper	5' 11"	172	Center	Ottawa	OHL
89	61	Halaburda, Ty	5' 11"	178	Center	Vancouver	WHL
90	106	Dell'elce, Francesco	6' 0"	165	Defenseman	St. Andrews College	HIGH-ON
91	135	Castagna, Jonathan	6' 1"	183	Center	St. Andrews College	HIGH-ON
92	68	Burnevik, Austin	6' 4"	199	Right Wing	USA U-17	NTDP
93	113	Parker, Kalem	6' 0"	192	Defenseman	Victoria	WHL
94	87	Smith, Konnor	6' 5"	208	Defenseman	Peterborough	OHL
95	95	Hammell, Kaden	6' 1"	173	Defenseman	Everett	WHL
96	91	Schulz, Zachary	6' 1"	195	Defenseman	USA U-18	NTDP
97	82	Mittelstadt, Luke	5' 11"	185	Defenseman	Minnesota	BIG10
98	99	Copponi, Matt	5' 10"	167	Center	Merrimack	H-EAST
99	146	Cheslock, Chase	6' 3"	208	Defenseman	Rogers	HIGH-MN
100	92	Mcnamara, Luke	6' 2"	174	Center	Saginaw	OHL

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## 2023 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Carlsson, Leo	6' 3"	198	Center	Orebro	Sweden
2	2	Michkov, Matvei	5' 10"	172	Right Wing	SKA St. Petersburg	Russia
3	4	Dvorsky, Dalibor	6' 1"	201	Center	AIK	Sweden-2
4	5	Sale, Eduard	6' 2"	174	Left Wing	Brno	Czechia
5	10	Reinbacher, David	6' 2"	185	Defenseman	Kloten	Swiss
6	6	Stenberg, Otto	5' 11"	180	Center	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
7	3	Sandin Pellikka, Axel	5' 11"	176	Defenseman	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
8	7	Hameenaho, Lenni	6' 0"	173	Right Wing	Assat	Finland
9	11	But, Danil	6' 5"	203	Left Wing	Yaroslavl Jr.	Russia-Jr.
10	8	Gulyayev, Mikhail	5' 10"	172	Defenseman	Omsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
11	9	Halitunen, Kasper	6' 3"	207	Right Wing	HIFK	Finland
12	16	Willander, Tom	6' 1"	180	Defenseman	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
13	12	Kiiskinen, Jesse	5' 11"	178	Right Wing	Pelicans Jr.	Finland-Jr.
14	13	Lindstein, Theo	6' 0"	180	Defenseman	Brynäs	Sweden
15	15	Dvorak, Jakub	6' 5"	203	Defenseman	Liberec	Czechia
16	17	Kantserov, Roman	5' 9"	176	Right Wing	Magnitogorsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
17	14	Dower Nilsson, Noah	6' 0"	174	Left Wing	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
18	50	Molgaard, Oscar Fisker	6' 0"	163	Center	HV 71	Sweden
19	22	Simashev, Dmitriy	6' 4"	198	Defenseman	Yaroslavl Jr.	Russia-Jr.
20	19	Nordh, Noel	6' 2"	196	Left Wing	Brynäs Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
21	21	Ciernik, Alex	5' 11"	176	Left Wing	Sodertälje	Sweden-2
22	34	Kumpulainen, Rasmus	6' 2"	191	Center	Pelicans Jr.	Finland-Jr.
23	23	Rykov, Alexander	6' 0"	176	Right Wing	Chelmet	Russia-2
24	78	Nilsson, Felix	6' 0"	176	Center	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
25	36	Edstrom, David	6' 3"	185	Center	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
26	26	Stancl, Jakub	6' 3"	201	Center	Vaxjo Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
27	27	Mukhanov, Timur	5' 7"	178	Left Wing	Omsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
28	30	Nurmi, Jesse	5' 10"	165	Left Wing	Kookoo Jr.	Finland-Jr.
29	24	Susuyev, Nikita	6' 0"	172	Right Wing	Spartak Jr.	Russia-Jr.
30	32	Wahlberg, Anton	6' 3"	194	Center	Malmö Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
31	29	Pieniniemi, Emil	6' 2"	170	Defenseman	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
32	35	Wikman, Albert	6' 0"	191	Defenseman	Farjestad Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
33	20	Jarventie, Emil	5' 10"	167	Left Wing	Ilves Jr.	Finland-Jr.
34	18	Forsfjäll, Zeb	5' 9"	167	Center	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
35	25	Uronen, Tuomas	5' 11"	183	Right Wing	HIFK Jr.	Finland-Jr.
36	31	Rimashhevskiy, Yegor	6' 2"	197	Right Wing	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
37	37	Karki, Arttu	6' 2"	176	Defenseman	Tappara Jr.	Finland-Jr.
38	40	Fiala, Samuel	6' 1"	172	Center	Liberec Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
39	39	Anoshko, Ivan	5' 11"	167	Center	Dinamo-Shinnik Jr.	Russia-Jr.
40	75	Born, Isac	6' 0"	176	Center	Frolunda	Sweden
41	42	Pekarcik, Juraj	6' 1"	183	Left Wing	Nitra	Slovakia
42	41	Volochko, Konstantin	6' 0"	170	Defenseman	Dinamo-Shinnik Jr.	Russia-Jr.
43	43	Ishimnikov, Nikita	6' 3"	194	Defenseman	Yekaterinburg Jr.	Russia-Jr.
44	47	Landen, Axel	6' 1"	185	Defenseman	HV 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
45	64	Kuusla, Emil	5' 9"	167	Left Wing	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
46	46	Hes, Lukas	6' 3"	187	Right Wing	Zlín Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
47	53	Yarovoi, Stanislav	5' 11"	190	Right Wing	Vityaz	Russia
48	83	Dej, Frantisek	6' 4"	200	Center	Modre Kridla Slovan	Slovakia-2
49	56	Moroz, Vadim	6' 2"	185	Right Wing	Minsk	Russia
50	54	Vehovsky, Maxim	6' 2"	196	Right Wing	Vitkovice Jr.	Czechia-Jr.

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## 2023 TOP 100 EUROPEAN SKATERS

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
51	70	Vovsik, Matej	6' 3"	191	Defenseman	Jihlava Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
52	57	Maryshev, Anton	6' 0"	163	Defenseman	Spartak Jr.	Russia-Jr.
53	76	Nedopekin, Nikita	5' 10"	187	Center	SKA St. Petersburg Jr.	Russia-Jr.
54	71	Bergstrom, Arvid	5' 11"	161	Defenseman	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
55		Sjoholm, Victor	5' 9"	178	Defenseman	HV 71	Sweden
56	96	Kukumberg, Roman	6' 0"	183	Left Wing	Bratislava	Slovakia
57	90	Unger Sorum, Felix	5' 11"	170	Right Wing	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
58	62	Asplund, Oskar	5' 11"	174	Defenseman	Almtuna	Sweden-2
59		Karpovich, Daniil	6' 3"	209	Defenseman	Yekaterinburg Jr.	Russia-Jr.
60	55	Barcik, Samuel	6' 2"	191	Defenseman	Zvolen	Slovakia
61	38	Pettersson, Hugo	6' 0"	180	Left Wing	HV 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
62	33	Kostadinski, Kristian	6' 5"	213	Defenseman	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
63	84	Larsson, Rasmus	6' 3"	200	Defenseman	Vasteras Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
64	51	Peltonen, Janne	6' 3"	174	Defenseman	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
65	61	Oscarson, Milton	6' 6"	216	Center	Orebro	Sweden
66	77	Sharakanov, Magomed	6' 1"	202	Defenseman	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
67	66	Felcman, Jiri	6' 4"	198	Center	Langnau Jr.	Swiss-Jr.
68		Fransson, Hugo	5' 11"	176	Defenseman	HV 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
69	45	Remezovski, Ivan	6' 1"	167	Defenseman	SKA St. Petersburg Jr.	Russia-Jr.
70	48	Smirnov, Egor	5' 10"	165	Center	Cherepovets Jr.	Russia-Jr.
71		Keilin, Theo	5' 11"	180	Center	Skelleftea	Sweden
72	122	Perez, Jaromir	5' 11"	170	Right Wing	Liberec Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
73	88	Vesterheim, Petter	5' 11"	165	Center	Mora Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
74	74	Koci, Matteo	6' 0"	176	Defenseman	Karlovy Vary Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
75	99	Zvyagin, Stepan	6' 0"	161	Left Wing	Dinamo-Shinnik Jr.	Russia-Jr.
76		Hadobas, Zefeny	6' 2"	198	Defenseman	Vasteras Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
77	104	Maksimov, Matvei	5' 10"	178	Right Wing	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
78	69	Cedzo, Adam	5' 10"	163	Left Wing	Trinec Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
79	52	Malov, Denis	6' 0"	176	Left Wing	Omsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
80	98	Petr, Dominik	6' 2"	172	Center	Lukko Jr.	Finland-Jr.
81	94	Schioldan, Albert	6' 2"	185	Right Wing	HV 71 Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
82		Hellberg, Hannes	6' 1"	185	Right Wing	Leksand Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
83	59	Karlsson, Olle	5' 11"	176	Defenseman	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
84	81	Adamek, Matyas	6' 0"	174	Left Wing	Karlovy Vary Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
85	111	Scherzer, Ian	6' 0"	183	Center	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
86	82	Matejcek, Martin	6' 1"	205	Defenseman	Jihlava Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
87		Zamaltidinov, Radel	5' 9"	172	Right Wing	Irbis Kazan	Russia-Jr.
88	72	Kashtanov, Artyom	6' 6"	190	Center	Yekaterinburg Jr.	Russia-Jr.
89	86	Leppa, Tom	6' 0"	174	Center	Jokerit Jr.	Finland-Jr.
90	67	Solovyev, Egor	6' 0"	198	Left Wing	CSKA Jr.	Russia-Jr.
91	65	Svishev, Kirill	6' 2"	172	Center	Chelyabinsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
92	106	Alasiurua, Arttu	5' 11"	161	Center	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
93		Verbitsky, Igor	5' 10"	185	Defenseman	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
94		Alriksson, Vilmer	6' 6"	214	Left Wing	Djurgarden Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
95	63	Patalakha, Mario	6' 1"	180	Defenseman	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
96	68	Volas, Patrik	6' 4"	209	Defenseman	Trinec Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
97		Baklashev, Nikita	6' 2"	183	Defenseman	Dynamo Moscow Jr.	Russia-Jr.
98	85	Bednarik, Jakub	6' 2"	185	Left Wing	Litvinov Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
99		Rudslatt, Rasmus	6' 0"	180	Right Wing	AIK Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
100	44	Hurtig, Axel	6' 4"	202	Defenseman	Rogle Jr.	Sweden-Jr.



# NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS

## 2023 TOP GOALTENDERS

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

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Bjarnason, Carson	6' 3"	186	Goalie	Brandon	WHL
2	2	Hrabal, Michael	6' 6"	209	Goalie	Omaha	USHL
3	3	Augustine, Trey	6' 1"	183	Goalie	USA U-18	NTDP
4	6	Ratzlaff, Scott	6' 0"	175	Goalie	Seattle	WHL
5	7	Fowler, Jacob	6' 1"	212	Goalie	Youngstown	USHL
6	4	Gajan, Adam	6' 2"	167	Goalie	Chippewa	NAHL
7	13	Peck, Stephen	6' 2"	170	Goalie	Avon Old Farms	HIGH-CT
8	5	Musser, Carsen	6' 4"	215	Goalie	USA U-18	NTDP
9	8	Suchanek, Tomas	6' 0"	180	Goalie	Tri-City	WHL
10	11	Spunar, Jan	6' 3"	185	Goalie	Portland	WHL
11	9	Miller, Quentin	6' 2"	183	Goalie	Quebec	QMJHL
12	14	Day, Nathaniel	6' 2"	181	Goalie	Flint	OHL
13	12	Robertson, Charlie	6' 3"	167	Goalie	North Bay	OHL
14	11	Urban, Samuel	6' 1"	196	Goalie	Sioux City	USHL
15	29	Bowen, Zachary	6' 2"	176	Goalie	London	OHL

### NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING RANKINGS - TOP 12 EUROPEAN GOALIES

Rank	Midterm RK	Player	Ht	Wt	Position	Team	League
1	1	Hellnemo, Alexander	6' 2"	183	Goalie	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
2	2	Jatkola, Juha	6' 1"	176	Goalie	Kalpa	Finland
3	3	Blomquist, Ian	6' 2"	187	Goalie	Vasteras	Sweden-2
4	6	Vali, Noa	6' 0"	159	Goalie	TPS Jr.	Finland-Jr.
5		Matecha, Lukas	6' 3"	187	Goalie	Pardubice Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
6	8	Clara, Damian	6' 6"	214	Goalie	Farjestad Jr.	Sweden-Jr.
7		Vedenpaa, Visa	6' 2"	170	Goalie	Karpat Jr.	Finland-Jr.
8	5	Ozols, Aksels	6' 1"	155	Goalie	HS Riga	Latvia
9	7	Khazheyev, Ruslan	6' 4"	201	Goalie	Chelyabinsk Jr.	Russia-Jr.
10	4	Dybal, Adam	6' 1"	166	Goalie	Karlovy Vary Jr.	Czechia-Jr.
11	9	Lampinen, Jani	6' 2"	185	Goalie	K-Espoo	Finland-2
12	10	Zavragin, Egor	6' 2"	183	Goalie	Khanty-Mansiysk Jr.	Russia-Jr.

# COLUMBUS PICKS IN 2023 NHL DRAFT

ROUND	NUMBER OF PICKS*	SELECTION
1	1	3
2	1	34
3	1	66
4	2	98, 114 (WPG)
5	1	156 (BOS)
6	0	
7	1	194

July 8, 2022	Traded the club's 2023 fifth-round pick (130th overall) to the San Jose Sharks in exchange for Buffalo's fifth-round pick in 2022.
July 22, 2022	Acquired a 2023 third round pick (80th overall, CGY) and fourth round pick (114th overall, WPG) from Seattle in exchange for RW Oliver Bjorkstrand.
Feb. 28, 2023	Acquired a fifth-round pick from Minnesota (156th overall, BOS) in exchange for LW Gustav Nyquist.
March 1, 2023	Acquired G Jonathan Quick, a conditional first round pick (22nd overall) and a third-round pick in 2024 from Los Angeles in exchange for D Vladislav Gavrikov and G Joonas Korpi.
March 2, 2023	Acquired G Jon Gillies from Arizona in exchange for LW Jakub Voracek and a 2023 sixth round pick (162nd overall).
June 6, 2023	Acquired D Kevin Connauton from the Philadelphia Flyers in exchange for a first round pick (22nd overall, LAK) and a conditional 2024 or 2025 second round selection.
June 9, 2023	Acquired D Damon Severson from the New Jersey Devils in exchange for a third round pick previously acquired from Seattle (80th overall, CGY).

## NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS' SELECTIONS

### 3rd Overall

C Logan Cooley (2022; Arizona), C Mason McTavish (2021; Anaheim), C Tim Stutzle (2020; Ottawa), C Kirby Dach (2019; Chicago), C Jesperi Kotkaniemi (2018; Montreal), D Miro Heiskanen (2017; Dallas), **C Pierre-Luc Dubois (2016; Columbus)**, C Leon Draisaitl (2014; Edmonton), C Alex Galchenyuk (2012; Montreal), LW Jonathan Huberdeau (2011; Florida), D Erik Gudbranson (2010; Florida), C Matt Duchene (2009; Colorado), D Zach Bogosian (2008; Atlanta), C Kyle Turris (2007; Phoenix), C Jonathan Toews (2006; Chicago), D Jack Johnson (2005; Carolina), RW Nathan Horton (2003; Florida), D Jay Bouwmeester (2002; Florida), RW Marian Gaborik (2000; Minnesota), C Henrik Sedin (1999; Vancouver), D Brad Stuart (1998; San Jose), C Olli Jokinen (1997; Los Angeles), F J.P. Dumont (1996; NY Islanders), D Aki-Petteri Berg (1995; Los Angeles), C Radek Bonk (1994; Ottawa), C Chris Gratton (1993; Tampa Bay), D Mike Rathje (1992; San Jose), D Scott Niedermayer (1991; New Jersey), C Keith Primeau (1990; Detroit), C Scott Thornton (1989; Toronto), D Curtis Leschyshyn (1988; Quebec), D Glen Wesley (1987; Boston), D Craig Wolanin (1985; New Jersey), C Ed Olczyk (1984; Chicago), C Pat LaFontaine (1983; NY Islanders), D Gary Nylund (1982; Toronto), C Bobby Carpenter (1981; Washington), F Denis Savard (1980; Chicago), F Mike Foligno (1979; Detroit), F Wayne Babych (1978; St. Louis), D Robert Picard (1977; Washington), F Dennis Vermeulen (1973; Vancouver), F Don Lever (1972; Vancouver), D Jocelyn Guevremont (1971; Vancouver), F Reggie Leach (1970; Boston)

### 34th Overall

C Cameron Lund (2022; San Jose), D Olen Zellweger (2021; Anaheim), LW JJ Peterka (2020; Buffalo), RW Bobby Brink (2019; Philadelphia), RW Serron Noel (2018; Florida), D Nicolas Hague (2017; Vegas), **D Andrew Peeke (2016; Columbus)**, D Scott Mayfield (2011; NY Islanders), **F Dalton Smith (2010; Columbus)**, G Jake Allen (2008; St. Louis), C Doug Weight (1990; New York Rangers), G Jeff Hackett (1987; New York Islanders), LW Brad Lauer (1985; NY Islanders), RW Steve Leach (1984; Washington), C Paul Gillis (1982; Quebec), D Ed Hospodar (1979; NY Rangers), F Alain Daigle (1974; Chicago), C Vic Venasky (1971; Los Angeles)

### 66th Overall

LW Gavin Hayes (2022; Chicago), F Sasha Paastujov (2021; Anaheim), D Adam Fox (2016; Calgary), D Brett Pesce (2013; Carolina), LW Jimmy Vesey (2012; Nashville), **C T.J. Tynan (2011; Columbus)**, D Radko Gudas (2010; Tampa Bay), D Brayden McNabb (2009; Buffalo), D Sami Lepisto (2004; Washington), LW Peter Schaefer (1995; Vancouver), D Cale Hulse (1992; New Jersey), C Darin Kimble (1988; Quebec), LW Jay Miller (1980; Quebec), RW John Ogrudnick (1979; Detroit), F Mark Johnson (1977; Pittsburgh)

### 98th Overall

D Isaiah George (2022; NY Islanders), C Josh Lopina (2021; Anaheim), LW Matias Maccelli (2019; Arizona), **D Mike Reilly (2011; Columbus)**, C Craig Smith (2009; Nashville), C Dustin Boyd (2004; Calgary), **RW Ivan Tkachenko (2002; Columbus)**, RW Jordin Tootoo (2001; Nashville), D Ken Sutton (1989; Buffalo), LW Ted Donato (1987; Boston), D Scot Kleinendorst (1980; NY Rangers)

# NHL DRAFT NOTABLES AT JACKETS' SELECTIONS

## 114th Overall

**LW Mikael Pyyhtia (2020; Columbus), C Dmitri Voronkov (2019; Columbus)**, D Riley Stillman (2016; Florida), C Tobias Rieder (2011; Edmonton), D TJ Brodie (2008; Calgary), G Garth Snow (1987; Quebec), C Darren Turcotte (1986; NY Rangers)

## 156th Overall

G Arturs Silovs (2019; Vancouver), C Connor Brown (2012; Toronto), D Jared Spurgeon (2008; NY Islanders), F Ryan Reaves (2005; St. Louis), D James Wisniewski (2002; Chicago), D Greg Zanon (2000; Ottawa), D Brian Campbell (1997; Buffalo), G Patrick Lalime (1993; Pittsburgh), D Janne Laukkanen (1991; Quebec), F Peter Bondra (1990; Washington)

