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Team CHL - Player Profiles





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Quick Facts about Team CHL, & 2025 CHL USA Prospects Challenge

- Both games of the 2025 CHL USA Prospects Challenge will be broadcast live on TSN and RDS at 6:00 p.m. MT / 8:00 p.m. ET, with matchups set for November 25 in Calgary and November 26 in Lethbridge. In the United States, both games will air live on NHL Network, while viewers outside of Canada can stream the action on [Victory+](#).
- 14 CHL players who received an “A” rating from NHL Central Scouting – [identifying them as projected first-round candidates for the 2026 NHL Draft](#) – will suit up for Team CHL at this event.
- Eight CHL players who earned a “B” rating from NHL Central Scouting – [identifying them as projected second- or third-round candidates for the 2026 NHL Draft](#) – will also compete for Team CHL.
- This year’s roster features 22 of the league’s top prospects, including nine players from the OHL, nine from the WHL, and four from the QMJHL.
- The roster includes four American-born players, headlined by Nikita Klepov (Windsor Spitfires), who captured gold with Team USA at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.
- Nine Team CHL players represented Canada at that same tournament, earning bronze medals: Ethan Belchetz, Carson Carels, Alessandro Di Iorio, Beckham Edwards, Ryan Lin, Giorgos Pantelas, Mathis Preston, Liam Ruck, and Daxon Rudolph.
- Six Team CHL players – *Carels, Di Iorio, Lin, Roobroeck, Rudolph, and Villeneuve* – helped Canada capture gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, bringing championship pedigree and big-game experience to this year’s lineup.
- Another seven players – *Lin, Pantelas, Rudolph, Belchetz, Preston, Ruck, and Edwards* – also struck gold with Canada at the 2024 World U17 Hockey Challenge, underscoring the team’s depth of proven winners on the international stage.
- Two players on Team CHL hail from outside North America: Czech forward Adam Novotný (Peterborough Petes) and Russian centre Yegor Shilov (Victoriaville Tigres).
- Six players are competing in their first CHL season – Boettiger, Hurlbert, Klepov, Malhotra, Novotný, and Shilov – each making an early impression as top prospects in their draft class.
- In total, 19 CHL clubs are represented on the roster, including three teams featuring a pair of teammates: the Spokane Chiefs (*Preston & Harrington*), Sarnia Sting (*Di Iorio & Edwards*), and Québec Remparts (*Dagenais & Morrison*).
- The inaugural CHL USA Prospects Challenge, held in November 2024 in London and Oshawa, Ontario, proved to be a landmark event in showcasing the next wave of elite NHL talent.
 - Of the 22 players who suited up for Team CHL, an impressive 16 were selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft – meaning half of the opening round competed in these games. The result underscores the CHL USA Prospects Challenge’s emergence as a premier showcase for the game’s top draft-eligible talent.
 - Five Team CHL alumni – Matthew Schaefer (Erie / 1st overall, NYI), Michael Misa (Saginaw / 2nd, SJS), Brady Martin (Soo / 5th, NSH), Ben Kindel (Calgary / 11th, PIT), and Braeden Cootes (Seattle / 15th, VAN) – have already made their NHL debuts during the 2025–26 season.
- Team CHL captured the inaugural CHL USA Prospects Challenge (November 2024), sweeping the two-game series 2–0 after a 6–1 win in London and a dramatic 3–2 victory in Oshawa, sealed by the game-winning goal from Calgary Flames prospect Cole



Reschny (Victoria Royals / WHL) with 72 seconds remaining in regulation against the U.S. National Under-18 Team.

CHL Representation on NHL Central Scouting's 2025 Preliminary Players to Watch List

- The CHL led all development leagues worldwide with 232 North American players (73.4%) named to the 2025 list – up from 155 (57.0%) in 2024.
- This represents a 49.6% year-over-year increase (+77 players) and a 16-point rise in overall representation.
- All three CHL Member Leagues saw double-digit gains:
 - **OHL:** 91 players (+29 / +46.8% vs. 2024)
 - **WHL:** 86 players (+31 / +56.4% vs. 2024)
 - **QMJHL:** 55 players (+17 / +44.7% vs. 2024)
- The 232 CHL players named mark the highest total in at least 12 years – and likely in league history – surpassing previous highs of 162 (2016) and 161 (2023).
- Each league also set or matched modern-era records for representation:
 - **OHL:** 91 players (*previous high: 76 in 2016*)
 - **WHL:** 86 players (*previous high: 63 in 2023*)
 - **QMJHL:** 55 players (*previous high: 38 in 2024*)
- Collectively, 2025 stands as the strongest year on record for CHL representation on NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings.

CHL to the NHL: Draft Success and Alumni Impact

- The CHL's dominance on NHL Draft day continues to stand unmatched among global development leagues.
- Following Matthew Schaefer's first-overall selection in 2025, a total of 42 CHL players have been chosen No. 1 overall in the 57 NHL Drafts since 1969 – accounting for nearly 75% of all top picks in that span.
- The CHL has produced at least 10 first-round selections in every NHL Draft since 1969, marking an unbroken streak of 56 consecutive years.
- In NHL Draft history, a single league has generated 20 or more first-rounders nine times – all belonging to the CHL, including 21 first-round picks in 2025.
- Since 1969, 6,117 CHL players have been drafted into the NHL, representing approximately 47% of all drafted players in that period.
- During the 2024–25 NHL season, more than 415 players who appeared in at least one NHL game developed in the WHL, OHL, or QMJHL.
- As the NHL opened its 2025–26 season, a total of 402 Canadian Hockey League (CHL) alumni – spanning the WHL, OHL, and QMJHL – were featured on NHL Opening Night rosters, accounting for nearly 50% of all players in the league.
- Entering the 2025–26 NHL season, 18 CHL alumni wore the captain's "C" for their respective NHL clubs.
- 22 of the NHL's 32 head coaches either played or coached in the CHL, reinforcing the league's role as a breeding ground for future hockey leaders.
- More than 200 CHL alumni currently serve in coaching, hockey operations, or support roles across the NHL – with at least one graduate on every team.
- That total represents the largest single source of NHL talent in the world, underscoring the CHL's enduring position as the premier pathway to the NHL.



Boettiger, Harrison – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Goaltender

Catches: L

Height: 6-foot-2.5

Weight: 193 pounds

WHL Club: Kelowna Rockets

Hometown: Wheat Ridge, CO, U.S.A.

