



## 2025-26 Predictions

PTCS Podcast



# Pre-Draft News

## INSIDER REPORTS [6/25/25]



**TRADE UP**  
**THE NEW YORK RANGERS HAVE CALLED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>,**  
**4<sup>TH</sup>, & 7<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL PICKS IN THIS DRAFT.**

**-Vince Mercaglano**



**2024-25: 23-24-47,+17, 16:47 TOI/G,**

**TRADE TARGET**  
**THE RANGERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN**  
**COLUMBUS DMITRY VORONKOV.**

**-Larry Brooks**



**2024-25: 74 GP, 7-20-27, 21:57 TOI/G**

## **K'Andre To Stay?**

**THE RANGERS HAVE GOTTEN VERY FEW SERIOUS OFFERS FOR MILLER.**

**-Larry Brooks**



**2024-25: 82 GP, 17-28-45 , 17:00 TOI/G**

**LAF FINAL CHANCE?**

**THE RANGERS ARE NOT SHOPPING ALEXIS LAFRENIERE.**

**-Larry Brooks**



**2024-25: 82 GP, 5-25-30, 23:05 TOI/G**

## **EXPENSIVE MOVE**

**GAVRIKOV (29-YEARS OLD) IS EXPECTED TO LAND A 7-YEAR CONTRACT AT ALMOST 8 MILLION PER YEAR.**

**-FRANK SERAVALLI**



**2024-25: 77 GP, 27-41-68 , 18:11 TOI/G**

## PETERKA UPDATE

**THE BLACKHAWKS HAVE DISCUSSED MOVING THE THIRD-OVERALL PICK IN A DEAL FOR JJ PETERKA.**

**-FRANK SERAVALLI**



## McRanger

THE RANGERS COULD BE ON THE SHORT LIST OF TEAMS THAT  
ARE A FIT FOR CONNOR MCDAVID.

-Pierre Lebrun



## 8 FIGURE DEAL

**THERE IS A REAL CHANCE THAT THE ISLANDERS TRADE NOAH DOBSON BEFORE THE DRAFT.**

**-Frank Seravalli**



## ROBERTSON UPDATE

THE NEW JERSEY DEVILS WILL KEEP AN EYE ON JASON  
ROBERTSON & HIS SITUATION IN DALLAS.

-Pierre Lebrun



# Chris Kreider

## 2020-2024 Playoff Highlights

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**I had reported last summer that teams told me Lafreniere was being shopped. The Rangers vehemently denied it. I think if I hear it again I don't think you'll hear those vehement denials...**

