



The 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft will be held at Bell Centre in Montreal over two days. Round 1 will begin at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, July 7 (ESPN, ESPN+, Sportsnet, TVA Sports), followed by Rounds 2-7 starting at 11 a.m. ET on Friday, July 8 (NHL Network, ESPN+, Sportsnet, TVA Sports).

\* The [Order of Selection](#) was announced Wednesday, June 29. [Click here](#) to see notable picks by each team in their current selecting position (as of June 30).

\* [2022 NHL Draft Prospect Bios](#): 60+ Profiles and Scouting Reports

\* [NHL Ties & Bloodlines](#): A list of ranked prospects with family ties to the NHL

\* [Career Leaders Among Players Drafted By Franchise](#): Top all-time/active players drafted by each team in specific statistical categories

### **MONTREAL IS FIRST NHL DRAFT HOSTS WITH No. 1 PICK IN OVER 37 YEARS**

The Canadiens are set to become the first NHL Draft host city to select a player with the No. 1 overall pick since the Maple Leafs chose **Wendel Clark** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in 1985. Clark went on to skate parts of 13 seasons across three different stints with the franchise, including three where he donned the “C” as team captain (1991-92–1993-94).






## TEAMS BASED IN HOST CITY WITH No. 1 PICK

▶ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

TEAM	CITY	YEAR	No. 1 PICK
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	2022	?
MAPLE LEAFS	TORONTO, ONT.	1985	WENDEL CLARK
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	1980	DOUG WICKENHEISER
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	1971	GUY LAFLEUR
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	1969	REJEAN HOULE
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	1968	MICHEL PLASSE
CANADIENS	MONTREAL, QUE.	1963	GARRY MONAHAN

\*EACH NHL DRAFT FROM 1963–1984 TOOK PLACE IN MONTREAL

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\* The NHL Draft has been held in Montreal a total of 27 times (including 2022), by far the [most of any NHL city](#). Each Amateur Draft from 1963 to 1979 took place at either the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Mount Royal Hotel or NHL Montreal Office – the Forum hosted eight editions of the Entry Draft (1980–Present), while Bell Centre has done so twice.

\* The Canadiens have held the first overall pick five times, the most by any franchise in NHL history. In that slot they have selected the first No. 1 pick in NHL Draft history, **Garry Monahan** (1963), the first goaltender ever selected No. 1 overall in **Michel Plasse** (1968), five-time Stanley Cup champion **Rejean Houle** (1969), [all-time franchise points leader](#) and five-time Stanley Cup champion **Guy Lafleur** (1971) and **Doug Wickenheiser** (1980).



## No. 1 PICKS AT BELL CENTRE OR MONTREAL FORUM

▶ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
▶ JOHN TAVARES	NEW YORK ISLANDERS	2009
ROMAN HAMRLIK	TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	1992
MIKE MODANO	MINNESOTA NORTH STARS	1988
JOE MURPHY	DETROIT RED WINGS	1986
MARIO LEMIEUX	PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	1984
BRIAN LAWTON	MINNESOTA NORTH STARS	1983
GORD KLUZAK	BOSTON BRUINS	1982
DALE HAWERCHUK	WINNIPEG JETS	1981
DOUG WICKENHEISER	MONTREAL CANADIENS	1980

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### CANADIENS GM NOT THE ONLY HUGHES FAMILY MEMBER SET TO HAVE A BIG DRAFT

The Canadiens have 14 picks entering the 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft, which would be tied for the most by a team *through the first seven rounds* with the Blackhawks in 2004 (the seven-round format has been used since 2005). Among the draft-eligible players is **Jack Hughes** (No. 26-ranked NA skater), son of Canadiens general manager **Kent Hughes** and a forward for Northeastern University.

\* There have been two instances of a general manager selecting their son in an NHL Draft. Also of note, **Chuck Grillo** was the Sharks' director of player personnel when they picked his son **Dean** at No. 155 in 1991 (the elder Grillo was named co-GM of the club a year later on June 26, 1992).



Stars general manager Bob Gainey selected his son Steve (pictured right) with the 77th overall pick in the 1997 NHL Draft, while Flames GM Darryl Sutter picked his son Brett at No. 179 in 2005



#### **DEVILS, COYOTES, KRAKEN AND FLYERS ALSO HAVE TOP-FIVE PICKS**

New Jersey (No. 2), Arizona (No. 3), Seattle (No. 4) and Philadelphia (No. 5) are set to round off the top-five picks after Montreal chooses a player with the first overall selection.

