

2026-27 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

MEDIA GUIDE





CHARLOTTE CHECKERS 2026-27 GAME NOTES



CHARLOTTE CHECKERS (3-2-0-0) vs. HARTFORD WOLF PACK (3-4-0-0)

October 17, 2026 - Bojangles Coliseum - 6:00PM

REFEREES: #3 JAKE KAMRASS, #95 NOLAN BLOYER | LINESPEOPLE: #70 CRAIG FORD, #18 SHANE GUSTAFSON

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

RECORD: 3-2-0-0 (2nd, Atlantic)

POWER PLAY: 12.5% (2-for-16)

PENALTY KILL: 100.0% (19-for-19)

HARTFORD WOLF PACK

RECORD: 3-4-0-0 (3rd, Atlantic)

POWER PLAY: 17.6% (6-for-35)

PENALTY KILL: 83.9% (26-for-31)

MARTY PARTY

Hunter St. Martin's first goal of the 2026-27 regular season came shorthanded with under four minutes left in regulation on Friday night, propelling the Checkers to a 2-1 victory at Bojangles Coliseum. St. Martin, 21, logged 13 points (five goals, eight assists) in 46 games during his rookie campaign last year. "Luckily, [John Beecher] made an unbelievable pass under their d-man and it went in, so it's a huge win for the team," St. Martin said postgame. He scored 12 time shorthanded in his WHL career with the Medicine Hat Tigers.

PK FIRE

Speaking of the penalty kill, Charlotte is a perfect 19-for-19 to start the regular season. Only the Rockford IceHogs have a better start while shorthanded (20-for-20) in the American Hockey League. "It's not always pretty," Checkers head coach Geordie Kinnear said postgame. "But, sometimes you want to make sure to dig in and get the job done, and we did that tonight on the PK." Charlotte was 5-for-5 on Friday against Hartford, and killed off a crucial Wolf Pack power play with under five minutes in the third period, including St. Martin's SHG.

CLT 26-27 LEADERS

GOALS: 3 - N. Smith

ASSISTS: 2 - D. Sebrango, C. Reinhardt, N. Bastian

POINTS: 3 - Four players tied with

+/-: +4 - T. Bjornfot

POWER-PLAY GOALS: 1 - J. Devine, R. Mastrosimone

PIM: 17 - M. Alscher

WINS: 2 - K. Gerasimyk

GAA: 0.96 - K. Gerasimyk

SAVE PERCENTAGE: .963 - K. Gerasimyk

SHUTOUTS: N/A

HFD 26-27 LEADERS

GOALS: 3 - T. Raddysh

ASSISTS: 5 - C. Beaudoin

POINTS: 6 - C. Beaudoin

+/-: +3 - C. Beaudoin

POWER-PLAY GOALS: 2 - L. Greentree

PIM: 27 - J. Nachbaur

WINS: 2 - C. Tung

GAA: 2.23 - C. Tung

SAVE PERCENTAGE: .933 - C. Tung

SHUTOUTS: 1 - C. Tung

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CHECKERS - WOLF PACK 26-27 SERIES

26-27 SEASON SERIES RECORD:

OVERALL: (1-0-0-0) HOME: (1-0-0-0) AWAY: (0-1-0-0)

LAST MEETING:

OCTOBER 16 AT CHARLOTTE (2-1 W)

NEXT MEETING:

NOVEMBER 17 AT HARTFORD

LAST FIVE YEARS VS. HARTFORD:

(26-9-3-1)

2026-27 CHECKERS SCHEDULE

SAT.	OCTOBER 3 AT HERSHEY	5-2 W
SUN.	OCTOBER 4 AT HERSHEY	3-2 L
SAT.	OCTOBER 10 AT PROVIDENCE	6-2 L
SUN.	OCTOBER 11 AT SPRINGFIELD	2-1 SOW
FRI.	OCTOBER 16 VS. HARTFORD	2-1 W
SAT.	OCTOBER 17 VS. HARTFORD	
FRI.	OCTOBER 23 VS. SPRINGFIELD	
SAT.	OCTOBER 24 VS. SPRINGFIELD	
TUE.	OCTOBER 27 AT COLORADO	
WED.	OCTOBER 28 AT COLORADO	
FRI.	OCTOBER 30 AT IOWA	
SUN.	NOVEMBER 1 AT IOWA	
FRI.	NOVEMBER 6 VS. WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
SAT.	NOVEMBER 7 VS. WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
TUE.	NOVEMBER 10 VS. PROVIDENCE	
WED.	NOVEMBER 11 VS. PROVIDENCE	
SAT.	NOVEMBER 14 AT LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	NOVEMBER 15 AT HERSHEY	
TUE.	NOVEMBER 17 AT HARTFORD	
FRI.	NOVEMBER 20 AT SPRINGFIELD	
SAT.	NOVEMBER 21 AT PROVIDENCE	
FRI.	NOVEMBER 27 VS. HERSHEY	
SAT.	NOVEMBER 28 VS. HERSHEY	
FRI.	DECEMBER 4 VS. COLORADO	
SAT.	DECEMBER 5 VS. COLORADO	
TUE.	DECEMBER 8 VS. WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
WED.	DECEMBER 9 VS. WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
SAT.	DECEMBER 12 AT LEHIGH VALLEY	
SUN.	DECEMBER 13 AT HERSHEY	
TUE.	DECEMBER 15 AT WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
SAT.	DECEMBER 19 VS. SPRINGFIELD	
SUN.	DECEMBER 20 VS. SPRINGFIELD	
MON.	DECEMBER 28 AT CLEVELAND	
TUE.	DECEMBER 29 AT CLEVELAND	
FRI.	JANUARY 1 AT TORONTO	
SAT.	JANUARY 2 AT TORONTO	
FRI.	JANUARY 8 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	JANUARY 9 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	JANUARY 16 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
SUN.	JANUARY 17 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
WED.	JANUARY 20 AT ROCHESTER	
FRI.	JANUARY 22 AT ROCHESTER	
SAT.	JANUARY 23 AT ROCHESTER	
SAT.	JANUARY 30 VS. UTICA	
SUN.	JANUARY 31 VS. UTICA	
FRI.	FEBRUARY 5 VS. PROVIDENCE	
SAT.	FEBRUARY 6 VS. PROVIDENCE	
FRI.	FEBRUARY 12 AT LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	FEBRUARY 13 AT WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
TUE.	FEBRUARY 16 VS. IOWA	
WED.	FEBRUARY 17 VS. IOWA	
SAT.	FEBRUARY 20 VS. TORONTO	
SUN.	FEBRUARY 21 VS. TORONTO	
FRI.	FEBRUARY 26 AT HARTFORD	
SAT.	FEBRUARY 27 AT HARTFORD	
SAT.	MARCH 6 VS. HERSHEY	
SUN.	MARCH 7 VS. HERSHEY	
WED.	MARCH 10 AT SPRINGFIELD	
FRI.	MARCH 12 AT SPRINGFIELD	
SAT.	MARCH 13 AT HARTFORD	
WED.	MARCH 17 AT UTICA	
FRI.	MARCH 19 AT PROVIDENCE	
SAT.	MARCH 20 AT PROVIDENCE	
FRI.	MARCH 26 VS. HARTFORD	
SAT.	MARCH 27 VS. HARTFORD	
TUE.	MARCH 30 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
WED.	MARCH 31 VS. LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	APRIL 3 VS. ROCHESTER	
SUN.	APRIL 4 VS. ROCHESTER	
WED.	APRIL 7 AT WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
FRI.	APRIL 9 AT LEHIGH VALLEY	
SAT.	APRIL 10 AT WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	

TEAM FRANCHISE RECORDS

Most Goals in a Game	11 (12/14/21 vs. ROC)
Most Goals Allowed in a Game	9 (10/17/15 @ CHI, 3/17/15 @ SA)
Most Shots on Goal, Game	54 (12/20/12 vs. PEO)
Most Shots Allowed, Game	54 (2/25/11 @ NOR)
Fewest Shots Allowed, Game	12 (10/26/24 vs. BRI)
Most PPG, Game	5 (1/24/14 vs. OKC, 2/16/13 @ MIL)
Most SHG, Game	2 (several times)
Most PIM, Game	86 (3/26/14 @ IA)
Widest Margin of a Victory, Game	10 - (12/14/21 vs. ROC [11-1])
Most Points, Season	110 - 2018-19
Most Wins, Season	51 - 2018-19
Most Goals Scored, Season	265 - 2010-11
Most Penalty Minutes, Season	1318 - 2010-11

INDIVIDUAL FRANCHISE RECORDS

Most Points, Season	74 - Z. Boychuk (2013-14)
Most Points, Game	5 - Several times
Most Goals, Season	36 - Z. Boychuk (2013-14), J. Leonard (2024-25)
Most Goals, Game	4 - S. Vilmanis (4/12/26 vs. HER)
Most Assists, Season	47 - A. Poturalski (2018-19)
Most Assists, Game	4 - Several times
Most PIM, Season	229 - Z. Fitzgerald (2010-11)
Most PIM, Game	29 - J. Sourdif (11/15/24)
Most Saves, Game	50 - J. Pogge (2/25/11)
Most Saves, Season	1474 - D. MacIntyre (2014-15)
Most Wins, Season	34 - A. Nedeljkovic (2018-19)
Most Shutouts, Season	6 - J. Peters (2012-13), K. Appleby (2024-25)

TEAM STREAKS

Longest Winning Streak

Overall	7 games (3/9/17 - 3/25/17)
Home	7 games (3/17/22 - 4/8/22)
Road	7 games (several times)

