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# CENTERS

## ELITE

**Leon Draisaitl, C/LW, Oilers:** He enters his age 26 campaign as the probable No. 2 overall pick in most non-keeper drafts. How good would he be on a deep roster?

**Nathan MacKinnon, C, Avalanche:** Only injuries prevent him from being taken No. 1 overall in a lot of drafts (he has played 82 games three times in eight seasons).

**Auston Matthews, C, Maple Leafs:** He should be picked in the first round of virtually all non-keeper drafts this year (he is largely unavailable in keeper formats).

**Connor McDavid, C, Oilers:** Can McDavid reach the 150-point mark this season? To bet against him would be unwise. Draft him first overall for the win. Profit.

**Brayden Point, C, Lightning:** Now that he has his right-winger (Nikita Kucherov) back, there is no limit to his goal-scoring acumen. Could Point crack 50 goals?

## BREAKTHROUGH

**Anthony Cirelli, C, Lightning:** He is in line for a season of 20-plus goals and 50-plus points, which would be a first for him. Draft him expecting career totals.

**Roope Hintz, C/LW, Stars:** Assuming a full recovery from groin surgery, Hintz should be a central figure in the Dallas attack. What could he do when healthy?

**Jesper Kotkaniemi, C/LW, Canadiens:** There is too much talent to ignore here. Kotkaniemi might become one of the best breakthrough players of 2021-22. Draft him late.

**Alexandre Texier, C/LW, Blue Jackets:** A third-year breakout is possible--although not assumed--for the 22-year-old Texier. It could all depend on new coach Brad Larsen.

**Robert Thomas, C/RW, Blues:** Last campaign figures to be a mere bump in the road to excellence for Thomas, who could approach 55-70 points if he stays healthy.

## BWARE

**Sam Reinhart, C, Blue Jackets:** His fantasy value is down. He appeared in his first season with Columbus. Domi needs a strong recovery from shoulder surgery in a contract year.

**Jack Eichel, C, Sabres:** If it is all systems go then he is a fantasy stud; it all depends on his injury rehab and how quickly he can forget about 2020-21.

**Yanni Gourde, C/RW, Kraken:** He is unlikely to match his 2017-18 career totals (82 GP, 25-39-64), and his wonky shoulder is also an issue. Do not overrate him.

**Evgeny Kuznetsov, C, Capitals:** Only 29, he has plenty of time to turn things around. He is an obvious bounce-back candidate, but also risky business, in 2021-22.

**Victor Rask, C/LW, Wild:** Despite his bounce-back season in '20-21, Rask is not a recommendable fantasy option in all buy the deepest draft leagues. Beware.



Chandler Stephenson

## DON'T OVERRATE

**Sam Bennett, C/W, Panthers:** His fantasy value has changed for the better but can he be trusted in '21-22? He might be drafted a bit too early in some leagues.

**Patrice Bergeron, C, Bruins:** At some point, Bergeron will start to slow down. His points-per-game average regressed for the second season in a row in 2020-21.

**Phillip Danault, C, Kings:** His offense fell badly in a contract year in '20-21 but a return to 40-plus points may occur. He just does not score enough goals.

**Jordan Staal, C, Hurricanes:** His production rate was up last season, but he has not recorded 50-plus points since leaving Pittsburgh in 2012. Do not overrate.

**Chandler Stephenson, C, Golden Knights:** Drafting him based on his 2020-21 role just may be a foolish decision this time around, so do not overrate him. Be judicious here.



## TOP ROOKIES

- 1. Trevor Zegras, C/LW, Ducks:** A top Calder candidate in 2021-22. Zegras is expected to step right into a feature role with the Ducks. His upside is exceptional.
- 2. Alex Newhook, C/W, Avalanche:** He can be drafted in all league formats this year, but he has more value in keeper leagues. A season of 50-plus points is doable.
- 3. Connor McMichael, C/LW, Capitals:** He may begin his NHL career on the wing but could eventually emerge as Washington's No. 1 center. He is an early keeper selection.
- 4. Jack Studnicka, C/RW, Bruins:** He has a lot of appeal as a typical two-way forward but he may not become valuable in fantasy leagues immediately. Tread lightly.
- 5. Shane Pinto, C, Senators:** Expectations are high for the ex-college star after his impressive late-season cameo last spring. Consider him a Calder prospect.



## SLEEPERS

- Jesper Boqvist, C/W, Devils:** He is teetering on the depth chart as a solid player without a role. Boqvist owns a lot of upside; he is worth taking a chance on.
- Morgan Geekie, C/RW, Kraken:** He is probably a safer selection in keeper leagues this year, but draft him late in all formats and hope for the best in 2021-22.
- Tyler Johnson, C/RW, Blackhawks:** Expect him to see more minutes in 2021-22, so he might return to a 20-goal, 50-point form. Do not sleep on Johnson in many drafts.
- Jack Roslovic, C/RW, Blue Jackets:** His 2020-21 output projected to a 58-point pace over a full season. Comfortable now in his home state, he could easily surpass it.
- Colin White, C/RW, Senators:** He is at a point in his career when an offensive breakthrough often occurs. However, White is less than a 50/50 proposition. Pass.

