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Quick Facts about Team Canada & 2026 WJHC

- With 24 past and present CHL players among the 25 on Canada's National Junior Team roster for the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, the league accounts for more than 95 per cent of the Canadian team.
- Of the 24 players invited, the group includes 13 developed in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), 10 from the Western Hockey League (WHL), and one from the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League (QMJHL).
- The Canadian roster features a total of 16 players currently competing in the WHL, OHL, and QMJHL, along with an additional eight CHL alumni who are in the NHL or NCAA ranks.
- In total, 18 CHL clubs are represented on Canada's National Junior Team roster, led by the Brantford Bulldogs (OHL), Prince George Cougars (WHL), Brampton Steelheads (OHL), Barrie Colts (OHL), Saginaw Spirit (OHL), and Victoria Royals (WHL), who each feature two past or present players.
 - Brantford Bulldogs / OHL (2): (D) Ben Danford, (F) Jett Luchanko
 - Prince George Cougars / WHL (2): (G) Joshua Ravensbergen, (D) Carson Carels
 - Brampton Steelheads / OHL (2): (G) Jack Ivankovic, (F) Porter Martone
 - Barrie Colts / OHL (2): (D) Kashawn Aitcheson, (F) Cole Beaudoin
 - Saginaw Spirit / OHL (2): (D) Zayne Parekh, (F) Michael Misa
 - Victoria Royals (2): (D) Keaton Verhoeff, (F) Cole Reschny
- Among the invitees are six returnees from last year's team: goaltenders Carter George and Jack Ivankovic, along with forwards Cole Beaudoin, Jett Luchanko, Porter Martone, and Gavin McKenna.
- Since Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence began in 1982, only 12 defencemen have played for Canada at the World Juniors as 17-year-olds. Carson Carels and Keaton Verhoeff will now become the 13th and 14th to do so, joining a select group that includes CHL alumni Scott Niedermayer (Kamloops Blazers / WHL), Wade Redden (Brandon Wheat Kings / WHL), Aaron Ekblad (Barrie Colts / OHL), Jamie Drysdale (Erie Otters / OHL) and Ryan Ellis (Windsor Spitfires / OHL).
- Specifically, Carels and Verhoeff are set to become the sixth and seventh youngest defenceman respectively to suit up for Canada at a World Juniors:
 - (1) Jay Bouwmeester (Medicine Hat Tigers / WHL) – 2000 – 16 years, 2 months, 29 days
 - (2) Jay Bouwmeester (Medicine Hat Tigers / WHL) – 2001 – 17 years, 3 months, 0 days
 - (3) Chris Joseph (Seattle Thunderbirds / WHL) – 1987 – 17 years, 3 months, 17 days
 - (4) Matthew Schaefer (Erie Otters / OHL) – 2025 – 17 years, 3 months, 22 days
 - (5) Scott Niedermayer (Kamloops Blazers / WHL) – 1991 – 17 years, 3 months, 27 days
 - **(6) Carson Carels (Prince George Cougars / WHL) – 2026 – 17 years, 6 months, 4 days**
 - **(7) Keaton Verhoeff (Victoria Royals / WHL; UND / NCAA) – 2026 – 17 years, 6 months, 8 days**
 - (8) Wade Redden (Brandon Wheat Kings / WHL) – 1995 – 17 years, 6 months, 15 days
 - (9) Jamie Drysdale (Erie Otters / OHL) – 2020 – 17 years, 8 months, 19 days



- (10) *Luke Richardson (Peterborough Petes / OHL) – 1987 – 17 years, 9 months, 1 day*
- By cracking Canada's blue line as 17-year-olds — one year after Erie Otters (OHL) alumnus Matthew Schaefer did the same — Carels and Verhoeff mark just the second time in Team Canada history that the National Junior Team has featured a 17-year-old defenceman in back-to-back years at the World Juniors. The only other instance came nearly three decades ago, when Brandon Wheat Kings (WHL) alumnus Wade Redden (1995) was followed by Prince Albert Raiders (WHL) alumnus Chris Phillips (1996).
- Of the 24 past and present CHL players on Canada's National Junior Team roster, 17 are NHL first-round picks — including Ravensbergen, Aitcheson, Reid, Bear, Cootes, Desnoyers, Martin, Martone, Misa,, and Reschny, who were among the near-record 21 CHL players selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Six CHL-developed players who have already made their NHL debuts — Brunicke, Cootes, Luchanko, Martin, Misa, and Parekh — are among those on the roster.
- In all, seven players on the roster have captured a Memorial Cup and/or a league title in the WHL, OHL, or QMJHL (Cootes, Desnoyers, Iginla, Parekh, McKenna, Misa, O'Reilly), including recent Memorial Cup champions Michael Misa (2024), Zayne Parekh (2024), and Sam O'Reilly (2025).
- In all, 17 players on the roster have previously won gold for Team Canada, including six who captured gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship (Carels, Cootes, Ivankovic, Martin, Reschny, Verhoeff), 11 at the 2024 IIHF U18 Men's World Championship (Aitcheson, Beaudoin, Brunicke, Desnoyers, George, Greentree, Iginla, Ivankovic, Luchanko, Martone, McKenna), and five at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (Desnoyers, Ivankovic, Martin, McKenna, Reid).
- Desnoyers and Ivankovic are two of just seven players in history to win gold for Team Canada at the U17s, U18s, and Hlinka-Gretzky Cup. They'll now aim to become the first two players to ever win gold at those three events, along with the World Juniors.
- Joshua Ravensbergen, Ethan MacKenzie, Carter Bear, and Sam O'Reilly will represent Canada for the first time in their careers at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Tij Iginla and his father, Jarome Iginla (who played in 1996), will become just the fifth father-son duo to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Steve (1978) and Jeff Tambellini (2004), Dave (1984) and Sam Gagner (2007), Shean (1995) and Jorian Donovan (2024), as well as Denis (1996) and Ethan Gauthier (2025).

Summary of the 2025 WJHC

- At the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa, 63 CHL players took part, making up more than 25 per cent of all participants — the most of any development league in the world.
- At the 2025 World Juniors, the CHL was also the only league to have at least one player from each of the 10 participating countries, underscoring its global reach and reputation for developing elite talent.
- In total, of the 63 CHL players, the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) led the way with 27 competing in the tournament. They were followed by the Western Hockey League (WHL), which had 22 players at the event, while the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) had 14 players competing at the 2025 World Juniors. The 63 CHL players were also more than double the next-closest development league (NCAA – 26).
- A total of 22 CHL players took home medals at the 2025 World Juniors, highlighted by representatives from Team USA, Finland and Czechia.



- Forwards Sam Hillebrandt (Barrie Colts / OHL), Joey Willis (Saginaw Spirit / OHL) and Carey Terrance (Erie Otters / OHL) helped the United States defeat Finland 4-3 in overtime to win gold.
- A record seven CHL players represented Finland, which earned silver and its 18th medal in World Juniors history.
- Team Czechia, featuring 12 CHL players, defeated Sweden 3-2 in the bronze medal game to secure the country's third consecutive World Juniors medal – a first in Czech history.
- The 2025 World Juniors marked the first time Finland had seven CHL players on its roster, surpassing its previous high of six set in 2017 (Olli Juolevi, Vili Saarijärvi, Juuso Välimäki, Janne Kuokkanen, Julius Nättinen & Petrus Palmu).
- At 17 years and seven days old, Gavin McKenna (Medicine Hat Tigers / WHL) became the eighth youngest player to suit up for Team Canada at a World Juniors.
- At 17 years, three months, and 22 days old, Matthew Schaefer (Erie Otters / OHL) became the third-youngest defenceman to play for Team Canada at a World Juniors.
- Jack Ivankovic (Brampton Steelheads / OHL) became only the fourth 17-year-old goalie to see game action for Team Canada at a World Juniors.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- With 10 CHL alumni on their roster, the 2024-25 Florida Panthers extended a dominant trend, marking the seventh straight season in which the Stanley Cup champion has featured at least 10 CHL graduates.
- In 2024-25, for the 12th consecutive season, a CHL alumnus captured the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's leading scorer, as Nikita Kucherov (Tampa Bay Lightning /



Rouyn-Noranda Huskies / Québec Remparts / QMJHL) earned the honour for the second straight year and the third time in his career.

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.



George, Carter – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Goaltender

Catches: L

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 195 pounds

OHL Club: Owen Sound Attack

Hometown: Thunder Bay, ON

Birthdate: May 20, 2006

OHL Draft: 53rd Overall, 3rd Round (2022) – OS

NHL Draft: 57th Overall, 2nd Round (2024) – LAK



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	RECORD	GAA	SV%	GA	SO
2025-26 RS	22	10-9-0-2	3.12	.899	63	1
2025 PO	4	0-4-0-0	6.28	.855	25	0
2024-25 RS	47	17-22-3-3	3.35	.909	151	0
2024 PO	4	0-4-0-0	4.08	.904	16	0
2023-24 RS	56	23-21-6-3	3.30	.907	179	4
2022-23 RS	10	7-3-0-0	2.41	.924	23	0
TOTAL RS	135	57-55-9-8	3.22	.908	416	5

Media Notes:

- By earning a spot on Canada's World Junior roster for a second straight year, George and Ivankovic become the first Canadian goaltending duo to backstop Canada at the tournament in consecutive seasons.
- As of December 12, 2025, through 22 starts in 2025-26, George has put together 14 performances with 25+ saves.
- For the second straight season, George led the OHL in saves (1446) and shots faced (1665) during the 2024-25 campaign.
- Named to the 2024-25 OHL Second All-Star Team.
- In 2024-25, George became the 11th goalie in OHL history to score a goal when he tallied an empty-netter against the Peterborough Petes on [November 14, 2024](#).
- Following the Attack season in 2024-25, George posted a 0.50 GAA and a .984 save percentage, earning a shutout in one his two starts for the AHL's Ontario Reign.
- Led all goalies at the 2025 WJHC with a 1.76 goals-against average, a .936 save percentage, and two shutouts; named one of Canada's top-three players at the event.
- Across his first 12 career starts for Canada – spanning the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship, and the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship – George opened a perfect 12-0-0 record before suffering his first defeats at the 2025 World Juniors, coming against the United States and Czechia.
- Named to the 2023-24 CHL All-Rookie and OHL First All-Rookie Teams.
- Led the CHL & OHL in saves (1744) and shots faced (1923) during the 2023-24 regular season; his four shutouts were tied for the most of any goalie in the OHL, while his .907 SV% was the second-best mark in the OHL (min. 1600 minutes), trailing only Ryerson Leenders (.909) in 2023-24.
- His 23 wins during the 2023-24 season were the most by a rookie goaltender in Attack franchise history.