**ARTHUR STAPLE**  
on PTCS Podcast



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# NYR RECORD UPDATES

## NYR CLUB HISTORY



# WILD WEEK IN NEW YORK

## RANGERS NEWS [12/6-12/13]



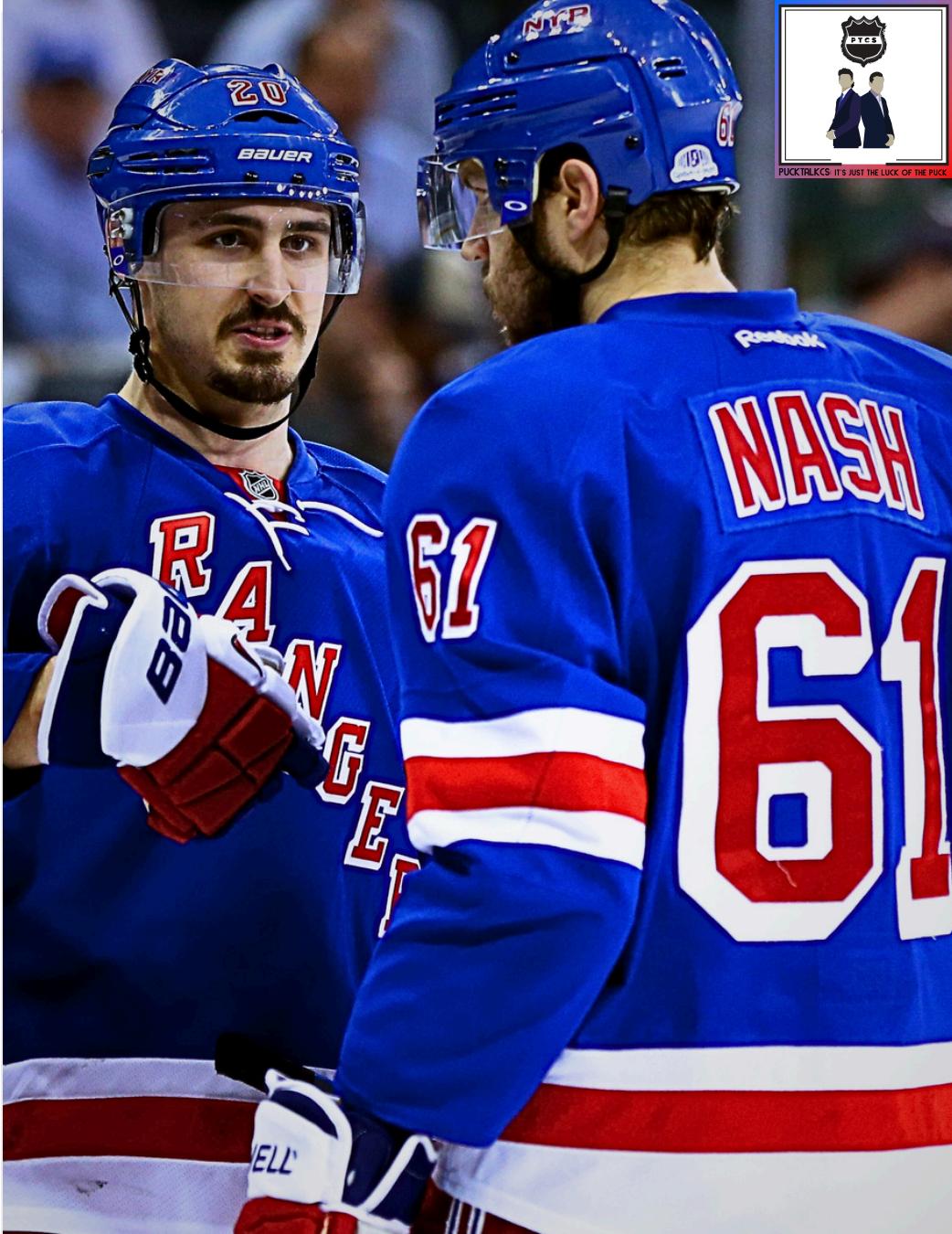
# 2025 Preseason Schedule

Sept. 21 - Oct. 4

## Game-Winning Goals



1. <a href="#">Chris Kreider</a> • <a href="#">2021-22</a>	11
2. <a href="#">Don Maloney</a> • <a href="#">1980-81</a>	9
<a href="#">Mark Messier*</a> • <a href="#">1996-97</a>	9
<a href="#">Jaromír Jágr</a> • <a href="#">2005-06</a>	9
<a href="#">Ryan Callahan</a> • <a href="#">2011-12</a>	9
<a href="#">Brad Richards</a> • <a href="#">2011-12</a>	9
<a href="#">Rick Nash</a> • <a href="#">2013-14</a>	9
8. <a href="#">Rod Gilbert*</a> • <a href="#">1973-74</a>	8
<a href="#">John Ogrodnick</a> • <a href="#">1989-90</a>	8
<a href="#">Rick Nash</a> • <a href="#">2014-15</a>	8



Eleven of Kreider's 52G in 21-22 were GWG. Rick Nash's 26G in 13-14 and 42G in 14-15 landed him on this list twice. The NHL began formally tracking GWG in 2007, although records were kept before the league listed the statistic.

## Short-Handed Goals

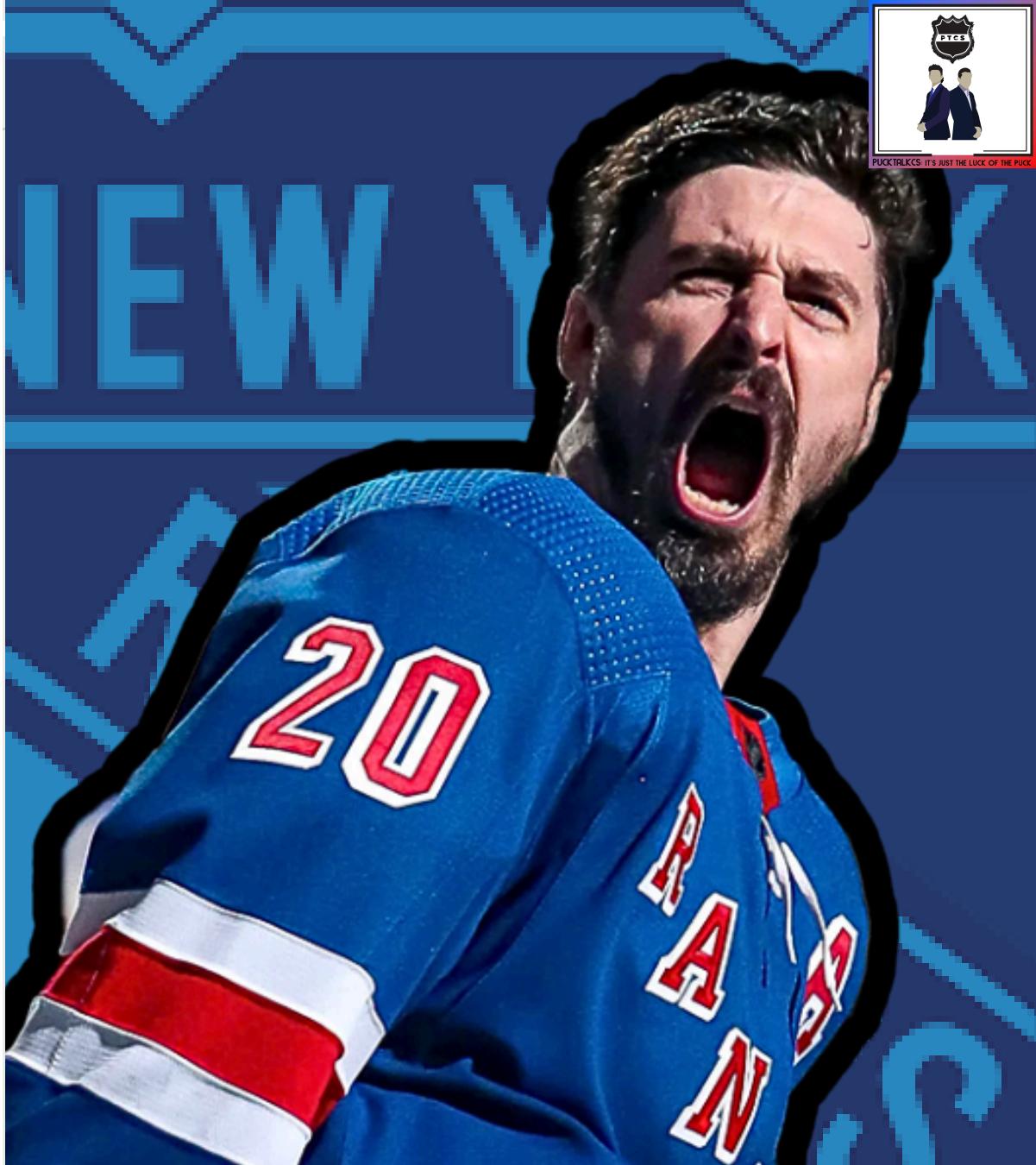
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Vincent Trocheck's 2024-25 season SHG tally is tied for second in club history. The 31-year-old pivot scored 26G this season, notching six on the penalty kill. He came into last season with just one SHG as a Blueshirt in 2023-24.