## 194th Overall

D Matt Roy (2015; Los Angeles), C Colin Blackwell (2011; San Jose), D Carl Gunnarsson (2007; Toronto), **F Matt Marquardt (2006; Columbus)**, D Deryk Engelland (2000; New Jersey), D Joel Kwiatkowski (1996; Dallas)

## 2023 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

### 1ST ROUND

- |                    |                                     |                                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Chicago         | 12. Arizona (from OTT)              | 23. New York Rangers             |
| 2. Anaheim         | 13. Buffalo                         | 24. Nashville (from EDM)         |
| <b>3. Columbus</b> | 14. Pittsburgh                      | 25. St. Louis (from TOR)         |
| 4. San Jose        | 15. Nashville                       | 26. San Jose (from NJD)          |
| 5. Montreal        | 16. Calgary                         | 27. Colorado                     |
| 6. Arizona         | 17. Detroit (from NYI via VAN)      | 28. Toronto (from BOS via WSH)   |
| 7. Philadelphia    | 18. Winnipeg                        | 29. St. Louis (from DAL via NYR) |
| 8. Washington      | 19. Chicago (from TBL)              | 30. Carolina                     |
| 9. Detroit         | 20. Seattle                         | 31. Montreal (from FLA)          |
| 10. St. Louis      | 21. Minnesota                       | 32. Vegas                        |
| 11. Vancouver      | 22. Philadelphia (from LAK via CBJ) |                                  |

### 2ND ROUND

- |                        |                                |                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 33. Anaheim            | 44. Chicago (from OTT)         | 55. Chicago (from NYR)           |
| <b>34. Columbus</b>    | 45. Buffalo                    | 56. Edmonton                     |
| 35. Chicago            | 46. Nashville (from PIT)       | 57. Seattle (from TOR)           |
| 36. San Jose           | 47. Nashville                  | 58. New Jersey                   |
| 37. Montreal           | 48. Calgary                    | 59. Anaheim (from COL)           |
| 38. Arizona            | 49. New York Islanders         | 60. Anaheim (from BOS)           |
| 39. Buffalo (from PHI) | 50. Seattle (from WPG via WSH) | 61. Dallas                       |
| 40. Washington         | 51. Chicago                    | 62. Carolina                     |
| 41. Detroit            | 52. Seattle                    | 63. Florida                      |
| 42. Detroit (from STL) | 53. Minnesota                  | 64. Minnesota (from VGK via BUF) |
| 43. Detroit (from VAN) | 54. Los Angeles                |                                  |

### 3RD ROUND

- |                          |  |                                 |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 65. Anaheim              | 76. St. Louis (from OTT via TOR)       | 87. Philadelphia (from NYR)     |
| <b>66. Columbus</b>      | 77. Vegas (from BUF)                   | 88. Arizona (from EDM)          |
| 67. Chicago              | 78. Los Angeles (from PIT)             | 89. Vancouver (from TOR)        |
| 68. Nashville (from SJS) | 79. Nashville                          | 90. Pittsburgh (from NJD)       |
| 69. Montreal             | 80. New Jersey (from CGY via SEA, CBJ) | 91. New York Rangers (from COL) |
| 70. Arizona              | 81. Arizona (from NYI)                 | 92. Boston                      |
| 71. Carolina (from PHI)  | 82. Winnipeg                           | 93. Chicago (from DAL via ARI)  |
| 72. Arizona (from WSH)   | 83. Nashville (from TBL)               | 94. San Jose (from CAR)         |
| 73. Detroit              | 84. Seattle                            | 95. Philadelphia (from FLA)     |
| 74. St. Louis            | 85. Anaheim (from MIN)                 | 96. Vegas                       |
| 75. Vancouver            | 86. Buffalo (from LAK)                 |                                 |



# 2023 NHL DRAFT SELECTIONS

## 4TH ROUND

- 97. Anaheim
- 98. Columbus**
- 99. Chicago
- 100. San Jose
- 101. Montreal
- 102. Arizona
- 103. Philadelphia
- 104. Washington
- 105. Vancouver (from DET)
- 106. St. Louis
- 107. Vancouver

- 108. Ottawa
- 109. Buffalo
- 110. Montreal (from PIT)
- 111. Nashville
- 112. Calgary
- 113. New York Islanders
- 114. Columbus (from WPG via STL)**
- 115. Nashville (from TBL)
- 116. Seattle
- 117. Detroit (from MIN)
- 118. Los Angeles

- 119. Vancouver (from NYR)
- 120. Philadelphia (from EDM)
- 121. Nashville (from TOR)
- 122. New Jersey
- 123. San Jose (from COL via SEA)
- 124. Boston
- 125. Dallas
- 126. Carolina
- 127. Florida
- 128. Montreal (from VGK)

## 5TH ROUND

- 129. Anaheim
- 130. San Jose (from CBJ)
- 131. Chicago
- 132. San Jose
- 133. Montreal
- 134. Arizona
- 135. Philadelphia
- 136. Washington
- 137. Detroit
- 138. St. Louis
- 139. Carolina (from VAN)

- 140. Ottawa
- 141. Buffalo
- 142. Pittsburgh
- 143. Nashville
- 144. Montreal (from CGY)
- 145. New York Islanders
- 146. Winnipeg
- 147. Nashville (from TBL)
- 148. Seattle
- 149. Minnesota
- 150. Los Angeles

- 151. Winnipeg (from NYR)
- 152. New York Rangers (from EDM)
- 153. Toronto
- 154. New Jersey
- 155. Colorado
- 156. Columbus (from BOS via MIN)**
- 157. Dallas
- 158. Carolina
- 159. Florida
- 160. Arizona (from VGK)

## 6TH ROUND

- 161. Anaheim
- 162. Arizona (from CBJ)
- 163. Carolina (from CHI)
- 164. San Jose
- 165. Montreal
- 166. Arizona
- 167. Philadelphia
- 168. Seattle (from WSH)
- 169. Detroit
- 170. St. Louis
- 171. Vancouver

- 172. Philadelphia (from OTT)
- 173. Buffalo
- 174. Pittsburgh
- 175. Nashville
- 176. Calgary
- 177. New York Islanders
- 178. New York Rangers (from WPG)
- 179. Tampa Bay
- 180. Seattle
- 181. Minnesota
- 182. Los Angeles

- 183. New York Rangers
- 184. Edmonton
- 185. Toronto
- 186. New Jersey
- 187. Colorado
- 188. Boston
- 189. Dallas
- 190. Carolina
- 191. Florida
- 192. Vegas

## 7TH ROUND

- 193. Tampa Bay (from ANA)
- 194. Columbus**
- 195. Chicago
- 196. San Jose
- 197. Montreal
- 198. Florida (from ARI)
- 199. Philadelphia
- 200. Washington
- 201. Detroit
- 202. St. Louis
- 203. San Jose (from VAN via ARI)

- 204. Ottawa
- 205. Buffalo
- 206. San Jose (from PIT)
- 207. Ottawa (from NSH)
- 208. Calgary
- 209. New York Islanders
- 210. Winnipeg
- 211. Tampa Bay
- 212. Seattle
- 213. Minnesota
- 214. Boston (from LAK)

- 215. Ottawa (from NYR)
- 216. Edmonton
- 217. Pittsburgh (from TOR)
- 218. New Jersey
- 219. Colorado
- 220. Boston
- 221. Dallas
- 222. Carolina
- 223. Pittsburgh (from FLA)
- 224. Vegas

\* Picks as of June 27, 2023

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## CONNOR BEDARD

North American Skater - Regina, WHL



**FINAL RANK:** 1  
**POSITION:** Center  
**HEIGHT:** 5' 10"  
**BORN:** July 17, 2005

**MIDTERM RANK:** 1  
**SHOOTS:** Right  
**WEIGHT:** 185  
**BIRTHPLACE:** North Vancouver, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Bedard was selected by the Regina Pats first overall in the 2020 WHL Bantam Draft as the first WHL player of exceptional status in league history and won the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy as the league's top rookie player in his debut season.
- In his third year in the WHL in 2022-23, Bedard was awarded the Bob Clarke Trophy as the league's leading scorer and was given the Four Broncos Memorial Trophy as its most valuable player, before also earning the Canadian Hockey League's Top Scorer and Player of the Year honors.
- Has represented Canada at various international tournaments and won tournament MVP at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships after posting 9-14-23 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	HV 71 JR.	Sweden-Jr.	4	2	2	4	-3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Regina	WHL	15	12	16	28	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Regina	WHL	62	51	49	100	0	42	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Regina	WHL	57	71	72	143	39	62	7	10	10	20	8	8
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>134</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>



## ADAM FANTILLI

North American Skater - Michigan, BIG10



**FINAL RANK:** 2  
**POSITION:** Center  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 2"  
**BORN:** October 12, 2004

**MIDTERM RANK:** 2  
**SHOOTS:** Left  
**WEIGHT:** 195  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Nobleton, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Fantilli became the third freshman in NCAA history to win the Hobey Baker Award, joining Jack Eichel (2015) and Paul Kariya (1993) after leading all college players in goals and points in 2022-23.
- Fantilli was named the Big 10 Rookie of the Year after leading Michigan to the Big 10 Championship in 2022-23.
- Helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2023 IIHF World Championships (1-2-3, 10 GP) and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (2-3-5, 7 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

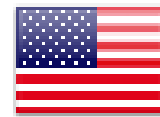
YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Kimball Union	High-NH	26	18	18	36	n/a	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Chicago	USHL	49	18	18	36	17	22	8	8	1	9	6	2
2021-22	Chicago	USHL	54	37	37	74	13	93	3	0	1	1	0	2
2022-23	Michigan	BIG10	36	30	35	65	31	67	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NCAA Totals</b>			<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>103</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## WILLIAM SMITH

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



**FINAL RANK:** 3  
**POSITION:** Center  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 0"  
**BORN:** March 17, 2005

**MIDTERM RANK:** 3  
**SHOOTS:** Right  
**WEIGHT:** 181  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Boston, MA, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In his latest season with the U18 team, Smith recorded 51-76-127 in 60 games, posting the second-most points in a single campaign in US U18 team history, trailing only teammate Gabe Perreault (132 in 63 GP).
- Tied the American record for most points at a single IIHF U18 Championships (Jack Hughes, 2019) and was named the most valuable player and best forward after posting 9-11-20 in seven contests in the 2023 tournament.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	36	14	14	28	2	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U18 Team	NTDP	28	14	13	27	29	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U17 Team	NTDP	35	17	20	37	n/a	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Team USA	USHL	20	15	27	42	18	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U18 Team	NTDP	60	51	76	127	71	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>48</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>123</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>191</b>	...	<b>56</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...



## MATTHEW WOOD

North American Skater - UCONN, H-East



**FINAL RANK:** 4  
**POSITION:** Right Wing  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 4"  
**BORN:** February 6, 2005

**MIDTERM RANK:** 8  
**SHOOTS:** Right  
**WEIGHT:** 193  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Lethbridge, AB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Led the University of Connecticut in assists and points and ranked third-T in goals as a freshman with 11-23-34 in 35 contests in 2022-23.
- Wood led the BCHL in goals and led all league rookies in goals and points in 2021-22 to win the Brett Hull Trophy as the BCHL's top scorer and the Bruce Allison Memorial Trophy as the BCHL Rookie of the Year.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Victoria	BCHL	18	5	8	13	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Victoria	BCHL	46	45	40	85	n/a	33	5	2	3	5	...	10
2022-23	UConn	H-East	35	11	23	34	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NCAA Totals</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>BCHL Totals</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>98</b>	...	<b>37</b>	5	2	3	5	...	10



# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## RYAN LEONARD

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK: 5

POSITION: Right Wing

HEIGHT: 6' 0"

BORN: January 21, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 4

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 190

BIRTHPLACE: Northampton, MA, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked third on the US National U18 team in goals (tied) and points with 51-43-94 in 57 contests in 2022-23.
- Helped the United States capture medals at the 2022 (silver) and 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships (gold) and was named a Top Three Player for his country in the 2023 tournament after posting 8-9-17 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	33	10	5	15	2	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U18 Team	NTDP	36	16	7	23	20	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U17 Team	NTDP	26	10	10	20	n/a	43	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Team USA	USHL	17	11	9	20	20	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
	US U18 Team	NTDP	57	51	43	94	77	46	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			50	21	14	35	22	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
NTDP Totals			119	77	60	137	...	111	...	...	...	...	...	...



## ZACH BENSON

North American Skater - Winnipeg, WHL



FINAL RANK: 6

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

BORN: May 12, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 7

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 163

BIRTHPLACE: Chilliwack, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Named to the WHL (East) First All-Star Team and to the CHL Third All-Star Team in 2022-23 after ranking third in the WHL in scoring with 36-62-98 in 60 games with the Winnipeg Ice.
- Helped Canada win the gold medal at the 2022-23 Hlinka Gretzky tournament with 2-5-7 in five contests.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Winnipeg	WHL	24	10	10	20	8	12	...	...	...	...	...	..
2021-22	Winnipeg	WHL	58	25	38	63	40	28	15	9	14	23	9	10
2022-23	Winnipeg	WHL	60	36	62	98	68	49	15	7	10	17	2	8
WHL Totals			142	71	110	181	116	89	30	16	24	40	11	18

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## NATE DANIELSON

North American Skater - Brandon, WHL



FINAL RANK:	7	MIDTERM RANK:	13
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	186
BORN:	September 27, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Edmonton, AB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Danielson was named to the WHL (East) Second All-Star Team after leading the Wheat Kings in goals, assists and points with 33-45-78 in 68 contests while serving as team captain in 2022-23.
- Ranked fifth-T among WHL rookies in power play goals and 10th-T in goals in 2021-22 with 23-34-57 and 10 PPG in 53 appearances with Brandon.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

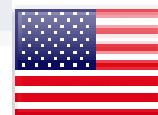
### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Brandon	WHL	24	3	12	15	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Brandon	WHL	53	23	34	57	18	34	6	1	2	3	-2	2
2022-23	Brandon	WHL	68	33	45	78	-12	38	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>145</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>2</b>



## OLIVER MOORE

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	195
BORN:	January 22, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Mounds View, MN, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Moore combined for 39-61-100 and 38 penalty minutes in 84 games split between the junior and U18 teams and ranked third on the USA U18 team in assists and fourth in goals and points with 31-44-75 in 61 appearances in 2022-23
- Helped the United States capture a gold medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 Championships with 4-5-9 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	32	12	14	26	-2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	11	2	5	7	7	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	43	24	15	39	n/a	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Team USA	USHL	23	8	17	25	15	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	61	31	44	75	42	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>115</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>121</b>	...	<b>32</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...



# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## SAMUEL HONZEK

North American Skater - Vancouver, WHL



FINAL RANK: 9  
POSITION: Left Wing  
HEIGHT: 6' 3"  
BORN: November 12, 2004  
MIDTERM RANK: 9  
SHOOTS: Left  
WEIGHT: 195  
BIRTHPLACE: Trencin, SVK

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Honzek ranked second on the Vancouver Giants in goals and points and third in assists with 23-33-56 in 43 contests in 2022-23.
- Has represented Slovakia at several international tournaments, including the 2022 and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Trencin	Slovakia	5	0	0	0	-1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dubnica	Slovakia-2	8	4	1	5	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Trencin Jr.	Slovakia-Jr.	4	1	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Trencin	Slovakia	49	10	4	14	0	8	4	0	0	0	-1	0
	Trencin Jr.	Slovakia-Jr.	5	1	6	7	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
2022-23	Vancouver	WHL	43	23	33	56	17	16	4	1	3	4	-7	0
Slovakia Totals			54	10	4	14	-1	8	4	0	0	0	-1	0
WHL Totals			43	23	33	56	17	16	4	1	3	4	-7	0
Slovakia-2 Totals			10	5	1	6	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...



## GABRIEL PERREAULT

North American Skater - USA U\_18, NTDP



FINAL RANK: 10  
POSITION: Right Wing  
HEIGHT: 5' 11"  
BORN: May 7, 2005  
MIDTERM RANK: 15  
SHOOTS: Left  
WEIGHT: 165  
BIRTHPLACE: Sherbrooke, QC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Perreault set the U18 record for most points in a single season in USA Hockey history with 53-79-132 and was +79 in 63 contests in 2022-23.
- Helped Team USA capture a gold medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 5-13-18 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	40	10	17	27	-7	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	7	0	3	3	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	51	18	32	50	n/a	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Team USA	USHL	23	19	26	45	22	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	63	53	79	132	79	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
USHL Totals			63	29	43	72	15	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
NTDP Totals			121	71	114	185	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## BRAYDEN YAGER

North American Skater - Moose Jaw, WHL



FINAL RANK:

11

POSITION:

Center

HEIGHT:

5' 11"

BORN:

January 3, 2005

MIDTERM RANK:

5

SHOOTS:

Right

WEIGHT:

170

BIRTHPLACE:

Saskatoon, SK, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

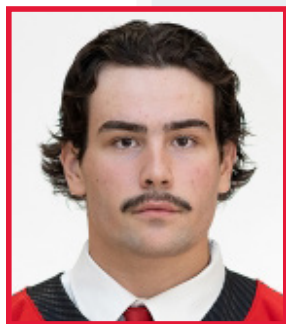
- Yager was awarded the WHL's 2022-23 Most Sportsmanlike Player and ranked second on Moose Jaw in assists and points with 28-50-78 in 67 contests.
- Captured the 2021-22 CHL and WHL Rookie of the Year awards after posting 34-25-59 in 63 contests with the Warriors.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	24	7	11	18	-9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	63	34	25	59	18	18	10	3	4	7	-4	8
2022-23	Moose Jaw	WHL	67	28	50	78	6	14	10	6	10	16	7	2
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>154</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>



## COLBY BARLOW

North American Skater - Owen Sound, OHL



FINAL RANK:

12

POSITION:

Left Wing

HEIGHT:

6' 0"

BORN:

February 14, 2005

MIDTERM RANK:

10

SHOOTS:

Left

WEIGHT:

195

BIRTHPLACE:

Orillia, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Captured the 2022-23 OHL and CHL Scholastic Player of the Year awards and was named to the OHL's First All-Star Team after notching 46-33-79 in 59 appearances with Owen Sound.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-1-4 in six games.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Owen Sound	OHL	59	30	17	47	2	18	7	5	1	6	2	8
2022-23	Owen Sound	OHL	59	46	33	79	14	29	4	3	0	3	-1	12
<b>OHL Totals</b>			<b>118</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>



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## CALUM RITCHIE

North American Skater - Oshawa, OHL



FINAL RANK:	13	MIDTERM RANK:	17
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	184
BORN:	January 21, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Oakville, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ritchie was named to the OHL's First All-Rookie Team in 2021-22 (19-26-45, 65 GP) before finishing third on Oshawa in assists (tied) and points with 24-35-59 in 59 outings in 2022-23.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 3-6-9 in seven games.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Oshawa	OHL	65	19	26	45	-7	12	6	4	3	7	-4	4
2022-23	Oshawa	OHL	59	24	35	59	1	35	5	2	4	6	0	2
OHL Totals			124	43	61	104	-6	47	11	6	7	13	-4	6



## QUENTIN MUSTY

North American Skater - Sudbury, OHL



FINAL RANK:	14	MIDTERM RANK:	11
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	200
BORN:	July 6, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Hamburg, NY, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Musty led the Sudbury Wolves (OHL) in assists and ranked second in goals and points with 26-52-78 in 53 games in 2022-23.
- Was named to the OHL's Second All Rookie Team in 2021-22 after collecting 12-19-31 and 70 penalty minutes in 50 contests with Sudbury.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Sudbury	OHL	50	12	19	31	-21	70	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Sudbury	OHL	53	26	52	78	16	71	4	1	3	4	-5	6
OHL Totals			103	38	71	109	-5	141	4	1	3	4	-5	6

