



2023 UPPER DECK NHL DRAFT: NHL TIES AND BLOODLINES

Bedard, Connor
No. 1-ranked N.A. Skater

His great uncle, [Jim](#), was a defenseman who appeared in 22 games with the Blackhawks from 1949-50 to 1950-51.

Wood, Matthew
No. 4-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin, [Luke Henman](#), was a fourth-round pick by the Hurricanes in 2018 (96th overall) and is currently in the Kraken organization where he skated for the AHL's Coachella Valley Firebirds in 2022-23.

Ratzlaff, Scott
No. 4-ranked N.A. Goalie

His cousin, [Carson Soucy](#), was a fifth-round pick by the Wild in the 2013 NHL Draft (137th overall) who skated for the Seattle Kraken in 2022-23.

Leonard, Ryan
No. 5-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [John](#), was a sixth-round pick by the Sharks in 2018 (182nd overall) and spent 2022-23 with the Predators organization. He has recorded 5-11—16 in 64 career NHL games.

But, Danil
No. 9-ranked ITL Skater

His father, [Anton](#), was a fifth-round pick by the Devils in the 1998 NHL Draft (119th overall) who spent his entire career playing professional hockey in Russia.

Perreault, Gabriel
No. 10-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Yanic](#), was a third-round pick by the Maple Leafs in 1991 (47th overall) and recorded 247-269—516 in 859 career NHL games with the Maple Leafs, Kings, Canadiens, Predators, Coyotes and Blackhawks. His brother, [Jacob](#), was a first-round pick by the Ducks in 2020 (27th overall) and skated for the AHL's San Diego Gulls in 2022-23.

Gauthier, Ethan
No. 16-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Denis](#), was a first-round pick by the Flames in the 1995 NHL Draft (20th overall) and patrolled the blue line for 10 NHL seasons with the Flames, Coyotes, Flyers and Kings. His cousin, [Julien](#), was a first-round pick by the Hurricanes in 2016 (21st overall) who currently plays for the Senators.

Dower Nilsson, Noah
No. 17-ranked ITL Skater

His brother, [Liam](#), was a fifth-round pick by the Red Wings in the 2021 NHL Draft (134th overall) who split the 2022-23 season between Frolunda in the Swedish Hockey League and Vasteras in Sweden's second division.





Ciernik, Alex
No. 21-ranked ITL Skater

His father, [Ivan](#), was a ninth-round pick by the Senators in the 1996 NHL Draft (216th overall) and appeared in 89 NHL games across five seasons with the Senators and Capitals.

Bonk, Oliver
No. 20-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Radek](#), was a first-round pick by the Senators in 1994 (third overall) and recorded 194-303—497 in 969 career NHL games with the Senators, Canadiens and Predators. His cousin, [Patrik Bartosak](#), is a goaltender who was a fifth-round pick by the Kings in 2013 (146th overall) and helped the AHL's Manchester Monarchs win a Calder Cup in 2015.

Heidt, Riley
No. 21-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin, [Ryan Keller](#), appeared in six games with the Senators in the 2009-10 season as part of a lengthy professional career that included stops in the AHL, Finland and Switzerland.

Mercer, Riley
No. 24-ranked N.A. Goalie

His brother, [Dawson](#), was a first-round pick by the Devils in 2020 (18th overall) who recorded 27-29—56 in 82 GP during the 2022-23 season.

Jarventie, Emil
No. 33-ranked ITL Skater

His brother, [Roby](#), was a second-round pick by the Senators in the 2020 NHL Draft (33rd overall) who skated for the AHL's Belleville Senators in 2022-23 (16-14—30 in 40 GP). His father, [Martti](#), was a fourth-round pick by the Canadiens in 2001 (109th overall) and appeared in one NHL game with Montreal on Oct. 9, 2001, as part of a lengthy professional career that included stops in the AHL, Finland, Sweden and England.

Lind, Kalan
No. 39-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Kole](#), was a second-round pick by the Canucks in the 2017 NHL Draft (33rd overall) and is currently a member of the Kraken organization. He skated for the AHL's Coachella Valley Firebirds in 2022-23 and has appeared in 30 career NHL games with the Canucks and Kraken (2-6—8 in 30 GP).

