



PROSPECT REPORT

December 26, 2025 - January 1, 2026

Notable Performances

Will Zellers is off to an impeccable start at the 2026 World Junior Championships in Minnesota. The forward ranks tied for first in the tournament with five goals and is tied for fifth in points with seven, leading the United States in both categories. Zellers scored two goals and added an assist in the USA's 6-3 victory over Germany to open the tournament on December 26, before netting the game-winning goal in their 2-1 win over Switzerland on December 27. He also scored the

game-winning goal and added an assist in the USA's 6-5 win over Slovakia on December 29. Zellers also found the back of the net in the United States' 6-3 loss to Sweden on Wednesday.

James Hagens totals two goals and three assists through four games for the United States at the World Junior Championships. The forward recorded assists in the 6-3 win over Germany on December 26 and the 2-1 victory over Switzerland on December 27, before scoring two goals in the USA's 6-5 win over Slovakia on December 29 and earning the Player of the Game nomination.



WILL ZELLERS

USA | WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 GP, 5G, 2A, 7 PTS

Leaders



United States forward **Will Zellers** ranks tied for first in the 2026 World Junior Championships with five goals.



Youngstown Phantoms forward **Cooper Simpson** ranks tied for second USHL with 39 points through 30 games this season.

THIS WEEKS MATCHUPS



January 2

Youngstown at Madison Capitols,
7:05 p.m. CT

January 3

Youngstown at Madison Capitols,
7:05 p.m. CT

January 9

Youngstown vs. Des Moines Buccaneers, 7:05 p.m.

January 10

Youngstown vs. Des Moines Buccaneers, 6:05 p.m.



January 2

Alaska at Providence, 7 p.m.
Omaha at Cornell, 7 p.m.
Mercyhurst at North Dakota, 7:07 CT
Harvard at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.

January 3

Alaska at Providence, 5 p.m.
Mercyhurst at North Dakota, 6:07 CT
Simon Fraser at Boston University, 5 p.m.
Harvard at Princeton, 7 p.m.
Dartmouth at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.

January 9

Harvard at Dartmouth, 7 p.m.
Union at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
Boston University at Massachusetts, 7 p.m.
Maine at Providence, 7 p.m.



January 2

Shawinigan vs. Sherbrooke, 7 p.m.

January 4

Shawinigan vs. Rouyn-Noranda, 4 p.m.

January 8

Shawinigan vs. Cape Breton, 7 p.m.

January 10

Shawinigan at Val-d'Or, 4 p.m.



January 2

Providence at Hartford, 6 p.m.

January 4

Providence vs. Springfield, 3:05 p.m.

January 9

Providence vs. Bridgeport, 7:05 p.m.

January 10

Providence at Hartford, 6 p.m.



PROVIDENCE BRUINS

21-6-1-0, 43 pts
2nd place in Atlantic Division

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	ACQUIRED
Patrick Brown	C	28	12	20	32	20	12	Free Agent, 2023
Georgii Merkulov	C	26	12	13	25	8	20	Free Agent, 2022
Fabian Lysell	F	24	11	14	25	9	22	BOS 1st rd. (21st overall) in 2021
Riley Tufte	F	21	10	10	20	14	25	Free Agent, 2024
Matthew Poitras	F	28	6	12	18	-3	25	BOS 2nd rd. (54th overall) in 2022
Dans Lochemis	F	28	9	8	17	6	4	BOS 4th rd. (119th overall) in 2022
Frederic Brunet	D	28	4	10	14	7	12	BOS 5th rd. (132nd overall) in 2022
Matej Blumel	F	14	2	11	13	5	6	Free Agent, 2025
Jake Schmaltz	F	22	5	6	11	3	8	BOS 7th rd. (192nd overall) in 2019
Brett Harrison	F	24	4	6	10	5	4	BOS 3rd rd. (85th overall) in 2021
Victor Soderstrom	D	20	2	8	10	2	4	Trade w/CHI in 2025
Christian Wolanin	D	13	1	8	9	6	0	Free Agent, 2025
Billy Sweezey	D	28	1	8	9	16	29	Free Agent, 2024
John Farinacci	F	28	3	4	7	-3	4	Free Agent, 2023
Riley Duran	F	28	1	5	6	1	6	BOS 6th rd. (182nd overall) in 2020
Joey Abate	F	23	1	4	5	3	46	Free Agent, 2024
Ty Gallagher	D	13	2	1	3	-2	2	BOS 7th rd. (217th overall) in 2021
Michael Callahan	D	13	0	3	3	6	6	Trade w/ARI in 2022
Colin Felix	D	19	0	3	3	2	47	Free Agent, 2025
Dalton Bancroft	F	18	0	1	1	1	10	Free Agent, 2025
Max Wanner	D	7	0	0	0	2	0	Trade w/ EDM in 2025
Jackson Edward	D	9	0	0	0	2	2	BOS 7th rd. (200th overall) in 2022