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## ANDREW CRISTALL

North American Skater - Kelowna, WHL



FINAL RANK:	15	MIDTERM RANK:	16
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	175
BORN:	February 4, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Vancouver, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cristall was named to the WHL (BC) First All-Star Team after ranking fourth in the league in points-per-game and sixth in points with 39-56-95 in 54 contests (1.76) with the Kelowna Rockets in 2022-23.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 Championships with 2-4-6 in seven games.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

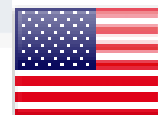
### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Kelowna	WHL	14	2	3	5	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Kelowna	WHL	61	28	41	69	18	32	5	0	4	4	-6	2
2022-23	Kelowna	WHL	54	39	56	95	18	50	4	1	0	1	-4	2
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>129</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>4</b>



## ETHAN GAUTHIER

North American Skater - Sherbrooke, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:	16	MIDTERM RANK:	14
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	175
BORN:	January 26, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Scottsdale, AZ, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gauthier was named the QMJHL Best Professional Prospect (Mike Bossy Trophy) in 2022-23 after notching 30-39-69 in 66 outings with the Sherbrooke Phoenix.
- Collected 18-21-39 in 65 contests in his first season with Sherbrooke in 2021-22 after being selected first overall at the 2021 QMJHL Draft.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	65	18	21	39	10	40	11	1	3	4	-3	10
2022-23	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	66	30	39	69	29	47	11	4	7	11	0	14
<b>QMJHL Totals</b>			<b>131</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>24</b>



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## BRADLY NADEAU

North American Skater - Penticton, BCHL



FINAL RANK: 17

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

BORN: May 5, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 19

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 161

BIRTHPLACE: St-Francois de Masawaska, NB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Named the BCHL's Most Valuable Player (Vern Dye Memorial Trophy) and captured the Brett Hull Trophy (Top Scorer) in 2022-23 after leading the league in goals, assists and points with 45-68-113 in 54 games with Penticton.
- Helped Penticton capture the BCHL championship in 2022 and 2023 and was named the 2023 Playoff MVP after leading the league in postseason goals with 17-18-35 in 17 contests.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Penticton	BCHL	49	20	26	46	...	12	17	11	13	24	...	2
2022-23	Penticton	BCHL	54	45	68	113	...	20	17	17	18	35	...	4
<b>BCHL Totals</b>			<b>103</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>6</b>



## LUKAS DRAGICEVIC

North American Skater - Tri-City, WHL



FINAL RANK: 18

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 6' 1"

BORN: April 25, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 12

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 190

BIRTHPLACE: Richmond, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Named to the WHL (US) First All-Star Team after finishing fourth among league blueliners in assists and points with 15-60-75 in 68 games with Tri-City in 2022-23.
- Skated for Canada at the 2022 and 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships and helped the country win a bronze medal at the 2023 tournament with 2-2-4 in seven games.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Tri-City	WHL	6	0	0	0	-5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Tri-City	WHL	62	6	26	32	-24	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Tri-City	WHL	68	15	60	75	-2	54	6	0	4	4	-1	2
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>136</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>2</b>

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## ETIENNE MORIN

North American Skater - Moncton, QMJHL



FINAL RANK:

19

MIDTERM RANK:

24

POSITION:

Defenseman

SHOOTS:

Left

HEIGHT:

6' 0"

WEIGHT:

180

BORN:

March 9, 2005

BIRTHPLACE:

Salaberry-de-valleyfield, QC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Led QMJHL defensemen in goals and ranked third in points and fourth in assists with 21-51-72 in 67 contests with Moncton in 2022-23.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 0-1-1 in three games.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Moncton	QMJHL	64	8	25	33	-12	34	3	0	0	0	-3	2
2022-23	Moncton	QMJHL	67	21	51	72	29	50	12	2	15	17	0	8
QMJHL Totals			131	29	76	105	17	84	15	2	15	17	-3	10



## OLIVER BONK

North American Skater - London, OHL



FINAL RANK:

20

MIDTERM RANK:

18

POSITION:

Defenseman

SHOOTS:

Right

HEIGHT:

6' 2"

WEIGHT:

180

BORN:

January 9, 2005

BIRTHPLACE:

Ottawa, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Bonk was named to the 2022-23 CHL All-Rookie Team and OHL's Second All-Rookie Team after posting 10-30-40 in 67 appearances with London.
- Finished second among OHL rookie defensemen in assists and points and third in goals in 2022-23.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	London	OHL	10	0	3	3	6	6	7	1	0	1	-1	2
	St. Thomas	GOJHL	32	5	27	32	n/a	14	6	0	1	1	n/a	6
2022-23	London	OHL	67	10	30	40	17	38	21	0	11	11	8	6
GOJHL Totals			32	5	27	32	...	14	6	0	1	1	...	2
OHL Totals			77	10	33	43	23	44	28	1	11	12	7	8

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## RILEY HEIDT

North American Skater - Prince George, WHL



FINAL RANK:	21	MIDTERM RANK:	26
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 10"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	March 25, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Saskatoon, SK, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Heidt was named of the WHL's Second All-Star Team in 2022-23 after leading the league in assists and ranking fourth-T in points, accumulating 25-72-97 in 68 contests with Prince George.
- The forward helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2022 Hlinka Gretzky Cup and bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Prince George	WHL	22	2	6	8	-3	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Prince George	WHL	65	21	37	58	-20	51	3	1	2	3	0	12
2022-23	Prince George	WHL	68	25	72	97	-3	36	9	2	6	8	2	9
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>155</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>



## DANNY NELSON

North American Skater - USA U-18, NTDP



FINAL RANK:	22	MIDTERM RANK:	22
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	212
BORN:	August 3, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	St. Louis Park, MN, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2022-23 campaign between Team USA's junior and U18 teams, combining for 29-35-64 and 92 penalty minutes in 85 games.
- Helped Team USA win a gold medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 4-3-7 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Twin Cities	UMWHSSEL	20	12	11	23	n/a	14	3	1	2	3	...	2
	Maple Grove	High-MN	31	16	24	40	n/a	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USNTDP Jr.	USHL	6	4	2	6	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Green Bay	USHL	5	1	0	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	11	7	4	11	n/a	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Team USA	USHL	23	8	9	17	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	62	21	26	47	24	52	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>73</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>58</b>	...	<b>64</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHS-MN Totals</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	...	<b>25</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...

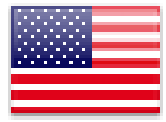


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## GAVIN BRINDLEY

North American Skater - Michigan, BIG10



FINAL RANK:

23

POSITION:

Center

HEIGHT:

5' 8"

BORN:

October 5, 2004

MIDTERM RANK:

40

SHOOTS:

Right

WEIGHT:

168

BIRTHPLACE:

Fort Myers, FL, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Brindley, who helped Michigan win the Big10 title, ranked third among team freshmen - and fifth overall - in scoring with 12-26-38 in 41 games in 2022-23.
- Helped Team USA win a silver medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships and bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Tri-City	USHL	51	9	13	22	-1	18	3	1	1	2	1	0
2021-22	Tri-City	USHL	51	14	28	42	9	33	3	1	1	2	-3	0
	USA U18	NTDP	15	2	7	9	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Michigan	BIG10	41	12	26	38	21	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NCAA Totals</b>			<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>102</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...



## GRACYN SAWCHYN

North American Skater - Seattle, WHL



FINAL RANK:

24

POSITION:

Center

HEIGHT:

5' 11"

BORN:

January 19, 2005

MIDTERM RANK:

42

SHOOTS:

Right

WEIGHT:

155

BIRTHPLACE:

Grande Prairie, AB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sawchyn ranked second among WHL rookies in assists and points in 2022-23 after recording 18-40-58 in 58 games with the Seattle Thunderbirds.
- Split the 2021-22 campaign between the United States' junior and U17 teams, combining for 18-37-55 and 112 penalty minutes in 87 contests.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	35	8	14	22	-16	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	52	10	23	33	n/a	62	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Seattle	WHL	58	18	40	58	36	68	17	3	8	11	4	8
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>58</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>50</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	...	<b>62</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## KOEHN ZIEMMER

North American Skater - Prince George, WHL



FINAL RANK:	25	MIDTERM RANK:	20
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 0"	WEIGHT:	210
BORN:	December 8, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Mayerthorpe, AB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ziemmer ranked seventh in the WHL in goals and ninth in points with 41-48-89 in 68 appearances with Prince George in 2022-23.
- He ranked sixth among WHL rookies in goals in 2021-22 after notching 30-27-57 in 68 outings with the Cougars.

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2019-20	Prince George	WHL	2	0	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2020-21	Prince George	WHL	22	9	3	12	-3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Prince George	WHL	68	30	27	57	-15	32	4	0	2	2	-1	11
2022-23	Prince George	WHL	68	41	48	89	0	43	10	3	4	7	-3	7
WHL Totals			160	80	78	158	-18	79	14	3	6	9	-4	18



## NICO MYATOVIC

North American Skater - Seattle, WHL



FINAL RANK:	26	MIDTERM RANK:	47
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	December 1, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Prince George, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Helped Seattle capture the WHL championship in 2022-23, ranking second-T on the team in goals with 30-30-60 and was +43 in 68 contests.
- Myatovic collected 4-24-28 in 67 games in first full WHL campaign with the Thunderbirds in 2021-22.

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Seattle	WHL	12	3	0	3	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Seattle	WHL	67	4	24	28	11	21	25	3	5	8	4	6
2022-23	Seattle	WHL	68	30	30	60	43	41	19	4	3	7	8	6
WHL Totals			147	37	54	91	55	62	44	7	8	15	12	12

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## NICK LARDIS

North American Skater - Hamilton, OHL



FINAL RANK: 27

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 5' 11"

BORN: July 8, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 96

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 168

BIRTHPLACE: Oakville, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2022-23 campaign between Peterborough and Hamilton in the OHL, combining for 37-28-65 in 69 contests.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships with 4-0-4 in seven games.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Peterborough	OHL	63	18	19	37	-5	12	4	0	0	0	0	2
2022-23	Peterborough	OHL	36	12	7	19	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hamilton	OHL	33	25	21	46	13	4	6	5	5	10	-2	2
<b>OHL Totals</b>			<b>132</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>4</b>



## TANNER MOLENDYK

North American Skater - Saskatoon, WHL



FINAL RANK: 28

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 5' 11"

BORN: February 3, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 36

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 181

BIRTHPLACE: McBride, BC, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Molendyk ranked third among Saskatoon (WHL) defensemen in assists and points with 9-28-37 and 37 PIM in 67 games in 2022-23.
- Helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2022 Hlinka Gretzky Cup with 1-3-4 in five outings.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Saskatoon	WHL	17	0	2	2	-3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Saskatoon	WHL	55	3	14	17	-6	16	5	0	3	3	-3	0
2022-23	Saskatoon	WHL	67	9	28	37	31	37	18	3	5	8	2	0
<b>WHL Totals</b>			<b>139</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>



# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## CARSON REHKOPF

North American Skater - Kitchener, OHL



FINAL RANK:	29	MIDTERM RANK:	31
POSITION:	Left Wing	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	195
BORN:	January 7, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Barrie, ON, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Rehkopf ranked third on Kitchener (OHL) in points and fourth in goals in 2022-23 with 30-29-59 in 68 contests.
- Helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2022 Hlinka Gretzky Cup with 1-4-5 in five games.

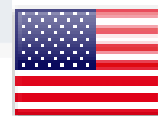
### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Kitchener	OHL	65	18	15	33	-20	42	12	4	2	6	-4	4
2022-23	Kitchener	OHL	68	30	29	59	-9	40	9	2	4	6	-2	8
<b>OHL Totals</b>			<b>133</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>12</b>



## CHARLIE STRAMEL

North American Skater - Wisconsin, BIG10



FINAL RANK:	30	MIDTERM RANK:	21
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	212
BORN:	October 15, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	St. Paul, MN, USA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Collected 5-7-12 and 59 penalty minutes in 33 games in his freshman campaign at Wisconsin in 2022-23.
- Helped the United States earn a silver medal at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships and bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships.

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Team USA	USHL	22	1	7	8	-10	24	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	15	4	3	7	7	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	30	9	12	21	n/a	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Team USA	USHL	16	7	8	15	11	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U18	NTDP	26	10	12	22	22	35	...	...	...	...	...	...
	USA U17	NTDP	2	0	1	1	n/a	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Wisconsin	BIG10	33	5	7	12	-10	59	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NCAA Totals</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>59</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>USHL Totals</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>NTDP Totals</b>			<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>75</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## LEO CARLSSON

European Skater - Orebro, Sweden



**FINAL RANK:** 1  
**POSITION:** Center  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 2"  
**BORN:** December 26, 2004

**MIDTERM RANK:** 1  
**SHOOTS:** Left  
**WEIGHT:** 194  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Karlstad, SWE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Carlsson was named the 2022-23 Swedish Junior Hockey Player of the Year after leading Swedish Hockey League juniors in assists and points with 10-15-25 in 44 contests with Orebro.
- Represented Sweden at the 2023 IIHF World Championships (3-2-5, 8 GP) and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (3-3-6, 7 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	19	4	5	9	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Orebro	SHL	35	3	6	9	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Orebro Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	14	10	17	27	15	2	4	1	7	8	5	2
2022-23	Orebro	SHL	44	10	15	25	-5	6	13	1	8	9	8	4
<b>Sweden-Jr. Totals</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>



## MATVEI MICHKOV

European Skater - SKA St. Petersburg, Russia



**FINAL RANK:** 2  
**POSITION:** Right Wing  
**HEIGHT:** 5' 10"  
**BORN:** December 9, 2004

**MIDTERM RANK:** 2  
**SHOOTS:** Left  
**WEIGHT:** 172  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Perm, RUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2022-23 campaign between three different teams, combining for 19-15-24 in 42 games in the KHL and Russia's junior league (VHL).
- Led Russia to a gold medal at the 2021 Hlinka Gretzky Cup after leading the tournament in goals and points (8-5-13, 5 GP).
- Led country to a silver medal at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championships and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, Best Forward and to the All-Star Team after leading in goals and points with 12-4-16 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	SKA	KHL	13	2	3	5	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	SKA-Varyagi	MHL	6	8	5	13	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	SKA-1946	MHL	22	22	16	38	14	22	17	13	4	17	6	16
2022-23	SKA	KHL	3	0	0	0	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	HK Sochi	KHL	27	9	11	20	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
	SKA-Neva	VHL	12	10	4	14	-5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>KHL Totals</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>VHL Totals</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>MHL Totals</b>			<b>84</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>

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## DALIBOR DVORSKY

European Skater - AIK, Sweden-2



**FINAL RANK:** 3  
**POSITION:** Center  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 1"  
**BORN:** June 15, 2005

**MIDTERM RANK:** 4  
**SHOOTS:** Left  
**WEIGHT:** 200  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Zvolen, SVK

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2022-23 campaign between AIK and the organization's junior team, combining for 16-19-35 and 18 penalty minutes in 48 contests.
- Has represented Slovakia at numerous international tournaments, including the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships (8-5-13, 7 GP) and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (1-2-3, 5 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	AIK	HockeyAllsvenskan	17	2	1	3	-2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	AIK Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	33	20	20	40	10	43	6	1	5	6	5	2
2022-23	AIK	HockeyAllsvenskan	38	6	8	14	-19	16	7	0	0	0	0	0
	AIK Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	10	10	11	21	9	2	3	3	1	4	1	0
<b>HockeyAllsvenskan Totals</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sweden Jr. Totals</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>



## EDUARD SALE

European Skater - Brno, Czechia



**FINAL RANK:** 4  
**POSITION:** Left Wing  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 2"  
**BORN:** March 10, 2005

**MIDTERM RANK:** 5  
**SHOOTS:** Left  
**WEIGHT:** 175  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Brno, CZE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sale was named the 2022-23 Czech Extraliga Rookie of the Year after leading junior players in scoring with 7-7-14 in 43 games with Brno.
- Has represented Czechia at several international tournaments, helping the country win a silver medal at the 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (1-5-6, 7 GP) and being named a top three player for his team at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships (4-2-6, 5 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Brno Jr.	Czechia-Jr.	8	4	2	6	-1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Brno	Czechia	10	2	1	3	-1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Brno Jr.	Czechia-Jr.	39	42	47	89	52	56	5	5	5	10	0	0
2022-23	Brno	Czechia	43	7	7	14	-9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Czechia Totals</b>			<b>53</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Czechia-Jr. Totals</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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## DAVID REINBACHER

European Skater - Kloten, Swiss



FINAL RANK:	5	MIDTERM RANK:	10
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	194
BORN:	October 25, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Hohenems, AUT

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Reinbacher was named the NL Media's Most Improved Player in 2022-23 after collecting 3-19-22 in 46 games with EHC Kloten.
- Has represented Austria at several international tournaments, including the 2023 IIHF World Championships (0-1-1, 4 GP) and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (0-2-2, 5 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Kloten Jr.	U20-Elite	25	1	3	4	n/a	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	EHC Kloten	SL	27	1	10	11	16	4	14	0	0	0	0	10
	Kloten Jr.	U20-Elite	23	9	13	22	n/a	12	3	0	1	1	...	2
2022-23	EHC Kloten	NL	46	3	19	22	7	26	3	1	1	2	0	2
<b>NL Totals</b>			<b>46</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SL Totals</b>			<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>U20-Elite Totals</b>			<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2</b>



## OTTO STENBERG

European Skater - Frolunda Jr., Sweden-Jr.



FINAL RANK:	6	MIDTERM RANK:	6
POSITION:	Center	SHOOTS:	Left
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	185
BORN:	May 29, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Stenungsund, SWE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Stenberg made his Swedish Hockey League debut in 2022-23, collecting 1-2-3 in 23 appearances with Frolunda.
- Has represented Sweden at various international tournaments and was named to the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships All-Star Team after capturing the country to a silver medal with 7-9-16 in seven outings.

### CAREER RECORD

#### REGULAR SEASON

#### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	38	16	19	35	3	2	3	2	0	2	-2	0
2022-23	Frolunda	SHL	23	1	2	3	-1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Frolunda Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	29	11	15	26	9	53	2	2	0	2	-1	2
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sweden Jr. Totals</b>			<b>67</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>2</b>

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## AXEL SANDIN PELLIKKA

European Skater - Skelleftea Jr., Sweden- Jr.



FINAL RANK:	7	MIDTERM RANK:	3
POSITION:	Defenseman	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	5' 11"	WEIGHT:	180
BORN:	March 11, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Gallivare, SWE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Pellikka, who made his SHL debut in 2022-23 (2-3-5, 22 GP with Skelleftea), was named the Best Defenseman of Sweden's junior league after leading league blueliners in goals with 16-20-36 in 31 outings.
- Has represented Sweden at numerous international tournaments and was named the Best Defenseman and to the All-Star Team at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships after helping Sweden capture a silver medal with 2-9-11 in seven contests.

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	14	1	2	3	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Skelleftea	SHL	22	2	3	5	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	31	16	20	36	15	64	2	0	1	1	0	0
<b>SHL Totals</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Sweden Jr. Totals</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## LENNI HAMEENAHON

European Skater - Assat, Finland



FINAL RANK:	8	MIDTERM RANK:	7
POSITION:	Right Wing	SHOOTS:	Right
HEIGHT:	6' 1"	WEIGHT:	185
BORN:	November 7, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Kajaani, FIN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hameenaho spent the 2022-23 campaign with Assat in Finland's Liiga, posting 9-12-21 in 51 contests.
- Represented Finland at the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships (2-1-3, 6 GP) and 2023 IIHF World Junior Championships (1-1-2, 5 GP).

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	REGULAR SEASON						PLAYOFFS					
			GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2020-21	Assat Jr.	Finland-Jr.	1	0	0	0	-1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2021-22	Hermes	Mestis	3	0	0	0	-2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Assat Jr.	Finland-Jr.	42	21	16	37	7	12	3	0	1	1	-3	0
2022-23	Assat	Liiga	51	9	12	21	-11	14	8	3	1	4	-1	2
<b>Liiga Totals</b>			<b>51</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mestis Totals</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>U20 SM-sarja Totals</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0</b>

# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## DANIIL BUT

European Skater - Yaroslavl Jr., Russia-Jr.



