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PRO HOCKEY DRAFTOLOGY 2020 Overview

Here we go! Some of the most creative new media sports entities in existence today have joined forces to bring you the ultimate guide to the 2020 NHL Entry Draft and offseason. In these pages, you'll read in-depth assessments of top young stars, gain an insight into the thought process of some of them and gain a look at draft aspects within the sport's developmental arena. Additionally, we look at the state of the NHL — including the upcoming free agent class.

As an added bonus, you can get an early jump on next year's hockey pool with a look at how players fared according to the "Ultimate Quantitative Baseline" statistic in 2019-20. Enjoy your reading and remember the forces who came together for this publication: Sportsology, The FDH Lounge and FantasyDrafthelp.com.

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Top 31 Overall Player Rankings

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

- 1 Alexis Lafreniere – LW – Rimouski – QMJHL
- 2 Quinton Byfield – C – Sudbury – OHL
- 3 Jamie Drysdale – D – Erie Otters – OHL
- 4 Cole Perfetti – C – Saginaw – OHL
- 5 Alexander Holtz – W – Djurgårdens – SHL
- 6 Tim Stutzle – W – Adler Mannheim – DEL
- 7 Lucas Raymond – W – Frolunda – SHL
- 8 Marco Rossi – C – Ottawa 67's – OHL
- 9 Yaroslav Askarov – G – SKA – VHL
- 10 Anton Lundell – C – HIFK – Liiga
- 11 Seth Jarvis – RW – Portland Winterhawks
- 12 Dawson Mercer – RW – Chicoutimi
- 13 Dylan Holloway – C – Wisconsin – NCAA
- 14 Noel Gunler – W – Lulea – SHSL
- 15 Jake Sanderson – D – NTDP – USHL
- 16 Brendan Brisson – C – Chicago – USHL
- 17 Jan Mysak – C – Hamilton Bulldogs – OHL
- 18 Jack Quinn – RW – Ottawa 67's
- 19 Jeremy Poirier – D – Saint John – QMJHL
- 20 Rodion Amirov – LW – Salavat – KHL
- 21 Thomas Bordeleau – C – NTDP – USHL
- 22 Mavrik Bourque – C – Shawinigan – QMJHL
- 23 Ty Smilanic – C – NTDP – USHL
- 24 Jean-Luc Foudy – C – Windsor – OHL
- 25 Connor Zary – C – Kamloops
- 26 Ryan O'Rourke – D – Sault Ste. Marie – OHL
- 27 Jacob Perreault – C – Sarnia Sting
- 28 Hendrix Lapierre – C – Chicoutimi
- 29 Tyson Foerster – RW – Barrie Colts
- 30 Zion Nybeck – RW – HV71 J20 – SuperElit
- 31 Sean Farrell – LW – Chicago Steel

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Zion Nybeck Has Some 2020 NHL Draft Intrigue

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

Zion Nybeck plays for HV71 in the SHL. He just signed a contract through 2023. So, the team that drafts him knows that he will be developed overseas. Nybeck feels like a late second-rounder. Some won't like the risk of his size, since he's only 5-8, but he has some other facets to his game, including his goal-scoring and being strong on the puck, that some franchises will deem risk worthy.

"I think my best spot is around the net. I'm good at finding an open spot and where the puck will go," said Nybeck.

He doesn't get run at by bigger guys there. "No, I don't feel small on the ice. It's something I'm not thinking about. I'm just the same as everybody else," Nybeck added.

This winger has speed, and he's quick with the puck. His decision making is good, and he's a playmaker who can score with a strong wrist shot. "I worked on my strength and my explosiveness. I want to get faster," Nybeck stated.

The season has started for him. He's now two games in. It's an odd time for 2020 NHL Draft prospects, but he's making the best of it. "I have the opportunity to stay this season in Sweden, so I can show the scouts what I can do in the SHL," said Nybeck.

He's felt good on the ice, and that's something is giving him even more confidence. "We lost our first game, so that's not so good, but I felt pretty good after the game. I had a lot left in the game."

Linus Sandin (older brother of Leafs defenseman, Rasmus) is on loan from the Flyers currently, and Nybeck gave a scouting report on him. "He's a really good person. He has taken care of me and helped me while on the team. He's a great hockey player. He has an amazing shot. I think he will be a really good player for them."

Nybeck enjoys playing in North America. "I've played in maybe two tournaments in North America," Nybeck remembered. "I think I like it better. The ice is much smaller, so it's an opportunity to score more. And find the right spots. That would help my game even more. Everything goes much faster. I'm good at playing in small areas."

