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* Relevant 2022-23 statistical categories are listed, along with rankings for each, the number of games played and rankings in the aforementioned "Stat" category.

* NOTE: To better reflect how leagues are now conducted, all forwards are rated together.

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Top 50 Players Regardless Of Position

#	Player	#	Player
1	Connor McDavid	26	Dougie Hamilton
2	Matthew Tkachuk	27	Jake Oettinger
3	Nathan MacKinnor	28	Brad Marchand
4	David Pastrňák	29	Miro Heiskanen
5	Leon Draisaitl	30	Ilya Sorokin
6	Cale Makar	31	Tage Thompson
7	Rasmus Dahlin	32	Mikhail Sergachev
8	Charlie McAvoy	33	Igor Shesterkin
9	Roman Josi	34	Jack Hughes
10	Jason Robertson	35	Vince Dunn
11	Auston Matthews	36	Andrei Vasilevskiy
12	Adam Fox	37	Tim Stützle
13	Mikko Rantanen	38	Jakob Chychrun
14	Nikita Kucherov	39	Connor Hellebuyck
15	Brady Tkachuk	40	Brayden Point
16	Erik Karlsson	41	Jack Eichel
17	Quinn Hughes	42	Ryan Nugent-Hopki
18	Elias Pettersson	43	Mika Zibanejad
19	Roope Hintz	44	William Nylander
20	Mitch Marner	45	Connor Bedard
21	Linus Ullmark	46	Mark Stone
22	Josh Morrissey	47	Joe Pavelski
23	Hampus Lindholm	48	Victor Hedman
24	Alexandar Georgie	49	Shea Theodore
25	Kirill Kaprizov	50	Alex Pietrangelo

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	Goalies	Exp	UQB	Rk	GS	W	Rk	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO	Rk	QS%
1	Linus Ullmark	6	750	1	48	40	1T	0.938	1	1.89	1	2		0.896
2	Alexandar Georgiev	3T	658	2	62	40	1T	0.918	11	2.53	16	5	2T	0.661
3	Jake Oettinger	3T	602	4	61	37	3T	0.919	8T	2.37	9	5	2T	0.639
4	Ilya Sorokin	1	528	6	60	31	9	0.924	4	2.34	8	6	1	0.7
5	Igor Shesterkin	2	472	7	58	37	3T	0.916	12T	2.48	13T	3	12T	0.603
6	Andrei Vasilevskiy	3T	321	8	60	34	6	0.915	14T	2.65	19T	4	5T	0.583
7	Connor Hellebuyck 1X	7	531	5	64	37	3T	0.92	6T	2.49	15	4	5T	0.688
8	Vítek Vanecek	11	305	9	48	33	7T	0.911		2.45	11T	3	12T	0.667
9	Ilya Samsonov	12	296	11T	40	27	11T	0.919	8T	2.33	7	4	5T	0.675
10	Juuse Saros	8	296	11T	63	33	7T	0.919	8T	2.69		2		0.635
11	Filip Gustavsson	9	610	3	37	22		0.931	2	2.1	2	3	12T	0.73
12	Jeremy Swayman	10	302	10	33	24	15T	0.92	6T	2.27	6	4	5T	0.636
13	Frederik Andersen	18	72	18	33	21		0.903		2.48	13T	1		0.515
14	Adin Hill		69	19	25	16		0.915	14T	2.45	11T	0		0.64
15	Antti Raanta 2X		223	15	26	19		0.91		2.23	5	4	5T	0.5
16	Pheonix Copley		49		35	24	15T	0.903		2.64	18	1		0.6
17	Sergei Bobrovsky	17	0		49	24	15T	0.901		3.07		1		0.612
18	Devon Levi	15T			7	5		0.905		2.94		0		0.714
19	Joonas Korpisalo	13T	11		37	18		0.914	19	2.87		1		0.649
20	Thatcher Demko	13T	0		32	14		0.901		3.16		1		0.438
21	Stuart Skinner		123	16	48	29	10	0.913	20T	2.75		1		0.604
22	Carter Hart	19	0		54	22		0.907		2.94		2		0.444
23	Marc-André Fleury	20	24		45	24	15T	0.908		2.85		2		0.578
24	Logan Thompson		43		36	21		0.915	14T	2.65	19T	2		0.556
25	Ville Husso		90	17	56	26	14	0.896		3.11		4	5T	0.464
26	Pyotr Kochetkov	15T	41		23	12		0.909		2.44	10	4	5T	0.565
27	Tristan Jarry		19		47	24	15T	0.909		2.9		2		0.574
28	Darcy Kuemper		60	20	56	22		0.908		2.87		5	2T	0.5
29	Akira Schmid		255	13	14	9		0.922	5	2.13	3	1		0.643
30	Laurent Brossoit 3X		248	14	10	7		0.927	3	2.17	4	0		0.7

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Goalies: Thatcher Demko, Joonas Korpisalo, Pyotr Kochetkov
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Forward: Sebastian Aho, Kylo Connor, Sidney Crosby, Joel Eriksson Ek, Elias Lindholm, Steven Stamkos