PLAYER	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS	ACQUIRED
Michael DiPietro	15	1.97	.933	0	10	4	0	388	Trade w/ VAN in 2022
Simon Zajicek	13	2.02	.930	0	10	2	1	344	Free Agent, 2025

NOTES:

Matthew Poitras scored two power play goals and added an assist in the 7-1 victory over the Thunderbirds last Saturday. This was his third game of the season with three points or more. The forward is second on the team with four power play goals this season. The Whitby, Ontario, native totals six goals and 12 assists through 28 games played this season.

Georgii Merkulov posted a goal and an assist in the 7-1 victory at Springfield. The forward ranks second all-time in Providence Bruins scoring with 204 career points, trailing Andy Hilbert (2001-2005) who totaled 210. Merkulov is tied for the team lead with 12 goals on the season. The Ryazan, Russia, native has recorded 25 points through 26 games this season.

Captain **Patrick Brown** posted a goal and an assist in each of the P-Bruins' games at Springfield on Wednesday and last Saturday. The Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, native ranks tied for fourth in the AHL with 32 points. He posted a career-best 46 points in 56 games last season for Providence.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Andre Gasseau	Boston College	C	5	1	3	4	-4	2
Elliott Groenewold	Quinnipiac	D	18	2	5	7	12	12
James Hagens	Boston College	F	16	10	8	18	3	8
Beckett Hendrickson	U. of Minnesota	C	19	4	10	14	14	8
Oskar Jellvik	Boston College	F	3	0	1	1	-2	0
Kristian Kostadinski	Boston College	D	16	0	1	1	2	1
Mason Langenbrunner	Harvard	D	10	0	4	4	-3	8
Dean Letourneau	Boston College	F	18	11	8	19	10	16
William Moore	Boston College	F	18	3	5	8	-3	0
Jonathan Morello	Boston University	F	18	3	5	8	5	10
Casper Nassen	Miami University (Ohio)	F	20	4	9	13	-3	6
Christopher Pelosi	Quinnipiac	C	18	10	10	20	5	10
Ryan Walsh	Cornell	C	11	3	9	12	4	4
William Zellers	North Dakota	F	18	10	5	15	-1	10

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W	L	OT	SVS
Philip Svedeback	Providence	15	2.29	.919	0	7	5	2	376

NOTES:

Dean Letourneau extended his goal scoring streak to five games in No. 13 ranked Boston College's 4-3 victory over Lake Superior. The forward's tally in the opening frame was his team leading 11th goal of the season, as he has scored six goals in the last five games. Letourneau's 19 points this season are also tied for the team lead. The Braeside, Ontario, native was originally selected by Boston in the first round (25th overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft.



North American Juniors

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Cole Chandler	Shawinigan (QMJHL)	F	33	11	18	29	8	29
Cooper Simpson	Youngstown (USHL)	F	30	13	26	39	-1	46

NOTES:

Cooper Simpson totals 13 goals and 26 assists through 30 games of his third season of USHL action and first with the Youngstown Phantoms. The Shakopee, Minnesota, native ranks tied for second in the USHL with 39 points and second in the league with 26 assists. The forward was originally selected by Boston in the third round (79th overall) of the 2025 NHL Entry Draft.

Europe

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
Vashek Blantar	HV71 Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	18	3	7	10	0	20
Liam Pettersson	Vaxjo Lakers Jr. (Swe-Jr)	D	9	2	1	3	-1	8
Kirill Yemelyanov	Yaroslavl Loko Jr. (Rus-MHL)	F	32	17	13	30	15	31