- For his efforts both on and off the ice, George was named the recipient of the 2023-24 Bobby Smith Trophy as the OHL's Scholastic Player of the Year.
- George also won the Ivan Tennant Memorial Award in 2023-24 as the OHL's top academic high-school student – making George the first dual winner of both the Bobby Smith and Ivan Tennant awards in the same season since Erie Otters defenceman Adam Pelech achieved the feat in 2012.
- Drafted in the 2nd round (57th overall) by the Los Angeles Kings, making him the highest-drafted goalie from the Owen Sound Attack since 2000
- He was the first Owen Sound goalie drafted to the NHL since Jordan Binnington was taken 88th overall by the St. Louis Blues in 2011; he said at the 2024 Top Prospects Game that he wears No. 32 after Los Angeles Kings netminder Jonathan Quick, who was his favourite goalie growing up.
- Was stellar in his OHL debut, which was a 14-save relief appearance (stopping all 14 shots he faced) to earn a 6-5 comeback shootout win in Barrie on [October 27, 2022](#) – his 1st career OHL win.
- Made his first career OHL start on [October 30, 2022](#), turning aside 27-of-28 shots faced in a 4-1 victory for the Attack in Owen Sound over the Kingston Frontenacs.
- Recorded a career-high 50 saves in a 3-0 shutout victory on [November 23, 2023](#) in Barrie.
- Split time between the Attack and the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's (GOJHL) St. Marys Lincolns in 2022-23, going 13-2-1 with a 2.74 GAA and .910 SV% in Junior B.
- Owen Sound's third-round pick in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection from the Thunder Bay Kings U16.
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B. on January 24, 2024, stopping 11-of-12 shots for Team White.
- His mother Tara was a professional curler who played third for Team McCarville, with whom she won four Ontario provincial titles, a bronze medal at both the 2009 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials & the 2010 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, having registered a 2.25 GAA & .899 SV% in five games.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship, winning all six of his starts and registering a 2.33 goals-against average and a .915 save percentage, both of which ranked second among all goalies at the U18 World Championship; for his efforts at the U18s, George was named to the tournament all-star team.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 12 SO goals allowed on 45 career attempts – 33/45 (.733 SV%)
 - 2025-26: 2 SO goals allowed on 8 attempts (.750 SV%)
 - 2024-25: 6 SO goals allowed on 17 attempts (.647 SV%)
 - 2023-24: 4 SO goals allowed on 12 attempts (.667 SV%)
 - 2022-23: 0 SO goals allowed on 8 attempts (1.000 SV%)
 - 4-8 career W-L record in a shootout



Ivankovic, Jack– [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Goaltender

Catches: Left

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 179 pounds

OHL Club: Brampton Steelheads (2023-25)

Hometown: Mississauga, ON

Birthdate: May 22, 2007

OHL Draft: 7th Overall, 1st Round (2023) - MISS

NHL Draft: 58th Overall, 2nd Round (2025) - NSH



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	RECORD	GAA	SV%	GA	SO
2025 PO (BRAM)	5	1-3-0-0	4.87	.877	17	0
2024-25 RS (BRAM)	43	25-12-5-0	3.05	.903	126	2
2024 PO (MISS)	4	1-2-1-0	4.83	.883	17	0
2023-24 RS (MISS)	25	14-5-4-0	2.72	.915	64	1
TOTAL		39-17-9-0	2.93	.907	190	3

Media Notes:

- By earning a spot on Canada's World Junior roster for a second straight year, George and Ivankovic become the first Canadian goaltending duo to backstop Canada at the tournament in consecutive seasons.
- Currently playing at the University of Michigan (NCAA) after spending a pair of seasons in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).
- Ivankovic's GAA (3.05, 8th) and save percentage (.903, 9th) both ranked among the top-10 goalies in the OHL in 2024-25.
- Ivankovic led all netminders in goals-against average (1.05), save percentage (.960), and shutouts (2) during the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship; he was named the Top Goalie of the tournament & named to the tournament all-star team.
- Ivankovic lost his lone start at the 2025 World Juniors, making 24 saves before turning aside 7-of-8 in the shootout as Canada fell 3-2 in a shootout to Latvia on [Dec. 27, 2024](#).
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, earning the victory in Game 2 in Oshawa, Ont.
- Voted to the OHL's Second All-Rookie Team following the 2023-24 season.
- Ivankovic's .915 save percentage in 2023-24 set a new record for the highest by a rookie goaltender in Steelheads franchise history.
- His 2.72 GAA this season was the lowest by an OHL rookie, earning him the F.W. "Dinty" Moore Trophy for his efforts.
- Ivankovic represented the OHL's Eastern Conference at the inaugural Connor McDavid OHL Top Prospects Game presented by Enbridge Gas in Brantford on January 15, 2025, where he faced off against the top prospects from the OHL's Western Conference.
- Made his first career OHL start on [October 6, 2023](#), turning aside 25-of-29 shots faced in a 4-1 loss against the Oshawa Generals.
- A week after making his debut, Ivankovic secured his first career OHL win by making 35 saves in a 3-2 Steelheads' victory over the Storm in Guelph on [October 13, 2023](#).
- Recorded a career-high 48 saves on [November 25, 2023](#) in Erie as Ivankovic and the



Steelheads shutout the Otters 5-0.

- The 5-foot-11, 170lb. rookie was the Steelheads' first-round (seventh overall) pick in the 2023 OHL Priority Selection from the Mississauga Senators U16 program.
- Along with Matthew Schaefer (Erie Otters / OHL) and Caleb Desnoyers (Moncton Wildcats / QMJHL), Ivankovic became one of the first three players ever to win gold with Team Canada at all three major events – the World U17 Challenge (2023), IIHF U18 World Championship (2024), and Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2024) – completing the trifecta within a 12-month span.
- Ivankovic has won gold a total of four times representing Canada: U17s (2023), U18s (2024 & 2025) & Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2024).
- Ivankovic allowed just three goals over four starts as Canada won gold at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup; his 0.75 goals-against average and .967 save percentage were the best of any goaltender at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.
- Excelled for Canada White at the 2023 World U17 Challenge in November, ultimately helping Canada secure its first gold medal at the World U17 Challenge since 2015.
- [In the gold medal game at the 2023 World U17 Challenge against Team USA](#), Ivankovic was named Player of the Game for Canada White, as he turned aside 34-of-35 shots.
- Ivankovic finished the 2023 World U17s with a 2.51 GAA and a .923 SV%, the latter of which ranked first among all goalies at the tournament.
- Ivankovic was named to the World U17 all-star team as the tournament's top goaltender.
- Won gold at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in P.E.I.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 0 SO goals allowed on 5 career attempts – 5/5 (1.000 SV%)
 - 2024-25: 0 SO goals allowed on 2 attempts (1.000 SV%)
 - 2023-24: 0 SO goals allowed on 3 attempts (1.000 SV%)
 - 2-0 career W-L record in a shootout



Ravensbergen, Joshua – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Goaltender

Catches: Right

Height: 6-foot-5.5

Weight: 195 pounds

WHL Club: Prince George Cougars

Hometown: North Vancouver, BC

Birthdate: Nov. 27, 2006

WHL Draft: Undrafted FA

NHL Draft: 30th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - SJS



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	RECORD	GAA	SV%	GA	SO
2025-26 RS	22	16-6-0-0	2.50	.921	54	2
2025 PO	7	2-3-1-0	3.60	.896	25	0
2024-25 RS	51	33-13-3-1	3.00	.901	148	0
2024 PO	12	9-2-1-0	1.98	.931	23	3
2023-24 RS	38	26-4-1-1	2.46	.907	85	6
TOTAL RS	111	75-23-4-2	2.72	.907	287	8

Media Notes:

- Ravensbergen is one of two Prince George Cougars selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Cougars defenceman Carson Carels on the roster.
- For the first time in his career, Ravensbergen will wear the Maple Leaf and represent his country on the international stage.
- As of December 12, 2025, Ravensbergen has won eight straight starts dating back to November 11.
- As of December 12, 2025, he ranks among the WHL goaltending leaders in wins (1st), shutouts (T-1st), GAA (3rd), and SV% (3rd). With 1,294 minutes played, he sits third in the WHL, while his 627 saves also rank fourth.
- On Monday, Dec. 2, 2025, Ravensbergen was named Mary Brown's Chicken WHL Goaltender of the Month for November 2025.
- Ravensbergen, who turned 19 on November 27, went 8-2-0-0 with a 2.00 goals-against average, .940 save percentage, and one shutout during the month of November 2025.
 - No other WHL goaltender played more during the month of November, as Ravensbergen was in the blue paint for 601 minutes.
 - He also turned aside more pucks than any other WHL netminder, making 312 saves on 332 shots against.
 - He made at least 35 saves on four occasions during the month of November, including a month-high 39 stops November 1 in a 4-3 overtime victory at Seattle.
 - To close the month of November, he won five consecutive games.
- Ravensbergen was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Ravensbergen was chosen 30th overall (1st Round) by the San Jose Sharks at the 2025 NHL Draft, becoming the first CHL and WHL goalie selected in the first round in four years.



- Ravensbergen was only the second goaltender in Cougars franchise history to be drafted in the opening round—following Hockey Hall of Famer Grant Fuhr, who was taken eighth overall in 1981 when the team was based in Victoria—and the first since the club relocated to Prince George in 1994–95.
- Ravensbergen marked the second consecutive NHL Draft in which a Prince George Cougar has been selected in the first round after Terik Parascak went 17th overall to the Washington Capitals in 2024.
- Undrafted into the WHL, Ravensbergen has been named to the WHL's Second All-Star Team on two occasions (B.C. Division, 2023-24; Western Conference, 2024-25).
- Ravensbergen logged a career-high 33 wins during 2024-25, following up on a breakout rookie season that saw him go 26-4-1-1 with a 2.46 goals-against average (GAA), .907 save percentage (SV%), and six shutouts in 2023-24.
- Ravensbergen was one of only five netminders to play more than 50 games in 2024-25 and he was named a finalist for the Del Wilson Memorial Trophy for WHL Goaltender of the Year at the end of last season.
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, making 15 saves and adding in a 6-1 win over the U.S. National Under-18 Team in Game 1 of the event in London, Ont.
- Over his rookie campaign, Ravensbergen tied a WHL rookie single-season record by registering six shutouts in 2023-24.
- During the 2024 WHL Playoffs, Ravensbergen became the first goaltender in Cougars' history to record shutouts in back-to-back WHL playoff games in April 2024.
- At 12 years old, Ravensbergen was one of five boys to be honoured by the Governor General Julie Payette [after he and four friends saved a young boy](#) who was dangling from a chairlift at Grouse Mountain on [Feb. 27, 2019](#). Ravensbergen told The Athletic that they were even invited to appear on "Ellen," and attend "some press conference" with Barack Obama.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 2 SO goals allowed on 14 career attempts – 12/14 (.857 SV%)
 - 2025-26: 0 SO goals allowed on 2 attempts (1.000 SV%)
 - 2024-25: 1 SO goals allowed on 7 attempts (.857 SV%)
 - 2023-24: 1 SO goals allowed on 5 attempts (.800 SV%)
 - 4-2 career W-L record in a shootout



Aitcheson, Kashawn – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 203 pounds

OHL Club: Barrie Colts

Hometown: Toronto, ON

Birthdate: Sep. 21, 2006

OHL Draft: 50th Overall, 3rd Round (2022) - BAR

NHL Draft: 17th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - NYI



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	27	19	13	32	+19	96
2025 PO	16	6	6	12	+2	54
2024-25 RS	64	26	33	59	+6	166
2024 PO	6	1	3	4	-3	8
2023-24 RS	64	8	31	39	-1	114
2023 PO	4	0	0	0	-3	3
2022-23 RS	23	1	2	3	-9	21
TOTAL RS	178	54	79	133	+15	397

Media Notes:

- Aitcheson is one of two Barrie Colts selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Colts forward Cole Beaudoin on the roster.
- Aitcheson is one of three Barrie Colts set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, and he'll square off against Colts teammate Emil Hemming when Canada faces Finland on New Year's Eve.
- As of December 12, Aitcheson leads OHL defencemen with 19 goals through 27 games played in 2025-26 – just one shy of the CHL leader Bryce Pickford (20 goals) of the Medicine Hat Tigers (WHL).
- As of December 12, Aitcheson ranks third in the OHL among defencemen with 32 points through 27 games played in 2025-26 – a mark that ranks sixth among CHL blueliners.
- As of December 12, Aitcheson leads all OHL skaters with 11 power-play goals in 2025-26 – one shy of the CHL leader Chase Surkan (12) of the Brandon Wheat Kings (WHL).
- With 54 career goals, Aitcheson is the Barrie Colts' all-time leaderboard for goals by a defenseman in regular-season play. He passed Brandt Clarke and Aaron Ekblad back on [October 18, 2025](#), when he scored his 41st career goal against the North Bay Battalion.
- At the beginning of the 2025-26 season, the Barrie Colts announced that both Aitcheson and Cole Beaudoin had been named as co-captains of the team.
- Aitcheson, selected in the first round (17th overall) of the 2025 NHL Draft by the New York Islanders, has spent his entire four-year OHL career with the Barrie Colts.
- Aitcheson was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, tallying one goal over the pair of games in London and Oshawa, Ont.
- During the 2024-25 regular season and 2025 OHL Playoffs, Aitcheson scored five overtime winners (combined), [finishing just one shy of the CHL's best mark \(regular season, playoffs\).](#)



[and Memorial Cup combined\) since 2000](#). Only Vancouver Giants (WHL) alumnus Bowen Byram (2018-19) and Halifax Mooseheads (QMJHL) alumnus Raphaël Lavoie (2017-18) have scored more in that span, with six overtime goals apiece in a single season.