Undervalued Players of 2023-24

Goalies: Frederik Anderson, Pheonix Copley, Adin Hill, Antti Raanta, Linus Ullmark
Defensemen: Vince Dunn, Quinn Hughes, Hampus Lindholm, Mike Matheson, Charlie McAvoy,
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	Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PIMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
1	Connor McDavid	1	750	1T	82	64	1	89	1	153	1	22	23T	36		18.2	18.2
2	Matthew Tkachuk	5	750	1T	79	40	14T	69	4T	109	6T	29	9T	123	2	12.3	12.4
3	Nathan MacKinnon	4	750	1T	71	42	9T	69	4T	111	5	29	9T	30		13.1	11.5
4	David Pastrňák	3	648	5	82	61	2	52	16T	113	3T	34	5	38		15.1	15
5	Leon Draisaitl 1X	2	687	4	80	52	4	76	3	128	2	7		24		14.2	21.1
6	Jason Robertson	8	486	6	82	46	7	63	8T	109	6T	37	3	20		13.9	14.7
7	Auston Matthews	7	354	11	74	40	14T	45	37T	85	21	31	7T	20		10.6	12.2
8	Mikko Rantanen	6	463	8	82	55	3	50	19T	105	8	15	36T	82	6T	12.8	18
9	Nikita Kucherov	21	425	9	82	30		83	2	113	3T	-2		36		10.7	11.1
10	Brady Tkachuk	13	400	10	82	35	36T	48	28	83	23T	-10		126	1	8.9	10.1
11	Elias Pettersson	9T	247	18T	80	39	20T	63	8T	102	10	16	34T	14		10.9	15.2
12	Roope Hintz	18T	306	12	73	37	25T	38		75	37T	31	7T	30		9.9	20.1
13	Mitch Marner 2X	14	274	14T	80	30		69	4T	99	11T	18	31T	28		10.2	15.3
14	Kirill Kaprizov	9T	192	26	67	40	14T	35		75	37T	4		35		9.2	15.3
15	Brad Marchand	35T	274	14T	73	21		46	35T	67		27	13	74	14	7	11.5
16	Tage Thompson	11	230	22	78	47	6	47	29T	94	14	4		39		11.1	15.9
17	Jack Hughes	12	216	23	78	43	8	56	12T	99	11T	10		6		11.3	12.8
18	Tim Stützle	16	149	34	78	39	20T	51	18	90	18	-3		54	27T	10	17.1
19	Brayden Point	15	183	28	82	51	5	44	40T	95	13	2		7		11.2	21.7
20	Jack Eichel	37	235	20	67	27		39		66		26	14T	6		7.8	12.1
21	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	23T	247	18T	82	37	25T	67	7	104	9	12		35		10.9	18.4
22	Mika Zibanejad	17	169	30	82	39	20T	52	16T	91	17	25	17	20		10.6	15.5
23	William Nylander	18T	88	49	82	40	14T	47	29T	87	19	10		28		10	13.7
24	Connor Bedard	20	NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	NA
25	Mark Stone	55T	473	7	43	17		21		38		11		10		4.3	15
26	Joe Pavelski 3X	59	252	17	82	28		49	22T	77	36	42	1	8		9.3	15.2
27	Nico Hischier	25	166	31	81	31	46T	49	22T	80	28T	33	6	10		9.2	12.1
28	J.T. Miller	26T	48		81	32	43T	50	19T	82	26T	-7		60	19T	7.5	14.3
29	Clayton Keller	26T	67		82	37	25T	49	22T	86	20	-2		49	37	8.7	16.6
30	Alex Ovechkin	30	67		73	42	9T	33		75	37T	-16		48	38	8.5	14.3
31	Sidney Crosby	22	144	35	82	33	41T	60	11	93	15	8		52	31T	9.6	12.9
32	Timo Meier	29	0		78	40	14T	26		66		-19		43	52T	7.1	12.2
33	Aleksander Barkov	32T	175	29	68	23		55	14	78	34T	10		8		7.3	11.1
34	Carter Verhaeghe	32T	78		81	42	9T	31		73	44T	10		46	42T	8.7	15.3
35	Andrei Svechnikov	32T	99	45	64	23		32		55		6		71	16	6.1	11.2
36	Steven Stamkos	31	44		81	34	39T	50	19T	84	22	-5		46	42T	8.4	14.2
37	Sebastian Aho	23T	55		75	36	29T	31		67		8		42	57T	8.2	16.5
38	Alexis Lafrenière	35T	0		81	16		23		39		10		33		3.6	11.9
39	Artemi Panarin	38T	137	36	82	29		63	8T	92	16	4		36		9.1	14.2
40	Travis Konecny	38T	160	32	60	31	46T	30		61		-12		77	11T	6.6	16.2
41	Evgeni Malkin 4X	42T	109	41	82	27		56	12T	83	23T	-12		82	6T	7.6	11.3
42	Kyle Connor	26T	0		82	31	46T	49	22T	80	28T	-11		20		7.5	11.4
43	Zach Hyman	40	89	48	79	36	29T	47	29T	83	23T	13	46T	39		8.8	13
44	Jordan Kyrou	41	0		79	37	25T	36		73	44T	-38		22		6.7	13.6
45	Matt Boldy	42T	0		81	31	46T	32		63		1		39		6.9	12.2
46	Kevin Fiala	44T	105	43	69	23		49	22T	72	49	2		52	31T	7.1	11.1
47	John Tavares	44T	18		80	36	29T	44	40T	80	28T	-7		34		8.5	13
48	Pierre-Luc Dubois	49T	97	46	73	27		36		63		5		77	11T	6.6	13.2
49	Bo Horvat	46	25		79	38	24	32		70		-1		18		7.5	16.6
50	Alex Tuch	51T	115	39	74	36	29T	43	45T	79	31T	14	40T	20		9	16.5
51	Evander Kane 5X	51T	104	44	41	16		12		28		-4		53	30	2.6	11
52	Jake Guentzel	49T	47		78	36	29T	37		73	44T	2		46	42T	7.9	14.8
53	Adrian Kempe	57T	106	42	82	41	13	26		67		22	23T	55	26	8.5	16.4
54	Cole Caufield	53	6		46	26		10		36		-10		2		4.2	16.5
55	Valeri Nichushkin		253	16	53	17		30		47		15	36T	2		4.9	10.8
56	Johnny Gaudreau		0		80	21		53	15	74	41T	-33		22		5.7	9.5

	Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PlMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
57	Jesper Bratt	54	0		82	32	43T	41		73	44T	14	40T	6		8.1	15.1
58	Andrei Kuzmenko	55T	19		81	39	20T	35		74	41T	9		8		8.6	27.3
59	Jake DeBrusk		277	13	64	27		23		50		26	14T	16		6.4	14.1
60	Owen Tippett	57T	0		77	27		22		49		-17		16		4.7	11.7
61	Rafael Harvey-Pinard	60	0		34	14		6		20		7		10		2.5	24.1
62	Joel Eriksson Ek	47T	3		78	23		38		61		4		44	49T	6.1	9.3
63	Elias Lindholm 6X	47T	0		80	22		42	49T	64		6		14		6	11.8
64	Michael Bunting		231	21	82	23		26		49		21	26T	103	3	5.5	13.2
65	Pavel Buchnevich		186	27	63	26		41		67		14	40T	36		7.3	21.1
66	Cole Perfetti		124	38	51	8		22		30		10		16		2.8	8.9
67	Tomáš Tatar		197	25	82	20		28		48		41	2	30		5.9	13.1
68	Jeff Skinner		86	50	79	35	36T	47	29T	82	26T	15	36T	29		9.3	14.5
69	Jared McCann		76		79	40	14T	30		70		18	31T	14		8.9	19
70	Nikolaj Ehlers		72		45	12		26		38		-2		11		3.6	9.1
71	Jamie Benn		82		82	33	41T	45	37T	78	34T	23	19T	34		9.5	17.4
72	Mathew Barzal 7X		66		58	14		37		51		5		22		4.9	10.1
73	Tyler Toffoli		34		82	34	39T	39		73	44T	16	34T	28		8.6	12.7
74	Claude Giroux		33		82	35	36T	44	40T	79	31T	4		34		9	16.4
75	Brandon Hagel		81		81	30		34		64		23	19T	54	27T	7.2	16.9
76	Yanni Gourde		78		81	14		34		48		23	19T	76	13	4.2	9.9
77	Chris Kreider		25		79	36	29T	18		54		21	26T	26		7	15.7
78	Brock Nelson		32		82	36	29T	39		75	37T	13	46T	24		9.1	16.2
79	Filip Forsberg		22		50	19		23		42		-4		20		4.4	12.1
80	Patrik Laine		3		55	22		30		52		-12		16		5.2	12
81	Teuvo Teräväinen		0		68	12		25		37		11		16		3.5	8.3
82	Mark Scheifele		0		81	42	9T	26		68		-16		43	52T	7.3	20.4
83	Dylan Cozens		0		81	31	46T	37		68		-3		41	60T	7	14.7
84	Sam Reinhart 8X		0		82	31	46T	36		67		-12		12		5.9	13.7
85	Alex DeBrincat		0		82	27		39		66		-31		45	46T	5.6	10.3
86	Jonathan Huberdeau		0		79	15		40		55		2		36		4.6	11.9
87	Brock Boeser		0		74	18		37		55		-20		24		3.9	10.1
88	Matthew Beniers		0		80	24		33		57		14	40T	2		5.8	16.2
89	Anthony Cirelli		61		58	11		18		29		13	46T	33		2.7	9.9
90	Dylan Larkin		12		80	32	43T	47	29T	79	31T	-7		45	46T	8	13.1
91	Anže Kopitar		9		82	28		46	35T	74	41T	20	29	4		7.6	16.6
92	Max Domi		3		80	20		36		56		-15		82	6T	4.9	11.2
93	Matt Duchene		3		71	22		34		56		4		32		5.7	13.1
94	Thomas Novak		95	47	51	17		26		43		5		8		4.8	18.3
95	André Burakovsky 9X		0		49	13		26		39		-9		14		3.2	12.4
96	Kyle Palmieri		158	33	55	16		17		33		13	46T	24		3.8	13.1
97	Alex Iafallo		110	40	59	14		22		36		14	40T	20		3.6	10.5
98	Artturi Lehkonen		41		64	21		30		51		8		28		5	14
99	Vincent Trocheck		20		82	22		42	49T	64		3		58	22	5.7	9.8
100	Nick Suzuki		0		82	26		40		66		-13		33		5.4	16
101	Evgeny Kuznetsov		0		81	12		43	45T	55		-26		56	24T	3.3	7
102	Jordan Eberle		0		82	20		43	45T	63		6		34		5.7	11.3
103	Alex Killorn		33		82	27		37		64		18	31T	45	46T	6.9	18.9
104	Nick Schmaltz		31		63	22		36		58		4		20		5.6	16.7
105	Pavel Zacha		46		82	21		36		57		26	14T	16		6.1	16
106	Logan Couture		0		82	27		40		67		-30		19		5.5	13.6
107	Martin Necas		6		82	28		43	45T	71	50	5		32		7.6	11.7
108	Dawson Mercer		14		82	27		29		56		22	23T	14		6.4	16.8
109	Trevor Zegras		0		81	23		42	49T	65		-24		88	5	5	12.5
110	Lucas Raymond		0		74	17		28		45		-17		24		3.4	12.7
111	Daniel Sprong 10X		43		66	21		25		46		13	46T	14		5.5	14.3