## ON THE REBOUND

- Nazem Kadri, C/LW, Avalanche:** He went pointless for a stretch of 11 games in 2020-21! Kadri's production does seem to come in spurts, but his totals are decent.
- Sean Monahan, C, Flames:** He is just two seasons removed from a career year (78 GP, 34-48-82). Monahan is too young for his recent decline to be permanent.
- Brayden Schenn, C/W, Blues:** Expect Schenn to bounce back with numbers closer to his talent level this season. He remains a good mid-round draft option in '21.
- Tyler Seguin, C/RW, Stars:** Surgery rehab is behind him and he should reclaim a lead role in the Dallas offense. Can he still be counted on for 70-85 points?
- John Tavares, C, Maple Leafs:** He failed to reach 20 goals for the first time in his career last season but expect him to rebound in '21-22. There is value here.

## ON THE RISE

- Kirby Dach, C, Blackhawks:** Patience is key as Dach makes up for time lost to wrist surgery. Gamble on his talent and hope he can stay healthy moving forward.
- Jack Hughes, C/LW, Devils:** Surrounding him with better talent will lead to a big fantasy payoff. Draft Hughes early. Keep him. His value is higher than most.
- Josh Norris, C, Senators:** He is the No. 1 center until a better one comes along, but a surefire No. 2 for the long haul. He should exceed his rookie marks.
- Elias Pettersson, C, Canucks:** Many a fantasy fortune swung on his injury last year. Fully recovered from a damaged wrist, he will continue his ascent in '21-22.
- Nick Suzuki, C, Canadiens:** He seems entrenched as Montreal's No. 1 center for years to come. Draft the 22-year-old relatively early, or else he will be gone.

# TOP 100

## FANTASY PROSPECTS

This compilation ONLY takes into account the top prospects that have the most overall fantasy value. (with position), age, 2020-21 team)

- 1. Trevor Zegras, Ducks**  
[c/lw], 20, Anaheim (NHL)
- 2. Cole Caufield, Canadiens**  
[rw], 20, Wisconsin (Big10)
- 3. Alex Newhook, Avalanche**  
[c], 20, Boston College (HE)
- 4. Carter Hart, Maple Leafs**  
[g], 20, Boston College (HE)
- 5. Cole Hulse, Golden Knights**  
[c], 20, Michigan (WHL)
- 6. Jack Studnicka, Capitals**  
[c], 20, Boston College (HE)
- 7. Shane Pinto, Senators**  
[c], 20, Boston College (HE)
- 8. Nazem Kadri, Panthers**  
[c], 20, Boston College (HE)
- 9. Quinton Byfield, Kings**  
[c], 19, Ontario (AHL)
- 10. Lucas Raymond, Red Wings**  
[rw], 19, Frolunda (Swe)
- 11. Sam Poulin, Penguins**  
[lw/rw], 20, Sherbrooke/Val-d'Or (QMJHL)
- 12. Connor Bedard, 2023 draft eligible**  
[c], 16, Regina (WHL)
- 13. Shane Wright, 2022 draft eligible**  
[c], 17, Kingston (OHL)
- 14. Matvei Michkov, 2023 draft eligible**  
[rw], 16, St. Petersburg (Rus Jr.)
- 15. Anton Lundell, Panthers**  
[c], 19, HIFK (Fin)
- 16. Bowen Byram, Avalanche**  
[d], 20, Colorado (NHL)
- 17. Jamie Drysdale, Ducks**  
[d], 19, Anaheim (NHL)
- 18. Philip Broberg, Oilers**  
[d], 20, Skelleftea (Swe)
- 19. Raphael Lavoie, Oilers**  
[rw/c], 21, Vasby (Swe2)
- 20. Lukas Reichel, Blackhawks**  
[c/w], 19, Eisbaren Berlin (Ger)
- 21. Jack Quinn, Sabres**  
[rw], 20, Rochester (AHL)
- 22. Arthur Kaliyev, Kings**  
[lw/rw], 20, Ontario (AHL)
- 23. Samuel Fagemo, Kings**  
[lw/rw], 21, Ontario (AHL)
- 24. Akil Thomas, Kings**  
[rw/c], 21, Ontario (AHL)
- 25. Rasmus Kupari, Kings**  
[c/rw], 21, Ontario (AHL)
- 26. Alex Turcotte, Kings**  
[c], 20, Ontario (AHL)
- 27. Morgan Frost, Flyers**  
[c], 22, Philadelphia (NHL)
- 28. Philip Tomasino, Predators**  
[c], 20, Chicago (AHL)
- 29. J-J Peterka, Sabres**  
[w/c], 19, Munich (Ger)
- 30. Matthew Boldy, Wild**  
[lw], 20, Boston College (HE)

TOP 100  
FANTASY  
PROSPECTS  
Perfect for your  
keeper league



# TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

EASTERN CONFERENCE - ATLANTIC DIVISION

PREDICTED FINISH: 1st



Andrei Vasilevskiy

**DEPTH CHART**  
The most accurate depth charts you will find

**LEADERS**  
Important team leaders

## DO NOT BET AGAINST IT

For this Lightning group to accomplish is to win a title in a full 82-game season. They did it back in 2004, but the two latest triumphs were under the shadow of the pandemic. Still, Tampa Bay has proven to be the best team in the NHL in an extended period of time...and they might not be done winning. The team won three straight Cups was in 1982, when the Islanders won consecutive Cups. The last team of the "big four" North American teams in a row was the 2002 Los Angeles Lakers (NBA). Therefore, this season awaits the Bolts, including winger Pat Maroon (who is seeking his second championship ring). With Maroon still on Tampa Bay's payroll, do not bet against them.

