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## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Ralph Krueger  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Assistant Coach:** Don Granato  
**Assistant Coach:** Steve Smith

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Asplund, Rasmus:** (AS-pluhnd, RAS-muhs)  
**Dahlin, Rasmus:** (dah-LEEN, RAS-muhs)  
**Eichel, Jack:** (IGH-kuhl)  
**Girgensons, Zengus:** (GEER-gehn-suhnz, ZEHM-guhz)  
**Johansson, Marcus:** (joh-HAN-suhn)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Lazar, Curtis:** (luh-ZAHR)  
**Okposo, Kyle:** (oh-POH-soh)  
**Ristolainen, Rasmus:** (rihs-toh-LIGH-neh, RAS-muhs)  
**Rodrigues, Evan:** (rahd-REE-geh)  
**Sheary, Conor:** (SHAIR-ee)  
**Ullmark, Linus:** (UHL-mahrk, LEE-nuhs)  
**Vesey, Jimmy:** (VEE-see)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
22-for-121 (18.2%) -- T-19th  
**Penalty Kill**  
90-for-121 (74.4%) -- 28th

## LEADING SCORERS

**Jack Eichel:**  
39 GP, 24 G, 28 A, 52 PTS  
**Victor Olofsson:**  
40 GP, 16 G, 18 A, 34 PTS  
**Sam Reinhart:**  
40 GP, 12 G, 19 A, 31 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. TBL

**Kyle Okposo:**  
33 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS  
**Marcus Johansson:**  
33 GP, 7 G, 12 A, 19 PTS  
**Sam Reinhart:**  
19 GP, 10 G, 3 A, 13 PTS

## LAST 5 GAMES VS. TBL

11/25/19: BUF 2 at TBL 5  
11/9/19: BUF 3 at TBL 5  
11/8/19: TBL 3 at BUF 2  
2/21/19: BUF 1 at TBL 2 (SO)  
1/12/19: TBL 5 at BUF 3

## FORWARDS

### 68 VICTOR OLOFSSON

5'11", 183 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
40 GP, 16 G, 18 A, 34 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
46 GP, 18 G, 20 A, 38 PTS, 6 PIM

### 9 JACK EICHEL

6'2", 203 lbs. • North Chelmsford, MA  
**2019-20:**  
39 GP, 24 G, 28 A, 52 PTS, 26 PIM  
**Career:**  
325 GP, 125 G, 186 A, 311 PTS, 128 PIM

### 23 SAM REINHART

6'1", 194 lbs. • West Vancouver, BC  
**2019-20:**  
40 GP, 12 G, 19 A, 31 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
371 GP, 99 G, 137 A, 236 PTS, 80 PIM

### 43 CONOR SHEARY

5'8", 179 lbs. • Winchester, MA  
**2019-20:**  
33 GP, 5 G, 5 A, 10 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
295 GP, 67 G, 70 A, 137 PTS, 56 PIM

### 90 MARCUS JOHANSSON

6'1", 205 lbs. • Landskrona, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
33 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career:**  
621 GP, 125 G, 225 A, 350 PTS, 100 PIM

### 74 RASMUS ASPLUND

5'11", 190 lbs. • Filipstad, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
22 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
22 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 4 PIM

### 28 ZENGUS GIRGENSONS

6'2", 211 lbs. • Riga, LVA  
**2019-20:**  
40 GP, 6 G, 4 A, 10 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
460 GP, 55 G, 74 A, 129 PTS, 130 PIM

### 22 JOHAN LARSSON

5'11", 204 lbs. • Lau, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
34 GP, 4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
365 GP, 36 G, 55 A, 91 PTS, 184 PIM

### 21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 216 lbs. • St. Paul, MN  
**2019-20:**  
29 GP, 4 G, 4 A, 8 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
777 GP, 191 G, 304 A, 495 PTS, 435 PIM

### 67 DALTON SMITH

6'2", 206 lbs. • Markham, ON  
**2019-20:**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
0 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

### 27 CURTIS LAZAR

6'0", 211 lbs. • Salmon Arm, BC  
**2019-20:**  
10 GP, 2 G, 0 A, 2 PTS, 7 PIM  
**Career:**  
256 GP, 17 G, 36 A, 53 PTS, 66 PIM

### 13 JIMMY VESEY

6'3", 202 lbs. • Boston, MA  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 13 PIM  
**Career:**  
277 GP, 54 G, 47 A, 101 PTS, 80 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 19 JAKE MCCABE