2023-24 Fantasy Overview

^ We said this a year ago: "as big scorers become ever more plentiful, paradoxically, the cutoff points on the top two tiers are higher – because fewer players are able to differentiate themselves above the rest in terms of points, goals or plus/minus." Big-scoring forwards are even more plentiful now, such that even being a point-a-game player does not render a player elite anymore absent other assets in their game!

^ Depth on defense is deeper by just a tiny bit at most levels, but the fifih tier is far deeper this year.

^ The second and third tiers at goalie are a tiny bit deeper this year.

2023-24 Fantasy Breakthroughs

Goalies: Ville Husso
Defensemen: K'Andre Miller
Forward: Cole Caufield

2023-24 Fantasy Sleepers

Goalies: Devon Levi
Defensemen: Victor Hedman
Forward: Alexis Lafrenière

Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PIMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Alex Newhook		0		82	14		16		30		0		22		2.3	12.1
Alexander Barabanov		0		68	15		32		47		-30		20		3	12.5
Anders Lee		0		82	28		22		50		-3		50	34T	5.4	13.1
Anton Lundell		0		73	12		21		33		1		43	52T	2.1	7.9
Barrett Hayton		0		82	19		24		43		-5		42	57T	3.2	10.7
Blake Lizotte		0		81	11		23		34		11		60	19T	2.9	10.2
Blake Wheeler		0		72	16		39		55		-3		46	42T	4.8	12.7
Boone Jenner		0		68	26		19		45		-32		51	33	3.7	12.1
Brandon Tanev		0		82	16		19		35		21	26T	44	49T	3.5	13.9
Brayden Schenn		0		82	21		44	40T	65		-27		50	34T	4.7	14.6
Bryan Rust		0		81	20		26		46		-4		31		3.8	9.5
Casey Mittelstadt		0		82	15		44	40T	59		-8		22		4.4	11.1
Chandler Stephenson		0		81	16		49	22T	65		12		26		5.6	13.3
Charlie Coyle	32	0		82	16		29		45		29	9T	30		4.5	11.5
Cody Glass		0		72	14		21		35		9		20		3.5	10.7
Conor Garland		0		81	17		29		46		-5		31		3.6	10.2
David Perron		0		82	24		32		56		-7		52	31T	5.3	12.3
Dillon Dubé		0		82	18		27		45		-6		47	39T	3.8	11.9
Drake Batherson		0		82	22		40		62		-35		33		4.7	8.8
Dylan Strome		0		81	23		42	49T	65		-4		24		6.3	14.9
Eeli Tolvanen		0		61	18		13		31		8		14		3.4	15.5
Eetu Luostarinen		0		82	17		26		43		19	30	28		4	12.9
Erik Haula		0		80	14		27		41		13	46T	47	39T	3.4	8.5
Filip Chytil	3			74	22		23		45		15	36T	30		5.2	12.4
Frank Vatrano		0		81	22		19		41		-29		66	17	2.7	9.5
Gabriel Vilardi	18			63	23		18		41		10		18		4.8	18.9
J.T. Compher		0		82	17		35		52		8		33		4.1	11

