



MACKLIN CELEBRINI

Center | Boston Univ. (NCAA)

Born: North Vancouver, B.C.

No. 1-ranked North American Skater

* As the youngest freshman in the NCAA in 2023-24, Celebrini was named the winner of the 2024 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, Hockey East Player of the Year and Hockey East Rookie of the Year.

* Became the fourth player to win Hockey East Rookie of the Year and Hockey East Player of the Year in same season, following **Jack Eichel** (2014-15), **Paul Kariya** (1992-93) and **Brian Leetch** (1986-87). Eichel and Kariya also won the Hobey Baker Award.

* Celebrini led a Boston University team that included 13 players already drafted into the NHL with 32-32—64 in 38 GP, ranking third among all NCAA Division 1 skaters in 2023-24.

* In 2022-23, Celebrini led the USHL as a rookie in goals and points, posting 46-40—86 through 50 games and finished as the League's Rookie of the Year, Forward of the Year and Player of the Year.

* Led Team Canada in their bronze-medal entry at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship with 6-9—15 in 7 GP, finishing fifth in the tournament in points, and led the country in goals and points at the 2024 World Junior Championship (4-4—8 in 5 GP).

* His mother and father both played soccer, with his dad, **Rick**, playing professionally and on Canada's national team. Rick is currently the VP of Player Health and Performance with the NBA's Golden State Warriors and did previous stints with the NHL's Vancouver Canucks and MLS's Vancouver Whitecaps on their medical staff.

* His brother, **Aiden**, is a defenseman who was a sixth-round pick by the Canucks in 2023 (171st overall) and is also skating for Boston University in 2023-24.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Youngest player in the NCAA who centers the top line at Boston University and impacts the game with his offensive prowess. Strong skater with a fluid stride, elusive speed and quickness. Has a good pull-away gear and top-end NHL speed. Excellent hockey sense and awareness. Slick puck control and movement game in the offensive zone – gets open for chances and can finish. The "go-to" for one-timers on the power play. Plays a heads-up compete game – ready for battle and contact along the boards and sets the pace when he is on the ice. Solid two-way game – aggressive puck pursuit on the forecheck and comes back hard. Plays a responsible game without the puck and does a good job stripping pucks in the neutral zone.



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ARTYOM LEVSHUNOV
Defense | Michigan State Univ. (NCAA)
Born: Zhlobin, Belarus
No. 2-ranked North American Skater

* Averaged nearly a point per game as a freshman blueliner with Michigan State (9-26—35 in 38 GP) and finished second on his team in assists and points.

* Ranked eighth among NCAA defensemen in points while also being named Big Ten Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year while helping Michigan State earn Big Ten regular-season and postseason titles.

* Was named to the USHL All-Rookie team in 2022-23 after finishing fifth among league defensemen in points with 13-29—42 in 62 GP for the Green Bay Gamblers. His 42 points ranked eighth among all rookies that season (regardless of position).

* Part of Belarus' gold-medal entry at 2022 World Junior Championship – Division 1, Group A (0-2—2 in 5 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A smooth-skating defenseman with high-end puck skills. Uses his size, strength and reach as assets to effectively defend in the defensive zone and has a good grasp of positioning and coverage. Quick and agile skater who jumps up into plays and also has a strong backward stride to defend effectively against rushes. Composed style, reads the play quickly and makes good choices on when to apply pressure and when to stay back. Good shot control with a hard and accurate shot that makes him a legit scoring threat from the blue line. Good two-way game.

CAYDEN LINDSTROM
Center | Medicine Hat Tigers (WHL)
Born: Dawson Creek, B.C.
No. 3-ranked North American Skater

* Recorded 27-19—46 in 32 GP overall in 2023-24, before being held out the remainder of the season due to injury. Prior to the injury, Lindstrom sat tied for fourth in the WHL with 27 goals and had found the back of the net in nearly 60% of his games (19 of 32), including eight multi-goal outings.

* Lindstrom's 1.44 points-per-game rate was the highest by a draft-eligible skater from the Medicine Hat Tigers in 21 years (**Joffrey Lupul**: 1.47 P/GP in 2001-02).

* Collected 19-23—42 in 2022-23 to finish in the top 10 of rookie scoring across the WHL and fourth on the Medicine Hat Tigers in both goals (tied) and points.

