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## NHL ANNOUNCES 2022-23 ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

**NASHVILLE (June 26, 2023)** – The National Hockey League announced today the 2022-23 NHL All-Rookie Team, including the three players voted as finalists for the Calder Memorial Trophy as the League's top rookie: forward **Matty Beniers** of the Seattle Kraken, defenseman **Owen Power** of the Buffalo Sabres and goaltender **Stuart Skinner** of the Edmonton Oilers.

Also named to the 2023-23 NHL All-Rookie Team are forwards **Wyatt Johnston** of the Dallas Stars and **Matias Maccelli** of the Arizona Coyotes as well as defenseman **Jake Sanderson** of the Ottawa Senators.

Voting was conducted by the Professional Hockey Writers Association at the conclusion of the regular season.

Following is a summary of each NHL All-Rookie Team member's outstanding campaign:

### GOALTENDER

### Stuart Skinner, Edmonton Oilers

Skinner, a third-round choice (78th overall) in the 2017 NHL Draft, topped rookie goaltenders in wins (29) and games played (50) while ranking second among qualifying rookies (minimum: 25 GP) in goals-against average (2.75) and save percentage (.914). His 29 victories set an Edmonton rookie record, one ahead of **Grant Fuhr**'s 28 in 1981-82 (48 GP), and were the most by a rookie on any team since **Matt Murray**'s 32 in 2016-17 (49 GP w/ PIT). The 24-year-old Skinner, who in February became the second rookie netminder in Oilers history to play in the All-Star Game (following Fuhr in 1982), is the first Edmonton goaltender to be named to the All-Rookie Team, which first was presented in 1982-83, and the franchise's first representative at any position since forward **Connor McDavid** in 2015-16.

### DEFENSEMEN (in alphabetical order)

### Owen Power, Buffalo Sabres

Power, the No. 1 overall pick from the 2021 NHL Draft, paced rookie defensemen with 4-31—35 across 79 contests. He finished among the top rookies – forwards and defensemen – in assists (3rd; 31), plus/minus (t-3rd; +10), power-play assists (4th; 8), shots on goal (7th; 130) and power-play points (t-9th; 8). Power also led all rookies in both average (23:48) and total (1,880:20) time on ice, the fifth-highest and seventh-highest figures, respectively, since the statistics began being recorded in 1997-98 (minimum: 15 GP). The 20-year-old Power is Buffalo's first All-Rookie Team selection since forward **Victor Olofsson** in 2019-20 and the fifth Sabres defenseman to make the list, following **Rasmus Dahlin** (2018-19), **Tyler Myers** (2009-10), **Calle Johansson** (1987-88) and **Phil Housley** (1982-83).

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**Jake Sanderson, Ottawa Senators**

Sanderson, the fifth overall selection from the 2020 NHL Draft, ranked second among rookie defensemen with 4-28—32 in 77 appearances. His 28 assists and 32 points both were the third-most in Senators history by a rookie blueliner, behind only **Andrej Meszaros** (10-29—39 in 2005-06) and **Karel Rachunek** (3-30—33 in 2000-01). Sanderson also placed among the leading 2022-23 rookies, forwards and defensemen, in total time on ice (2nd; 1,687:52), average time on ice (2nd; 21:55), power-play assists (2nd; 15), power-play points (2nd; 17), assists (4th; 28) and shots on goal (5th; 132). The 20-year-old Sanderson is Ottawa's first All-Rookie Team representative since forward **Josh Norris** in 2020-21 and the third Senators defenseman to receive the honor, after Meszaros (2005-06) and **Sami Salo** (1998-99).

**FORWARDS (in alphabetical order)**

**Matty Beniers, Seattle Kraken**

Beniers, the first draft pick in Seattle history (No. 2 overall in 2021), led rookies with 24-33—57 in 80 games to help the Kraken post the largest win (+19) and point (+40) improvements by an NHL franchise from its first to second season. He also topped rookies in multi-point performances (18), shooting percentage (minimum: 80 S; 16.2%), plus/minus (1st; +14) and goals (t-1st; 24) while finishing among the top 10 in assists (2nd; 33), game-winning goals (2nd; 4), shots on goal (4th; 148), power-play points (6th; 10), power-play goals (t-6th; 4) and power-play assists (8th; 6). The 20-year-old Beniers – a unanimous selection – is the third player to make the All-Rookie Team within his franchise's first two NHL seasons, following defenseman **Rostislav Klesla** (2001-02 w/ CBJ) and forward **Paul Kariya** (1994-95 w/ ANA).