	Defensemen	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PlMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
1	Cale Makar	1	385	2	60	17	6	49	11	66	9	16	13T	30		10.5	9.7
2	Rasmus Dahlin	2T	269	5	78	15	9	58	6	73	5T	12	18T	92	2	10.2	7.4
3	Charlie McAvoy	7	317	4	67	7		45	12	52	17T	29	4	54	10	8.8	6.7
4	Roman Josi	2T	99	17	67	18	3T	41	19	59	13	5		36	26T	9.9	6.7
5	Adam Fox	5	173	11	82	12	16T	60	4T	72	8	28	5T	34	30T	11.9	7.5
6	Erik Karlsson	4	136	16	82	25	1	76	1	101	1	-26		36	26T	12.4	12
7	Quinn Hughes 1X	13T	230	7	78	7		69	2	76	2T	15	15	34	30T	10.2	4.5
8	Josh Morrissey	6	145	13	78	16	7T	60	4T	76	2T	2		41	19	11.3	9.3
9	Hampus Lindholm	27	397	1	80	10	27T	43	13T	53	16	49	1	56	8	10.9	6.3
10	Dougie Hamilton	8	146	12	82	22	2	52	9	74	4	23	10	50	13T	12.1	8
11	Miro Heiskanen	12	144	14	79	11	20T	62	3	73	5T	12	18T	32		11.1	5.3
12	Mikhail Sergachev	10	89	19	79	10	27T	54	8	64	10T	13	16T	53	11	9.3	6.4
13	Vince Dunn	19	141	15	81	14	10T	50	10	64	10T	28	5T	55	9	10.4	9.4
14	Jakob Chychrun 2X	16	204	10	48	9		24		33		7	27T	30		5.4	6.3
15	Victor Hedman	15	31	28T	76	9		40	20	49	21T	10	23T	42	18	7.6	4.9
16	Shea Theodore		244	6	55	8		33	29	41	30T	16	13T	18		6.8	5.9
17	Alex Pietrangelo	13T	35	27	73	11	20T	43	13T	54	15	13	16T	16		8.6	6.5
18	Brandon Montour	9	334	3	80	16	7T	57	7	73	5T	9	25T	107	1	9.9	6.6
19	Devon Toews		216	8	80	7		43	13T	50	19T	39	2	26		10	4.2
20	John Carlson	17	63	21T	40	9		20		29		-7		12		4.2	7.3
21	Bowen Byram	18	66	23	42	10	27T	14		24		7	27T	38	24	4.5	15.4
22	Moritz Seider 3X	11	0		82	5		37	24T	42	27T	-11		40	20T	6.1	3.6
23	Darnell Nurse	25T	95	18	82	12	16T	31		43	25T	26	9	64	5	7.6	5.9
24	Brent Burns	25T	63	21T	82	18	3T	43	13T	61	12	19	11T	44	17	11.4	7.1
25	Luke Hughes	27T	NA		2	1		1		2		0		0		0.3	50
26	Mike Matheson		206	9	48	8		26		34		7	27T	33		5.4	6.3
27	Adam Larsson	27T	31	28T	82	8		25		33		27	8	47	16	6.7	5.6
28	Drew Doughty	29T	27	30	81	9		43	13T	52	17T	12	18T	34	30T	8.5	6.2
29	Noah Dobson 4X	29T	9		78	13	12T	36	26	49	21T	4		20		8	6.3
30	Kris Letang	20T	0		64	12	16T	29		41	30T	-13		30		5.5	7.5
31	Seth Jones	20T	0		72	12	16T	25		37		-38		30		4.4	6.7
32	Jacob Trouba	20T	0		82	8		22		30		7	27T	63	6	5.8	4
33	Rasmus Andersson	23	18		79	11	20T	38	22T	49	21T	5		26		8	6.9
34	Evan Bouchard	24	0		82	8		32	30	40		6		28		5.4	5.1
35	Filip Hronek		46	26	64	9		30		39		7	27T	34	30T	6.8	7.3
36	Jared Spurgeon		69	20	79	11	20T	23		34		32	3	14		8.9	7.4
37	Mattias Ekholm		57	24	78	9		23		32		28	5T	28		7.7	6.7
38	Dmitry Orlov		49	25	66	7		29		36		12	18T	22		6.4	5.6
39	K'Andre Miller		22		79	9		34	28	43	25T	12	18T	37	25	7.5	8
40	Gustav Forsling		14		82	13	12T	28		41	30T	19	11T	40	20T	7.2	6.2
41	Zach Werenski		16		13	3		5		8		-6		0		1	7.3
42	Rasmus Sandin		5		71	7		28		35		3		39	23	5.5	8.6
43	Erik Gustafsson 5X		23		70	7		35	27	42	27T	9	25T	23		6.8	5.7
44	Owen Power		0		79	4		31		35		10	23T	24		5.3	3.1
45	Thomas Chabot		0		68	11	20T	30		41	30T	-11		52	12	6.1	6.7
46	Justin Faulk		0		82	11	20T	39	21	50	19T	-4		34	30T	6.6	5.6
47	Morgan Rielly 6X		0		65	4		37	24T	41	30T	-9		21		4.9	3.2

Suggested League Guidelines

We recommend that you hold your auction or serpentine-style draft with 10 owners, selecting 18 players (6 defensemen, 3 goalies, 3 left wings, 3 centers, 3 right wings). In case of an auction, use a financial system that allots an average of $11 per player.

Our preferred style of play is head-to-head roto, in which teams compete on a week-to-week head-up basis. Recommended categories are points, goals, assists, penalty minutes and plus-minus for forwards and defensemen and wins, least losses, shutouts, goals-against-average and save percentage for goalies. A rotating tiebreaker category should be utilized in the case of a 5-5 category tie. The starting lineup should consist of 2 goalies, 2 left wings, 2 centers, 2 right wings and 4 defensemen.

Surplus Goalies	Exp	UQB	Rk	GS	W	Rk	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO	Rk	QS%
Alex Lyon		0		14	9		0.912		2.89		1		0.714
Alex Stalock		0		24	9		0.908		3.01		2		0.542
Anton Forsberg		0		25	11		0.902		3.26		2		0.48
Casey DeSmith		0		33	15		0.905		3.17		0		0.485
Charlie Lindgren		0		26	13		0.899		3.05		0		0.538
Collin Delia		0		18	10		0.882		3.28		0		0.444
Connor Ingram		0		26	6		0.907		3.37		1		0.577
Craig Anderson		0		24	11		0.908		3.06		1		0.5
Daniel Vladar		0		23	14		0.894		2.87		0		0.435
David Rittich		0		18	9		0.901		2.67		0		0.444
Jack Campbell		0		34	21		0.888		3.41		1		0.353
Jacob Markström		0		58	23	20	0.892		2.92		1		0.448
Jaroslav Halák		0		24	10		0.903		2.72		1		0.625
Jordan Binnington		0		60	27	11T	0.894		3.31		2		0.45
Kevin Lankinen		0		18	9		0.916	12T	2.75		0		0.611
Mackenzie Blackwood		0		20	10		0.893		3.2		0		0.55
Mads Søgaard		0		17	8		0.889		3.32		0		0.471
Martin Jones		0		42	27	11T	0.886		2.99		3	12T	0.476
Matt Murray		0		26	14		0.903		3.01		1		0.5
Pavel Francouz		0		16	8		0.915	14T	2.61	17	1		0.563
Philipp Grubauer		0		36	17		0.895		2.85		0		0.611
Sam Montembeault		0		39	16		0.901		3.42		0		0.538
Samuel Ersson		0		10	6		0.899		3.07		1		0.5
Scott Wedgewood		0		18	9		0.915	14T	2.72		1		0.722
Semyon Varlamov		0		22	11		0.913	20T	2.7		2		0.636
Spencer Knight		0		19	9		0.901		3.18		1		0.421

Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PIMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Jack Quinn		0		75	14		23		37		-7		15		2.7	11.1
Jason Zucker		0		78	27		21		48		-4		47	39T	5	13.7
Jesperi Kotkaniemi		0		82	18		25		43		10		50	34T	4.5	14
Joel Farabee		0		82	15		24		39		-1		41	60T	3	10.3
John-Jason Peterka		0		77	12		20		32		-15		26		1.7	9.6
Jonathan Marchessault		0		76	28		29		57		2		21		6.1	12
Jonathan Toews		0		53	15		16		31		-31		43	52T	2.1	17.2
Josh Anderson		0		69	21		11		32		-8		72	15	2.8	12.8
Kaapo Kakko		0		82	18		22		40		12		8		3.9	14.4
Kasperi Kapanen		0		66	15		19		34		-8		18		2.9	12.9
Kent Johnson		0		79	16		24		40		-19		14		3.1	12.7
Kevin Hayes		0		81	18		36		54		-22		23		4	8.6
Kirby Dach		0		58	14		24		38		-2		43	52T	3.1	13.1
Lawson Crouse		0		77	24		21		45		-3		35		4.1	15.9
Mason Marchment		0		68	12		19		31		-6		80	9	2.2	8.1
Mason Mctavish		0		80	17		26		43		-19		44	49T	3	10.6
Matias Maccelli		0		64	11		38		49		0		18		4	18
Mats Zuccarello		0		78	22		45	37T	67		-3		26		6.2	11.1
Mikael Backlund		38		82	19		37		56		24	18	36		5.6	7.3

	Jake	Mike V	Jon	Samm	Nate
1	Connor McDavid	Matthew Tkachuk	Leon Draisaitl	Nathan MacKinnon	David Pastrňák
2	Brad Marchand	Jack Hughes	Adam Fox	Roope Hintz	Erik Karlsson
3	Mitch Marner	Josh Morrissey	Kirill Kaprizov	Hampus Lindholm	Linus Ullmark
4	William Nylander	Ilya Sorokin	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Mika Zibanejad	Mark Stone
5	Miro Heiskanen	Victor Hedman	Joe Pavelski	Sidney Crosby	Alex Ovechkin
6	Artemi Panarin	Andrei Svechnikov	Mikhail Sergachev	Jake Guentzel	Shea Theodore
7	Vítek Vaněček	Johnny Gaudreau	Cole Caufield	Teuvo Teräväinen	Jamie Benn
8	Devon Toews	Evander Kane	Drew Doughty	Juuse Saros	Claude Giroux
9	Kris Letang	Seth Jones	Carter Verhaeghe	Rasmus Andersson	Luke Hughes
10	Marc-André Fleury	Thatcher Demko	Joonas Korpisalo	K'Andre Miller	Anže Kopitar
11	Filip Forsberg	Chris Kreider	Jesper Bratt	Antti Raanta	Owen Power
12	Morgan Rielly	Evan Bouchard	Filip Hronek	Rasmus Sandin	Jeremy Swayman

	Jeff	Mike P	Russ	Rick	Jason
1	Nikita Kucherov	Cale Makar	Jason Robertson	Rasmus Dahlin	Auston Matthews
2	Quinn Hughes	Brady Tkachuk	Roman Josi	Charlie McAvoy	Mikko Rantanen
3	Jake Oettinger	Elias Pettersson	Tage Thompson	Tim Stützle	Alexandar Georgiev
4	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	Connor Bedard	Igor Shesterkin	Brayden Point	Jack Eichel
5	Steven Stamkos	Brandon Montour	Sebastian Aho	Nico Hischier	Dougie Hamilton
6	Evgeni Malkin	Clayton Keller	Aleksander Barkov	Connor Hellebuyck	John Tavares
7	Vince Dunn	Jakob Chychrun	Alex Pietrangelo	J.T. Miller	John Carlson
8	Darnell Nurse	Alexis Lafrenière	Timo Meier	Ilya Samsonov	Brent Burns
9	Patrik Laine	Adin Hill	Moritz Seider	Travis Konecny	Kevin Fiala
10	Frederik Andersen	Pheonix Copley	Filip Gustavsson	Kyle Connor	Sergei Bobrovsky
11	Mathew Barzal	Jordan Kyrou	Valeri Nichushkin	Bowen Byram	Mark Scheifele
12	Adam Larsson	Noah Dobson	Gustav Forsling	Mike Matheson	Jacob Trouba

2023 FDH Hockey Mock Draft Analysis

Round 1: Not much in the way of surprises.
Round 2: D/D for Rick? Highly unlikely! Interestingly, Jake, Samm, and Jason were the only F/F ones.
Round 3: Nice value for Mike P.
Round 4: Boy oh boy, this was not a good round for value, top to bottom.
Round 5: Jake, Mike P and Jason got some of the finest value of the entire draft right here.
Round 6: There was still a decent amount of explosiveness at F in this round.
Round 7: Dunn and Chychrun should never have still been there!
Round 8: Jason has a blue line with an absolutely stellar track record.
Rounds 9-12: How the mighty have fallen: Letang, Jones, Laine, Forsberg, Kopitar, Bobrovsky.

