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* Players are color-coded by their value by round in a 10-team draft. 1st round is gold, 2nd round silver, 3rd round bronze, 4th round orange and 5th round light blue.

* The "Stat" column shows how each player performed on our standard deviation from the mean statistic in 2025-26 (stat details on Page 2).

* Relevant 2025-26 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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THE TOP 75 PLAYERS IN PRO BASKETBALL HISTORY

The NBA's 75th Anniversary has prompted a wave of Best-Of lists, but few with the substance to reinforce the selections. Authors Rick Morris, Ben Chew and Russ Cohen came together to create a list of the top 75 pro basketball players ever, with evidence to justify the placement of each -- as well as biographical details, comparisons of various legends, little-known-but-interesting tidbits, what-if scenarios and much more. Additionally, the book includes our year-by-year ranking of the top players in pro basketball and rosters for hypothetical "Olympic Dream Teams" had they existed prior to 1992. This is a book that is crafted for sports fans who are interested in learning more about the rich history of pro basketball. Available on Amazon.com



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Top 50 Players Regardless Of Position



1	Connor McDavid	26	Igor Shesterkin
2	Nathan MacKinnon	27	Cole Caufield
3	Nikita Kucherov	28	Kyle Connor
4	Macklin Celebrini	29	Charlie McAvoy
5	Cale Makar	30	Ilya Sorokin
6	Leon Draisaitl	31	Miro Heiskanen
7	Evan Bouchard	32	Adam Fox
8	Jason Robertson	33	Brandon Hagel
9	Nick Suzuki	34	Jeremy Swayman
10	Quinn Hughes	35	Auston Matthews
11	David Pastrňák	36	Darren Raddysh
12	Martin Nečas	37	Matthew Tkachuk
13	Kirill Kaprizov	38	Mackenzie Blackwood
14	Rasmus Dahlin	39	Jake Guentzel
15	Zach Werenski	40	Moritz Seider
16	Lane Hutson	41	Brady Tkachuk
17	Andrei Vasilevskiy	42	William Nylander
18	Jake Oettinger	43	Connor Bedard
19	Matt Boldy	44	Matthew Schaefer
20	Mikko Rantanen	45	Jake Sanderson
21	Mark Scheifele	46	Dylan Guenther
22	Logan Thompson	47	Connor Hellebuyck
23	Jack Eichel	48	Scott Wedgewood
24	Jack Hughes	49	Jesper Wallstedt
25	Wyatt Johnston	50	Leo Carlsson

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	Goalies	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	W	RK	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk
1	Andrei Vasilevskiy	1	375	1T	58	39	1	0.911	5	2.31	2
2	Jake Oettinger	3T	375	1T	54	35	3	0.899		2.59	13T
3	Logan Thompson	3T	375	1T	58	31	4T	0.912	3T	2.44	7
4	Igor Shesterkin	6	375	1T	51	25	18	0.912	3T	2.5	9
5	Ilya Sorokin	5	375	1T	55	29	9T	0.906	15T	2.68	20T
6	Jeremy Swayman	8	375	1T	55	31	4T	0.907	13T	2.71	
7	Mackenzie Blackwood 1X	7	375	1T	39	23	20T	0.904	19	2.51	10
8	Connor Hellebuyck	2	0		57	23	20T	0.895		2.86	
9	Scott Wedgewood	10T	375	1T	45	31	4T	0.921	1	2.02	1
10	Jesper Wallstedt	13	375	1T	35	18		0.915	2	2.61	17T
11	Filip Gustavsson	10T	375	1T	50	28	13T	0.903	20T	2.69	
12	Jakub Dobes	9	0		43	29	9T	0.901		2.78	
13	Jet Greaves	14T	326	16	55	26	17	0.908	11T	2.6	15T
14	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	12	295	18	35	22		0.909	6T	2.52	11
15	Joel Hofer	18	375	1T	46	24	19	0.909	6T	2.61	17T
16	John Gibson 2X		375	1T	57	29	9T	0.901		2.72	
17	Linus Ullmark	20	281	19	49	28	13T	0.891		2.73	
18	Sergei Bobrovsky	14T	231		52	27	16	0.877		3.07	
19	Alex Lyon		329	15	36	20		0.906	15T	2.77	
20	Karel Vejmelka	17	375	1T	64	38	2	0.896		2.75	
21	Darcy Kuemper		170		50	19		0.891		2.78	
22	Anton Forsberg		375	1T	36	16		0.909	6T	2.57	12
23	Jacob Markström	16	0		44	23	20T	0.883		3.07	
24	Dustin Wolf	19	7		57	23	20T	0.899		3.01	
25	Brandon Bussi		307	17	39	31	4T	0.894		2.47	8
26	Casey DeSmith		250	20	30	15		0.907	13T	2.43	5T
27	Spencer Knight		239		55	19		0.902		2.82	
28	Daniel Vladar		197		52	29	9T	0.906	15T	2.42	3T
29	Jake Allen 3X		59		37	17		0.903	20T	2.74	

Evaluating Production Across a Spectrum: Lessons Of Our Proprietary Ultimate Quantitative Baseline Stat

Our "UQB" category (Ultimate Quantitative Baseline) on our draft board calculates the standard deviation from the mean in all relevant hockey categories. In simple English, imagine a spectrum going across from left to right, with negative numbers on the left side, a "zero" in the middle and positive numbers on the right side. We utilize this statistic for football, baseball, basketball, hoops and NASCAR as well as hockey. For hockey, we use all of the standard fantasy categories listed on the draft board to factor in for this statistical compilation. A player's performance in each category is plotted on one of these spectrums, with the most valuable players putting up most of their numbers on the most of their numbers on the positive side. Then, we add up the totals of every category, positive and negative. By using this tool, we can identify not merely how they performed, but how valuable their performances were in each category. Truly, this statistic serves as the ultimate baseline for the previous season's production.