Birthdate: December 11, 2007

WHL U.S. Prospect Draft: 4th Overall, 1st Round (2022)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	RECORD	GAA	SV%	GA	SO
2025-26 RS	10	5-2-1-1	2.37	.921	23	0

Quick Bio: Boettiger (Wheat Ridge, CO) is a 6'2", 186-pound goaltender for the Kelowna Rockets (WHL) and a top American prospect for the 2026 NHL Draft. Acquired from Lethbridge in the Caden Price trade, he spent last season with the U.S. National Team Development Program, posting strong numbers in both the USHL and at the 2024 CHL/USA Prospects Challenge (.921 SV%). A silver medalist at the 2023 World U17 Challenge and bronze medalist at the 2024 IIHF U18 Worlds, Boettiger brings size, poise, and international experience to the crease.

Media Notes:

- As of November 25, Boettiger has made 10 starts, registering a 2.37 GAA (2nd in the WHL among qualified starters) & a .921 save percentage (3rd in the WHL).
- Made his WHL debut on [October 10, 2025](#), turning aside 28 of 30 shots in a 3-1 loss to the Seattle Thunderbirds at Prospera Place in Kelowna
- Signed by the Kelowna Rockets to a WHL Scholarship and Development Agreement in June 2025.
- Originally selected 4th overall by the Lethbridge Hurricanes in the 2022 WHL U.S. Priority Draft.
- Acquired by Kelowna in January 2025 as part of the Caden Price trade, which also brought in defenceman Will Sharpe and multiple draft picks.
- Spent the 2024–25 season with the U.S. National Team Development Program (NTDP), appearing for both the U17 and U18 squads.
- Posted a 3.61 GAA and .884 SV% in 24 games with the U18 team, including a strong USHL showing with a 2.79 GAA, .907 SV%, and 8 wins in 13 games.
- Started one game (Game 2 in Oshawa) for the U.S. National Under-18 Team at the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, making 35 saves with a 3.00 GAA and .921 SV%.
- Internationally, helped Team USA win silver at the 2023 World U17 Hockey Challenge and bronze at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship.
- Eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft, Boettiger is considered a key addition for the Rockets as they prepare to host the 2026 Memorial Cup at the end of the 2025–26 season.
- One of just four North American goalies – along with Jovanovski and two other CHL netminders – to be given a 'B' rating from NHL Central Scouting.



Jovanovski, Zachary – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Goaltender

Catches: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 170 pounds

OHL Club: Guelph Storm

Hometown: Tecumseh, ON

Birthdate: Oct. 7, 2007

OHL Draft: 134th Overall, 7th Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	RECORD	GAA	SV%	GA	SO
2025-26 RS	19	10-7-1-0	3.83	.882	69	0
2024-25 RS	19	6-10-3-0	3.71	.886	66	1

Quick Bio: Jovanovski is a 6'2", 170-pound goaltender from Tecumseh, Ontario, and a 2023 seventh-round pick (134th overall) of the Guelph Storm. A former standout with Windsor Jr. Spitfires U18 AAA and Sun County Panthers AAA, he is one of just four North American goalies to earn a 'B' rating from NHL Central Scouting.

Media Notes:

- Jovanovski is a 6'2", 170-pound goaltender from Tecumseh, Ontario, and a 2023 seventh-round pick (134th overall) of the Guelph Storm.
- Jovanovski has recorded 30 or more saves in eight of 19 starts during the 2025–26 season.
- Earned his first career OHL shutout during his rookie season in 2024–25, stopping all 39 shots he faced against the Owen Sound Attack on [January 3, 2025](#).
- Made his OHL debut on [November 1, 2024](#), stopping 12 shots in relief against the Ottawa 67's, before earning his first career start the following night ([Nov. 2](#)).
- Signed an OHL Scholarship and Development Agreement with Guelph in June 2024.
- Appeared in 19 games during the 2024–25 season, posting a 3.71 goals-against average, .886 save percentage, one shutout, and a 6-10-3-0 record, while also seeing time with the Ayr Centennials (GOJHL).
- Previously played for the Windsor Jr. Spitfires U18 AAA, recording a 1.90 GAA in 17 games, and for the Chatham Maroons (GOJHL), where he posted a 2.90 GAA and .897 SV% as a 16-year-old.
- In his U16 season with the Sun County Panthers AAA, he posted a 1.75 GAA and a .933 SV% at the OHL Cup, showcasing elite composure and consistency in high-stakes games.
- One of just four North American goalies – along with Jovanovski and three other CHL netminders – to be given a 'B' rating from NHL Central Scouting.



Carels, Carson – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 175 pounds

WHL Club: Prince George Cougars

Hometown: Cypress River, MB

Birthdate: June 23, 2008

WHL Draft: 16th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	6	18	24	+2	77
2025 PO	7	1	3	4	-1	9
2024-25 RS	60	6	29	35	+22	82
2023-24 RS	7	0	3	3	+3	5
TOTAL RS	90	12	50	62	+27	164

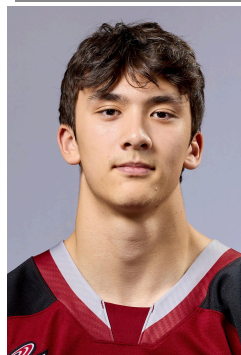
Quick Bio:

A steady, methodical defender known for clean puck handling and smart positioning. Carels was key to Canada's U18 World Championship gold earlier in 2025, and he logged a high-minute role on Prince George last season. His calm under pressure and reliability behind the puck earned him a spot on Team CHL's defensive depth chart.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Carson Carels sits tied for third in scoring among WHL defencemen this season, producing 24 points in 23 games during the 2025–26 campaign.
- Earned silver with Canada Red at the 2024 U17 World Challenge.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2025 U18 World Championship.
- Helped Manitoba win its first-ever gold medal at the 2023 WHL Cup.
- Made his WHL debut at the age of 15 on [December 13, 2023](#), in a 5-2 loss at Everett
- Scored his first career WHL point in a two-assist effort in only his third career game on [December 15, 2023](#) – a 9-2 win at Vancouver.
- Played seven WHL regular-season games as a 15-year-old during the 2023-24 season.
- Scored his first career WHL goal on [November 15, 2024](#), in a 4-3 win versus Kelowna
- Collected nine multipoint games as a 16-year-old defenceman in 2024-25.
- Notched a career high three points on two occasions (December 6, March 15)
- Grew up on a cattle farm near Cypress River, Man. & a fan of the Brandon Wheat Kings.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of five from the WHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.

"He does a lot of things as a young defenceman that you want to develop in an older defenceman. So, I think he's well ahead of the curve on a lot of his details and his structure... He was a player that we put in the lineup, we were able to play him consistently. We didn't have to protect him." – Jim Playfair, Associate Coach of the Prince George Cougars



Lin, Ryan – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 175 pounds

WHL Club: Vancouver Giants

Hometown: Richmond, BC

Birthdate: Apr. 18, 2008

WHL Draft: 6th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	24	5	23	28	-11	54
2025 PO	5	0	2	2	-8	4
2024-25 RS	60	5	48	53	+11	92
2024 PO	3	0	0	0	-1	2
2023-24 RS	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL RS	85	10	71	81	0	147

Quick Bio:

Finishing his U17 season with 53 points, Lin is among the most productive young defencemen in CHL history. He earned attention as a puck-moving quarterback and breakout specialist—even at a younger age than his peers. Now a leader for Vancouver, he brings elite anticipation, smooth mobility, and creativity in transition to Team CHL's back end.