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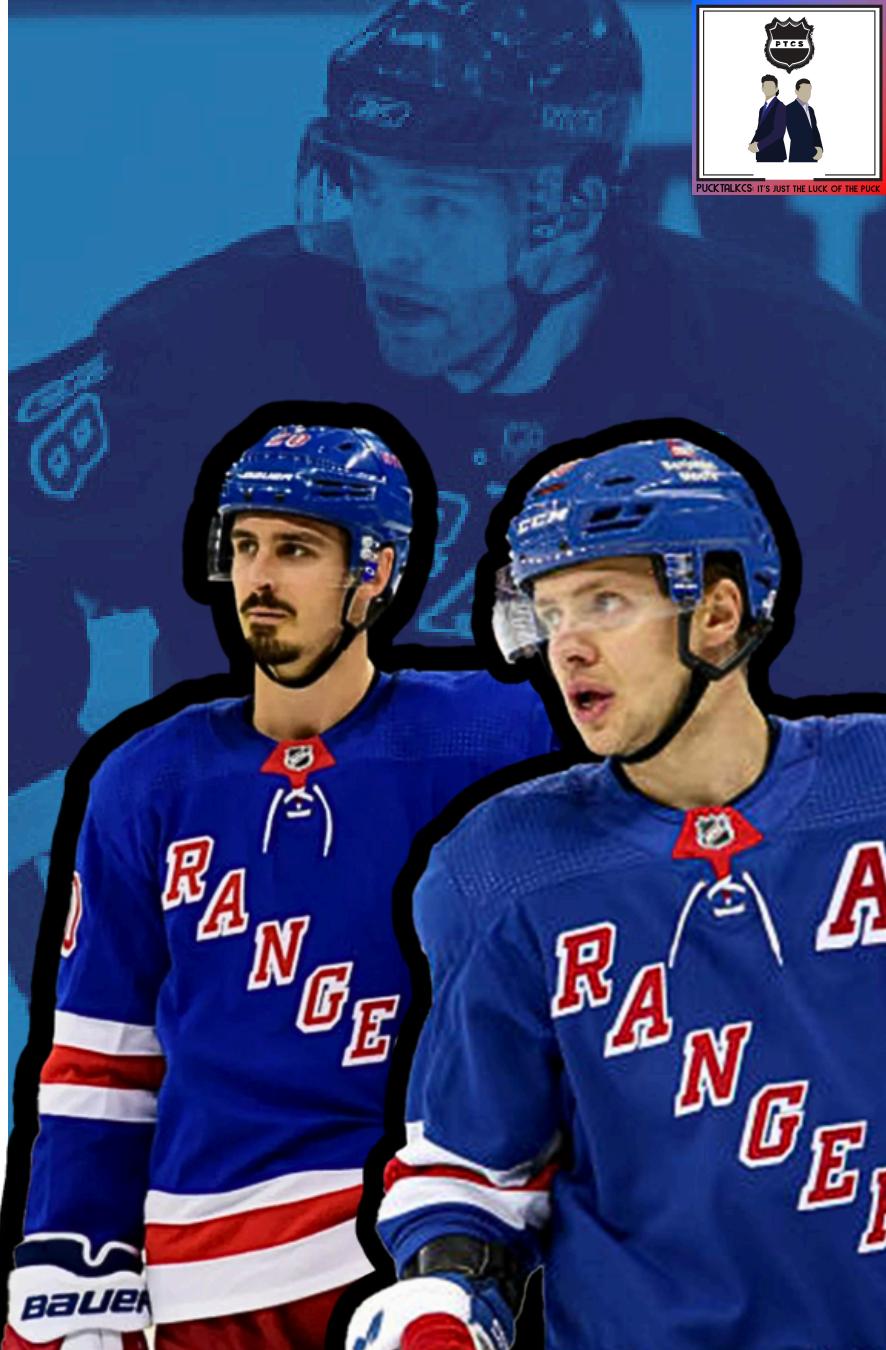
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**Chris Kreider was not utilized on the PK until 2021-22, where he scored his first SHG in his 10<sup>th</sup> NHL season. Since 21-22, he has recorded 13 SHG, the most in the NHL from 2021-2025. The Rangers scored the most SHG in the NHL in 2024-25 (18).**

