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## COACHING STAFF

**Interim Head Coach:** Don Granato  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Interim Assistant Coach:** Matt Ellis  
**Interim Assistant Coach:** Dan Girardi

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Asplund, Rasmus:** (AS-pluhnd, RAS-muhs)  
**Dahlin, Rasmus:** (dah-LEEN)  
**Eakin, Cody:** (EE-kihnh)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Okposo, Kyle:** (oh-POH-soh)  
**Rieder, Tobias:** (REE-duhr, toh-BIGH-uhs)  
**Ristolainen, Rasmus:** (rihs-toh-LIGH-nehn)  
**Sheahan, Riley:** (SHAY-uhn)  
**Ullmark, Linus:** (UHL-mahrk, LEE-nuhs)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
21-for-93 (22.6%) -- 12th  
**Penalty Kill**  
80-for-101 (79.2%) -- 16th

## LEADING SCORERS

**Sam Reinhart:**  
36 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS  
**Victor Olofsson:**  
38 GP, 10 G, 12 A, 22 PTS  
**Taylor Hall:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 17 A, 19 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. NJD

**Kyle Okposo:**  
54 GP, 9 G, 19 A, 28 PTS  
**Jeff Skinner:**  
41 GP, 17 G, 8 A, 25 PTS  
**Taylor Hall:**  
13 GP, 3 G, 9 A, 12 PTS

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## FORWARDS

### 74 RASMUS ASPLUND

5'11", 189 lbs. • Filipstad, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
10 GP, 4 G, 0 A, 4 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
39 GP, 5 G, 2 A, 7 PTS, 6 PIM

### 37 CASEY MITTELSTADT

6'1", 196 lbs. • Eden Prairie, MN  
**2020-21:**  
23 GP, 4 G, 6 A, 10 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
137 GP, 21 G, 28 A, 49 PTS, 20 PIM

### 72 TAGE THOMPSON

6'7", 219 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2020-21:**  
20 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 8 PIM  
**Career:**  
127 GP, 12 G, 14 A, 26 PTS, 40 PIM

### 68 VICTOR OLOFSSON

5'11", 182 lbs. • Ornskoldsvik, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
38 GP, 10 G, 12 A, 22 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
98 GP, 32 G, 36 A, 68 PTS, 12 PIM

### 23 SAM REINHART

6'2", 193 lbs. • West Vancouver, BC  
**2020-21:**  
36 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
436 GP, 122 G, 157 A, 279 PTS, 86 PIM

### 21 KYLE OKPOSO

6'0", 220 lbs. • St. Paul, MN  
**2020-21:**  
30 GP, 2 G, 9 A, 11 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
830 GP, 198 G, 319 A, 517 PTS, 443 PIM

### 13 TOBIAS RIEDER

5'11", 189 lbs. • Landshut, DEU  
**2020-21:**  
31 GP, 5 G, 1 A, 6 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
465 GP, 64 G, 80 A, 144 PTS, 50 PIM

### 20 CODY EAKIN

6'0", 196 lbs. • Winnipeg, MB  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
623 GP, 105 G, 138 A, 243 PTS, 252 PIM

### 17 STEVEN FOGARTY

6'3", 204 lbs. • Chambersburg, PA  
**2020-21:**  
7 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
25 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 8 PIM

### 53 JEFF SKINNER

5'11", 197 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2020-21:**  
35 GP, 3 G, 2 A, 5 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
755 GP, 261 G, 209 A, 470 PTS, 334 PIM

### 15 RILEY SHEAHAN

6'2", 216 lbs. • St. Catharines, ON  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
550 GP, 69 G, 104 A, 173 PTS, 89 PIM

## GOALTENDERS

### 35 LINUS ULLMARK

6'4", 215 lbs. • Lugnvik, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
17 GP, 8-5-3, .919 SV%, 2.48 GAA  
**Career:**  
114 GP, 49-46-13, .913 SV%, 2.76 GAA  
**vs. NJD:**  
4 GP, 1-1-1, .898 SV%, 3.11 GAA

## DEFENSEMEN

### 78 JACOB BRYSON

5'9", 175 lbs. • London, ON  
**2020-21:**  
20 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
20 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM

### 55 RASMUS RISTOLAINEN

6'4", 221 lbs. • Turku, FIN  
**2020-21:**  
31 GP, 4 G, 7 A, 11 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
524 GP, 46 G, 192 A, 238 PTS, 279 PIM

### 26 RASMUS DAHLIN

6'3", 207 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
38 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
179 GP, 16 G, 83 A, 99 PTS, 86 PIM

### 10 HENRI JOKIHARJU

6'0", 199 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2020-21:**  
28 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
135 GP, 6 G, 25 A, 31 PTS, 50 PIM

### 31 DUSTIN TOKARSKI

6'0", 198 lbs. • Watson, SK  
**2020-21:**  
4 GP, 0-3-1, .904 SV%, 3.79 GAA  
**Career:**  
38 GP, 10-15-6, .904 SV%, 2.95 GAA  
**vs. NJD:**  
4 GP, 0-0-1, .889 SV%, 1.85 GAA

### 62 BRANDON MONTOUR

6'0", 194 lbs. • Brantford, ON  
**2020-21:**  
36 GP, 5 G, 8 A, 13 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
279 GP, 29 G, 75 A, 104 PTS, 164 PIM

### 33 COLIN MILLER

6'1", 199 lbs. • Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
**2020-21:**  
36 GP, 3 G, 4 A, 7 PTS, 25 PIM  
**Career:**  
337 GP, 26 G, 91 A, 117 PTS, 238 PIM

### 44 MATT IRWIN

6'2", 189 lbs. • Victoria, BC  
**2020-21:**  
18 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 8 PIM  
**Career:**  
377 GP, 22 G, 62 A, 84 PTS, 158 PIM

## SCRATCHES

### 4 TAYLOR HALL

6'1", 206 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 17 A, 19 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
664 GP, 220 G, 362 A, 582 PTS, 374 PIM

### 24 DYLAN COZENS

6'3", 188 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT  
**2020-21:**  
25 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 7 PIM  
**Career:**  
25 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 7 PIM

### 40 CARTER HUTTON

6'0", 208 lbs. • Thunder Bay, ON  
**2020-21:**  
13 GP, 1-10-1, .886 SV%, 3.47 GAA  
**Career:**  
232 GP, 94-88-27, .909 SV%, 2.71 GAA

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**Assistant Coach:** Alain Nasreddine  
**Assistant Coach:** Mark Recchi  
**Assistant Coach:** Chris Taylor  
**Goaltending Coach:** Dave Rogalski

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**Boqvist, Jesper:**  
(BOH-kwihst, YEHS-puhr)  
**Bratt, Jesper:** (BRAT, JEH-spuhr)  
**Johnsson, Andreas:**  
(YAWN-suhn, awn-DRAY-uhs)  
**Kulikov, Dmitry:** (KOO-lih-kawv)  
**Kuokkanen, Janne:**  
(koo-OH-kuh-nehn, YAH-nee)  
**McLeod, Michael:** (muh-KLOWD)  
**Severson, Damon:** (SEE-vuhr-suhn)  
**Sharangovich, Yegor:**  
(shair-uhn-GOH-vihtch, EE-gohr)  
**Subban, P.K.:** (SOO-ban)  
**Zacha, Pavel:** (ZAH-kuh, PAH-vehl)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
14-for-108 (13.0%) -- 29th  
**Penalty Kill**  
77-for-106 (72.6%) -- 31st

## LEADING SCORERS

**Pavel Zacha:**  
36 GP, 8 G, 14 A, 22 PTS  
**Jesper Bratt:**  
31 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS  
**Ty Smith:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 17 A, 19 PTS

## LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

**P.K. Subban:**  
43 GP, 5 G, 18 A, 23 PTS  
**Pavel Zacha:**  
17 GP, 4 G, 10 A, 14 PTS  
**Jesper Bratt:**  
14 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS

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## FORWARDS

### 59 JANNE KUOKKANEN

6'1", 193 lbs. • Oulunsalo, FIN  
**2020-21:**  
32 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
44 GP, 5 G, 11 A, 16 PTS, 18 PIM

### 86 JACK HUGHES

5'11", 176 lbs. • Orlando, FL  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 7 G, 10 A, 17 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
98 GP, 14 G, 24 A, 38 PTS, 10 PIM