\* The Devils franchise has selected a player with a top-two pick eight times in club history. New Jersey nabbed **Jack Hughes** (No. 1 in 2019), **Nico Hischier** (No. 1 in 2017), **Brendan Shanahan** (No. 2 in 1987) and **Kirk Muller** (No. 2 in 1984), while the Colorado Rockies chose **Rob Ramage** (No. 1 in 1979) and **Barry Beck** (No. 2 in 1977) and the Kansas City Scouts selected **Barry Dean** (No. 2 in 1975) and **Wilf Paiement** (No. 2 in 1974).

\* Arizona has picked a player with a top-three selection four times in franchise history. The Coyotes chose **Dylan Strome** (No. 3 in 2015) and **Kyle Turris** (No. 3 in 2007), while the original Winnipeg Jets took **Dale Hawerchuk** (No. 1 in 1981) and **Dave Babych** (No. 2 in 1980).

\* The Kraken, who selected **Matty Beniers** second overall in 2021, can become the 14th franchise with a top-five pick in each of their first two NHL Drafts and first since the Atlanta Thrashers. Atlanta, which contested its inaugural season in 1999-00, picked **Patrik Stefan** (No. 1 in 1999) and **Dany Heatley** (No. 2 in 2000).

\* Philadelphia has selected a player with a top-five pick in an NHL Draft seven times. The Flyers nabbed **Nolan Patrick** (No. 2 in 2017), **James van Riemsdyk** (No. 2 in 2007), **Joni Pitkanen** (No. 4 in 2002), **Mike Ricci** (No. 4 in 1990), **Ron Sutter** (No. 4 in 1982), **Mel Bridgman** (No. 1 in 1975) and **Serge Bernier** (No. 5 in 1967).

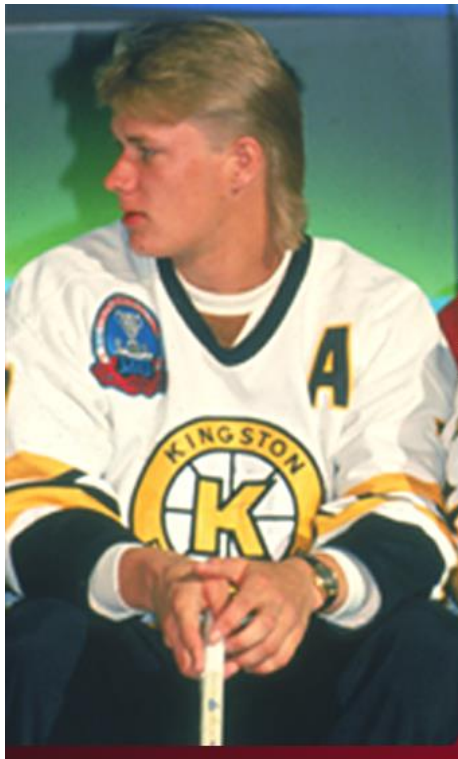
#### **WRIGHT ENTERS DRAFT AS TOP-RANKED NORTH AMERICAN SKATER**

No. 1-ranked North American skater **Shane Wright** can become the highest-selected player from the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs, a distinction currently held by **Erik Gudbranson** and **Chris Gratton** who went third overall in the 2010 and 1993 NHL Draft, respectively. The Frontenacs' franchise history includes the current incarnation (1989-90–Present), the Kingston Raiders (1988-89) and Kingston Canadians (1973-74–1987-88), the latter of which has been considered a resuscitation of the Montreal Junior Canadiens club after a one-year hiatus.