* Won a gold medal at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2-1—3 in 5 GP) and represented Canada White at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-2—4 in 6 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

An impressive physical package with high-end skill. Rare combination of size, skill and high-end athleticism. Strong skater with explosiveness who can quickly create separation with the puck. Plays on the top line and the number one power-play unit. Is used in all key situations. Versatile player that can beat you with both skill and pure power. Wins battles and uses body to separate opponents from pucks. Consistent physical presence. Can both create offense and finish chances. Plays a hardworking and competitive game. Impressive movements and body control – makes quick cuts and sharp turns in gear to evade and blow past defenders. Prototypical NHL power forward.



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ZEEV BUIUM

Defense | Univ. of Denver

Born: San Diego, Calif.

No. 4-ranked North American Skater

* Won a national championship with the University of Denver as a freshman and finished the season with the most points among NCAA blueliners with 11-39—50 in 42 GP. That total included an assist in the championship game.

* Won the NCHC championship with the University of Denver and was named the conference's 2023-24 Rookie of the Year and Best Offensive Defenseman.

* In 2022-23, Buium topped USA Hockey's National Team Development Program's Under-18 Team defensemen in scoring with 5-35—40 in 63 GP.

* Won gold with Team USA at the 2024 World Junior Championship, including a goal in the gold-medal game to finish the tournament with the best plus-minus (+11) and the most goals by a defenseman (3). He was also part of his country's gold-medal entry at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship and finished second on his team in scoring among blueliners with 1-5—6 in 7 GP.

* His brother, **Shai**, was a second-round pick by the Red Wings in 2021 (36th overall) who also patrolled the blueline for the Univ. of Denver in 2023-24.

* Played minor hockey in the Los Angeles Junior Kings AAA program before joining the famous program at Shattuck St. Mary's in Faribault, Minnesota for his 14U and 15U seasons.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Dynamic, offensively talented defenseman. Made the transition to college smoothly and is thriving despite being one of the youngest players in college hockey. Poise and patience with the puck make him very difficult to contain, especially at the offensive blue line. Has the vision and sense to find passing/shooting lanes to get prime scoring opportunities for his teammates. Possesses all the skills to be an early draft pick.

ZAYNE PAREKH

Defense | Saginaw Spirit (OHL)

Born: Markham, Ont.

No. 5-ranked North American Skater

* Led CHL defensemen in goals (33) and points (96) in 2023-24. His 96 points were the most by an OHL defenseman since **Ryan Ellis** in 2010-11 (100 points) and led all OHL draft-eligible skaters in 2023-24.

* In 2022-23, Parekh finished with 21-16—37 (50 GP) – fifth in the OHL among all defensemen in goals and third in scoring among rookie blueliners. His performance had him named to the CHL and OHL All-Rookie team.

* Part of his country's gold-medal entry at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (0-3—3 in 5 GP) and skated for Canada Black at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, where he finished second on his team in scoring (tied; 3-2—5 in 7 GP).

* He graduated high school two years early and has been taking courses at the University of Toronto.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A smooth skater with requisite speed, quickness and offensive smarts. Good instincts, reads and reacts quickly to move the puck with purpose. Plays with some "swag" and his game has matured considerably to where he makes measured choices with the puck. Excels and is creative on the power play. Very good handling the puck. A precision passer with quick hands in traffic, sets up point shots from the middle and has a quick release. Gets shots low and on net to generate extra chances. Composed and laid-back presence, never panics or gets rushed. Defends effectively with his smarts and stick and is very effective at getting in the way of an opponent or puck.



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TREVOR CONNELLY
Left Wing | Tri-City Storm (USHL)
Born: Tustin, Calif.
No. 6-ranked North American Skater

* The Providence College commit accumulated 31-47—78 (52 GP) this season, finishing second in the USHL in points and third in assists.

* Posted 24-23—47 in 57 GP last season in a campaign that featured an 18-game point streak and saw him finish fifth in USHL rookie scoring.

* Was part of Team USA's bronze-medal performance at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, finishing tied atop the tournament in scoring after averaging two points per game (5-5—10 in 5 GP) and won bronze at the 2024 World Junior A Challenge after a 6-5—11 performance – the second-most goals and points (both tied).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A highly skilled winger that combines excellent speed and playmaking ability. A threat to score every time he has the puck on his stick because of his elite hockey sense and nose for the net. Seems to have an ability to play the game at his pace and find openings and options that few others can. Plays a two-way game which makes him a threat as much on the penalty kill as on the power play. Shows the ability to take a game over when it matters the most.

