



NOTABLE TEAM PICKS



A look at some notable team picks by teams in their current drafting position (as of May 20, 2026). Teams will be added once remainder of selections are confirmed.

1. [Toronto Maple Leafs](#)

The Maple Leafs have selected first overall twice before in 1985 (**Wendel Clark**) and 2016 (**Auston Matthews**).

* Toronto's first time selecting first overall landed them future captain Clark, who's 34 goals in his rookie campaign stood as the most by a Toronto rookie before their second No. 1 pick, **Auston Matthews**, scored 40 in 2016-17. Clark played parts of 13 seasons with the franchise and finished his NHL career seventh on the club's all-time goals list (now 10th) and still leads the [franchise in playoff goals](#). As a beloved Maple Leaf, He was immortalized outside Scotiabank Arena with a statue on 'Legend's Row' and had his No. 17 raised to the rafters in that same building.

* Matthews made an immediate impact by scoring four goals in his NHL debut and 40 goals in his rookie season – both franchise records. Matthews led the Maple Leafs into the postseason in each of his first nine seasons with the club and has been captain since the 2025-26 campaign. Matthews became the 10th player in the 108-year history of the franchise to be the club's outright all-time goals leader.

2. [San Jose Sharks](#)

The Sharks have selected second overall four times prior in 1991 (**Pat Falloon**), 1996 (**Andrei Zyuzin**), 1997 (**Patrick Marleau**) and 2025 (**Michael Misa**).

* Falloon was the first-ever Draft pick in Sharks history and had the best season of his nine-year career in his rookie campaign of 1991-92 (25-34—59 in 79 GP), which stood as the best rookie season by a Sharks player, in terms of points, until **Macklin Celebrini** (25-38—63 in 70 GP) in 2024-25.

* Marleau is the NHL's all-time games played leader (1,779 GP), with 1,607 of those appearances coming as a member of the Sharks across two stints (1997-98 to 2016-17 & 2019-20 to 2020-21). Marleau, one of two players to have their number retired by the franchise along with longtime teammate **Joe Thornton**, holds Sharks records for seasons played (21), games played (1,607), goals (522) and points (1,111).

* Misa joined the current Sharks core that selected **Macklin Celebrini** with the first-overall pick in the year prior. Misa played 45 games in his rookie season and collected 9-12—21. That campaign saw him become the fifth-youngest player in Sharks history to record his first NHL goal – fellow No. 2 overall pick Marleau topped that list – and was one of only three teenagers in franchise history to score an overtime goal.

3. [Vancouver Canucks](#)

The Canucks have selected third overall four times prior in 1971 (**Jocelyn Guevremont**), 1972 (**Don Lever**), 1973 (**Dennis Ververgaert**) and 1999 (**Henrik Sedin**).

* Sedin was chosen one pick after his brother, **Daniel**, in the 1999 NHL Draft and played his entire 17-year NHL career with the Canucks, captaining the club from 2010-11 to 2017-18. Sedin won the Hart Trophy and the Art Ross Trophy in 2009-10 when he recorded a franchise-record 112 points and led the club to the Stanley Cup Final in 2011 with 3-19—22. The Hockey Hall of Famer is still Vancouver's all-time leader in assists and points (240-830—1,070) and is one of six Canucks players to have his number retired by the franchise.

4. [Chicago Blackhawks](#)

The Blackhawks have selected fourth overall once before in 1964 (**Richie Bayes**).

* Bayes was the second-ever first-round pick by the Blackhawks after they selected **Art Hampson** fifth overall in the League's inaugural NHL Entry Draft in 1963.

* The Blackhawks have selected in the top five of an NHL Draft 13 times prior which including in each of the previous three years: **Anton Frondell** (No. 3 in 2025), **Artyom Levshunov** (No. 2 in 2024) and **Connor Bedard** (No. 1 in 2023).

5. [New York Rangers](#)

The Rangers will select fifth overall for the first time in franchise history.

* New York has selected in the top five of an NHL Draft seven times with the last two instances coming after the turn of the millennium: **Alexis Lafrenière** (No. 1 in 2020) and **Kaapo Kakko** (No. 2 in 2019).

* One of the most notable top-five selections by the Rangers is **Brad Park** (No. 2 in 1966). Park played parts of his first eight career seasons with New York and became the franchise's first defenseman to post a 20-goal season (24 in 1971-72). Park also became the youngest captain in Rangers history when he was anointed the honor in 1974-75.

6. [Calgary Flames](#)

The Flames have selected sixth overall five times prior in 1992 (**Cory Stillman**), 1997 (**Daniel Tkaczuk**), 1998 (**Rico Fata**), 2013 (**Sean Monahan**) and 2016 (**Matthew Tkachuk**).

* Stillman played parts of his first seven NHL seasons with the Flames from 1994-95 to 2000-01 and was one of only three Calgary skaters with at least 100 goals through that span. Stillman is also one of only four Flames rookies in the past 30 years to record a multi-point playoff game (1-1—2 in Game 3 of 1996 CQF).

* Monahan began his nine-season Flames tenure with seven consecutive 20-goal seasons, the longest streak from the start of tenure with the franchise. Monahan's seven career 20-goal campaigns are tied for the fourth most in Flames history

* Tkachuk made an impact at an early age when he played the first six seasons of his NHL career with Calgary. In 2018-19, he became the youngest Flames player with a 30-goal season since 1992-93 and recorded a career-best 42 goals in his final season with the club in 2021-22. Tkachuk's 104 points in that campaign are tied for the seventh-highest single-season total in franchise history.