RECENT HAT TRICKS

Nate Smith	10/4/26 at HER, 3 Goals
Sandis Vilmanis	4/12/26 vs. HER, 4 Goals
Robert Mastrosimone	1/14/26 vs. SPR, 3 Goals
John Leonard	12/21/24 vs. BRI, 3 Goals

RECENT PENALTY SHOTS

SHOOTER:	DATE:	OPP TEAM:	RESULT:
Jack Devine	2/18/26	SYR	NO GOAL
Ben Steeves	12/16/25	WBS	NO GOAL
John Leonard	1/19/25	HFD	NO GOAL
Rasmus Asplund	10/25/24	BRI	NO GOAL
Justin Sourdif	3/16/24	SPR	NO GOAL
Gerry Mayhew	1/20/24	TOR	NO GOAL
Gerry Mayhew	11/20/23	CLE	NO GOAL
Grigori Denisenko	12/29/22	CLE	GOAL

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

ADDITIONS:	DATE:	TYPE:	FROM:
Cooper Black	10/16/26	Assigned	Florida (NHL)
Tyler Muszelik	10/13/26	Recalled	Savannah (ECHL)
Alex Petrovic	10/8/26	Assigned	Florida (NHL)
MacKenzie Entwistle	10/8/26	Assigned	Florida (NHL)
SUBTRACTIONS:	DATE:	TYPE:	TO:
Philip Tresca	10/15/26	Assigned	Savannah (ECHL)





2026-27 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS TEAM ROSTER



NO.	POS	GOALTENDERS	CONTRACT	L/R	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	DOB	25-26 Team(s)	DRAFTED
20	G	GERASIMYUK, Kirill	NHL	L	6'2	179	St. Petersburg, RUS	8/22/03	Charlotte (AHL)/Savannah (ECHL)	FLA, 5TH (152ND), 2021
30	G	MUSZELIK, Tyler	NHL	L	6'3	190	Long Valley, NJ	7/1/04	Connecticut (NCAA)	FLA, 6TH (189TH), 2022
31	G	BLACK, Cooper	NHL	L	6'8	223	Alpena, MI	6/14/01	Charlotte (AHL)	
NO.	POS	DEFENSEMEN	CONTRACT	L/R	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	DOB	25-26 Team(s)	DRAFTED
2	D	SHURAVIN, Matvei	NHL	L	6'2	171	Moscow, RUS	3/2/06	Moscow (VHL)	FLA, 3RD (97TH), 2024
3	D	JANSSON, Ludvig	NHL	R	6'0	181	Stockholm, SWE	12/27/03	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (NHL)	FLA, 4TH (125TH), 2022
5	D	FITZGERALD, Casey	NHL	R	5'11	181	North Reading, MA	2/25/97	Hartford (AHL)	BUF, 3RD (86TH), 2016
6	D	SEBRANGO, Donovan	NHL	L	6'2	223	Ottawa, ON	1/12/02	Ottawa (NHL)/Florida (NHL)	DET, 3RD (63RD), 2020
8	D	VANDE SOMPEL, Mitch	AHL	L	5'10	190	London, ON	2/11/97	Charlotte (AHL)	NYI, 3RD (82ND), 2015
14	D	HOVORKA, Mikulas	NHL	R	6'6	229	Praha, CZE	7/1/01	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (NHL)	
27	D	ALSCHER, Marek	NHL	L	6'3	206	Slany, CZE	4/7/04	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (NHL)	
36	D	PETROVIC, Alexander	NHL	R	6'5	215	Edmonton, AB	3/3/92	Dallas (NHL)	FLA, 2ND (36TH), 2010
39	D	PIENINIEMI, Emil	NHL	L	6'3	177	Kuopio, FIN	3/2/05	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)/Wheeling (ECHL)	
40	D	BJORNFOT, Tobias	NHL	L	6'0	200	Upplands Vasby, SWE	4/6/01	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (NHL)	LAK, 1ST (22ND), 2019
42	D	MAN, Matyas	AHL	L	6'5	202	Ostrava, CZE	5/31/06	Prince Albert (WHL)	
NO.	POS	FORWARDS	CONTRACT	L/R	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	DOB	25-26 Team(s)	DRAFTED
4	F	DEVINE, Jack	NHL	R	6'0	185	Glencoe, IL	10/1/03	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (NHL)	FLA, 7TH (221ST), 2022
7	F	MASTROSIMONE, Robert	AHL	L	5'10	165	Bay Shore, NY	1/24/01	Charlotte (AHL)	DET, 2ND (54TH), 2019
9	F	CROOKSHANK, Angus	NHL	L	5'11	183	North Vancouver, BC	10/2/99	Utica (AHL), New Jersey (NHL)	OTT, 5TH (126TH), 2018
11	F	SCHWINDT, Cole	NHL	R	6'3	210	Kitchener, ON	4/25/01	Florida (NHL)	FLA, 3RD (81ST), 2019
13	F	SCHWINDT, Kai	NHL	L	6'4	194	Kitchener, ON	12/17/03	Charlotte (AHL)	
15	F	SMITH, Nate	AHL	R	6'0	177	Tampa, FL	10/19/98	Abbotsford (AHL)	WPG, 3RD (91ST), 2018
16	F	BEECHER, John	NHL	L	6'3	220	Elmira, NY	4/5/01	Boston (NHL)/Calgary (NHL)	BOS, 1ST (30TH), 2019
17	F	BASTIAN, Nate	NHL	R	6'4	217	Kitchener, ON	12/6/97	Texas (AHL)/Dallas (NHL)	NJ, 2ND (41ST), 2016
19	F	ST. MARTIN, Hunter	NHL	L	6'1	174	Edmonton, AB	6/13/05	Charlotte (AHL)	FLA, 6TH (193RD), 2024
21	F	BITTEN, Will	AHL	R	5'11	196	Ottawa, ON	7/10/98	Sochi (KHL)	MTL, 3RD (70TH), 2016
22	F	GABER, Riese	AHL	R	5'8	165	Gilbert Plains, MB	10/10/99	Charlotte (AHL)	
23	F	REINHARDT, Cole	NHL	L	6'1	207	Calgary, AB	2/1/00	Vegas (NHL)/Florida (NHL)	OTT, 6TH (181ST), 2020
24	F	SAWCHYN, Gracyn	NHL	R	6'0	154	Grande Prairie, AB	1/19/05	Charlotte (AHL)	FLA, 2ND (63RD), 2023
25	F	DORWART, Karsen	AHL	L	6'1	194	Sherwood, OR	9/17/02	Lehigh Valley (AHL)	
26	F	PINHO, Brian	AHL	R	6'1	190	North Andover, MA	5/11/95	Charlotte (AHL)	NYI, 6TH (174TH), 2013
28	F	CHORSKE, Brett	AHL	R	6'7	216	Edina, MN	5/24/01	Charlotte (AHL)	
34	F	LUNDELL, Kasper	AHL	L	6'0	181	Espoo, FIN	3/11/04	HIFK Helsinki (SM-liiga)	
37	F	ENTWISTLE, MacKenzie	NHL	R	6'3	203	Georgetown, ON	7/14/99	Charlotte (AHL)	ARI, 3RD (69TH), 2017
43	F	SALMINEN, Samu	NHL	L	6'2	186	Helsinki, FIN	4/9/03	Univ. of Denver (NCAA)	NJ, 3RD (68TH), 2021

STAFF

Co-General Managers: Paul Krepelka and Brett Peterson
Head Coach: Geordie Kinnear
Assistant Coach: Bobby Sanguinetti
Assistant Coach: Jamie Tardif
Assistant Coach/Video: Will Cook
Goaltending Coach: Patrick Dallaire
Senior VP of Hockey Operations: Derek Wilkinson

Head Equipment Manager: Chris Fournier
Assistant Equipment Manager: Shjon Whitehead
Head Athletic Trainer: Tommy Alva
Assistant Athletic Trainer: Gustavo Canals
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Davis Gadjovich
Broadcaster: Cristiano Simonetta

PLAYER/STAFF PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

NATE BASTIAN: bash-T'YEHN
TOBIAS BJORNFOT: toe-BYE-uhs B'YOHRN-fuht
RIESE GABER: GAY-buhr
KIRILL GERASIMYUK: GEHR-uh-SMYOOK
MIKULAS HOVORKA: MIK-uh-liss HUH-vohr-kuh
LUDVIG JANSSON: LUDD-vihg YAWN-suhn
MATYAS MAN: MAH-tyahsh MAHN
ROBERT MASTROSIMONE: MASS-troh-SIM-own-ee

ALEX PETROVIC: PEH-troh-vich
EMIL PIENINIEMI: eh-MIHL pee-EHN-ee-nee-EHM-ee
BRIAN PINHO: pinn-oh
COLE REINHARDT: RIGHN-hahrdt
GRACYN SAWCHYN: GRAY-sihn SOW-chin
DONOVAN SEBRANGO: seh-BRANG-goh
HUNTER ST. MARTIN: saint MAR-tihn
MITCH VANDE SOMPEL: VAN-duh SUHM-puhl

GEORDIE KINNEAR: kuh-NEER
JAMIE TARDIF: TAHR-dihf

BOBBY SANGUINETTI: SANG-gwuh-net-ee
PATRICK DALLAIRE: dahl-air

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2026-27 GAME-BY-GAME DETAILS