Undervalued Players of 2026-27

Goalies: John Gibson
 Defensemen: Charlie McAvoy, John Carlson, Sam Malinski, Shayne Gostisbehere
 Forwards: Alex DeBrincat, Brady Tkachuk, Brandon Hagel, Clayton Keller, Cole Caufield, Evgeni Malkin, Jack Eichel, Jake Guentzel, Kyle Connor, Leon Draisaitl, Mark Stone, Matthew Tkachuk, Sam Bennett, Tom Wilson, William Nylander

Overvalued Players of 2026-27

Goalies: Connor Hellebuyck, Dustin Woll, Jacob Markstrom, Sergei Bobrovsky
 Defensemen: Brandt Clarke, Brock Faber, Cole Hutson, Jackson LaCombe, Jake Sanderson, MacKenzie Weegar, Matthew Schaefer
 Forwards: Adam Fantilli, Auston Matthews, Connor Bedard, Dylan Guenther, Jimmy Snuggerud, Leo Carlsson, Sam Reinhart, Tage Thompson, Wyatt Johnston

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	Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk	SPCT
1	Connor McDavid	1	375	1T	82	48	3	90	1	138	1	17	30T	44	49T	15.7
2	Nathan MacKinnon	2	375	1T	80	53	1	74	3	127	3	57	1	39		15.1
3	Nikita Kucherov	3	375	1T	76	44	8	86	2	130	2	43	3	50	34T	19
4	Macklin Celebrini	4	375	1T	82	45	4T	70	6	115	4	8		44	49T	15.7
5	Leon Draisaitl	11	375	1T	65	35	24	62	9T	97	9	13	46T	26		18.8
6	Jason Robertson	9T	375	1T	82	45	4T	51	18T	96	10	22	17T	32		15.3
7	Nick Suzuki	8	375	1T	82	29	46T	72	4	101	6	37	5	28		15.8
8	David Pastrňák	12	375	1T	77	29	46T	71	5	100	7T	4		72	10	11.1
9	Martin Nečas	9T	375	1T	78	38	18T	62	9T	100	7T	47	2	30		18.4
10	Kirill Kaprizov 1X	6T	348	15	78	45	4T	44	30T	89	13	10		28		16.8
11	Matt Boldy	6T	329	18	76	42	9T	43	34T	85	18T	18	27T	30		16.5
12	Mikko Rantanen	16	375	1T	64	22		55	14	77	27T	0		93	4	15.8
13	Mark Scheifele	17	347	16	82	36	21T	67	7	103	5	0		43		20.6
14	Jack Eichel	21	337	17	74	27		63	8	90	12	23	16	18		10.4
15	Jack Hughes	15	293	21	61	27		50	20T	77	27T	0		10		11.8
16	Wyatt Johnston	5	246	25	82	45	4T	41	39T	86	17	-5		32		21.8
17	Cole Caufield	34T	375	1T	81	51	2	37		88	14T	29	8T	14		19.8
18	Kyle Connor 2X	22	193	36T	82	39	16T	53	15T	92	11	-2		16		14.2
19	Brandon Hagel	25T	375	1T	71	36	21T	38		74	32T	34	6	58	27T	16.8
20	Auston Matthews	13	71		60	27		26		53		-4		18		11.9
21	Matthew Tkachuk	30T	196	34	31	13		21		34		-6		48	38T	14.8
22	Jake Guentzel	28	302	20	81	38	18T	50	20T	88	14T	13	46T	61	21T	17.3
23	Brady Tkachuk	29	254	24	60	22		37		59		4		71	11T	10
24	William Nylander	32	242	26T	65	30	40T	49	22T	79	25	-14		16		19.2
25	Connor Bedard	14	162	44	69	30	40T	45	26T	75	30T	-18		50	34T	13.3
26	Dylan Guenther 3X	20	159	47T	79	40	13T	33		73	36T	7		28		16.5
27	Leo Carlsson	19	86		70	29	46T	38		67	50T	4		33		15
28	Cutter Gauthier	24	193	36T	76	41	11T	28		69	46T	-2		28		14.3
29	Juraj Slafkovsky	25T	97		82	30	40T	43	34T	73	36T	9		52	33	16.7
30	Dylan Holloway	25T	42		59	22		29		51		13	46T	20		13.6
31	Tage Thompson	18	159	47T	81	40	13T	41	39T	81	22	-6		35		14.7
32	Clayton Keller	39T	214	29T	82	26		62	9T	88	14T	20	20T	38		11.6
33	Aleksander Barkov	33														
34	Tim Stützle 4X	37	143		80	34	25T	49	22T	83	21	7		39		17.5
35	Seth Jarvis	30T	95		71	32	33T	34		66		6		23		14.3
36	Artemi Panarin	38	131		78	28		56	12T	84	20	-7		20		12.5
37	Adrian Kempe	42	184	39	81	36	21T	37		73	36T	14	42T	58	27T	15.9
38	Robert Thomas	34T	150		64	25		39	48T	64		22	17T	24		24.5
39	Alex DeBrincat	45T	177	41T	82	41	11T	44	30T	85	18T	8		19		14.3
40	Sidney Crosby	43T	185	38	68	29	46T	45	26T	74	32T	0		44	49T	18.1
41	Mark Stone		327	19	60	28		45	26T	73	36T	26	11T	9		21.5
42	Sam Bennett		270	23	76	26		32		58		-10		82	7	12.9
43	Tom Wilson		375	1T	72	30	40T	32		62		15	40T	117	1	19.6
44	Evgeni Malkin		281	22	56	19		42	38	61		13	46T	61	21T	12.9
45	Mitch Marner	47	131		81	24		56	12T	80	23T	17	30T	24		14.5
46	Lucas Raymond	41	63		80	25		51	18T	76	29	1		22		14.5
47	Kirill Marchenko	43T	42		76	27		40	45T	67	50T	7		32		12.4
48	Filip Forsberg	48	131		82	40	13T	35		75	30T	-2		34		16.3
49	Sam Reinhart 5X	23	16		64	29	46T	32		61		-18		10		17.6
50	Dylan Larkin	45T	130		74	34	25T	33		67	50T	3		48	38T	14.9
51	Adam Fantilli	36	0		82	24		35		59		-13		38		11.2
52	Jimmy Snuggerud	39T	17		70	21		30		51		16	35T	18		12.4
53	Bryan Rust	50	56		72	29	46T	36		65		0		26		15.8
54	Brayden Point 6X	49	0		63	18		32		50		12		14		14
55	Brad Marchand		177	41T	52	27		27		54		-16		38		19.7
56	Alex Tuch		194	35	79	33	28T	33		66		24	15	57	30	16.9

