2025 UPPER DECK NHL DRAFT – PROSPECT PROFILES

MATTHEW SCHAEFER
Defense | Erie (OHL)
Born: Hamilton, Ont.
No. 1-Ranked North American Skater

* Schaefer's 1.29 points per game in 2024-25 ranks as the fourth-highest mark of any OHL blueliner trailing only London Knights defenseman **Sam Dickinson** (1.75), Sudbury Wolves defenseman **Henry Mews** (1.38) and Saginaw Spirit blueliner **Zayne Parekh** (1.31 P/GP).

* Named to OHL First All-Rookie Team in 2023-24 after posting 3-14—17 in 56 GP.

* Was named to Team Canada's roster for the 2025 World Junior Championship and 1-1—2 in 2 GP before an injury forced him out of the tournament.

* Followed Erie Otters franchise cornerstones **Connor McDavid** (2012) and **Ryan O'Reilly** (2007) as the third OHL first overall selection in the organization's history.

* His brother, **Jonathan**, also a defenseman, played for the OHL's Niagara IceDogs (2015-16 to 2018-19) and at Brock University (2019-20 to 2022-23).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
A second year OHL defenseman who was selected first overall in the 2023 OHL priority selection. After successfully leading Canada's Under-18 team to gold as captain at the Hlinka-Gretzky, he missed the start the OHL season and has returned with strong play as a top defense prospect who's on everyone's radar. He does it all on the ice – defends well as an elite skater with good gap control and has the ability and smarts to consistently produce offensively. He has a great feel for the game and knows when to make a simple play, when to block a shot and how to get the job done. His puck retrievals are on point, he can skate his way out of trouble and capably lead the rush offensively. He quarterbacks the power play and is an offensive threat to score or set up teammates. A special talent and top prospect for the Draft.

JAMES HAGENS
Center | Boston College (NCAA)
Born: Hauppauge, N.Y.
No. 2-Ranked North American Skater

***** Currently skates for Boston College where he ranks third among freshmen in the nation with 5-15—20 in 18 GP. His teammates include **Gabriel Perreault** (No. 23 in 2023 by NYR) and **Ryan Leonard** (No. 8 in 2023 by WSH).

* Won gold at the 2025 World Junior Championship and finished tied for the fourth-most goals in the tournament (5) and fourth on Team USA in points (9) behind three players already drafted into the NHL.

* Led USA Hockey's National Development Program's Under-18 Team in 2023-24 after posting 39-63—102 (58 GP) – 13 points more than the next-closest player (**Cole Eiserman**: No. 20 in 2024 by NYI).

* Finished his NTDP career ranking fifth in program history for career points (187) and career assists (115).

* Won gold at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship (1-4—5 in 7 GP) and the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, where he averaged three points per game to finish with the most assists (13) and points (21) in the tournament. He also earned a silver medal at the 2024 Under-18 World Championship – Hagens was named tournament MVP and best forward after finishing with the most assists and points (9-13—22 in 7 GP).

* He currently plays with his brother, **Michael**, at Boston College. Their father, **Michael Sr.**, played three seasons of college hockey at SUNY-Brockport (NCAA Division III).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
An NCAA freshman playing center for a very talented Boston College team. A very good skater with a dynamic heads-up game who plays with confidence, patience and savvy with the puck. Ultra quick ability to read and react. Always a scoring threat off the rush and can set up his teammates from anywhere on the ice. Elusive with the puck and can deceive defenders by looking them off and making a pass or taking a shot that is unexpected. Excellent hands and makes creative plays that others just can't see. A special player with elite hockey sense and compete level. The type of player that elevates his game when it counts the most. He wants the puck on his stick and has "Game Changer" ability. The complete offensive package with a very high hockey intelligence in all three zones.

MICHAEL MISA
Center | Saginaw (OHL)
Born: Oakville, Ont.
No. 3-Ranked North American Skater

* Already skating in his third OHL season, Misa ranks first among all OHL scorers in goals and points (tied) with 35-37—72 in 37 GP – a total that includes a pair of hat tricks and 10 outings with three or more points. His 445 face-off wins are also the fifth-most in the league (54.1 FO%).

* Was granted “exceptional player” status by Hockey Canada making him eligible for the 2022 OHL Priority selection at an earlier age where he was selected first overall by the Saginaw Spirit. In his rookie season of 2022-23, Misa was named OHL Rookie of the Year after leading all first-year skaters with 22-34—56 in 45 GP.

* Helped Saginaw win the Memorial Cup in his second OHL season (2023-24), where he produced at a point-per-game rate in the tournament with 0-5—5 in 5 GP.

* Helped Canada earn a gold medal at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup where he tied for the team lead in assists and produced 2-6—8 in 5 GP. He also won silver at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-3—6 in 7 GP).