## Goals

1. <a href="#">Jaromír Jágr</a> • <a href="#">2005-06</a>	54
2. <a href="#">Adam Graves</a> • <a href="#">1993-94</a>	52
Chris Kreider • <a href="#">2021-22</a>	52
4. <a href="#">Vic Hadfield</a> • <a href="#">1971-72</a>	50
5. <a href="#">Mike Gartner*</a> • <a href="#">1990-91</a>	49
Artemi Panarin • <a href="#">2023-24</a>	49
7. <a href="#">Pierre Larouche</a> • <a href="#">1983-84</a>	48
8. <a href="#">Mark Messier*</a> • <a href="#">1995-96</a>	47
9. <a href="#">Jean Ratelle*</a> • <a href="#">1971-72</a>	46
10. <a href="#">Mike Gartner*</a> • <a href="#">1992-93</a>	45



The New York Rangers went 16 seasons before they saw another addition to this list. Jaromír Jagr broke the club's single-season goals record in 2005-06. Chris Kreider scored 50 goals, tying Adam Graves for second place in 2021-22. Only four NYR have eclipsed the 50G plateau. Only three players got on this list post-lockout; teammates Panarin and Kreider did so in a three-season span.



The NHL began tracking hits in 2007-08, so the club's hits record is likely inaccurate due to the high volume of physical play since the league's inception. Alas, Will Cuylle is now the NYR single-season hits record holder, posting an immaculate 300 checks last season. The two and three-spot? Ryan Callahan in 2009-10 (285) and Ryan Reaves in 2021-22 (279). Cuylle is 22. Reaves was 34.



# WILD STATS FROM 2024-25

NYR: 39-36-7



**K'ANDRE MILLER finished the season +/- 0. MIKA ZIBANEJAD amassed a -22 rating.**



The Blueshirts' record against  
playoff teams this season:

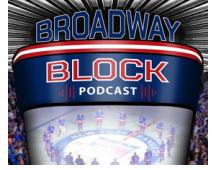
**13-25-4**



Will Cuylle set the club record for hits in a season with 301. He overtook Ryan Callahan's 285 in 2009-10. Ryan Reaves ranks third with 279 hits (2021-22). Callahan owns three of the top five hits in a season spots.



Alexis Lafreniere had more EVG this season (15) than Jake DeBrusk, Steven Stamkos, Juraj Slafkovsky, Connor Bedard, Evgeni Malkin, Aleksander Barkov, Andrei Svechnikov, and Cole Perfetti.





The New York Rangers' 17.62% power-play percentage ranked 28th in the NHL. It is the club's lowest percentage since 2014-15 (16.81%). That ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the NHL, but the team won the Presidents' Trophy with a 53-22-7 record.





The Rangers scored 18 short-handed goals (SHG), which is the second-highest total in club history. The 1993-94 Rangers scored 20 SHG, which is tied for ninth all-time in total shorthanded goals in a season.



Braden Schneider ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the NHL in defensive zone giveaways with 71. That total tied him with Erik Karlsson and Cale Makar.





**Artemi Panarin finished with the most shots that missed the net (161) and the 8th most shots blocked (188). He still led the club with 37 goals, 11 more than Vincent Trocheck, who finished in second place.**



**"I was put in a situation this summer to make a decision between my career and my family," he said. "I chose my family. I'd choose my family 100 times over again. I don't feel bad about that... I don't like that everything unfolded so publicly. I guess that's part of New York."**

**Jacob Trouba On ESPN [12/6/24]**



**"The common sense theory is that it's Tom Wilson, he's going to goad other people into stuff, but the Caps are just bereft of genuine skill up front. I think it's going to be the reverse."**