7. [Seattle Kraken](#)

The Kraken will select seventh overall for the first time in franchise history.

* The Kraken have had a pick in the top 10 in four of the previous five NHL Drafts since joining the League. Their highest selection was **Matty Beniers** (No. 2 in 2021), who still holds the franchise rookie record for goals, assists and points in a season (24-33—57 in 2022-23).



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8. [Winnipeg Jets](#)

The Jets franchise has selected eighth overall twice before: 2010 (**Alexander Burmistrov**) and 2003 (**Braydon Coburn**).

* Burmistrov played 298 games through five seasons with the franchise. He collected 20 points during his rookie campaign in 2010-11 and assisted on the first-ever goal in Jets team history (Oct. 9, 2011) after the club relocated to Winnipeg.

* The franchise has selected in the top 10 of an NHL Draft five times since moving to Winnipeg: **Patrik Laine** (No. 2 in 2016), **Mark Scheifele** (No. 7 in 2011), **Jacob Trouba** (No. 9 in 2012), **Nikolaj Ehlers** (No. 9 in 2014) and **Cole Perfetti** (No. 10 in 2020). Scheifele, who was the first-ever player chosen in Jets *team* history, has since gone on to become the Jets/Thrashers franchise's all-time leader in seasons played, games played, goals and points.

9. [Florida Panthers](#)

The Panthers have selected ninth overall once before in 2002 (**Petr Taticek**).

* Taticek was the 11th Czech player in NHL history to be drafted in the top 10 at the time of his selection in 2002. He played three games with the Panthers before playing the rest of his career in the AHL and professional leagues in Europe until 2019-20.

* Florida has selected in the top 10 of an NHL Draft 15 times prior and most recently chose **Owen Tippett** in 2017 (No. 10).

* The Panthers' all-time leader in overall goals, assists and points (**Aleksander Barkov**: No. 2 in 2013) and defenseman leader in those categories (**Aaron Ekblad**: No. 1 in 2014) were both chosen in the top 10. The duo helped the Panthers earn back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2024 and 2025.

10. [Nashville Predators](#)

The Predators will select 10th overall for the first time in franchise history.

* The Predators have selected in the top 10 of an NHL Draft eight times prior, most recently choosing **Brady Martin** fifth overall in 2025.

* **David Legwand** (No. 2 in 1998) played parts of his first 15 career seasons with the Predators. He's still one of only two players to play 15 seasons and 900-plus games with the franchise and ended his tenure with the club in 2013-14 as the all-time leader in goals, assists and points.

* **Ryan Suter** (No. 7 in 2003) began his 20-year NHL career in Nashville. He ended his Predators tenure in 2011-12 as one of five players to skate in at least 500 games with the franchise and one of four to record 200 assists.



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11. [St. Louis Blues](#)

The Blues will select 11th overall for the first time in franchise history.

* St. Louis has made five top-15 draft selections over the previous 20 years: **Erik Johnson** (No. 1 in 2006), **Alex Pietrangelo** (No. 4 in 2008), **Dalibor Dvorsky** (No. 10 in 2023), **Lars Eller** (No. 13 in 2007) and **Jaden Schwartz** (No. 14 in 2010).

12. [New Jersey Devils](#)

The Devils have selected 12th overall twice prior in 1988 (**Corey Foster**) and 2016 (**Michael McLeod**).

* In the previous five drafts, the Devils have made three selections within the top 12 overall picks: **Anton Silayev** (No. 10 in 2012), **Simon Nemec** (No. 2 in 2022) and **Luke Hughes** (No. 4 in 2021).

13. [New York Islanders](#)

The Islanders have selected 13th overall twice before in 1985 (**Derek King**) and 1987 (**Dean Chynoweth**).

* King (No. 13 in 1985), played in parts of 11 seasons for the Islanders where he posted 211-288—499, including a stretch of three straight 30 goal seasons from 1991-92 to 1993-94 – tied for the fifth-longest stretch in Islanders history.

* Chynoweth, a defenseman from Calgary, Alberta, played parts of six seasons with the Islanders from 1988-89 to 1995-96.

14. [Columbus Blue Jackets](#)

The Blue Jackets have selected 14th overall twice before in 2013 (**Alexander Wennberg**) and 2025 (**Jackson Smith**).

* Columbus holds the 14th overall selection for the second consecutive year after selecting Smith from the WHL's Tri-City Americans in the 2025 draft. Smith played the 2025-26 season with Penn State University where he took home B1G All-Rookie Team and Second All-Star Team honors.

* Wennberg skated [six seasons with the Blue Jackets](#) where he posted 40-161—201 in 415 games. Wennberg was a part of the 2019 Blue Jackets team that won the first-ever playoff series in franchise history in a First Round upset against the Presidents' Trophy winning Tampa Bay Lightning.

15. [St. Louis Blues \(via DET\)](#)

The Blues will select 15th overall for the first time in franchise history.

* Should St. Louis make the 11th and 15th overall selections, the 2026 draft would mark the first in Blues history that they have taken multiple players in the top 15 of an NHL Draft.



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16. [Washington Capitals](#)

The Capitals have selected 16th overall once before in 2012 (**Tom Wilson**).

* Wilson ranks in the top 10 in Capitals history in [seasons](#) (t-6th; 13), [games played](#) (7th; 907), [goals](#) (6th; 209) and [game-winning goals](#) (t-8th; 31). Wilson is one of two players remaining on Washington's active roster that won the franchise's first Stanley Cup in 2018 (also **Alex Ovechkin**).