- In 2024-25, Aitcheson's 26 goals set a new Barrie Colts single regular-season record by a defenceman.
- With 26 goals in 64 regular-season games in 2024-25, [Aitcheson was one of only three defencemen in the CHL and OHL to light the lamp 25 times in 2024-25](#) – joining Zayne Parekh (33 goals) of the Saginaw Spirit and Sam Dickinson (29 goals) of the London Knights to achieve this feat.
- Aitcheson represented the OHL's Eastern Conference at the inaugural Connor McDavid OHL Top Prospects Game presented by Enbridge Gas in Brantford on January 15, 2025, where he faced off against the top prospects from the OHL's Western Conference.
- Made his OHL debut on [October 14, 2022](#), at the age of 16, registering a pair of shots on goal in a 2-1 Colts' victory against the Wolves in Sudbury.
- Registered his first career OHL point on [December 10, 2022](#), tallying an assist in a 5-4 loss against the Sudbury Wolves.
- Tallied his first career OHL goal against the Kingston Frontenacs in a 5-2 Colts' victory on [March 24, 2023](#).
- Helped Canada earn gold at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship in Finland, registering three points (1G-2A) over seven games played.
- Recorded one goal and three assists in six postseason games for the Colts during the 2024 OHL playoffs.
- [Teamed up with Hockey Gives Blood as a volunteer player ambassador ahead of the 2023-24 season](#).
- Played for the North York Rangers U16 program during the 2021-22 season, where he registered 31 points (9 Goals, 22 Points) across 47 games.
- Participated in the 2022 GTHL All-Star game where he recorded one goal.
- Was drafted 50th overall in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection Draft by Barrie.
- Wears No. 77 as a tribute to Hall of Fame defenceman Ray Bourque – a nod to his family of Boston Bruins fans, including his grandfather, and to the countless nights he spent growing up watching the Bruins.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - o OHL Career: 1 goal on 4 career shootout attempts (25.0%)
 - [2025-26](#): 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - [2024-25](#): 0 goals on 1 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - [2023-24](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - [2022-23](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



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

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-3

Weight: 203 pounds

WHL Club: Kamloops Blazers

Hometown: Calgary, AB

Birthdate: May 8, 2006

WHL Draft: 52nd Overall, 3rd Round (2021) - KAM

NHL Draft: 44th Overall, 2nd Round (2024) - PIT



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2024-25 RS	41	5	25	30	-15	97
2023-24 RS	49	10	11	21	-12	93
2023 PO	14	0	2	2	+1	6
2022-23 RS	59	4	4	8	+3	50
2021-22 RS	2	0	0	0	-1	0
TOTAL RS	151	19	40	59	-25	240

Media Notes:

- Brunicke has split the 2025-26 season between the Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL) and their AHL affiliate in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He's appeared in nine NHL games with Pittsburgh, recording one goal, and added four assists in five AHL contests with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.
- By scoring his first career goal on [October 9, 2025, against the New York Islanders](#), Brunicke became the first-ever South African born skater to score in the NHL.
- Brunicke, together with Ben Kindel of the Calgary Hitmen (WHL) in October 2025, became just the third pair of teenagers in Pittsburgh Penguins history to make their NHL debut in the same game. They were also the first duo to do so in 19 years, following in the footsteps of CHL graduates Jordan Staal (Peterborough Petes / OHL) and Kris Letang (Val-d'Or Foreurs / QMJHL).
- When making his NHL debut in October 2025, Brunicke joined Vezina-winning netminder – and former WHL talent – Olaf Kolzig (Tri-City Americans & New Westminster Bruins) as the lone South African players to suit up in the NHL.
- Brunicke made his professional debut in 2024-25 with the AHL's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, adding two assists in 10 regular-season games and a goal and assist in two postseason tilts.
- Enjoyed a career season in 2024-25, having established new personal bests in assists (25) and points (30) in just 41 games.
- A fractured wrist prevented Brunicke from playing out a whole season with the Kamloops Blazers in 2024-25.
- Selected with the 44th overall pick in the 2024 NHL Draft, Brunicke (Kamloops Blazers / WHL) became the first South African-born skater to be chosen at an NHL Draft and the second player born in the country to be drafted following goaltender & WHL alumnus Olie Kolzig (Tri-City Americans & New Westminster Bruins).



- Helped Canada earn gold at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship, registering four points (1G-3A) over seven games played.
- Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and moved to Calgary when he was 2 years old.
- Played his minor hockey with Calgary Royals Athletic Association & played Tier 1 soccer for 12 years when he was younger.
- One of his most memorable CHL moments was scoring a goal vs. Peterborough during the 2023 Memorial Cup in Kamloops.
- Member of the 2022-23 Kamloops Blazers team that hosted the Memorial Cup.
- Finished second among Kamloops Blazers defencemen with 21 points in 49 games during the 2023-24 campaign.
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B., playing for Team Red.
- Made his WHL debut on [April 15, 2022](#), at the age of 15 in a 4-2 Blazers' loss against the Prince George Cougars.
- Registered his first career WHL point and goal on [December 31, 2022](#), (1G-0A) in a 10-6 Blazers' loss against the Prince George Cougars.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 1 goal on 2 career shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2025-26: N/A
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2023-24: 1 goal on 2 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2021-22: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



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) - PG

NHL Draft: N/A (Eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	28	8	21	29	+7	99
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	95	14	53	67	+32	186

Media Notes:

- Carels is one of two Prince George Cougars selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Cougars goalie Joshua Ravensbergen on the roster.
- Carels is regarded as one of the top defencemen entering the 2026 NHL Draft.
- By making the team alongside fellow 17-year-old defenceman Keaton Verhoeff, Carels and Verhoeff became just the 13th and 14th 17-year-old blueliners ever to play for Canada at the World Juniors, joining a select group that includes CHL alumni Scott Niedermayer (Kamloops Blazers / WHL), Wade Redden (Brandon Wheat Kings / WHL), Aaron Ekblad (Barrie Colts / OHL), Jamie Drysdale (Erie Otters / OHL) and Ryan Ellis (Windsor Spitfires).
- Carels and Verhoeff are the sixth and seventh youngest defencemen respectively to suit up for Canada at a World Juniors.
- As of Dec. 12, Carson Carels sits sixth in scoring among WHL defencemen this season, producing 29 points in 28 games during the 2025–26 campaign.
 - Sits tied for fifth among WHL defencemen for assists (21).
 - Sits tied for fourth among all WHL skaters for power-play assists (13).
 - Has established a new career-high for goals (8) in a single-season in 2025-26.
- One of seven defencemen from across the CHL – and just three from the WHL – selected to represent Team CHL at the 2025 CHL USA Prospects Challenge in Calgary and Lethbridge, Alta., in late November.
 - Recorded two assists through two games (along with Super OT) at the 2025 CHL USA Prospects Challenge.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, tallying one goal through seven games in Texas.
- Collected nine multipoint games as a 16-year-old defenceman in 2024-25.
- Earned silver with Canada Red at the 2024 U17 World Challenge, recording four assists in four tournament games.
- 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
- Grew up on a cattle farm near Cypress River, Man. & a fan of the Brandon Wheat Kings.
 - Brings a grounded, workmanlike presence on the blue line that reflects his small-town, farm upbringing.
 - Grew up on his family's cattle operation with roughly 500 head of cattle; spends the offseason tagging cows, checking the herd, and cutting hay on the tractor.
 - Jokes that he could "run the 500 head of cattle on my own if I needed to," and lists the family farm as his most prized possession.
 - Says that "not a lot of people get the opportunity to live on a farm," and takes pride in that unique upbringing.
 - Has said in the past that he tries to call daily to check on his parents, siblings, and the farm – a daily reset that keeps him grounded and helps him handle the pressure of being one of the top defencemen in his draft class.
- 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.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 0 goal on 1 career shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Danford, Ben – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 200 pounds

OHL Club: Brantford Bulldogs

Hometown: Madoc, ON

Birthdate: Feb. 6, 2006

OHL Draft: 14th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - OSH

NHL Draft: 31st Overall, 1st Round (2024) - TOR



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS (OSH & BFD)	23	2	14	16	-2	47
2025 PO (OSH)	21	2	3	5	+3	38
2024-25 RS (OSH)	61	5	20	25	+5	131
2024 PO (OSH)	21	4	6	10	+6	55
2023-24 RS (OSH)	64	1	32	33	+27	99
2023 PO (OSH)	5	0	1	1	-5	11
2022-23 RS (OSH)	63	4	17	21	-4	66
TOTAL RS	211	12	83	95	+26	343

Media Notes:

- Danford is one of two Brantford Bulldogs selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Bulldogs forward Jett Luchanko on the roster.
- Brantford will be represented by a CHL-high five players at the 2026 World Juniors, with Adam Jiříček, Vladimír Dravecký, and Adam Benák also set to compete for Czechia. The five teammates will face each other when Czechia opens the tournament against Canada on Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. CT.
- Since joining the Bulldogs on October 25, 2025, Danford has registered one goal and eleven assists in 15 games with his newest OHL club.
- Traded to the Brantford Bulldogs on October 30, 2025, who now have five NHL first-round picks on its roster (Danford, Luchanko, O'Brien, Vanacker, and Jiricek).
- Named to the OHL's Third Team All-Star in 2024-25.
- Was the youngest captain in the OHL when he led the Oshawa Generals to a second straight trip to the OHL Championship Series in 2024-25, where they fell to the London Knights in five games.
- [Named the 72nd captain in Oshawa Generals' history at the start of the 2024-25 season.](#)
- Danford was nominated for the 2025 Dayna Brons Honorary Award for his work with Hockey Gives Blood and the #450Challenge, highlighting blood and stem cell donation.
- Chosen 31st overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2024 NHL Draft after a strong season anchoring Oshawa's blue line.
- Played for Team Red in Moncton, NB at the [CHL NHL Top Prospects Game in 2024](#), where he scored one goal.
- During the 2023-24 campaign, Danford helped lead the Generals to the 2024 OHL Championship series having recorded 10 points (4G-6A) in 21 postseason games.



- Danford went without a point through five games at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, as Canada won gold over Czechia at the event.
- Despite being a rookie in 2022-2023, Danford was relied upon heavily on the Generals blueline, earning top-pair minutes throughout the entire season – including the first-round playoff series against the league-best Ottawa 67's.
- Won silver with Canada Red at the 2022 World U17 Challenge, recording two points (1G-1A) in seven games.
- The former Quinte Red Devils defender joined Beckett Sennecke as one of two first-round picks by Oshawa in 2022, being selected 14th overall in the OHL Priority Selection.
- During the 2021-2022 campaign with the Quinte Red Devils in the Eastern AAA Hockey League U16 (ETAHL U16), in just 26 regular season games, Danford scored seven goals and 22 assists for 29 points.
- Father Al Danford was a 15th-round pick of the Toronto Marlboros in the 1987 OHL Draft.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 0 goal on 0 career shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Mackenzie, Ethan – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 189 pounds

WHL Club: Edmonton Oil Kings

Hometown: Peachland, BC

Birthdate: Sep. 2, 2006

WHL Draft: 82nd Overall, 4th Round (2021) - EDM

NHL Draft: N/A (Eligible for the 2026 NHL Draft)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	30	10	21	31	+22	87
2025 PO	7	2	1	3	-4	17
2024-25 RS	54	5	27	32	+7	102
2023-24 RS	26	1	5	6	-5	34
2022-23 RS	50	1	11	12	-34	42
TOTAL RS	160	17	64	81	-10	265

Media Notes:

- MacKenzie is the only undrafted 19-year-old named to Canada's National Junior Team roster.
- For the first time in his career, MacKenzie will wear the Maple Leaf and represent his country on the international stage.
- MacKenzie is one of two Edmonton Oil Kings set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, and he'll square off against Oil Kings teammate Max Curran when Canada faces Czechia on Boxing Day.
- As of December 12, he ranks fourth in WHL scoring among defencemen with 31 points (10G-21A) and a +22 rating in 30 games with the Edmonton Oil Kings, while his 10 goals are tied for third among league blueliners.
- In 2025-26, he doubled last season's goal total, scoring 10 goals in just 30 games.
- To start the 2025-26 season, MacKenzie was named to the Edmonton Oil Kings' leadership group, serving as an alternate captain for all home games.
- MacKenzie was named the 2024-25 Oil Kings Most Improved Player.
- In 2024-25, he set new career highs across the board with five goals, 27 assists and 32 points, while also appearing in a career-best 54 games.
- In 2023-24, MacKenzie missed 42 games with an upper-body injury between mid-November and early March, but returned to the Oil Kings' blue line to post seven points in seven games to close out the season.
- He was originally selected by the Edmonton Oil Kings in the fourth round (82nd overall) of the 2021 WHL Prospects Draft.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