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	Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk
57	Andrei Svechnikov		178	40	79	31	36T	39	48T	70	45	1		66	14
58	Steven Stamkos		170	43	82	42	9T	24		66		-17		58	27T
69	Sebastian Aho		142		79	27		53	15T	80	23T	11		46	44T
60	Matvei Michkov		160	45T	81	20		31		51		0		71	11T
61	Mathew Barzal		160	45T	81	19		53	15T	72	40	10		61	21T
62	Bo Horvat		100		68	31	36T	26		57		8		40	
63	<u>Gavin McKenna 7X</u>		NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
64	Travis Konecny		141		77	27		41	39T	68	48T	14	42T	59	24T
65	Brock Nelson		72		81	33	28T	32		65		15	40T	36	
66	Anthony Mantha		68		81	33	28T	31		64		10		43	
67	Drake Batherson		59		79	33	28T	38		71	41T	-7		33	
68	Trevor Zegras		120		81	26		41	39T	67	50T	0		62	19T
69	<u>Nikolaj Ehlers 8X</u>		7		82	26		45	26T	71	41T	8		14	
70	Ivar Stenberg		NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
71	Caleb Malhotra		NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
72	John Tavares		0		82	31	36T	40	45T	71	41T	-28		28	
73	Porter Martone		127		9	4		6		10		4		6	
74	Ryan O'Reilly		51		81	25		49	22T	74	32T	8		22	
75	Pavel Dorofeyev		63		82	37	20	27		64		-3		24	
76	Alex Ovechkin		24		82	32	33T	32		64		-5		26	
77	A.J. Greer		375	1T	78	17		15		32		14	42T	113	2
78	<u>Mika Zibanejad 9X</u>		4		81	34	25T	44	30T	78	26	-20		14	
79	Ridly Greig		208	32	77	13		22		35		12		83	6
80	Evander Kane		242	26T	71	13		18		31		-20		92	5
81	Max Domi		211	31	80	12		24		36		-29		95	3
82	Zach Hyman		204	33	58	31	36T	21		52		13	46T	28	
83	Anthony Cirelli		214	29T	71	23		29		52		38	4	48	38T
84	Tyler Bertuzzi		9		79	32	33T	26		58		-16		42	
85	Artturi Lehkonen		104		70	21		27		48		32	7	16	
86	Gabriel Landeskog		108		60	14		21		35		29	8T	47	42T
87	Zach Benson		75		65	13		30		43		27	10	42	
88	Viktor Arvidsson		61		69	25		29		54		20	20T	24	
89	Gabriel Vilardi		2		82	30	40T	39	48T	69	46T	-12		24	
90	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins		0		72	20		36		56		-9		21	
91	J.T. Miller		0		68	17		36		53		-30		33	
92	<u>Corey Perry 10X</u>		220	28	72	17		20		37		0		81	8

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^ We said this over the last three years: "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!" Still applies.

^ Depth on the top three tiers of defense is very similar to 2025-26, but then it falls off an absolute cliff. Be prepared!

^ The three tiers at goalie are remarkably similar to what they were the past two years!