When he gets drafted, he may find out watching television like everybody else. "I know we don't have any games the days the draft is occurring," he revealed. "I will hopefully stay up and watch it with my family. It's going to be a long day. Most teams called before summer break and now again. I get asked most about my height and sometimes my goal scoring. Most are asking what my best ability is on the ice. I tell them my hockey I.Q. and scoring ability is best."

Like most, he had a favorite player growing up. "When I was younger, I watched a lot of Peter Forsberg. I think is one of the greatest offensive players. I don't think I can compare my ability to his," Nybeck said with a smile. "I think I see the ice pretty well and my passing ability, so maybe someday."

Last year he worried about making mistakes on the ice but not this year. He's a lot more confident, and he has a lot to offer to the team that selects him. He's just learning how to play golf, so that's something he should be good at when he hits North America someday.

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Ty Tullio Is An Underrated Player Heading Into The 2020 NHL Draft

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

Ty Tullio is currently a star player for the Oshawa Generals. He's ranked in the top seven scoring leaders for OHL-eligible players who are entering the 2020 NHL Draft. He had a strong season that consisted of 27 goals, 66 points in total in 62 games; that's nothing to sneeze at. This season has been very eye-opening for all who have seen him play.

"With what I've done this year, I don't think a lot of people saw that coming," Tullio stated. "Now people are starting to see it more and more. People are reaching out more now. I think they're seeing I kind of created a name for myself. I have a lot more to give."

Last season the right winger had 15 goals and 42 points. So this season was a nice jump. "I felt like I got off to a good start and was consistent throughout," he noted.

Playing on a line with Philip Tomasino, who was traded to Oshawa, their old chemistry came out. "We played in a couple of spring tournaments a few years ago. Our style of play meshed from that point forward and when I got to Oshawa, he was the first guy to take me in. From the moment I started playing with the Gens, I was on his line the whole time I was there," said Tomasino, a first-round pick of the Nashville Predators in 2019. "He's a really easy guy to play with. All you have to do is get open and he'll find you."

"He is a pretty good shooter. Sometimes I would carry the puck in, and he'd be open and I'd give him a nice little pass and he would bury it. Just little things like that make him such a great player. Such an easy guy to play with."

Conversely, Tullio credits Tomasino for their success. "I believe he's one of the top players in our league. He's an unbelievable player. He is an example to all players, and he plays with heart and work ethic and passion in every game and every practice," said Tullio. "I had to play with pace with my minor hockey team and being the youngest player on that team, I had to adapt to that. I've played with a lot of high-end players like Cole Perfetti, Ryan O'Rourke, and Tomasino. You have to be able to pass at a high speed and play at a high speed."

When the OHL paused the season, it was quite a shock to the players. "We heard about things on the news, but nobody expected our season to be canceled. We were at the rink and just as we were getting on a bus to get to a plane on Thursday for a Friday game in Ottawa, Roger (Hunt) told us that the season is going to be postponed right now. There won't be any games today and for a while, until they get things figured out," Tullio remembered. "That was kind of a shock to all of us. Even now it's still shocking that we didn't get to finish our full season."

With no NHL combine, Zoom calls have been the way teams have been interviewing the 2020 draft-eligible players. "They've not been too hard. They're not asking any tough questions. Just kind of get to know you questions," Tullio added. "They want to know about your personal life, your past, and your hockey career. They know how you play. They watch you. This is just a result of not being able to see you at the combine."

Sometimes players have to talk about them being a bit on the smaller side. Tullio will never be asked about being 5-9 again. "As of last weekend I measured at 5'10.5 and 169 pounds," he revealed.

Tullio already plays a tough brand of hockey. "On my team, the way we play in the scrum. Our coach, Greg Walters, doesn't want one guy there, he wants four or five guys there, he wants to show that we're not scared of anybody," Tullio said with pride.

Tullio is from Windsor and something I noticed on my first trip there a few months ago is they may have the best pizza in Canada? "Places like Capri Pizza. Gino's and Naples, we have some of the best pizza I've ever had. I can go days eating the leftover pizza here," Tullio chuckled. "There are other places outside of Windsor that I don't find near as good. I think Windsor is an underrated top place regarding pizza. A lot of people need to try and it."