**-Arthur Staple**



**Rangers Points Leaders 2023-2024**



# Rangers 2nd Round Picks 2019-2025



**Will Cuyille**  
**2020-60th Overall**

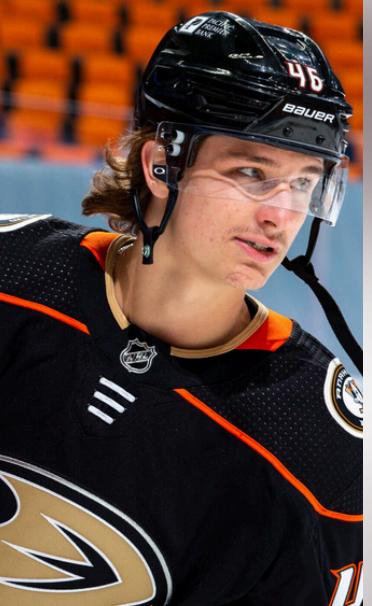
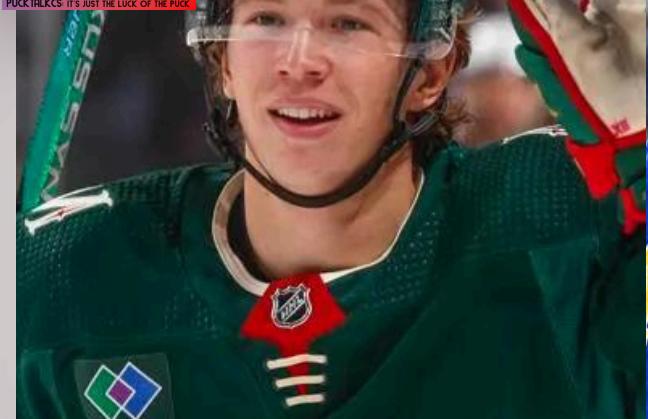


**TRADE**  
**2021-To CAR w/Brady Skjei**



## TRADE

**2023-55th OVA to CHI for Patrick Kane**



### Round 1

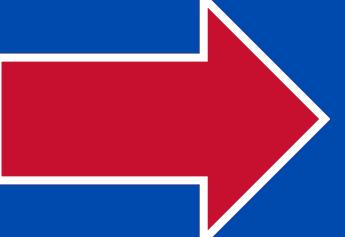
### NHL Scoring Stats

Overall Team	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
1 <a href="#">New Jersey Devils</a>	<a href="#">Jack Hughes</a>	306	114	167	281	-47	44
12 <a href="#">Minnesota Wild</a>	<a href="#">Matthew Boldy</a>	203	75	96	171	23	97
7 <a href="#">Buffalo Sabres</a>	<a href="#">Dylan Cozens</a>	280	66	100	166	-41	154
9 <a href="#">Anaheim Ducks</a>	<a href="#">Trevor Zegras</a>	211	55	99	154	-40	180
15 <a href="#">Montreal Canadiens</a>	<a href="#">Cole Caufield</a>	205	81	68	149	-39	30
6 <a href="#">Detroit Red Wings</a>	<a href="#">Moritz Seider</a>	246	21	113	134	-27	125
2 <a href="#">New York Rangers</a>	<a href="#">Kaapo Kakko</a>	300	57	60	117	4	66
98 <a href="#">Arizona Coyotes</a>	<a href="#">Matias Maccelli</a>	169	29	83	112	-14	30
16 <a href="#">Colorado Avalanche</a>	<a href="#">Alex Newhook</a>	214	42	58	100	5	54

# 2019 Draft Class Comparison

(Hockey-Reference.com)



**NYR FIRST DRAFT PICK 2015-25**   
A History From Ryan Gropp to EJ Emery



## Ryan Gropp 41st OVERALL-Seattle Thunderbirds 2015 NHL DRAFT

The Rangers sent their 2015 first-round draft selection to the TBL as part of the haul for Martin St. Louis. As a result, they did not have a draft selection until pick #41 in arguably the greatest NHL draft of the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. Names such as Connor McDavid, Jack Eichel, Sebastian Aho, Mikko Rantanen, and Mitch Marner painted the top of the amateur selection event. Gropp performed well for the Seattle Thunderbirds (WHL), primarily because he was Mat Barzal's linemate. Gropp would play three AHL seasons for the Wolf Pack before moving overseas. The history books will always display Gropp as the Rangers' choice in one of the best player selection pools to date. Par for the course.



## Sean Day

81<sup>st</sup> OVERALL-Mississauga Steelheads  
2016 NHL DRAFT

**Sean Day, to this day, is one of nine players to receive “exceptional status” from the CHL. Exceptional status was instituted in 2005-06. This rule allows select exceptionally talented players to become eligible to play full-time in a CHL league at age 15. Again, the Rangers drained draft capital, meaning their first selection would be pick #81 (3rd round). Day performed well in the OHL in his draft year, not to the exceptional standard perceived when he was 15, entering the OHL. Day skated in Ranger training camps until 2020 and suited up for 62 AHL contests before he signed with the TBL on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He played in 2 NHL games in 2022, and now plays overseas.**



## Lias Andersson

7<sup>th</sup> OVERALL-HV71 Jonkoping  
2017 NHL DRAFT

Broadway drama wasn't enough for the 7<sup>th</sup> overall draft pick. His Ranger tenure was The Kardashians. The New York Rangers traded Derek Stepan to the Arizona Coyotes just one summer after going through the arbitration process to sign the team's 1C. In return, they received the 7th overall draft selection. It was the club's first time in the top 10 since 2010 (Dylan McIlrath). After the tumultuous Swedish silver medal incident and a strained relationship with the JD-Gorton leadership duo, Andersson would play in 17 games in the 2019-20 season. The once-promising "steady" center was moved to LA on Oct. 7, 2020, for the Kings' second-round pick (NYR drafted Will Cuylle). A character pick turned heel.