GM	DATE	OPP	RESULT	SCORE	RECORD	PTS	GOALIE	GOALS	SHOTS		PP		PIM	
									CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP
1	10/3	at HER	W	5-2	1-0-0-0	2	C. Black (W)	N. Smith (3), J. Devine, W. Bitten (EN)	29	32	0/1	0/2	22	20
2	10/4	at HER	L	3-2	1-1-0-0	2	T. Muszelik	J. Beecher, J. Devine (PP)	29	23	1/3	0/6	14	8
3	10/10	at PRO	L	6-2	1-2-0-0	2	C. Black	R. Mastro Simone (PP), N. Bastian	32	34	1/5	0/5	14	14
4	10/11	at SPR	SOW	2-1	2-2-0-0	4	K. Gerasimyyuk	C. Schwindt, A. Crookshank (SOW)	33	26	0/3	0/1	4	8
5	10/16	vs HFD	W	2-1	3-2-0-0	6	K. Gerasimyyuk	D. Sebrango, H. St. Martin (SHG)	32	28	0/4	0/5	17	15
6	10/17	vs HFD												
7	10/23	vs SPR												
8	10/24	vs SPR												
9	10/27	at COL												
10	10/28	at COL												
11	10/30	at IA												
12	11/1	at IA												
13	11/6	vs WBS												
14	11/7	vs WBS												
15	11/10	vs PRO												
16	11/11	vs PRO												
17	11/14	at LV												
18	11/15	at HER												
19	11/17	at HER												
20	11/20	at SPR												
21	11/21	at PRO												
22	11/27	at HER												
23	11/28	at HER												
24	12/4	vs COL												
25	12/5	vs COL												
26	12/8	vs WBS												
27	12/9	vs WBS												
28	12/12	at LV												
29	12/13	at HER												
30	12/15	at WBS												
31	12/19	vs SPR												
32	12/20	vs SPR												
33	12/28	at CLE												
34	12/29	at CLE												
35	1/1	at TOR												
36	1/2	at TOR												
37	1/8	vs LV												
38	1/9	vs LV												
39	1/16	vs LV												
40	1/17	vs LV												
41	1/20	at ROC												
42	1/22	at ROC												
43	1/23	at ROC												
44	1/30	vs UTC												
45	1/31	vs UTC												
46	2/5	vs PRO												
47	2/6	vs PRO												
48	2/12	at LV												
49	2/13	at WBS												
50	2/16	vs IA												
51	2/17	vs IA												
52	2/20	vs TOR												
53	2/21	vs TOR												
54	2/26	at HFD												
55	2/27	at HFD												
56	3/6	vs HER												
57	3/7	vs HER												
58	3/10	at SPR												
59	3/12	at SPR												
60	3/13	at HFD												
61	3/17	at UTC												
62	3/19	at PRO												
63	3/20	at PRO												
64	3/26	vs HFD												
65	3/27	vs HFD												
66	3/30	vs LV												
67	3/31	vs LV												
68	4/3	vs ROC												
69	4/4	vs ROC												
70	4/7	at WBS												
71	4/9	at LV												
72	4/10	at WBS												

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GEORDIE KINNEAR

HEAD COACH

Geordie Kinnear became the sixth head coach in Checkers' AHL history on September 10, 2020, when Charlotte announced their affiliation with the Florida Panthers.

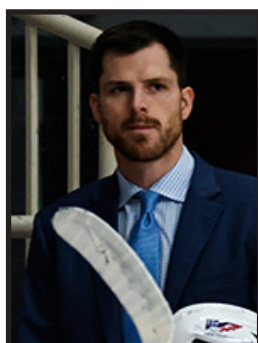
Kinnear has been the head coach for Florida's AHL affiliate since 2016-17, leading the Springfield Thunderbirds for four seasons before joining the Syracuse Crunch's staff during the shortened 2020-21 campaign in which Charlotte did not participate.

Before that, Kinnear was an assistant coach for the Checkers from their inaugural AHL season in 2009-10 until the 2015-16 campaign, coming to Charlotte after spending seven seasons as an assistant coach for the Albany River Rats. Kinnear became the 27th head coach in history to win 300 AHL games, reaching the milestone on November 15, 2025.

As a player, Kinnear appeared in 406 career AHL games over seven seasons with Albany, totaling 98 points and 1,094 PIM. A seventh-round draft pick by the New Jersey Devils in 1992, Kinnear appeared in four NHL games with the Atlanta Thrashers in 1999-00 and 80 IHL contests with the Orlando Solar Bears.

Season	Team	League	Role	Record	Result
2016-17	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	Head Coach	32-33-9-2	Missed Playoffs
2017-18	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	Head Coach	32-37-5-2	Missed Playoffs
2018-19	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	Head Coach	33-29-9-5	Missed Playoffs
2019-20	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	Head Coach	31-27-3-0	Season Cancelled
2021-22	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	42-24-5-1	Lost in Round 2
2022-23	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	39-25-5-3	Lost in Round 1
2023-24	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	39-26-7-0	Lost in Qualifying Round
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	44-22-3-3	Lost in Calder Cup Final
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	44-23-5-0	Lost in Round 1
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	Head Coach	3-2-0-0	

REGULAR SEASON AHL HEAD COACHING RECORD: 338-248-51-16



BOBBY SANGUINETTI

ASSISTANT COACH

Bobby Sanguinetti joined the Checkers staff as an assistant coach on August 29, 2022. As a player, Sanguinetti appeared in 155 contests for the Checkers and helped the team capture a Calder Cup in 2018-19.

He stands as the fifth-highest scoring defenseman in franchise history and is the only Charlotte blue liner to hit the 40-assist mark in a season (2011-12).

A first-round pick by the New York Rangers in 2006, Sanguinetti logged nearly 600 pro games over his playing career, suiting up for Hartford, Charlotte, Utica and Rochester in the AHL, the New York Rangers and Carolina Hurricanes in the NHL, Moscow Oblast Atlant in the KHL, Kloten HC and Lugano in the top Swiss league and Munich EHC in Germany before retiring after the 2019-20 season. He also represented the United States at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

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JAMIE TARDIF

ASSISTANT COACH

Jamie Tardif was added to the Checkers coaching staff as an assistant coach on September 20, 2026. He had spent the previous four seasons as an assistant coach with the Hartford Wolf Pack. Before his stint in Hartford, the Welland, ON, native served as an assistant coach with the OHL's Soo Greyhounds from 2018-22. Tardif began his coaching career in 2017-18 as a player/assistant coach with the ECHL's Quad City Mallards.

Tardif's playing career spanned 12 professional seasons, including 487 AHL games with the Manitoba Moose, Iowa Wild, Grand Rapids Griffins, Providence Bruins, and Rochester Americans, logging 267 points (142 goals, 125 assists). He served as the captain of the Griffins for two seasons (2009-11) and was named an AHL All-Star in 2013 as a member of the Bruins. During the 2012-13 campaign, Tardif appeared in two NHL games with the Boston Bruins, making his NHL debut on February 2, 2013 against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Following his AHL career, Tardif played overseas in Germany, suiting up for three seasons with the Mannheim Eagles in the DEL. Tardif captured a league championship with the Eagles in 2014-15.



WILL COOK

ASSISTANT COACH, VIDEO

Will Cook has been Charlotte's video coach since the 2024-25 campaign. Cook is responsible for video breakdown and analysis, in addition to assisting with team services. His first season included the Checkers winning the Eastern Conference and advancing to the Calder Cup Final.



PATRICK DALLAIRE

GOALTENDING COACH

Patrick Dallaire joins the Checkers following an 11-year tenure as the Goaltending Coach of the DEL's EHC München in Germany. He is a three-time DEL champion and has represented Germany several times on the international stage, capturing a silver medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Before joining EHC München, Dallaire spent six seasons with EC Salzburg of the ICE Hockey League in Austria, winning three league titles. He began his coaching career in the QMJHL with the Halifax Mooseheads from 2000-01 to 2008-09.





KIRILL GERASIMYUK

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KUH-rihl GERR-ehs-myook

Catches: Left

Goaltender - 6'2, 179 lb.

St. Petersburg, RUS - August 23, 2003 (23)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Appearance: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Last AHL Win: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Career High, Saves / AHL Game: 33, 3/6/26 @ LV

First AHL Win: 11/15/25 @ IA

First AHL Shutout: 11/15/25 @ IA (17 saves)

AHL Debut: 10/29/25 @ HFD (in relief)

Career Notes:

- Drafted in the fifth round (152nd overall) by the Florida Panthers at the 2021 NHL Entry Draft
- Signed a two-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers on 7/1/25
- His four shutouts during the 2025-26 season marked the most by a rookie goaltender in Checkers history

Season	Team	League	GP	Record	GAA	SV%	SO	MIN
2021-22	Imeni Morozova SKA Varyagi	Rus-MHL	4	1-3-0	3.97	.882	0	227
2021-22	St. Petersburg SKA Jr.	Rus-MHL	18	16-0-1	1.79	.932	3	1072
2022-23	Neva SKA	Rus-VHL	2	0-0-1	2.40	.926	0	100
2022-23	St. Petersburg SKA Jr.	Rus-MHL	24	15-4-4	1.82	.932	2	1353
2023-24	St. Petersburg SKA Jr.	Rus-MHL	14	9-3-2	1.56	.953	3	845
2023-24	Neva SKA	Rus-VHL	2	0-2-0	4.56	.885	0	92
2024-25	Neva SKA	Rus-VHL	8	5-1-1	2.52	.924	0	381
2024-25	Khanty-Mansiysk Yugra	Rus-VHL	24	7-8-7	1.75	.933	3	1237
2025-26	Savannah Ghost Pirates	ECHL	7	3-3-1-0	2.22	.909	0	431
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	19	9-6-1-0	2.50	.901	4	983
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	21	2-0-0-0	0.96	.963	0	125
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			21	11-6-1-0	2.33	.908	4	1108
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0-0-0-0	0.00	.000	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			28	14-8-2-0	2.30	.911	4	1539

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





TYLER MUSZELIK

30

TIGH-luhr MUSE-lihk

Catches: Left

Goaltender - 6'3, 190 lb.