2026-27 Fantasy Breakthroughs

Goalies: Brandon Bussi
Defensemen: John Marino
Forwards: Matvei Michkov

2026-27 Fantasy Sleepers

Goalies: Casey DeSmith
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Forwards: Brayden Point

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Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk	SPCT
Alex Bump		0		17	5		4		9		3		2		21.7
Alex Killorn		0		82	15		18		33		-2		40		10.1
Alex Laferriere		0		82	21		23		44		3		18		10
Alex Newhook		0		42	13		12		25		9		10		21.3
Alexander Wennberg		0		80	18		37		55		-25		18		19.4
Alexis Lafrenière		0		82	24		33		57		-7		20		14.6
Aliaksei Protas	38			76	25		27		52		20	20T	20		15.7
Anders Lee	0			82	19		23		42		0		44	49T	9.5
André Burakovsky	0			75	11		22		33		-32		16		12.8
Anton Frondell	0			12	3		6		9		-1		4		8.3
Anton Lundell	0			64	18		26		44		-8		34		13.1
Beckett Sennecke	85			82	23		37		60		-12		62	19T	11.7
Benjamin Kindel	0			77	17		18		35		-5		18		11.3
Blake Coleman	1			69	20		15		35		12		49	37	11.4
Bobby McMann	0			78	29	46T	17		46		-3		42		15.8
Boone Jenner	0			67	13		25		38		3		44	49T	9.8
Brayden Schenn	0			80	18		21		39		-28		68	13	15.1
Brock Boeser	0			75	22		26		48		-48		8		13.3
Carter Verhaeghe	0			77	25		30		55		-14		32		13.4
Casey Mittelstadt	0			71	15		27		42		12		12		19
Chandler Stephenson	0			80	16		33		49		-24		14		17.2
Charlie Coyle	0			82	20		38		58		3		14		13.9
Chris Kreider	0			75	22		28		50		-4		34		15.8
Christian Dvorak	0			80	18		33		51		11		27		11.9
Claude Giroux	0			82	14		35		49		20	20T	22		10.1
Cole Perfetti	0			68	12		20		32		-9		20		8.8
Collin Graf	0			81	21		25		46		6		12		17.8
Connor Brown	0			75	18		25		43		-1		22		15.5

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	Defense	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk	SPCT
1	Cale Makar	1	324	6	75	20	6	59	4T	79	3	32	8T	24		10.1
2	Evan Bouchard	2	375	1T	82	21	5	74	1	95	1	25	12	30		9.5
3	Quinn Hughes	5T	283	8	74	7		69	2	76	5	-4		32		3.7
4	Rasmus Dahlin	7	349	4	77	19	7	55	6	74	6	18	16T	76	4	9.7
5	Zach Werenski	3	261	9	75	22	3T	59	4T	81	2	7		18		8.5
6	Lane Hutson 1X	8T	289	7	82	12	20T	66	3	78	4	36	6	34		9.7
7	Charlie McAvoy	21T	191	11	69	11	24T	50	9T	61	10	13	26T	62	10T	9.9
8	Miro Heiskanen	12	87	22T	77	9		54	7	63	9	9		30		6.1
9	Adam Fox	13	157	12	55	9		44	15	53	20	5		20		9.9
10	Darren Raddysh	10	350	3	73	22	3T	48	12T	70	7	21	13	72	6	10.4
11	Moritz Seider	8T	93	18T	82	10		50	9T	60	11T	15	21T	57	14	5.3
12	Matthew Schaefer	4	88	21	82	23	2	36	21T	59	14T	13	26T	38	30T	10.4
13	Jake Sanderson 2X	5T	0		67	14	12T	40	19	54	19	16	20	8		9.5
14	Jakob Chychrun	18	219	10	80	26	1	34	25T	60	11T	20	14	62	10T	11.8
15	Rasmus Andersson	19	141	13T	81	17	8	30		47	24T	4		71	7	9.6
16	Mattias Samuelsson	25T	141	13T	78	13	16T	28		41	28T	41	4	28		11.9
17	John Carlson	27	87	22T	71	14	12T	46	14	60	11T	9		32		9.2
18	Erik Karlsson 3X	20	87	22T	75	15	10T	51	8	66	8	8		22		8.5
19	Cole Hutson	14T	0		14	3		7		10		-3		8		13.6
20	Josh Manson		375	1T	79	5		26		31		42	3	91	2	3.9
21	Darnell Nurse		340	5	82	7		17		24		-12		104	1	4.3
22	Sam Malinski		137	15	82	8		32	28T	40	30T	43	1T	22		4.9
23	Shayne Gostisbehere 4X		113	16	55	13	16T	37	20	50	22	11		22		11.2
24	Jackson LaCombe	11	0		82	10		48	12T	58	16	-2		19		6.4
25	Brock Faber	16T	35		80	15	10T	36	21T	51	21	18	16T	39	29	8.7
26	Brandt Clarke	14T	71	26	82	8		32	28T	40	30T	11		63	9	5
27	Mikhail Sergachev	28T	55	29	78	10		49	11	59	14T	2		44	24	6.3
28	Brent Burns		58	27	82	12	20T	23		35		33	7	32		7
29	Victor Hedman	25T	0		33	1		16		17		-1		10		2
30	MacKenzie Weegar	16T	13		79	4		24		28		-33		88	3	2.6
31	Noah Dobson	21T	9		80	12	20T	35	23T	47	24T	5		34		7.6
32	Roman Josi	23T	0		68	13	16T	42	16	55	17T	-15		30		7.2
33	Simon Edvinsson	23T			72	9		16		25		12	28T	75	5	10.2
34	Josh Morrissey	28T	26		77	14	12T	41	17T	55	17T	6		30		9.6
35	Brandon Montour 5X		108	17	64	11	24T	21		32		-21		45	22T	6.3
36	Colton Parayko	30			77	4		14		18		-6		23		3.8
37	Mattias Ekholm		78	25	82	6		35	23T	41	28T	32	8T	30		4.6
38	Devon Toews		56	28	68	3		21		24		37	5	32		2.6
39	John Marino		93	18T	80	4		32	28T	36		43	1T	16		7.3
40	K'Andre Miller		42	30	72	8		29		37		7		56	15	6.5
41	Oliver Ekman-Larsson 6X		93	18T	78	8		31		39		-6		70	8	7.4