## 2020-21 TEAM STATISTICS

Division	3rd	OT/SO: 7-3	4th	SH goals: 3	16th
Record	36-17-1-2	8th	PP%: 22.22	9th	SF per game: 30.21
Home	21-7-0-1	8th	PK%: 84.15	4th	SA per game: 28.27
Away	15-10-1-2	11th	PIM per game: 10:39	31st	Faceoff W%: 50.11
1st Half	20-6-1-1	2nd	GF per game: 3.21	18th	Hits/60: 23.85
2nd Half	16-11-0-1	9th	GA per game: 2.59	6th	Bks/60: 11.42

## 2021 PLAYOFFS RESULTS

First Round: W4-2 vs. Florida Second Round: W4-1 vs. Carolina  
Stanley Cup Semifinals: W4-3 vs. NY Islanders – Stanley Cup Final: W4-1 vs. Montreal

## 2020-21 TEAM LEADERS

POWER PLAY POINTS		POINTS (DEFENSEMEN)		POWER PLAY GOALS	
	Hedman (4)	Hedman (3)	45		Stamkos (5)
	Palat (16)	Sergachev (25)	30		Palat (23)
	Stamkos (43)	Cernak (65)	18		Point (36)
	Point (43)	McDonagh (102)	12		Killorn (54)

## DEPTH CHART

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
A. Killorn <sup>3</sup>	B. Point <sup>3</sup>	N. Kucherov <sup>2</sup>
O. Palat <sup>7</sup>	A. Cirelli <sup>3</sup>	<sup>C</sup> S. Stamkos (c) <sup>1</sup>
R. Colton (nw/c) <sup>4</sup>	M. Joseph (w) <sup>4</sup>	A. Barre-Boulet* (c)
P. Maroon (rw)	P. Bellemare	C. Perry (lw)
B. Katchouk* <sup>2</sup>	G. Smith	T. Raddysh* <sup>2</sup>
G. Fortier* (c) <sup>2</sup>	O. Somppi <sup>7</sup>	M. Cajkovic* <sup>3</sup>
C. Koepke* <sup>6</sup>	S. Ryfors* (lw)	G. Dumont (c)
C. Hudon (rw)	O. Tufto*	

## DEFENSE

V. Hedman <sup>1</sup>
M. Sergachev
R. McDonagh
E. Cernak
J. Ruita
Z. Bogosian
C. Foote <sup>1</sup>
S. Day*
A. Sustr
F. Claesson
D. Raddysh*

## GOALTENDER

A. Vasilevskiy <sup>1</sup>
B. Elliott
M. Lagace
H. Alnefelt* <sup>3</sup>
A. Miftakhov* <sup>6</sup>

## NOTABLE DEPARTURES

A. Borgman (FA-Dal)
B. Coleman (FA-Cgy)
B. Goodrow (T-NYR)
Y. Gourde (ED-Sea)
T. Johnson (T-Chi)
D. Savard (FA-Mtl)
L. Schenn (FA-Van)
M. Stephens (T-Det)
L. Witkowski (FA-Det)

## UNSIGNED UFA

C. McElhinney

Player (also plays):  
<sup>C</sup> Team captain; \*Rookie;  
 Orange denotes off-season  
 Acquisition via free agency or trade;  
<sup>1</sup> to <sup>7</sup> Organizational draft pick with  
 round selected.



**FORECASTS**

CENTERS		2021-22					Last 3 Seasons			
pos rk	player, age	GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	20-21	19-20	18-19	
5	B. Point, 25	82	50	44	94	1.15	56 0.86	66 0.97	79 1.16	K
36	A. Cirelli, 24	76	21	34	55	.72	50 0.44	68 0.65	82 0.48	
71	M. Joseph, 24	82	18	21	39	.48	56 0.34	37 0.19	70 0.37	
136	P. Bellemare, 36	82	7	8	15	.18	53 0.21	69 0.32	76 0.20	

WINGERS		GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	20-21	19-20	18-19	
1	N. Kucherov, 28	78	28	80	108	1.38	Inj	68 1.25	82 1.56	OK
17	S. Stamkos, 31	77	37	37	74	.96	38 0.89	57 1.16	82 1.20	+
65	O. Palat, 30	75	19	36	55	.73	55 0.84	69 0.59	64 0.53	\$
81	A. Killorn, 32	80	25	26	51	.64	56 0.59	68 0.72	82 0.49	
124	C. Perry, 36	77	15	26	41	.53	49 0.43	57 0.37	31 0.32	
145	R. Colton, 25	77	21	14	35	.45	30 0.40	AHL	AHL	