FINAL RANK: 9

POSITION: Left Wing

HEIGHT: 6' 5"

BORN: February 15, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 11

SHOOTS: Right

WEIGHT: 203

BIRTHPLACE: Yaroslavl, RUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

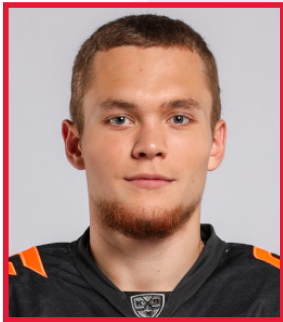
- But split time between three teams in 2022-23, combining for 20-14-34 in 47 games in Yaroslavl's program.
- Helped Russia win a gold medal at the 2021 Hlinka Gretzky Cup with 0-1-1 in five appearances.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Yaroslavl Jr.	MHL	46	17	25	42	15	28	7	0	0	0	-3	2
	Loko-76	MHL	3	0	2	2	0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Yaroslavl	KHL	15	2	0	2	-1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Loko-76	MHL	6	3	3	6	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Yaroslavl Jr.	MHL	26	15	11	26	11	22	7	4	5	9	4	9
KHL Totals			15	2	0	2	-1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
MHL Totals			81	35	41	76	27	56	14	4	5	9	1	11



## MIKHAIL GULYAYEV

European Skater - Omsk Jr., Russia-Jr.



FINAL RANK: 10

POSITION: Defenseman

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

BORN: April 26, 2005

MIDTERM RANK: 8

SHOOTS: Left

WEIGHT: 172

BIRTHPLACE: Novosibirsk, RUS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2022-23 season between three teams in Omsk's system, combining for 2-28-30 in 47 contests.
- Gulyayev led blueliners on Omsk's junior team in assists and points in 2022-23 with 2-23-25 in 22 appearances.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
2021-22	Omsk Jr.	MHL	54	7	28	35	19	24	13	0	5	5	6	4
2022-23	Omsk	KHL	13	0	1	1	-4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Omsk Krylia	VHL	12	0	4	4	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Omsk Jr.	MHL	22	2	23	25	12	18	17	2	8	10	5	2.
KHL Totals			13	0	1	1	-4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
VHL Totals			12	0	4	4	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
MHL Totals			76	9	51	60	31	42	30	2	13	15	11	6



# 2023 NHL DRAFT PROFILES



## CARSON BJARNASON

North American Goalie - Brandon, WHL



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goaltender	CATCHES:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 3"	WEIGHT:	186
BORN:	June 30, 2005	BIRTHPLACE:	Brandon, MB, CAN

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Bjarnason led the Brandon Wheat Kings in appearances, wins, goals-against average and save percentage in 2022-23 with a 21-19-5 record, 3.08 GAA, .900 SV% in 47 outings.
- Helped Canada win a bronze medal at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championships after finishing 4-2-0 with a 3.51 GAA in six games.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON<sup>®</sup>

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2021-22	Brandon	WHL	23	8-10-1	0	.882	4.00	1,139	...	...	...	...	...	...
2022-23	Brandon	WHL	47	21-19-5	3	.900	3.08	2,752	...	...	...	...	...	...
WHL Totals			70	29-29-6	3	.894	3.35	3,891	...	...	...	...	...	...



## ALEXANDER HELLNEMO

European Goalie - Skelleftea Jr., Sweden- Jr.



FINAL RANK:	1	MIDTERM RANK:	1
POSITION:	Goaltender	CATCHES:	Left
HEIGHT:	6' 2"	WEIGHT:	183
BORN:	January 5, 2004	BIRTHPLACE:	Boblingen, DEU

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hellnemo split time between three different teams in Sweden in 2022-23 and was named the junior league's best goaltender after going 15-8-0 with a 2.32 GAA and .916 SV% in 23 appearances for Skelleftea's junior squad.
- Born in Germany, has represented Sweden at several international tournaments, including the 2022 IIHF U18 World Championships.

### CAREER RECORD

### REGULAR SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN	GP	RECORD	SO	SV%	GAA	MIN
2021-22	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	23	12-11-0	1	.900	2.90	1,324	2	0-2-0	0	.897	2.75	...
2022-23	Skelleftea	SHL	9	5-3-0	0	.895	2.39	502	0	...	...	...	...	...
	Vasteras	Allsvenskan	2	0-2-0	0	.860	3.07	117	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Skelleftea Jr.	Sweden-Jr.	23	15-8-0	2	.916	2.32	1,374	2	0-2-0	0	.893	3.03	...
SHL Totals			9	5-3-0	0	.895	2.39	502	...	...	...	...	...	...
J20 Nationell Totals			46	27-19-0	3	.908	2.60	2,698	4	0-4-0	0	.895	2.88	...
Sweden-2 Totals			2	0-2-0	0	.860	3.07	117	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## CONNOR BEDARD

BORN July 17, 2005, North Vancouver, B.C.  
2022-23 Regina POS C  
HT 5-10 WT 185 SHOOTS R  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 1 (NA skaters)

**WHEN PRODIGIES ARE** identified at an early age, scouts have time to find almost as many warts as assets in their games. But Bedard is so special that the opposite has happened. As excited as people were about him in the past, they're even more stoked now about seeing what he'll be able to accomplish in the NHL. "When he came on as a 15-year-old, the only thing you could question a little bit with him was his speed," one scout said. "He's rectified that as he's gotten stronger. Everything about his game is elite. Everybody talks about his shot, but he makes plays. Every night I talk to my western scouts, they say, 'He scored three, but he could've had six assists if guys could finish.' He's not just a one-dimensional star."

Bedard projects as a unique player (see pg. 6), but other-worldly talents coupled with his personality will make him a Crosby-level generational superstar and ambassador. The only question now is how quickly he gets there. "He's going to be a very good NHL player in very short order," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Regina	WHL	15	12	16	28	6
'21-22	Regina	WHL	62	51	49	100	42
	Canada	WJC	7	4	4	8	2
'22-23	Regina	WHL	57	71	72	143	62
	Canada	WJC	7	9	14	23	2

**BEST CASE** | Sidney Crosby

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## ADAM FANTILLI

BORN Oct. 12, 2004, Toronto, Ont.  
2022-23 Michigan POS C  
HT 6-2 WT 195 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 2 (NA skaters)

**FANTILLI IS WHAT** one scout calls a "new-age power forward," a big man who can dominate physically but also has the speed to keep pace with today's NHL.

"He's a really good combination of size and skill, and his motor is always running," one scout said. "He plays hard. He wants to be the guy out there, and, as a freshman, you don't see that very often in college hockey."

What impressed scouts about Fantilli is that when he went to the World Junior Championship, he was expected to be an impact player on the Canadian roster, and despite struggling early, especially with Bedard playing so well, Fantilli still found a way to have an impact.

"I think he expected it was going to be a little bit easier the first two or three games," said another scout. "He changed on the fly and figured things out and found a way to affect games. And by the time they were playing games that mattered, he was playing the way people expected him to play. And he did the same in college."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Kimball Union	USHS	26	18	18	36	0
'20-21	Chicago	USHL	49	18	18	36	22
'21-22	Chicago	USHL	54	37	37	74	93
'22-23	Michigan	Big Ten	36	30	35	65	67
	Canada	WJC	7	2	3	5	2

**BEST CASE** | Nathan MacKinnon

3



## LEO CARLSSON

BORN Dec. 26, 2004, Karlstad, Swe.  
2022-23 Örebro POS C  
HT 6-3 WT 198 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 1 (Int'l skaters)

**IN HIS FIRST FULL SHL** season with Örebro, Carlsson finished sixth in team scoring. But perhaps more importantly, he was second in playoff points, with nine in 13 games as his club reached the semifinal. It was an impressive run for a kid who played a bottom-six role. "He's had a good year," said one scout. "He got a fair amount of ice time, if not much with the perfect linemates. He didn't get to play any center, so I don't think he was put in a position to have the best year, but he has been good anyway."

Carlsson was a standout at the world juniors, however, where he was one of the few Swedish players who looked like a difference-maker most nights, making magic with linemate and San Jose pick Filip Bystedt. "I know in the SHL, he plays the left wing, but I think he projects as a center," said another scout. "His hockey sense and vision are as good as anyone in this draft. He's got a big frame at 6-foot-3 and has been playing against men for a couple years. His potential is right up there with the elite in this class."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Örebro	Jr.	19	4	5	9	12
'21-22	Örebro	Jr.	14	10	17	27	2
	Örebro	Swe.	35	3	6	9	4
'22-23	Örebro	Swe.	44	10	15	25	6
	Sweden	WJC	7	3	3	6	2

**BEST CASE** | Ryan O'Reilly

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## MATVEI MICHKOV

BORN Dec. 9, 2004, Perm, Rus.  
2022-23 Sochi POS RW  
HT 5-10 WT 172 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 2 (Int'l skaters)

**THE HOCKEY WORLD** can only ponder what might have been. If not for the global pandemic and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, Mikhkov would've had an opportunity to give Bedard a run for No. 1 overall. Despite his talent level, which is off the charts, Mikhkov could tumble down the draft board because of the war and the fact he's under contract with KHL St. Petersburg for three more seasons.

But if an organization is willing to be patient, it could very well have a future superstar on its hands. "He has a killer instinct," said a Russia-based scout who has had a number of viewings this season. "He can make a goal from nothing. And he wants to win every time he goes on the ice. He's not a big man, but he has very strong legs. I wouldn't say his skating is elite, but he's very good in small spaces." Whether Mikhkov or Fantilli is the second-best prospect after Bedard is debatable, but scouts are universal in their star projections for Mikhkov, whose shot rivals Bedard's. "Someone is going to get a steal," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Varyagi/1946	Jr.	56	38	18	56	47
'21-22	Varyagi/1946	Jr.	28	30	21	51	24
	St. Petersburg	KHL	13	2	3	5	0
'22-23	SKA-Neva	Rus.2	12	10	4	14	4
	St. Pete./Sochi	KHL	30	9	11	20	16

**BEST CASE** | Cole Caufield



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### WILL SMITH

**BORN** March 17, 2005, Lexington, Mass.  
**2022-23 U.S. NTDP** POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 181 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 3 (NA skaters)

➤ **SMITH HAS BEEN** on scouts' radars for years, and thanks to his top-end passing and shooting skills, hockey sense and compete level, he's been consistently living up to the high bar he has set for himself.

"He's an elite playmaker, probably one of the most skilled guys in the draft," said one scout. "He can do extremely difficult things and make it look easy. He's a threat on the power play, and he can shoot it but also use deception and vision to make a play. He's been able to raise his level in bigger games and has been doing it for a while. Historically, him and Oliver Moore have been the best in their age since they were 11."

A Boston College commit, Smith centered an incredible top line with the U.S. NTDP, flanked by Ryan Leonard and Gabe Perreault. He'll get the development he needs in college and be a boon for the Eagles. "Power, skill, IQ, he's just scratching the surface," said another scout. "Obviously, he needs to learn other things to be a pro, but he's got a lot to work with, that's for sure."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	St. Sebastian's USHS		n/a				
'21-22	USA U17	NTDP	35	17	20	37	8
	USA U18	NTDP	28	14	13	27	20
'22-23	USA U18	NTDP	60	51	76	127	28
	USA	WU18	7	9	11	20	2

**BEST CASE | Trevor Zegras**

## 6



### DALIBOR DVORSKY

**BORN** June 15, 2005, Zvolen, SvK.  
**2022-23 AIK** POS C  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 201 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 3 (Int'l skaters)

➤ **DVORSKY FIRST BURST** onto the scene at the 2022 Hlinka-Gretzky U-18 tourney, when he led Slovakia with 12 points in five games on a team also featuring Juraj Slafkovsky, Filip Mesar and Simon Nemec. That silver-medal squad was the beginning of a resurgence in the nation's junior program. Dvorsky also led Slovakia in scoring at this spring's world under-18s, where his team finished fourth.

"It's not just the skill, vision and hands, but also the compete level," said one scout. "He's only going to get stronger, he's still got a light, immature body. He's really competitive and plays a skilled, 200-foot game."

Dvorsky has played in Sweden the past two years, where his time with the pro team wasn't always ideal. "He's very dependable," said another scout. "He has a good skill set. He was stuck on the wing, and AIK struggled for a bit. He had a good stretch around Christmas, then the team started to struggle, and he was put on the wing more, which doesn't suit him. He's more of a good, 200-foot center."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Bans. Bystrica SvK.		20	2	2	4	8
'21-22	AIK Jr.		33	20	20	40	43
	AIK	Swe.2	17	2	1	3	0
'22-23	AIK	Swe.2	38	6	8	14	16
	Slovakia	WJC	5	1	2	3	0

**BEST CASE | Elias Lindholm**

## 7



### OLIVER MOORE

**BORN** Jan. 22, 2005, Mounds View, Minn.  
**2022-23 U.S. NTDP** POS C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 188 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 8 (NA skaters)

➤ **WHILE THE BIGGEST** numbers on the U.S. NTDP came from the top line, Moore finished fourth in scoring without regularly playing with elite linemates. On top of that, the University of Minnesota commit has a very specific skill that makes him appealing to NHL teams.

"I'd be hard-pressed to find anyone that skates better than him in the draft," said one scout. "He has to sync it all together and make high-end plays at that pace, and he's a little undersized, but he's got a lot to work with. He's going to go high in that first round."

How high? That's the million-dollar question. But teams shouldn't wait too long, because the secret is out: he could be this year's Jimmy Snuggerud, gem-wise. "He has a relentless motor," said another scout. "Everybody loves the speed, the second and third efforts. When people talk about the NHL playoffs and how hard it is to go the distance, you want guys that bring it every day, and that's what he does. He comes in with a smile on his face and works his tail off."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Totino-Grace USHS		17	17	21	38	6
'21-22	USA U17	NTDP	43	24	15	39	6
	USA U18	NTDP	11	2	5	7	0
'22-23	USA U18	NTDP	61	31	44	75	26
	USA	WU18	7	4	5	9	0

**BEST CASE | Dylan Larkin**

## 8



### ZACH BENSON

**BORN** May 12, 2005, Langley, B.C.  
**2022-23 Winnipeg** POS LW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 163 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 6 (NA skaters)

➤ **WITH THE EXCEPTION** of Connor Bedard, no 2005-born draft-eligible player scored more points than Benson did in major junior this season, although his production did tail off a little in the playoffs. But the biggest red flag when it comes to Benson surrounds his stature. "Size is definitely a concern at the next level," one scout said. "Is he going to be able to fight through it in the NHL?"

From an offensive standpoint, however, there is a lot to like about Benson's game. Even though he's not very big, he has shown a willingness to go to high-traffic areas and be successful in junior hockey. Scouts are impressed with his agility and his ability to handle the puck in tight quarters. "Benson has some Patrick Kane-type qualities when it comes to offensive acumen," said another scout. "He has a high level of compete, and when I say that, it's going to the hard areas with a single purpose, being single-minded when he has a chance to score, not worrying about contact, but not initiating it, either."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Yale Academy U15		28	6	13	19	12
'19-20	Yale Academy U15		30	30	56	86	26
'20-21	Winnipeg WHL		24	10	10	20	12
'21-22	Winnipeg WHL		58	25	38	63	28
'22-23	Winnipeg WHL		60	36	62	98	49

**BEST CASE | Brad Marchand**



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### DAVID REINBACHER

**BORN** Oct. 25, 2004, Hohenems, Aut.  
**2022-23** Kloten **POS** D  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 5 (Int'l skaters)

**THERE ARE SOME** scouts who believe Reinbacher's value will be inflated by the fact 2023 doesn't look like a strong draft for defensemen. In fact, there's a chance Reinbacher will be the first blueliner to hear his name called.

The Austrian-born defenseman fared well with Kloten in Switzerland this season and has the kind of size and skill set that translate well to the NHL. "There's really nothing bad in his game," one scout said. "He's a good skater, he's a good puck-mover, he has better than average skill, he has better than average compete, he has really good size. What's not to like?"

Scouts would like to see more offense from Reinbacher, and they aren't sure whether that area of his game will develop to a level that will get him onto a top pairing in the NHL. "He has good positioning, he's a good skater and a good puck-mover, but his shot from the point is average," said another scout. "He's a good player, but he's more of a No. 3-4-5 than he is a No. 1-2 defender."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Kloten	Jr.	25	1	3	4	16
'21-22	Kloten	Sui.2	27	1	10	11	4
	Austria	WJC	4	0	2	2	4
'22-23	Kloten	Sui.	46	3	19	22	26
	Austria	WJC	5	0	2	2	0

**BEST CASE** | Mattias Ekholm

## 10



### BRAYDEN YAGER

**BORN** Jan. 3, 2005, Saskatoon, Sask.  
**2022-23** Moose Jaw **POS** C  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 166 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 11 (NA skaters)

**ONE SCOUT SUMMED** up Yager's season this way: the bad news is he tends to play on the perimeter, but the good news is he scored 78 points playing on the perimeter. "I view him as being a smart player, and smart players tend to figure it out," one scout said. "Why would the kid go to the dirty areas if he can get 75 points from the perimeter? He hasn't had to attack that area in junior, but he'll do it if he's forced a little bit more."

Scouts do like what they see in Yager's two-way abilities. In fact, there are some who believe his conscientiousness without the puck sometimes overshadows his abilities with it.

"Sometimes, he gets pegged as a two-way player, but he has really good offense, too," said another scout. "He's a responsible player, but you're drafting him for his offense."

Yager did have an up-and-down season, and some scouts were hoping for more production, but there's no reason to believe he can't be an effective second- or third-line NHL center.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Martensville	U15	31	44	59	103	22
'19-20	Sask. Contacts	U18	44	18	24	42	16
'20-21	Moose Jaw	WHL	24	7	11	18	4
'21-22	Moose Jaw	WHL	63	34	25	59	18
'22-23	Moose Jaw	WHL	67	28	50	78	14

**BEST CASE** | Bo Horvat

## 11



### EDUARD SALE

**BORN** March 10, 2005, Brno, Cze.  
**2022-23** Brno **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 174 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 4 (Int'l skaters)

**THERE ARE A** few polarizing players in this draft, and Sale is definitely at the head of the list. Nobody questions his offensive ability, but some scouts are having trouble seeing where he can fit into a lineup unless he's on the top two lines. And if you've been watching the NHL these days, coaches don't tend to use a lot of young players in those roles.

"Yager and Fantilli could almost play any one of 12 spots in the lineup, but Sale is going to have to be in the top six," a scout said. "You've got to find the right spot for him, because I don't know that he has enough of a 'B' game to be a third-line guy."

Scouts see Sale as more of a playmaker than a shooter, and while they're not non-existent, not many wingers tend to be playmakers. But if Sale finds a way to add more of a competitive dimension to his game, the team that takes him is going to be very happy. "He's an easy skater and an easy shooter," said another scout. "And if he adds compete to that, you'll have a special player."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Brno	U17	39	27	24	51	8
'20-21	Brno	Jr.	8	4	2	6	0
'21-22	Brno	Jr.	39	42	47	89	56
'22-23	Brno	Cze.	43	7	7	14	2
	Czechia	WJC	7	1	5	6	2

**BEST CASE** | Valeri Nichushkin

## 12



### ANDREW CRISTALL

**BORN** Feb. 4, 2005, Vancouver, B.C.  
**2022-23** Kelowna **POS** LW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 167 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 15 (NA skaters)

**ONE OF THE** most intriguing yet vexing players at the high end of the draft, Cristall's name can be found all over the place on draft boards because he has some physical flaws. But the results are impossible to deny.

"His playmaking vision is outstanding, and he has an elite shot," said one scout. "He can be a difference-maker and break a game open. He's small and doesn't have a lot of speed, those are two issues. But in terms of playmaking, sense, feel for the game, he's awesome. He gets a lot of points for a reason, and he's on a team where he has no one to play with, really."