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Jamie Drysdale <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM8FM5HI23c>

Alexander Holtz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B06wnhbKKNc>

Seth Jarvis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yqd1oEgKIM>

Alexis Lafreniere https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHWi_FBCm9E

Anton Lundell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8zbS8LvBIQ>

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Lucas Raymond https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0ctUe7Q_IA

The New York Rangers Will Draft Alexis Lafreniere

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

New York Rangers general manager Jeff Gorton doesn't have to say he's drafting him. He's playing it cool. He's not going to make it known for a while. That's fine. At the end of the day, Alexis Lafreniere is the player they're drafting. As with most teams they did a lot of scouting. I was at the CHL Top Prospects Game where the Rangers had two scouts there. Sure, they want to see the other players, but they also wanted to see him. He's the best player in the draft. He's a level above anybody else who will be taken in this draft. The Rangers have never had the first overall pick before, in the modern draft era, and he's excited. "It's been a long couple of months. It's good to know today and it's a really good team," the Rimouski star stated. "The lottery had a couple of good teams. It's really good news. I'm really excited."

This left winger is an impact player. He's a true playmaker who is a threat to score with a shot that features a very quick release, even for NHL standards. He's fast, smart, he will lay a hit, he can play the PK if you want him there and at 6-1, 194 pounds, he can handle the rigors of an NHL season right away.

I think he's going to play in the Swiss League or somewhere overseas to start out his pro career while he waits for the NHL to start up in December or January. He had 112 points in 52 games in the "Q" this season. He has nothing left to prove there. I think he's going to follow the Auston Matthews game plan. "For sure, there are a couple of good possibilities," Lafreniere stated when asked if he might play somewhere else before the NHL.

As you would expect, he's been staying in shape. Like most players getting ice wasn't possible at the beginning of the pandemic but he's found some lately. "I've been on the ice a couple of times a week for a few months now," he revealed. "I'm working on the ice and in the gym to get better."

I'd slot him in as the top line or second-line left wing for the Rangers next season. I'd consider the top line, because he could have an instant impact if he and Artemi Panarin click, and I do think that can happen. Panarin has played right wing before. "Panarin is my favorite player on the Rangers. He's exciting to watch!"

The Rangers can market this player to their fans and in ads in North America right away. That means more revenue, more jersey sales.

Let the ridiculous trade talks or talks of the Rangers drafting Quinton Byfield first begin. Fans will have some fun with this, but none of that will be based on any kind of reality.

Black Draft Tracking Worksheet

- 1 NY Rangers
- 2 Los Angeles
- 3 Ottawa
- 4 Detroit
- 5 Ottawa
- 6 Anaheim
- 7 New Jersey
- 8 Buffalo
- 9 Minnesota
- 10 Winnipeg
- 11 Nashville
- 12 Florida
- 13 Carolina
- 14 Edmonton
- 15 Toronto
- 16 Montreal
- 17 Chicago
- 18 New Jersey
- 19 Calgary
- 20 New Jersey
- 21 Columbus
- 22 New York Rangers
- 23 Philadelphia
- 24 Colorado
- 25 Washington
- 26 St. Louis
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Continued Excitement Regarding Luke Hughes Will Help To Usher In The 24th Season Of The NTDP

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

Normally around this time of the year, we would be talking about the new group of NTDP players who would be getting ready for their new season. Luke Hughes is one of the big returning names who should land in the top ten in the 2021 NHL Draft. He's the younger brother of Jack (Devils) and Quinn (Canucks), both NHL players. Instead, we're talking about a pair of new hires, Dan Muse and Adam Nightingale.

Seth Appert was hired by the Buffalo Sabres to become the head coach of the Rochester Americans. He was expected to lead the U17 team in 2020-21. John Wroblewski was hired by the Los Angeles Kings to become the new head coach of Ontario Reign, their AHL affiliate. He was expected to run the U18 team in 2020-21, so the NTDP had to act fast. "It's been a remarkable two weeks and it got very busy, very fast," said senior director of operations for the NTDP, Scott Monaghan. "We had some great candidates come in and we moved very quickly."

Muse, was last with the Nashville Predators as an assistant but was quick to point out how much experience he has. He will run the U18 team. "I worked in a lot of different leagues at a lot of different levels."

Nightingale, most recently an assistant coach with the Detroit Red Wings, got to stay local. He will run the U17 team. "When you look at the age of the kids, we work with an opportunity to share things I went through as a coach and a player."

Nightingale wants to mold these young players. "My core belief is we get to impact kids at critical ages."