DEFENSEMEN		GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	20-21	19-20	18-19	
4	V. Hedman, 30	79	12	53	65	.82	54 0.83	66 0.83	70 0.77	OK
16	M. Sergachev, 23	78	11	43	54	.69	56 0.54	70 0.49	75 0.43	
84	E. Cernak, 24	76	7	18	25	.33	46 0.39	67 0.18	58 0.28	+
122	R. McDonagh, 32	73	5	14	19	.26	50 0.24	50 0.24	82 0.56	+

GOALTENDERS		GP	W	SO	GAA	Sv%	20-21	19-20	18-19	
2	A. Vasilevskiy, 27	62	40	6	2.17	.921	42 31	52 35	53 39	K
56	B. Elliott, 36	44	12	1	2.76	.895	30 15	31 16	26 11	\$



Mikhail Sergachev

**ON THE REBOUND**  
Steven Stamkos

**BREAKTHROUGH**  
Anthony Cirelli

**BREAKTHROUGH**  
Mikhail Sergachev

**DON'T OVERRATE**  
Ondrej Palat

**SLEEPER**  
Corey Perry

**Who connects with who?**

	Cirelli	Coleman (Cgy)	Goodrow (NYR)	Gourde (Sea)	Hedman	Johnson (Chi)	Killorn	Kucherov	Palat	Point	Sergachev	Stamkos
Cirelli	0	0	4	6	6	14	2	5	4	6	6	6
Coleman (Cgy)	0	19	17	3	5	1	0	1	1	5	0	0
Goodrow (NYR)	0	19	10	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gourde (Sea)	4	17	10		3	2	5	1	3	1	7	2
Hedman	6	3	1	3		1	13	13	18	21	5	22
Johnson (Chi)	6	5	2	2	1		4	1	2	2	7	0
Killorn	14	1	1	5	13	4		5	5	10	3	13
Kucherov	2	0	0	1	13	1	5		6	14	2	11
Palat	5	1	0	3	18	2	5	6		28	3	15
Point	4	1	1	1	21	2	10	14	28		10	18
Sergachev	6	5	0	7	5	7	3	2	3	10		3
Stamkos	6	0	0	2	22	0	13	11	15	18	3	

Number of times two players registered a point on the same goal, including playoff games. (new team)

\*: Rookie. +: Denotes injury concern. \$: Contract year (heading for unrestricted free agency in 2022). Last 3 seasons: GP and Pts/GP from the last three seasons (GP and Wins for goalies). Ages as of October 1, 2021. K: Must-draft player. These are the best and safest bets for future production, based both on talent and circumstance.

**FORWARDS**

**Alex Barre-Boulet [rw/c]** **CALDER CANDIDATE**  
Age: 24 Ht: 5-10 Wt: 180  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB 15 3 0 3 0 0 .20  
Syr (AHL) 10 8 4 12 9 0 1.20  
Career 15 3 0 3 0 0 .20  
Forecast 68 14 13 27 - - .40

Arguably Tampa Bay's top prospect, Barre-Boulet finally made his NHL debut last season. He took advantage of Nikita Kucherov's absence to produce three goals in a 15-game trial. He produced 12 more points in just 10 AHL contests and has absolutely nothing left to prove at lower levels. Barre-Boulet could graduate full time in '21-22.

**Anthony Cirelli [c]** **SELKE CANDIDATE**  
Age: 24 Ht: 6-0 Wt: 191  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB 50 9 13 22 0 10 .44  
Career 218 49 67 116 64 80 .53  
Forecast 76 21 34 55 - - .72

The two-way forward is now entrenched behind Brayden Point as Tampa Bay's No. 2 center. His production was down during the 2021 regular season, but he saved his best performances for the playoffs. A cerebral player with a fair amount of grit, Cirelli should at some point enter into the Selke Trophy conversation—if he is not already.

**Mathieu Joseph [c/w]**  
Age: 24 Ht: 6-1 Wt: 190  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB 56 12 7 19 3 10 .34  
Career 163 29 23 52 6 52 .32  
Forecast 82 18 13 31 - - .44

After struggling in his first NHL season, Joseph played a key role in the Lightning's playoff run. He scored 12 goals and 13 assists in 18 games, earning a spot in the Stanley Cup Finals. He's a solid two-way forward who can contribute in all phases of the game.

**Nikita Kucherov [rw]** **HART CANDIDATE**  
Age: 28 Ht: 5-11 Wt: 183  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB Did not play - Injured  
Career 515 221 326 547 128 261 1.06  
Forecast 78 28 80 108 - - 1.38

If Kucherov is not the best winger in the game today, then who is? He posted his second straight post-season of 30-plus points last spring...joining the immortals (Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux) as the only NHLers to accomplish the feat. "Kuch" responded beautifully from hip surgery, which cost him the entire 56-game regular season.

**PROFILES**  
All you need to know about the players

**Pierre-Edouard Bellemare [c]**  
Age: 36 Ht: 6-0 Wt: 198  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
Col 53 9 2 11 6 2  
Career 507 47 51 98 3 12  
Forecast 82 7 8 15 - - .45

The 36-year-old Bellemare has been to the NHL prospect for some time now. After three campaigns in Philadelphia, two with Vegas and two more in Colorado, the veteran Frenchman has landed with the two-time defending Cup champs in Tampa Bay. As fourth-line pivots go in the National Hockey League, there are few better than him.