Strbak, Maxim
No. 48-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Martin](#), was a defenseman who was selected by the Kings in the ninth round of the 1993 NHL Draft (224th overall) and appeared in 49 career NHL games with the Kings and Penguins. He also helped Slovakia win gold at the 2002 World Championship.

McCarthy, Gavin
No. 52-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Case](#), is a defenseman who was a fourth-round pick by the Devils in 2019 (118th overall) and finished his fourth season with Boston University in 2022-23.





Pinelli, Luca
No. 54-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Francesco](#), was a second-round pick by the Kings in the 2021 NHL Draft (42nd overall) who recorded 41-49—90 in 60 GP with the OHL's Kitchener Rangers in 2022-23.

Shaugabay, Jayson
No. 55-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin is current Capitals forward and 2018 Stanley Cup champion [T.J. Oshie](#), who was a first-round pick of the Blues in the 2005 NHL Draft (24th overall).

Kukumberg, Roman
No. 56-ranked ITL Skater

His father, **Roman**, was a fourth-round pick by the Maple Leafs in the 2004 NHL Draft (113th overall) who is a three-time Slovakian league champion who skated in the country's second division in 2022-23.

Gardiner, Brad
No. 57-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Bruce](#), was a sixth-round pick by the Blues in the 1991 NHL Draft (131st overall) and recorded 34-54—88 in 312 career NHL games with the Senators, Lightning, Blue Jackets and Devils.

Fischer, Paul
No. 58-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, **Jack**, works in analytics for the Blackhawks scouting department.

Hendrickson, Beckett
No. 67-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Darby](#), was a fourth-round pick by the Maple Leafs in the 1990 NHL Draft (73rd overall) and skated in 518 career NHL games with the Maple Leafs, Canucks, Wild and Avalanche (65-64—129 in 518 GP). He is currently an assistant coach with the Wild. His uncle, [Daniel](#), was a seventh-round pick by the Capitals in 1993 (173rd overall).

Keenan, Larry
No. 73-ranked N.A. Skater

His grandfather, also named [Larry](#), recorded 38-64—102 in 233 career NHL games with the Maple Leafs, Blues, Sabres and Flyers from 1961-62 to 1971-72. His first season with St. Louis was in the expansion team's inaugural season of 1967-68. His father, [Cory](#), was a sixth-round pick by the Whalers in the 1990 NHL Draft (120th overall).

Barkey, Denver
No. 79-ranked N.A. Skater

His grandfather, [Randy Legge](#), was a defenseman who played in 12 games with the Rangers in 1972-73 and won the AHL's Calder Cup championship with the Buffalo Bisons in 1969-70.

Mann, Matteo
No. 84-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, **Trent**, is assistant general manager of the Senators.



STATS AND INFORMATION



Mittelstadt, Luke
No. 97-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Casey](#), was a first-round pick by the Sabres in the 2017 NHL Draft (8th overall) who appeared in all 82 games for Buffalo in the 2022-23 season (15-44—59 in 82 GP).

McNamara, Luke
No. 100-ranked N.A. Skater

His great uncle, [Gerry](#), was a goaltender who played for the Maple Leafs and then served the franchise as a general manager from 1981-82 to 1988-89. His uncles David, John and Bob (Gerry's sons) have all held scouting positions in the NHL.

Wisdom, Zaccharya
No. 104-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Zayde](#), was a fourth-round pick by the Flyers in the 2020 NHL Draft (94th overall) who skated mostly for the AHL's Lehigh Valley Phantoms in 2022-23.

Knuble, Cole
No. 105-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Mike](#), is a Stanley Cup champion (1998 w/ DET) who was a fourth-round pick by the Red Wings in the 1991 NHL Draft (76th overall) and went on to play in over 1,000 career NHL games with the Red Wings, Rangers, Bruins, Flyers and Capitals (278-270—548 in 1,068 GP).

McMillan, Deagan
No. 108-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin, [Rocky Thompson](#), was a third-round pick by the Flames in the 1995 NHL Draft (72nd overall) who appeared in 25 career NHL games with the Flames and Panthers. Thompson is currently an assistant coach with the Flyers.