Keeping these players engaged may be a challenge. The hard part is the NTDP won't be playing games for a while since the USHL stated the 2020-21 season is expected to start on November 6th. So, for now, scrimmages and on-ice instruction will be very important. "I think so much development happens in summertime and kids should be rewarded," Nightingale stated. "The boys will come in next week with their parents and yesterday I reached out to all the boys,"

Back to his key players. Muse mentioned Hughes, "I talked to him yesterday. I told him I was so happy to be coaching you guys instead of against them. The Hughes is a special family. I've only seen games of Luke on tape. It's a process."

Luke is a defenseman but don't compare him to Quinn. Luke is 6-1, 161 pounds so he will be bigger than Quinn. He does have great vision and a high hockey I.Q. and that runs in the family. Moving the puck up the ice quickly and scoring is indeed in his arsenal as well. So far it looks like he will attend Michigan University next year like his brother Quinn did.

This will be an odd season, but the NTDP is trying to keep it normalized and keep their players prepared until the day comes when they can take part in games once again.

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Top 10 For The Next 10

The FDH Top 10 for the Next 10 is a list attempting to identify the best players in the league -- not necessarily in a pure fantasy sense -- over the course of the entire next decade. It's not a pure 25-and-under draft, but it skews heavily in that direction because most big-time stars are past their primes in their late 30s. Players who are both very young and very skilled already have the biggest edges.

- 1 Connor McDavid
- 2 Leon Draisaitl
- 3 Nathan MacKinnon
- 4 David Pastrnak
- 5 Nikita Kucherov
- 6 Auston Matthews
- 7 Braydon Point
- 8 Sebastian Aho
- 9 Andrei Vasilevskiy
- 10 Miro Heiskanen

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Quinn Hughes
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2019-20 FDH All-Star Rosters By Division

ATLANTIC DIVISION		CENTRAL DIVISION	
FIRST TEAM		FIRST TEAM	
LW	Brad Marchand	LW	Kyle Connor
C	Auston Matthews	C	Nathan MacKinnon
RW	David Pastrnak	RW	Patrick Kane
D	Victor Hedman	D	Roman Josi
D	Torey Krug	D	Alex Pietrangelo
G	Andrei Vasilevskiy	G	Connor Hellebuyck
SECOND TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
LW	Jonathan Huberdeau	LW	David Perron
C	Jack Eichel	C	Mark Scheifele
RW	Nikita Kucherov	RW	Patrik Laine
D	Aaron Ekblad	D	Cole Makar
D	Rasmus Dahlin	D	Ryan Suter
G	Tuukka Rask	G	Jordan Binnington
METRO DIVISION		PACIFIC DIVISION	
FIRST TEAM		FIRST TEAM	
LW	Artemi Panarin	LW	Max Pacioretty
C	Mika Zibanejad	C	Leon Draisaitl
RW	Teuvo Teravainen	RW	Mark Stone
D	John Carlson	D	Quinn Hughes
D	Anthony DeAngelo	D	Shea Theodore
G	Carter Hart	G	Jacob Markstrom
SECOND TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
LW	Alex Ovechkin	LW	Matthew Tkachuk
C	Sebastian Aho	C	Connor McDavid
RW	Andrei Svechnikov	RW	Reilly Smith
D	Kris Letang	D	Alexander Edler
D	Adam Fox	D	Alex Gogligoski
G	Joonas Porpivalo	G	Darcy Kuemper

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Team Needs

Anaheim: LW, D, C, RW
Arizona: G, LW, C, RW, D
Boston: D, RW
Buffalo: G, LW, D, RW
Calgary: G, RW, D
Carolina: LW, RW, D
Chicago: G, C, D, RW
Colorado: C, D, LW
Columbus: LW, RW, D
Dallas: G, RW, C, D, LW
Detroit: G, D, C, LW, RW
Edmonton: G, LW, D, RW
Florida: D, LW, RW
Los Angeles: G, LW, RW, C, D
Minnesota: G, RW, C, D, LW
Montreal: D, C, LW, RW
Nashville: G, RW, LW, D
New Jersey: C, D, RW
New York Islanders: LW, RW, D
New York Rangers: G, RW, D
Ottawa: G, C, RW, D
Philadelphia: LW, RW, D
Pittsburgh: G, LW, RW, D
San Jose: G, RW, LW, D
St. Louis: RW, LW, D
Tampa Bay: D, LW, RW
Toronto: G, LW, RW, D
Vancouver: G, LW, RW, D
Vegas: G, LW, D
Washington: RW, D
Winnipeg: C, D

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The FDH Lounge Top 31 Players In The NHL

NOTE: These players are ranked based not merely on how they have produced this year, but also the past year or two. These are not fantasy rankings, but are based on overall play. Numbers in parentheses indicate where the players ranked on our 2018 rankings, with the ones who fell out of those rankings listed at the bottom.