SAM DICKINSON
Defense | London Knights (OHL)
Born: Toronto, Ont.
No. 7-ranked North American Skater

* Finished the season with 18-52—70 (68 GP) – a point total that ranked fourth in the OHL among defensemen. His 70 points are also the third most by any draft-eligible defenseman from the London Knights, trailing **Evan Bouchard** (87 in 2017-18) and **Rob Ramage** (73 in 1976-77).

* The fourth overall selection in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection finished fifth in rookie scoring by defensemen in 2022-23 after posting 9-14—23 (62 GP) and tied for fourth in scoring during the playoffs among all rookies after tallying 4-4—8 (21 GP) during the London Knights' run to the OHL Championship series.

* Collected three assists in his country's gold medal-entry at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup and captained Team Canada Black at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (1-1—2).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A very good skating and puck-moving defenseman with great offensive instincts. Consistently logs big minutes and plays in all situations. Hockey sense is strong, has a composed game carrying the puck and a quick read-and-react game utilizing his skating and high-end puck skills to make plays. He has very good hands and moves while skating with speed and while being checked. Effective leading the attack on the rush and quarterbacking a power play. Passes and shoots with authority and is an accurate shooter. Good understanding of position in the defensive zone to utilize his size, reach and defensive stick to break up plays.



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BERKLY CATTON

Center | Spokane Chiefs (WHL)

Born: Saskatoon, Sask.

No. 8-ranked North American Skater

* Tallied 54-62—116 (68 GP) as a member of the Spokane Chiefs to finish with the third-most goals and fourth-most points in the WHL. His point total is the most of any draft-eligible skater across the CHL in 2023-24.

* Per the CHL, Catton is just the third WHL draft-eligible skater since 2000 to top 115 points (**Connor Bedard**: 143 in 2022-23; **Nic Petan**: 120 in 2012-13).

* During his rookie season in 2022-23, Catton collected 23-32—55 (63 GP) to finish second in the WHL in goals (tied) and fourth in points (tied) among rookies.

* Won gold at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup concluding the tournament as the leader in goals (8) and points (10; tied). He also captained Team Canada Red at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in their silver-medal performance and won a bronze medal at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A highly intelligent player that generates a lot of scoring chances and leads his team in scoring. Has excellent vision to go along with his high-end skill set. NHL skater with an explosive first step that allows him to evade checking and pull away from defenders. Plays an up-tempo game and is very clever at controlling the pace of the play while creating time and space to make plays. Can contribute in all three zones with his smarts and awareness. More of a playmaker than a scorer, but he has a good release and accurate shot to beat goalies.

TIJ IGINLA

Center | Kelowna Rockets (WHL)

Born: Kelowna, B.C.

No. 9-ranked North American Skater

* Concluded the season with 47-37—84 (64 GP) – a 41-goal and 66-point improvement from his rookie season – to top the Kelowna Rockets in goals and finish second in points. His goal total tied for sixth in the WHL in 2023-24 and was the third most by a Rockets player over the past 20 years.

* Iginla scored eight goals during the Kelowna Rockets first-round series in the 2024 WHL Playoffs, tying the franchise record for most in a playoff series alongside **Geordie Wudrick** (2010).

* As a 16-year-old with the Seattle Thunderbirds in 2022-23, Iginla finished second on his team in scoring among rookies (6-12—18 in 48 GP) and played three games in the playoffs as Seattle won the 2023 WHL Championship.

* His father, **Jarome**, was inducted in the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2020 after a 20-year NHL career (625-675—1,300 in 1,554 GP) that saw him win the Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy (twice), Art Ross Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award. He is the Flames all-time franchise leader in career goals and points.

* His sister, **Jade**, plays D1 NCAA with Brown University and represented Team Canada at the 2022 Under-18 World Championship, while his younger brother, **Joe**, was drafted 12th overall by the WHL’s Edmonton Oil Kings in 2023.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A talented and dynamic winger (can also play center) who has been an offensive impact player for the Rockets from the start of the season. Skating is an NHL asset with speed that puts defenders on their heels. He is strong and hungry on the puck and has an effective game along the boards and corners when battling for pucks. Provides a consistent offensive output as a creative playmaker and natural goal scorer who has that shoot first mentality and possesses an excellent finishing shot with a very good release.