**Alex Killorn [lw]**  
Age: 32 Ht: 6-1 Wt: 199  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB 56 15 18 33 -1 37 .59  
Career 641 146 197 343 77 370 .54  
Forecast 80 25 26 51 - - .64

The Lightning still managed to win the Stanley Cup, despite Killorn's absence for the final four games of the ultimate series against Montreal due to a lower-body injury. Killorn was a key member of the vaunted Lightning power play in 2020-21 because he usually paid a steep price in front of the net. The veteran winger can do it all.

**Pat Maroon [lw/rw]**  
Age: 33 Ht: 6-3 Wt: 238  
20-21 GP G A P +/- PIM P/GP  
TB 55 4 14 18 2 60 .33  
Career 568 101 146 247 15 646 .43  
Forecast 79 9 20 29 - - .37

The last time someone won three straight Stanley Cup rings was actually 16 members of the Islanders, their fourth straight in 1983. The No. 1 song on the Billboard Hot 100 chart was "Every Breath You Take" by The Police. The best box office movie was Star Wars' Return of the Jedi. In other words, that was a very long time ago. Kudos!

**PROJECTED LINES & DUOS**  
Including Power Play Units

**PROJECTED LINES/DUO**

FORWARDS	DEFENSE
O. Palat - B. Point - N. Kucherov	R. McDonagh - E. Cernak
A. Killorn - A. Cirelli - S. Stamkos	V. Hedman - J. Rutta
R. Colton - M. Joseph - A. Barre-Boulet	M. Sergachev - Z. Bogosian
P. Maroon - P. Bellemare - C. Perry	C. Foote (7th)
G. Smith (13th)	

Projected lines, duos and units are for the majority of the season, not necessarily opening night.

**POWER PLAY UNITS**

FIRST UNIT	SECOND UNIT
A. Killorn (3:04, 5-4-9)	P. Maroon (1:36, 2-2-4)
V. Hedman (3:20, 1-23-24)	C. Perry (2:08, 1-6-7)
S. Stamkos (3:38, 10-5-15)	O. Palat (3:13, 7-13-20)
N. Kucherov (Injured)	A. Cirelli (1:56, 1-3-4)
B. Point (3:24, 6-9-15)	M. Sergachev (2:04, 0-8-8)

2020-21 Power Play TOI and G-A-PTS in parenthesis



# PROSPECT WATCH



Alex Barre-Boulet

## TOP 25 PROSPECTS

Rk.	Name [pos]	age	ready	Fantasy Prospects Rk.	2020-21 team
1.	Jack Finley [c]	19	Long term	46	Syracuse (AHL)
2.	Alex Barre-Boulet [rw/c]	24	2021-22	60	Tampa Bay (NHL)
3.	Hugo Alnefelt [g]	20	Long term	98	HV71 (Swe)
4.	Amir Miftakhov [g]	21	Long term		Bars (Rus2)
5.	Taylor Raddysh [rw]	23	2021-22		Syracuse (AHL)
6.	Boris Katchouk [lw]	23	2021-22		Syracuse (AHL)
7.	Gabriel Fortier [lw/c]	21	Long term		Syracuse (AHL)
8.	Maxim Cajkovic [rw]	20	Long term		Bratislava (Aut)
9.	Gage Goncalves [c]	20	Long term		Everett (WHL)
10.	Cole Koepke [lw]	23	Long term		Minn. Duluth (NCHC)
11.	Nick Perbix [d]	23	Long term		St. Cloud State (NCHC)
12.	Jack Thompson [d]	19	Long term		Surahammars (Swe3)
13.	Eamon Powell [d]	19	Long term		Boston College (HE)
14.	Maxwell Crozier [d]	21	Long term		Providence (HE)
15.	Samuel Walker [c]	22	Long term		Minnesota (Big10)
16.	Maxim Groshev [rw/lw]	19	Long term		Nizhnekamsk/St. Petersburg (KHL)
17.	Cole Guttman [c]	22	Long term		Denver (NCHC)
18.	Jaydon Dureau [lw]	20	Long term		Portland (WHL)
19.	Otto Somppi [c]	23	2021-22		Syracuse (AHL)
20.	Sean Day [d]	23	2021-22		Syracuse (AHL)
21.	Simon Ryfors [c/lw]	24	2022-23		Rogle (Swe)
22.	Odeen Tufto [c]	24	2022-23		Quinnipiac (ECAC)
23.	Roman Schmidt [d]	18	Long term		Team USA U18 (NTDP)
24.	McKade Webster [lw]	21	Long term		Denver (NCHC)
25.	Dylan Duke [lw]	18	Long term		Team USA U18 (NTDP)

NHL rookie eligibility only: to Organizational draft pick with round selected.