This draft was held on September 16, 2023, with the point guidelines listed on Page 7 in a serpentine draft-master style. Position selections were as follows: 6 F, 4D and 2G. Participants were as follows:
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The FDH Lounge Top 32 (Non-Fantasy) Players in the World

TOP TIER
1 Connor McDavid (1)
2 David Pastrnak (17)
3 Leon Draisaitl (3)
4 Nathan MacKinnon (5)
5 Matthew Tkachuk (12)
6 Jason Robertson (29)
7 Mikko Rantanen (19)
8 Nikita Kucherov (4)
9 Jack Eichel (NA)
10 Auston Matthews (8)
11 Mitch Marner (NA)
12 Cole Makar (7)
13 Jack Hughes (NA)
14 Mika Zibanejad (NA)
15 Tage Thompson (NA)
16 Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (NA)
17 Elias Pettersson (NA)
18 Brayden Point (NA)
SECOND TIER
19 Sebastian Aho (25)
20 Dougie Hamilton (NA)
21 Miro Heiskanen (NA)
22 Mitch Marner (16)
23 Nico Hischier (NA)
24 Aleksander Barkov (14)
25 Artemi Panarin (21)
26 Steven Stamkos (13)
27 Kirill Kaprizov (10)
28 Adam Fox (26)
29 William Nylander (NA)
30 Tim Stützle (NA)
31 Sidney Crosby (28)
32 Alex Ovechkin (24)

Johnny Gaudreau (2)
Roman Josi (6)
Victor Hedman (9)
Jonathan Huberdeau (11)
Elias Lindholm (15)
Igor Shesterkin (18)
Chris Kreider (20)
Andrei Vasilevskiy (22)
JT Miller (23)
Filip Forsberg (27)
Kyle Connor (30)
Jake Guentzel (31)

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 2022 rankings.

Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	PIMin	Rk	PIM	Rk	PS	S%
Morgan Frost		0		81	19		27		46		-12		24		3.8	12.3
Nazem Kadri		0		82	24		32		56		-19		56	24T	4.7	9
Nino Niederreiter		0		78	24		17		41		-13		22		3.9	13.3
Noah Cates		0		82	13		25		38		3		12		2.8	12.1
Oliver Bjorkstrand		0		81	20		25		45		-1		16		3.9	10.1
Patrick Kane		0		73	21		36		57		-22		16		4.8	9.3
Phillip Danault		0		82	18		36		54		-8		63	18	4	11.8
Reilly Smith		0		78	26		30		56		11		16		6.1	14.4
Rickard Rakell		0		82	28		32		60		-5		16		5.7	11.5
Robert Thomas		0		73	18		47	29T	65		-8		22		5.2	17
Ryan Hartman		0		59	15		22		37		7		90	4	3.9	10.1
Ryan O'Reilly		0		53	16		14		30		-21		16		2	15.7
Ryan Strome		0		82	15		26		41		-30		79	10	1.9	11.5
Sam Bennett		18		63	16		24		40		5		54	27T	3.5	8.3
Seth Jarvis		0		82	14		25		39		10		12		3.6	7.5
Shane Pinto		0		82	20		15		35		-21		18		2.6	12.7
T.J. Oshie		0		58	19		16		35		-18		59	21	3.1	15.1
Taylor Hall		46		61	16		20		36		11		24		3.7	10.7
Taylor Raddysh		0		78	20		17		37		-28		16		2.8	15.5
Tomáš Hertl		0		79	22		41		63		-36		42	57T	4.5	12
Trent Frederic		0		79	17		14		31		28	12	57	23	4	14.2
Troy Terry		0		70	23		38		61		-8		22		5.5	12.2
Tyler Bertuzzi		0		50	8		22		30		-8		29		2	7.5
Tyler Seguin		0		76	21		29		50		3		24		4.9	11.1
Victor Olofsson		0		75	28		12		40		-23		4		3.7	17.4
Viktor Arvidsson		0		77	26		33		59		-4		24		5.7	11.4
Vladimir Tarasenko		0		69	18		32		50		-14		8		4.1	10.7
William Karlsson		0		82	14		39		53		14	40T	10		4.5	8.7
Wyatt Johnston		0		82	24		17		41		6		20		4.4	15
Yegor Sharangovich		0		75	13		17		30		-3		16		2.1	9.9