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MICHAEL HAGE

Center | Chicago (USHL)

Born: Oakville, Ont.

No. 10-ranked North American Skater

* Finished fourth in USHL scoring after posting 33-42—75 through 54 GP with the Chicago Steel. His 33 goals are the sixth most in a single season in franchise history.

* Skated in just 13 USHL games in 2022-23 due to injury, but tallied nearly a point per game during that time (5-5—10).

* Won a silver medal at the 2022 OHL Cup with the GTHL's Toronto Jr. Canadiens and was named to the all-star team after finishing the tournament with the second-most points (7-9—16).

* Committed to the University of Michigan.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A high-end talent who just finished his first full season in the USHL. Powerful skater that gets to top speed in a hurry and displays elite hockey sense, which allows him to make plays all over the ice. His compete level is strong in all three zones and he is the go-to guy on his team. Plays a two-way game and wants the puck on his stick when things matter the most to either score a big goal or set up his teammates. A complete player with game-breaking skills.

CARTER YAKEMCHUK

Defenseman | Calgary Hitmen (WHL)

Born: Fort McMurray, Alta.

No. 11-ranked North American Skater

* Collected 30-41—71 (66 GP) this season, to finish with the most goals by a defenseman across the league and the fifth-most points by a blueliner. His 30 goals set a franchise record for most in a campaign by a defenseman and he's one of just three WHL blueliners in the past 10 years to reach the 30-goal plateau alongside **Olen Zellweger** (32 in 2022-23) and **Connor Hobbs** (31 in 2016-17).

* In 2022-23, he amassed 19-28—47 in 67 GP with his hometown Calgary Hitmen to finish third in the WHL in goals by a defenseman and recorded the fourth-most points in the WHL among all defensemen age 17 or younger.

* Was a member of Team Canada in their bronze-medal entry at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A big, mobile and active defenseman who often leads his team in time on ice. A strong skater that likes to have the puck on his stick. A confident puck carrier that will look to transport the puck up ice. He has the ability to beat defenders one-on-one with speed and dangles. He is deployed on special team units and is a huge asset on the power play from the offensive zone blue line. Drives his team's offense as he distributes the puck well and creates scoring chances for teammates with his accurate and creative reads. In the defensive zone he can handle speed off the rush and win battles along the boards and in front of the net. Possesses an NHL tool set.



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COLE EISERMAN

Left Wing | USA U-18 (NTDP)

Born: Newburyport, Mass.

No. 12-ranked North American Skater

* Averaged a goal per game this season (49-27—76 in 49 GP) with Team USA's NTDP Under-18 team, finishing atop the team in goals and second in points.

* In 2022-23, Eiserman spent the majority of the season with Team USA's NTDP Under-17 team where he led the club in goals and points after accumulating 43-29—72 (42 GP) and added 26-6—32 in 20 GP with the Under-18 team. His 69 combined goals that season were the second-most in program history behind Cole Caufield (72 in 2018-19).

* Represented his country in their gold-medal entry the 2023 Under-18 World Championship and finished tied for the tournament lead in goals with the fourth-overall pick from the 2022 NHL Draft, **Will Smith**, after recording 9-2—11 (7 GP).

* Won gold at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, where he tied **Alex Ovechkin** for the tournament's all-time single year goal record (12) and finished second in the tournament in scoring after tallying 20 points through seven games.

* Eiserman comes from a hockey family, with multiple brothers playing college and professional hockey, including **Shane**, who was selected 100th overall by the Senators in the 2014 NHL Draft.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Elite offensive player, a true natural scorer and solid top prospect in the 2024 NHL Draft class. Strong offensive game and hockey sense, reads play and sees the ice, good smarts going to the net for chances. A driven goal scorer who wants the puck on his stick and is looking to shoot. Possesses a quick release, shoots with authority and is an accurate finisher. One of the best shooters in Draft class. Good skater, smart getting to the openings and can pull away on the fly. Smart game with puck in traffic, good hands and moves well skating and distributing the puck. Gets involved in forecheck battles and plays a responsible good two way game.

BECKETT SENNECKE

Right Wing | Oshawa Generals (OHL)

Born: Toronto, Ont.