## 5-YEAR ROSTER

LEFT WING	CENTER	RIGHT WING
R. Colton	B. Point <b>K</b>	N. Kucherov <b>K</b>
G. Fortier	J. Finley	A. Barre-Boulet (2024)
B. Katchouk	A. Cirelli	T. Raddysh
C. Koepke	G. Goncalves	M. Cajkovic
	M. Joseph	
DEFENSE	GOALTENDER	DEFENSE
V. Hedman <b>K</b> (2025)	A. Vasilevskiy <b>K</b>	E. Cernak
M. Sergachev	H. Alnefelt	C. Foote
R. McDonagh (2026)	A. Miftakhov	N. Perbix
		J. Thompson

5-year rosters may include pending UFAs from 2022-26; **K**: Must-draft player

### Potential unrestricted free agents:

A. Killorn (2023), O. Palat (2022), P. Maroon (2022), C. Perry (2023), S. Stamkos (2024)

### Ondrej Palat [lw]

Age: 30 Ht: 6-0 Wt: 194

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	55	15	31	46	1	26	.84
Career	551	125	249	374	132	177	.68
Forecast	75	19	36	55	-	-	.73

He placed second on the Lightning in points (behind only Brayden Point) and second in assists (behind only Victor Hedman) last season. The Czech winger enjoyed his first season from a point guard (2014-15). The 2011 NHL draft pick from NY...

### Cole Koepke [lw]

Age: 23

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	50	4	8	12	13	14	.24
Career	712	67	244	311	200	288	.44
Forecast	77	15	20	41	-	-	.53

While Pat Maroon has the distinction of winning the last three Stanley Cup titles with two teams, Perry has now lost back-to-back finals to his new squad (Tampa Bay) with Dallas and Montreal, respectively. Despite the setbacks, the veteran winger has proven that he is not done making an impact at the highest level. He still has game.

### Brayden Point [c]

Age: 25 Ht: 5-10 Wt: 183

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	56	23	25	48	2	11	.86
Career	351	139	171	310	79	88	.88
Forecast	82	50	44	94	-	-	1.15

The Lightning's scoring leader in the regular season ceded that title to returning linemate Nikita Kucherov in the playoffs. Point led all postseason goal scorers with 14 in 23 games last spring. However, he actually did not light the lamp at all in the final six games, after earlier tallying a goal in nine consecutive playoff games.

### Steven Stamkos [c]

Age: 31

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	56	23	25	48	2	11	.86
Career	351	139	171	310	79	88	.88
Forecast	82	50	44	94	-	-	1.15

A lower-scoring captain, Stamkos returned for the first time in 2021 after missing 18 points in 23 games last season. He's not looking 100 percent healthy. Stamkos needs one more Stanley Cup championship to become the seventh No. 1 overall draft pick with at least three.

## DEFENSEMEN

### Erik Cernak

Age: 24 Ht: 6-3 Wt: 230

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	46	5	13	18	8	38	.39
Career	171	15	31	46	44	155	.27
Forecast	76	7	18	25	-	-	.33

He has pretty much been a rock alongside Ryan McDonagh ever since the latter joined the Lightning in 2018. Cernak added more offense to his repertoire during the 2021 Stanley Cup playoffs, posting nine assists and 10 points in 21 games. There are very few shutdown defensemen in the league today who are better than the hulking Slovak.

### Victor Hedman

Age: 30 Ht: 6-6 Wt: 241

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	54	9	36	45	5	28	.83
Career	816	114	404	518	121	588	.63
Forecast	79	12	53	65	-	-	.82

It was announced following Tampa Bay's Stanley Cup championship that Hedman suffered a torn meniscus in his knee last March 30 in a game versus Columbus, but played through it and was forced to miss only two games! If the Swedish superstar defenseman can total 45 points in 54 games on a bum knee, what happens when he is fully healthy?

### Ryan McDonagh

Age: 32 Ht: 6-1 Wt: 215

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	50	4	8	12	13	14	.24
Career	712	67	244	311	200	288	.44
Forecast	73	5	14	19	-	-	.26

His performance in the '21 postseason was simply sensational (and a major reason why Tampa Bay was able to repeat as Stanley Cup champions). McDonagh registered an amazing plus-18 rating in 23 playoff contests, while also accumulating eight assists. During regular-season play, the veteran blueliner led the Lightning in blocked shots.

### Mikhail Sergachev

Age: 23 Ht: 6-3 Wt: 216

'20-21	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	P/GP
TB	56	4	26	30	5	30	.54
Career	284	29	107	136	44	154	.48
Forecast	78	11	43	54	-	-	.69

Among Lightning defensemen, only Victor Hedman averaged more ice time than Sergachev during the 2020-21 regular schedule. The Russian rearguard was one of five Tampa Bay skaters to appear in all 56 games and he posted a fourth consecutive campaign of at least 30 points. His points-per-game average rose for the second straight season.

## GOALTENDERS

### Brian Elliott

Age: 36 Ht: 6-2 Wt: 209

'20-21	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	Sv%
Phi	30	15	9	2	2	3.06	.889
Career	502	256	155	49	42	2.53	.910
Forecast	44	12	-	-	1	2.76	.895

It is hard to quarrel with his glossy won-lost record (65-38-14) over four years with Philly, but the underlying numbers tell a different story. He posted his second straight sub-.900 save percentage in '20-21, while sharing the net in a supporting role. It was a bad year for Philly's 'keepers, with no shortage of blame to go around.