Media Notes:

- As of November 25, Lin leads all WHL defencemen with 28 points in 2025-26, placing him in a tied for second with Team CHL teammate Chase Reid among CHL blueliners and behind only Carson Woodall (Windsor), who each 32 points.
- Named to the [CHL All-Rookie Team in 2024-25](#).
- Won gold with Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship – [May 3, 2025](#).
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Challenge – [November 10, 2024](#).
- Named a finalist for the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy, presented annually to the WHL Rookie of the Year – [April 3, 2025](#).
- Second rookie WHL defenceman in 35 years to reach 50 points since Scott Niedermayer in 1989-90 – [March 11, 2025](#).
 - His 53 points ranked seventh among U17 defencemen across the CHL since 1990.
- Named WHL Rookie of the Week on [January 20, 2025](#).
- Made his WHL debut on [November 4, 2023](#), in a 3-2 shootout win versus Kamloops.
- Collected 14 multi-point performances during the 2024-25 WHL season.
- Idolized Bowen Byram, having watched him with the Giants.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of five from the WHL – to receive an “A” rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.

“For a young player.... His game's just very well-rounded and mature... I haven't seen a young defenceman that has this type of game in a long, long time... He's got really good skating abilities, agility, east-west, straight-line.” – Former Giants associate coach Adam Maglio



Morrison, Charlie – [QMJHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 193 pounds

QMJHL Club: Québec Remparts

Hometown: Miramichi, NB

Birthdate: Oct. 12, 2007

QMJHL Draft: 28th Overall, 2nd Round (2024)



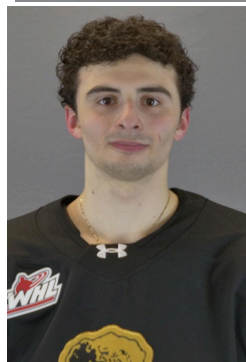
CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	10	1	2	3	+4	16
2025 PO	4	0	1	1	+2	7
2024-25 RS	63	2	13	15	-25	69
TOTAL RS	73	3	15	18	-19	85

Quick Bio: A 6'2", 193-pound defenceman from Miramichi, New Brunswick, Charlie Morrison was selected 28th overall by the Québec Remparts in the 2024 QMJHL Draft. A strong-skating blueliner with a good stick who processes the game well, he's eager to jump in and support the rush while showing quality puck skills and a reliable first pass. Morrison impressed as a rookie in 2024–25 and previously starred with Champions Hockey Academy, earning CSHL Eastern U17 Top Defenceman honours. He received a "B" rating from NHL Central Scouting in October 2025.

Media Notes:

- Having missed the start of the season, Morrison has since returned to the Remparts and registered three points in 10 games in 2025-26.
- Recorded 16 points over 63 games in 2024-25 as a 17-year-old rookie in the QMJHL.
- Made his QMJHL debut on [September 20, 2024](#), at home against Chicoutimi.
- Collected his first career QMJHL points the following night with a career-high three assists in a game against the Victoriaville Tigres ([September 21, 2024](#)).
- Morrison was selected by the Québec Remparts in the second round (28th overall) of the 2024 QMJHL Draft.
- In 2023–24, he suited up for the Champions Hockey Academy Eastern U17 team, where he led all defencemen with seven goals, 10 assists, and 17 points in 13 games.
- His standout performance with the Champions Hockey Academy Eastern U17 team earned him CSHL Eastern U17 Top Defenceman and First Team All-Star honours.
- Morrison appeared in two games with Ontario Hockey Academy during the 2021–22 Eastern U17 season, recording one assist.
- One of just six players in the QMJHL to have received a "B" grade from NHL Central Scouting on its preliminary rankings on Monday, Oct. 20.



Pantelas, Giorgos – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 211 pounds

WHL Club: Brandon Wheat Kings

Hometown: Victoria, BC

Birthdate: Apr. 24, 2008

WHL Draft: 19th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	22	2	13	15	+5	23
2025 PO	5	0	2	2	+3	8
2024-25 RS	61	4	6	10	+11	49
2023-24 RS	1	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL RS	84	6	19	25	+16	75

Quick Bio:

A 6-foot-2, 211-pound right-shot defenceman from Victoria, B.C., Pantelas was selected 19th overall by the Wheat Kings in the 2023 WHL Prospects Draft. A poised, two-way blueliner, he moves the puck efficiently, defends with confidence, and contributes on both special teams. Born in Montreal and raised in Victoria, he previously starred with the Rink Hockey Academy Kelowna U15, recording 38 points in 28 games. Pantelas won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Challenge and with Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship.

Media Notes:

- Pantelas has registered 15 points through 22 games of the 2025-26 season.
- Born in Montreal and lived there until 10 years of age before moving to Victoria, B.C.
- Played most of his WHL Draft year as a forward with Rink Hockey Academy in Kelowna before being selected 19th overall by the Brandon Wheat Kings.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship.
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Hockey Challenge.
- Made his WHL debut [March 22, 2024](#), in a 3-2 win at Regina.
- Recorded his first WHL point on [September 21, 2024](#), in a 5-1 win at Regina.
- Scored his first WHL goal on [October 18, 2024](#), in a 4-1 win versus Seattle.
- Pantelas tallied 38 points (7G-31A) in 28 games with Rink Academy Kelowna U15 during the 2022-23 season.
- One of four WHL defencemen to have received a "B" grade from NHL Central Scouting on its preliminary rankings on Monday, Oct. 20.

"There's not much to dislike about his game. He can break pucks out, he's physical, he's headsy. For our scouts who hadn't been overly familiar with him or hadn't seen him for a while, the talk in our group was they think he can be a pro for a long time." – Marty Murray, GM & Head Coach of the Brandon Wheat Kings



Reid, Chase – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 187 pounds

OHL Club: Soo Greyhounds

Hometown: Chesterfield, MI (U.S.A.)

Birthdate: Dec. 30, 2007

OHL Draft: 125th Overall, 7th Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	25	10	18	28	+15	98
2025 PO	5	0	3	3	-1	5
2024-25 RS	39	7	33	40	+4	135
TOTAL RS	64	17	51	68	+19	233

Quick Bio:

Born December 30, 2007, in Chesterfield, Michigan, Chase Reid was selected 125th overall (7th round, 2023) by the Soo Greyhounds. Now serving as an Alternate Captain in his sophomore OHL season, the poised right-shot defenceman has quickly emerged as one of the league's brightest young blueliners. A First All-Star Team and Rookie of the Month (Jan. 2025) honouree after a 40-point rookie campaign, Reid is lauded for his hockey IQ, skill, and calming presence.