**Wyatt Johnston, Dallas Stars**

Johnston, who began his career by scoring in his NHL debut (Oct. 13 at NSH), shared first place among rookies with 24 total goals – a number reached by only one other Stars rookie since the franchise relocated to Dallas in 1993-94 (**James Neal**: 24 G in 2008-09). Johnston, who played in all 82 games, also finished among the 2022-23 rookie leaders in shots on goal (2nd; 160), game-winning goals (t-3rd; 3), points (4th; 41), shooting percentage (4th, minimum: 80 S; 15.0%), plus/minus (t-9th; +6), power-play goals (t-9th; 3), power-play points (13th; 7) and assists (t-13th; 17). The 20-year-old Johnston, the 23rd overall choice from the 2021 NHL Draft, is the third forward in Stars/North Stars history selected to the All-Rookie Team, joining **Jason Robertson** (2020-21) and **Mike Modano** (1989-90).

**Matias Maccelli, Arizona Coyotes**

Maccelli, a fourth-round pick (98th overall) from the 2019 NHL Draft, finished second among rookies with 11-38—49 despite missing 18 of 82 games (64 GP). He became the fourth player in franchise history to finish among the top two in rookie scoring, following **Clayton Keller** (2nd, 2017-18), **Teemu Selanne** (1st, 1992-93) and **Dale Hawerchuk** (1st, 1981-82). Maccelli, who became the first Coyotes/Jets player to pace rookies in assists (38), also placed among the 2022-23 rookie leaders in points per game (1st, minimum: 10 GP; 0.77), power-play assists (3rd; 12), power-play points (4th; 13) and goals (14th; 11). The 22-year-old Maccelli is the second Coyotes player (at any position) to be named to the All-Rookie Team since the franchise relocated to Arizona in 1996-97, following Keller in 2017-18.

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**2022-23 NHL All-Rookie Team**

| | | GP | W | L | OT | GAA | SV% | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G | Stuart Skinner, EDM | 50 | 29 | 14 | 5 | 2.75 | .914 | 1 |

| | | GP | G | A | P | +/- | TOI/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | Owen Power, BUF | 79 | 4 | 31 | 35 | +10 | 23:48 |
| D | Jake Sanderson, OTT | 77 | 4 | 28 | 32 | -6 | 21:55 |
| F | Matty Beniers, SEA | 80 | 24 | 33 | 57 | +14 | 17:06 |
| F | Wyatt Johnston, DAL | 82 | 24 | 17 | 41 | +6 | 15:29 |
| F | Matias Maccelli, ARI | 64 | 11 | 38 | 49 | E | 15:41 |

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**2022-23 NHL All-Rookie Team Voting**
**(1 point per vote)**

| **Goaltenders** | **Points** |
|---|---|
| 1. STUART SKINNER, EDM | 188 |
| 2. Logan Thompson, VGK | 7 |

| **Defensemen** | **Points** |
|---|---|
| 1. OWEN POWER, BUF | 194 |
| 2. JAKE SANDERSON, OTT | 179 |
| 3. Pierre-Olivier Joseph, PIT | 11 |
| 4. Nick Perbix, TBL | 3 |
| 5. Calen Addison, MIN | 2 |
| 6. Nils Lundkvist, DAL | 1 |

| **Forwards** | **Points** |
|---|---|
| 1. MATTY BENIERS, SEA | 195 |
| 2. MATIAS MACCELLI, ARI | 164 |
| 3. WYATT JOHNSTON, DAL | 137 |
| 4. Mason McTavish, ANA | 58 |
| 5. Noah Cates, PHI | 20 |
| 6. Cole Perfetti, WPG | 5 |
| 7. Jack Quinn, BUF | 2 |
| t-8. Rafael Harvey-Pinard, MTL | 1 |
| t-8. Kent Johnson, CBJ | 1 |
| t-8. Kirill Marchenko, CBJ | 1 |
| t-8. Shane Pinto, OTT | 1 |

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