Indeed, Cristall finished 16 points ahead of linemate Gabriel Szturc and 42 points up on third-place Adam Kydd with Kelowna. The Rockets were swept in the first round of the WHL playoffs, but Cristall's tools are obvious, masking his perceived deficiencies. "It's the vision; he sees the ice so well," said another scout. "As soon as he gets in the offensive zone, he's creating. He's finding time and space among bigger bodies."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	St. George's	U15	27	43	37	80	47
'20-21	Kelowna	WHL	14	2	3	5	0
'21-22	Kelowna	WHL	61	28	41	69	32
'22-23	Kelowna	WHL	54	39	56	95	50
	Canada	WU18	7	2	4	6	2

**BEST CASE** | Johnny Gaudreau



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### RYAN LEONARD

**BORN** Jan. 21, 2005, Amherst, Mass.  
**2022-23** U.S. NTDP **POS** RW  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 192 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 5 (NA skaters)

**➤ YOU DON'T HAVE** to watch much of Leonard to see that he's a gamer.

Ultra-competitive, he's the younger brother of Nashville left winger John Leonard and the son of former NCAA basketball player and coach (also) John Leonard. "He's an everyday guy," said one scout. "He's got power, he's got a nice one-timer and does a bit of everything. People will try to nitpick to see what translates, but he can play up and down a lineup, give you some secondary scoring, do the dirty work and move pucks to the skill guys."

Leonard led the U.S. NTDP with three shorthanded goals, and as a Boston College commit, his development path is solid. Those who like him tend to love him. "I think he has more upside than (Will) Smith," said another scout. "He's a competitor, he has the skill, he's what you're watching on TV in the playoffs. I'm concerned about how big he is and how big he can get, but he has the skill and the will to play for a long time at the next level. Guys like that help you in the playoffs."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Pope Francis	USHS	-	20	7	27	-
'21-22	USA U17	NTDP	26	10	10	20	43
	USA U18	NTDP	36	16	7	23	22
'22-23	USA U18	NTDP	57	51	43	94	46
	USA	WU18	7	8	9	17	4

**BEST CASE** | Alex Tuch

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### AXEL SANDIN PELLIKKA

**BORN** March 11, 2005, Gallivare, Swe.  
**2022-23** Skelleftea Jr. **POS** D  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 176 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 7 (Int'l skaters)

**➤ THE CALCULUS WITH** Sandin Pellikka is pretty simple at this point: how much do you knock him for his frame? "In terms of actual on-ice play, Sandin Pellikka is the top defenseman," said one scout. "But at his size, is he going to be the first one drafted? What he's doing at his age in a men's league, the skating ability, the maturity, the puck management, that's hard to do. But he might not be the best pro, ultimately."

Either way, 'ASP' has impressed, both at the world juniors in a depth role and at the U-18s, where he was one of the top-scoring rearguards in the tournament for a strong Swedish side.

Splitting his time between Skelleftea's junior and pro teams, the youngster got some great experience. "He's improved steadily all year," said another scout. "He came up and played well with the big team and took steps. I thought it was a good move to include him on the world-junior team thanks to his skating and puck-moving ability. He has played a good game wherever he has gone."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Skelleftea	U18	4	0	1	1	0
'21-22	Skelleftea	U18	16	7	6	13	4
'22-23	Skelleftea	Jr.	31	16	20	36	64
	Skelleftea	Swe.	22	2	3	5	0
	Sweden	WU18	7	2	9	11	0

**BEST CASE** | Shea Theodore

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### COLBY BARLOW

**BORN** Feb. 14, 2005, Orillia, Ont.  
**2022-23** Owen Sound **POS** LW  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 190 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 12 (NA skaters)

**➤ IT'S A DOWN** year for the OHL in terms of high-end talent, and some scouts wonder if some of that is still a holdover from lost development time during the pandemic, where Ontario hockey was shut down more than in other provinces.

But Barlow nearly hit 50 goals and was a threat shorthanded for the Attack. "I would say he's the best player available from the OHL," said one scout. "Wearing the 'C' as a young guy, he's got character off the charts. Last year, he was more of a shooter, but he has developed into a 200-foot player who is dangerous when he gets opportunities. He's going to play, and he's going to be special at the next level."

As for his ceiling, there's a question mark, though he does have good size and played a top-six role for Canada at the under-18s. "He's had a good year and was one of the leading scorers in the league," said another scout. "He likes to score, and he's competitive at both ends. I don't know what his ceiling is, but he's a good all-around player."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Tor. Marlboros	U15	34	23	24	47	48
'20-21	Tor. Marlboros	U16	DNP				
'21-22	Owen Sound	OHL	59	30	17	47	18
'22-23	Owen Sound	OHL	59	46	33	79	29
	Canada	WU18	6	3	1	4	4

**BEST CASE** | Jamie Benn

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### MATTHEW WOOD

**BORN** Feb. 6, 2005, Lethbridge, Alta.  
**2022-23** Connecticut **POS** RW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 193 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 4 (NA skaters)

**➤ BECAUSE HE HAS** similar dimensions and plays at Connecticut, Wood has drawn comparisons to Buffalo Sabres star Tage Thompson.

That might be a stretch, but scouts like what they see in a big player who can create offense, as evidenced by his seven goals and 13 points for Canada at the world under-18s. They'd like him a lot more, however, if he were not a below-average skater. "He probably took the right path to go to college, which will give him time to develop his strength and his skating and a two-way game," one scout said. "I think he's the kind of guy people look for reasons to not like him."

Not having great foot speed might make the transition to the NHL a more difficult for Wood, but having that kind of size and those stick skills can sometimes overcome a lot of shortcomings. Once he gets going, he's fine, but those first few steps can often be an adventure. "Mark Stone went in the sixth round, right?" a scout said. "Wood is going in the first round, but he might turn out like that."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Victoria	Jr. A	18	5	8	13	4
'21-22	Victoria	Jr. A	46	45	40	85	33
	Canada	WU18	4	2	0	2	0
'22-23	Connecticut	HE	35	11	23	34	4
	Canada	WU18	7	7	6	13	6

**BEST CASE** | Andre Burakovsky



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## QUENTIN MUSTY

**BORN** July 6, 2005, Hamburg, N.Y.  
**2022-23** Sudbury POS LW  
 HT 6-2 WT 200 SHOOT L  
 CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 14 (NA skaters)

### THE BUFFALO PRODUCT

Musty was the first overall pick in the 2021 OHL draft after helping the North Jersey Avalanche to a national U-16 title. He had a decent first season with Sudbury but was just getting his feet wet.

He exploded in his second year, more than doubling his rookie production. "He has really developed and added elements to his game," said one scout. "When he first started, he was more of a shooter. Now he's a real dual offensive threat. This year, he's almost been a better distributor than shooter, but he is a natural goal-scorer. He's like Colby Barlow, those guys have the instincts to get into spots and change position. He's going to be special."

Musty wore a letter for the Wolves, but like a lot of youngsters, the key now is to make sure his efforts are the same night in and night out. "When he's on, he can be the best draft-eligible player in the OHL," said another scout. "His issue has been consistency. Maybe it's because he's on a weaker team, but it's all about the consistency in his play."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Buffalo Sabres U13		n/a				
'19-20	Buffalo Sabres U14		14	7	8	15	38
'20-21	North Jersey U16		4	4	3	7	17
'21-22	Sudbury OHL		50	12	19	31	70
'22-23	Sudbury OHL		53	26	52	78	71

**BEST CASE** | Pavel Buchnevich

# 18



## LUKAS DRAGICEVIC

**BORN** April 25, 2005, Richmond, B.C.  
**2022-23** Tri-City POS D  
 HT 6-1 WT 190 SHOOT L  
 CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 18 (NA skaters)

### HOW MUCH SCOUTS

like Dragicevic depends on where he is on the ice. They love his offensive instincts and abilities but are not sold on his play in his own zone. And there are some skating issues. "His ability to defend is below average," one scout said, "and his willingness to defend is even more below average."

But if you're looking for a smooth-skating, right-shot D-man who can transition the puck and make things happen on the power play, Dragicevic represents an intriguing option. As one scout said, "Hey, you don't score 75 points as a 17-year-old defenseman by accident."

Dragicevic was an absolute workhorse for the Canadian team at the U-18s, averaging more than 23 minutes a game, in excess of four minutes per game more than any other player on the roster. He also picked up two goals and four points in seven games. "He's at worst a second power-play guy," said another scout. "He has an excellent shot from the blueline and a very good knack for getting it through, which makes him dangerous."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Delta Prep G	U15	30	8	44	52	32
'20-21	Tri-City WHL		6	0	0	0	4
'21-22	Tri-City WHL		62	6	26	32	50
'22-23	Tri-City WHL		68	15	60	75	54
	Canada WU18		7	2	2	4	2

**BEST CASE** | Thomas Chabot

# 19



## RILEY HEIDT

**BORN** March 25, 2005, Saskatoon, Sask.  
**2022-23** Prince George POS C  
 HT 5-10 WT 178 SHOOT L  
 CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 21 (NA skaters)

### THREE PLAYERS FROM

Western Canada applied for exceptional status in 2020 – Connor Bedard, Brayden Yager and Heidt. Heidt was taken second overall in the WHL draft, one spot after Bedard and one before Yager. And while he hasn't received the accolades that Bedard and Yager have, he's a highly skilled offensive player who has the potential to develop into an elite set-up man at the NHL level.

Heidt tied Bedard for the WHL lead in assists with 72 under similar circumstances. "He's been good in Prince George," a scout said, "but he doesn't have a lot of guys who can complement him there."

Heidt has above-average vision and playmaking ability. Scouts are concerned about his skating and his compete level, which is why he's not at the top of the first round. One scout said he's one of the most polarizing prospects: "Even on my own staff, I have guys saying they wouldn't have him in the top two rounds. And I have other guys who have him right up there with the best players in the draft."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Sask. Contacts U18		44	17	20	37	22
'20-21	Prince George WHL		22	2	6	8	12
'21-22	Prince George WHL		65	21	37	58	51
'22-23	Prince George WHL		68	25	72	97	36
	Canada WU18		5	0	2	2	0

**BEST CASE** | Martin Necas

# 20



## GABE PERREAULT

**BORN** May 7, 2005, Sherbrooke, Que.  
**2022-23** U.S. NTDP POS RW  
 HT 5-11 WT 165 SHOOT L  
 CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 10 (NA skaters)

### NO PLAYER IN

U.S. NTDP history has scored more points in one season than former NHLer Yanic Perreault's son and only three have more career points. And he didn't just break Auston Matthews' single-season record – he smashed it by 15 points.

But like his father and his older brother, Anaheim prospect Jacob, skating is an issue. "He's one of the smartest, if not the smartest, guys in the draft," a scout said. "He doesn't have the speed of his linemates, but he's definitely got the hockey sense and can make plays. He's got to work on his feet, though."

Perreault finished second overall in scoring at the world under-18s and led all players in assists with 13. His 114 career assists put him fourth all-time on the NTDP career list. And the points will almost certainly keep coming with Perreault joining linemates Will Smith and Ryan Leonard at Boston College next season. "He's a high-level playmaker," said another scout. "He's a great passer, and he can read the play before the puck gets to him."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Chicago U14		17	6	10	16	0
'20-21	Chicago U15		3	3	1	4	0
'21-22	USA U17 NTDP		51	18	32	50	12
'22-23	USA U18 NTDP		63	53	79	132	8
	USA WU18		7	5	13	18	0

**BEST CASE** | David Perron



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### MIKHAIL GULYAYEV

**BORN** April 26, 2005, Novosibirsk, Rus.  
**2022-23** Omsk Jr. POS D  
**HT** 5-10 **WT** 172 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 10 (Int'l skaters)

**➤ AN UNDERSIZED D-MAN** who split the year between the KHL, minor-pro and junior, Gulyayev has been described by some scouts as the most purely gifted defenseman in the draft.

"He can carry the puck up the ice and be a one-man breakout," one scout said. "He can make good plays in all zones passing the puck. He's a very agile skater, but he's not Cale Makar. He's somewhere between Cale Makar and Samuel Girard. Nobody's seen enough of him this year to say which way he leans."

Gulyayev's stock on draft day is going to be affected by the global situation and the uncertainty surrounding Russian players, but there is no question he will be a player who teams want to develop for the next couple of seasons. There is a lot to like about Gulyayev's game in terms of offense, but he needs to work on his all-around game. "He looks a little like Quinn Hughes on video to me," said another scout. "He's a smaller D-man, but he's really poised on the blueline, really good on the power play."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Omsk	U17	24	5	29	34	48
'21-22	Omsk Jr.		54	7	28	35	24
'22-23	Omsk Jr.		22	2	23	25	18
	Omsk	Rus.2	12	0	4	4	4
	Omsk	KHL	13	0	1	1	6

**BEST CASE** | Morgan Rielly

## 22



### NATE DANIELSON

**BORN** Sept. 27, 2004, Red Deer, Alta.  
**2022-23** Brandon POS C  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 7 (NA skaters)

**➤ IF A TEAM** is looking for a player who can drive offense and play any forward position, Danielson is an option to consider.

Danielson missed last year's draft by 12 days, so he's one of the oldest players in the 2023 draft. Being a very good player on a weak Brandon team this season gave Danielson an opportunity to be a front-line player in his draft year, but that may have resulted in some lost points as well. "I saw a game where his linemates cost him four assists," a scout said. "I think a lot of teams are going to sleep on this guy."

Danielson is a good set-up man at the junior level, but there are concerns about his skating and his approach to the game, both of which have room for improvement. "You'd probably like to see him work harder, and if he works harder, he could be a guy who could be on your top three lines," said another scout. "But if he doesn't work harder, he might not be able to play on any of them. He's got good size, skating and creativity, but he has got to get his engine revving higher."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Red Deer	U15	29	26	33	59	16
'19-20	Northern Alta.	U18	27	26	34	60	20
'20-21	Brandon	WHL	24	3	12	15	8
'21-22	Brandon	WHL	53	23	34	57	34
'22-23	Brandon	WHL	68	33	45	78	38

**BEST CASE** | Nazem Kadri

## 23



### GAVIN BRINDLEY

**BORN** Oct. 5, 2004, Estero, Fla.  
**2022-23** Michigan POS C  
**HT** 5-8 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 23 (NA skaters)

**➤ WHEN TEAMMATES**

Brindley and Adam Fantilli stood beside one another, they looked a little like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito did on the *Twins* poster. And while Fantilli will be picked much earlier than Brindley, the team that selects Brindley will get a guy whose approach to the game is every bit as robust as Fantilli's.

"Other than his height, there's not much to not like about this kid," one scout said. "He's got great speed and plays a tenacious game. When he wasn't on the top line to start the year, he was still playing a lot, killing penalties, making things happen. He's probably not as gifted as a (diminutive former NHLer) Brian Gionta, but I like him."

When Brindley did join the top line in Michigan with Fantilli, he started to put up impressive numbers. That made scouts reconsider whether Brindley could be a second-line player as opposed to strictly a third-liner, where many of them had him pegged. "The skills and the sense are above average," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Florida Alliance	U16	15	17	25	42	4
'20-21	Tri-City	USHL	51	9	13	22	18
'21-22	Tri-City	USHL	51	14	28	42	33
'22-23	Michigan	Big Ten	41	12	26	38	22
	USA	WJC	7	1	3	4	4

**BEST CASE** | Travis Konecny

## 24



### CAL RITCHIE

**BORN** Jan. 21, 2005, Brampton, Ont.  
**2022-23** Oshawa POS C  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 13 (NA skaters)

**➤ COMING INTO THE**

season, Ritchie was seen as a potential top-10 pick. As an OHL rookie, he put up solid numbers while bringing size and pedigree to the table. But the pivot's sophomore year was a rollercoaster, and he needed a strong finish to get to point-per-game status.

"Expectations were high," said one scout. "He was seen as a top-end guy, and he hadn't reached that potential, perhaps because he's on a weaker team. He rebounded after Christmas. On paper, he's one of the more skilled guys, he just hasn't shown it this year."

Ritchie joined Canada's world U-18 team and put up good numbers. "He's a great skater, he's creative, he's smart, he's skilled, and he makes plays," said another scout. "Maybe expectations were high in terms of his production. (His production) was reasonable this year, but expectations were greater than what he was able to produce. He's a big strong guy who needs to be harder to play against and more physical in battles. But he's a very good player."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Oakville	U15	30	20	39	59	21
'20-21	Oakville	U16				DNP	
'21-22	Oshawa	OHL	65	19	26	45	12
'22-23	Oshawa	OHL	59	24	35	59	35
	Canada	WU18	7	3	6	9	4

**BEST CASE** | Nick Suzuki



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### OLIVER BONK

**BORN** Jan. 9, 2005, Ottawa, Ont.  
**2022-23** London POS D  
 HT 6-2 WT 180 SHOOTS R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 20 (NA skaters)

**THE FACT BONK** played most of last season in Jr. B may seem like a red flag, but it really isn't: the loaded London Knights wanted the youngster to get minutes, and playing down allowed him to develop in all situations.

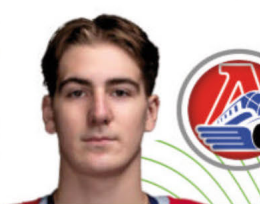
This year, Bonk has been fantastic. "I know he's raw and in his first year of OHL, but he has a lot of pro potential," said one scout. "His game is evolving so much. At the Hlinka-Gretzky tournament, he was a hard defender who smothered in the D-zone, though his skating was still a bit awkward. But in London, they're running him out there in every offensive situation."

The son of former NHLer Radek Bonk, Oliver has a lot of tools. "Oliver Bonk plays a solid, steady, reliable game," said another scout. "He's very efficient and effective. He makes the first pass, he makes the safe, easy play, he doesn't force the puck into coverage, and he's reliable defensively. Great stick, very smart, uses his partner well. He's got size, and he's going to get stronger. He'll play for a long time as a top-four guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Ottawa/Myers	U15	27	5	13	18	10
'20-21	Carleton Place	U18				DNP	
'21-22	St. Thomas	Jr. B	32	5	27	32	14
	London	OHL	10	0	3	3	6
'22-23	London	OHL	67	10	30	40	38

**BEST CASE** | Jake McCabe

## 26



### DMITRIY SIMASHEV

**BORN** Feb. 4, 2005, Kostroma, Rus.  
**2022-23** Loko Yaroslavl Jr. POS D  
 HT 6-4 WT 198 SHOOTS L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 19 (Int'l skaters)

**PROJECTIONS FOR** Simashev are all over the map, with some talent seekers seeing him as a player worthy of going in the top half of the first round, while other scouts see him dropping to early in the third.

Limited viewings have something to do with that, but those who have watched him see a large specimen who could develop into a good defensive D-man. "He's limited mostly to just a good first pass, either 'D' to 'D' or 'D' to wing and follow the play up ice and defend," one scout said. "He's not a killer. He's not a high-physical player."

Simashev split the season between the KHL and its junior league, and while it wasn't a surprise he produced no offense playing against men, scouts were looking for him to post better numbers in junior. But there is a sense he could develop into a sound defender. "He borders on an elite skater," said another scout. "There's nothing sexy about the guy. I don't think the offense is there. I know people say the offense will come, but I don't think it's there for him."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Loko-2004	U16	11	7	9	16	18
'21-22	Loko Yaroslavl Jr.		46	5	11	16	20
'22-23	Loko-76/Yar.	Jr.	33	1	11	12	41
	Yaroslavl	KHL	18	0	0	0	2

**BEST CASE** | Dmitry Orlov

## 27



### LENNI HAMEENAHO

**BORN** Nov. 7, 2004, Kajaani, Fin.  
**2022-23** Assat POS RW  
 HT 5-11 WT 173 SHOOTS R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 8 (Int'l skaters)

**THERE ISN'T MUCH** Hameenaho is going to do that will wow people, which has made him a little difficult to peg as a player.