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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	GP	W	RK	SV%	Rk	GAA	Rk	SO
Adin Hill	0		27	10		0.87		3.04		1
Akira Schmid	57		34	16		0.893		2.59	13T	2
Alex Nedeljkovic	0		40	18		0.896		2.87		0
Carter Hart	0		18	11		0.891		2.71		0
Colten Ellis	0		16	8		0.903	20T	2.9		1
Connor Ingram	35		32	16		0.899		2.6	15T	2
David Rittich	0		30	14		0.894		2.76		2
Devin Cooley	0		31	10		0.909	6T	2.69		0
Frederik Andersen	0		35	16		0.874		3.05		0
James Reimer	0		14	7		0.886		2.42	3T	1
Joey Daccord	4		47	20		0.896		3.03		2
Justus Annunen	38		28	10		0.906	15T	2.68	20T	1
Juuse Saros	0		59	28	13T	0.894		3.16		0
Philipp Grubauer	8		32	13		0.909	6T	2.65	19	0
Stuart Skinner	0		50	23	20T	0.888		2.92		2

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At your draft or auction, Don't Be That Guy who:

^ Doesn't properly understand his league's scoring system. Have the specific parameters down before you go to select your players.

^ Relies on a publication that doesn't have a draft board. Can you imagine such a thing?

^ Gets caught at the tail end of a run at a position: specifically, #2 defensemen should not be confused with the #1s.

^ Doesn't put enough emphasis on goal-scorers as opposed to assist-talliers. As is always the case in fantasy sports, scarcity leads to value.

Surplus Forwards

Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk	SPCT
Connor Dewar	0		78	14		16		30		16	35T	19		12.7
Connor McMichael	0		78	14		32		46		8		30		9.9
Dawson Mercer	0		82	20		22		42		-2		33		12.7
Dmitri Voronkov	37		63	17		15		32		-1		59	24T	15.5
Dylan Cozens	84		82	28		31		59		-7		59	24T	13.7
Dylan Strome	21		80	19		39	48T	58		2		46	44T	13.3
Eeli Tolvanen	0		78	12		24		36		-18		30		8.5
Egor Chinakhov	0		72	21		21		42		-2		10		15
Elias Lindholm	0		69	17		31		48		-7		38		14.9
Elias Pettersson	0		74	15		36		51		-30		20		11.5
Emil Heineman	0		82	22		9		31		-13		18		12.6
Emmitt Finn	0		82	13		17		30		-10		6		10.8
Erik Haula	0		81	14		24		38		-15		64	16T	11
Fabian Zetterlund	0		82	17		16		33		-1		16		12.9
Frank Nazar	0		66	15		26		41		-21		26		10.9
Fraser Minten	0		82	17		18		35		21	19	20		14.5
Gage Goncalves	0		74	11		22		33		26	11T	41		14.3
Ilya Mikheyev	0		77	18		18		36		2		18		14.6
Ilya Protas	41		4	1		3		4		1		2		14.3
Ivan Barbashev	23		82	23		38		61		20	20T	14		17.3
Ivan Demidov	3		82	19		43	34T	62		3		34		15
Jack Quinn	0		82	20		31		51		4		18		10.5
Jack Roslovic	0		69	21		15		36		-9		16		14.9
Jackson Blake	10		81	22		31		53		4		40		12.6
Jake DeBrusk	0		81	23		19		42		-31		12		10.5
Jake Neighbours	0		69	15		21		36		-7		43		17.4
James van Riemsdyk	0		72	15		16		31		-17		14		15.2
Jamie Benn	45		60	15		21		36		8		53	32	20.8
Jared McCann	0		52	20		20		40		-7		11		17.1
Jason Zucker	12		62	24		21		45		-5		23		18.6