### Andrei Vasilevskiy

Age: 27 Ht: 6-3 Wt: 225

'20-21	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	Sv%
TB	42	31	10	1	5	2.21	.925
Career	302	190	83	19	26	2.50	.920
Forecast	62	40	-	-	6	2.17	.921

The big Russian netminder certainly seems destined for the Hall of Fame at the rate he is going. Now 27, Vasilevskiy boasts 190 career NHL wins and 26 shutouts in 302 games, plus two Stanley Cup rings, a Conn Smythe Trophy, a Vezina Trophy and lots of gas left in the tank. The NHL community is witnessing something truly special here.

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Arena: Amalie Arena – Top Affiliate: Syracuse Crunch (AHL)

No.	Forwards	Shoots	Ht/Wt	Age	Country	Exp	Acquired	2020-21 Team	'20 Playoffs												
									GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM	PPG	PPPTs	S	TOI	GP-G-A-Pts	'20-21 Cap Hit	
60	Barre-Boulet, Alex (rw/c)	L	5-10/190	24	CAN	1-R	S '18	Tampa Bay Syracuse (AHL)	15	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	26	15:15		\$759,258	
	- Bellemare, P-Edouard (c)	L	6-0/198	36	CAN	7	FA '21	Colorado	53	9	2	11	6	21	0	0	60	11:20	10-0-3-3	\$1,800,000	
	- Cajkovic, Maxim (rw)	R	5-11/185	20	SVK	1	D '19 (3/89)	Val-d'Or (QM/JHL) Bratislava (Aut)	12	6	8	14	9	2	2	5	44	-	15-10-7-17		
71	Cirelli, Anthony (c)	L	6-0/191	24	CAN	4	D '15 (5/20)	Tampa Bay	50	9	13	22	0	10	1	4	75	17:45	23-5-7-12	\$4,800,000	
79	Colton, Ross (w/c)	L	6-0/191	25	USA	1	D '16 (4/118)	Tampa Bay Syracuse (AHL)	30	0	3	12	3	16	0	0	46	10:34	23-4-2-6	\$700,000	
	- Dumont, Gabriel (rw/c)	R	5-10/195	30	CAN	7	FA '21	Iowa (AHL)	49	2	4	4	60	1	0	1	11	-	-	\$700,000	
	- Dureau, Jaydon (lw)	L	5-11/173	20	CAN	0-R	D '20 (5/147)	Syracuse (AHL) Portland (WHL)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	-		
	- Elie, Remi (lw)	L	6-1/215	26	CAN	3	FA '21	Rochester (AHL)	8	1	4	6	1	8	1	4	61	-	-		
	- Finley, Jack (c)	R	6-0/220	19	USA	0-R	D '20 (2/57)	Syracuse (AHL) Spokane (WHL)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	-	\$825,833	
	- Fortier, Gabriel (lw/c)	L	5-10/173	21	CAN	0-R	D '18 (2/59)	Syracuse (AHL) Moncton (QMJHL)	6	1	1	36	5	1	0	0	51	-	-	\$791,667	
	- Goncalves, Gage (c)	L	6-0/181	20	CAN	0-R	D '20 (2/62)	Syracuse (AHL) Everett (WHL)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	-	\$825,833	
	- Groshev, Maxim (rw/lw)	L	6-2/194	19	RUS	0-R	D '20 (3/85)	Total Niz/StP (KHL) St. Petersburg (RUS)	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	-	-		
	- Guttman, Cole (c)	R	5-9/167	22	USA	0-R	D '17 (6/180)	Reaktor (Rus Jr.)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15:13	-	-		
	- Hudon, Charles (lw/rw)	L	5-10/190	27	CAN	5	FA '21	Denver (NCHC)	33	15	17	32	17	28	5	13	123	17:12	6-2-1-3		
	- Huntington, Jimmy (c)	L	6-0/200	22	CAN	0-R	S '19	Lausanne (Swi) Syracuse (AHL) Orlando (ECHL)	28	5	9	14	6	16	2	4	31	-	-	\$809,166	
	- Joseph, Mathieu (c/w)	L	6-1/190	24	CAN	3	D '15 (4/120)	Tampa Bay	56	12	7	19	3	10	1	2	59	10:56	6-0-2-2	\$737,500	
	- Katchouk, Boris (lw)	L	6-2/206	23	CAN	0-R	D '16 (2/44)	Syracuse (AHL)	29	11	23	34	17	18	1	5	63	-	-	\$833,333	
17	Killorn, Alex (lw)	L	6-1/199	32	CAN	9	D '07 (3/77)	Tampa Bay	56	15	18	33	-1	37	5	9	121	17:54	19-8-9-17	\$4,450,000	
	- Koepke, Cole (lw)	L	6-1/196	23	USA	0-R	D '18 (6/183)	Syracuse (AHL) Minn. Duluth (NCHC)	9	2	1	3	5	2	0	0	16	-	-		
86	Kucherov, Nikita (rw)	L	5-11/183	28	RUS	7	D '11 (2/58)	Tampa Bay	27	14	8	22	3	22	3	0	133	-	-	\$9,500,000	
	- Lipanov, Alexei (c)	L	6-1/164	22	RUS	0-R	D '17 (3/76)	Dynamo MO (Rus2)	33	7	8	15	-2	18	1	0	57	17:49	5-0-3-3	\$747,500	
14	Maroon, Pat (lw/rw)	L	6-3/238	33	USA	10	FA '19	Tampa Bay	55	4	14	18	2	60	2	4	46	11:36	23-2-2-4	\$900,000	
	- Morand, Antoine (c)	L	5-11/184	22	CAN	0-R	T-Ana '21	Total SD/Syr (AHL)	40	6	12	18	-8	29	1	2	42	-	-	\$778,333	
18	Palat, Ondrej (lw)	L	6-0/194	30	CZE	9	D '11 (7/208)	Tampa Bay	55	15	31	46	1	26	7	20	111	17:27	23-5-8-13	\$5,300,000	
	- Perry, Corey (rw/lw)	R	6-3/206	36	CAN	16	FA '21	Montreal	49	9	12	21	-4	39	1	7	62	13:44	22-4-6-10	\$750,000	
21	Point, Brayden (c)	R	5-10/183	25	CAN	5	D '14 (3/79)	Tampa Bay	56	23	25	48	2	11	6	15	131	18:26	23-14-9-23	\$6,750,000	
	- Raddysh, Taylor (rw)	R	6-3/198	23	CAN	0-R	D '16 (2/58)	Syracuse (AHL)	27	12	17	29	2	10	3	6	82	-	-	\$833,333	
	- Ryfors, Simon (c/lw)	L	5-10/181	24	SWE	0-R	S '21	Rogle (Swe)	51	25	20	45	12	53	10	0	115	-	-	14-1-9-10	
46	Smith, Gemel (c)	L	5-10/203	27	CAN	5	FA '19	Tampa Bay Syracuse (AHL)	5	0	3	3	3	11	0	0	0	10:03	-	-	\$700,000
	- Somppi, Otto (c)	L	6-1/190	23	FIN	0-R	D '16 (7/206)	Syracuse (AHL) Pelicans (Fin)	3	3	3	6	5	7	1	1	5	-	-		
91	Stamkos, Steven (rw/c)	R	6-1/193	31	CAN	13	D '08 (1/1)	Tampa Bay	38	17	17	34	4	16	10	15	91	18:16	23-8-10-18	\$8,500,000	
	- Tufto, Odean (c)	R	5-7/175	24	USA	0-R	S '21	Syracuse (AHL) Quinnipiac (ECAC)	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	-	-		
85	Walcott, Daniel (lw)	L	6-1/175	27	CAN	1	T-NYR '15	Tampa Bay Syracuse (AHL)	29	8	39	47	8	22	2	0	69	-	-	\$700,000	
	- Walker, Samuel (c)	R	5-10/142	22	USA	0-R	D '17 (7/200)	Minnesota (Big10)	31	13	16	29	14	12	2	0	83	-	-		
	- Webster, McKade (lw)	L	5-10/167	21	USA	0-R	D '19 (7/213)	Denver (NCHC)	22	3	6	9	-1	16	2	0	24	-	-		