## Vitali Kravtsov

9<sup>th</sup> OVERALL-Traktor Chelyabinsk  
2018 NHL DRAFT

Kravtsov was the only “off-the-board” pick of the 2018 NHL Draft. In hindsight, it was a pool with many hits and misses, but wildly at the ends of that bell curve. Kravtsov signed his ELC in May 2019 and played 39 games in Hartford in 2019-20. He returned to Traktor Chelyabinsk (KHL) for the following two seasons. The situation quickly became hairy. The scoring winger returned to Russia for 2021-22 after failing to make the team out of camp. He finally earned a role on the big club in the fall of 2022, four years after he was drafted. In a highly anticipated opening night, Kravtsov was injured on a hit by Victor Hedman. Kravtsov was traded to VAN before the 2023 TDL to make room for the Kane/Tarasenko splashes. Didn’t have enough space to write all the theatics. Kravtsov was given every chance to make the team, but for all his skill, he was not built for the physicality required to thrive in the NHL.



## Kaapo Kakko

**2<sup>nd</sup> OVERALL-TPS Turku  
2019 NHL DRAFT**

The New York Rangers jumped from the 6<sup>th</sup> overall slot to the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall slot in the 2019 draft lottery. Jack Hughes and Kaapo Kakko jockeyed for the first overall selection, and the Battle Of The Hudson was bound to see one of the all-world prospects in their sweater at the start of the 2019-20 season. Enter Kakko, who posted a record 22G in SM-Liiga (Finland) in his draft year. The stud prospect also scored the sensational go-ahead goal in the 2019 WJC. The NBC graphics/analysts team stated that Kakko had “no flaws” on draft night. His adjustment to the NHL was not easy. Dietary needs, Covid-hindered seasons, a coaching carousel, and production woes ultimately led to Kakko earning two bridge deals and limited trust. During his sixth season on Broadway, he was traded to the Seattle Kraken for Will Borgen. Kakko posted 30 points in 40 GP to conclude 24-25 with SEA.



# Alexis Lafreniere

1<sup>st</sup> OVERALL-Rimouski Oceanic  
2020 NHL DRAFT

The highest NYR draft pick from 1964-2018 was Brad Park, who was selected second overall in '64. With the bubble playoff in 2020, it was the first time since 1983 that a team that made the playoffs could win the draft lottery. The NYR jumped nine spots in the draft lottery and got the first-overall pick for the first time in club history. It was a no-brainer; Lafreniere was the anticipated #1 for two years. Following two subpar seasons, the "Kid Line" found chemistry as a checking/scoring trio in the 2022 playoffs. In 2024, No.13 flanked the best line in the NHL, skating with Artemi Panarin and Vincent Trocheck. He inked a 7.45 x 7 deal in October 2024, although his performance in 24-25 further indicated that his ceiling is still in question. Is Lafreniere in favor of Drury? Is he a trade piece?



# Brennan Othmann 16<sup>th</sup> OVERALL-Flint Firebirds 2021 NHL DRAFT

Chris Drury's first draft selection as GM of the Rangers was Othmann. The draft took place on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, two months after a catastrophic conclusion of the shortened 2021 season. The club was adamant about adding players with bite into the lineup. This factored into Othmann's selection, a scoring winger who could deal checks in high-intensity contests. The NYR needed center depth badly, but the management wanted a skater who fit their desired prototype. Othmann played for the Flint Firebirds (OHL) and had put up 50G, 97 PTS in his draft year. He continued to succeed in the Ontario league, winning the Robertson Cup in 2023. To the assent of the fanbase, the organization provided Othmann more development support than Kakko/Lafreniere, and the prospect played in parts of two AHL campaigns for the Wolf Pack before jumping to the NHL.



## Adam Sykora

63<sup>rd</sup> OVERALL PICK-Nitra MHC  
2022 NHL DRAFT

The Rangers' unprecedented ECF run saw WPG receive the NYR '22 first-rounder as part of the Andrew Copp deal. The organization liked Sykora's package. He is a player with an unlimited motor, premium gasoline, and is a puck hunter. Scouts stated that he demonstrated a strong work ethic, physical play style, and a knack for finding ways to contribute. Sykora has played for the Hartford Wolf Pack for three seasons, scoring 30 points in 71 games in 2024-25. It remains to be seen what his future is with the organization. Could he become the next Yanni Gourde?