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	1 Jason	2 Russ	3 Jon	4 Samm	5 Mike P
1	Connor McDavid	Nathan MacKinnon	Nikita Kucherov	Macklin Celebrini	Cale Makar
2	Rasmus Dahlin	Wyatt Johnston	Mikko Rantanen	Martin Nečas	Matt Boldy
3	Jake Oettinger	Adam Fox	Jack Hughes	Miro Heiskanen	Cole Caufield
4	Connor Bedard	Leo Carlsson	Brandon Hagel	Ilya Sorokin	Matthew Schaefer
5	Moritz Seider	Jeremy Swayman	Jake Guentzel	Juraj Slafkovsky	Mackenzie Blackwood
6	Mark Stone	Tim Stützle	Mitch Marner	Shayne Gostisbehere	Clayton Keller
7	Robert Thomas	Rasmus Andersson	Scott Wedgewood	Sidney Crosby	Lucas Raymond
8	Victor Hedman	Jackson LaCombe	Mikhail Sergachev	Evgeni Malkin	Adrian Kempe
9	Steven Stamkos	Dylan Larkin	Brent Burns	MacKenzie Weegar	Adam Fantilli
10	Sam Bennett	Brandt Clarke	John Gibson	Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen	Jakub Dobes
11	Darcy Kuemper	Alex Lyon	Roman Josi	Jimmy Snuggerud	Cole Hutson
12	Mattias Ekholm	Nikolaj Ehlers	Oliver Ekman-Larsson	Colton Parayko	John Marino
	6 Ben	7 Nate	8 Jake	9 Mike V	10 Rick
1	Leon Draisaitl	Quinn Hughes	Nick Suzuki	Kirill Kaprizov	Evan Bouchard
2	Lane Hutson	David Pastrňák	Zach Werenski	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Jason Robertson
3	Jack Eichel	Mark Scheifele	Auston Matthews	William Nylander	Logan Thompson
4	Brady Tkachuk	Igor Shesterkin	Matthew Tkachuk	Charlie McAvoy	Kyle Connor
5	Jake Sanderson	Darren Raddysh	Dylan Guenther	Jakob Chychrun	Cutter Gauthier
6	Tage Thompson	Aleksander Barkov	Connor Hellebuyck	John Carlson	Dylan Holloway
7	Jesper Wallstedt	Kirill Marchenko	Erik Karlsson	Artemi Panarin	Seth Jarvis
8	Darnell Nurse	Tom Wilson	Josh Manson	Alex DeBrincat	Mattias Samuelsson
9	Sebastian Aho	Matvei Michkov	Brad Marchand	Gavin McKenna	Sam Malinski
10	Linus Ullmark	Josh Morrissey	Sergei Bobrovsky	Jet Greaves	Filip Gustavsson
11	Noah Dobson	Devon Toews	Alex Ovechkin	Simon Edvinsson	Filip Forsberg
12	Sam Reinhart	Joel Hofer	K'Andre Miller	Andrei Svechnikov	Brandon Montour

This draft was held on September 13, 2026, 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:

- 1 FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones
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2026 FDH Hockey Mock Draft Analysis

Round 1: Few real surprises here, a pretty chalky round.

Round 2: Not many more surprises here. Only Russ, Jon and Samm went Forward-Forward.

Round 3: Rick picks up the value of the draft so far with Thompson as Ben (Eichel) and Russ (Scheifele) are not far behind.

Round 4: Jake buys low just a bit on M Tkachuk just like with Matthews.

Round 5: Russ picked up one of the real values in the draft in Swayman.

Round 6: Six rounds, six forwards for Jon? That's a bold strategy Cotton, let's see if it pays off!

Round 7: Jon (Wedgewood) and Ben (Wallstedt) were two more great values.

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- 2 Nikita Kucherov (2)
- 3 Nathan MacKinnon (4)
- 4 Leon Draisaitl (3)
- 5 Cale Makar (5)
- 6 Nick Suzuki (NA)
- 7 Macklin Celebrini (NA)
- 8 David Pastrnak (6)
- 9 Martin Necas (NA)

SECOND TIER

- 10 Kirill Kaprizov (12)
- 11 Jack Eichel (10)
- 12 Quinn Hughes (15)
- 13 Cole Caufield (NA)
- 14 Mark Scheifele (NA)
- 15 Evan Bouchard (23)
- 16 Jason Robertson (19)
- 17 Mitch Marner (18)
- 18 Mikko Rantanen (7)
- 19 Kyle Connor (24)
- 20 Matthew Tkachuk (13)
- 21 Jack Hughes (15)
- 22 Auston Matthews (8)
- 23 Lane Hutson (NA)
- 24 Matthew Boldy (NA)
- 25 Jake Guentzel (26)

THIRD TIER

- 26 Zach Werenski (20)
 - 27 Artemi Panarin (11)
 - 28 Tage Thompson (28)
 - 29 Brandon Hegel (21)
 - 30 Connor Bedard (NA)
 - 31 Aleksander Barkov (27)
 - 32 Andrei Vasilevskiy (29)
- Sam Reinhart (14)
William Nylander (17)
Adam Fox (19)
Rasmus Dahlin (22)
Brayden Point (25)
Brad Marchand (30)
Victor Hedman (31)
Alex Ovechkin (32)

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 2025 rankings.

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Jean-Gabriel Pageau		0		74	17		18		35		0		4		21
Jesper Bratt		0		82	22		49	22T	71	41T	-11		12		12.4
JJ Peterka		0		82	25		22		47		6		28		15.7
Joel Eriksson Ek		34		70	19		32		51		16	35T	32		9.8
Joel Farabee		0		82	20		18		38		-9		28		14.1
Jonathan Marchessault		0		62	12		19		31		-18		30		9.1
Jordan Eberle		3		80	26		29		55		2		28		15.5
Jordan Kyrrou		0		72	18		28		46		-5		8		10.4
Jordan Staal		0		75	20		16		36		5		29		18.7
Josh Doan		0		82	25		27		52		-4		25		14.7
Joshua Norris		22		44	13		21		34		11		28		18.8
Justin Brazeau		0		64	17		17		34		5		14		16.3
Justin Sourdif		0		78	15		20		35		17	30T	35		13.9
Kaapo Kakko		0		65	13		27		40		14	42T	14		16.7
Kevin Fiala		0		56	18		22		40		-11		34		12.2
Kiefer Sherwood		0		72	23		13		36		-20		50	34T	13.4
Konsta Helenius		0		9	1		3		4		1		0		6.7
Kyle Palmieri		0		25	6		12		18		-2		8		8.5
Lawson Crouse		37		81	24		20		44		20	20T	46	44T	17
Linus Karlsson		0		79	15		20		35		-28		42		12.9
Logan Cooley		68		54	24		19		43		3		28		23.5
Logan Stankoven		0		81	21		23		44		12		25		12.7
Luke Evangelista		0		81	12		44	30T	56		1		28		6.8
Marat Khusnutdinov		0		77	15		18		33		12		16		19.2
Marco Rossi		0		50	12		23		35		-26		10		18.2
Marcus Johansson		0		75	15		34		49		18	27T	12		14.2
Mason Marchment		101		68	19		26		45		17	30T	56	31	16
Mason McTavish		0		75	17		24		41		-15		42		11.6
Matias Maccelli		0		71	14		25		39		-23		16		15.6
Mats Zuccarello		51		59	15		39	48T	54		-5		20		12.3