- 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Parekh, Zayne – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 185 pounds

OHL Club: Saginaw Spirit

Hometown: Nobleton, ON

Birthdate: Feb. 15, 2006

OHL Draft: 19th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - SAG

NHL Draft: 9th Overall, 1st Round (2024) - CGY



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	5	2	7	9	-5	21
2024-25 RS	61	33	74	107	+42	243
2024 PO	13	2	9	11	0	56
2023-24 RS	66	33	63	96	+39	224
2023 PO	11	6	3	9	+1	34
2022-23 RS	50	21	16	37	+3	118
TOTAL RS	177	87	153	240	+84	585

Media Notes:

- Parekh is one of two Saginaw Spirit selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Spirit forward Michael Misa on the roster.
- Having sustained an upper-body injury sustained on November 7, 2025, against the Chicago Blackhawks, Parekh has been limited to 11 games with the Calgary Flames in 2025-26, registering one assist.
- Made his NHL debut last season on [April 17, 2025](#) with the Calgary Flames, where he tallied his first career NHL goal against the Los Angeles Kings.
- Recorded 33 goals and 107 points in 2024-25, leading all CHL defencemen in both goals and overall scoring; he was named to the CHL First All-Star team.
- In 2024-25, [Parekh became just the second defenceman in OHL/OHA history with multiple 30-goal seasons](#), following in the footsteps of Oshawa Generals alumnus Bobby Orr who achieved the feat in 1966 (34 goals in 1964-65 & 38 goals in 1965-66).
 - Parekh also became just the second defenceman in the CHL to have registered multiple 30-goal seasons in the 21st century, doing so after Rouyn-Noranda Huskies (QMJHL) alumnus Jonathan Gauthier scored 30-plus goals over consecutive campaigns in 1999-00 and 2000-01. Over the last 25 years, no CHL defenceman had achieved this feat outside of Gauthier and Parekh.
- In 2024-25, [Parekh is the first defenceman from the CHL in this century to break the 90-point plateau on more than one occasion](#) – having done so over consecutive seasons (96 points in 2023-24 & 107 points in 2024-25).
- With 107 points in 61 games in 2024-25, [Parekh produced the highest point total by a CHL defenceman in 23 years](#), trailing only Victoriaville Tigres (QMJHL) alumnus Danny Groulx (112 points in 2001-02) among CHL blueliners since the turn of the century.



- By going ninth overall to the Calgary Flames at the 2024 NHL Draft, Parekh became the highest-drafted player in Saginaw Spirit history — a mark that lasted only a year before Michael Misa surpassed it by going second overall to the San Jose Sharks in 2025.
- The Spirit blueliner was selected to the 2023-24 CHL's First All-Star Team after amassing 96 points (33G-63A) in 66 games.
- With 33 goals in 2023-24, Parekh became the second draft-eligible defenceman in OHL history to score 30 goals in a single season, following John Slaney's 38 with the Cornwall Royals in 1989-90.
- Named the CHL's Defenseman of the Year for the 2023-24 season, becoming the first Saginaw Spirit defenceman in franchise history to win the award.
- Won the 2024 Memorial Cup Championship as the host city with a 4-3 victory over the OHL Champion London Knights.
 - Parekh scored one goal and added four assists in five games played at the 2024 Memorial Cup.
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B., playing for Team Red.
- Represented Canada at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, helping the team secure bronze and finishing with 3 assists.
- During his rookie season in 2022-23, Parekh scored 21 goals, the most ever scored by a 16-year-old rookie OHL blueliner, surpassing the previous mark of 19 set by Rick Corriveau of the 1988 London Knights.
- Had 21 points (8G-13A) in 23 games with the Markham Majors U16 AAA team in 2021-22 before being selected 19th overall by Saginaw in the 2022 OHL Priority Selection.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 1 goal on 4 shootout attempts (25.5%)
 - 2025-26: N/A
 - 2024-25: 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempts (0.0%)



Reid, Cameron – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 175 pounds

OHL Club: Kitchener Rangers

Hometown: Aylmer, ON

Birthdate: Apr. 8, 2007

OHL Draft: 10th Overall, 1st Round (2023) - KIT

NHL Draft: 21st Overall, 1st Round (2025) - NSH



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	28	9	20	29	+14	59
2025 PO	14	0	5	5	-5	27
2024-25 RS	67	14	40	54	39	140
2024 PO	10	0	5	5	-5	13
2023-24 RS	49	2	21	23	18	53
TOTAL RS	144	25	81	106	+71	252

Media Notes:

- Reid is one of two Kitchener Rangers set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, alongside Swiss goalie Christian Kirsch.
- With 29 points through 28 games in 2025-26, Reid is tied for fourth in scoring among OHL defencemen this season.
- Prior to the 2025-26 season, Reid was named the 60th Captain in Kitchener Rangers franchise history.
- Selected 21st overall by the Nashville Predators, Reid was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- His 54 points (14G-40A) ranked 10th among OHL defencemen during the 2024-25 season.
- Reid's +39 plus/minus rating ranked seventh among all OHL defencemen in the 2024-25 season.
- Reid represented the OHL's Western Conference at the inaugural Connor McDavid OHL Top Prospects Game presented by Enbridge Gas in Brantford on January 15, 2025, where he faced off against the top prospects from the OHL's Eastern Conference.
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge in London and Oshawa, ON in November 2024.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup where he recorded 2 assists in 5 games.
- During the 2023-24 campaign, he had a successful rookie season in the OHL that saw him voted to the OHL's First All-Rookie team, producing 23 points (2G-21A) in 49 games along with five assists in 10 playoff contests.
- Reid's 23 points during the 2023-24 season ranked fourth among rookie defencemen and placed him among the OHL's top-20 rookie scorers overall.
- Reid's +18 plus/minus rating ranked second among OHL rookies in 2024-24, trailing only Edmonton Oilers prospect and London Knights forward Sam O'Reilly (+32).



- Won gold at the 2023 World U17 Challenge with Canada White, recording two points (1G-1A) in eight games.
- Kitchener's first-round (10th overall) pick in the 2023 OHL Priority Selection from the Bishop Kearney Selects 15U AAA program.
- The native of Aylmer, Ont. moved away from home at the age of 14 to play for Bishop Kearney High School's 14U AAA program in Rochester, N.Y., and was then named the team captain for his 15U AAA year the following season.
- The left-shot defenceman amassed an impressive 76 points (26G, 50A) in 83 games with Bishop Kearney Selects and totaled 143 points (101G, 99A) in 176 games between 2021 to 2023.
- Reid's grandfather was once the equipment manager for the OHL's Erie Otters.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Verhoeff, Keaton – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Defence

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-4

Weight: 212 pounds

WHL Club: Victoria Royals (2023-25)

Hometown: Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Birthdate: Jun. 19, 2008

WHL Draft: 4th Overall, 1st Round (2023)

NHL Draft: N/A (Eligible for 2026 NHL Draft)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	11	1	9	10	+4	18
2024-25 RS	63	21	24	45	+23	147
2024 PO	4	0	0	0	-5	3
2023-24 RS	12	0	2	2	0	13
TOTAL RS	74	21	26	47	+23	160

Media Notes:

- Currently playing at the University of North Dakota (NCAA) after spending roughly two seasons in the Western Hockey League (WHL).
- Verhoeff is regarded as one of the top defencemen entering the 2026 NHL Draft.
- By making the team alongside fellow 17-year-old defenceman Carson Carels, Verhoeff and Carels became just the 13th and 14th 17-year-old blueliners ever to play for Canada at the World Juniors, joining a select group that includes CHL alumni Scott Niedermayer (Kamloops Blazers / WHL), Wade Redden (Brandon Wheat Kings / WHL), Aaron Ekblad (Barrie Colts / OHL), Jamie Drysdale (Erie Otters / OHL) and Ryan Ellis (Windsor Spitfires).
- Carels and Verhoeff are the sixth and seventh youngest defencemen respectively to suit up for Canada at a World Juniors.
- Captained Team Canada to a bronze medal at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup; he scored five points (1G-4A) in five games played at the tournament.
- Recorded 45 points (21G-24A) as a 16-year-old during the 2024-25 season.
- He became just the third 16-year-old defenceman to score 20+ goals in a WHL season.
- Helped Canada earn gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship in Texas, registering five points (1G-4A) over seven games played.
- Helped Canada White capture gold at the 2024 World U17 Challenge, finishing the tournament with five points (1G-4A) in five games.
- Verhoeff was originally a goaltender, before switching to defence at age 12.
- Verhoeff tallied 13 goals and 33 assists for 46 points in 27 games with RINK Hockey Academy Kelowna U15 Prep during the 2022-23 season.
- Verhoeff finished second in CSHL U15 Defenceman Scoring and first in CSHL U15 Defenceman Scoring for 2023 WHL Draft Eligible players.
- Taken fourth overall by the Victoria Royals at the 2023 WHL Prospects Draft, Verhoeff is the second-highest selection in Royals history.



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- One of 17 current and former CHL players to receive an "A" rating from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary rankings released on Monday, Oct. 20.
 - **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 0 goals on 2 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 2 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Bear, Carter – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 177 pounds

WHL Club: Everett Silvertips

Hometown: West St. Paul, MB

Birthdate: Nov. 4, 2006

WHL Draft: 132nd Overall, 6th Round (2021) - EVT

NHL Draft: 13th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - DET



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	13	14	27	+11	88
2024-25 RS	56	40	42	82	+33	185
2024 PO	9	0	4	4	-6	20
2023-24 RS	67	25	32	57	+23	158
2023 PO	5	0	0	0	-1	3
2022-23 RS	19	1	1	2	-3	10
TOTAL RS	165	79	89	168	+64	441

Media Notes:

- Bear is one of three Everett Silvertips set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, and he'll square off against Silvertips teammates Julius Miettinen and Matias Vanhanen when Canada faces Finland on New Year's Eve.
- For the first time in his career, Bear will wear the Maple Leaf and represent his country on the international stage.
- In 2025-26, Bear has posted 27 points (13G-14A) in 23 games, ranking fifth in scoring on the Silvertips and tied for second on the team in goals.
- Bear, a member of Peguis First Nation, was one of three First Nations players selected in the 2025 NHL Draft, joining Kelowna Rockets forward Hayden Paupanekis of Norway House Cree Nation, chosen 69th overall by the Montreal Canadiens, and Windsor Spitfires forward Jack Nesbitt of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (Ont.), selected 12th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers.
- Bear became the first Silvertip to be chosen in the first round of the NHL Draft since the Montreal Canadiens picked defenceman Noah Juulsen 26th overall a decade ago in 2015.
- Drafted by the Detroit Red Wings with the 13th overall pick, Bear was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Bear enjoyed a breakout 2024-25 season with the Everett Silvertips, setting career highs with 40 goals and 42 assists for 82 points in 56 games.
 - He led the Tips in both goals and points despite missing 12 regular-season contests, helping Everett capture the Scotty Munro Memorial Trophy as 2024-25 WHL regular-season champions with a 48-12-4-4 record.
 - League-wide, Bear finished tied for seventh in WHL goals and tied for second in game-winning goals (9), and became just the sixth player in Silvertips history to



hit the 40-goal mark in a single season and the first since Jackson Berezowski in 2022-23.