No. 13-ranked North American Skater

* In 2023-24, Sennecke tallied 27-41—68 (63 GP) to finish third on his team in scoring. At this year's CHL/NHL Top Prospects on-ice testing, he finished fourth overall after being within the top five in five categories (30 meter backwards skate, 30 meter backwards skate with the puck, weave agility, weave agility with the puck & transition ability).

* After being drafted eighth overall by the Oshawa Generals in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection, Sennecke went on to top the league in assists among rookies (35; tied) and finish second among first-year skaters in points (55) during the 2022-23 season.

* Played for Team Canada White at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (0-3—3 in 5 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A combination of size, strength and talent. Competes with physical attributes and skills. An explosive skater, he gets around the ice very well and with purpose. Great puck skills with his hockey sense to generate chances. He makes good choices and decisions, capable to read and make the plays at high speed. An asset on the power play with his quick release or one-time option. An all around 200-foot player with a solid work ethic at both ends.



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LIAM GREENTREE
Right Wing | Windsor Spitfires (WHL)
Born: Oshawa, Ont.
No. 14-ranked North American Skater

* The captain of the Windsor Spitfires led his club in goals (36), assists (54) and points (90) through 64 GP. His 2023-24 season included four games with four-plus points and a six-point performance on Jan. 27 (3-3—6).

* His 90 points are the second most among draft-eligible skaters in the OHL this season, trailing only **Zayne Parekh** (96 points) and the most by a draft-eligible Windsor Spitfire since **Josh Bailey** (96 in 2007-08).

* Led the OHL in goals by a rookie in 2022-23 (25) and finished fourth in points (45) – a campaign that was highlighted by scoring a hat trick in his return to his hometown of Oshawa with two suites full of family in attendance.

* Was part of Team Canada's gold-medal entry at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (0-1—1 in 3 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A good combination of size and skill – he is very effective at driving the play to the net and getting open to shoot. He protects the puck well and is hard to check, especially off the cycle slipping into scoring areas. Good offensive creativity and confidence with the puck, makes plays using his soft hands in tight. Possesses an NHL shot and release. Plays his best and gets consistent results when playing the power forward game.

TERIK PARASCAK
Right Wing | Prince George Cougars (WHL)
Born: Lethbridge, Alta.
No. 15-ranked North American Skater

* Topped all rookies and finished eighth across the WHL with 43-62—105 in 68 GP. His goal and point totals led all rookies across the CHL.

* Named WHL Rookie of the Month for December after recording 16 points (4-12—16) through 11 games.

* In 2022-23, Parascak skated for Edge School Prep Academy in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League, finishing second in the league in goals (32) and points (66). He also led the league in the playoffs (6-6—12) en route to winning a U-18 championship.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Displays a very high hockey IQ with and without the puck. One of those players with that innate ability to go to where the puck will be and always has an option in all zones. He is composed under pressure, connects with tape-to-tape passes and has shown a consistent finishing ability. One of the more naturally talented prospects in the 2024 NHL Draft class. Plays on both special teams and has deceptive speed and quickness that always makes him a scoring threat



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MIKHAIL YEGOROV
Goaltender | Omaha Lancers (USHL)
Born: St. Petersburg, Russia
No. 1-ranked North American Goaltender

* Finished with a 3.86 goals-against average and .892 save percentage, both the third-best totals among rookie goaltenders in the USHL in 2023-24 (min. 15 GP). He was also just one of five rookie netminders to record a shutout.

* Committed to Boston University.

* Spent the majority of the 2022-23 season playing in Russia's under-17 league where he posted a 2.26 goals-against average (21 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

He has a huge pro presence and steadily improved throughout the season. Moves well throughout the crease – good structure in his game. Very good positionally, square to shots and challenges the shooters smartly. Very focused and competes well. Very good butterfly coverage sealing the ice and five hole as well as a wide leg extension to protect the low corners. Good lateral play. Does well reading the pass across on one-time plays. Tough to beat down low and in tight situations. Very good post-to-post play and wraparound coverage. Showed good reaction and recovery quickness. Has a chance and the ability to become a very good pro with more development. Huge upside.

CARTER GEORGE
Goaltender | Owen Sound Attack (OHL)
Born: Thunder Bay, Ont.
No. 2-ranked North American Goaltender

* Finished with the second-highest save percentage among all OHL goaltenders in 2023-24 (.907) and sits 11th in goals-against average (3.30).