* His brother, **Luke**, was a fifth-round pick by the Flames in the 2024 NHL Draft (150th overall) who skates for the OHL's Brampton Steelheads in 2024-25.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
The eighth player granted exceptional status by Hockey Canada and the sixth to play in the OHL as a 15-year-old. Drafted No. 1 overall in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection by the Saginaw Spirit. Playing in his third OHL season after winning the 2024 Memorial Cup. Named assistant captain to start the season, he has taken his game to another level and is putting up big offensive numbers. He’s bigger, stronger and faster than previous seasons. His first three steps are lightning quick and when you add the elite skill set and elite hockey IQ he’s a very dangerous offensive threat. A clever playmaker who makes plays at speed and knows how to put the puck in the net. Plays with a consistent, impressive compete level and knows how to use his body to win puck battles. When he’s on the ice his quickness, creativity and hockey sense are off the charts.

PORTER MARTONE
Right Wing | Brampton (OHL)
Born: Peterborough, Ont.
No. 4-Ranked North American Skater

* Captain of the OHL's Brampton Steelheads in 2024-25 where he ranks tied fourth across the league in assists and seventh in points (22-40—62 in 30 GP). His 2.07 point-per-game rate is second in the OHL after Quentin Musty, who was selected in the first round of the 2023 NHL Draft (26th overall).

* Split his OHL rookie season of 2022-23 with Sarnia and Mississauga where he ranked 11th in rookie scoring with 19-16—35 in 61 GP. He doubled that output in his second OHL season, leading his team in goals while producing 33-38—71 in 60 GP.

* One of three draft-eligible players on Team Canada's roster at the 2025 World Junior Championship (1-0—1 in 3 GP).

***** Won gold with Team Canada at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2-3—5 in 5 GP) and at the 2024 Under-18 World Championship, where he captained his country and finished second in the tournament for assists (12) and third in points (17). He also has a silver from the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (7-5—12 in 7 GP) and bronze from the 2023 Under-18 World Championship.

* His father, Mike, was a fourth-round pick by the Sabres in the 1996 NHL Draft (106th overall) who captained the OHL's Peterborough Petes in junior and played pro in the AHL and ECHL – winning the ECHL's Kelly Cup in 1998-99 with the Mississippi Sea Wolves.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
A third-year OHL player originally selected fifth overall by the Sarnia Sting in the 2023 OHL Priority selection. Named captain of the Brampton Steelheads to start the 2024-25 season. Putting up outstanding offensive numbers and can play any type of game which will translate well at the next level. Elite hockey sense which allows him to slow the game down to the pace he chooses. He also has the elite puck skills and hands to take advantage of the time and space he creates. Can play physical and will back it up. Has a nose for the net that you can't teach, utilizing his puck control, reach and skills to lead his team's offense. Can score goals in all different ways. Plays the right way in all situations and is his team's leader for a reason.

ROGER McQUEEN
Center | Brandon (OHL)
Born: Saskatoon, Sask.
No. 5-Ranked North American Skater

* Despite having missed 29 games due to injury, McQueen has 8-3—11 in eight contests this season and leads the team with a 1.38 points per game rate.

* Led the Wheat Kings with a 0.96 points per game rate in 2023-24 (21-30—51 in 53 GP) as well as topping the team in power-play points with 15 (7-8—15). He also led his club in goals and points (tied) during the WHL playoffs with 4-1—5 in four contests.

* Paced all Wheat Kings rookies in assists and points with 4-10—14 in 55 contests during the 2022-23 season.

* Was the fourth overall pick in the 2021 WHL Bantam Draft.

* Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 Under-18 World Championship and at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, where he posted the third-most goals and fourth-most points (tied) among his fellow countrymen (4-3—7 in 5 GP). He also played at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, where he topped his team in points (tied; 4-4—8 in 6 GP).

* His father, **Scott**, played defense in the WHL for 88 games with the Red Deer Rebels and Saskatoon Blades (6-9—15).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
Playing in his third full WHL season. An elite combination of size and skill. A huge center that can do it all. Has the ability to take over and dominate games with his high-end puck skills along with deceptive speed and quickness. Can create his own shots and set up chances for teammates. Excellent puck control and can dangle to beat defenders off the rush with speed and in traffic. Great playmaking and a touch with the puck to finesse it through tight spots and onto teammates sticks. A high compete level with an imposing frame, he can play both a skilled and physical game to battle and power his way through checks to make plays. Can play with an edge and will stand up for his teammates.

VICTOR EKLUND
Right Wing | Djurgarden (SWEDEN-2)
Born: Stockholm, Sweden
No. 1-Ranked International Skater

* Is skating in Sweden's second-highest league with Djurgarden this season and as an 18-year-old currently tops the league in goals by a teenager and sits second in points in that category (8-7—15 in 24 GP)

* As a 17-year-old, Eklund played the majority of the 2023-24 season with Djurgarden's junior team and finished third on the team in assists (18) and sixth in points (25). He also made his professional hockey debut in Sweden's second-highest league (1-3—4 in 15 GP) and won a silver medal with Djurgarden.