Media Notes:

- Reid ranks second among OHL defencemen with 28 points (10G-18A) in the 2025-26 season, trailing only Windsor's Carson Woodall (32 points). His 28 points also place him in a tie for second among all CHL blueliners alongside Team CHL teammate Ryan Lin.
- Alternate Captain entering his sophomore OHL season in 2025-26.
- Made his OHL debut in 2024-25, quickly emerging as a standout young defenceman.
- Recorded 40 points (7G-33A) in 39 games as a rookie — led all OHL rookies in assists.
- Earned a spot on the OHL's First All-Star Team following the 2024-25 campaign.
- Named the OHL's Rookie of the Month (January 2025) — the first defenceman to earn the honour since Zayne Parekh (Dec. 2022).
- Recipient of the Greyhounds' "Rookie of the Year" award in 2024-25.
- Joined Sault Ste. Marie in December 2024 from the Bismarck Bobcats (NAHL), where he impressed with 12 points (6G-6A) in 18 games before making the jump to the OHL.
- In 2023-24, he appeared in 68 games with Victory Honda 16U AAA, recording 62 points (14G-48A), while also skating in 10 games with the Waterloo Black Hawks (USHL).
- One of 15 CHL players — and one of eight from the OHL — to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.

"He's such a smart player, and he's got excellent skills. He also has a calming presence on the ice. There's always a method behind what he's doing. That's why he gets a ton of points, because he's not just throwing stuff away. By killing plays early, he can help players get up the ice on transition. He has this sort of swagger with the puck on his stick." — Kyle Raftis, GM of the Soo Greyhounds.



Rudolph, Daxon – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 202 pounds

WHL Club: Prince Albert Raiders

Hometown: Lacombe, AB

Birthdate: Mar. 6, 2008

WHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	21	6	11	17	+4	69
2025 PO	11	1	11	12	+3	22
2024-25 RS	64	7	34	41	+13	122
TOTAL RS	85	13	45	58	+17	191

Quick Bio:

Rudolph is a poised, defensively sound right-shot defenceman whose gap control, positional awareness, and consistent reads make him a reliable presence in all situations. His steady play for Prince Albert earned him a spot on Team CHL's roster.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, he's produced 17 points (6G-11A) in 21 games, helping the Raiders climb to No. 2 in the CHL Top-10 Rankings and second in the WHL's Eastern Conference.
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Hockey Challenge.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship.
- Named a finalist for the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy, presented annually to the WHL's Rookie of the Year.
- Named a finalist for the Daryl K. (Doc) Seaman Memorial Trophy, presented annually to the WHL's Scholastic Player of the Year.
 - Secured impressive grades in Health Sciences (92%), Math Pre-Calculus 20 (91%), and Social Studies (91%)
- Named WHL Rookie of the Month for January 2025.
- Named WHL Rookie of the Week on two occasions (February 24; April 14).
- Scored his first WHL goal in his debut, [Sept. 20, 2024](#) – a 3-2 OT loss versus Regina.
- Enjoyed a 12-game point streak from January 1, 2025, through January 26, 2025, recording 15 points (2G-13A).
- Collected a career high five points (1G-4A) on [Feb. 17, 2025](#), in an 8-2 win at Moose Jaw.
- Selected first overall in the 2023 WHL Prospects Draft – the first Raider selected first overall since Montreal Canadiens defencemen Kaiden Guhle in 2017.
 - Rudolph received an Instagram DM from Connor Bedard, congratulating him and wishing him well on the day he was selected by the Raiders.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of five from the WHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Villeneuve, Xavier – [QMJHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 5-foot-11

Weight: 157 pounds

QMJHL Club: Blainville-Boisbriand Armada

Hometown: Les Cèdres, QC

Birthdate: Sep. 29, 2007

QMJHL Draft: 7th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	5	22	27	+12	85
2025 PO	5	0	4	4	-5	12
2024-25 RS	61	12	50	62	+14	176
2024 PO	7	1	4	5	-3	19
2023-24 RS	54	8	35	43	-10	120
TOTAL RS	138	25	107	132	+16	381

Quick Bio:

A dynamic, right-shot blueliner from Les Cèdres, QC, Villeneuve combines elite skating, creativity, and offensive instincts reminiscent of modern NHL puck-movers. At just 17, he became only the third player in QMJHL history to win the Émile-Bouchard Trophy as Defenceman of the Year, earning a place on the CHL Third All-Star Team after a 62-point season (50 A in 61 GP). A 2023-24 CHL All-Rookie Team selection, he also captured U18 Worlds gold with Canada and currently leads all CHL defencemen with 22 points (4G-18A) through 14 games. A projected 2026 NHL Draft first-rounder, Villeneuve's offensive upside is undeniable.

Media Notes:

- Villeneuve leads all bluelines in the QMJHL with 27 points (5G-22A) through 23 games during the 2025-26 season – ranking fourth in the CHL behind Woodall, Reid & Lin.
- On Oct. 21, 2025, Villeneuve took part in the QMJHL Prospects Game in Sherbrooke, competing for Team Guy Lafleur.
- At just 17 years old, he became only the third player in QMJHL history to win the Émile-Bouchard Trophy as Defenceman of the Year in 2024-25, joining Samuel Girard (2016) and Jean-Jacques Daigneault (1983).
- Named to the CHL Third All-Star Team following a dominant 2024-25 campaign.
- Led all QMJHL defencemen with 50 assists and 28 power-play assists in 2024-25, finishing second among blueliners with 62 points in 61 games and posting a +14 rating.
- Added four assists in five playoff games for the Armada.
- Represented Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, helping the team capture gold while leading all tournament defencemen with four goals.
- Villeneuve was named to the CHL All-Rookie Team in 2023-24 after ranking second among rookie defencemen across the CHL in both scoring (43 points) and goals (8).
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of two from the QMJHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Belchetz, Ethan – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-5

Weight: 226 pounds

OHL Club: Windsor Spitfires

Hometown: Oakville, ON

Birthdate: Mar. 30, 2008

OHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2024)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	16	12	28	+13	93
2024-25 RS	56	17	21	38	-3	156
TOTAL	79	33	33	66	+10	249

Quick Bio:

A dominant power forward and 2024 OHL Priority Selection first overall pick, Ethan Belchetz combines rare size, strength, and skill. At 6'5", 230 pounds, the Oakville native overpowers opponents while skating with a smooth, powerful stride. The 2024 OHL Cup MVP and U17 gold medallist with Canada White has opened the 2025-26 season with 12 goals in 15 games, leading the OHL and ranking tied for second in the CHL. A 2024-25 OHL Second All-Rookie Team selection, he debuted with a six-point game – the most by a 16-year-old since 2010 – and holds an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting ahead of the 2026 NHL Draft.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Belchetz sits tied for fourth in the OHL with 16 goals through 23 games in 2025-26, a mark that also has him tied for 12th across the CHL.
- Helped Canada capture bronze at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, leading the team with seven points (4G–3A) in five games.
- Voted to the OHL Second All-Rookie Team in 2024-25.
- Exploded for six points (4G-2A) in Windsor's 12-2 home-opening win over Kitchener, marking a memorable OHL debut.
- His six-point outing was the most by a 16-year-old OHL rookie since Matt Puempel (Peterborough) on March 13, 2010.
- Won World U17 Hockey Challenge gold in 2024 with Canada White, producing five points (4-1–5) in five games.
- Selected 1st overall in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection, becoming the first No. 1 pick in Windsor Spitfires history since Jim Fox (1976).
- Named OHL Cup MVP and All-Star Team member in 2024 after leading the champion Oakville Rangers with 11 points (5G-6A) in seven games.
- Named OMHA West U16 AAA Player of the Year in 2023-24, leading the league in both goals (46) and points (84)
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Dagenais, Maddox – [QMJHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-3

Weight: 195 pounds

QMJHL Club: Québec Remparts

Hometown: Montréal, QC

Birthdate: Mar. 27, 2008

QMJHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2024)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	9	9	18	-8	113
2025 PO	4	0	0	0	0	8
2024-25 RS	43	12	14	26	-22	121
TOTAL	66	21	23	44	-30	234

Quick Bio:

The first overall pick in the 2024 QMJHL Draft, Maddox Dagenais has quickly made his mark as one of the league's top 16-year-old talents. A Blainville, QC native, he combines elite skating, vision, and goal-scoring instincts with strong play in the faceoff circle. Dagenais (6G–5A in 7 GP) joined Angelo Esposito, Zachary L'Heureux, and Nathan MacKinnon as the only 16-year-olds in the last 20 years to record 10+ points in their first seven QMJHL games. The son of former NHLer Pierre Dagenais, Maddox is one of just six players in the QMJHL to have received a "B" grade from NHL Central Scouting.

Media Notes:

- Entering the week of Nov. 25, Dagenais has found the scoresheet in six of his last eight outings.
- On Oct. 21, 2025, Dagenais represented Team Guy Lafleur at the QMJHL Prospects Game in Sherbrooke, scoring once in regulation before adding the shootout winner in a victory performance.
- Won a silver medal with Canada Red at the 2024 World U17 Hockey Challenge, registering one assist in four games.
- In his rookie season, Dagenais (6G–5A in 7 GP) became one of just four 16-year-olds in the past 20 years — joining Angelo Esposito, Zachary L'Heureux, and Nathan MacKinnon — to record 10+ points in his first seven career QMJHL games.
- Chosen 1st overall in the 2024 QMJHL Draft, Dagenais made history as part of the league's first father-son tandem to both be selected with the top pick.
 - His father, Pierre Dagenais, the 1995 first overall pick of the Moncton Alpines, became one of the QMJHL's top scorers of the 1990s and went on to play 142 NHL games over a 14-year pro career with New Jersey, Florida, and Montreal.
- In 2023-24, starred with the Quinte Red Devils (U16 AAA), tallying 42 goals and 81 points in just 35 games.
- One of just six players in the QMJHL to have received a "B" grade from NHL Central Scouting on its preliminary rankings on Monday, Oct. 20.



Di Iorio, Alessandro – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 175 pounds

OHL Club: Sarnia Sting

Hometown: Vaughan, ON

Birthdate: Mar. 17, 2008

OHL Draft: 2nd Overall, 1st Round (2024)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	6	3	3	6	-5	17
2024-25 RS	58	11	27	38	-24	93
TOTAL	64	14	30	44	-29	110

Quick Bio:

A poised, two-way centre with elite hockey sense, Alessandro Di Iorio has built a reputation as one of the most intelligent and reliable young forwards in the CHL. The 2nd overall pick in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection, the Vaughan, ON native starred for the Vaughan Kings, winning GTHL titles at every level and OHL Cup silver in 2024. Internationally, Di Iorio has represented Canada at every stage, capturing U18 World Championship gold, Hlinka Gretzky Cup bronze (as assistant captain), and U17 silver. A projected top prospect for the 2026 NHL Draft, Di Iorio blends vision, skill, and maturity beyond his years.

Media Notes:

- Having missed the start of the 2025-26 season, Alessandro Di Iorio has registered six points (3G-3A) in six games since making his return to the Sting's lineup.
- Served as an assistant captain for Team Canada at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, recording three points (1G-2A) in six games to help Canada capture the bronze medal.
- Earned OHL Rookie of the Week honours from Oct. 14-20, 2024
- Won 2025 World U18 Hockey Championship gold with Canada in April, producing three points (2G-1A) in six games
- Won 2024 World U17 Hockey Challenge silver with Canada Red, putting up two goals over four contests
- Selected 2nd overall by the Sarnia Sting in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection.
- Represented Canada at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games, recording six points (4-2-6) in four contests
- Won OHL Cup silver medal with Vaughan Kings in 2024, recording six points (4-2-6) in seven tournament matchups
- Captured GTHL championships at the U14, U15, and U16 levels, highlighting a decorated minor hockey career.
- Won the inaugural U14 OHL Cup Tournament with Vaughan Kings in 2022.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Edwards, Beckham – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 170 pounds

OHL Club: Sarnia Sting

Hometown: Komoka, ON

Birthdate: Jan. 6, 2008

OHL Draft: 46th overall, 3rd round (2024)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	9	10	19	-10	73
2024-25 RS	62	25	20	45	-9	138
TOTAL	85	34	30	64	-19	211

Quick Bio:

A strong, skilled centre with a heavy shot and excellent puck control, Edwards plays a power game built on balance, precision, and poise. The Komoka, ON native was selected 46th overall (3rd round) in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection and made an immediate impact in his rookie season, leading the Sting with 25 goals – the second-most among OHL rookies. A 2024-25 OHL Second All-Rookie Team selection, Edwards has also represented Canada at the Youth Olympic Games, the World U17 Challenge (gold), and the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (bronze), solidifying his status as a top prospect for the 2026 NHL Draft.