TOP TIER

- 1 Connor McDavid (2)
 - 2 Leon Draisaitl (10)
 - 3 Nikita Kucherov (1)
 - 4 David Pastrnak (13)
 - 5 Nathan MacKinnon (5)
 - 6 Artemi Panarin (24)
 - 7 Auston Matthews (9)
 - 8 Brad Marchant (4)
 - 9 Roman Josi (NA)
 - 10 Patrick Kane (14)
 - 11 Sidney Crosby (3)
 - 12 Victor Hedman (17)
 - 13 John Carlson (NA)
 - 14 Evgeni Malkin (23)
 - 15 Dougie Hamilton (NA)
 - 16 Braydon Point (6)
 - 17 Jack Eichel (NA)
 - 18 Mika Zibanejad (NA)
 - 19 Sebastian Aho (20)
 - 20 Mitch Marner (18)
 - 21 Jake Guentzel (26)
 - 22 Jonathan Huberdeau (28)
 - 23 Ryan Ellis (NA)
- ### SECOND TIER
- 24 Steven Stamkos
 - 25 Alex Ovechkin (8)
 - 26 Kyle Connor (NA)
 - 27 Alex Pietrangolo (NA)
 - 28 Mikko Rantanen (21)
 - 29 Cole Makar (NA)
 - 30 Jamie Benn (NA)
 - 31 Miro Heiskanen

2020-21 NHL Predictions

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
X-Tampa Bay 112
Y-Boston 105
Y-Toronto 97
Buffalo 86
Montreal 85
Ottawa 75
Detroit 70

Metropolitan Division

X-Philadelphia 109
Y-Washington 101
Y-Carolina 100
Y-New York Islanders 96
Y-New York Rangers 95
Pittsburgh 94
Columbus 90
New Jersey 85

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division
X-Colorado 110
Y-St. Louis 106
Y-Winnipeg 102
Y-Dallas 101
Nashville 92
Minnesota 81
Chicago 80

Pacific Division

X-Edmonton 108
Y-Calgary 104
Y-Vegas 103
Y-Vancouver 100
Arizona 92
Anaheim 82
Los Angeles 78
San Jose 75

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

Tampa Bay over New York Rangers in 6
Boston over Toronto in 7
Philadelphia over New York Islanders in 6
Carolina over Washington in 7
Colorado over Dallas in 7
St. Louis over Winnipeg in 6
Edmonton over Vancouver in 7
Vegas over Calgary in 7

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Tampa Bay over Boston in 7
Philadelphia over Carolina in 7
Colorado over St. Louis in 6
Edmonton over Vegas in 6

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Tampa Bay over Philadelphia in 7
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Recommended Divisional Setup For 2020-21 If Canadian Border Remains Sealed

With the NHL rejecting a bubble for the entire 2020-21 season and the chance that the Canadian border may remain sealed well into the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rumors of an all-Canadian division have surfaced. Our recommendations are based on that potential scenario: no conferences, five divisions, the top two teams in every division making the playoffs with the next six teams in the league standings making the playoffs as "wild cards." Take the 16 teams and simply seed them 1-16.

CANADIAN
DIVISION
Calgary
Edmonton
Montreal
Ottawa
Toronto
Winnipeg
Vancouver

CENTRAL
DIVISION
Chicago
Columbus
Detroit
Minnesota
Pittsburgh
St. Louis

PACIFIC
DIVISION
Anaheim
Arizona
Colorado
Los Angeles
San Jose
Vegas

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DIVISION
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2020 NHL Free Agency Preview

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

There are no franchise players in the upcoming free agency crop, but there are a handful who can help to put a good team over the top. Perhaps the two best dueled in the epic 2019 Stanley Cup Final: defensemen Alex Pietrangolo and Torey Krug. Goalies Jacob Markstrom, Braden Holtby (horrible year notwithstanding) and Robin Lehner likely belong on this level as well, as do defensemen Tyson Barrie and Sami Vatanen. And has anyone ever had a better advertisement in the playoffs for upcoming free agency than goalie Anton Khudobin?