* Won a bronze medal with Sweden at the 2025 World Junior Championship, 2024 Under-18 World Championship, finishing atop his country in goals. He also represented his country at the 2023 World Junior A Challenge, 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup and 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

* His brother, **William**, was drafted in the first round by the San Jose Sharks in 2021 (7th overall) and has played in the NHL for the past three seasons. His father, **Christian**, played professional hockey in Europe for over two decades.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
An active and alert player who plays with a lot of confidence and intensity. A robust checker who uses his acceleration and speed on every shift. Strength will come over time due to his great mentality and work ethic toward hockey. Has great skating ability, accelerates and moves from side to side. His fakes and dekes on defenders are very good. Safe zone entries, great speed and a good "drive" to the net. Plays at a higher tempo than many others in a game. Effort, intense playing style and emotions show a tremendous overall mentality. Very "quick" with his stick and while puck handling. Can get himself time and space in traffic. Has a quick shot when skating. He is a playmaker who plays with his head up with the puck looking to create. Very good vision and creativity. Comfortable and confident and has good patience with the puck.

ANTON FRONDELL
Center | Djurgarden (SWEDEN-2)
Born: Stockholm, Sweden
No. 2-Ranked International Skater

***** Started the 2024-25 season with Djurgarden's junior team (5-2—7 in 10 GP) but quickly graduated to their men's team in Sweden's second division (3-3—6 in 13 GP). He is one of six 17-year-olds to have played in the league this season and tops that cohort in goals, assists and points.

***** Led Djurgarden's junior team in scoring in 2023-24 with 18-21—39 in 29 GP, including a plus-25 rating that tied for sixth best in the league.

* Internationally, Frondell has helped Sweden earn medals at the 2024 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (bronze; 6-1—7 in 7 GP) and the 2024 World Junior A Challenge (silver; 2-2—4 in 5 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
Skilled two-way player. Strong player with strong legs, which shows up in his skating. Has perfect balance in his skating and makes it difficult for opponents to catch him. Wins most of the one-on-one battles with his attitude, power and quick stick. Delivers intelligent passes and is a real asset, especially on the power play. Has a nifty wrist shot and his release is solid and accurate. His hockey IQ shines with intelligent moves, with or without the puck. Likes to set up teammates using small moves and tricky passes. Shows resilience and perseverance. Advances the puck quickly and plays a heads-up game. Makes good choices as he is a competent and skilled stick handler.

IVAN RYABKIN
Center | Dynamo Moscow Jr. (RUSSIA-JR)
Born: Balakovo, Russia
No. 3-Ranked International Skater

* Collected 1-11—12 through 15 games with Dynamo Moscow's junior team this season before joining the USHL's Muskegon Lumberjacks, with whom he has recorded three goals through two contests.

* In his first rookie season, Ryabkin posted 24-34—58 through 44 games in Russia's junior division – tied for the fourth-most points and fifth-most assists among all players in 2023-24. His 1.32 points per game was the third highest in the league (min. 30 GP) behind **Ivan Demidov** (2.00 P/GP), who was taken fifth overall in the 2024 NHL Draft by Montreal, and **Nikita Khoruzhev** (1.48 P/GP).

* Registered 8-11—19 through six games in the 2023-24 Russia U17 Finals and is tied with **Maxim Shalunov** (7-12—19 in 6 GP) for second place on the tournament's all-time assist and points list behind only **Ivan Didkovsky** (10-12—22 in 13 GP).

* Named Best Rookie in Russia's junior league in 2023-24 after also being awarded the league's Rookie of the Month three times that season (January, February & September).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
A cerebral player who is very smart and usually in the correct position on both sides of the puck. Great hockey sense. An impressive combination of size, skating, physicality, and puck skill. Not afraid to play physically. Plays a hardworking and practical two-way game. Handles and controls the puck well in all areas of the ice. Very good at face-offs. An intense shooter with a finishing ability. Gets himself into scoring areas for quality looks with consistency. An intelligent player who is used on the power play. Confident and patient with the puck in the offensive zone – he can hold and shield until options open up. Protects the puck well and can power through defenders while maintaining control. Makes plays in heavy traffic and sets up chances in tight. All the physical tools and smarts to develop into an NHL power forward.

MILTON GASTRIN
Center | MODO Jr. (SWEDEN-JR)
Born: Ornskoldsvik, Sweden
No. 4-Ranked International Skater

* Has tallied 12-16—28 in 25 GP this season, the second most on his team, and ranks 10th in the league in points among players age 17 or younger. Gastrin also made his professional hockey debut, skating in five games with MoDo's men's team.