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	Atlantic Division	Metropolitan Division	Central Division	Pacific Division
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LW	Lucas Raymond	Jesper Bratt	Jason Robertson	Adrian Kempe
LW	Brandon Hagel	Alex Ovechkin	Kyle Connor	Cutter Gauthier
LW	Juraf Slafkovsky	Alexis Lafreniere	Matt Boldy	Pavel Dorofeyev
C	Nick Suzuki	Sebastian Aho	Nathan MacKinnon	Connor McDavid
C	Tage Thompson	Jack Hughes	Martin Necas	Leon Drasaitl
C	Jake Guentzel	Sidney Crosby	Mark Scheifele	Macklin Celebrini
C	William Nylander	Matthew Barzal	Wyatt Johnston	Jack Eichel
RW	Nikita Kucherov	Andrei Svechnikov	Mikko Rantanen	Mitch Marner
RW	David Pastrnak	Travis Konecny	Dylan Guenther	Mark Stone
RW	Cole Caufield	Kirill Marchenko	Luke Evangelista	Beckett Sennecke
RW	Alex DeBrincat	Anthony Mantha	Jimmy Snuggerud	Jordan Eberle
D	Zach Werenski	Erik Karlsson	Cale Makar	Evan Bouchard
D	Lane Hutson	Jakob Chychrun	Quinn Hughes	Jackson LaCombe
D	Rasmus Dahlin	Matthew Schaefer	Miro Heiskanen	Brock Faber
D	Charlie McAvoy	Adam Fox	Mikhail Sergachev	Mattias Ekholm
G	Andrei Vasilevskiy	Logan Thompson	Scott Wedgewood	Philipp Grubauer
G	Jeremy Swayman	Daniel Vladaf	Jake Oettinger	Anton Forsberg

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ATLANTIC DIVISION
X-Florida 107
Y-Montreal 106
Y-Tampa Bay 105
y-Buffalo 104
Y Ottawa 98
Boston 86
Toronto 74
Detroit 68
METRO DIVISION
X-Carolina 116
Y-New Jersey 91
Y-Philadelphia 89
Washington 87
Pittsburgh 85
Columbus 84
NY Islanders 82
NY Rangers 73
WESTERN
CONFERENCE
CENTRAL DIVISION
X-Dallas 117
Y-Minnesota 115
Y-Colorado 112
y-Utah 96
Winnipeg 85
St. Louis 83
Nashville 82
Chicago 79
PACIFIC DIVISION
X-Vegas 106
Y-Edmonton 103
Y-Anaheim 100
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Carolina over Ottawa in 4
New Jersey over Philadelphia in 5
Dallas over San Jose in 5
Minnesota over Colorado in 7
Vegas over Utah in 6
Edmonton over Anaheim in 7

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Florida over Montreal in 7
Carolina over New Jersey in 6
Dallas over Minnesota in 7
Vegas over Edmonton in 6