Roest, Austin
No. 113-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Stacy](#), appeared in 244 career NHL games with the Red Wings and Wild from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and is currently the assistant general manager of the Lightning.

Pionk, Aaron
No. 117-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Neal](#), just completed his sixth NHL season and has recorded 29-155—184 in 385 career NHL games with the Rangers and his current team, the Jets.

Vermette, Emmanuel
No. 121-ranked N.A. Skater

His father's cousin is [Antoine Vermette](#), who was a Stanley Cup champion (2015 w/ CHI) who appeared in over 1,000 career NHL games with the Senators, Blue Jackets, Coyotes, Blackhawks and Ducks (228-287—515 in 1,046 GP).

Tourigny, Jordan
No. 123-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Miguel](#), was a seventh-round pick by the Canadiens in the 2022 NHL Draft (216th overall).





Keskinen, Oiva
No. 125-ranked ITL Skater

His uncle, [Esa](#), was a fifth-round pick by the Flames in the 1985 NHL Draft (101st overall) and is a Finnish Hockey Hall of Famer who has represented Finland at the Olympics and World Championships.

Xhekaj, Florian
No. 131-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Arber](#), is an undrafted defenseman who recorded 5-8—13 in 51 GP with the Canadiens in his rookie season of 2022-23. The brothers both played junior hockey with the OHL's Hamilton Bulldogs, with Arber winning an OHL championship with the club in 2021-22.

Andonovski, Matthew
No. 134-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin, [Corey](#), is a member of the Penguins organization and skated for the AHL's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in 2022-23.

Petrovski, James
No. 136-ranked N.A. Skater

His cousin, [Mike Angelidis](#), appeared in 14 games with the Lightning from 2011-12 to 2015-16 and

Nassen, Casper
No. 138-ranked ITL Skater

His brother, [Linus](#), was a third-round pick by the Panthers in the 2016 NHL Draft (89th overall) who skated for Jukurit in Finland's top professional league in 2022-23.

Celebrini, Aiden
No. 140-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, **Rick**, is a former Director of Sports Medicine and Performance for the Canucks and in 2022-23 held the role of Vice President of Player Health and Performance for the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

Smith, Blake
No. 155-ranked N.A. Skater

His brother, [Dalton](#), was a second-round pick by the Blue Jackets in the 2010 NHL Draft (34th overall) who skated for the AHL's Colorado Eagles in 2022-23. His father, [Derrick](#), was a third-round pick by Flyers in 1983 (44th overall) and appeared in 537 career NHL games across 10 seasons with the Flyers and Stars/North Stars (82-92—174 in 537 GP). His cousins include [Mason Primeau](#), a fifth-round pick by the Golden Knights in 2019 (141st overall) and [Cayden Primeau](#), a seventh-round pick by the Canadiens in 2017 (199th overall).

Legault, Charles-Alexis
No. 179-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Alexandre](#), was a second-round pick out of Boston University by the Oilers in the 1990 NHL Draft (38th overall).





Klee, David
No. 188-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Ken](#), was a ninth-round pick by the Capitals in the 1990 NHL Draft (177th overall) who patrolled the blue line for 934 career NHL games with the Capitals, Maple Leafs, Devils, Avalanche, Thrashers, Ducks and Coyotes.

St. Louis, Lucas
No. 207-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Martin](#), is a Hall of Fame forward, Stanley Cup champion and the current head coach of the Canadiens who recorded 391-642—1,033 in 1,134 GP with a trophy case that includes two Art Ross Trophies (2003-04 & 2012-13), Hart Trophy (2003-04), Ted Lindsay Award (2003-04) and three Lady Byng Trophies (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2012-13).

Tulk, Oliver
No. 215-ranked N.A. Skater

His father's cousin is [Terry Ryan](#), who was a first-round pick by the Canadiens in the 1995 NHL Draft (8th overall).

Lavigne, Mael
No. 221-ranked N.A. Skater

His father, [Eric](#), was a second-round pick by the Capitals in the 1991 NHL Draft (25th overall) who had a 16-season pro hockey career including a stop with the Kings (1 GP in 1994-95) and other pro leagues including the IHL and AHL.