6'1", 204 lbs. • Eau Claire, WI  
**2019-20:**  
38 GP, 2 G, 5 A, 7 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career:**  
312 GP, 16 G, 52 A, 68 PTS, 169 PIM

### 55 RASMUS RISTOLAINEN

6'4", 220 lbs. • Turku, FIN  
**2019-20:**  
40 GP, 4 G, 15 A, 19 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career:**  
464 GP, 40 G, 173 A, 213 PTS, 239 PIM

### 35 LINUS ULLMARK

6'4", 215 lbs. • Lugnvik, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
24 GP, 11-10-3, .913 SV%, 2.80 GAA  
**Career:**  
87 GP, 35-37-10, .911 SV%, 2.85 GAA  
**vs. TBL:**  
4 GP, 0-4-0, .874 SV%, 4.29 GAA

### 6 MARCO SCANDELLA

6'3", 212 lbs. • Montreal, QC  
**2019-20:**  
30 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 8 PIM  
**Career:**  
548 GP, 41 G, 91 A, 132 PTS, 219 PIM

### 10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 195 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2019-20:**  
40 GP, 3 G, 7 A, 10 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
78 GP, 3 G, 19 A, 22 PTS, 40 PIM

### 26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 193 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
32 GP, 2 G, 19 A, 21 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
114 GP, 11 G, 54 A, 65 PTS, 58 PIM

### 62 BRANDON MONTOUR

6'0", 189 lbs. • Brantford, ON  
**2019-20:**  
26 GP, 2 G, 8 A, 10 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career:**  
215 GP, 21 G, 62 A, 83 PTS, 130 PIM

## SCRATCHES

### 4 ZACH BOGOSIAN

6'3", 226 lbs. • Massena, NY  
**2019-20:**  
12 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
629 GP, 52 G, 140 A, 192 PTS, 555 PIM

### 33 COLIN MILLER

6'1", 193 lbs. • Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
**2019-20:**  
29 GP, 1 G, 5 A, 6 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
279 GP, 23 G, 82 A, 105 PTS, 201 PIM

### 71 EVAN RODRIGUES

5'11", 184 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2019-20:**  
24 GP, 0 G, 3 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
178 GP, 21 G, 44 A, 65 PTS, 49 PIM

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**Assistant Coach:** Derek Lalonde  
**Goaltending Coach:** Frantz Jean

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Cernak, Erik:** (CHAIR-nak)  
**Gourde, Yanni:** (GOHRD, YAH-nee)  
**Killorn, Alex:** (kihl-OHRN)  
**Kucherov, Nikita:** (KOO-chuhr-awv)  
**McDonagh, Ryan:** (mihk-DUHN-uh)  
**McElhinney, Curtis:** (MA-kihl-ay-nee)  
**Palat, Ondrej:** (pa-LAHT, AHN-dray)  
**Paquette, Cedric:** (pah-KEHT)  
**Rutta, Jan:** (ROO-tah, YAHN)  
**Sergachev, Mikhail:** (SIHR-gah-chehv, mih-KAL)  
**Vasilevskiy, Andrei:** (va-sihl-EHV-skee, AHN-dray)  
**Verhaeghe, Carter:** (vuhr-HAY-gee)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
36-for-123 (29.3%) -- T-1st  
**Penalty Kill**  
94-for-117 (80.3%) -- 18th

## LEADING SCORERS

**Nikita Kucherov:**  
36 GP, 13 G, 27 A, 40 PTS  
**Victor Hedman:**  
35 GP, 9 G, 28 A, 37 PTS  
**Steven Stamkos:**  
34 GP, 14 G, 21 A, 35 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

**Steven Stamkos:**  
41 GP, 18 G, 17 A, 35 PTS  
**Nikita Kucherov:**  
25 GP, 12 G, 14 A, 26 PTS  
**Victor Hedman:**  
42 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS

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## FORWARDS

### 18 ONDREJ PALAT

5'11", 194 lbs. • Frydek-Mistek, CZE  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 11 G, 11 A, 22 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
464 GP, 104 G, 205 A, 309 PTS, 143 PIM

### 21 BRAYDEN POINT

5'10", 166 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2019-20:**  
34 GP, 15 G, 16 A, 31 PTS, 7 PIM  
**Career:**  
263 GP, 106 G, 123 A, 229 PTS, 73 PIM

### 86 NIKITA KUCHEROV

5'11", 180 lbs. • Maykop, RUS  
**2019-20:**  
36 GP, 13 G, 27 A, 40 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career:**  
483 GP, 201 G, 301 A, 502 PTS, 239 PIM