# Gabriel Perreault

**23<sup>rd</sup> OVERALL-USNTDP  
2023 NHL DRAFT**

Most puck-knowers saw Perreault slide after pick 12 in the 2023 NHL Draft and immediately prayed that he'd fall to pick No.23. After a brutal ECQF loss to NJ, the fanbase sought any reason for consolation. That came in the biggest first-round draft slide the NYR have ever received. Perreault holds the record for the USNTDP's most points in a single season, with 132 points in his draft-eligible year. That bests players such as Auston Matthews and Jack Hughes. Perreault skated two seasons for the Boston College Eagles (NCAA), taking the program to the 2024 National Championship. He signed an ELC contract on March 31st, but his handling by the sinking PL staff caused many concerns. How will Drury-Sullivan handle the playmaking phenom?



# EJ Emery

**30<sup>th</sup> OVERALL-USNTDP  
2024 NHL DRAFT**

We have spoken to Steve Ellis, Daily Faceoff Prospect Analyst, on PTCS twice. He has shared his thoughts with us about Emery, stating that he is one of his favorite prospects in hockey: “EJ Emery is going to be a top-four defenseman and better than people think.” For a second year, the Rangers selected from the USNTDP. Considering the NYR won the Presidents’ Trophy and reached the ECF, it was refreshing to see the club retain its first-round pick and get a valuable prospect from the selection rather than trading it for an aging veteran. Emery projects as a stay-at-home defenseman who can develop at the Ralph in North Dakota (NCAA).



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12<sup>th</sup> OVERALL

The New York Rangers currently hold the 12<sup>th</sup> overall draft selection in the 2025 NHL Draft. The catch- which selection should be given to PIT due to the JT Miller trade, a 2025 or 2026 first-rounder? The predicament is precise: The NYR will not have a first-round pick in one of the next two drafts. Draft analysts do not believe this year boasts a deep crop of impact first-round selections. The 12<sup>th</sup> pick in recent draft classes includes players such as Matt Boldy, Anton Lundell, Martin Necas, Noah Dobson, and Cole Sillinger. The Rangers need organizational center depth. Do you bank on last season being the ultimate failure and returning to success in 2026, thus giving PIT the '26 pick, which could be later than 12th based on the NYR's success? Or move the '25 pick and retain the '26 pick as a safe option?



## Kaapo Kakko

Reg. : 3-5-8 in 19 GP  
Playoffs: 2-6-8 in 16 GP

The Rangers acquired Roslovic at the TDL buzzer, swapping a conditional 2026 fourth-round pick to acquire the speedy RW. The 27-year-old brought subtle playmaking that had its moments, but his forechecking and turnovers sank the optimism that he was playing fine as a complimentary skater. It is unlikely the Rangers offer a deal to his camp as a UFA. His game was mostly on the perimeter, Drury looked like a genius in the first round but his lack of jam was frustrating in the by the ECF. New York will need to address the 1RW, a position they've needed since 2021.