- Bear was named to the WHL Western Conference Second All-Star Team.
- Bear has previously been named a Manitoba U18 Hockey League All-Star and MVP back in 2022-23 as a member of the Winnipeg Thrashers U18 AAA.
- He also spent the 2021-22 season with the Winnipeg Thrashers U18 AAA squad, where he logged 25 goals and 17 assists for 42 points in 39 games.
- He also added two points in three playoff games. Bear played five games with Team Manitoba at the 2021-22 WHL Cup, where he earned an assist.
- Originally selected by Everett with the 132nd overall pick in the 2021 WHL Prospects Draft, Bear first joined the Silvertips for two stints during the 2022-23 season before finding a full-time role with the club in 2023-24 in his 17-year-old season.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 2 goals on 4 career shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 2 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - 2023-24: 2 goals on 2 shootout attempts (100.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Beaudoin, Cole – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 211 pounds

OHL Club: Barrie Colts

Hometown: Kanata, ON

Birthdate: Apr. 24, 2006

OHL Draft: 10th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - BAR

NHL Draft: 24th Overall, 1st Round (2024) - UTA



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	25	14	27	41	+17	125
2025 PO	16	4	9	13	-11	42
2024-25 RS	52	22	29	51	-4	146
2024 PO	6	2	3	5	0	26
2023-24 RS	67	28	34	62	+2	208
2023 PO	13	0	2	2	-4	18
2022-23 RS	63	8	12	20	+4	89
TOTAL RS	207	72	102	174	+19	568

Media Notes:

- Beaudoin is one of two Barrie Colts selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Colts defenceman Kashawn Aitcheson on the roster.
- Beaudoin is one of three Barrie Colts set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, and he'll square off against Colts teammate Emil Hemming when Canada faces Finland on New Year's Eve.
- As of December 12, Beaudoin's 41 points this season rank him tied for fourth in OHL scoring (alongside Brantford's Marek Vanacker) and tied for ninth among all CHL skaters.
- As of December 12, Beaudoin ranks among the OHL's statistical leaders in 2025-26, sitting fourth in both assists (27) and faceoff wins (313), tied for second in power-play assists (15), and tied for third in power-play points (18).
- As of December 12, Beaudoin's 55.6% success rate in faceoffs ranks ninth in the OHL among skaters with at least 300 draws taken in 2025-26.
- At the beginning of the 2025-26 season, the Barrie Colts announced that both Beaudoin and Kashawn Aitcheson had been named as co-captains of the team.
- As an assistant captain, he helped guide Barrie to the OHL Eastern Conference Final, contributing 13 points (4G-9A) in 16 postseason contests.
- Wrapped up the 2024-25 season just shy of a point-per-game pace, tallying 51 points (22G-29A) in 52 games.
- Beaudoin suited up for Team Canada at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship, registering one assist in five games.
- Having been selected in the first round (24th overall) of the 2024 NHL Draft by the Utah Hockey Club, Beaudoin became the second draft pick in Utah's franchise history,



following Kelowna Rockets forward Tij Iginla, who was chosen by the club at sixth overall during the 2024 NHL Draft.

- Helped Canada to a gold medal at the 2024 U18 World Championships, where he had four points (2G-2A) in seven games.
- Finished tied for second in team scoring with 62 points while leading the Barrie Colts with 12 power-play goals and three shorthanded markers during the 2023-24 season.
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B., playing for Team Red.
- Won gold with Team Canada at 2023 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup, tallying six points (3G-3A) in five games.
- Finished rookie season in 2022-23 in Barrie with 20 points (8G-12A—20 PTS) in 63 games.
- Recorded five points (3G-2A—5 PTS) in seven games for Canada Black at the 2022 World U17 Challenge.
- Made his OHL debut on [September 29, 2022](#) at the age of 16 in a 2-1 Colts loss against the Oshawa Generals in Barrie.
- Tallied his first career OHL point in his ninth career OHL contest on [October 27, 2022](#) against the Owen Sound Attack, before later scoring his first OHL goal on [December 3, 2022](#) in Windsor.
- 2022 Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) Player of the Year; won league championship as member of the Nepean Raiders U18.
- In 2021-2022, Cole led all 2006-born skaters within the HEO league in points, compiling 77 points (24G-53A) in 32 games played.
- Son of former pro forward Eric Beaudoin who played with the Guelph Storm from 1997-00 before 16 years of pro hockey between the NHL, AHL and Europe; his uncle Nic played in the OHL with Detroit Jr. Red Wings (1993-96), was drafted by the Avalanche, & played pro hockey in the AHL & ECHL.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 3 goals on 8 career shootout attempts (37.5%)
 - [2025-26](#): 0 goals on 2 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - [2024-25](#): 2 goals on 3 shootout attempts (66.7%)
 - [2023-24](#): 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - [2022-23](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Cootes, Braeden – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 183 pounds

WHL Club: Seattle Thunderbirds

Hometown: Sherwood Park, AB

Birthdate: Feb. 9, 2007

WHL Draft: 10th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - SEA

NHL Draft: 15th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - VAN



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	17	10	13	23	+3	74
2025 PO	6	2	6	8	-3	25
2024-25 RS	60	26	37	63	+5	184
2023-24 RS	64	14	21	35	-22	142
2022-23 RS	7	0	1	1	+4	4
TOTAL RS	148	50	72	122	-10	404

Media Notes:

- Cootes is one of two Seattle Thunderbirds set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, alongside Czech defenceman Radim Mrtko. The two teammates will face each other when Czechia opens the tournament against Canada on Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. CT.
- Having registered 23 points in 17 games with the Thunderbirds in 2025-26, Cootes is averaging a team-best 1.35 points per game as of December 12.
- Including his NHL debut, Cootes appeared in three games with the Vancouver Canucks this season before returning to the Seattle Thunderbirds.
- By making his NHL debut on October 9, 2025, against the Calgary Flames, Cootes became the third-youngest player in Vancouver Canucks franchise history.
- Cootes signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Canucks, putting pen to paper July 8.
- Selected 15th overall by the Vancouver Canucks, Cootes was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Captained Team Canada to an undefeated run and a second straight gold medal at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, leading the team in scoring with 12 points (6G-6A) in seven games.
- Led the Thunderbirds in scoring during the 2025 WHL Playoffs, registering eight points in six postseason contests.
- In 2024-25, Cootes fueled a second-half surge that lifted Seattle from last place in the Western Conference to a playoff berth, leading the club with 26 goals and 37 assists for 63 points in 60 games, including 18 multi-point performances.
- In 2024-25, Cootes became the youngest captain in the WHL in his NHL draft year.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the Hlinka-Gretzky Cup in 2024, where he had one assist in three games.
- Cootes ended the 2023-24 regular season with an eight-game point streak (1G-9A).



- Earned first star of the game with his first WHL two-goal outing against the Regina Pats on [February 27, 2024](#). Seattle would win the game 5-1.
- Made his WHL debut for the Seattle Thunderbirds on [January 20, 2023](#), against the Lethbridge Hurricanes.
- Recorded his first WHL point on [January 21, 2023](#), assisting Montreal Canadiens prospect Jared Davidson's game-winning goal in a 6-2 victory over the Everett Silvertips.
- Scored his first WHL goal in Seattle's first game of the 2023-24 season; that goal wound up being the game-tying goal in an eventual 3-2 Seattle victory over the Wenatchee Wild on [September 23, 2023](#).
- Cootes registered his first multi-point game with a game-winning goal and two primary assists in a 6-4 win against the Brandon Wheat Kings on [October 17, 2023](#).
- Cootes was called up to the Seattle Thunderbirds at 16 years old to join the team for its 2023 WHL Championship run and nearly cracked the roster in the process.
- Tallied one assist in five matches for Team Alberta at the 2023 Canada Winter Games.
- Netted one goal and two assists with the Sherwood Park Kings U18AAA at the Circle K Classic.
- Registered three goals and two assists in six games with Team Brick Alberta at the 2016-17 Brick Invitational.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 4 goals on 8 career shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - [2025-26](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - [2024-25](#): 3 goals on 5 shootout attempts (60.0%)
 - [2023-24](#): 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - [2022-23](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Desnoyers, Caleb – [QMJHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-2

Weight: 173 pounds

QMJHL Club: Moncton Wildcats

Hometown: St-Hyacinthe, QC

Birthdate: Apr. 11, 2007

QMJHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2023) - MON

NHL Draft: 4th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - UTA



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	17	6	19	25	+9	50
2025 PO	19	9	21	30	+5	49
2024-25 RS	56	35	49	84	+51	176
2024 PO	4	1	1	2	-5	8
2023-24 RS	60	20	36	56	+2	136
TOTAL RS	133	61	104	165	+62	362

Media Notes:

- After missing the start of the 2025-26 campaign following wrist surgery, Desnoyers has produced 25 points in 17 games. As of December 12, he's riding a ten-game point streak, piling up 21 points (5G-16A) over that span.
- This past June, Desnoyers was named the 39th captain in Moncton Wildcats history for 2025-2026 – the Wildcats' 30th anniversary season.
- Selected 4th overall by the Utah Mammoth, Desnoyers became the highest draft pick in Moncton franchise history and the first QMJHLer selected inside the top five since Alexis Lafrenière (Rimouski Océanic) went first overall in 2020.
- Desnoyers was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Desnoyers captured the Guy Lafleur Trophy as 2025 QMJHL Playoffs MVP after posting 30 points (9G-21A) in 19 games and leading the Moncton Wildcats to their third QMJHL Championship title, becoming the first NHL Draft-eligible player to win the postseason MVP award since Jonathan Drouin with the Halifax Mooseheads in 2013.
- With that playoff run, Desnoyers also became just the eighth NHL Draft-eligible player since 2000 to earn CHL playoff MVP honours, joining elite company such as Sidney Crosby, Connor McDavid, and Jonathan Huberdeau.
- Desnoyers finished the 2024-25 season with 84 points (35G-49A) in 56 games, tying for fifth in QMJHL scoring while posting the league's second-best points-per-game mark (1.50) and leading all skaters with 11 game-winning goals, efforts that earned him a place on the QMJHL First All-Star Team.
- Won the Paul Dumont Trophy as the QMJHL's Personality of the Year.
- Recorded five points (1G-4A) in five games at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, helping Canada capture gold.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, posting five points (1G-4A) over five games.



- Along with Matthew Schaefer (Erie Otters / OHL) and Jack Ivankovic (Brampton Steelheads / OHL), Desnoyers became one of the first three players ever to win gold with Team Canada at all three major events — the World U17 Challenge (2023), IIHF U18 World Championship (2024), and Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2024) — completing the trifecta within a 12-month span.
- In 2023-24, he closed out his first season in the QMJHL averaging nearly a point per game thanks to his 20 goals and 36 assists for 56 points in 60 games; Desnoyers was a finalist for the Michel-Bergeron Trophy, which is awarded to the offensive rookie of the year in the QMJHL.
- Desnoyers' 0.93 points-per-game average during the 2023-24 season ranked tied for first in the QMJHL among rookies with Chicoutimi's Émile Guité (min. three games played)
- In 2023-24, Desnoyers (56 points) finished third in rookie scoring in the QMJHL behind Baie-Comeau's Raoul Boilard (62 points) & Guité (57 points).
- Won gold with Canada White at the 2023 World U17 Challenge, recording three goals and two assists in eight games.
- Made his QMJHL debut and recorded his first career point (0G-1A) on [September 22, 2023](#), in a Wildcats' 4-0 victory over the Cape Breton Eagles.
- Recorded his first career QMJHL goal on [September 29, 2023](#), on the power play in Moncton's big 6-2 victory over the Islanders in Charlottetown.
- Desnoyers is the younger brother of former Wildcats and Halifax Mooseheads forward Elliot Desnoyers, who was drafted in the fifth round (135th overall) by the Philadelphia Flyers in 2020
- Desnoyers had 53 points in 2022-23 with the Sainte-Hyacinthe Gaulois of the QM18AAA.
- A proven winner at every level, Desnoyers has piled up championships and gold medals almost everywhere he's played — from capturing the 2022-23 QM18AAA title with the Saint-Hyacinthe Gaulois, to winning multiple golds with Team Canada, and most recently lifting the Gilles-Courteau Trophy with the Moncton Wildcats in 2024-25.
- Desnoyers was the third first overall selection in Wildcats' history following forward Steve Bernier (2001) & defenceman Brandon Gormley (2008).
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - QMJHL Career: 5 goals on 9 career shootout attempts (55.6%)
 - 2025-26: 2 goals on 3 shootout attempts (66.7%)
 - 2024-25: 2 goals on 2 shootout attempts (100.0%)
 - 2023-24: 1 goal on 4 shootout attempts (25.0%)



Greentree, Liam – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-3

Weight: 216 pounds

OHL Club: Windsor Spitfires

Hometown: Oshawa, ON

Birthdate: Jan. 1, 2006

OHL Draft: 34th Overall, 2nd Round (2022) - WSR

NHL Draft: 26th Overall, 1st Round (2024) - LAK



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	23	16	16	32	+4	84
2025 PO	11	14	10	24	+8	64
2024-25 RS	64	49	70	119	+55	306
2023-24 RS	64	36	54	90	-14	221
2023 PO	4	0	1	1	-3	12
2022-23 RS	61	25	20	45	+1	119
TOTAL RS	212	126	160	286	+46	730

Media Notes:

- Greentree is one of two Windsor Spitfires set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, alongside American forward AJ Spellacy.
- In 2025-26, with 32 points in 23 games, Greentree sits second on the Spitfires in scoring as of December 12.
- Finished third in OHL scoring in 2024-25 with 119 points (49G-70A), trailing only Michael Misa (Saginaw) and teammate Ilya Protas, and ranked fifth in CHL scoring.
- In 2024-25, Greentree posted a +55 rating and fired 306 shots – second-most in the OHL – helping lead his team from the bottom of the standings to the top of the OHL's West Division with 45 wins and 96 points.
- His exceptional performance in 2024-25 earned him a spot on the OHL's First All-Star Team and the CHL's Third All-Star Team.
- In 2024-25, Greentree received the OHL's Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy, awarded to the captain who best exemplifies leadership, character, passion, and commitment to his community, becoming just the second Spitfire after Ryan Ellis (2010-11) to earn the honour.
- On January 13, 2024, Greentree was named the 59th captain in Windsor Spitfires history.
- Greentree was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the first round (26th overall) of the 2024 NHL Draft.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, recording four points (2G-2A) in seven games.
- Led the Spitfires in goals (36), assists (54) & points (90) during the 2023-24 season
- In 2023-24, Greentree's 90 points were the second-most of any draft-eligible skater in the OHL, trailing only Saginaw defenceman Zayne Parekh (96), and the most by a draft-eligible forward in the OHL.