* Gastrin nearly doubled his point production from the 2023-24 campaign in 16 fewer games, after posting 12-16—28 in 25 GP last season. His point total finished as the sixth-most points among 16-year-olds in Sweden's top junior league.

* Captained Sweden to a bronze at both the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, where he concluded the tournament tied for third in points (3-7—10 in 5 GP), and at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (3-2—5 in 7 GP).

* His father, **Magnus**, played professional hockey in Sweden and Switzerland for over a decade, while his brother, **Malcom**, is currently his teammate with MODO Jr.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
Can play either center or wing. A strong skater, including acceleration, straight-away speed and balance. Always involved in the play, active and intelligent. Comes out as a winner in most battles. Not flashy, plays a simple and very effective game using his skating, smartness and winning attitude on every shift. Plays an effective two-way game. Drives the net with purpose and gets many chances off the cycle. An intelligent player who makes good decisions with and without the puck. An ace in the face-off circle.

VOJTECH CIHAR
Left Wing | Karlovy Vary (CZECHIA)
Born: Chomutov, Czechia
No. 5-Ranked International Skater

* Cihar is skating for Karlovy Vary in Czechia's highest professional league (3-4—7 in 26 GP). He is one of 10 17-year-olds to have played a game in the league this season and tops that cohort in points – four more than the next-closest player.

* In 2023-24, he skated in Czechia's junior league, where he tallied 14-12—26 in 35 GP. He finished with the third-most goals and fifth-most points by players age 16 or younger across the league.

* Won silver at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (1-1—2 in 5 GP) and bronze at the 2025 World Junior Championship (1-1—2 in 7 GP) – the country's third straight year with a medal at the tournament. He also represented Czechia at the 2023 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-2—4 in 8 GP).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
A good-sized forward who is strong over the puck and can protect it in tight spaces. Effectively utilizes his physical attributes and has excellent offensive smarts and tools. Dangerous player with the puck on his stick and can produce. An excellent, deceptive puck handler. Outstanding vision and playmaking ability. Owns a great shot with power and accuracy. Has a high offensive hockey IQ and can make his teammates better. Dangerous on the power play. Wants the puck on his stick in crucial moments and delivers. Can be a difference maker. Strong on his skates with good speed – tough to stop when on the move. Good balance, hard to knock down in battles. Reliable and useful team player.

JOSHUA RAVENSBERGEN
Goaltender | Prince George (WHL)
Born: North Vancouver, B.C.
No. 1-Ranked North American Goaltender

* Currently tied for the most wins across the WHL with a 20-6-3 record. He also sits ninth in goals against average (3.01) and 10th in save percentage (.901).

* Finished his rookie season with a 26-4-1 record – the seventh-most wins among all goaltenders. His 2.46 goals against average was the fourth lowest across the WHL that season.

* In 2023-24, he tied the WHL record for most shutouts by a rookie after posting six. He tied **Jamie Tucker** (2008-09), **Matt Keetley** (2004-05), **Tyler Plante** (2004-05), **Dustin Slade** (2003-04), **Kelly Guard** (2002-03), **Donavan Nunweiler** (1996-97) and **Ray Martyniuk** (1968-69).

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
Playing in his second year in the WHL after going undrafted in the Bantam Draft. Has a huge pro presence and plays big even when down in the butterfly with excellent low net coverage. Plays with a lot of confidence and moves extremely well throughout the crease with very good structure in his game. Utilizes quick reactions and recovery skills and has an excellent glove hand. Tracks the puck well through traffic. Strong in tight and on the post, quick to eliminate any holes. A combination of size and ability, he has a good chance to become an NHL starter. A top-end goalie talent for the 2025 NHL Draft.

PYOTR ANDREYANOV
Goaltender | CSKA Jr. (RUSSIA-JR)
Born: Volsk, Russia
No. 1-Ranked International Goaltender

* Has a 17-3-0 record so far this season while playing in Russia's junior league. His win total is the second highest among all goalies, his goals against average ranks fifth (1.67) and his save percentage ranks third (.943).

* Spent the majority of the 2023-24 season playing in the MHL, Russia's junior league, where he posted a 9-8-0 record (3.04 GAA, .916 SV% & 1 SO). He was one of three 16-year-olds who played more than 10 games in the MHL last year.

* Posted a 2.65 goals-against average in five games during Russia's U-17 Finals to help his team earn bronze.

NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING
A decent-sized goalie who is active, quick and explosive. Has an excellent catching glove. Has perfect balance on his feet. Moves well in all directions. Aggressive in a good way. Helps players around the net by being active and playing the puck fast. Good reflexes when needed and looks in control, often in challenging situations. Tracks pucks well when facing screens and does not allow rebounds easily. Plays low in his net. Regarding skill, may be one of the best goalies in this draft class.