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TOP TIER
1 Dallas
2 Minnesota
3 Carolina
4 Colorado
5 Florida
6 Vegas
7 Montreal
8 Tampa Bay
9 Edmonton
SECOND TIER
10 Buffalo
11 Ottawa
12 Utah
13 Anaheim
14 New Jersey
THIRD TIER
15 Philadelphia
16 San Jose
17 Boston
18 Winnipeg
FOURTH TIER
19 St. Louis
20 Nashville
21 Washington
22 Pittsburgh
23 Columbus
24 Chicago
25 Los Angeles
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Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	GP	G	Rk	A	Rk	PTS	Rk	+/-	Rk	PIM	Rk	SPCT
Matt Duchene		0		57	16		29		45		-3		8		18
Matthew Coronato		0		80	18		27		45		-29		32		9.1
Matthew Knies		0		79	23		43	34T	66		-30		29		16.4
Matthew Savoie		0		82	18		19		37		6		24		13
Matty Beniers		0		82	20		30		50		-8		23		13.4
Mavrik Bourque		0		82	20		21		41		6		22		13.6
Michael Amadio		0		81	15		20		35		13	46T	18		15.6
Michael Carcone		0		79	16		15		31		4		22		10.9
Michael Misa		0		45	9		12		21		-2		10		15.5
Mikael Backlund		0		82	17		26		43		7		16		9.1
Mikael Granlund		0		58	19		22		41		-9		18		16.2
Morgan Frost		0		82	22		21		43		-16		28		15.7
Morgan Geekie	97			81	39	16T	29		68	48T	-5		22		21.5
Nate Danielson		0		28	2		5		7		-7		4		6.5
Nazem Kadri		0		77	16		34		50		-30		30		7.5
Nicholas Robertson		0		78	16		16		32		-13		10		12.6
Nick Schmaltz	91			82	33	28T	41	39T	74	32T	17	30T	28		15.9
Nico Hischier	9			82	28		38		66		-6		29		13.3
Noah Cates	72			82	18		29		47		26	11T	44	49T	13.6
Oliver Bjorkstrand		0		80	12		20		32		-14		16		9.2
Oliver Kapanen		0		82	22		15		37		4		22		16.8
Owen Tippett		0		81	28		23		51		-6		32		12.7
Parker Kelly		0		82	21		14		35		18	27T	30		20.2
Patrick Kane	10			67	16		41	39T	57		-1		16		9.5
Pavel Buchnevich		0		81	20		28		48		-10		26		14.1
Pavel Zacha	34			78	30	40T	35		65		4		28		22.9
Peyton Krebs	152			82	12		27		39		13	46T	78	9	12.9
Quinton Byfield	15			79	24		25		49		-2		46	44T	13.3
Rickard Rakell		0		60	24		24		48		-2		8		14.5
Roope Hintz	36			53	15		29		44		16	35T	18		11.9
Ryan Donato		0		82	15		15		30		-16		46	44T	12.3
Ryan Hartman	4			76	23		20		43		-1		48	38T	13.8
Ryan Leonard	17			75	20		25		45		2		47	42T	13.1
Ryan McLeod	11			81	14		40	45T	54		25	14	16		15.6
Sean Couturier		0		78	12		24		36		-5		30		10.1
Sean Monahan		0		78	13		23		36		-1		12		9.9
Shane Pinto	11			72	23		23		46		6		42		14.6
Simon Holmström		0		79	19		22		41		4		16		19
Taylor Hall	1			80	18		30		48		6		44	49T	13.1
Teuvo Teräväinen		0		75	14		21		35		-30		6		15.7
Thomas Novak		0		82	16		26		42		1		24		12.3
Timo Meier		0		77	24		20		44		-16		22		8.9
Tomáš Hertl		0		82	24		34		58		-17		39		11.9
Trevor Moore		0		69	13		19		32		0		8		8.2
Troy Terry		46		61	19		38		57		11		14		11.8
Tyler Seguin		0		27	7		10		17		10		2		22.6
Tyler Toffoli		0		79	19		30		49		-12		10		11

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Tyson Foerster		0		29	13		4		17		8		22	
Valeri Nichushkin		0		72	17		32		49		9		26	
Vasily Podkolzin		63		82	19		18		37		16	35T	63	18
Victor Olofsson		0		78	13		18		31		5		6	
Vincent Trocheck		91		67	16		37		53		-16		64	16T
Vladimir Tarasenko		0		75	23		24		47		-11		10	
Will Smith		4		69	24		35		59		1		16	
William Cuyile		34		82	20		18		38		-12		65	15
William Eklund		0		78	15		38		53		-31		32	
William Karlsson		0		14	4		3		7		-1		4	

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The Championship Gap Among Players In Their Prime Is Ridiculous

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

NOTE: This column ran in this space last year, but it's even more relevant a year later with no change to this dynamic.

Marcel Dionne is commonly regarded as the greatest player in hockey history never to have listed the Stanley Cup. That's in part because the list of his true peers is short. In the NHL, unlike other sports, all-time greatness almost always goes hand-in-hand with championships. There aren't a host of Elgin Baylor/Barry Bonds/Dan Marino players floating around. On the ice, if you're among the best players of all time, there's an overwhelming chance that your name is etched on the Stanley Cup.

But the generation of players now in their prime threatens to upend the foundational plank of hockey history. With their second straight near-miss on the game's biggest stage, Connor McDavid (probably now Top 10 all-time) and Leon Draisaitl (probably now Top 25 all-time) are the most obvious examples. However, they're not the only ones. In taking a conservative sweep of who is likely to be remembered as at least a Top 50 player of all time, Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner and Kirill Kaprizov are all on pace for that. That's five players who could end up as good or better than Dionne by the time their careers are done – as well as a few others that we didn't include yet such as Adam Fox – and may match his championship futility in the end.

From an objective hockey historian standpoint, McDavid missing out would be tragic and with few precedents in major North American sports in terms of his overall greatness. And given that his teammate Draisaitl probably has the best chance of running down the newly crowned King of All Goals Alex Ovechkin – albeit with less than 50% of Ovechkin's tallies to date – it would be a similar shame if he didn't get his moment atop the hockey world as well.

The lessons of hockey history tell us that most, if not all, of these five will get their moments together. With McDavid and Draisaitl both on the Oilers and Matthews and Marner both on the Leafs (at this point in time, anyway), four of these five names would get wiped off the list with only two Stanley Cups being awarded if these players remain with their teams long enough. But if this doesn't happen, then we're living in an unprecedented time of a gap between individual achievement and championship glory.

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Top 10 For The Next 10

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

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- 1 Macklin Celebrini
- 2 Cole Caufield
- 3 Matthew Boldy
- 4 Cale Makar
- 5 Quinn Hughes
- 6 Jack Hughes
- 7 Connor McDavid
- 8 Nathan MacKinnon
- 9 Leon Draisaitl
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