2022-23 FDH All-Star Rosters By Division

	Atlantic Division	Metropolitan Division	Central Division	Pacific Division
LW	Matthew Tkachuk	Artemi Panarin	Jason Robertson	Zach Hyman
LW	Tim Stutzle	Alex Ovechkin	Jamie Benn	Kyle Connor
LW	Brady Tkachuk	Johnny Gaudrau	Roope Hintz	Andrei Kuzmenko
LW	Brad Marchand	Chris Kreider	Kirill Kaprizov	Kevin Fiala
C	Brayden Point	Jack Hughes	Joe Pavelski	Connor McDavid
C	Tage Thompson	Mika Zibanejad	Clayton Keller	Keon Draisaitl
C	Auston Matthews	Nico Hischier	Nick Schmaltz	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins
C	William Nylander	Sidney Crosby	Robert Thomas	Elias Petterson
RW	David Pastrnak	Andrei Svechnikov	Mikko Rantanen	Jordan Eberle
RW	Nikita Kucherov	Jesper Bratt	Blake Wheeler	Reilly Smith
RW	Mitch Marner	Patrik Laine	Valeri Nichushkin	Brock Boeser
RW	Alex Tuch	Rickard Rakell	Nino Niederreiter	Daniel Sprong
D	Hampus Llindholm	Dougie Henderson	Josh Morrissey	Erik Karlsson
D	Charlie McAvoy	Adam Fox	Miro Heiskanen	Quinn Hughes
D	Brandon Montour	Brent Burns	Cole Makar	Vince Dunn
D	Rasmus Dahlin	K'Andre Miller	Roman Josi	Alex Pietrangelo
D	Mikhail Sergachev	Noah Dobson	Devon Toews	Rasmus Andersson
D	Victor Hedman	Shayne Gostisbehere	Justin Faulk	Drew Doughty
G	Linus Ullmark	Igor Shesterkin	Alexander Georgiev	Logan Thompson
G	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Vitek Vanacek	Jake Oettinger	Stuart Skinner

FDH NHL 2023-24 Season Predictions

EASTERN CONFERNCE
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Y-Detroit 90
Buffalo 87
Ottawa 82
Montreal 65

METROPOLITAN DIVISION
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Y-Carolina 112
Y-New York Rangers 110
New York Islanders 89
Pittsburgh 86
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Philadelphia 76
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1 Boston
2 Dallas
3 New Jersey
4 Edmonton
5 NY Rangers
6 Toronto
7 Colorado
8 Tampa Bay
9 Carolina
10 Seattle
11 Vegas
12 Minnesota
13 Los Angeles
14 Winnipeg
15 Florida
16 Washington
17 NY Islanders
18 Pittsburgh
19 Ottawa
20 Buffalo
21 Calgary
22 Nashville
23 Detroit
24 Vancouver
25 St. Louis
26 Arizona
27 San Jose
28 Philadelphia
29 Montreal
30 Chicago
31 Columbus
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The Top Three Skaters In The NHL

By Russ Cohen/Sportsology

I thought it would be fun to talk about some of the greatest talent in the league in particular situations. Skating has improved dramatically in the 23 years I've been covering the sport. Speed kills. Slow teams suffer in this league, and I've targeted three players who drive other teams crazy. I'm not ranking them beyond the top three.

Jack Hughes – His edgework is crazy. The way he constantly keeps moving and causing matchup problems in the offensive zone is scary. Since last season, Hughes has been scoring at an elite clip. Last year he averaged 1.14 points per game and now this year, it's up to 1.31. Former New Jersey Devils great, Scott Stevens had 60 assists in 1993-94, a team record. Hughes has 40 so that's in jeopardy. Patrick Elias had 96 points in 2000-01, another team record that's in jeopardy since Hughes has 76 points in 58 games. I brought up the scoring because his skating makes it all possible. At 21, he hasn't reached his ceiling yet. How do you get a player like this? Through the NHL Draft.

Connor McDavid – He has the best acceleration with the puck. His game speed is faster than any player I've seen in my 59 years on this earth. Saying he's fast doesn't really explain it. Defenseman can't play him up close. At this point in his career, every team expects him to get one assist or one goal when they play the Edmonton Oilers. At this point, McDavid's speed allows him to shatter his own scoring records. His goals, 52, are a career-high, his 70 assists are nine off his career pace, and his 122 points are one off his career-high. He still has 18 games left to continue this assault on the NHL. This shows acceleration, and he has great edgework too. It's crazy.

Cale Makar – His best traits are his speed and his deceptive skating moves too. That slipperiness that he exhibits along the wall really messes with players. The deception is created by the edge work and the fact that he has the puck, you think he's dishing it, and then he's past the defender with the puck and that's what he does in every game. Once Makar stops and starts it throws off any defense and that's when chaos ensues. Makar is at .96 points per game in his short career. He is in double figures for goals again and might be the top goal-scoring defenseman in the game. His career average is .027. As an example, Erik Karlsson, who has had an amazing year, is .30 this season. The Avalanche have an exceptional defenseman, that's for sure.

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Top 10 For The Next 10

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

The FDH Lounge is adding a feature to this year's guide, our Top 10 For The Next 10 – the Top 10 players that you would want on your team for the ENTIRETY of the next decade. It's not a 25-and-under list per se, but since the criteria are centered around players who can help you throughout the next 10 years of their career, youth paired with extreme skill is evident up and down the list.

1 Connor McDavid
2 Jack Hughes
3 David Pastrnak
4 Leon Draisaitl
5 Jason Robertson
6 Matthew Tkachuk
7 Cale Makar
8 Auston Matthews
9 Jack Eichel
10 Adam Fox

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