Long Valley, NJ - July 1, 2004 (22)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Appearance: 10/4/26 @ HER

Last AHL Win: N/A

Career High, Saves / AHL Game: 20, 10/4/26 @ HER

First AHL Win: N/A

First AHL Shutout: N/A

AHL Debut: 10/4/26 @ HER

Career Notes:

- Drafted in the sixth round (189th overall) by the Panthers at the 2022 NHL Entry Draft
- First joined the Checkers after signing an amateur tryout (ATO) on 4/7/26
- Signed a two-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers on 3/30/26, beginning in the 2026-27 season
- Made 967 saves in the 2025-26 season at the University of Connecticut, ranking fifth-most in the nation

Season	Team	League	GP	Record	GAA	SV%	SO	MIN
2022-23	U. of New Hampshire	H-East	13	4-7-2	3.24	.883	1	685
2023-24	U. of New Hampshire	H-East	8	5-3-0	3.38	.874	1	479
2024-25	U. of Connecticut	H-East	23	12-6-3	2.28	.912	1	1313
2025-26	U. of Connecticut	H-East	35	19-11-5	2.21	.926	0	2094
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0-0-0-0	0.00	.000	0	0
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0-1-0-0	3.13	.870	0	58
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			1	0-1-0-0	3.13	.870	0	58
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0-0-0-0	0.00	.000	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			1	0-1-0-0	3.13	.870	0	58

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





COOPER BLACK

KOO-puhr BLAK

31

Catches: Left
Goaltender - 6'9, 250 lb.
Alpena, MI - June 14, 2001 (25)
Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Appearance: 10/10/26 @ PRO
Last AHL Win: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Saves / AHL Game: 40, 11/21/25 @ GR
First AHL Win: 10/26/24 vs. BRI
First AHL Shutout: 11/30/24 vs. IA
AHL Debut: 4/21/24 @ LV

Career Notes:

- Signed a two-year, two-way contract extension with the Panthers on 6/8/26
- Played two seasons at Dartmouth College, playing in 60 games, recording a 2.82 GAA and a SV% of .904
- Named to the ECAC All-Rookie Team in 2022-23
- Earned ECAC Second All-Star Team honors in 2023-24

Season	Team	League	GP	Record	GAA	SV%	SO	MIN
2019-20	Maryland Black Bears	NAHL	19	9-6-3	2.58	.916	2	1024
2020-21	Omaha Lancers	USHL	1	0-0-0	7.73	.667	0	16
2020-21	Odessa Jackalopes	NAHL	17	4-8-4	2.87	.906	1	961
2021-22	Nanaimo Clippers	BCHL	33	24-7-1	2.62	.924	2	1901
2022-23	Dartmouth College	ECAC	30	5-23-1	3.07	.899	3	1739
2023-24	Dartmouth College	ECAC	30	13-8-8	2.58	.910	2	1769
2023-24	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0-1-0-0	5.81	.789	0	41
2024-25	Savannah Ghost Pirates	ECHL	7	4-3-0-0	3.07	.886	0	391
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	17	11-4-1-0	1.98	.910	3	969
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	42	25-13-4-0	2.47	.903	1	2502
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	2	1-1-0-0	3.01	.906	0	120
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			62	37-19-5-0	2.40	.903	4	3632
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0-0-0-0	0.00	.000	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			69	41-22-5-0	2.46	.901	4	4023

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MATVEI SHURAVIN

muht-VAY shoo-RAY-vin

2

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 6'2, 171 lb.

Moscow, RUS - March 22, 2006 (20)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: N/A

Last AHL Assist: N/A

Career High, Points / AHL Game: N/A

First AHL Point: N/A

First AHL Goal: N/A

AHL Debut: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the third round (97th overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft by the Panthers

-Agreed to terms on a three-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers on 6/1/26

-With CSKA Red Army (MHL) in 2024-25, he registered 24 points (four goals, 20 assists) in 38 games, tied for the most goals by a defenseman on the team that season

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2022-23	CSKA Red Army Jr.	Rus-MHL	27	3	2	5	8	13
2023-24	CSKA Red Army Jr.	Rus-MHL	22	0	7	7	26	2
2023-24	Moscow Zvezda	Rus-VHL	5	0	0	0	2	-2
2023-24	CSKA Moscow	KHL	11	0	2	2	3	5
2024-25	CSKA Red Army Jr.	Rus-MHL	38	4	20	24	10	26
2024-25	Moscow Zvezda	Rus-VHL	2	1	0	1	2	2
2025-26	CSKA Red Army Jr.	Rus-MHL	15	2	1	3	4	6
2025-26	CSKA Moscow	KHL	21	0	1	1	4	-1
2025-26	Moscow Zvezda	Rus-VHL	12	0	1	1	4	1
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	0	0	0	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			5	0	0	0	0	-2
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			38	0	3	3	7	2

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





LUDVIG JANSSON

3

LUDD-vihg YAWN-suhn

Shoots: Right

Defenseman - 6'0, 176 lb.

Stockholm, SWE - December 27, 2003 (22)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/4/26 @ TOR

Last AHL Assist: 4/19/26 vs. LV

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 1, three times

First AHL Point: 10/11/25 @ SPR (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/11/25 @ SPR

AHL Debut: 10/11/25 @ SPR

Career Notes:

- Drafted in the fourth round (125th overall) of the 2022 NHL Entry Draft by the Panthers
- Made his NHL debut on 4/9/26, adding his first NHL point with an assist on 4/15/26
- SHL Championship winner with Lulea in 2024-25, suiting up for 17 playoff games
- Has represented Sweden twice at the U-20 Championships (2022, 2023), posting a ten-point performance (four goals, six assists) in seven games in 2023

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Sodertalje SK	Swe-1	47	2	3	5	10	-9
2022-23	Sodertalje SK	Swe-1	44	1	9	10	10	-6
2022-23	Sodertalje SK Jr.	Swe-Jr	7	2	3	5	6	-3
2023-24	Lulea HF	SweHL	50	0	3	3	25	-7
2023-24	Lulea HF Jr.	Swe-Jr	1	1	1	2	2	1
2024-25	Lulea HF	SweHL	50	1	3	4	37	-2
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	4	0	1	1	0	2
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	31	3	8	11	12	0
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			32	3	8	11	12	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			4	0	1	1	0	2
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			136	4	15	19	74	-7

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





CASEY FITZGERALD

5

KAY-see fihtz-JAIR-uhld

Shoots: Right

Defenseman - 5'11, 181 lb.

North Reading, MA - February 25, 1997 (29)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/17/26 vs. SPR

Last AHL Assist: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 4/29/22 vs. UTC w/ROC (3A)

First AHL Point: 3/30/19 @ BNG w/ROC (assist)

First AHL Goal: 4/14/19 @ BEL w/ROC

AHL Debut: 3/30/19 @ BNG w/ROC

Career Notes:

- Agreed to terms on a one-year, two-way contract with the Panthers on 7/2/26
- Drafted in the third round (86th overall) of the 2016 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres
- Appeared in 69 games with the Checkers in 2023-24, producing 21 points (four goals, 17 assists)
- Served as captain of the Hartford Wolf Pack in 2024-25 and an alternate for the club in 2025-26
- Earned gold medals representing the United States at the 2017 IIHF U20 World Junior Championship, 2015 World U18 Championship and 2014 World U17 Hockey Challenge.

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2018-19	Rochester Americans	AHL	4	1	2	3	0	1
2019-20	Rochester Americans	AHL	25	2	6	8	30	3
2020-21	Rochester Americans	AHL	22	2	9	11	34	-10
2021-22	Buffalo Sabres	NHL	36	0	6	6	36	-19
2021-22	Rochester Americans	AHL	28	4	8	12	43	-1
2022-23	Buffalo Sabres	NHL	23	0	3	3	4	-1
2022-23	Florida Panthers	NHL	4	0	0	0	0	-1
2023-24	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	69	4	17	21	65	22
2024-25	Hartford Wolf Pack	AHL	66	5	16	21	75	-8
2025-26	Hartford Wolf Pack	AHL	71	4	19	23	85	-5
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	4	0	1	1	16	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			289	22	78	100	348	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			63	0	9	9	40	-21
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			352	22	87	109	388	-21

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





DONOVAN SEBRANGO

6

DAWN-uh-vuhn seh-BRANG-goh

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 6'2, 223 lb.

Ottawa, ON - January 12, 2002 (24)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Last AHL Assist: 10/10/26 @ PRO

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 1/4/25 @ UTC w/BEL (3A)

First AHL Point: 3/3/21 @ RFD w/GR (assist)

First AHL Goal: 1/1/22 @ MIL w/GR

AHL Debut: 2/11/21 @ CHI w/GR

Career Notes:

- Agreed to terms on a one-year contract with the Panthers on 7/6/26
- Drafted in the third round (63rd overall) of the 2020 NHL Entry Draft by the Detroit Red Wings
- Won a gold medal for Canada at the 2022 IIHF U20 World Junior Championship while serving as the team's alternate captain
- Appeared in the 2019-20 CHL Top Prospects Game while playing for the OHL's Kitchener Rangers

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2020-21	Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	31	0	4	4	18	1
2021-22	Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	65	1	6	7	23	-7
2022-23	Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	39	4	3	7	19	-11
2022-23	Toledo Walleye	ECHL	23	1	11	12	6	11
2023-24	Belleville Senators	AHL	35	0	7	7	65	3
2023-24	Allen Americans	ECHL	4	1	1	2	0	-1
2024-25	Ottawa Senators	NHL	2	0	0	0	0	-1
2024-25	Belleville Senators	AHL	50	8	12	20	79	-4
2025-26	Ottawa Senators	NHL	2	0	0	0	5	-1
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	40	0	8	8	63	-4
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	1	2	3	8	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			225	14	34	48	212	-20
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			44	0	8	8	63	-6
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			296	16	54	60	286	-16

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MITCH VANDE SOMPEL

MIHTCH VAN-duh SUHM-puhl

8

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 5'10, 190 lb.