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No.	Players	Shoots	Ht/Wt	Age	Country	Exp	Acquired	2020-21 Team	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM	PPG	PPPTs	S	TOI	GP-G-A-Pts	Final CSS Rank	
	- Schmidt, Roman (d)	R	6-5/210	18	USA	R	D '21 (3/96)	Team USA (USHL) Team USA U17 (NTDP) Team USA U18 (NTDP)	22	2	5	7	9	31	0	0	22	-	-	58-NA	
	- Duke, Dylan (lw)	L	5-10/175	18	USA	R	D '21 (4/126)	Team USA U18 (NTDP) Team USA (USHL) Team USA U17 (NTDP)	50	29	20	49	19	32	9	0	156	-	-	29-NA	
	- MacDonald, Cameron (c)	L	6-1/190	18	CAN	R	D '21 (5/160)	Saint John (QM/JHL)	30	10	7	17	-7	30	1	3	81	-	-	6-4-1-5	136-NA
	- Gagne, Alex (d)	L	6-4/205	19	USA	R	D '21 (6/192)	Muskegon (USHL)	53	3	23	26	35	24	0	0	84	-	-	4-0-0-0	NR
	- Pylentkov, Daniil (d)	L	6-1/194	21	RUS	R	D '21 (7/196)	Vityaz Podolsk (KHL) Vityaz Podolsk (Rus Jr.)	54	5	14	19	-2	16	3	0	87	18:57	-	-	133-E
	- Flinton, Robert (lw)	L	6-2/210	18	USA	R	D '21 (7/211)	St. Paul's (High-NH)	6	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	9	19:15	-	-	NR
	- Huhtanen, Niko (rw)	R	6-2/204	18	FIN	R	D '21 (7/224)	Tappara (Fin Jr.)	37	20	14	34	12	73	10	0	17:11	-	-	2-1-0-1	49-E