If you're looking for upside, left wing Taylor Hall is your guy: a player with an elite pedigree who has played to that level, but sparingly. Right wing Mike Hoffman offers some of the same upside potential and right wing Evgenii Dadonov and left wing Erik Haula can give you some punch as well. Defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk is a good piece as well.

Solid players not worth breaking the bank over include right wings Mikael Granlund, Tyler Toffoli and defensemen TJ Brodie and Travis Hamonic.

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Preview Of FantasyDrafthelp.com Ultimate Hockey Stat For 2020-21

This is the FantasyDrafthelp.com statistic, the Ultimate Quantitative Baseline, based on the statistical principle of standard deviation from the mean. For defensemen and forwards, the relevant statistics are points, goals, assists, penalty minutes and plus-minus. For goalies, the relevant statistics are wins, shutouts, goals against average and save percentage (with the categories being weighted extra since there is one less). In each category, a spectrum is calculated from the best performance to the worst (on a per-game basis for forwards and defensemen). The numbers in each category are added together to create our statistic. An additional equalizer is injected to apply more points to each player at the positions of scarcer depth. What this stat truly does is to quantify beyond doubt how the stronger and weaker performances in each category add up to the absolute fantasy value for each player. As such, it establishes a baseline for performance that is more comprehensive than anything ever developed. A number over 300 is considered elite and 375 constitutes a perfect score. We have listed below the top rankings at each position for last season as well as the Top 35 overall.

	Goalies	UQB		Defensemen	UQB		Forwards		Top 35 Overall	
1T	Andrei Vasilevskiy	375	1T	John Carlson	375	1T	Leon Draisaitl	1T	Andrei Vasilevskiy	375
1T	Connor Hellebuyck	375	1T	Roman Josi	375	1T	Connor McDavid	1T	Connor Hellebuyck	375
1T	Marc-Andre Fleury	375	1T	Victor Hedman	375	1T	Artemi Panarin	1T	Marc-Andre Fleury	375
1T	Tuukka Rask	375	1T	Cale Makar	375	1T	David Pastrnak	1T	Tuukka Rask	375
1T	Anton Khudobin	375	1T	Zach Werenski	375	1T	Nathan MacKinnon	1T	Anton Khudobin	375
1T	Darcy Kuemper	375	1T	Dougie Hamilton	375	1T	Brad Marchand	1T	Darcy Kuemper	375
1T	Elvis Merzlikins	375	1T	Ville Heinola	375	1T	Nikita Kucherov	1T	Elvis Merzlikins	375
1T	Jake Allen	375	8	Brenden Dillon	364	1T	Patrick Kane	1T	Jake Allen	375
1T	Chris Driedger	375	9	Anthony DeAngelo	350	1T	Auston Matthews	1T	Chris Driedger	375
10	Jordan Binnington	344	10	Torey Krug	316	1T	Mika Zibanejad	1T	Leon Draisaitl	375
11	Carey Price	310	11	Kris Letang	314	1T	Evgeni Malkin	1T	Connor McDavid	375
12	Frederik Andersen	286	12	Alex Pietrangelo	279	1T	Alex Ovechkin	1T	Artemi Panarin	375
13	Tristan Jarry	213	13	Ryan Ellis	272	1T	Mitch Marner	1T	David Pastrnak	375
14	Pavel Francouz	206	14	Quinn Hughes	262	1T	Kailer Yamamoto	1T	Nathan MacKinnon	375
15	Jaroslav Halak	200	15	Sami Niku	249	1T	Zack MacEwen	1T	Brad Marchand	375

2019-20 Team UQB Rankings

1 Boston	16 Calgary
2 Colorado	17 Arizona
3 Tampa Bay	18 Minnesota
4 St. Louis	19 Vancouver
5 Carolina	20 Nashville
6 Pittsburgh	21 Chicago
7 Philadelphia	22 NY Islanders
8 Washington	23 Florida
9 Vegas	24 Montreal
10T Edmonton	25 New Jersey
10T NY Rangers	26 Buffalo
12 Toronto	27T Los Angeles
13 Dallas	27T San Jose
14 Columbus	29 Anaheim
15 Winnipeg	30 Ottawa
	31 Detroit

FantasyDrafthelp.com and The FDH Lounge are expanding the UQB concept to team sports. Our rankings are a mashup of the following measures: a strength of schedule metric, power play percentage, penalty kill percentage, Fenwick, shooting percentage, save percentage, ESG percentage and ESGA percentage.

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