London, ON - February 11, 1997 (29)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 3/22/26 vs. LV

Last AHL Assist: 4/1/26 @ ROC

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, many times in career

First AHL Point: 10/7/17 @ BNG w/BRI (assist)

First AHL Goal: 10/22/17 @ HFD w/BRI

AHL Debut: 10/7/17 @ BNG w/BRI

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the third round (82nd overall) of the 2015 NHL Entry Draft by the New York Islanders

-Named to the 2019 AHL All-Star Classic with Bridgeport

-Cousin, Jacob Bryson, currently plays for the Detroit Red Wings

-Signed a one-year, one-way AHL contract with the Checkers on 6/12/26

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2017-18	Bridgeport Sound Tigers	AHL	58	7	22	29	36	-10
2018-19	Bridgeport Sound Tigers	AHL	70	10	21	31	28	4
2020-21	Bridgeport Sound Tigers	AHL	20	0	5	5	8	-19
2021-22	Bridgeport Islanders	AHL	56	2	16	18	20	-11
2022-23	Colorado Eagles	AHL	47	5	15	20	38	10
2023-24	Chicago Wolves	AHL	31	2	5	7	4	-7
2023-24	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	16	3	3	6	4	12
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	13	0	2	2	0	3
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	36	4	7	11	17	14
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			347	33	95	128	155	-2
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			347	33	95	128	155	-2

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MIKULAS HOVORKA

MIHK-uh-lahs H'VOHR-kuh

14

Shoots: Right
Defenseman - 6'6, 229 lb.
Praha, CZE - July 1, 2001 (25)
Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/11/26 vs. HER

Last AHL Assist: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 10/17/25 vs. IA (3A)

First AHL Point: 10/12/24 @ WBS (assist)

First AHL Goal: 12/11/24 @ WBS

AHL Debut: 10/12/24 @ WBS

Career Notes:

- Signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Panthers on 7/21/26
- Has played in 21 Calder Cup Playoff games with Charlotte over the past two seasons, posting five assists and a plus-6 rating
- Made his NHL debut with Florida on 2/5/26, potting his first NHL point with an assist on 2/15/26

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2022-23	Ceske Budejovice HC	Czech	40	3	3	6	24	-12
2023-24	Ceske Budejovice HC	Czech	51	5	11	16	42	14
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	60	3	7	10	33	2
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	4	0	1	1	0	-1
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	57	5	13	18	46	23
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	4	0	1	1	0	2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			121	8	21	29	80	27
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			4	0	1	1	0	-1
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			216	16	36	52	147	28

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MAREK ALSCHER

MEHR-ehk AL-shuhr

27

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 6'3, 206 lb.

Slany, CZE - April 7, 2004 (22)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 2/16/26 vs. HFD

Last AHL Assist: 10/4/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, 11/29/24 vs. IA, 10/17/25 vs. IA

First AHL Point: 10/18/24 vs. CLE (assist)

First AHL Goal: 11/16/24 @ SPR

AHL Debut: 10/13/24 @ BRI

Career Notes:

- Signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers in March of 2023
- Made his NHL debut on 4/9/26, logging his first NHL point on 4/11/26 with an assist
- Won a bronze medal representing Czechia at the U20 World Junior Championship in 2023-24 and was named among the Top 3 Players on Team Czechia during the tournament

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Portland Winterhawks	WHL	61	7	9	16	48	20
2022-23	Portland Winterhawks	WHL	60	8	16	24	67	-3
2023-24	Portland Winterhawks	WHL	57	7	19	26	43	32
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	53	2	8	10	36	-2
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	4	0	3	3	0	4
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	52	3	8	11	32	17
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	1	1	15	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			110	5	17	22	83	15
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			4	0	3	3	0	4
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			114	5	20	25	83	19

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





ALEX PETROVIC

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28

Shoots: Right

Defenseman - 6'5, 215 lb.

Edmonton, AB - March 3, 1992 (34)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 1/18/25 vs. MIL w/TEX

Last AHL Assist: 3/23/25 @ CHI w/TEX

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, 11/29/24 vs. IA, 10/17/25 vs. IA

First AHL Point: 10/18/24 vs. CLE (assist)

First AHL Goal: 11/16/24 @ SPR

AHL Debut: 10/13/24 @ BRI

Career Notes:

-Agreed to terms on a two-year contract with the Panthers on 7/1/26

-Drafted in the second round (36th overall) of the 2010 NHL Entry Draft by the Florida Panthers

-Served as an alternate captain with San Antonio in 2014-15 and in Texas from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2011-12	San Antonio Rampage	AHL	5	0	0	0	0	-1
2012-13	San Antonio Rampage	AHL	55	4	13	17	102	8
2012-13	Florida Panthers	NHL	6	0	0	0	25	-8
2013-14	Florida Panthers	NHL	7	0	1	1	8	3
2013-14	San Antonio Rampage	AHL	43	2	11	13	79	3
2014-15	San Antonio Rampage	AHL	41	3	17	20	59	-2
2014-15	Florida Panthers	NHL	33	0	3	3	34	-4
2015-16	Florida Panthers	NHL	66	2	15	17	90	17
2016-17	Florida Panthers	NHL	49	1	13	14	79	-1
2017-18	Florida Panthers	NHL	67	2	11	13	98	-2
2018-19	Florida Panthers	NHL	26	0	1	1	24	-8
2018-19	Edmonton Oilers	NHL	9	0	1	1	2	-7
2019-20	Providence Bruins	AHL	54	2	18	20	24	-1
2020-21	Stockton Heat	AHL	17	2	10	12	14	3
2021-22	Texas Stars	AHL	71	5	14	19	73	-1
2022-23	Texas Stars	AHL	71	9	18	27	62	34
2023-24	Dallas Stars	NHL	1	0	0	0	0	-1
2023-24	Texas Stars	AHL	70	5	17	22	40	-6
2024-25	Dallas Stars	NHL	5	0	0	0	4	-2
2024-25	Texas Stars	AHL	58	5	20	25	66	8
2025-26	Dallas Stars	NHL	54	2	8	10	47	2
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	3	0	0	0	0	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			488	37	139	176	519	43
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			323	7	53	60	411	-11
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			811	44	191	235	930	32

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





EMIL PIENINIEMI

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39

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 6'3, 177 lb.

Kuopio, FIN - March 2, 2005 (21)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 2/15/26 vs. CLE w/WBS

Last AHL Assist: 2/4/26 vs. HER w/WBS

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 1, three times

First AHL Point: 2/1/26 @ LV w/WBS (assist)

First AHL Goal: 2/15/26 vs. CLE w/WBS

AHL Debut: 1/31/26 vs. SYR w/WBS

Career Notes:

-Acquired from the Pittsburgh Penguins in exchange for the rights to Oliver Okuliar on 6/13/26

-Drafted in the third round (91st overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft by the Pittsburgh Penguins

-Represented Finland at the 2023 IIHF U18 World Championship and the 2024 IIHF U20 World

Championship, earning a silver medal at the 2025 IIHF U20 World Championship

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2023-24	Karpat	SM-liiga	37	2	4	6	10	-2
2023-24	Hermes Kokkola	Mestis	4	1	1	2	2	1
2024-25	Kingston Frontenacs	OHL	60	10	50	60	18	6
2025-26	Wheeling Nailers	ECHL	26	6	5	11	4	2
2025-26	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins	AHL	9	1	2	3	4	5
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			9	1	2	3	4	5
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			35	7	7	14	4	7

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





TOBIAS BJORNFOT

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40

Shoots: Left

Defenseman - 6'0, 200 lb.

Upplands Vaspy, SWE - April 6, 2001 (25)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 3/25/26 vs. BRI

Last AHL Assist: 10/4/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, six times (last time: 3/22/26 vs. LV)

First AHL Point: 10/19/19 @ SJ w/ONT (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/19/19 @ SJ w/ONT

AHL Debut: 10/19/19 @ SJ w/ONT

Career Notes:

-Signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Panthers on 7/1/26

-Scored the first overtime game-winning goal of his AHL career on 12/6/25 vs. ROC

-Drafted in the first round (22nd overall) of the 2019 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2018-19	Djurgardens IF	SweHL	7	0	0	0	2	0
2019-20	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	3	0	0	0	0	-4
2019-20	Ontario Reign	AHL	44	6	13	19	12	13
2020-21	Djurgardens IF	SweHL	15	1	2	3	33	3
2020-21	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	33	1	5	6	14	-3
2020-21	Ontario Reign	AHL	1	0	0	0	2	-2
2021-22	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	70	0	8	8	6	-12
2022-23	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	10	0	1	1	6	1
2022-23	Ontario Reign	AHL	50	5	7	12	8	0
2023-24	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	Ontario Reign	AHL	9	0	0	0	2	0
2023-24	Vegas Golden Knights	NHL	2	0	0	0	2	-2
2023-24	Henderson Silver Knights	AHL	5	0	0	0	4	-3
2023-24	Florida Panthers	NHL	1	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	Florida Panthers	NHL	14	0	0	0	2	-3
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	50	3	15	18	24	6
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	19	2	2	4	2	1
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	33	4	8	12	10	10
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	3	0	1	1	0	4
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			195	18	44	62	62	28
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			153	3	16	19	32	-19
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			370	22	62	84	129	9

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MATYAS MAN

MAH-tee-ahs MAHN

42

Shoots: Left
Defenseman - 6'5, 202 lb.
Ostrava, CZE - May 31, 2006 (20)
Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: N/A
Last AHL Assist: N/A

Career High, Points / AHL Game: N/A
First AHL Point: N/A
First AHL Goal: N/A
AHL Debut: N/A

Career Notes:

- Signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Checkers on 9/16/26
- Skated in 20 WHL postseason games, logging four points (two goals, two assists) as Prince Albert advanced to the WHL Championship Series, falling to the Everett Silvertips.
- Played four seasons in the HC Vitkovice organization, advancing from their under-17 program to their under-20 program from 2021-22 to 2024-25
- Made his professional hockey debut for HC Vitkovice's Czech Extraliga team on 3/4/25
- Represented Czechia internationally in the 2025 U-19 5-Nations Tournament and the 2026 IIHF World Junior Championship

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2024-25	Vitkovice HC	Czech	1	0	0	0	0	0
2025-26	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	53	2	11	13	53	27
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			1	0	0	0	0	0

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





JACK DEVINE

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4

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'0, 185 lb.