### 17 ALEX KILLORN

6'1", 197 lbs. • Halifax, NS  
**2019-20:**  
35 GP, 13 G, 18 A, 31 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
552 GP, 118 G, 174 A, 292 PTS, 325 PIM

### 71 ANTHONY CIRELLI

6'0", 193 lbs. • Etobicoke, ON  
**2019-20:**  
36 GP, 8 G, 16 A, 24 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
136 GP, 32 G, 42 A, 74 PTS, 54 PIM

### 91 STEVEN STAMKOS

5'9", 194 lbs. • Markham, ON  
**2019-20:**  
34 GP, 14 G, 21 A, 35 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
780 GP, 407 G, 394 A, 801 PTS, 489 PIM

### 23 CARTER VERHAEGHE

6'1", 177 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2019-20:**  
24 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
24 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 6 PIM

### 9 TYLER JOHNSON

5'8", 182 lbs. • Spokane, WA  
**2019-20:**  
32 GP, 7 G, 8 A, 15 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
501 GP, 146 G, 177 A, 323 PTS, 156 PIM

### 37 YANNI GOURDE

5'9", 173 lbs. • Saint-Narcisse, QC  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 6 G, 11 A, 17 PTS, 23 PIM  
**Career:**  
221 GP, 59 G, 79 A, 138 PTS, 149 PIM

### 14 PAT MAROON

6'2", 236 lbs. • St. Louis, MO  
**2019-20:**  
35 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS, 40 PIM  
**Career:**  
484 GP, 93 G, 125 A, 218 PTS, 555 PIM

### 13 CEDRIC PAQUETTE

6'1", 204 lbs. • Gaspé, QC  
**2019-20:**  
29 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
345 GP, 44 G, 33 A, 77 PTS, 323 PIM

### 67 MITCHELL STEPHENS

5'11", 193 lbs. • Peterborough, ON  
**2019-20:**  
9 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
9 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 2 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 77 VICTOR HEDMAN

6'6", 229 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE  
**2019-20:**  
35 GP, 9 G, 28 A, 37 PTS, 17 PIM  
**Career:**  
731 GP, 103 G, 352 A, 455 PTS, 546 PIM

### 2 LUKE SCHENN

6'2", 227 lbs. • Saskatoon, SK  
**2019-20:**  
14 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 13 PIM  
**Career:**  
748 GP, 31 G, 115 A, 146 PTS, 558 PIM

### 27 RYAN McDONAGH

6'1", 214 lbs. • St. Paul, MN  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 1 G, 9 A, 10 PTS, 11 PIM  
**Career:**  
649 GP, 63 G, 234 A, 297 PTS, 266 PIM

### 81 ERIK CERNAK

6'3", 233 lbs. • Kosice, SVK  
**2019-20:**  
34 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 23 PIM  
**Career:**  
92 GP, 7 G, 14 A, 21 PTS, 81 PIM

### 98 MIKHAIL SERGACHEV

6'2", 217 lbs. • Nizhnekamsk, RUS  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 6 G, 13 A, 19 PTS, 30 PIM  
**Career:**  
195 GP, 21 G, 70 A, 91 PTS, 96 PIM

### 22 KEVIN SHATTENKIRK

6'0", 203 lbs. • New Rochelle, NY  
**2019-20:**  
37 GP, 5 G, 19 A, 24 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career:**  
646 GP, 80 G, 293 A, 373 PTS, 386 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 88 ANDREI VASILEVSKIY

6'3", 216 lbs. • Tyumen, RUS  
**2019-20:**  
27 GP, 16-9-2, .908 SV%, 2.85 GAA  
**Career:**  
235 GP, 140-68-17, .918 SV%, 2.59 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
12 GP, 10-1-1, .941 SV%, 1.65 GAA

### 35 CURTIS McELHINNEY

6'1", 204 lbs. • London, ON  
**2019-20:**  
10 GP, 4-4-2, .905 SV%, 3.21 GAA  
**Career:**  
229 GP, 86-86-17, .909 SV%, 2.83 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
11 GP, 6-3-0, .913 SV%, 3.09 GAA

## SCRATCHES

### 44 JAN RUTTA

6'2", 204 lbs. • Pisek, CZE  
**2019-20:**  
19 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
113 GP, 9 G, 23 A, 32 PTS, 50 PIM

### 55 BRAYDON COBURN

6'5", 223 lbs. • Shaunavon, SK  
**2019-20:**  
18 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
942 GP, 49 G, 180 A, 229 PTS, 694 PIM

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