

NHL STATS & INFORMATION NOTES
NHL Player Gaming Challenge – May 4, 2020

MATCH 4 – ARIZONA COYOTES VS. BOSTON BRUINS

Clayton Keller & Conor Garland (ARI) vs. Jake DeBrusk & Charlie McAvoy (BOS)

* The city of Boston ties these four players: Keller and McAvoy played together at Boston University; Garland (Scituate, Mass.) skated for the Boston Jr. Bruins; DeBrusk and McAvoy each have spent their entire NHL career with the Bruins.

* In 2019-20, DeBrusk sits one goal shy of his second straight 20-goal season while Keller is trending toward a third straight campaign as the Coyotes' leading point-getter. Garland has a team-leading 22 goals in his first full NHL campaign while McAvoy has matched a career high with 32 points to date.

* DeBrusk (2015) and McAvoy (2016) were selected 14th overall by the Bruins one year apart. Keller (7th overall) went to the Coyotes in 2016, seven picks ahead of McAvoy, while Arizona selected Garland in the fifth round (123rd overall) of the 2015 NHL Draft.

* DeBrusk was the second of three straight picks by the Bruins in the 2015 first round – the only time a team has done that since the universal draft was implemented in 1969. The others: Jakub Zboril went before him, Zach Senyshyn went after.

* DeBrusk has played plenty of “meaningful hockey” recently, falling just short each time. He reached the 2016 Memorial Cup semifinal with the host Red Deer Rebels, then the 2017 Calder Cup Conference Finals with the Providence Bruins and finally Game 7 of the 2019 Stanley Cup Final with Boston.

* Keller and McAvoy won a gold medal with the U.S. at the 2017 World Junior Championship. McAvoy had 1-1—2 in the championship game, including an assist on a third-period goal that helped set the stage for an eventual shootout victory versus Canada. Keller assisted on the tying goal.

* Garland is one of two players in the last 40 years to lead the CHL in points multiple times, doing so in 2014-15 (129 points; tied with Dylan Strome) and 2015-16 (128 points). Sidney Crosby is the other.

* Garland was named QMJHL MVP in 2014-15, the second American to earn that award after Pat LaFontaine in 1982-83.

* Garland had 13 goals in 47 NHL games in 2018-19, matching the total he had in the AHL over the prior two seasons combined (13 goals in 110 AHL games from 2016-17 to 2017-18).

* McAvoy made his NHL debut during the 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs (0-3—3 in 6 GP vs. Ottawa). He has led Bruins skaters in TOI/GP in each of the past two seasons after ranking second as a rookie. He also led Boston in TOI/GP during the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs (24:30).

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PLAYER	GP	G	A	P	TEAM RECORD
Clayton Keller	5	0	1	1	0-5-0
Jake DeBrusk	5	3	1	4	5-0-0

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Conor Garland	3	0	0	0	0-3-0
Charlie McAvoy	3	0	1	1	3-0-0

MATCH 5 – FLORIDA PANTHERS vs. WASHINGTON CAPITALS

Jonathan Huberdeau (FLA) vs. Evgeny Kuznetsov (WSH)

* Drafted in the first round one year apart, Evgeny Kuznetsov (26th overall in 2010) and Jonathan Huberdeau (3rd overall in 2011) each have made a name in the NHL. Kuznetsov led the playoffs in scoring in 2018, while Huberdeau became the Panthers' all-time scoring leader earlier this season.

* Huberdeau scored on the first shot of his NHL career – on his second shift – against Cam Ward of the Hurricanes. He finished that game with three points, jumpstarting a 31-point campaign (in only 48 games) that ended with him becoming the first player in franchise history to win the Calder Memorial Trophy as the League's top rookie.

* Huberdeau is the franchise leader in assists (289) and points (437) and ranks fifth in goals (148), while sitting sixth in games played (536). His most productive campaign came in 2018-19 when he ranked second on the club with 92 points, tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history (Aleksander Barkov set the record with 96 points that season).

* Huberdeau led the Saint John Sea Dogs to back-to-back QMJHL championships in 2010-11 and 2011-12 – before and after the Panthers selected him in the 2011 NHL Draft. He was named MVP of both the QMJHL playoffs and Memorial Cup tournament in 2011 as the Sea Dogs claimed their only CHL title.

* Kuznetsov scored arguably the biggest goal in Capitals history, in overtime of Game 6 in the 2018 Second Round to eliminate the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins and advance the Capitals to the conference final for the first time since 1998.

* Kuznetsov had 32 points in 24 games to finish as the 2018 playoff scoring leader and help the Capitals win their first Stanley Cup. It was the highest point total in a single postseason since countryman Evgeni Malkin had 36 points during the 2009 playoffs.

* Kuznetsov is known for his “eagle” goal celebration, which he [does for his daughter](#).

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PLAYER	GP	G	A	P	TEAM RECORD
Jonathan Huberdeau	15	4	10	14	9-3-3
Evgeny Kuznetsov	15	3	10	13	6-6-3