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## Team Stats

**36-32-7**

Record

**40-29-7**

**17.3**

Power Play %

**27.8**

**81.7**

Penalty Kill %

**82.2**

**53.9**

Faceoff %

**49.8**

**3.04**

GF/GP

**2.96**

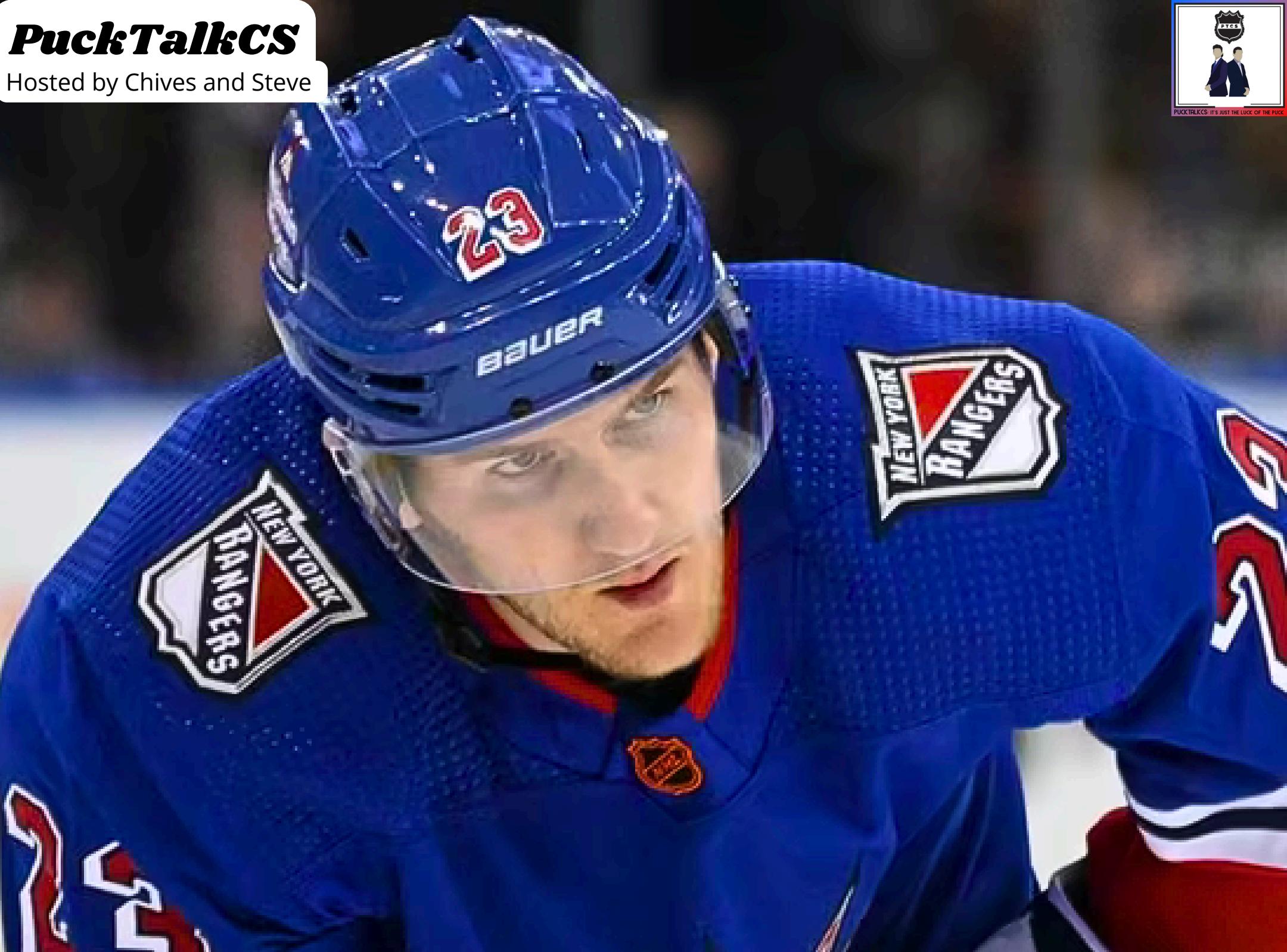
**3.01**

GA/GP

**2.62**



**Vincent Trocheck**  
**6G-8A-14 PTS**



**Adam Fox**  
**17 G-56 A-73 PTS**



**Mika Zibanejad**  
**26 G-46 A-72 PTS**



**Alexis Lafreniere**  
**28 G-29 A-57 PTS**

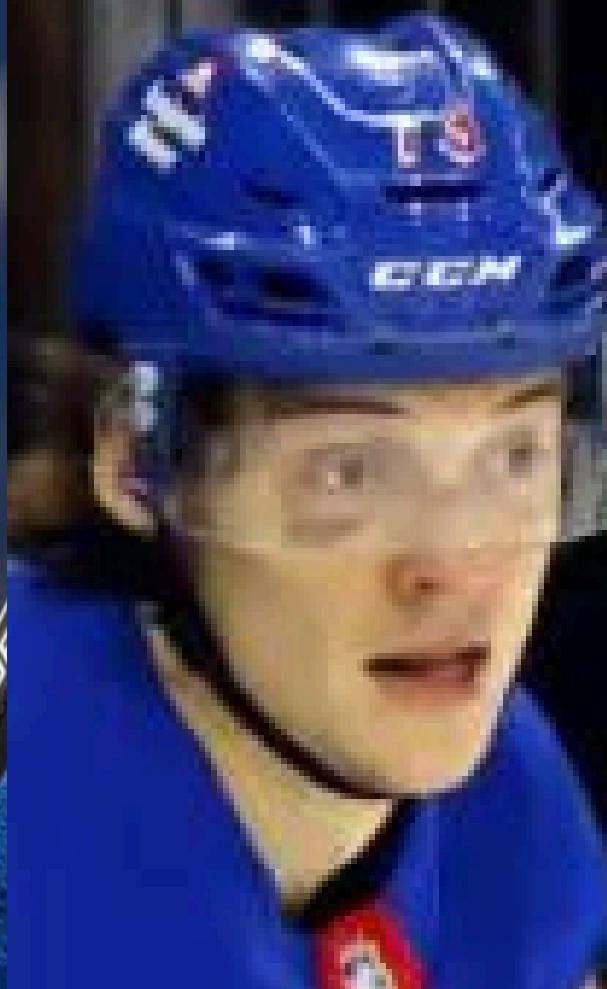


**1991-1992**

**50-25-5**



# Matthew Mugno Joins Dexter Henry On NY POST SPORTS



## 2020 **#NYR** draft class (NHL) UPDATE

-Alexis Lafreniere (1st overall)-17-19-36 in 59GP, 15 ESG, 5 GWG

-Braden Schneider (19th overall)-3-12-15 , 15:01 TOI in 59 GP

-Will Cuylle (60th overall) - 10-8-18 in 59GP, 188 hits (6th in NHL)

-Matt Rempe (165th overall) -1-1-2 in 5 GP, 20:01 TOI, 4 fights