Media Notes:

- With points in three of his last six contests, Edwards is at a near-point-per-game average to the start of the 2025-26 campaign (as of Nov. 25).
- Represented Team Canada at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, tallying four points (2G-2A) in five games to help Canada capture the bronze medal.
- Voted to the OHL Second All-Rookie Team in 2024-25.
- Made an immediate impact as a rookie, leading the Sting with 25 goals – second among OHL rookies behind 2024-25 Rookie of the Year Pierce Mbuyi.
- Two-time OHL Rookie of the Week recipient during the 2024-25 season.
- Opened his OHL career with points in nine of his first 11 games.
- Recorded five multi-goal performances during his rookie campaign.
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 World U17 Hockey Challenge, adding one assist in five games.
- Represented Canada at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games, recording a pair of helpers in two games over four tournament games.
- Initially committed to the USHL's Youngstown Phantoms before choosing the OHL's Sarnia Sting.
- Selected in the 3rd round in 2024 from the Detroit Little Caesars U16 AAA program.
- Developed through the Elgin-Middlesex Canucks AAA system, where he won the U14 championship in 2021-22.
- One of just 12 players in the OHL to have received a "B" grade from NHL Central Scouting on its preliminary rankings on Monday, Oct. 20.



Harrington, Chase – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-0.5

Weight: 201 pounds

WHL Club: Spokane Chiefs

Hometown: Prince George, BC

Birthdate: Oct. 30, 2007

WHL Draft: 8th Overall, 1st Round (2022)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	22	7	9	16	+1	56
2025 PO	20	6	8	14	+5	56
2024-25 RS	68	19	31	50	+22	178
2024 PO	3	0	1	1	-4	3
2023-24 RS	61	6	16	22	-9	90
2022-23 RS	4	0	1	1	-4	6
TOTAL RS	155	32	57	89	+10	330

Quick Bio:

A strong two-way winger with speed, a great shot, and a relentless motor, Chase Harrington brings a physical, hard-driving style to every shift. The Prince George, BC native was selected 8th overall in the 2022 WHL Prospects Draft after excelling at Delta Hockey Academy. In 2024-25, his second full season, he tallied 50 points (19G–31A) in 68 games before adding 14 points (6G–8A) in the playoffs as Spokane reached the WHL Final. A former Canada Red U17 representative, Harrington pairs his work ethic with a natural scoring touch.

Media Notes:

- Entering Nov. 25, Harrington has points in nine of his last 11 games.
- Played all 68 games in his second complete season in the WHL in 2024-25, posting 19 goals and 50 points – finishing sixth in scoring on the Spokane Chiefs.
- Elevated his game in the 2025 WHL Playoffs, posting 14 points (6G–8A) in 15 games as the Chiefs advanced to the WHL Final, where they fell to the Medicine Hat Tigers.
- In 2023-24, his first full WHL season, he registered 22 points (6G–16A) in 61 games.
- Competed with Canada Red at the 2023 World U17 Hockey Challenge, registering three goals in seven tournament games.
- Selected eighth overall by Spokane in the 2022 WHL Prospects Draft following a breakout season with Delta Hockey Academy U15.
- Spent the 2021-22 season with Delta Hockey Academy, posting 50 points (32G–18A) in 29 games and 14 points (3G–11A) in five U15 Prep Green playoff outings, before adding 13 points (7G–6A) in nine games with the U16 team.
- Competed at the 2022 World Youth Championships in Philadelphia with Western Canada Prime, tallying five points (2G–3A) in seven games.
- A native of Prince George, BC, he left home at 14 to join Delta Hockey Academy.
- One of five WHL forward to have received a “B” grade from NHL Central Scouting on its preliminary rankings on Monday, Oct. 20.



Hurlbert, JP – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Right Wing

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 182 pounds

WHL Club: Kamloops Blazers

Hometown: Allen, Texas (U.S.A.)

Birthdate: Apr. 11, 2008

WHL U.S. Prospect Draft: 20th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	25	18	26	44	+13	124
TOTAL	25	18	26	44	+13	124

Quick Bio:

A dynamic winger with elite hockey sense, J.P. Hurlbert blends speed, skill, and smarts to impact the game at both ends of the ice. The Allen, Texas native was selected 20th overall in the 2023 WHL U.S. Prospects Draft and joined the Blazers in 2025 after starring with the U.S. National Team Development Program, where he led the NTDP in USHL scoring. As of Oct. 27, the 2026 NHL Draft prospect leads both the WHL and CHL in scoring with 28 points (11G–17A) through 14 games. He is considered a first-round candidate for the 2026 NHL Draft.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Hurlbert leads both the WHL and CHL in scoring with 44 points (18G-26A) through 25 games this season.
- As of Nov. 25, Hurlbert shares the goal-scoring lead in the WHL with 18 goals, a mark that places him in a tie for fifth across the CHL.
- Made an immediate impression during the 2025 WHL Preseason, scoring a hat trick in his first exhibition game and finishing with six goals, 14 shots, and a +4 rating over three contests with the Kamloops Blazers.
- Signed with Kamloops on August 26, 2025, to a WHL Scholarship and Development Agreement.
- Selected 20th overall (1st round) by the Blazers in the 2023 WHL U.S. Prospects Draft.
- A native of Allen, Texas, standing 6'0" and 185 lbs, and a right-shot forward eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft.
- Spent the 2024-25 season with the U.S. National Team Development Program (USNTDP), leading the U.S. NTDP in USHL scoring with 31 points (16G–15A) in 34 games.
- Added 37 points (19G–18A) in 56 games with the U17 team during the 2024-25 campaign, finishing third in team scoring.
- Represented the United States at the 2024 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, posting three assists in five games.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of five from the WHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Klepov, Nikita – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Right Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 180 pounds

OHL Club: Saginaw Spirit

Hometown: Deerfield Beach, FL (U.S.A.)

Birthdate: Jun 27, 2008

CHL Import Draft: 35th Overall, 1st Round (2025)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	24	14	19	33	+1	104
TOTAL	24	14	19	33	+1	104

Quick Bio:

A dynamic dual citizen of the United States and Russia, Nikita Klepov is a highly skilled winger who combines creativity, precision passing, and a quick release to generate offense from anywhere on the ice. Selected 35th overall in the 2025 CHL Import Draft, he joined Saginaw after a standout year with the Sioux City Musketeers (USHL) and a gold medal performance with Team USA at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup. As of October 27, the 2026 NHL Draft prospect ranks second in OHL scoring with 22 points (9G–13A) in 14 games.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Klepov ranks seventh in OHL scoring with 33 points (14G–19A) – the highest total among first-year players in the league this season.
- Has been held off the scoresheet just five times in 24 games to start his rookie OHL campaign.
- Recorded six multi-point performances through his first 14 games of the 2025-26 season.
- Posted a career-high five-point game (2G–3A) on Oct. 4, 2025, in Owen Sound against the Attack.
- Helped Team USA capture gold at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, recording six points (1G-5A) in five games.
- Signed with the Saginaw Spirit on August 7, 2025, and is eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft.
- Dual citizen of the United States and Russia.
- The Spirit selected Klepov 35th overall in the 2025 CHL Import Draft on July 2nd, 2025.
- Spent the 2024-25 season with the Sioux City Musketeers (USHL), registering 31 points (12G-19A) in 59 games plus two points (1G-1A) in five playoff contests.
- Previously starred for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Knights AAA U15 program, producing 72 points (31G-41A) in just 22 games during the 2023-24 season.
- Before moving to North America, he developed in Russia with SKA-Yunost Yekaterinburg U15 and U16, totaling 11 points (2G-9A) in 14 games.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an “A” rating from NHL Central Scouting’s preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Malhotra, Caleb – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 182 pounds