* Spent the majority of 2022-23 tending goal for the St. Marys Lincolns in the GOJHL where he posted a 13-2-1 record over 17 games (2.74 GAA, .910 SV%, 1 SO).

* Backstopped Team Canada to a gold medal at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, posting a 2.26 GAA and .889 SV% across five games.

* His mom, **Tara**, is a decorated competitor in curling, having won bronze at the 2009 Olympic Trials and at the 2010 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

He gives his team a chance to win virtually every night. Skilled and smart with very good positional play. Strong in tight situations and makes very good reads on pass across plays. Good feet with strong reaction and recovery quickness. Efficient and quick. Good focus and concentration. Great balance in his stance and when moving laterally. Seals the ice when down in the butterfly. Handles the puck outside of his crease area very well.



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ANTON SILAYEV
Defense | Nizhny Novgorod (RUSSIA)
Born: Sarov, Russia
No. 1-ranked International Skater

* A 6'7" defenseman who is one of six players age 17 or younger that played at least one game in Russia's top professional league in 2023-24 and finished with the most points by an under-18 player across the KHL (3-8—11 in 63 GP).

* Skated in Russia's top junior league in 2022-23, recording 2-6—8 in 41 GP as a rookie in a season in which he won Russia's junior league championship.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A tower on ice with an excellent physical presence. A positive surprise as he has taken a regular spot with Nizhny Novgorod in the KHL. Has improved a lot year-over-year and is now used in all game situations. Surprising mobility for a player of his size, he is active, alert and involved. Two-way defenseman who likes to support and join the offensive rush. Plays with intensity and a great winning attitude. His vision and feel for the game are very good. So are his puck-handling and passing skills. Young but plays a mature game.

IVAN DEMIDOV
Right Wing | SKA St. Petersburg Jr. (RUSSIA-JR.)
Born: Sergiyev Posad, Russia
No. 2-ranked International Skater

* Skated four games in the KHL in 2023-24, but has spent the majority of the season in Russia's top junior league where he finished second across the league in points (23-37—60 in 30 GP) and first in points per game (min. 10 GP) after finishing with exactly a 2.00 pace.

* Collected a combined 19-45—64 in 44 GP in Russia's top junior league in 2022-23, finishing second in the MHL in assists and third in points. He was also named the league's MVP that season.

* Won gold at the 2021 Hlinka Gretzky Cup where he averaged a point per game in the tournament (2-3—5 in 5 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

First noticed as a possible future star when playing youth hockey in the Moscow area. Can play center or wing. A two-way competitor with excellent offensive instincts and a winning attitude. A tremendous skater, excellent puck handler and passer with a great selection of shots. Not overly aggressive but does not shy away from tough situations.



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KONSTA HELENIUS
Center | Jukurit (FINLAND)
Born: Ylojarvi, Finland
No. 3-ranked International Skater

* The 17-year-old skated in Finland's top professional league with Jukurit where he tallied 14-22—36 in 51 GP – the most points by an under-18 player across Liiga and the second most among all teenagers behind only **Jani Nyman**, who was a second-round pick by the Kraken in 2022.

* Split the 2022-23 season between Tappara in Finland's junior league, where he finished seventh in the league in points per game (min. 10 GP) after posting 8-20—28 in 19 GP (1.47), and in Finland's top professional league (3-8—11 in 33 GP).

* Led his country in their bronze-medal entry at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge with 2-9—11 (7), concluding the tournament fifth in scoring. He also skated for Team Finland at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship (2-4—6 in 5 GP) and at the 2024 World Junior Championship (1-1—2 in 7 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Finished his second season as a regular with Jukurit in Finland's top league. Plays a mature game and does not shy away from the physical side of the game despite his size. A unique skater who always seems to be in the right spot at the right time. Excellent understanding of the game. His playmaking and passing game are outstanding. He is only 17 but is already a key player on his team playing professionally in Finland. Played first or second line center for Finland at the World Junior Championship showing his talent against 19-year-old opponents. Reliable, solid player with a great set of tools.

ADAM JIRICEK
Defense | Plzen (CZECHIA)
Born: Klatovy, Czechia
No. 4-ranked International Skater

* Spent the majority of the 2023-24 campaign with Plzen in Czechia's top men's league (0-1—1 in 19 GP) before having surgery in January that kept him out for the remainder of the 2023-24 season.