But if you're looking for a solid on-ice citizen, he fills that need. "He's kind of vanilla," one scout said, "but more like that spicy French vanilla, so you like him but you don't love him. He does everything OK, but nothing really great. He's not real big, he's not small. He's not skilled, but he's not unskilled. He's not creative, but he's not dumb. He does everything OK, and he's got a lot of room for growth if he gets stronger and works harder."

Hameenaho put up some pretty decent numbers considering he was playing in Finland's top league this season. He's a good skater who can play both ends of the ice, but there's still a sense among scouts that there could be more there. "There's a lot of secondary good stuff there," said another scout. "But I want sexier. I want to see a higher level in one of those areas. I think he'll be a good third-line player."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Assat	U16	30	20	30	50	6
'20-21	Assat	U18	31	23	37	60	2
'21-22	Assat	Jr.	42	21	16	37	12
'22-23	Assat	Fin.	51	9	12	21	14
	Finland	WJC	5	1	1	2	0

**BEST CASE** | Bryan Rust

## 28



### OTTO STENBERG

**BORN** May 29, 2005, Stenungsund, Swe.  
**2022-23** Frolunda Jr. POS C  
 HT 5-11 WT 180 SHOOTS L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 6 (Int'l skaters)

**HEADING INTO THE** world under-18s in April, European scouts had circled Stenberg's name on their worksheets.

He had a reputation for playing well on the international stage - helping Sweden win gold at the previous U-18s in 2022 - but he wasn't finding success with Frolunda back home, where he had spread his season between the SHL and the U-20 and U-18 squads. "He's got skill, he can skate, he can do everything, he just hasn't put it together with his club team," said one scout. "Expectations were high going in, but he hasn't produced as much as he has with the national team. He was a center, then he was only playing wing."

Blessed with a great one-timer, Stenberg did find success at the U-18s, leading the Swedes in scoring. "With Frolunda, he has been up and down, but with the national team, he's always one of the best forwards," said another scout. "He's one of those guys who raises the bar when the stakes are high. Good offensive attributes."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Frolunda	U16	3	3	5	8	0
'21-22	Frolunda	Jr.	38	16	19	35	2
'22-23	Frolunda	Jr.	29	11	15	26	53
	Frolunda	Swe.	23	1	2	3	0
	Sweden	WU18	7	7	9	16	4

**BEST CASE** | Filip Chytil



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## SAMUEL HONZEK

**BORN** Nov. 12, 2004, Trencin, Svk.  
**2022-23** Vancouver POS LW  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 186 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 9 (NA skaters)

➤ **HONZEK STARTED THE** year slowly and played just two games in the WJC, but he really came on for the Vancouver Giants as the season progressed.

Scouts were concerned about his ability to produce, but with 56 points in 43 games, Honzek went a long way to allaying those fears. "He's a big, prototype up-and-down-the-wall kind of guy," one scout said. "Good skills, but not an elite-skilled winger. He can play on your first line and complement some skill guys because he's got enough skill, and he can do the corner work, or you can put him on a second or third line and he can be a banger as part of a physical line."

Honzek put himself in a more favorable spot by getting better throughout the season. And while the Giants were swept in the first round, scouts liked what they saw from him in the post-season. "He was more competitive, more of a catalyst," said another scout. "The questions and the things I didn't like about him during the season were not there in the playoffs."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Dubnica/Svk.	Svk.2	10	5	1	6	4
'21-22	Trencin Svk.	Svk.	49	10	4	14	8
	Slovakia	WJC	4	0	0	0	4
'22-23	Vancouver	WHL	43	23	33	56	16
	Slovakia	WJC	2	0	0	0	2

**BEST CASE** | Dylan Strome

# 30



## TOM WILLANDER

**BORN** Feb. 9, 2005, Stockholm, Swe.  
**2022-23** Rogle Jr. POS D  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 180 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 12 (Int'l skaters)

➤ **LIKE A GROWING** number of European prospects, Willander is committed to playing NCAA hockey in the U.S., specifically at Boston University.

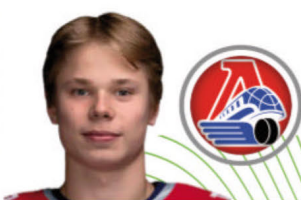
Even talent evaluators in Sweden like the idea, since ice time for teens in the pro ranks can be sparse. Plus, there's time for the weight room in college, and BU is notably strong in that department. "I really like him," said one scout. "Offensive upside, creativity, power-play skills. I really like he's going the college route. He has a few years to grow into his body and build up his strength. Long term, he'll be a good one."

Finishing up his year with Sweden's world U-18 squad, Willander isn't necessarily a sleeper, but it feels like there should be a bit more buzz at this point. "He's a good skater, good defender, good puck-mover," said another scout. "He does everything well, and he plays hard. The game comes easy for him. He's very solid all-around, and he seems well-trained. He doesn't get a lot of hype, but he's had a solid year."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Rogle	U18	2	0	0	0	0
'21-22	Rogle	U18	13	2	6	8	10
	Rogle Jr.	Jr.	12	0	0	0	4
'22-23	Rogle Jr.	Jr.	39	4	21	25	22
	Sweden	WU18	7	3	5	8	27

**BEST CASE** | Ryan Pulock

# 31



## DANIL BUT

**BORN** Feb. 15, 2005, Yaroslavl, Rus.  
**2022-23** Loko Yaroslavl Jr. POS LW  
**HT** 6-5 **WT** 203 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 9 (Int'l skaters)

➤ **WITH A TANTALIZING** combination of size and skill, But is a player who is seen as more of a long-term project who might go higher than people expect to a team that is willing to be patient. "I see this guy as a middle-of-the-first-round guy, but I know that's not a majority opinion," one scout said. "I really like the size, the skating, high-level skill and the excellent sense."

Scouts would like to see But play more physically and get stronger, even though it's not seen as a major hindrance in his game. "He's not very physical, but he will go in first for a 50-50 puck," said another scout. "He has good moves, good hands and a really good understanding of the game."

Whether or not he develops into a true power forward will be determined in the next couple of years and by how willing he is to put in the off-season work at becoming a more forceful player. "If you questioned anything, you'd question how much hockey sense he has, and does he have enough compete shift after shift," said another scout.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Yaroslavl	U16	11	12	14	26	37
'21-22	Yaroslavl	U17	1	0	0	0	0
	Loko-76/Yar.	Jr.	49	17	27	44	30
'22-23	Loko-76/Yar.	Jr.	32	18	14	32	26
	Yaroslavl	KHL	15	2	0	2	6

**BEST CASE** | Brock Nelson

# 32



## JAYDEN PERRON

**BORN** Jan. 11, 2005, Winnipeg, Man.  
**2022-23** Chicago POS RW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 163 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 43 (NA skaters)

➤ **MUCH LIKE THE** OHL's London Knights, the USHL's Chicago Steel have a pipeline where young players often take on secondary roles to stars before exploding themselves the next season. Perron is one such example.

"He's a good player," said one scout. "A lot of people may question his size, but I don't. He played a lot with (top 2024 NHL draft prospect) Mack Celebrini, but he contributes a lot on that line. He's from the Matt Coronato bloodline a bit, not as hard, but he has the ability to create offensively and make plays."

The frame and size are a question, to be sure, but Perron is committed to North Dakota, where he'll have plenty of time to put the right kind of weight on. Otherwise, he has the skills. "He's a crafty player," said another scout. "More quick than fast. He has really deceptive skating. It doesn't look like he's going very fast, but then he beats guys, cuts back and uses his edge work. Good vision. He has really asserted himself as a go-to guy on that team, which is tough."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Wpg. Warriors	U14	30	30	20	50	2
'19-20	Wpg. Warriors	U15	36	46	58	104	2
'20-21	Sioux Falls	U16	8	3	1	4	0
'21-22	Chicago	USHL	60	17	28	45	10
'22-23	Chicago	USHL	61	24	48	72	18

**BEST CASE** | Conor Garland



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## ADAM GAJAN

**BORN** May 6, 2004, Poprad, Svk.  
**2022-23** Chippewa POS G  
HT 6-2 WT 167 CATCHES L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 6 (NA goalies)

➤ **CONNOR BEDARD WAS** the headliner at the 2023 world juniors, but Gajan earned himself at least part of the front page with his performance for Slovakia.

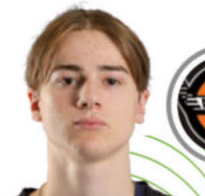
Not even on the original roster, Gajan claimed the best goalkeeper award with a tournament-leading .936 save percentage. He lost in overtime to Canada in the quarterfinal, but only after making 53 saves. "He's extremely talented," said one scout. "He's got athleticism and compete. His sense was a question, but he's getting better. The only question, he hasn't faced a lot of lateral reads that he has to anticipate. But all the tools you need are quite good."

Gajan will play in the USHL next season and is committed to Minnesota-Duluth. Will he be the first goalie off the board? He has a chance. "Gajan has steam behind him right now, great world juniors, and when you watch him play, you see it," said another scout. "He's not refined yet, but his athleticism, speed, skill set, the way he attacks the puck, those are all big-time."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'20-21	Skalica	Jr.	n/a	7.00	.851
'21-22	Skalica	Jr.	n/a	3.60	.906
'22-23	Chippewa	NAHL	19-12-1	2.57	.917
	Green Bay	USHL	5-1-0	2.48	.906
	Slovakia	WJC	2-2-0	2.40	.936

**BEST CASE** | Matt Murray

# 34



## MICHAEL HRABAL

**BORN** Jan. 20, 2005, Prague, Cze.  
**2022-23** Omaha POS G  
HT 6-6 WT 209 CATCHES L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 2 (NA goalies)

➤ **IT'S EASY TO** understand why teams have an eye on the 6-foot-6 Hrabal, but you have to back it up with saves, and he certainly has. "He's incredibly poised," said one scout. "He reads it and moves well for a big man. There's an awful lot to like there. There isn't a better prospect in net for me. He's had challenges throughout the year with North America and the style of play, but by the end, he was lights-out."

In his first season over here, Hrabal put up decent numbers on an Omaha team that finished last in the conference and second-last overall. He's set to play for the USHL franchise again next year before moving on to UMass in the NCAA.

Internationally, Hrabal was named a top-three player at the world under-18s for Czechia. They lost 4-1 to Team USA in the quarterfinal, but Hrabal made 48 saves to keep it reasonable. His potential is obvious. "He's big and talented," said another scout. "He's a guy I bet a lot of teams think their goalie coach can mold into an NHL goaltender."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'20-21	Prague	U17	4-1-0	1.83	.944
'21-22	Prague	U17	7-3-0	2.60	.929
	Prague	Jr.	18-3-0	2.14	.936
'22-23	Omaha	USHL	9-13-4	2.86	.908
	Czechia	WU18	1-4-0	3.11	.920

**BEST CASE** | Jacob Markstrom

# 35



## BRADLY NADEAU

**BORN** May 5, 2005, Madawaska, N.B.  
**2022-23** Penticton POS LW  
HT 5-10 WT 161 SHOOTS R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 17 (NA skaters)

➤ **PROJECTING JR. A** players, particularly ones who play on juggernauts, is a difficult task. But scouts are unanimous in their declaration that Nadeau was the best Jr. A player on either side of the Canada-U.S. border this season. The Maine commit did not play in the world under-18s, because he wanted to stay with his Penticton Vees team, but scouts would've liked to see him with and against elite players in his own age group.

But the offensive game is definitely there. He led the BCHL, the best Jr. A league in Canada, in scoring. "There wasn't much more he could have done this season," a scout said. "He's got a great shot, a good one-timer and wrist shot off the rush."

Nadeau isn't the biggest player, but scouts are not concerned about his willingness to play in traffic and go to scoring areas. And they love his shot. "This kid has an NHL release," said another scout. "It flies off the stick. A lot of guys have to slow down to shoot, and he doesn't have to do that."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	North West	U15	27	21	23	44	16
'19-20	North West	U15	27	35	43	78	28
'20-21	Fredericton	U18	14	9	11	20	4
'21-22	Penticton	Jr. A	49	20	26	46	12
'22-23	Penticton	Jr. A	54	45	68	113	20

**BEST CASE** | Jordan Eberle

# 36



## THEO LINDSTEIN

**BORN** Jan. 5, 2005, Gavle, Swe.  
**2022-23** Brynas POS D  
HT 6-0 WT 180 SHOOTS L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 14 (Int'l skaters)

➤ **LINDSTEIN PLAYED ON** the top pairing for Sweden with Axel Sandin Pellikka at the world under-18s, and much like his blueline partner, Lindstein evokes both praise and questioning from talent evaluators.

"He's a very smooth skater and puck-mover, those are the attractions," said one scout. "He can play a lot of minutes, but the question is, how big is he and what kind of game will he bring on projection at that size? Is he going to be a true offensive defenseman?"

The teenager played most of the year in the SHL, and he'll continue that path in the second-tier Allsvenskan after the club was relegated.

"He had a bit of an up and down year," said another scout. "His team got relegated, and he had a tough time earning their trust. But the end of the season ended on a high note, he was playing well. He's a good puck-mover but not that dynamic power-play guy. He reads the game well, but he's not that strong. There's a question mark about his projectability. What is he going to be at the NHL level?"

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Brynäs	U18	9	0	6	6	0
'21-22	Brynäs	Jr.	34	1	3	4	4
	Brynäs	Swe.	12	0	1	1	0
'22-23	Brynäs	Swe.	32	1	1	2	0
	Sweden	WU18	7	1	4	5	0

**BEST CASE** | Marcus Pettersson



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## LUCA PINELLI

**BORN** April 5, 2005, Stoney Creek, Ont.  
**2022-23** Ottawa **POS** C  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 54 (NA skaters)

### TIED FOR SECOND

in OHL playoff scoring before his 67's were eliminated by Peterborough in the second round, Pinelli was a producer all season long for a dominant Ottawa squad.

The pros are obvious, as are the cons. "He's tenacious, he's on the puck, a kid who makes things happen," said one scout. "He's skilled, smart, creates havoc in the paint, and he's all over the ice. The size is going to be an issue, but he plays over that limitation. He just doesn't quite skate the way you'd like an undersized guy to skate. He doesn't have that separation gear. But he's very productive."

The younger brother of Los Angeles pick and OHL Kitchener standout Francesco Pinelli, Luca is carving his own path. "He's a lot different from his brother, he's more of a go-go-go competitive player who can produce offensively," said another scout. "He's always involved in the play, always playing hard, pretty shifty with his skating. His biggest issue is his size. Can he continue to play that way at the next level?"

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U15	31	10	11	21	63
'20-21	Tor. Jr. Cdns	U16				DNP	
'21-22	Ottawa	OHL	59	14	22	36	42
'22-23	Ottawa	OHL	67	29	34	63	60

**BEST CASE** | Jonathan Marchessault

# 38



## ETHAN GAUTHIER

**BORN** Jan. 26, 2005, Phoenix, Ariz.  
**2022-23** Sherbrooke **POS** RW  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 175 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 16 (NA skaters)

### GAUTHIER GOT OFF

to a great start to his draft year by notching six goals and seven points in five games at the U-18 Hlinka-Gretzky tournament in the summer, helping Canada win gold.

The son of ex-NHL defenseman Denis Gauthier (and cousin of NHLer Julien Gauthier), Ethan doesn't have the size of his father, but he did inherit some of his spirit. "He has a bit of an edge to his game, which is nice, that translates well," said one scout. "He's very competitive, he's hard on pucks, and he has a touch around the net. He's a good skater and has some pace to his game."

Gauthier's contributions on a solid Sherbrooke squad netted him the QMJHL's Michael Bossy Trophy as the league's top NHL draft prospect. "He has a good frame, a good stick, he's creative around the net, and he blends it with compete level and grit," said another scout. "For a sub-six-foot forward, he plays hard and he can finish." Gauthier could sneak into the first round when all is said and done.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Bois-Francis	U15	30	8	12	20	14
'19-20	Bois-Francis	U15	23	13	27	40	22
'20-21	Magog	U18				DNP	
'21-22	Sherbrooke	QM.JHL	65	18	21	39	40
'22-23	Sherbrooke	QM.JHL	66	30	39	69	47

**BEST CASE** | Rickard Rakell

# 39



## CHARLIE STRAMEL

**BORN** Oct. 15, 2004, Rosemount, Minn.  
**2022-23** Wisconsin **POS** C  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 212 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 30 (NA skaters)

### ONE SCOUT SAID

that in his 30-plus years of experience, there are few players whose stock dropped more in one season than Stramel's. "I think he's really going to slide," the scout said. "And that might mean a team is going to get a steal."

There is a lot to like when it comes to Stramel's size, work ethic and willingness to play a physical game. Not so much when it comes to actual execution. "He's a beast," said one scout. "He's a forechecking fiend. He can be a bit of a bully, and I say that in a positive sense. He's got some hockey sense and some skill, so he can play on any line. He can play on your top line and watch out for your star players, or he could go on your third line and be that energy guy."

Others are not quite so effusive, saying Stramel's offensive numbers were disappointing in his freshman NCAA season. "He's supposed to be the big, physical guy with skill," said another scout, "and he not only didn't show much skill, but he didn't play that physical."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Rosemount	USHS	23	6	12	18	33
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	30	9	12	21	18
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	26	10	12	22	35
'22-23	Wisconsin	Big Ten	33	5	7	12	59
	USA	WJC	7	0	3	3	4

**BEST CASE** | Kevin Hayes

# 40



## ETIENNE MORIN

**BORN** March 9, 2005, Valleyfield, Que.  
**2022-23** Moncton **POS** D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 180 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 19 (NA skaters)

### IF YOU'RE LOOKING

for offense from the back end, Morin is an excellent choice. The Wildcats blueliner led QMJHL defensemen with 21 goals in the regular season, then put up 17 points in 12 playoff games, keeping him on top of the leaderboard even after Moncton was eliminated in the second round.

"He had a terrific season," said one scout. "He's a puck-mover from the back end and has a great shot on the power play. He gets shots through with velocity and accuracy, and he's quick on the release. He's that dual threat where he can get pucks through and open things up on the power play, because you have to respect him up top."

With decent size, Morin really needs to just iron out some details in his game, and his flaws are fixable. "He gets into trouble because he wants the puck on his stick so bad that sometimes he gets puck-watching in his own zone and can get taken advantage of," said another scout. "But he's competitive. His skating needs a bit of an uptick, but for me, he's a very interesting guy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	CIHA White	U18	44	8	14	22	28
'20-21	CIHA Prep	U18				DNP	
'21-22	Moncton	QM.JHL	64	8	25	33	34
'22-23	Moncton	QM.JHL	67	21	51	72	50
	Canada	WU18	3	0	1	1	2

**BEST CASE** | Erik Gustafsson



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### ANDREW GIBSON

BORN Feb. 13, 2005, LaSalle, Ont.  
2022-23 Sault Ste. Marie POS D  
HT 6-3 WT 196 SHOOTS R  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 31 (NA skaters)

#### THE MOST IMPORTANT

hurdle for Gibson to overcome this year was his health after a collision with North Bay's Kyle Jackson in mid-January resulted in a perforated kidney and two months on the shelf.

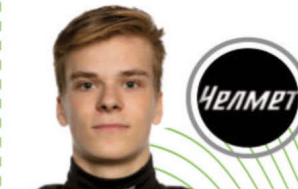
Along with his OHL schedule, Gibson also missed the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game while out of action. Luckily, the big defenseman made a full recovery and was back doing what he does best in March. "He's a real good kid with great physical tools," said one scout. "On a weak Soo team, he was thrust into playing on the top pair in the tough Western Conference and did well. The Soo struggled to the point of being non-competitive some nights, and it tied in to his absence."