Glencoe, IL - October 1, 2003 (23)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/4/26 @ HER

Last AHL Assist: 10/11/26 @ SPR

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 10/17/25 vs. IA (1G, 2A), 11/7/25 vs. SYR (2G, 1A), 12/21 vs. SPR (1G, 2A)

First AHL Point: 4/16/25 @ HFD (assist)

First AHL Goal: 10/11/25 @ SPR

AHL Debut: 4/16/25 @ HFD

Career Notes:

-Was named an AHL All-Star in 2026

-Drafted in the seventh round (221st overall) of the 2022 NHL Entry Draft by the Panthers

-Made NHL debut on 11/20/25 with the Florida Panthers against the New Jersey Devils

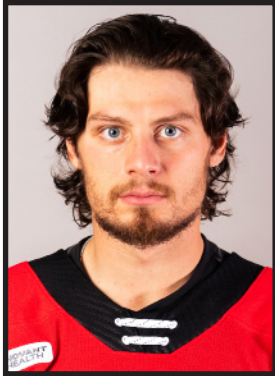
-Scored two goals and added three assists in seven 2025 Calder Cup Playoff Games

-2x NCAA National Championship winner with University of Denver (2021-22, 2023-24)

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	U. of Denver	NCHC	36	3	16	19	16	12
2022-23	U. of Denver	NCHC	38	14	17	31	19	18
2023-24	U. of Denver	NCHC	44	27	29	56	20	29
2024-25	U. of Denver	NCHC	44	13	44	57	34	16
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	3	0	2	2	0	0
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	6	0	0	0	2	-3
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	63	18	25	43	55	16
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	2	1	3	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			71	20	28	48	57	16
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			6	0	0	0	2	-3
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			77	20	28	48	59	13

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





ROBERT MASTROSIMONE

7

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Shoots: Left

Forward - 5'10, 165 lb.

Bay Shore, NY - January 24, 2001 (25)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/10/26 @ PRO

Last AHL Assist: 10/10/26 @ PRO

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 12/30/25 @ WBS (1G, 2A), 1/14/26 vs. SPR (3G)

First AHL Point: 11/8/23 @ MIL w/TOR (assist)

First AHL Goal: 12/1/23 @ SYR w/TOR

AHL Debut: 10/21/23 vs. CLT w/TOR

Career Notes:

- Scored first AHL hat trick on 1/14/26 vs. SPR
- Signed a one-year, one-way AHL deal with Charlotte on 2/2/26
- Drafted in the second round (54th overall) of the 2019 NHL Entry Draft by the Detroit Red Wings
- Won a gold medal at the World Junior A Challenge with Team USA in 2018-19

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2018-19	Chicago Steel	USHL	54	31	29	60	28	5
2019-20	Boston University	H-East	34	7	10	17	10	-1
2020-21	Boston University	H-East	15	3	5	8	6	-1
2021-22	Boston University	H-East	34	11	14	25	28	5
2022-23	Arizona State University	NCAA	38	11	31	42	31	4
2023-24	Toronto Marlies	AHL	45	4	11	15	41	2
2024-25	Toronto Marlies	AHL	50	10	4	14	22	0
2025-26	Savannah Ghost Pirates	ECHL	13	9	6	15	6	1
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	49	13	19	32	40	10
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	1	1	2	0	-1
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			149	28	35	63	103	12
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			162	37	51	78	109	12

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





ANGUS CROOKSHANK

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9

Shoots: Left

Forward - 5'11, 183 lb.

North Vancouver, BC - October 2, 1999 (27)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/17/26 vs. PRO w/UTC

Last AHL Assist: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, five times in career, most recently on 1/7/26 vs. SYR w/UTC

First AHL Point: 4/3/21 @ TOR w/BEL (assist)

First AHL Goal: 4/3/21 @ MB w/BEL

AHL Debut: 4/3/21 @ TOR w/BEL

Career Notes:

-Acquired from the New Jersey Devils along with goaltender Jacob Markstrom in exchange for Evan Rodrigues, Jesper Boqvist and Ben Steeves on 6/30/26

-Drafted in the fifth round (126th overall) of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft by the Ottawa Senators

-Named an AHL All-Star in 2023-24 as a member of the Belleville Senators

-Played three seasons at the University of New Hampshire, registering 63 points (35 goals, 28 assists) in 90 games with the Wildcats

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2020-21	Belleville Senators	AHL	19	5	11	16	6	-8
2022-23	Belleville Senators	AHL	71	26	21	47	31	-15
2023-24	Belleville Senators	AHL	50	24	22	46	60	-3
2023-24	Ottawa Senators	NHL	13	2	1	3	4	-3
2024-25	Ottawa Senators	NHL	8	0	1	1	0	-1
2024-25	Belleville Senators	AHL	62	22	18	40	36	0
2025-26	New Jersey Devils	NHL	8	1	0	1	4	1
2025-26	Utica Comets	AHL	60	24	13	37	14	-16
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	1	1	8	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			267	101	85	186	155	-44
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			29	3	2	5	8	-3
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			296	104	87	191	163	-47

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





COLE SCHWINDT

KOHL SHWIHNT

11

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'3, 210 lb.

Kitchener, ON - April 25, 2001 (25)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/11/26 @ SPR

Last AHL Assist: 10/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, twice in career, most recently on 12/8/23 vs. MB w/CGV

First AHL Point: 3/3/21 @ WBS w/SYR (goal)

First AHL Goal: 3/3/21 @ WBS w/SYR (goal)

AHL Debut: 2/17/21 @ UTI w/SYR

Career Notes:

-Older brother of Checkers forward Kai Schwindt

-Agreed to terms on a two-year contract with the Panthers on 7/1/26

-Drafted in the third round (81st overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft by the Panthers

-Skated in all 72 games with the Checkers in 2021-22, scoring 19 goals and adding 21 assists

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2020-21	Syracuse Crunch	AHL	10	1	1	2	10	-1
2021-22	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	72	19	21	40	21	22
2021-22	Florida Panthers	NHL	3	0	0	0	0	-4
2022-23	Calgary Wranglers	AHL	70	14	18	32	29	4
2023-24	Calgary Flames	NHL	4	0	0	0	2	-1
2023-24	Calgary Wranglers	AHL	66	14	22	36	31	7
2024-25	Vegas Golden Knights	NHL	42	1	7	8	0	3
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	29	5	2	7	2	2
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	4	1	1	2	4	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			222	49	63	112	95	28
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			78	6	9	15	4	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			300	55	72	127	99	28

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





KAI SCHWINDT

KIGH SHWIHNT

13

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'4, 194 lb.

Kitchener, ON - December 17, 2003 (22)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 12/16/25 @ WBS

Last AHL Goal: 1/13/26 vs. SPR

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, 10/17/25 vs. IA

First AHL Point: 10/17/25 vs. IA (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/17/25 vs. IA

AHL Debut: 10/22/23 @ TOR

Career Notes:

-Posted 65 points (37 goals, 28 assists) in 168 OHL games

-Younger brother of Checkers forward Cole Schwindt

-Signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers in September of 2022

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Mississauga Steelheads	OHL	68	12	5	17	16	11
2022-23	Mississauga Steelheads	OHL	67	12	13	25	51	-12
2023-24	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	Florida Everblades	ECHL	6	0	1	1	2	2
2023-24	Sarnia Sting	OHL	33	13	10	23	30	-1
2024-25	Savannah Ghost Pirates	ECHL	66	8	11	19	36	-3
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0	0	0	0	-1
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	33	2	5	7	6	2
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	3	0	0	0	0	-1
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			38	2	5	7	6	1
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			110	10	17	27	44	-1

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





NATE SMITH

NAYT SMIHTH

15

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'0, 177 lb.

Tampa, FL - October 19, 1998 (27)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/3/26 @ HER

Last AHL Assist: 4/19/26 vs. LV

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 4, 3/29/25 @ SJ w/ABB (2G, 2A)

First AHL Point: 10/14/22 @ HSK w/TUC (assist)

First AHL Goal: 11/4/22 @ CGY w/TUC

AHL Debut: 10/14/22 @ HSK w/TUC

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the third round (91st overall) of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft by the Winnipeg Jets

-Scored first pro hat trick on 10/3/26 @ HER (3G)

-Signed a two-year, one-way AHL contract with the Checkers on 12/11/25

-Won a Calder Cup with the Abbotsford Canucks in 2024-25, appearing in 22 playoff games and recording nine points (four goals, five assists)

-Has appeared in 14 NHL games with the Arizona Coyotes, logging two goals and two assists

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2019-20	Minnesota State U - Mankato	WCHA	35	9	18	27	37	10
2020-21	Minnesota State U - Mankato	WCHA	28	9	16	25	16	7
2021-22	Minnesota State U - Mankato	CCHA	38	19	31	50	43	22
2021-22	Arizona Coyotes	NHL	10	2	2	4	2	-1
2022-23	Arizona Coyotes	NHL	4	0	0	0	4	-1
2022-23	Tucson Roadrunners	AHL	64	12	15	27	37	-18
2023-24	Tucson Roadrunners	AHL	60	12	19	31	38	-4
2024-25	Abbotsford Canucks	AHL	60	9	17	26	38	-5
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	47	12	19	31	41	5
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	3	0	3	6	-3
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			236	48	70	118	160	-25
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			14	2	2	4	6	-2
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			250	50	72	122	166	-27

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





JOHNNY BEECHER

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16

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'3, 210 lb.