* Internationally, has earned medals at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (silver), where he posted 0-3—3 in 5 GP and at the 2024 World Junior Championship (bronze) where he appeared in only one game due to injury.

* In 2022-23, Jiricek posted 12-17—29 in 41 GP with Plzen's junior team, ranking first (tied) in the league for goals by a defenseman and eighth in points among blueliners.

* His brother, **David**, is also a defenseman and current member of the Blue Jackets who was a first-round pick by the club in 2022 (sixth overall).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A defenseman with good size, strength and physical presence. Very good vision, reading the play well. Good mobile skater for a player of his size. Two-way player that likes to join the rush. Still at his best in the defensive zone, where he is an effective checker who stays with his man. Excellent competitor who works hard on every shift. Keeps his play simple and effective. Has all the tools needed to become a star.



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MICHAEL BRANDSEGG-NYGARD
Right Wing | Mora (SWEDEN-2)
Born: Oslo, Norway
No. 5-ranked International Skater

* Spent the majority of 2023-24 within Mora of Sweden's second division, tallying 8-10—18 (41 GP) – totals that finished as the most by an under-19 player in the league. He also played seven games with Mora's junior team where he averaged nearly two points per game (5-7—12).

* Finished second on Mora's junior team in goals (tied) and points in 2022-23 after posting 17-21—38 (35 GP), a season in which he also saw his first action with Mora's men's team (1-2—3 in 11 GP).

* Won a gold medal with Team Norway at the 2023 World Junior Championship - Division 1 to help his country earn promotion to the 2024 World Junior Championship, where he tied for the team lead with 3-2—5 in 5 GP.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

The best Norwegian prospect in years, A power forward who played his second season with Mora in Sweden where he has gained a lot of experience playing in the men's league. A competitive power forward with very good skating, excellent offensive instincts and a great winning attitude. He has solid size and strength, effective in battles both in open ice and along the boards. Has the tools needed to become very good. Was the key player for Norway at the World Junior Championship and also appeared in games for Norway's men's national team.

EMIL HEMMING
Right Wing | TPS (FINLAND)
Born: Vaasa, Finland
No. 6-ranked International Skater

* Spent the majority of the 2023-24 season with TPS in Finland's top professional league where the 17-year-old forward recorded 7-4—11 in 40 GP – the second-most points by an under-19 player behind **Konsta Helenius** (No. 3-ranked ITL skater). He has also averaged well over a point per game in 13 appearances with the TPS junior club this season, where he also wore an "A" (11-7—18 in 13 GP).

* Internationally, Hemming represented Finland at the 2024 World Junior Championship (0-2—2 in 7 GP) and helped his country earn bronze at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-2—5 in 5 GP).

* His father, **Jonas**, was a forward who had a lengthy hockey career with stops in Finland, Norway, Germany, Austria, Italy and Sweden.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A natural sniper who started the 2023-24 season with the TPS junior team but was quickly called up to the men's club. Scored his first Liiga goal in his first game and is now a regular on the team. Strong skater. Competitive, active forward with great offensive instincts including a fine selection of shots. A scoring threat on every shift. Strong body, effective in battles. Reliable team player who understands his defensive duties. Power-forward.



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LEO SAHLIN WALLENIS
Defense | Vaxjo Jr. (SWEDEN-Jr.)
Born: Skovde, SWE
No. 7-ranked International Skater

* The blueliner wore an "A" for Vaxjo's junior club and topped his team in scoring with 11-31—42 (43 GP). He also finished atop the league in assists by a defenseman and second in points by a blueliner.

* Split the 2022-23 season between Vaxjo's under-18 team, where he averaged nearly a point per game (7-10—17 in 20 GP) as well as 30 games with their junior team (2-6—8 in 30 GP).

* Represented his country at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, finishing tied for second in the tournament in points by a defenseman (1-4—5 in 4 GP), as well as at the 2023 World Junior A Challenge (2-2—4 in 6 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A smart, skilled mobile two-way defenseman with very good offensive instincts. Excellent understanding of the game. A finesse-type of player. Smooth, solid skater with speed, balance and mobility. Very good feeling for the game, smart, cool in all situations. Excellent puck-handler with smart breakout passes. Solid, responsible team player.

ARON KIVIHARJU
Defense | HIFK (FINLAND)
Born: Esbjerg, Denmark
No. 8-ranked International Skater

* Kiviharju played only seven games 2023-24 due to injury, but played them all in Finland's top professional league (1-1—2 in 7 GP).