- In 2023-24, Greentree's 36 goals this season were tied for the most of any draft-eligible skater in the OHL, tied alongside Brantford's Marek Vanacker (36G-46A); his 36 goals were the most by a draft-eligible skater from the Windsor Spitfires in over 10 years (Kerby Rychel in 2012-13 - 40G).
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B., playing for Team White and scoring their lone goal in a 3-1 loss to Team Red.
- Won gold with Team Canada at 2023 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup, tallying one point (0G-1A) in three games.
- Was voted as an OHL's First All-Rookie Team following the 2022-23 season.
- His 25 regular season goals during the 2022-2023 season were the most of any rookie in the OHL.
- Joined Will Cuyllie as the second Spits 16-year-old rookie in the past decade to score 20-plus goals.
- In 2022-23, Greentree was the first Spitfires player to earn OHL Rookie of the Month honours since Logan Brown was recognized in February 2015.
- Made his OHL debut on [October 1, 2022](#), at the age of 16 in a 2-1 OT loss for the Spitfires vs. Sarnia.
- Tallied his first career OHL point & goal on [October 22, 2022](#), in a 6-5 road win vs. Flint (1G-0A).
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 4 goals on 10 career shootout attempts (40.0%)
 - [2025-26](#): 2 goals on 3 shootout attempts (66.7%)
 - [2024-25](#): 0 goals on 2 shootout attempts (0.0%)
 - [2023-24](#): 2 goals on 4 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - [2022-23](#): 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)



Iginla, Tiji – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-0.5

Weight: 195 pounds

WHL Club: Kelowna Rockets

Hometown: Lake Country, BC

Birthdate: Aug. 4, 2006

WHL Draft: 9th Overall, 1st Round (2021) - SEA

NHL Draft: 6th Overall, 1st Round (2024) - UTA



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS (KEL)	17	13	14	27	+11	70
2024-25 RS (KEL)	21	14	18	32	+18	100
2024 PO (KEL)	11	9	6	15	+5	54
2023-24 RS (KEL)	64	47	37	84	+17	319
2023 PO (SEA)	3	0	1	1	+1	3
2022-23 RS (SEA)	48	6	12	18	+6	80
2021-22 RS (SEA)	3	0	1	1	+1	2
TOTAL RS	153	80	82	162	+53	567

Media Notes:

- Iginla is one of three Kelowna Rockets set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, alongside Czech forwards Tomáš Poletín and Vojtech Cihar. The two teammates will face each other when Czechia opens the tournament against Canada on Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. CT.
- If Tiji Iginla suits up for Team Canada at the 2026 World Juniors, he and his father, Jarome Iginla (who played in 1996), would become just the fifth father-son duo to represent Canada at the World Juniors.
- Since returning from hip surgery after missing the start of the 2025-26 season, Iginla has recorded 27 points (13G-14A) in 17 games; as of December 8, his 1.59 points-per-game average ranks third in the WHL behind Brandon's Jaxon Jacobson (1.77) and Kamloops' JP Hurlbert (1.72)
- On December 2, Iginla was named Tempo WHL Player of the Month for November 2025 after posting 23 points (11G-13A) and a +9 rating in 13 games, helping the 2026 Memorial Cup host Rockets to an 8-3-2-0 record, a stretch that included nine multi-point efforts and just one game without a point.
- Before his 2024-25 season was cut short by hip surgery in December, Iginla had piled up an impressive 32 points (14G-18A) in just 21 games.
- Selected sixth overall by the Utah Mammoth in the 2024 NHL Draft as the NHL's newest franchise's first-ever draft pick, Iginla signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the club on July 10, 2024.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, leading the way with 12 points (6G-6A) in seven games.



- Iginla scored eight goals during the Kelowna Rockets' six-game series against the Wenatchee Wild in the first round of the 2024 WHL Playoffs, tying the franchise record for most goals in a playoff series since 1996 (equals Gordie Wudrick's eight goals in 2010 against Everett).
- In 2023-24, Iginla's 47 goals ranked third among CHL draft-eligible skaters, trailing only Spokane's Berkly Catton (54) and Baie-Comeau's Justin Poirier (51).
 - The total tied for sixth in WHL goal scoring and stood as the third-highest single-season mark by a Rockets player over the past 20 years (behind Justin Keller's 51 in 2005-06 and Rourke Chartier's 48 in 2014-15).
 - His 47 goals were also tied with Nigel Dawes (2002-03) for the fifth-most by a first-year NHL Draft-eligible skater from the WHL since 2000, behind Connor Bedard (71, 2022-23), Joffrey Lupul (56, 2001-02), Catton (54, 2023-24), and Evander Kane (48, 2008-09).
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B.; although he was held without a point, Iginla was named the Jim Gregory Player of the Game for Team White
- The Rockets acquired Iginla from the Seattle Thunderbirds on June 7, 2023, sending a 2024 first-round pick, 2027 second-round pick, and Grady Lenton to Seattle.
- Won silver with Canada Red at the 2022 World U17 Challenge, recording seven points (2G-5A) in seven games
- Originally selected by the Thunderbirds in the first round (ninth overall) of the 2021 WHL Prospects Draft, Iginla won a WHL Championship in 2023 at the age of 16 as a member of the Thunderbirds.
- His father, Jarome, was inducted into the HHOF after a 20-year NHL career (625G-675A—1,300 PTS in 1,554 GP); his sister, Jade, plays D1 NCAA with Brown University & represented Canada at the 2022 U18 World Championship; his younger brother, [Joe](#), is a member of the Edmonton Oil Kings & a 2026 NHL Draft-eligible prospect.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 1 goal on 4 career shootout attempts (25.0%)
 - 2025-26: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2024-25: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2023-24: 1 goal on 2 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - 2021-22: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Luchanko, Jett – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Right

Height: 5-foot-11

Weight: 191 pounds

OHL Club: Brantford Bulldogs

Hometown: London, ON

Birthdate: Aug. 21, 2006

OHL Draft: 12th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - GUE

NHL Draft: 13th Overall, 1st Round (2024) - PHI



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS (GUE & BFD)	17	4	21	25	+8	33
2024-25 RS (GUE)	46	21	35	56	-3	95
2024 PO (GUE)	4	0	3	3	-5	10
2023-24 RS (GUE)	68	20	54	74	-13	125
2023 PO (GUE)	6	0	1	1	-4	4
2022-23 RS (GUE)	46	5	9	14	-5	29
TOTAL RS	177	50	119	169	-13	282

Media Notes:

- Luchanko is one of two Brantford Bulldogs selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Bulldogs defenceman Ben Danford on the roster.
- Brantford will be represented by a CHL-high five players at the 2026 World Juniors, with Adam Jiříček, Vladimír Dravecký, and Adam Benák also set to compete for Czechia. The five teammates will face each other when Czechia opens the tournament against Canada on Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m. CT.
- Since joining the Brantford Bulldogs in late November 2025, Luchanko has posted eight points (2G-6A) in six games.
- Traded from the Guelph Storm to the OHL-leading and Brantford Bulldogs on November 24, 2025, he became the fifth NHL first-round pick on their roster, joining Jake O'Brien, Marek Vanacker, Ben Danford, and Adam Jiricek.
- To start the 2025-26 campaign, Luchanko was named a co-captain of the Guelph Storm alongside Charlie Paquette.
- Named captain of the Guelph Storm in 2024-25, Luchanko posted 46 points in 56 games, ranking second on the team in scoring while leading the club with 1.22 points per game.
- Scored one goal in five games at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa, Ont.
- Luchanko has gained NHL experience with the Philadelphia Flyers, appearing in four games to start each of the past two seasons, while adding three assists in nine AHL games with Lehigh Valley during 2024-25.
- When making his NHL debut on October 11, 2024 against the Canucks in Vancouver, Luchanko became the youngest player in Flyers history to play a regular-season game at 18 years & 51 days old.



- Selected 13th overall by the Flyers in the 2024 NHL Draft, Luchanko was one of just two players from that class – along with first-overall pick Macklin Celebrini (SJS) – to crack his team's season-opening roster in 2024-25.
- Helped Canada capture gold at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, recording seven points (2G-5A) in seven games.
- In 2023-24, Luchanko led the Guelph Storm in assists (54) and points (74), while tying London Knights forward Easton Cowan for second in OHL power-play assists (30), trailing only Soo Greyhounds forward Jack Beck (32).
- In 2023-24, Luchanko's 74 points ranked fifth among OHL draft-eligible skaters, trailing only Zayne Parekh (96), Liam Greentree (90), Marek Vanacker (82), and Luke Misa (81).
- Recorded three assists in four postseason games against the Soo Greyhounds in the 2024 OHL Playoffs.
- Capped the 2023-24 campaign by winning the William Hanley Trophy as the OHL's Most Sportsmanlike Player, posting 74 points while being assessed only 36 penalty minutes.
- Participated in the [2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game](#) in Moncton N.B. with Team White, registering the primary assist on Team White's lone goal of the game.
- At the 2024 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Moncton N.B., [Luchanko finished among the top five in six of 10 on-ice categories](#) which allowed players the opportunity to showcase their strengths while gauging their fitness and skill levels among their peers for NHL management and scouts; Luchanko placed first in reaction with puck, and second in transition ability with puck.
- Won silver with Canada Red at the 2022 World U17 Challenge, recording a pair of points (1G-1A) in seven games.
- Made his OHL debut on [September 30, 2022](#), in a 5-4 Storm loss to the Bulldogs in Guelph.
- Recorded his first career OHL point and goal in his second career OHL game on [October 1, 2022](#), in a 10-6 Storm loss to the Spirit in Saginaw.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 3 goals on 7 career shootout attempts (42.9%)
 - [2025-26](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)
 - [2024-25](#): 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - [2023-24](#): 2 goals on 4 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - [2022-23](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Martin, Brady – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 184 pounds

OHL Club: Soo Greyhounds

Hometown: Elora, ON

Birthdate: Mar. 16, 2007

OHL Draft: 3rd Overall, 1st Round (2023) - SOO

NHL Draft: 5th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - NSH



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	13	5	11	16	+7	40
2025 PO	5	2	2	4	-5	21
2024-25 RS	57	33	39	72	+25	202
2024 PO	11	1	1	2	0	11
2023-24 RS	52	10	18	28	+12	99
TOTAL RS	122	48	68	116	+44	341

Media Notes:

- Martin is one of two Soo Greyhounds set to compete at the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship, alongside American defenceman Chase Reid.
- Averaging over a point per game, Martin has recorded 16 points in 13 contests so far in the 2025-26 season.
- Shortly after returning to the Soo Greyhounds for the 2025-26 season, Martin was named the 31st captain in franchise history.
- Prior to being reassigned to the Soo, he appeared in three games with the Predators, recording his first NHL point on October 11 against the Utah Mammoth.
- Martin made his NHL debut with the Nashville Predators on October 9 against the Columbus Blue Jackets at just 18 years and 207 days old.
 - Became the second-youngest player in franchise history to do so behind WHL alumnus Scott Hartnell (Prince Albert Raiders / 18 years, 171 days).
 - He also became just the third player in Predators history to crack the opening-night roster in his draft year, joining WHL alumni Hartnell (2000-01) and former Portland Winterhawks defenceman Seth Jones (2013-14).
- Martin was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- By going fifth overall to the Nashville Predators, Martin became the franchise's highest selection since they took WHL alumnus Seth Jones (Portland Winterhawks) fourth overall back in 2013.
- Won gold at the 2025 U18 World Championships with Team Canada, recording 11 points (3G-8A) in seven games; he was named to the tournament's All-Star Team.
- Registered a career-best season in 2024-25 with the Greyhounds, he set new highs in goals, assists and points, posting 72 points (33G-39A) in 57 regular-season games while serving as an alternate captain — a 44-point jump from his rookie campaign.



- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, tallying one goal over the pair of games in London and Oshawa, Ont.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, where he registered four assists in five games.
- Represented Canada Red at the 2023 World Under-17 Challenge, recording three points (2G-1A) over seven games.
- Before his time in the OHL, Martin played the 2022-23 season with the Waterloo Wolves U16AAA hockey club, where in 23 regular season games, he recorded 27 goals and 29 assists while serving as the team's captain; he'd later tally 12 goals and 17 assists in 11 playoff games.
- Selected by Sault Ste. Marie with the third overall pick of the 2023 OHL Priority Selection after serving as captain of the Waterloo Wolves U16 AAA program.
- Elmira, Ont. native produced 28 points (10G-18A) over 52 games in his first OHL season, tacking on two points (1G-1A) in 11 playoff contests.
- Made his OHL debut on [September 29, 2023](#), in an 11-3 Greyhounds' victory over the Flint Firebirds in Sault-Sainte-Marie.
- Registered his first career OHL point in his second career game on [October 27, 2023](#), in a 5-4 Greyhounds' shootout victory over the Spirit in Saginaw.
- Recorded his first OHL goal on [November 17, 2023](#), in a Greyhounds 5-4 overtime loss to the North Bay Battalion in Sault-Sainte-Marie.
- Had a standout showing at the 2023 OHL Cup, posting 12 points (8G-4A) over six games; he was named an OHL Cup All-Star while finishing third in tournament scoring.
- Won gold with Ontario at the 2023 Canada Winter Games, recording eight points (5-3—8) in six games.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 2 goals on 6 career shootout attempts (33.3%)
 - [2025-26](#): 1 goal on 2 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - [2024-25](#): 1 goal on 4 shootout attempts (25.0%)
 - [2023-24](#): 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Martone, Porter – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Right Wing

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-3

Weight: 208 pounds

OHL Club: Brampton Steelheads (2022-25)

Hometown: Peterborough, ON

Birthdate: Oct 26, 2006

OHL Draft: 5th Overall, 1st Round (2022) - SAR

NHL Draft: 6th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - PHI



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	6	4	5	9	+3	17
2024-25 RS	57	37	61	98	+19	190
2024 PO	5	1	5	6	+2	7
2023-24 RS	60	33	38	71	+25	188
2023 PO	6	2	4	6	+2	23
2022-23 RS	61	19	16	35	-10	136
TOTAL RS	178	89	115	204	+34	514

Media Notes:

- Currently playing at Michigan State University (NCAA) after spending three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).
- Martone was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Played a pair of games as the lone NHL-Draft-eligible player on Canada's roster at the 2025 IIHF Men's World Championship, stepping in after New York Islanders forward Bo Horvat was ruled out for the remainder of the tournament with a lower-body injury.
 - Martone was initially brought in to skate with the team during pre-tournament practices & exhibition games, where he recorded two points (1G-1A) vs. Hungary.
- Represented Canada at the 2025 World Juniors, tallying one goal in three games.
- In 2024-25, Martone led his team with 98 points (37G-61A) in 57 games, finishing seventh in OHL points. He added another nine points in six playoff games in 2025.
- Martone captained Team CHL to victory over the U.S. National Under-18 Team at the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge on Nov. 26-27, 2024, picking up an assist over the two games played in London and Oshawa, Ont.
- At the start of the 2024-25 season, the Brampton Steelheads named Porter Martone as their captain.
- During the 2023-24 season, Martone led the Steelheads with 33 goals; placed second on the team in assists (38) and points (71) trailing only 2024 NHL Draft prospect Luke Misa (26G-55A—81 PTS).
- Registered 21 points (7G-14A) in 17 career OHL playoff games.
- Having accrued 23 points (8G-15A) in 14 career games at the 2023 & 2024 IIHF U18 World Championships, Martone set a new career scoring record by a Canadian by surpassing WHL alumnus Connor Bedard's previous record of 21 points.



- Won gold with Canada at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, registering 17 points (5G-12A) in seven games.
- Won gold with Canada at the 2023 Hlinka-Gretzky Cup, tallying five points (2G-3A) in five games.
- Represented Canada at the 2023 IIHF World U18 Hockey Championship, recording six points (3G-3A) in seven games to win bronze.
- Won silver with Canada Red at the 2022 World U17 Challenge, recording 12 points (7G-5A) in seven games – his 12 points were tied for the most of any Canadian at this event
- During the 2022-23 season, after recording 13 points (6G-7A) in 29 games with Sarnia, Martone was dealt to Mississauga in move that saw the Sting acquire Ethan Del Mastro & Luca Del Bel Belluz
- Made his OHL debut on [September 30, 2022](#) at the age of 15, registering his first career OHL point (0G-1A) in a 6-3 victory for the Sting against the Rangers in Kitchener
- Peterborough native is the son of former OHL blueliner Mike Martone who played for the Petes from 1994-98; scored Game 7 overtime winner on Storm goaltender Dan Cloutier to give Petes an OHL championship over Guelph in 1996.
- Porter's Dad Mike was also drafted to the NHL in the fourth round of the 1996 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres and spent time playing in the minors. Mike is a former captain of the Petes, and Porter right now is the captain of the Brampton Steelheads (who moved from Brampton from Mississauga at the beginning of this season).
- Martone recorded 1 goal in 3 games played at last year's World Junior Hockey Championship.
- He ranked 7th in OHL scoring last season, notching 98 points (37G-61A) in 57 games.
- After being originally invited to skate with Team Canada during pre-tournament activities (Recorded two points (1G-1A) against Hungary), Martone was added to Canada's 2025 IIHF World Championship roster as an injury replacement; he appeared in two games.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 3 goals on 6 career shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2024-25: 2 goals on 2 shootout attempts (100.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2022-23: 1 goal on 3 shootout attempts (33.3%)



McKenna, Gavin – [WHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Left Wing

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot

Weight: 165 pounds

WHL Club: Medicine Hat Tigers (2022-25)

Hometown: Whitehorse, YT

Birthdate: Dec. 20, 2007

WHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2022) - MH

NHL Draft: N/A (Eligible for 2026 NHL Draft)



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	16	9	29	38	+14	81
2024-25 RS	56	41	88	129	+60	270
2024 PO	5	2	4	6	+3	16
2023-24 RS	61	34	63	97	-4	229
2023 PO	4	1	0	1	-2	12
2022-23 RS	16	4	14	18	+7	37
TOTAL RS	133	79	165	244	+63	536

Media Notes:

- On New Year's Eve, McKenna will square off against former Medicine Hat Tigers teammate Veeti Väisänen when Canada meets Finland at 7:30 p.m. CT. Both McKenna and Väisänen helped lead the Tigers to the 2025 WHL championship last spring.
- Currently playing at Penn State University (NCAA) after spending roughly three seasons in the Western Hockey League (WHL).
- McKenna is regarded as one of the top forwards entering the 2026 NHL Draft.
- At just 17 years, 5 months, and 24 days old, McKenna became the third-youngest recipient of the CHL's David Branch Player of the Year Award in 2024-25.
 - He joined a rare group of under-18 winners that includes Oshawa Generals (OHL) alumnus John Tavares and Rimouski Océanic (QMJHL) standout Sidney Crosby – the only two players to capture the award at just 16 years old.
 - He is one of only six recipients in CHL history to have earned this award before turning 18.
 - He was the first Medicine Hat Tigers player to be named CHL Player of the Year.
- McKenna capped the 2024-25 season with 129 points (41G-88A in 56 GP), finishing the year on a 40-game point streak. He extended that run to 54 games during the 2025 WHL Playoffs, setting a modern CHL record (since 2000) for the longest single-season point streak spanning the regular season, playoffs, and Memorial Cup. His standout campaign earned him a spot on the 2024-25 CHL First All-Star Team.
 - He finished third in CHL scoring in 2024-25, trailing only Michael Misa of the Saginaw Spirit (134 points) and Andrew Cristall of the Spokane Chiefs (132 points).
 - McKenna's 88 assists led all skaters across both the WHL and CHL in 2024-25.
- McKenna finished the 2025 Memorial Cup with six points (3G-3A) in four games and was named to the 2025 Memorial Cup All-Star Team.



- Helped lead the Tigers to their sixth Ed Chynoweth Cup in franchise history with a 4-1 series win over the Spokane Chiefs in the 2025 WHL Championship Series, finishing third in playoff scoring with 38 points (9G-29A in 16 GP), behind only Spokane's Berkly Catton (42 points) and Andrew Cristall (41 points).
- McKenna captured the Four Broncos Memorial Trophy in 2024–25, becoming the fourth player in Tigers history – and the first since Kris Russell in 2007 – to be named WHL Player of the Year.
- McKenna reached the 200-point milestone in just his 118th WHL career game, [becoming the third-fastest WHL player to do so since 1996](#) – behind only Regina Pats alumnus Connor Bedard (107 games) and Calgary Hitmen product Pavel Brendl (96 games).
- Registered one goal in five games with Team Canada at the 2025 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.
 - At 17 years and seven days old, McKenna became the eighth youngest player to suit up for Team Canada at a World Juniors.
- Following his 97-point rookie campaign in 2023–24, he was named the 2023-24 WHL and CHL Rookie of the Year, and earned spots on both the 2023-24 CHL Third All-Star Team and CHL All-Rookie Team.
- Alongside WHL alumnus Connor Bedard, McKenna is one of only two 16-year-old skaters in the WHL to record 90-plus points in a single season over the last 25 years (97 points in 2023-24).
- Led the Medicine Hat Tigers in goals (34) & points (97) during the 2023-24 campaign; his 97 points ranked 12th in the WHL during the 2023-24 season.
- His 34 goals and 97 points were the second-most of any rookie in the CHL during the 2023-24 campaign, trailing only 2024 NHL Draft prospect Terik Parascak (43G-62A–105 PTS); McKenna's 63 assists were the most of any rookie in the CHL in 2023-24.
- In 2023-24, his 44 power-play points (12G-32A) were T-4th in the WHL, trailing Seattle Kraken prospect Jagger Firkus (50), Minnesota Wild prospect Riley Heidt (46) & Washington Capitals prospect Zac Funk (46)
- McKenna helped Canada win gold at the 2024 IIHF U18 World Championship under head coach Gardiner MacDougall, setting new single-tournament records for a Canadian in both scoring (20 points) and goals (10) at the event.
- McKenna helped Canada to gold at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, tallying three goals and three assists over five games.
- Made his WHL debut on [September 24, 2022](#) at the age of 14, registering his first career WHL points (0-4A) in a 9-1 victory for the Tigers against the Hurricanes in Medicine Hat.
- Competed with Canada Red at the 2023 World Under-17 Challenge; he was selected to the tournament all-star team after registering eight points (5G-3A) in seven games.
- McKenna recorded a record 29 points (14G-15A) in six games at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in P.E.I., breaking the previous record of 27 points held by Francois Methot & Kelsey Tessier.
- McKenna was the first player to be drafted first overall by the Tigers in 23 years, after defenceman Jay Bouwmeester (1998) & forward Ryan Hollweg (1999) were taken in consecutive years.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 2 goals on 3 career shootout attempts (66.7%)
 - 2024-25: 2 goals on 3 shootout attempt (66.7%)
 - 2023-24: 1 goal on 2 shootout attempts (50.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