Elmira, NY - April 5, 2001 (25)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/4/26 @ HER

Last AHL Assist: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 4, 2/24/23 vs. CLT w/PRO (1G, 3A)

First AHL Point: 4/19/22 vs. LV w/PRO (assist)

First AHL Goal: 4/19/22 vs. LV w/PRO

AHL Debut: 4/16/22 @ LV w/PRO

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the first round (30th overall) of the 2019 NHL Entry Draft by the Boston Bruins

-Signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Panthers for the 2026-27 season on 7/1/26

-Played three seasons at the University of Michigan, logging 39 points (19 goals, 20 assists) in 81 games with the Wolverines from 2019-20 to 2021-22

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Providence Bruins	AHL	9	3	2	5	0	-7
2022-23	Providence Bruins	AHL	61	9	14	23	38	9
2023-24	Providence Bruins	AHL	17	4	4	8	2	9
2023-24	Boston Bruins	NHL	52	7	3	10	24	-6
2024-25	Boston Bruins	NHL	78	3	8	11	26	-9
2025-26	Boston Bruins	NHL	6	1	0	1	0	-1
2025-26	Calgary Flames	NHL	29	2	4	6	31	-5
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	1	1	2	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			92	17	21	38	40	11
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			165	13	15	28	81	-21
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			257	30	36	66	121	-10

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





NATE BASTIAN

17

NAYT bash-T'YEHN

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'4, 217 lb.

Kitchener, ON - December 6, 1997 (28)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/10/26 @ PRO

Last AHL Assist: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, many times in career

First AHL Point: 10/7/17 vs. BRI w/BNG (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/7/17 vs. BRI w/BNG

AHL Debut: 10/7/17 vs. BRI w/BNG

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the second round (41st overall) of the 2016 NHL Entry Draft by the New Jersey Devils

-Signed a one-year, two-way contract with the Panthers on 9/27/26

-Prior to his professional career, he played in 211 games with the OHL's Mississauga Steelheads over four seasons (2013-14 to 2016-17), posting 136 points (54 goals, 82 assists)

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2017-18	Binghamton Devils	AHL	68	10	8	18	45	-23
2018-19	Binghamton Devils	AHL	58	18	6	24	63	9
2018-19	New Jersey Devils	NHL	7	3	0	3	10	0
2019-20	Binghamton Devils	AHL	62	16	22	38	55	-2
2020-21	New Jersey Devils	NHL	41	3	7	10	21	0
2021-22	Seattle Kraken	NHL	12	1	1	2	31	-1
2021-22	New Jersey Devils	NHL	60	11	5	16	34	-11
2022-23	New Jersey Devils	NHL	43	6	9	15	31	7
2023-24	New Jersey Devils	NHL	54	5	7	12	32	-10
2024-25	New Jersey Devils	NHL	59	4	6	10	31	-4
2025-26	Dallas Stars	NHL	36	6	1	7	21	4
2025-26	Texas Stars	AHL	4	2	1	3	2	0
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	3	1	2	3	0	-1
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			195	47	39	86	165	-17
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			312	39	36	75	211	-15
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			507	86	75	161	376	-32

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





HUNTER ST. MARTIN

HUHN-tuhr SAINT MAHR-tihn

19

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'1, 174 lb.

Edmonton, AB - June 13, 2005 (21)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Last AHL Assist: 4/12/26 vs. HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, 12/30/25 @ WBS (1G, 1A), (2/16/26 vs. HFD (1G, 1A)

First AHL Point: 12/14/25 @ WBS (assist)

First AHL Goal: 12/20/25 vs. SPR

AHL Debut: 10/18/25 vs. IA

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the sixth round (193rd overall) of the 2024 NHL Entry Draft by the Panthers

-Won a WHL Championship in 2024-25, producing 17 points (seven goals, 10 assists) in 18 playoff games

-Signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Panthers in October of 2024

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Medicine Hat Tigers	WHL	15	0	0	0	6	-10
2022-23	Medicine Hat Tigers	WHL	61	8	14	22	55	10
2023-24	Medicine Hat Tigers	WHL	68	24	28	52	50	14
2024-25	Medicine Hat Tigers	WHL	65	39	20	59	62	35
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	46	5	8	13	33	4
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	1	0	1	2	1
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			51	6	8	14	35	5
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			51	6	8	14	35	5

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





WILL BITTEN

WIHL BIH-tihn

21

Shoots: Right

Forward - 5'11, 196 lb.

Ottawa, ON - July 10, 1998 (28)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 10/3/26 @ HER

Last AHL Assist: 4/20/24 vs. HFD w/SPR

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 11 times in career, most recently on 3/23/24 vs. SYR w/SPR (3G)

First AHL Point: 10/27/18 vs. COL w/IA (assist)

First AHL Goal: 12/26/18 vs. RFD w/IA

AHL Debut: 10/12/18 vs. TEX w/IA

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the third round (70th overall) of the 2016 NHL Entry Draft by the Montreal Canadiens

-Signed a one-year, one-way AHL contract with the Checkers on 6/12/26

-Has appeared in 31 Calder Cup Playoff games, recording 27 points (nine goals, 18 assists).

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2018-19	Iowa Wild	AHL	63	13	16	29	20	2
2019-20	Iowa Wild	AHL	51	8	13	21	22	-2
2020-21	Iowa Wild	AHL	31	7	12	19	19	5
2021-22	Iowa Wild	AHL	23	3	5	8	6	-16
2021-22	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	45	10	15	25	11	5
2022-23	St. Louis Blues	NHL	4	0	1	1	0	1
2022-23	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	65	22	23	45	36	6
2023-24	Springfield Thunderbirds	AHL	68	17	16	33	32	-21
2024-25	Moscow Spartak	KHL	21	1	4	5	0	-4
2024-25	Sochi HC	KHL	30	10	4	14	18	-5
2025-26	Sochi HC	KHL	59	10	11	21	14	-18
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	2	1	0	1	0	2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			348	81	100	181	146	-19
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			4	0	1	1	0	1
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			462	102	120	222	178	-45

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





RIESE GABER

REES GAY-buhr

22

Shoots: Right

Forward - 5'8, 165 lb.

Gilbert Plains, MB - October 10, 1999 (27)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 3/22/26 vs. LV

Last AHL Assist: 3/3/26 @ HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 4, 1/28/26 @ HFD (1G, 3A)

First AHL Point: 11/3/25 @ HER (assist)

First AHL Goal: 12/6/25 vs. ROC

AHL Debut: 11/2/24 @ HER

Career Notes:

- Signed a one-year, one-way AHL deal with the Checkers on 3/23/26
- Suffered an injury in December of 2024 that sidelined him for the remainder of the 2024-25 season
- Hobey Baker Memorial Award Nominee in 2023-24
- USHL Forward of the Year and Player of the Year in 2019-20
- Won a World Junior A Challenge Gold Medal in 2017-18
- Wore No. 39 during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons in Charlotte

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2019-20	Dubuque Fighting Saints	USHL	47	34	21	55	59	18
2020-21	U. of North Dakota	NCHC	29	11	10	21	41	8
2021-22	U. of North Dakota	NCHC	34	15	22	37	28	8
2022-23	U. of North Dakota	NCHC	39	20	17	37	31	-4
2023-24	U. of North Dakota	NCHC	40	18	16	34	34	11
2024-25	Savannah Ghost Pirates	ECHL	1	1	1	2	0	2
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	14	2	5	7	6	6
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	49	9	12	21	38	11
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	0	0	0	-1
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			69	11	17	28	44	16
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			69	12	18	30	44	18

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





COLE REINHARDT

KOHL RIGHN-hahrdt

23

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'1, 207 lb.

Calgary, AB - February 1, 2000 (26)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/19/25 vs. LAV w/BEL

Last AHL Assist: 10/11/26 @ SPR

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 4, 11/2/24 @ SYR w/BEL (1G, 3A)

First AHL Point: 2/19/21 @ LAV w/BEL (assist)

First AHL Goal: 3/15/21 @ LAV w/BEL

AHL Debut: 2/12/21 @ LAV w/BEL

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the sixth round (181st overall) of the 2020 NHL Entry Draft by the Ottawa Senators

-Claimed off waivers by the Panthers on March 6, 2026

-Played four years of junior hockey with the WHL's Brandon Wheat Kings from 2016-17 to 2019-20

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2020-21	Belleville Senators	AHL	33	6	6	12	8	2
2021-22	Belleville Senators	AHL	70	15	15	30	60	-9
2021-22	Ottawa Senators	NHL	1	0	0	0	2	0
2022-23	Belleville Senators	AHL	66	11	23	34	91	-3
2023-24	Belleville Senators	AHL	56	8	15	23	76	2
2024-25	Ottawa Senators	NHL	17	1	1	2	15	-4
2024-25	Belleville Senators	AHL	45	14	18	32	40	10
2025-26	Vegas Golden Knights	NHL	44	3	4	7	19	-6
2025-26	Florida Panthers	NHL	15	6	2	8	2	4
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	2	2	6	-3
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			275	54	79	133	281	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			77	10	7	17	38	-8
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			352	64	86	150	319	-7

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





GRACYN SAWCHYN

GRAY-sihn SOW-chin

24

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'0, 154 lb.