* Spent the majority of the 2022-23 season with TPS's junior team, finishing third on his club in points by a defenseman despite playing half the games of the two above him (2-18—20 in 22 GP). He also made his professional hockey debut that season, tallying three assists through 21 games in Finland's top professional league.

* Won bronze with Team Finland at the 2022 Under-18 World Championship (0-6—6 in 6 GP) and at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, where he led his club with (1-5—6 in 5 GP). He also was part of Finland's entry at the 2022 Under-18 World Championship (0-7—7 in 5 GP), finishing third on his club in scoring.

* His father, **Jani**, has been a professional scout for the Coyotes for the past four years and played professional hockey in Europe for over two decades.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Extremely talented defenseman who got a lot of useful experience playing regular with and against men in the Finnish League with a strong HIFK team. Compensates his lack of size and physical strength with his excellent understanding and feel for the game. Always seems to be at the right place at the right time doing the right things. He plays a surprisingly mature game using his great overall skills including skating, passing, shot, smart decisions and confidence. A highly-skilled finesse-type "A" prospect.



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IGOR CHERNYSHOV

Left Wing | Dynamo Moscow (RUSSIA)

Born: Penza, Russia

No. 9-ranked International Skater

* Spent half of 2023-24 with Dynamo Moscow's junior team (13-15—28 in 22 GP) where he finished with the eighth-highest points per game rate (1.27; min. 10 GP). He also spent 34 games playing professionally in the KHL (3-1—4 in 34 GP).

* Finished 2023-24 tied for the fourth-most goals by an undrafted teenager in the KHL.

* Spent the majority of 2022-23 in Russia's junior league where he wore an "A" for his club and tallied 18-20—38 (38 GP). He also scored his first professional goal as a 17-year-old skating in the KHL (1-0—1 in 5 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Can play both center and the wing. A well-sized, strong two-way power forward with an excellent feel for the game. He is a surprisingly mobile, speedy skater for a player of his size. Good set of tools including skating, passing, puck-handling and shot. Makes smart decisions and uses his size well in battles. A solid, reliable two-way team-player who is very responsible also in the defensive zone.

LINUS ERIKSSON

Center | Djurgarden (SWEDEN-2)

Born: Stockholm, Sweden

No. 10-ranked International Skater

* In 2023-24, Eriksson played 29 games in Sweden's second-highest professional league (3-8—11 in 29 GP) and finished with the most points by a player age 17 or younger. He also averaged nearly a point per game while playing for Djurgarden's junior team (5-16—21 in 25 GP).

* Captained his country in their entry at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (1-2—3 in 4 GP) and the 2023 World Junior A Challenge (2-2—4 in 6 GP). He also skated for Team Sweden at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (1-2—3 in 6 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

A competitive two-way center. Average size, a solid skater with fine first-step quickness and good balance. A reliable team player at his best as a passer and playmaker. He is smart with the puck and effectively setting up plays. Finesse-type of consistent player with a lot of energy. He makes things happen with his hard checking game. Not flashy but reliable and smart on every shift. Has improved a lot during the 2023-24 season.



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EEMIL VINNI

Goaltender | Jokipojat (FINLAND)

Born: Vantaa, Finland

No. 1-ranked International Goaltender

* In 2023-24, he played in the second-highest men's league in Finland backstopping Jokipojat to a 17-9-10 record through 37 games (2.72 GAA, .892 SV%, 2 SO). His 2.72 goals against average was the seventh lowest in the league (min. 20 GP).

* Spent the majority of 2022-23 with HIFK's junior team where he posted a 15-12-0 record through 32 games (2.80 GAA, .894 SV%).

* Made his professional debut in 2022-23, playing two games for HIFK in Finland's top professional league.

* Won bronze at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup after posting a 1.75 goals-against average and a .927 save percentage (4 GP). He was also part of Team Finland in their bronze-medal win at the 2022 Under-18 World Championship, played in the 2023 Under-18 World Championship (3 GP) and was on the roster for the 2024 World Junior Championship.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING:

Good size and a winning attitude. Good lateral movements in the butterfly position. Effective overall net coverage with good angle and positional play. Patient and quick on breakaways, has a quick glove hand. Fine overall instincts and reads the game well.



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