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## HIGHEST-SELECTED PLAYERS FROM A KINGSTON TEAM

► NHL DRAFT HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	PICK
ERIK GUDBRANSON	FRONTENACS	2010	No. 3
CHRIS GRATTON	FRONTENACS	1993	No. 3
SAM BENNETT	FRONTENACS	2014	No. 4
CHAD KILGER	FRONTENACS	1995	No. 4
MIKE GILLIS	CANADIANS	1978	No. 5
MIKE CROMBEEN	CANADIANS	1977	No. 5
SCOTT PEARSON	CANADIANS	1988	No. 6
BEHN WILSON	CANADIANS	1978	No. 6
BRETT LINDROS	FRONTENACS	1994	No. 9
BRYAN FOGARTY	CANADIANS	1987	No. 9



\* Gratton (214-354—568 in 1,092 GP) is one of four players to record 500 career NHL points after being drafted from a team based in the Limestone City, with the others being **Bernie Nicholls** (475-734—1,209 in 1,127 GP), **Tony McKegney** (320-319—639 in 912 GP) and **Syl Apps Jr.** (183-423—606 in 727 GP). **Craig Muni** (1987 EDM, 1988 EDM, 1990 EDM), **Mike Zigomanis** (2009 PIT), **Jay Wells** (1994 NYR) and **Jeff Chychrun** (1992 PIT) are the only Stanley Cup winners that were drafted from a Kingston club.

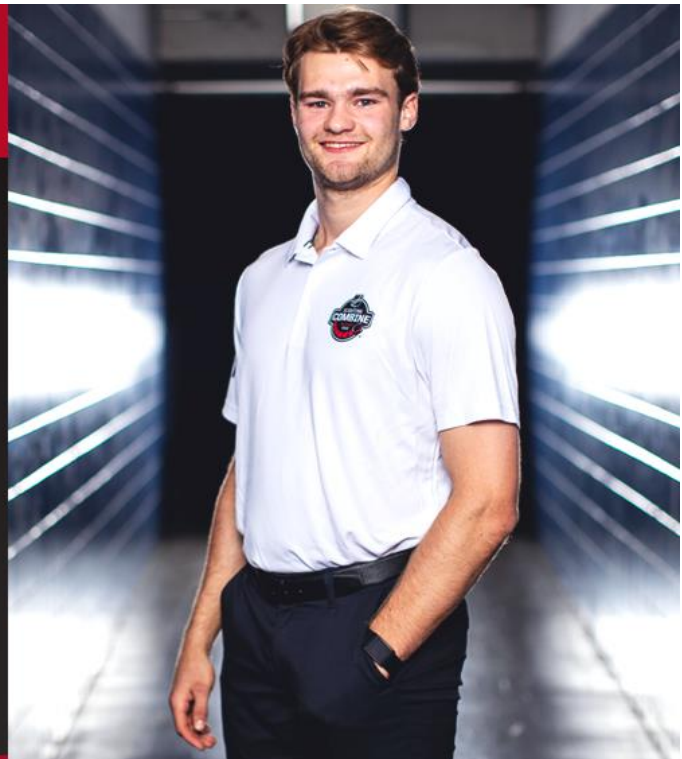
\* Wright averaged 1.49 points per game during the 2021-22 regular season and finished eighth in scoring in the OHL with 32-62—94 (63 GP). During the Frontenacs' playoff run, Wright also averaged over a point per game (3-11—14 in 11 GP) and scored the series-clinching overtime goal in Game 6 to propel his club into the second round. Leading into the 2021-22 campaign, Wright captained Team Canada to a gold medal at the 2021 Under-18 World Championship. He concluded the tournament with the highest points-per-game rate (2.80) and finished tied for second in scoring with 9-5—14 (5 GP).

\* Wright can become the 21st player to go No. 1 overall from the OHL or its antecedent league, the OHA (since 1969 when the Amateur Draft expanded to cover any amateur player of qualifying age throughout the world). The last player to do so was **Connor McDavid**, who was chosen by the Oilers in 2015 – the seven years since an OHL/OHA player went first overall is the second longest such drought in NHL Draft history (12 years between **Bobby Smith** in 1978 & **Owen Nolan** in 1990).

\* Wright can become the fourth individual to be selected with the No. 1 pick in the NHL Draft after being granted exceptional player status by Hockey Canada. **Joe Veleno** (No. 30 in 2018) and **Sean Day** (No. 81 in 2016) were also drafted after receiving the distinction, while **Connor Bedard** and **Michael Misa** are eligible in 2023 and 2025, respectively.