OHL Club: Brantford Bulldogs

Hometown: Toronto, ON

Birthdate: Jun 2, 2008

OHL Draft: 8th Overall, 1st Round (2024 – drafted by Kingston)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	10	19	29	+8	34
TOTAL	23	10	19	29	+8	34

Quick Bio:

A smart, two-way centre with size, compete, and poise, Caleb Malhotra plays a polished, pro-style game built on work ethic and consistency. The Toronto, ON native was selected 8th overall in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection by Kingston before joining Brantford in 2025. After a strong rookie campaign with Chilliwack (BCHL), he has quickly emerged as one of the OHL's top-scoring rookies, highlighted by a five-point outing on Sept. 27 vs. Sudbury. The son of Manny Malhotra, he's an "A"-rated 2026 NHL Draft prospect with a complete, 200-foot game.

Media Notes:

- Entering the week of Nov. 25, Malhotra sits tied for 12th in OHL scoring with 29 points (10G-19A), trailing only fellow Team CHL teammate and Saginaw Spirit forward Nikita Klepov (33 points) among the OHL's rookie scorers.
- As of Nov. 25, Malhotra has points in all but five games this season, including four multi-point efforts and a career-best five-point performance versus Sudbury on [Sept. 27, 2025](#).
- Signed with the Brantford Bulldogs on June 5, 2025, after being selected eighth overall in the 2024 OHL Priority Selection by the Kingston Frontenacs; his rights were acquired by Brantford on September 12, 2024.
- Spent the 2024-25 season with the Chilliwack Chiefs (BCHL), where he posted 26 points (8G-18A) in 44 games and added 17 points (5G-12A) in 21 playoff contests – finishing third in team playoff scoring as Chilliwack captured the Coastal Conference title and reached the BCHL Final.
- Developed through the Vaughan Kings minor hockey program, producing standout seasons at the U14, U15, and U16 levels.
- Two-time GTHL champion, winning with the U14 team (2021-22) and U16 team (2023-24), while also earning OHL Cup silver with Vaughan in 2024.
- Son of Manny Malhotra, former OHL Champion (Guelph Storm, 1998), seventh overall pick in the 1998 NHL Draft, and 991-game NHL veteran who now serves as head coach of the Abbotsford Canucks (AHL) following nine seasons as an NHL assistant coach.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Novotný, Adam – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 204 pounds

OHL Club: Peterborough Petes

Hometown: Kobylice, Czechia

Birthdate: Nov 13, 2007

CHL Import Draft: 8th Overall, 1st Round (2024)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	24	14	12	26	-2	101
TOTAL	24	14	12	26	-2	101

Quick Bio:

A powerful, two-way winger with speed, energy, and poise beyond his years, Adam Novotný brings a mature, pro-ready game to Peterborough. The Kobylice, Czechia native was selected 8th overall in the 2024 CHL Import Draft after playing the full 2024-25 season in the Czech Extraliga, where he became the youngest player ever to score a goal in league history. A standout for Czechia's World Junior and U18 teams, Novotný combines speed, skill, and effort to beat defenders one-on-one and drive offense.

Media Notes:

- Coming into the 2025 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, Novotný is riding a nine-game point streak, having recorded 13 points (7G-6A) over that stretch.
- Signed with the Peterborough Petes on July 9, 2025, after being selected 8th overall in the 2024 CHL Import Draft.
- Native of Kobylice, Czechia, and a left-shot forward eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft.
- Spent the 2024-25 season with Mountfield HK in the Czech Extraliga, recording three points (1G-2A) in 41 games, plus two goals in 10 playoff contests.
- Previously starred for Mountfield HK U20 in 2023-24, posting 59 points (32G-27A) in 48 games.
- Made his Czech Extraliga debut in 2023 at age 15, scoring in his first game and becoming the youngest player ever to score a goal in league history.
- Represented Czechia at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship (Ottawa), notching one goal in seven games to help his country capture bronze.
- Also suited up for Czechia at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship (Texas), tallying six points (2G-4A) in five games.
- Has represented Czechia internationally at multiple age levels, showcasing consistent production and leadership on the global stage.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an “A” rating from NHL Central Scouting’s preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Preston, Mathis – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Right

Height: 5-foot-11

Weight: 177 pounds

WHL Club: Spokane Chiefs

Hometown: Penticton, BC

Birthdate: July 21, 2008

WHL Draft: 3rd Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	21	8	9	17	-5	82
2025 PO	20	9	7	16	+9	61
2024-25 RS	54	23	22	45	+15	164
2024 PO	3	0	0	0	0	2
2023-24 RS	5	4	0	4	+2	12
TOTAL RS	80	35	31	66	+12	258

Quick Bio:

Preston is an explosive skater and elite puck-handler whose dynamic rushes and quick release make him a constant scoring threat. The Penticton, BC native combines speed, vision, and creativity to drive offense and excel on the power play. As a 16-year-old rookie, he helped Spokane capture the 2025 WHL Western Conference title, recording 16 points in 20 playoff games during a breakout postseason run.

Media Notes:

- Opened the 2025-26 season on a strong note, recording points in six of his first seven games, including a four-point performance in Kelowna during the Chiefs' season opener.
- Recorded a team-leading seven points (4G-3A) in five games, helping Canada capture bronze at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Challenge, scoring six goals in five games.
- Helped Spokane win the WHL's Western Conference Championship in 2024, tallying 16 points (9G-7A) in 20 WHL playoff games
- Made his WHL debut at the age of 15 and scored a goal in a 4-1 win at Everett – [September 24, 2023](#)
- Recorded his first career multi-goal game, also at the age of 15, in a 6-3 win at Tri-City on [March 23, 2024](#)
- Collected 12 multi-point games during the 2024-25 WHL Regular Season
- Registered a career high three points on two occasions:
 - [October 15, 2024](#): 2G-1A in 7-4 win at Moose Jaw
 - December 28, 2024: 1G-2A in 4-3 loss at Wenatchee
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of five from the WHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Roobroeck, Ryan – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-4