With the Hounds missing the OHL playoffs, Gibson extended his season by helping Canada take bronze at the world under-18s in Switzerland. "He's been good," said another scout. "He's tall, he's got poise with the puck, he has good range, and going over to play with Team Canada helped him."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Windsor	U15	32	11	17	28	34
'20-21	Windsor	U16				DNP	
'21-22	Sault Ste. Marie Jr. A		40	21	30	51	30
'22-23	Sault Ste. Marie OHL		45	7	14	21	30
	Canada	WU18	7	0	3	3	25

BEST CASE | Adam Pelech

## 42



### ALEXANDER RYKOV

BORN July 14, 2005, Magnitogorsk, Rus.  
2022-23 Chelyabinsk POS RW  
HT 6-0 WT 176 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 23 (Int'l skaters)

#### AFTER PLAYING IN

Russia's top junior league in 2021-22, Rykov moved up to the country's second-tier pro league this season, and he fared well there before a January injury. But with the situation being what it is, there have been limited viewings, and teams that don't have scouts in Russia have only seen him on video. "He's a smart player who can play offensively and defensively," a scout said. "He has a good shot and good speed."

Rykov is a little undersized, but that did not deter him while he was playing against men at 17, nor did he defer to other players when it came to asserting himself offensively. "He can score," said another scout. "Before January, he had some really good games in the VHL. One game, he took the puck from coast-to-coast and cut to the middle and scored a really great goal."

Scouts are hoping that Rykov will add some size and strength to his frame in the coming years. "He's got skill, and he can skate," said another scout. "But he's got a long way to go."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Chelyabinsk	U16	27	29	36	65	48
'21-22	Chelyabinsk Jr.		38	10	12	22	26
'22-23	Chelyabinsk Jr.		3	0	2	2	0
	Chelyabinsk	Rus.2	20	4	7	11	10
	Chelyabinsk	KHL	6	0	0	0	0

BEST CASE | Jake DeBrusk

## 43



### HUNTER BRZUSTEWICZ

BORN Nov. 29, 2004, Washington, Mich.  
2022-23 Kitchener POS D  
HT 5-11 WT 190 SHOOTS R  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 41 (NA skaters)

#### WITH HIS TWO

seasons finished at USA Hockey's National Team Development Program and his November birthday pushing his draft eligibility back a year, Brzustewicz joined OHL Kitchener and was their best offensive defenseman this season. "He's a puck-mover who skates well and put up some good numbers," said one scout. "He got a little worn down by the end of the year because he logged so much ice time. Whether he can put up numbers at the next level remains to be seen. But he had a good year. Solid kid who works hard and has skill."

The Michigan native has decent but perhaps not ideal size for a blueliner, similar to fellow draft hopeful Beau Akey. For both players, the question is their ceiling. "Compared to Akey, he's a little better in his own zone, and that probably comes from playing at the NTDP," said a scout. "He got some development there. Is he just going to be a good junior? I don't know. Depends on what your team looks for. He has transferable skills to the NHL level."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Oakland	U15	66	15	96	111	-
'20-21	USA U17	NTDP	3	0	2	2	0
'21-22	USA U18	NTDP	55	2	18	20	10
	USA	WU18	5	0	2	2	2
'22-23	Kitchener	OHL	68	6	51	57	12

BEST CASE | Tyson Barrie

## 44



### JAKUB DVORAK

BORN May 25, 2005, Liberec, Cze.  
2022-23 Liberec POS D  
HT 6-5 WT 203 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 15 (Int'l skaters)

#### PLAYING WITH MEN

in Czechia and missing much of the campaign due to injury gave Dvorak few chances to show off his talents this season. But scouts like his skating ability at his size, and they think there is a lot of room for Dvorak to grow in his game.

"He's an excellent-skating defenseman," one scout said. "If it's not elite, it's the next tier down, and there are not a lot of guys that size skating like that in the NHL. Capable skill, capable sense. He's not good enough to stickhandle his way out of situations, but he's able to execute cleanly, and his hockey sense is good enough to find options and move it effectively."

Prior to his injury, scouts were impressed with his game at the 2022 U-18 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup and were happy with his showing on a Czech team that had trouble scoring at the world under-18s. The next couple of seasons will be crucial for his development. "If he could hang in a bit more physically, it would help his game," said another scout. "He's not quite there yet."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Liberec	U17	30	4	12	16	14
'20-21	Liberec	U17	5	2	4	6	2
'21-22	Liberec Jr.		19	1	9	10	12
'22-23	Liberec	Cze.	24	0	2	2	6
	Czechia	WU18	5	1	2	3	8

BEST CASE | Esa Lindell



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### CARSON BJARNASON

**BORN** June 30, 2005, Carberry, Man.  
**2022-23** Brandon **POS** G  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 186 **CATCHES** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 1 (NA goalies)

**THE WORLD UNDER-18** tournament started – and ended – disastrously for Bjarnason. He allowed goals on each of the first three shots and five goals on seven total shots in Game 1, then played well before his tournament ended with a concussion. “Most people take that tournament too f---in’ seriously,” one scout said. So that’s good news for Bjarnason, who alternated between playing defense and tending goal until he was 14. “You could argue he’s the best goalie in the draft,” said another scout. “He’s a big body who has good agility for a guy his size. He can find pucks through heavy traffic, and he’s very calm and has good rebound control.” Bjarnason is a strong technical goalie with good positioning and an ability to move around his crease quickly. He has a strong push from post to post and to the top of the crease, which allows him to use his size to his advantage. Scouts would like to see him track pucks off sticks better and give up fewer goals on high shots.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	W-L-T	GAA	SP
'19-20	Southwest	U15	10-7-2	3.23	.913
'20-21	Rink Academy	U16	1-0-0	2.01	.914
'21-22	Brandon	WHL	8-10-1	4.00	.882
'22-23	Brandon	WHL	21-19-5	3.08	.900
	Canada	WU18	4-2-0	3.51	.849

**BEST CASE** | Joonas Korpiälä

## 46



### BRAD GARDINER

**BORN** March 6, 2005, Aurora, Ont.  
**2022-23** Ottawa **POS** C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 178 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 57 (NA skaters)

**THE SON OF** former NHLer Bruce Gardiner is seen as an effective two-way player at the major-junior level. More offense will almost certainly come in his final two years in the OHL, but like his father, he excels more on the defensive side of the game. “He angles and closes well and plays responsibly in a league and at an age when not many players do that,” a scout said. “When he does get there, a coach is going to trust him quickly compared to other guys, and rightfully so. His defensive sense without the puck is very good.” Offensively, he doesn’t excite scouts nearly as much, which is why he’s projected as a bottom-six NHL forward. Gardiner’s intelligence and defensive diligence have the potential to get him there, but his lack of offensive ability will limit his impact. “His offensive floor is medium and his ceiling is low,” said another scout. “You’re looking at a secondary third-line player or a high-level fourth-line player. I don’t think you’re going to get a lot of offense from him at the next level.”

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	York Simcoe	U15	40	22	34	56	42
	St. Andrew's	CAHS	2	0	0	0	0
'20-21	St. Andrew's	CAHS					DNP
'21-22	Ottawa	OHL	53	3	4	7	8
'22-23	Ottawa	OHL	68	19	20	39	33

**BEST CASE** | Scott Laughton

## 47



### CAM ALLEN

**BORN** Jan. 7, 2005, Toronto, Ont.  
**2022-23** Guelph **POS** D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 194 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 46 (NA skaters)

**AS AN OHL** rookie, Allen played on a pairing with 2022 St. Louis Blues pick Michael Buchinger, and he looked great. So expectations were high coming into this year, especially after Allen wore the ‘C’ for Canada’s gold-medal Hlinka-Gretzky team. But Guelph stumbled out of the gates, and Allen faltered along with his team. “He was projected to be a solid, dependable defenseman both offensively and defensively,” said one scout. “Very assertive, very poised. He looked like a steady presence and was expected to anchor the team this year, but he hasn’t.” In a draft that’s light on high-end D-men, there was a lane for Allen to be one of the first OHLers off the board – perhaps even the first – but expectations have changed. “He was very good at the Hlinka, captain of the team and played outstanding,” said a scout. “In Guelph, the team struggled initially, and he struggled along with them. He probably played himself out of the first round. He just hasn’t been able to get his game back to the level he was at last year.”

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Tor. Nationals	U15	33	14	12	26	82
'20-21	Tor. Nationals	U16					DNP
'21-22	Guelph	OHL	65	13	24	37	46
'22-23	Guelph	OHL	62	5	20	25	72
	Canada	WU18	7	0	4	4	4

**BEST CASE** | Nick Leddy

## 48



### TANNER MOLENDYK

**BORN** Feb. 3, 2005, Kamloops, B.C.  
**2022-23** Saskatoon **POS** D  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 182 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 28 (NA skaters)

**THE ABILITY** to move the puck and create offense are his calling cards, but scouts are split on whether Molendyk, who put up 37 points this season without much power-play time, should be considered strictly an offensive D-man. “He loves to grab the puck and go, sometimes too often,” one scout said. “He has no conscience defensively, and he’s just all about the rush. If you want that kind of guy, he’s your guy. If you want more of a defender, especially for a small guy, he’s going to get caught out of position a lot.” Another scout had a different take: “In my opinion, he’s an elite-skating defensive defenseman whom somehow people have pigeon-holed as an offensive defenseman. I don’t see it. He moves the puck intelligently and simply, and he speeds up the transition with his feet. He had decent numbers because his team didn’t really have anybody else. I thought he defended and positioned well.” Another smaller D-man in a draft that has many, Molendyk will have a couple of years to round out his game.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Thompson	U15	18	7	18	25	2
'19-20	Yale Academy	U15	27	9	46	55	14
'20-21	Saskatoon	WHL	17	0	2	2	2
'21-22	Saskatoon	WHL	55	3	15	18	16
'22-23	Saskatoon	WHL	67	9	28	37	37

**BEST CASE** | MacKenzie Weegar



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### NICK LARDIS

BORN July 8, 2005, Oakville, Ont.  
2022-23 Hamilton POS LW  
HT 5-10 WT 165 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 27 (NA skaters)

#### WITH PETERBOROUGH

stocking up for the playoffs, the Petes dealt Lardis to Hamilton as part of a deal that sent Avery Hayes and Gavin White the other way. The Petes indeed made a great run, but Lardis benefitted just as much.

"He was reborn in his move to Hamilton," said one scout. "It was night and day. He was playing with confidence, showing his offense and had a bigger role. He embraced his opportunities, using his speed and giving himself a chance to climb up the rankings."

Lardis finished second on the Bulldogs in scoring, then led the club with 10 points in six playoff games, finding the scoresheet in every game of a first-round loss to Barrie. "In Peterborough, he was OK – he kind of blended into the woodwork," said another scout. "When he got to Hamilton, he came alive and was the offensive spark. He's a great skater. He blew everyone away at the CHL Top Prospects Game. Great shot, can finish, great speed and skill. He can come inside or go outside. High-end, elite talent."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Oakville	U15	37	40	34	74	12
'20-21	Oakville	U16	DNP				
'21-22	Peterborough	OHL	63	18	19	37	12
'22-23	Pete./Ham.	OHL	69	37	28	65	6
	Canada	WU18	7	4	0	4	2

BEST CASE | Brandon Hagel

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### ROMAN KANTSEROV

BORN Sept. 20, 2004, Magnitogorsk, Rus.  
2022-23 Magnitogorsk Jr. POS RW  
HT 5-9 WT 176 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 16 (Int'l skaters)

#### AN IMPRESSIVE TENURE

in Russia's junior league has scouts excited about Kantserov's potential, and there is a lot to like about a player who plays with that kind of energy and skill.

But aside from the uncertainty surrounding Russian players, what scares scouts is Kantserov's size. Still, the NHL can always find a place for a small player with skill. "He's a bit moody and a bit soft sometimes with no physicality," a scout said. "Which is fine because he's an offensive guy. When you say 'no physicality' sometimes it's an indictment and sometimes it's a matter of fact. Johnny Gaudreau has no physicality, and I don't think people care."

Kantserov is intriguing because he has high levels of both natural skill and hockey sense. He has good hands in-tight and can get the puck off his stick quickly. He projects to be more of a playmaker than a goal-scorer. "He's a higher-level skill guy with good finesse," another scout said. "He's kind of one of those show-biz guys. He jumps off the page, and he's flashy."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Magnitogorsk	U16	32	16	28	44	22
'20-21	Magnitogorsk Jr.		47	10	11	21	6
'21-22	Magnitogorsk Jr.		55	29	28	57	50
'22-23	Magnitogorsk Jr.		45	27	27	54	17
	Magnitogorsk KHL		1	0	0	0	0

BEST CASE | Viktor Arvidsson

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### KASPER HALTTUNEN

BORN June 7, 2005, Helsinki, Fin.  
2022-23 HIFK POS RW  
HT 6-3 WT 207 SHOOTS R  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 11 (Int'l skaters)

#### FINISHING FIFTH AT

the U-18s, Finland was a disappointment, but their captain was not. Scouts love that Halttunen, who led Finland in scoring, is big-bodied, but they wish he'd use his physical attributes more often. "I'd call him a pseudo power forward," one scout said. "I don't know that it's completely in his nature. He has a very good shot, and he's able to get into the traffic areas. Even without him barreling his way in or forcing his way in, he still gets there. His drive to use his size is inconsistent."

Playing in Finland's top league – one of the heaviest and most physical in Europe – at 17, Halttunen didn't see a lot of ice time and may have shied away from playing a more robust game. His skating is average but should not hinder him. What excites scouts about Halttunen are his shot and his potential to create offense. "He's not the most creative guy, but he's one of the best shooters in the draft," another scout said. "He's a big, strong, powerful kid who can really shoot the puck."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Jokerit	U18	17	9	10	19	81
'21-22	Jokerit Jr.		41	24	14	38	75
	Finland	WU18	6	3	2	5	0
'22-23	HIFK	Fin.	27	0	1	1	8
	Finland	WU18	5	6	4	10	6

BEST CASE | Ivan Barbashev

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### KALAN LIND

BORN Jan. 25, 2005, Swift Current, Sask.  
2022-23 Red Deer POS LW  
HT 6-0 WT 158 SHOOTS L  
CENTRAL SCOUTING No. 39 (NA skaters)

#### HAD HE NOT

missed significant time with an upper-body injury in the second half, Lind may have played his way into the first round (and hey, it only takes one team). Simply put, they don't make many players like him anymore.

"Lind brings a unique skill set that is hard to find, and he's kind of alone in this draft," said one scout. "He's a gritty, sandpaper, get-under-your-skin guy. He's excellent from the dots down and below the goal line to the net front. Every game he's in has scrums and chirping, and he's the catalyst."

Coming in at around 160 pounds, Lind must get bigger if he hopes to survive at the next level with his style, but don't bet against the kid. His playoffs ended on a down note when he took a head shot against Saskatoon, but NHL teams love him. "He comes to play every night, and for his size, he's difficult to play against," said another scout. "He's consistent, he brings his teammates into the hunt, and he'll fight bigger players. He pressures in all zones, and you know what you're getting."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Swift Current	U15	27	68	52	120	90
'20-21	Sask. Contacts	U18	6	7	7	14	22
	Red Deer	WHL	15	4	2	6	21
'21-22	Red Deer	WHL	61	20	18	38	93
'22-23	Red Deer	WHL	43	16	28	44	80

BEST CASE | Michael Bunting



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## MAXIM STRBAK

**BORN** April 13, 2005, Kosice, Svk.  
**2022-23** Sioux Falls POS D  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 205 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 48 (NA skaters)

➤ **PLAYING FOR A** Sioux Falls team that missed the playoffs, Strbak didn't put up big stats. Luckily, scouts also saw him on the international stage, including at the WJC, where he was part of a solid Slovak outfit.

"When you watched him at the world juniors playing for his country, you got excited," said one scout. "You saw a lot of passion, a real physical role and some puck skills. There's some concern about the defensive side of his game and his intensity, but ultimately you have a 6-foot-2 right shot with puck skills who is a good skater."

Strbak joined Slovakia again for the world U-18s, and he helped the team to a fourth-place finish while registering the hardest shot in the tourney. "He's probably the best 'D' in the USHL outside of the NTDP. But not flashy, not sexy, and he's never going to run big numbers, but he'll break pucks out all night. He looks like a man and plays like a man; he's got that pro mindset. He projects as bottom-pair guy, but he isn't getting out of the second round."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Slovakia U18	Svk.2	17	0	6	6	4
'21-22	Jokerit Jr.	Jr.	39	1	7	8	26
'22-23	Sioux Falls	USHL	46	5	13	18	51
	Slovakia	WU18	7	0	6	6	2
	Slovakia	WJC	5	0	3	3	2

**BEST CASE** | Erik Cernak

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## KOEHN ZIEMMER

**BORN** Dec. 8, 2004, Mayerthorpe, Alta.  
**2022-23** Prince George POS RW  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 202 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 25 (NA skaters)

➤ **ON A DECENT** Cougars squad, Ziemmer was a key part of the offensive attack and often lined up alongside fellow 2023 draft prospect Riley Heidt. "He's both a playmaker and a goal-scorer," said one scout. "Another kid with a lot of skill, and he plays with an edge at times. His skating is not great, and it's structural, not strength, that is the issue."

That's enough to give some teams pause, especially in today's game – where players are now sometimes selected *solely* for their skating prowess. But Ziemmer can make up for his lack of an extra gear in other ways.

"He's smart and offensively gifted," said another scout. He has great hands and a great shot. He's not a bad skater – he's efficient for this level – but he could be quicker. But one of the things he does well, because he thinks the game so well, is that he gets to opportunistic areas before most other players, so the skating doesn't affect him too much. It's that separation speed he needs. He's certainly a talent, though."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Edmonton	UI5	29	37	39	76	16
'19-20	St. Albert	U18	26	15	11	26	18
'20-21	Prince George	WHL	22	9	3	12	4
'21-22	Prince George	WHL	68	30	27	57	32
'22-23	Prince George	WHL	68	41	48	89	43

**BEST CASE** | Tyler Toffoli

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## ARAM MINNETIAN

**BORN** March 19, 2005, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.  
**2022-23** U.S. NTDP POS D  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 192 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 78 (NA skaters)

➤ **ONE SCOUT QUIPPED** if you could take the six D-men from the NTDP U-18 team and mash them together into three, you'd have a trio of complete, two-way rearguards. Minnetian falls on the offensive side of that equation. He's a great skater with good instincts on the rush, and he jumps into the play regularly.

That said, his playmaking is only average, and he needs to work on his defensive game. He'll have plenty of time to do that in the next couple of seasons at Boston College. "He's a very erratic defender with not much physicality," one scout said. "He's up the ice and chasing back a lot, so it's hard for him to defend effectively sometimes. He kind of survives with his skating, and that will be more difficult at the next level. He's going to have to add some structure and a little bit more stick play to his game."

If Minnetian can improve his defensive game without sacrificing his offensive rush-based game, there is an intriguing prospect there. "With his skating, it gives him a chance," another scout said.

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Bergen Cath.	USHS	-	22	11	33	-
'20-21	Bergen Cath.	USHS	-	7	8	15	-
'21-22	USA U17	NTDP	42	2	10	12	52
'22-23	USA U18	NTDP	62	7	24	31	55
	USA	WU18	7	1	3	4	2

**BEST CASE** | Damon Severson

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## JAN SPRYNAR

**BORN** Feb. 26, 2005, Zatec, Cze.  
**2022-23** Rimouski POS RW  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 173 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 148 (NA skaters)

➤ **COMING OVER TO** North America from Europe often takes an adjustment period – different ice, different culture, different languages – and Sprynar was no exception.

The Czech import posted just five points in 14 games for the Oceanic before Halloween, but he broke out soon after. Sprynar had a five-point game in November, then tallied at least one point in all but two December contests. "He's a really good skater with a good shot, learning the North American game," said one scout. "He runs out of space sometimes and plays on the outside a little too much, but he's getting better there. He could surprise a lot of people because he's starting to take the puck to the net more. He's got the size, and he can skate, so he's an interesting guy."