### 17 YEGOR SHARANGOVICH

6'2", 196 lbs. • Minsk, BLR  
**2020-21:**  
35 GP, 8 G, 5 A, 13 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
35 GP, 8 G, 5 A, 13 PTS, 4 PIM

### 44 MILES WOOD

6'2", 195 lbs. • Buffalo, NY  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 11 G, 5 A, 16 PTS, 21 PIM  
**Career:**  
305 GP, 59 G, 53 A, 112 PTS, 339 PIM

### 37 PAVEL ZACHA

6'3", 210 lbs. • Brno, CZE  
**2020-21:**  
36 GP, 8 G, 14 A, 22 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
302 GP, 45 G, 85 A, 130 PTS, 84 PIM

### 63 JESPER BRATT

5'10", 175 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
31 GP, 5 G, 16 A, 21 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
216 GP, 42 G, 79 A, 121 PTS, 36 PIM

### 23 MIKHAIL MALTSEV

6'3", 198 lbs. • St. Petersburg, RUS  
**2020-21:**  
23 GP, 4 G, 1 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM  
**Career:**  
23 GP, 4 G, 1 A, 5 PTS, 4 PIM

### 20 MICHAEL MCLEOD

6'2", 188 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2020-21:**  
33 GP, 6 G, 2 A, 8 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career:**  
66 GP, 6 G, 7 A, 13 PTS, 35 PIM

### 12 TYCE THOMPSON

6'1", 178 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2020-21:**  
1 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
1 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

### 11 ANDREAS JOHNSON

5'10", 194 lbs. • Gävle, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
162 GP, 33 G, 42 A, 75 PTS, 56 PIM

### 90 JESPER BOQVIST

6'0", 180 lbs. • Falun, SWE  
**2020-21:**  
10 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
45 GP, 4 G, 2 A, 6 PTS, 10 PIM

### 39 NICHOLAS MERKLEY

5'10", 194 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2020-21:**  
13 GP, 2 G, 4 A, 6 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
18 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 4 PIM

## DEFENSEMEN

### 70 DMITRY KULIKOV

6'1", 204 lbs. • Lipetsk, RUS  
**2020-21:**  
36 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 PTS, 24 PIM  
**Career:**  
713 GP, 35 G, 137 A, 172 PTS, 451 PIM

### 76 P.K. SUBBAN

6'0", 210 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 26 PIM  
**Career:**  
750 GP, 108 G, 333 A, 441 PTS, 823 PIM

### 22 RYAN MURRAY

6'1", 206 lbs. • Regina, SK  
**2020-21:**  
29 GP, 0 G, 10 A, 10 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
376 GP, 15 G, 105 A, 120 PTS, 110 PIM

### 28 DAMON SEVERSON

6'2", 205 lbs. • Melville, SK  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career:**  
467 GP, 40 G, 136 A, 176 PTS, 282 PIM

### 24 TY SMITH

5'11", 175 lbs. • Lloydminster, AB  
**2020-21:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 17 A, 19 PTS, 18 PIM  
**Career:**  
37 GP, 2 G, 17 A, 19 PTS, 18 PIM

### 45 SAMI VATANEN

5'10", 185 lbs. • Jyväskylä, FIN  
**2020-21:**  
27 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 16 PIM  
**Career:**  
461 GP, 47 G, 152 A, 199 PTS, 208 PIM

### 29 MACKENZIE BLACKWOOD

6'4", 225 lbs. • Thunder Bay, ON  
**2020-21:**  
22 GP, 9-10-3, .909 SV%, 2.92 GAA  
**Career:**  
92 GP, 41-34-11, .914 SV%, 2.77 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
6 GP, 2-3-0, .892 SV%, 3.56 GAA

## SCRATCHES

### 8 WILL BUTCHER

5'10", 190 lbs. • Sun Prairie, WI  
**2020-21:**  
8 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
223 GP, 14 G, 84 A, 98 PTS, 32 PIM

### 41 SCOTT WEDGEWOOD

6'2", 207 lbs. • Brampton, ON  
**2020-21:**  
12 GP, 3-6-3, .907 SV%, 2.92 GAA  
**Career:**  
36 GP, 10-16-8, .904 SV%, 2.97 GAA

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