Weight: 215 pounds

OHL Club: Niagara IceDogs

Hometown: London, ON

Birthdate: Sep 25, 2007

OHL Draft: 2nd Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

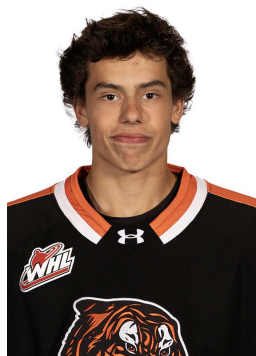
SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	22	12	10	22	0	87
2025 PO	5	3	3	6	+1	18
2024-25 RS	64	41	46	87	-7	281
2023-24 RS	63	28	23	51	-34	247
TOTAL RS	149	81	79	160	-41	615

Quick Bio:

A 6'4", 215-pound left-winger from London, Ont., Ryan Roobroeck is a dynamic power forward with elite offensive instincts and pro-level skill. Selected 2nd overall by the Niagara IceDogs in the 2023 OHL Priority Selection, he broke out in 2024–25 with 41 goals and 87 points, leading Niagara and ranking among the top CHL scorers eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft. A strong skater for his size, Roobroeck blends finesse and finish, making difficult plays in tight spaces. A 2025 U18 World Champion, he continues to rise as one of top young forwards of the 2026 NHL Draft.

Media Notes:

- Entering the week of Nov. 25, Roobroeck has registered points in 10 of his last 12 games, including four outings of two-plus points.
- Roobroeck registered four goals and nine assists to help Canada capture gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, finishing third on the team in both goals and points.
- Exploded for 41 goals and 87 points in 2024–25, pacing the Niagara IceDogs in both.
- His 41 goals tied for the most among CHL players eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft, while his 87 points made him one of just two in that class to top 60.
- He joined elite company as one of just 14 CHL players since 2000 to score 40 or more goals in the season immediately preceding their first year of NHL Draft eligibility.
- During the 2023-24 season, he was named to the OHL First All-Rookie Team after recording 51 points (28G–23A) in 63 games as a rookie.
- Competed with Canada Red at the 2023 World U17 Hockey Challenge, registering three goals and one assist in seven tournament games.
- Roobroeck was selected second overall by Niagara in the 2023 OHL Priority Selection.
- He recorded 78 points (50G–28A) in 29 games with the London Jr. Knights during the 2022–23 season, earning ALLIANCE U16 AAA Player of the Year honours.
- Represented Team Ontario at the 2023 Canada Winter Games, where he posted seven goals and four assists in six games to help lead his team to a gold medal.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of eight from the OHL – to receive an “A” rating from NHL Central Scouting’s preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.



Ruck, Liam– [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Right Wing

Shoots: Right

Height: 5-foot-11

Weight: 176 pounds

WHL Club: Medicine Hat Tigers

Hometown: Osoyoos, BC

Birthdate: Feb 21, 2008

WHL Draft: 9th Overall, 1st Round (2023)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-25 RS	25	8	16	24	+11	78
2025 PO	18	6	4	10	+1	21
2024-25 RS	61	25	16	41	+17	88
2024 PO	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24 RS	3	1	1	2	+2	3
TOTAL	89	34	33	67	+30	169

Quick Bio:

Ruck is the goal-scoring, right-handed winger and twin brother to Markus, the playmaking, left-handed centre... won a WHL Championship as a rookie with Medicine Hat in 2024-25.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Ruck is on a near point-per-game pace with 24 points (8G-16A) in 25 GP.
- Twin brother of Medicine Hat Tigers forward Markus Ruck; born eight minutes apart
- Liam and Markus are referred to by the medical community as mirror identical twins – when a pair of twins possess opposite traits that mirror each other. – [Hockey Canada](#)
 - Liam is a goal-scoring, right-handed winger
 - Markus is a playmaking, left-handed centre
- Father Derek Ruck played three seasons in the WHL with the Lethbridge Hurricanes (1998-99 to 2000-01), recording 67 points (18G-49A) in 206 games
 - Won Allan Cup in 2007 as a member of the Powell River Regals and represented Canada's National Men's Team at the Belarus Cup
- Second cousin Taylor Ruck is a four-time Olympic medallist (silver, 3x bronze) in swimming, having competed at the 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympic Games.
- Won 2025 WHL Championship, scoring 10 points (6G-4A) in 18 playoff games
- Led WHL in scoring by a rookie with 25 goals in 2024-25
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2024 U17 World Challenge
- Named WHL Rookie of the Week on two occasions (December 9, March 10)
- Registered a goal & an assist in his WHL debut – 8-0 win vs. Regina on [Nov. 23, 2023](#).
- Recorded 10 multipoint games during the 2024-25 WHL regular season.
- Enjoyed a seven-game point streak that saw him score 11 points (7G-4A) from February 28 through March 22.
- One of five WHL forwards to have earned a "B" rating on NHL Central Scouting's Preliminary Players to Watch List released Monday, October 20



Shilov, Egor – [QMJHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 180 pounds

QMJHL Club: Victoriaville Tigres

Hometown: Tyumen, Russia

Birthdate: Apr 30, 2008

CHL Import Draft: 3rd Overall, 1st Round (2025)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	11	20	31	-2	68
TOTAL	23	11	20	31	-2	68

Quick Bio:

A 6'1", 180-pound centre from Tyumen, Russia, Yegor Shilov is an intelligent, play-driving forward who combines high-end vision with deceptive puck skills. Selected third overall by the Victoriaville Tigres in the 2025 CHL Import Draft, he has quickly become one of the QMJHL's top rookies. As of October 28, he leads all first-year players in the QMJHL with 21 points (7G–14A) in his first 12 games and ranks among the league's top five in both assists and points. A smart, two-way forward with high-end vision and deceptive puck skill, Shilov projects as a polished, NHL-calibre talent for the 2026 NHL Draft.

Media Notes:

- As of Nov. 25, Shilov continues to lead all QMJHL rookies with 31 points (11G–20A) in 23 games, sitting one point ahead of his teammate and fellow 2026 NHL Draft prospect Alexey Vlasov (16G–14A).
- As of Nov. 25, Shilov ranks among the top five in the QMJHL in both assists (20) and points (31) during the 2025–26 season.
- As of Nov. 25, Shilov has registered seven multi-point outings through 23 games in 2025-26, including a pair of five-point outings.
- On Oct. 21, 2025, Shilov took part in the QMJHL Prospects Game in Sherbrooke, competing for Team Guy Lafleur.
- The Victoriaville Tigres of the QMJHL selected 17-year-old centre Egor Shilov from Russia with the third overall pick of the 2025 CHL Import Draft.
- He spent the 2024–25 season with the Green Bay Gamblers (USHL), recording 11 goals and 17 assists for 28 points in 39 games.
- Prior to joining the USHL, Shilov showcased his scoring touch with the Long Island Gulls (16U AAA), posting 33 goals and 15 assists for 48 points in 31 games.
- One of 15 CHL players – and one of two from the QMJHL – to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.