It's all about projection with Sprynar, as NHL teams believe there's a lot to build on. "He's got a frame he can build on, said another scout. "Right now, he's still very lanky and weak. He has a good stick, and he's a shoot-first guy with the ability to finish. I think he'll take a big jump in Year 2."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Litvinov	U17	17	3	2	5	4
'20-21	Litvinov	U17	5	5	0	5	0
'21-22	Litvinov	U17	30	34	35	69	14
	Litvinov	U20	11	2	2	4	4
'22-23	Rimouski	QMJHL	60	23	17	40	10

**BEST CASE** | Victor Olofsson



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### DYLAN MACKINNON

**BORN** Jan. 12, 2005, Moncton, N.B.  
**2022-23** Halifax POS D  
**HT** 6-2 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 61 (NA skaters)

**➤ WHEN IT COMES** to playoff hockey, NHL teams want hard stoppers these days, and they're not always easy to come by. That's where MacKinnon can find a lane. "He's a big, physical, heavy defender who loves to engage around the net," said one scout. "On the boards, he'll make you pay. He moves well, but his skills are average at best. He'll be a penalty-killer and match-up guy who makes life miserable for opponents."

So the die has been cast: MacKinnon is a hardnosed defensive D-man. The next step in his development will simply be to hone his craft and learn how to be effective while staying on the ice, as he was top 10 in PIM among QMJHL defensemen this season. "He can be aggressive, and they're trying to temper that because he has taken a bunch of penalties," said another scout. "But I like that because it's easier to put the reins on somebody than it is to put the whip to them. He'll fight if necessary, and although that isn't a big part of the game anymore, sometimes guys knowing he'll fight is enough."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Dieppe	U15	27	2	12	14	68
'19-20	Dieppe	U15	21	8	6	14	63
'20-21	Moncton	U18	16	4	7	11	18
'21-22	Halifax	QMJHL	52	1	1	2	69
'22-23	Halifax	QMJHL	61	6	17	23	75

**BEST CASE** | Josh Manson

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### LUCA CAGNONI

**BORN** Dec. 21, 2004, Burnaby, B.C.  
**2022-23** Portland POS D  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 180 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 35 (NA skaters)

**➤ STOP US IF** you've heard this before, but here's another undersized 'D' prospect with impressive offensive stats. Cagnoni's reports are all over the map because he lacks consistency in his play.

"It depends when you go in to see him," one scout said. "I like the flashy Luca Cagnoni. I like the rush-based guy who is driving the play and trying to make stretch passes. But he's got to bring it more. He has all the tools you want to see in a small guy, but hasn't been able to put it together regularly."

At the major-junior level, there is almost no fear in Cagnoni's offensive game. He'll continue to try to make stretch passes, even when they're not working, and he's not shy about using his skill to beat bigger and stronger opponents at the offensive blueline. "Sometimes, he forces it a little bit," said another scout. "He's trying to exploit seams, and he's jumping into the rush, even when there are mixed results. And there's something to like about a guy who tries to be that dynamic all the time."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Burnaby	U15	30	5	17	22	16
'19-20	Burnaby	U16	34	7	22	29	24
'20-21	Portland	WHL	10	0	3	3	2
'21-22	Portland	WHL	63	9	27	36	12
'22-23	Portland	WHL	67	17	47	64	46

**BEST CASE** | Samuel Girard

## 59



### DAVID EDSTROM

**BORN** Feb. 18, 2005, Gothenburg, Swe.  
**2022-23** Frolunda Jr. POS C  
**HT** 6-3 **WT** 185 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 25 (Int'l skaters)

**➤ WHILE INCONSISTENCY** is a common theme with draft prospects, you won't find that issue with Edstrom, who brings it night in and night out. "He's a very solid player," said one scout. "You're never disappointed when you go see him play. He missed some time around Christmas due to some shoulder problems, but he's dependable and coachable. He's a two-way center, nothing flashy, just solid."

Splitting his season between Frolunda's SHL squad and its junior team, Edstrom produced at both stops, and he also had over a point per game at the world U-18s, helping Sweden to the silver medal. And he boasts a projectable frame at 6-foot-3.

"He seems to adjust well when the tempo is higher," said another scout. "He drives hard, goes to the net, plays the right way. He can adjust from junior skill guy to a different center at the pro level. He has impressed. I don't know if the top-end skill is there to be a high pick, but behind the big names, he's one that goes in the second or third round."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'20-21	Frolunda	U16	6	3	4	7	8
'21-22	Frolunda Jr.		31	7	4	11	10
'22-23	Frolunda Jr.		28	15	13	28	12
	Frolunda	Swe.	11	2	2	4	0
	Sweden	WU18	7	5	3	8	6

**BEST CASE** | Joel Eriksson Ek

## 60



### CAREY TERRANCE

**BORN** May 10, 2005, Akwesasne, N.Y.  
**2022-23** Erie POS C  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 175 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 38 (NA skaters)

**➤ IN THE TIGHT** life cycle of major junior, Erie is in a rebuild, picking second overall in the OHL draft last season and first this year. But in the meantime, Terrance is holding down the fort.

"He's interesting because Erie has struggled, and he has played as their No. 1 center for most of the year without much of a supporting cast," said one scout. "He works, he can finish, and he's a real good kid. He might be a winger at the next level. He's gotten better all year, especially given the situation with multiple coaches. He's still developing."

After finishing his OHL season, Terrance was a rare non-NTDP addition to Team USA's world under-18 squad. There, he earned a spot on the second line with Oliver Moore as his center. Not everyone can hang with the swift Moore, but Terrance has the wheels. "His biggest asset is his speed and his skating, that's what will separate him from his peers," said another scout. "He's another guy who looked better after Christmas, especially in terms of producing offensively."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Toronto Titans	U15	33	14	14	28	8
'20-21	Kemptville	U18				DNP	
'21-22	Erie	OHL	62	10	14	24	20
'22-23	Erie	OHL	67	30	17	47	22
	USA	WU18	7	2	4	6	0

**BEST CASE** | Dillon Dube



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### BEAU AKEY

**BORN** Feb. 11, 2005, Waterloo, Ont.  
**2022-23** Barrie POS D  
**HT** 6-0 **WT** 173 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 33 (NA skaters)

➤ **WITH L.A. KINGS** prospect Brandt Clarke heading to the pros full time next season, Barrie will need Akey to step up, though he already put up some nice numbers from the Colts' blue line this year.

He's the type of D-man who does a bit of everything, but he's not a swashbuckler like Clarke. "He's just a solid all-around defenseman," said one scout. "He doesn't possess elite skills, and he's not going to be a No. 1 guy, but he's solid. He's a stocky kid who can handle the physical play and also produce offensively."

Although plenty of NHL defenders no longer rely on size to succeed, there is often a dynamism attached to such talents. "I'm torn," said another scout. "The way the league is going, it's speed and skill. But I think, to be successful, you still need size on the back end. He's a bit of a tweener. He can skate, and he's got skill, but I wouldn't call him hyper offensive. He relies on his foot speed and quickness to defend. There's something there, but does he put it all together at the next level?"

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Waterloo	U15	31	11	11	22	26
'20-21	Waterloo	U16				DNP	
'21-22	Barrie	OHL	61	5	11	16	30
'22-23	Barrie	OHL	66	11	36	47	39

**BEST CASE** | Sean Durzi

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### WILLIAM WHITELAW

**BORN** Feb. 5, 2005, Rosemount, Minn.  
**2022-23** Youngstown POS RW  
**HT** 5-9 **WT** 173 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 42 (NA skaters)

➤ **WHITELAW PLAYED ON** the same Shattuck-St. Mary's prep team as underage phenoms Mack Celebrini and Cole Eiserman, where he was the other standout on the squad. He made a seamless transition to the USHL this year, finishing second on Youngstown in points.

"It's hard to question the production," said one scout. "He can really skate, he can shoot a puck, and in terms of NHL intangibles, he has a couple of them. Because of the skating and shooting, he'll be a relatively high pick."

Whitelaw is an NCAA Wisconsin commit. There, he'll be shepherded by new Badgers coach Mike Hastings, and the chances will be there for Whitelaw to succeed and develop. "He's fun," said another scout. "He'll be a really good college hockey player. It will come down to whether he's elite enough to play in the NHL. His best trait is that he's a finisher and a shooter, but he's not Cole Caufield. When he wants to, he plays the right way and has some piss and vinegar, but there's a lot to unpack with that one."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Shattuck	U14	55	14	14	28	42
'19-20	Shattuck	U14	58	31	54	85	52
'20-21	Shattuck	USHS	36	14	19	31	24
'21-22	Shattuck	USHS	55	46	64	110	46
'22-23	Youngstown	USHL	62	36	25	61	90

**BEST CASE** | Max Domi

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### JORDAN TOURIGNY

**BORN** Feb. 28, 2005, Quebec, Que.  
**2022-23** Shawinigan POS D  
**HT** 5-11 **WT** 165 **SHOOTS** R  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 123 (NA skaters)

➤ **AS A ROOKIE**, Tourigny played on an excellent Cataractes team anchored by NHL draft picks such as Mavrik Bourque, Xavier Bourgault and Olivier Nadeau. They won the 'Q' title in 2021-22, but the club went into rebuild mode this season, putting Tourigny on a bit of an island.

"They had a younger, poorer team, and he was trying to do too much with the puck at the start, so he looked bad," said one scout. "But I see a good puck-mover who plays an intelligent game and skates well enough. For his size, you'd like to see him be more dynamic in his skating, but there's a lot to like as a new-age defenseman in the NHL. He moves the puck quick, handles it well, makes smart plays, moves it in transition."

The younger brother of Montreal prospect Miguel Tourigny has a ways to go, but the upside is obvious. "He goes back on pucks, exits the 'D' zone and runs a good power play," said another scout. "He's underdeveloped right now, and with added strength, everything in his game will get better."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'18-19	Bois-Francs	U15	30	7	13	20	22
'19-20	Bois-Francs	U15	23	6	7	13	8
'20-21	Trois-Rivieres	U18				DNP	
'21-22	Shawinigan	QMJHL	64	4	17	21	30
'22-23	Shawinigan	QMJHL	67	6	35	41	69

**BEST CASE** | Gustav Forsling

## 64



### QUINTON BURNS

**BORN** April 14, 2005, Smiths Falls, Ont.  
**2022-23** Kingston POS D  
**HT** 6-1 **WT** 180 **SHOOTS** L  
**CENTRAL SCOUTING** No. 34 (NA skaters)

➤ **THERE SEEMS TO** be a wide range of opinions about Burns' potential at the NHL level. A quick-skating defenseman who plays a physical brand of hockey, he's miles away from being a finished product, but those who like him see a player with the drive and compete to play in the NHL, one who has plenty of room to improve all facets of his game.

"There's a lot to work with," one scout said. "But he didn't have a great year, and his skill is probably below average. I would take a chance on this guy in the right spot, but I haven't been able to figure out what the right spot is yet."

Burns has impressive physical tools and decent size. His foot speed and willingness and ability to initiate contact are the most prominent strengths in his game, and they could be enough to get him to the next level. "Those guys tend to improve, and they tend to will themselves to the NHL," said another scout. "I just don't know that his ceiling is any more than a No. 5. And there's nothing wrong with that."

YR	TEAM	LEA.	GP	G	A	PT	PIM
'19-20	Gtr. Kingston	U15	24	4	9	13	42
'20-21	Kemptville	U18				DNP	
'21-22	Kingston	OHL	42	0	4	4	59
'22-23	Kingston	OHL	54	2	27	29	106
	Canada	WJ18	3	0	0	0	0

**BEST CASE** | Ryan Lindgren

# CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 2022 DRAFT

July 7-8, Montreal, Quebec (Bell Centre)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
David Jiricek	D	1	6*	Plzen HC (Czech)
Denton Mateychuk	D	1	12	Moose Jaw (WHL)
Luca Del Bel Belluz	C	2	44	Mississauga (OHL)
Jordan Dumais	R	3	96@	Halifax (QMJHL)
Kirill Dolzhenkov	R	4	109	Krasnaya (RUS-MHL)
Sergei Ivanov	G	5	138^	SKA (RUS Jrs.)
James Fisher	R	7	203#	Belmont (Mass. H.S.)

\* Acquired from CHI @ Acquired from TBL ^ Acquired from BUF  
# Acquired from ANA

## 2021 DRAFT

July 23-24, Virtual Draft

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Kent Johnson	C	1	5	Michigan (Big Ten)
Cole Sillinger	C	1	12*	Sioux Falls (USHL)
Corson Ceulemans	D	1	25@	Brooks (AJHL)
Stanislav Svozil	D	3	69	Brno Kometa (Czech)
Guillaume Richard	D	4	101	Tri-City (USHL)
Nikolai Makarov	D	5	132^	CSKA (Russia-Jr.)
James Malatesta	L	5	133	Quebec (QMJHL)
Ben Boyd	R	6	165	Charlottetown (QMJHL)
Martin Rysavy	L	7	197	Prerov (Czech Rep.)

\* Acquired from CHI @ Acquired from TOR ^ Acquired from NJD

## 2020 DRAFT

Oct. 9-10, Virtual Draft

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Yegor Chinakhov	RW	1	21	Omsk Jr (Russia Jr.)
Samuel Knazko	D	3	78*	TPS Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Mikael Pyhtia	F	4	114	TPS Jr. (Finland Jr.)
Ole Julian Bjorgvik-Holm	D	5	145	Mississauga (OHL)
Samuel Johansson	D	6	176	Rogle BK (SHL)

\* Acquired from MTL

## 2019 DRAFT

June 21-22, Vancouver, British Columbia (Rogers Arena)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Eric Hjorth	D	4	104*	Linkoping Jr (SuperElit)
Dmitri Voronkov	F	4	114*	Kazan (Russia Jr.)
Tyler Angle	C	7	212	Windsor (OHL)

\* Acquired from FLA

## 2018 DRAFT

June 22-23, Dallas, Texas (American Airlines Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Liam Foudy	C	1	18	London (OHL)
Kirill Marchenko	RW	2	49	Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia Jr.)
Marcus Karlberg	LW	3	80	Leksand (SuperElit)
Tim Berni	D	6	159*	Zurich (NLA)
Veini Vehvilainen	G	6	173	Karpat (SHL)
Trey Fix-Wolansky	RW	7	204	Edmonton (WHL)

\* Acquired from DET

## 2017 DRAFT

June 23-24, Chicago, Illinois (United Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Alexandre Texier	C	2	45*	Grenoble (France)
Daniil Tarasov	G	3	86	Ufa (Russia Jr.)
Emil Bemstrom	C	4	117	Leksand (SuperElit)
Kale Howarth	LW	5	148	Trail (BCHL)
Jonathan Davidsson	RW	6	170@	Djurgardens IF (SHL)
Carson Meyer	RW	6	179	Miami-Ohio (NCHC)
Robbie Stucker	D	7	210	St. Thomas (MN-HS)

\* Acquired from TBL via VGK @ Acquired from NYI via CHI

## 2016 DRAFT

June 24-25, Buffalo, New York (First Niagara Center)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Pierre Luc-Dubois	LW/C	1	3	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Andrew Peeke	D	2	34	Green Bay (USHL)
Vitaly Abramov	RW	3	65	Gatineau (QMJHL)
Peter Thome	G	6	155	Aberdeen (NAHL)
Calvin Thurkauf	C	7	185	Kelowna (WHL)

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

\* Acquired from TOR @ Acquired from ANA ^ Acquired from MIN

## 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)
Julien Pelletier	LW	4	107	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Tyler Bird	RW	5	137	Kimball Union (NH-HS)
Olivier LeBlanc	D	7	197	Saint John (QMJHL)

\* Acquired from DET

## 2013 DRAFT

June 30, Newark, New Jersey (Prudential Center)

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

\* Acquired from NYR @ Acquired from LAK ^ Acquired from PIT



# CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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.)
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)

\* Acquired from VAN

## 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 (MN-HS)
Seth Ambroz	RW	5	128	Omaha (USHL)
Lukas Sedlak	C	6	158	Ceske (Czech U-20)
Anton Forsberg	G	7	188	MODO Jr. (SuperElit)

\* Acquired from OTT

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

\* Acquired from BUF @ Acquired from ANA

## 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)
Thomas Larkin	D	5	137	Exeter (NH-HS)
Anton Blomqvist	D	6	167	Malmö Jr. (Sweden Jr.)
Kyle Neuber	RW	7	197	Mississauga (OHL)

\* Acquired from ANA @ Acquired from NYI # Acquired from COL

## 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 (MN-HS)
Matt Calvert	LW	5	127	Brandon (WHL)
Tomas Kubalik	C/RW	5	135#	Pízen (CZE)
Brent Regner	D	5	137*	Vancouver (WHL)
Cam Atkinson	RW	6	157	Avon Old Farms (CT-HS)
Sean Collins	LW	7	187	Waywayseecappo (MJHL)

\* Acquired from BOS @ Acquired from PHI # Acquired from CAR

## 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-HS)
Jake Hansen	RW/LW	3	68	Sioux Falls (USHL)
Maksim Mayorov	RW/LW	4	94@	Leninogorsk (Russia)
Allen York	G	6	158	Camrose (AJHL)
Trent Vogelhuber	RW	7	211#	St. Louis (NAHL)

\* Acquired from SJS @ Acquired from DAL # Acquired from ANA (conditional)

## 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)
Tom Sestito	LW	3	85	Plymouth (OHL)
Ben Wright	D	4	113*	Lethbridge (WHL)
Robert Nyholm	D	5	129	IFK Jr. (Finland)
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)

\* Acquired from SJS @ Acquired from LAK # Acquired from ANA

^ Acquired from TOR

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

\* Acquired from CAR + Acquired from PHX

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

\* Acquired from CAR + Acquired from CGY @ Acquired from BOS  
# Acquired from VAN - Acquired from NYR ^ Acquired from LAK

# CBJ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

## 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 Kosmach	D	3	71	CSKA (Russia)
Kevin Jarman	LW	4	103#	Stouffville (Ont. Jr. A)
Philippe Dupuis	C	4	104	Hull (QMJHL)
Arsi Piispanen	RW	5	138+	Jokerit (Finland)
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)

\* Acquired from CHI # Acquired from PIT + Acquired from CAR

^ Acquired from LAK

## 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)
Per Mars	C	3	87#	Brynäs (Sweden)
Cole Jarrett	D	5	141	Plymouth (OHL)
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)

\* Acquired from SJS via MTL # Acquired from BUF + Acquired from PIT

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

\* Acquired from FLA # Acquired from ATL + Acquired from NYI

^ Acquired from PHI

## 2000 DRAFT

June 24-25, Calgary, Alberta (Saddledome)

Player	Position	Round	Overall	Team
Rostislav Klesla	D	1	4	Brampton (OHL)
Ben Knopp	RW	3	69	Moose Jaw (WHL)
Petteri Nummelin	D	5	133	HC Davos (Switz.)
Scott Heffernan	D	5	138*	Sarnia (OHL)
Tyler Kolarik	C	5	150	Deerfield Academy (MA-HS)
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)

\* Acquired from BOS # Acquired from SJS + Acquired from FLA

^ Acquired from DET

## 2000 EXPANSION DRAFT

June 23, 2000 (Calgary, Alberta)

Goalkeepers			Forwards		
Pick	Overall	Team	Pick	Overall	Team
1	1	Colorado	1	1	Buffalo
2	4	Montreal	2	4	Montreal
3	5	Buffalo	3	6	Carolina
			4	7	Boston
			5	9	Pittsburgh
			6	12	Toronto
			7	14	NY Rangers
			8	16	Phoenix
			9	17	Tampa Bay
			10	20	Washington
			11	22	Philadelphia
			12	23	Ottawa
			13	25	New Jersey

### Additional Players

Sergei Luchinkin	1	2	Dallas
Ted Drury	2	4	NY Islanders





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