



2018 NHL Draft: Prospect Profiles



RASMUS DAHLIN

Frolunda • SWEDEN
6'2" • 181 lbs. • Defense • Shoots: Left
Born April 13, 2000, in Trollhattan, Sweden
No. 1-Ranked International Skater



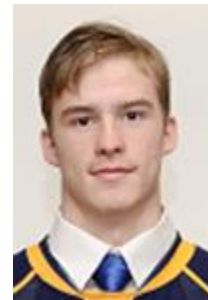
- Dahlin starred for Frolunda of the Swedish Hockey League in 2017-18, recording 7-13—20 in 41 games and earning Swedish Junior Hockey Player of the Year honors.
- He can become the second Swedish-born player selected first overall in the NHL Draft (**Mats Sundin**: No. 1 in 1989 by QUE).
- Dahlin won a silver medal with Team Sweden at the 2018 World Junior Championship, where he was named “Best Defenseman” and a tournament All-Star.
- Represented his country at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at just 17 years of age, recording one assist in two appearances.

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

“Dahlin has the skating, skills and elite hockey sense that can dictate the style of play and the pace of a game with or without the puck. He finds ways to contribute in all situations, is ultra-competitive and a high-character person who leads by example.”

ANDREI SVECHNIKOV

Barrie • OHL
6'2" • 188 lbs. • Right Wing • Shoots: Left
Born March 26, 2000, in Kazan, Russia
No. 1-Ranked North American Skater



- Svechnikov ranked first among OHL rookies with 40-32—72 in 2017-18 (44 GP). He averaged 1.64 points per game, placing first among rookies and fifth overall.
- He was named USHL Rookie of the Year in 2016-17 after finishing sixth in league scoring with the Muskegon Lumberjacks (29-29—58 in 48 GP).
- Earned tournament MVP honors at the 2016 World Junior A Challenge after leading all players in goals and points (8-4—12 in 4 GP).
- His brother, **Evgeny Svechnikov**, was drafted 19th overall by the Detroit Red Wings in 2015 and appeared in 14 games with the club in 2017-18.

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

“Svechnikov has a consistent and competitive power game that gets the puck through checks and to the net with speed and skill. He’s able to create and finish scoring chances in a timely manner and quickly established himself in the OHL as an offensive impact player.”



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BRADY TKACHUK

Boston University • H-EAST
6'3" • 196 lbs. • Left Wing • Shoots: Left
Born Sept. 16, 1999, in Scottsdale, Ariz.
No. 2-Ranked North American Skater



- Tkachuk recorded 8-20—28 in 36 games during his freshman year at Boston University, where he helped the Terriers claim the Hockey East Championship and was named to the All-Rookie Team.
- Captained Team USA's gold medal-winning entry at the 2017 Under-18 World Championship (1-6—7 in 7 GP) and earned a bronze medal at the 2018 World Junior Championship (3-6—9 in 7 GP).
- His father, **Keith Tkachuk**, recorded 538-527—1,065 in 1,201 career NHL games and his brother, **Matthew Tkachuk**, skated in his second season with the Calgary Flames in 2017-18.

Director of NHL Central Scouting Dan Marr:

"He's a complete package who can be impactful in every situation, with and without the puck. If you need a goal, he'll go get a scoring chance. If you're protecting a lead, he'll be responsible defensively. If you need someone to go in there and throw their weight around a little bit, he's a guy who steps up. He seems to rise to those occasions."

ADAM BOQVIST

Brynäs Jr. • SWEDEN-JR.
5'11" • 168 lbs. • Defense • Shoots: Right
Born Aug. 15, 2000, in Falun, Sweden
No. 2-Ranked International Skater



- Boqvist averaged almost a point per game as a defenseman with Brynäs' junior club in 2017-18 (14-10—24 in 25 GP). He led the junior league in goals by a blueliner.
- Boqvist scored the gold medal-winning goal for Team Sweden in the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge and captured a bronze medal for his country at the 2017 Ivan Hlinka Memorial.
- His brother, **Jesper Boqvist**, is a forward who was drafted 36th overall by the New Jersey Devils in 2017.

European Scouting Services Goran Stubb:

"Boqvist is a finesse defenseman who is very skilled, possesses excellent vision and tons of talent. He is fun to watch and full of surprises on the ice. He often plays bigger than his size and skated in his first games with Sweden's senior national team in April."