Grande Prairie, AB - January 19, 2005 (21)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 12/29/25 @ LV

Last AHL Assist: 10/16/26 vs. HFD

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, five times

First AHL Point: 10/12/25 @ PRO (assist)

First AHL Goal: 10/17/25 vs. IA

AHL Debut: 10/11/25 @ SPR

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the second round (63rd overall) of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft by the Panthers

-Amassed 200 points (67 goals, 133 assists) in 166 WHL games

-Won a WHL Championship in 2022-23

-Signed a three-year, entry level contract with the Panthers in November of 2024

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2022-23	Seattle Thunderbirds	WHL	58	18	40	58	68	36
2023-24	Seattle Thunderbirds	WHL	17	6	15	21	13	0
2023-24	Edmonton Oil Kings	WHL	37	13	30	43	31	5
2024-25	Edmonton Oil Kings	WHL	54	30	48	78	76	18
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	35	6	17	23	12	12
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	5	0	1	1	2	-2
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			40	6	18	24	14	10
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			40	6	18	24	14	10

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





KARSEN DORWART

KAR-suhn DOHR-wohrt

25

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'1, 194 lb.

Sherwood, OR - September 17, 2002 (24)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/11/26 vs. BRI w/LV

Last AHL Assist: 4/12/26 vs. CLE w/LV

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, four times in career

First AHL Point: 10/11/25 vs. BEL w/LV (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/11/25 vs. BEL w/LV

AHL Debut: 10/11/25 vs. BEL w/LV

Career Notes:

-Signed a one-year, two-way AHL contract with the Checkers on 9/11/26

-Played three seasons at Michigan State University, notching 92 points (38 goals, 54 assists) in 111 outings as a Spartan from 2022-23 to 2024-25

-Made his NHL debut with the Philadelphia Flyers on 4/5/25, against the Montreal Canadiens

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2021-22	Sioux Falls Stampede	USHL	61	9	16	25	6	-15
2022-23	Michigan State University	Big-10	38	10	17	27	8	10
2023-24	Michigan State University	Big-10	38	15	20	35	28	8
2024-25	Michigan State University	Big-10	35	13	18	31	12	20
2024-25	Philadelphia Flyers	NHL	5	0	0	0	2	-1
2025-26	Lehigh Valley Phantoms	AHL	70	10	14	24	18	-12
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	2	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			72	10	14	24	18	-12
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			5	0	0	0	2	-1
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			77	10	14	24	20	-13

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





BRIAN PINHO

BRIGH-uhn PINN-oh

26

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'1, 190 lb.

North Andover, MA - May 11, 1995 (31)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 3/28/26 @ HFD

Last AHL Assist: 4/12/26 vs. HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 4, 10/13/23 @ ROC w/BRI

First AHL Point: 10/19/18 @ CLT w/HER (goal)

First AHL Goal: 10/19/18 @ CLT w/HER

AHL Debut: 10/6/18 vs. SYR w/HER

Career Notes:

-Potted his 200th AHL/professional point on 12/29/25 @ LV with assist

-Drafted in the sixth round (174th overall) of the 2013 NHL Entry Draft by the New York Islanders

-Signed a two-year, one-way contract with the Checkers on 7/2/25

-Recorded a career-high 49 points with Bridgeport in 2024-25 and was named an AHL All-Star that season

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2018-19	Hershey Bears	AHL	73	4	8	12	8	-1
2019-20	Hershey Bears	AHL	62	20	17	37	14	16
2020-21	Washington Capitals	NHL	2	0	0	0	0	-2
2020-21	Hershey Bears	AHL	10	8	4	12	6	9
2021-22	Hershey Bears	AHL	27	8	9	17	6	-2
2022-23	Utica Comets	AHL	53	10	18	28	14	-7
2023-24	Bridgeport Islanders	AHL	72	9	25	34	6	-29
2024-25	Bridgeport Islanders	AHL	65	25	24	49	10	-14
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	71	14	20	34	16	12
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			433	98	125	223	80	-16
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			2	0	0	0	0	-2
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			435	98	125	223	80	-18

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





BRETT CHORSKE

BREHT CHORR-skee

28

Shoots: Right
Forward - 6'7, 216 lb.
Edina, MN - May 24, 2001 (25)
Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: 3/13/26 vs. BRI

Last AHL Assist: 3/7/26 @ LV

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 3, 11/28/25 vs. TOR (2G, 1A)

First AHL Point: 4/6/25 @ PRO (goal)

First AHL Goal: 4/6/25 @ PRO

AHL Debut: 3/22/25 @ UTC

Career Notes:

- Signed two-year, one-way AHL contract with the Checkers in March of 2025
- Earned ECAC First All-Star Team honors in 2024-25
- Wore No. 36 during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons in Charlotte

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2020-21	St. Cloud Norsemen	NAHL	50	16	36	52	22	-11
2021-22	Colorado College	NCHC	21	4	5	9	10	-6
2022-23	Colorado College	NCHC	19	2	1	3	2	-6
2023-24	Colgate University	ECAC	35	7	20	27	6	9
2024-25	Colgate University	ECAC	36	15	19	34	23	-4
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	8	3	1	4	0	5
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	62	11	12	23	14	1
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			70	12	13	25	14	6
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			70	12	13	25	14	6

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





KASPER LUNDELL

KAS-puhr luhn-DEHL

34

Shoots: Left

Forward - 6'0, 181 lb.

Espoo, FIN - May 11, 2004 (22)

Contract: AHL 

Last AHL Goal: N/A

Last AHL Assist: N/A

Career High, Points / AHL Game: N/A

First AHL Point: N/A

First AHL Goal: N/A

AHL Debut: 10/4/26 @ HER

Career Notes:

-Signed one-year, two-way AHL contract with the Checkers on 7/28/26

-Younger brother of Panthers forward Anton Lundell

-Has skated in 101 SM-liiga games over the past three seasons, recording 26 points (16 goals, 10 assists)

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2023-24	Kiekko-Vanta	Mestis	15	8	6	14	2	7
2023-24	HPK Hameenlinna	SM-liiga	12	4	1	5	4	-2
2023-24	HIFK Helsinki	SM-liiga	5	2	0	2	0	2
2023-24	KooKoo Kouvola	SM-liiga	3	0	1	1	2	0
2024-25	HPK Hameenlinna	SM-liiga	6	1	0	1	6	-1
2024-25	HIFK Helsinki	SM-liiga	37	6	4	10	4	4
2025-26	HIFK Helsinki	SM-liiga	38	3	4	7	8	-7
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	1	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			1	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			102	16	10	26	24	-4

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





MACKENZIE ENTWISTLE

37

muh-KEHN-zee EHNT-wihs-uhl

Shoots: Right

Forward - 6'3, 203 lb.

Georgetown, ON - July 14, 1999 (27)

Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: 4/1/26 @ ROC

Last AHL Assist: 4/12/26 vs. HER

Career High, Points / AHL Game: 2, three times (most recently on 3/3/26 @ HER - 2A)

First AHL Point: 10/14/19 @ IA w/RFD (assist)

First AHL Goal: 10/30/19 vs. SA w/RFD

AHL Debut: 10/4/19 @ IA w/RFD

Career Notes:

-Drafted in the third round (69th overall) of the 2017 NHL Entry Draft by the Arizona Coyotes

-Following an injury that held him to seven games in the regular season, he returned for eight Calder Cup Playoff games in 2024-25

-Signed a two-year, two-way contract with the Panthers in July of 2025

-Wore No. 18 during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons in Charlotte

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2019-20	Rockford IceHogs	AHL	56	11	15	26	38	0
2020-21	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	5	1	1	2	2	1
2020-21	Rockford IceHogs	AHL	22	4	8	12	8	-10
2021-22	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	55	5	7	12	23	-16
2021-22	Rockford IceHogs	AHL	2	0	1	1	6	-1
2022-23	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	66	4	6	10	14	-11
2023-24	Chicago Blackhawks	NHL	67	5	6	11	47	-29
2024-25	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	7	1	1	2	10	2
2025-26	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	49	5	7	12	41	7
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			136	21	32	53	103	-2
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			194	15	20	35	86	-56
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			330	36	52	88	189	-58

PROUD AFFILIATE OF





SAMU SALMINEN

43

SAH-moo SAL-mih-nen

Shoots: Left
Forward - 6'2, 186 lb.
Helsinki, FIN - April 9, 2003 (23)
Contract: NHL 

Last AHL Goal: N/A
Last AHL Assist: N/A

Career High, Points / AHL Game: N/A
First AHL Point: N/A
First AHL Goal: N/A
AHL Debut: N/A

Career Notes:

- Drafted in the third round (68th overall) of the 2021 NHL Entry Draft by the New Jersey Devils
- Signed a two-year, entry-level contract with the Florida Panthers on 9/20/26
- Won a NCAA national championship in 2025-26 with the University of Denver Pioneers, serving as the team's alternate captain
- Represented Finland as the nation's captain at the 2021 IIHF U18 World Championship, recording nine points (seven goals, two assists) in seven appearances
- Played with Checkers forward Jack Devine at the University of Denver during the 2024-25 season

Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	Plus/Minus
2022-23	U. of Connecticut	H-East	27	9	8	17	14	4
2023-24	U. of Connecticut	H-East	35	7	10	17	35	3
2024-25	U. of Denver	NCHC	44	10	18	28	24	21
2025-26	U. of Denver	NCHC	43	11	18	29	21	22
2026-27	Charlotte Checkers	AHL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON AHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON NHL TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
REGULAR SEASON PRO TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0

PROUD AFFILIATE OF