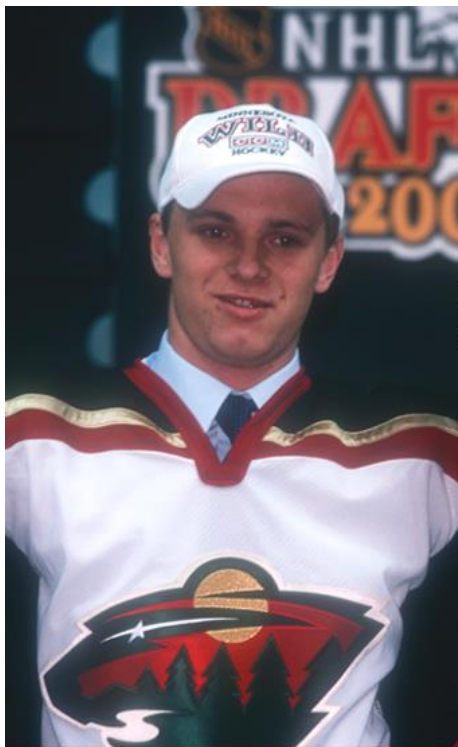


Shane Wright can join Connor McDavid (2015), Aaron Ekblad (2014) and John Tavares (2009) as the fourth individual to be selected with the No. 1 pick in the NHL Draft after being granted exceptional player status by Hockey Canada



### SLAFKOVSKY, NEMEC CAN SET NHL DRAFT MARK FOR SLOVAKIAN-BORN PLAYERS

Juraj Slafkovsky (No. 1-ranked International skater) and countryman Simon Nemeč (No. 3-ranked International skater) can become the highest-selected Slovakian-born players in an NHL Draft, currently held by **Marian Gaborik** who was grabbed by the Wild with the third overall pick in 2000. Gaborik was born in Trencin, Czechoslovakia, which is part of present-day Slovakia.



## HIGHEST-SELECTED SLOVAKIAN-BORN PLAYERS

► NHL DRAFT HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	PICK
► MARIAN GABORIK	WILD	2000	No. 3
ROBERT PETROVICKY	WHALERS	1992	No. 9
BORIS VALABIK	THRASHERS	2004	No. 10
BRANISLAV MEZEI	ISLANDERS	1999	No. 10
MARIAN HOSSA	SENATORS	1997	No. 12
MAREK ZAGRAPAN	SABRES	2005	No. 13
MARCEL HOSSA	CANADIENS	2000	No. 16
ROBERT DOME	PENGUINS	1997	No. 17
ANDREJ MESZAROS	SENATORS	2004	No. 23
PETER IHNACAK	MAPLE LEAFS	1982	No. 25

\*JURAJ SLAFKOVSKY & SIMON NEMEC CAN JOIN THIS LIST



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\* Slafkovsky spent the majority of the 2021-22 season with TPS of the Finnish Elite League (5-5—10 in 31 GP) and also averaged nearly two points per game in 11 appearances with their junior team (6-12—18 in 11 GP). Nemec, a defenseman who made his debut with Nitra's senior club team in 2019-20 at just 15 years of age, spent the entire 2021-22 campaign in Slovakia's top professional league where he registered 1-25—26 (39 GP) and ranked second on his team in playoff points, regardless of position (5-12—17 in 19 GP).

\* Slafkovsky and Nemec won a bronze medal with Slovakia in the 2022 Winter Olympics at Beijing, which marked the country's first-ever Olympic medal for ice hockey. Slafkovsky (7-0—7 in 7 GP) was named tournament MVP after leading all players in goals and points (tied) – he tallied twice including the bronze medal clincher as Slovakia skated to a 4-0 win in its tournament finale versus Sweden, which featured several recent NHLers such as **Christian Folin**, **Jacob de la Rose**, **Anton Lander**, **Lucas Wallmark** and **Oscar Fantenberg** as well as Stanley Cup winner **Joakim Nordstrom**.

\* The last player to win a medal at the Winter Olympics before being selected in an NHL Draft was **Roman Cechmanek**, who was picked by Philadelphia during the sixth round in 2000 (171st overall) two years after capturing gold with Czechia at Nagano. Four of his tournament teammates were taken in the 1998 NHL Draft (**Jaroslav Spacek**, **Jiri Dopita**, **Pavel Patera** & **David Moravec**).