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FILIP ZADINA

Halifax • QMJHL

6'0" • 195 lbs. • Right Wing • Shoots: Left

Born Nov. 27, 1999, in Pardubice, Czech Republic

No. 3-Ranked North American Skater



- Zadina led all rookies and tied for seventh in the QMJHL with 44-38—82 in 2017-18 (57 GP). He added 5-7—12 in nine postseason contests with Halifax.
- His breakout 2017-18 campaign saw him named to the QMJHL First All-Star Team and All-Rookie Team. He also was awarded the Mike Bossy Trophy as the QMJHL's Best Professional Prospect.
- Zadina was named to the 2018 World Junior Championship All-Star Team after recording 7-1—8 in seven games. He also was a member of the Czech Republic's gold medal-winning team at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (5-2—7 in 4 GP).
- His father, **Marek Zadina**, played for multiple teams across 17 seasons in the Czech Republic's top men's league.

NHL Central Scouting:

"High-end skilled forward with excellent playmaking ability. He has very good vision, excellent anticipation and exceptional natural instincts. Possesses strong puck skills, a quick, accurate release, and looks to shoot. He is committed to playing a two-way game."

VITALI KRAVTSOV

Chelyabinsk • RUSSIA

6'2" • 170 lbs. • Right Wing • Shoots: Left

Born Dec. 23, 1999, in Vladivostok, Russia

No. 3-Ranked International Skater



- Kravtsov skated most of the 2017-18 season with Chelyabinsk of the Kontinental Hockey League, where he recorded 4-3—7 in 35 games during the regular season and excelled in the playoffs with 6-5—11 in 16 contests.
- His impressive postseason run saw him named "Best Rookie" for each of the first three rounds of the KHL playoffs. He also was awarded Rookie of the Month honors for the month of March.
- Models his style of play after Washington Capitals center **Evgeny Kuznetsov**.

European Scouting Services Goran Stubb:

"Kravtsov matured and improved a lot over the season and was extremely strong in the KHL playoffs. He is a power forward who plays an aggressive, no-quit style of hockey."



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EVAN BOUCHARD

London • OHL

6'2" • 193 lbs. • Defense • Shoots: Right

Born Oct. 20, 1999, in Oakville, Ont.

No. 4-Ranked North American Skater



- Bouchard ranked first among all defensemen and eighth in the entire OHL with 25-62—87 in 67 games with the London Knights in 2017-18.
- The Knights' captain is in his third season with the club and was a member of their OHL championship team in his rookie campaign (2015-16) while playing alongside current NHLers **Mitchell Marner** (TOR), **Christian Dvorak** (ARI), **Matthew Tkachuk** (CGY) and **Victor Mete** (MTL).
- He was a member of Canada White's gold medal-winning entry at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, where he was named to the tournament All-Star Team after leading all defensemen with 1-5—6 in six games.

NHL Central Scouting:

"A highly intelligent defenseman with exceptional vision and offensive instincts. He reads the play very well and his passing ability allows him to be a constant threat in his team's transition game. He's one of the top offensive defensemen in the Canadian Hockey League and magician-like when quarterbacking the power play."

NOAH DOBSON

Acadie-Bathurst • QMJHL

6'3" • 180 lbs. • Defense • Shoots: Right

Born Jan. 7, 2000, in Summerside, P.E.I.

No. 5-Ranked North American Skater



- Dobson tied for second among defensemen in the QMJHL with 17-52—69 in 67 games as an alternate captain with the Acadie-Bathurst Titan, who claimed the Maritimes Division title in 2017-18. The Titan have advanced to the QMJHL Playoffs Semifinals, with Dobson contributing 1-3—4 in 10 outings.
- Dobson was named to the QMJHL First All-Star Team in 2017-18 and recently received the honor of Sport PEI's Junior Male Athlete of the Year.
- No stranger to winning, he was a member of Canada's gold medal-winning entry at the 2017 Ivan Hlinka Memorial (0-3—3 in 5 GP) and won a Hockey PEI Pee wee AAA Championship in 2012-13.

NHL Central Scouting:

"A very effective two-way defenseman with good puck distribution and a strong shot from the point on the power play. He is a point-producer with size who defends well and utilizes strong positioning and a good stick in the defensive zone."