Misa, Michael – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 185 pounds

OHL Club: Saginaw Spirit (2024-25)

Hometown: Oakville, ON

Birthdate: Feb. 16, 2007

OHL Draft: 1st Overall, 1st Round (2022) - SAG

NHL Draft: 2nd Overall, 1st Round (2025) - SJS



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	4	2	1	3	-10	14
2024-25 RS	65	62	72	134	+45	284
2024 PO	17	4	7	11	+2	34
2023-24 RS	67	29	46	75	+3	188
2023 PO	11	3	5	8	+1	29
2022-23 RS	45	22	34	56	+7	103
TOTAL RS	177	113	152	265	+55	575

Media Notes:

- Misa is one of two Saginaw Spirit selected to represent Canada at the tournament, joining Spirit defenceman Zayne Parekh on the roster.
- In 2025-26, Misa has recorded one goal and two assists in seven games with the San Jose Sharks, and added one assist in two AHL contests with the San Jose Barracuda.
 - On September 10, 2025, Misa signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Sharks.
 - He made his NHL debut on October 14, 2025 against the Carolina Hurricanes – at 18 years, 240 days, he became the sixth 18-year-old to skate for the Sharks (and fifth-youngest at the time of his debut).
 - He scored his first NHL goal on October 26, 2025 versus the Minnesota Wild at 18 years, 252 days, he became the fifth-youngest player in Sharks history to score his first NHL goal.
 - That same night, he also became the fourth-youngest player in NHL history to register a point in each of his first three road games to start a career, trailing only Sidney Crosby (7 GP in 2005-06; 18 years, 88 days), Connor Bedard (3 GP in 2023-24; 18 years, 89 days) and Bobby Carpenter (4 GP in 1981-82; 18 years, 103 days).
- By going second overall to the San Jose Sharks, Misa set a new franchise mark as the highest draft pick in Saginaw Spirit history, surpassing teammate Zayne Parekh's No. 9 selection by the Calgary Flames just one year earlier.
- Together, Schaefer (1st overall) and Misa (2nd overall) became the first pair of CHL players to be chosen with the top two picks since 2020, when Alexis Lafrenière (Rimouski Océanic / QMJHL) and Quinton Byfield (Sudbury Wolves / OHL) went 1–2.
- Misa was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.



- Named to the CHL First All-Star Team in 2024-25 after piling up 134 points (62G-72A) in 65 games, Misa became the first player in Spirit franchise history to capture both the CHL Top Scorer award and the Red Tilson Trophy as the OHL's Most Outstanding Player.
 - Over the past two decades, [only seven CHL skaters have recorded more points in a single season than Misa](#).
 - The 2024 Memorial Cup champion finished the year with 134 points, tying him for eighth since 2005 alongside Oshawa Generals (OHL) alumnus John Tavares (2006–07) and Tri-City Americans (WHL) graduate Brendan Shinnimin (2011–12).
 - Misa also scored 62 goals – more than any OHL player in their draft year since Patrick Kane netted the same total with the London Knights in 2006–07.
 - Since 2000, only Connor Bedard (71 goals in 2022–23 with the Regina Pats) and Sidney Crosby (66 goals in 2004–05 with the Rimouski Océanic) have scored more goals in their first NHL Draft-eligible season.
 - Throughout 2024-25, Misa was only held off the scoresheet on five occasions.
 - He recorded a total of 46 multi-point outings, meaning he scored two points or more in over 70% of his appearances in 2024-25.
- By capturing the Red Tilson Trophy (OHL Most Outstanding Player), the Eddie Powers Trophy (OHL Leading Scorer), and the Bobby Smith Trophy (OHL Scholastic Player of the Year) all in the same season, Misa became the first player to earn all three honours in a single year since Dave Simpson achieved the feat with the London Knights in 1981–82.
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team in the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, tallying three points (1G-2A) over the pair of games in London and Oshawa, Ont.
- Misa helped the host Saginaw Spirit capture their first-ever Memorial Cup in 2024 with a 4-3 win over the London Knights in the championship game, finishing the event with five assists in five games as the Spirit became just the third American franchise to win the CHL's championship title.
- During the 2023-24 season, Misa recorded 75 points, which ranks as the most by a Spirit player in their 16-year-old season.
- Named OHL Rookie of the Year in 2022-23 after leading all first-year players in the OHL with 56 points (22G-34A), becoming the first Spirit player ever to earn that honour; he was also named to the CHL All-Rookie Team.
- Helped Team Canada to a gold medal at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, recording eight points (2G-6A) in five games.
- Won silver with Canada Red at the 2022 U17 World Challenge, where he had six points (3G-3A) in seven games.
- Drafted with the first overall pick of the 2022 OHL Priority Selection, Misa is one of nine players in CHL history to have been granted exceptional player status by Hockey Canada.
- Enjoyed record-setting 2022 OHL Cup showing, leading wild card entry Mississauga Senators to a championship by eclipsing Connor McDavid's point record, put up 20 points (10G-10A) in seven games to be named tournament MVP
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - OHL Career: 1 goal on 5 career shootout attempts (20.0%)
 - 2025-26: N/A
 - 2024-25: 1 goal on 4 shootout attempt (25.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 1 shootout attempt (0.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempts (N/A)



O'Reilly, Sam – [OHL Player Profile](#)

Position: Centre

Shoots: Right

Height: 6-foot-1

Weight: 190 pounds

OHL Club: London Knights

Hometown: Toronto, ON

Birthdate: Mar. 30, 2006

OHL Draft: 37th Overall, 2nd Round (2022) - LDN

NHL Draft: 32nd Overall, 1st Round (2024) - EDM



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025-26 RS	28	12	16	28	-11	81
2025 PO	17	7	15	22	+24	49
2024-25 RS	62	28	43	71	+56	183
2024 PO	16	5	7	12	+2	26
2023-24 RS	68	20	36	56	+32	165
2023 PO	3	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23 RS	5	0	0	0	-5	4
TOTAL RS	163	60	95	155	+72	433

Media Notes:

- For the first time in his career, O'Reilly will wear the Maple Leaf and represent his country on the international stage.
- Averaging a point per game in 2025-26, O'Reilly leads the London Knights in scoring with 28 points (12G-16A) in 28 games as of December 12.
- With 343 faceoff wins in 2025-26, O'Reilly ranks second in the OHL and seventh across the entire CHL in draws won as of December 12.
 - With a 58.8% faceoff success rate, O'Reilly is tied for 10th in the CHL among 141 skaters with at least 300 draws taken in 2025-26 as of December 12.
- On October 23, 2025, the London Knights named O'Reilly their 54th captain in franchise history.
- O'Reilly played a key role in London's third Memorial Cup title in 2025, posting five points (2G-3A) in five games in Rimouski, Québec, and registering the primary assist on the championship-winning goal in the tournament final against the Medicine Hat Tigers.
- O'Reilly recorded 22 points (7G-15A) and a +24 rating in 17 games in the 2025 OHL Playoffs, helping London defeat Oshawa in five games to claim a second-straight J. Ross Robertson Cup; his postseason points and plus/minus both ranked third among Knights skaters.
- In 2024-25, O'Reilly recorded 71 points (28G-43A) and a +56 rating in 62 games with the London Knights, ranking fourth on the team in goals, third in points, and second in plus/minus during the regular season.
- During the 2024 OHL Playoffs, O'Reilly posted 12 points (5G-7A) in 16 games to help the London Knights capture the J. Ross Robertson Cup as OHL champions. He then added one goal and three assists at the 2024 Memorial Cup, where London fell in the championship game to Zayne Parekh, Michael Misa and the Saginaw Spirit.



- In 2023-24, his first full season with the London Knights, O'Reilly posted 56 points (20G-36A) in 68 games, earning a spot on the OHL Second All-Rookie Team.
- In 2022-23, he piled up 63 points in just 35 games with the London Nationals in the GOJHL (now the GOHL), earning selections to the GOJHL Future Stars Team and Western Conference All-Rookie Team, along with multiple Player and Rookie of the Month honours.
- O'Reilly, who played for the Vaughan Kings in the GTHL, was selected by the London Knights in the 2nd round, 37th overall, of the 2022 OHL Priority Selection.
- This summer, in July 2025, O'Reilly was acquired by the Tampa Bay Lightning from the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for forward Isaac Howard.
- O'Reilly was selected in the first round, 32nd overall, by the Edmonton Oilers in the 2024 NHL Draft, which helped extend the London Knights' CHL-record streak of having at least one player selected at an NHL Draft. Following the 2025 NHL Draft, that streak now stands at 56 consecutive years (or 57 consecutive drafts).
- O'Reilly is a former defenceman who transitioned to centre and still plays with a strong defensive mindset.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 3 goals on 3 career shootout attempts (100.0%)
 - 2025-26: 2 goal on 2 shootout attempt (100.0%)
 - 2024-25: 1 goal on 1 shootout attempt (100.0%)
 - 2023-24: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempt (N/A)



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Position: Centre

Shoots: Left

Height: 5-foot-10

Weight: 187 pounds

WHL Club: Victoria Royals (2022-25)

Hometown: Macklin, SK

Birthdate: Apr. 6, 2007

WHL Draft: 3rd Overall, 1st Round (2022) - VIC

NHL Draft: 18th Overall, 1st Round (2025) - CGY



CAREER REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFF STATISTICS

SEASON	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	SOG
2025 PO	11	9	16	25	+9	47
2024-25 RS	62	26	66	92	+42	213
2024 PO	4	1	1	2	-5	10
2023-24 RS	61	21	38	59	+3	159
2022-23 RS	4	1	0	1	-8	4
TOTAL RS	127	48	104	152	+37	376

Media Notes:

- Currently playing at the University of North Dakota (NCAA) after spending roughly three seasons in the Western Hockey League (WHL).
- Drafted 18th overall by the Calgary Flames this past June, Reschny was one of 21 CHL players to be selected in the first round of the 2025 NHL Draft.
- Helped Canada earn gold at the 2025 IIHF U18 World Championship, registering eight points (5G-3A) over five tournament games.
- He finished ninth in WHL playoff scoring in 2025 with 25 points (9G-16A) in just 11 games, and his 2.37 points per game ranked second in the league, behind only Gavin McKenna (Medicine Hat Tigers, 2.38).
- Finished 2024-25 tied for ninth in WHL scoring with 92 points (26G-66A) in 62 games, while also ranking sixth in the league in assists (66) and seventh in faceoff wins (724).
- Helped Team CHL defeat the U.S. National Under-18 Team at the 2024 CHL USA Prospects Challenge, scoring once over the two games in London and Oshawa, Ont. – a goal that was both the Game 2 winner and the series-clinching marker for Team CHL.
- Won gold with Team Canada at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, recording seven points (3G-4A) in five games.
- In 2023-24, Reschny finished third among Royals skaters in points (59) and assists (38), while ranking second on the team with 21 goals.
- In 2023-24, Reschny ranked fourth among WHL rookies in assists (38) and fifth in points (59), and was honoured as the Victoria Royals' Rookie of the Year.
- Named WHL Rookie of the Month for November 2024 after netting 12 points (seven goals, five assists) in eight games, including four multipoint efforts. He was also named Rookie of the Week once in January and once in March.
- Netted his first WHL hat trick in a 6-1 win over the Kamloops Blazers on [November 28, 2023](#).



- Went on a 14-game point streak in his first full WHL season with six goals and 15 assists from October 9, 2023 to November 24, 2023.
- Tied for Team Canada Red's scoring lead with three goals and five assists at the 2023 World Under-17 Challenge.
- Scored his first WHL goal on [November 19, 2022](#), against the Prince George Cougars.
- Made his WHL debut with Victoria on [October 26, 2022](#), recording one shot and nine faceoff wins.
- Five goals and one assist in six games with Team Saskatchewan at the 2023 Canada Winter Games, winning silver. Wore an 'A' throughout the tournament.
- Three goals and four assists in six games with Saskatchewan Jr. Pats at the 2016-17 Brick Invitational.
- **CAREER SHOOTOUT DATA**
 - WHL Career: 2 goals on 12 career shootout attempts (16.7%)
 - 2024-25: 1 goal on 8 shootout attempts (12.5%)
 - 2023-24: 1 goal on 4 shootout attempts (25.0%)
 - 2022-23: 0 goals on 0 shootout attempt (N/A)