The only Olympic medalists to be selected *during the first round* of an NHL Draft are **Darius Kasparaitis** and **Sergei Bautin**, who went fifth and 17th overall, respectively, in 1992 just four months after capturing gold with the Unified Team at Albertville

^Juraj Slafkovsky & Simon Nemec won bronze at Beijing 2022

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### **USA HOCKEY'S NTDP CAN PRODUCE ANOTHER TOP-FIVE PICK**

With three of the top-10 ranked North American skaters coming out of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program's Under-18 Team in **Logan Cooley** (No. 2), **Cutter Gauthier** (No. 3) and **Isaac Howard** (No. 9), the 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft could be a historic one for the program. A top-five pick has been selected from the program in each of the past three years (**Luke Hughes**: No. 4 in 2021; **Jake Sanderson**: No. 5 in 2020; **Jack Hughes**: No. 1 in 2019; **Alex Turcotte**: No. 5 in 2019) – should it happen again, they would become the first team to produce a top-five draft pick in at least four consecutive years (excluding relocations).






## MOST CONSECUTIVE YEARS WITH A TOP-FIVE PICK

▶ NHL DRAFT HISTORY

TEAM	SPAN	YEARS
▶ USA HOCKEY'S NTDP U-18 TEAM	2019-2021	3*
USA HOCKEY'S NTDP U-18 TEAM	2005-2007	3
MEDICINE HAT TIGERS	1986-1988	3
PORTLAND WINTER HAWKS	1978-1980	3
MONTREAL JUNIOR CANADIENS	1969-1971	3

\*ACTIVE STREAK  
\*NTDP ALUM LOGAN COOLEY IS No. 2-RANKED NA SKATER FOR 2022 NHL DRAFT

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\* The NTDP is the only club to produce a top-five draft pick in three straight years *on multiple occasions*. The first instance occurred from 2005 to 2007, when **James van Riemsdyk** (No. 2 in 2007), **Erik Johnson** (No. 1. in 2006) and **Jack Johnson** (No. 3 in 2005) were all top-five selections. Johnson and Johnson recently won the Stanley Cup with Colorado.

\* With six top-10 picks coming from the program over the past three years, the NTDP could become the first amateur team to produce at least seven such selections over a four-year span. Outside of the Hughes brothers, Turcotte and Sanderson, the other top-10 selections since 2019 include **Tyler Boucher** (No. 10 in 2021) and **Trevor Zegras** (No. 9 in 2019).

### **SABRES, COYOTES LOOK TO MAKE BIG SPLASH WITH THREE FIRST-ROUND PICKS EACH**

The 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft may feature at least two teams with three first-round picks as both the Sabres and Coyotes are each currently slated to select three times in the opening round. It will be the fourth NHL Draft to feature multiple teams with three first-round selections, joining 2020 (OTT & NJD), 2013 (CBJ & CGY) and 2007 (EDM & STL).

\* Arizona will select third, 27th and 32nd, marking the first time in Coyotes/Jets history that the club has had three first-round picks. The franchise has made two selections in the opening round 10 times, most recently in 2016 when they chose **Clayton Keller** (No. 7) and **Jakob Chychrun** (No. 16). The pair are both key pieces to Arizona's current roster, with Keller finishing as the team leader in scoring three times since he entered the NHL including this past season ([2021-22](#), [2018-19](#) & [2017-18](#)).

\* The Sabres will have the ninth, 16th and 28th picks at the Bell Centre on July 7. Buffalo has chosen thrice in the opening round two other times in franchise history, which occurred in 1983 and 1982. In the first year, the Sabres made three picks in the opening round by selecting **Phil Housley** (No. 6), **Paul Cyr** (No. 9) and **Dave Andreychuk** (No. 16). Housley went on to tally 66 points in his rookie year, which stands as the [third most in a single season](#) in franchise history. Both Andreychuk and Housley remain on a number of the Sabres' all-time lists, sitting second and fourth in [assists](#) and second and fifth in [points](#), respectively, while Andreychuk also places [third in goals](#).

\* In 1982, the Sabres selected **Tom Barrasso** (No. 5), **Normand Lacombe** (No. 10) and **Adam Creighton** (No. 11). Barrasso went on to earn 124 wins for the club, which stands as the [fifth most in Sabres history](#). At 19 years



of age, Barrasso (pictured below) captured the Calder Trophy and Vezina Trophy – he remains the only teenager to ever be awarded the Vezina Trophy.



**The Sabres will have three first-round selections for the third time in franchise history, tied with the Bruins for the second most among all teams. The only franchise with more is the Canadiens (6x).**

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