

2016-17 World Hockey League Player Detail

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Abel, Michael	R	Canada	Y	33	Lands club's final roster position at just-above league minimum salary.
Ahmaoja, Erkki	C	Finland	Y	26	Hopeful of return to electric player he once was before injury spree.
Ahokainen, Petri	R	Finland	Y	26	Shifty moves, potent stick, upbeat demeanor, spindly physique.
Allain, Royce	D	Canada	Y	29	Plays bigger than he is, adept at exploiting opponent weaknesses.
Anshakov, Artem	D	USSR	Y	25	One of league's fastest on skates, but lacks all-around value.
Archer, Scout	L	Canada	Y	28	Fan favorite, local hero for charity work; hard worker on ice and off.
Artukhin, Yuri	C	USSR	Y	28	Solid contributor but performance has plateaued last couple of seasons.
Backstrom, Stefan	D	Sweden	N	35	Long-time vet quietly says goodbye.
Baldaev, Nikolas	C	Russia	Y	27	Not the most graceful of players, but makes enough plays to keep job.
Banks, Gary	D	Canada	Y	30	Textbook enforcer, but has toned down some after repeated fines.
Barber, Cam	C	Canada	Y	29	Hard hitter, and plays with gusto.
Barber, Kerry	L	Canada	Y	21	Has exceeded expectations, fiery hitter, multi-dimensional and a decent stick.
Barriere, Ray	C	Canada	Y	29	Veteran savvy earns him a roster spot, against odds.
Barteaux, Julien	L	Canada	Y	22	Patient front office content to let him develop at his own pace; getting there.
Baxter, Matt	C	USA	Y	33	A step slower this year, but still an effective defender.
Bayda, Chase	R	Canada	Y	27	Solid, unspectacular player, seems to have plateaued.
Bedard, Didier	C	Canada	N	32	Problems staying healthy, could signal end of the road.
Benedetto, Domenic	L	USA	Y	26	Settling in as solid all-around player.
Beranek, Jiri	D	Czechoslovakia	Y	27	Small-dollar player who consistently delivers good value.
Bergen, Wally	C	Canada	Y	28	Likable, dependable "good citizen" type with decent scoring punch.
Berglund, Henrik	L	Sweden	Y	35	Still a scoring threat, but less so than earlier in his career.
Bergstrom, Todd	L	USA	Y	29	Thunderous hitter on the ice, well-spoken in clubhouse: winning combination.
Bernard, Scotty	C	Canada	Y	27	Injury issues erode already thin skill set.
Bieksta, Craig	D	Canada	Y	24	Still learning, picking up tips from veteran players.
Blackmon, Ellis	R	Canada	Y	20	King-size farm kid with plenty of raw talent and a mean streak.
Blakey, Andrew	C	USA	Y	37	Older but wiser, valued leader who can still swing a stick.
Blanchard, Robbie	C	Canada	Y	32	New contract, but not without some ill-will. Fans, front office are miffed.
Blindenbacher, Mike	R	USA	Y	26	Not considered a star, but plays like one; strong on defense, special teams.
Boatwright, Chris	R	Canada	Y	34	"And the hits just keep on comin'" for this veteran enforcer.
Boden, Bobbie	L	USA	Y	24	Uneven performance has coaches, front office baffled.
Boehm, Mike	D	USA	Y	26	Superstar defender at the peak of his career.
Bolduc, Roger	R	Canada	Y	35	Off-season strength conditioning holds off Father Time, back for another year.
Bonneville, Patrick	D	Canada	N	31	Fade to black for former dominant defender.
Bonnino, Rick	L	USA	Y	29	In good health as season begins, always a plus for this player.

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Boogaard, Max	L	Canada	Y	24	Gets better every year, sky's the limit for this talented star.
Borzov, Sergei	C	USSR	Y	30	Slow to adapt to WHL hockey, but seems to have found his comfort zone.
Bosworth, Sam	L	Canada	Y	32	"Happy Hitter," popular with fans, has his own flavor of local ice cream.
Boucher, Maxime	R	Canada	Y	25	Counted on for consistent scoring punch, and consistently delivers.
Bouckwell, Shane	D	Canada	Y	29	Pigeonholed as glove-dropper and policeman, despite some defense skills.
Bouman, Brandon	D	USA	Y	27	Re-worked contract, improved play keeps him on the roster.
Bourque, Dennis	D	Canada	Y	32	League MVP candidate; respected by opponents, revered by fans.
Bouwmeester, Alex	R	Canada	Y	25	Now getting votes for all-star team with serious year-to-year improvement.
Boyer, Kurt	G	Canada	Y	24	Moving up in the WHL goalie hierarchy with sustained solid play.
Brennan, Brandt	G	Canada	Y	28	Back to previous habit of inconsistent performances.
Brunel, Trent	R	Canada	Y	22	Speed and power are impressive, but needs to develop more "finish."
Bubla, Oldrich	R	Czechoslovakia	N	27	Limited skill set, optioned to minor league club
Buchanan, Michael	C	USA	Y	27	Capable defender, solid piece to any team's playoff plans.
Buckland, Tyson	D	Canada	Y	30	Playing best hockey of his career, relying on veteran smarts.
Bumagin, Yevgeny	D	USSR	Y	29	Big guy who plays clean, by the book, loved by fans and team mates alike.
Burke, Chris	G	USA	Y	27	Dip in performance from former college all-American.
Burns, Kyle	R	Canada	N	31	Never a top-line player, age and limited skill send popular vet packing.
Bussiere, Troy	G	Canada	Y	29	Has earned reputation of keeping cool amidst fire.
Camarra, Steve	G	USA	Y	30	Could be the end of the road ; once-promising career looks very dim.
Carson, Connor	D	Canada	Y	24	Off-season surgery has this young star looking like his former self.
Cekanec, Jaroslav	C	Czechoslovakia	Y	27	Blue collar player who hits with the best of them.
Charlebois, Barry	C	Canada	N	35	End of the line for this hard-working WHL vet.
Cibak, Zac	C	Czechoslovakia	R	24	Set records in Euro league for consecutive games scoring goal.
Cloutier, Al	R	Canada	Y	28	Earns respect by getting above-average results from average tools.
Coffey, Kevin	L	Canada	Y	23	Making the transition from minors; may never be a star, but has good skills.
Coffil, Brock	D	Canada	N	34	Good-guy veteran with limited skill set; hopes to catch on somewhere.
Colagiacommo, Noah	G	Canada	Y	27	Earning respect as iron-tough net-minder.
Collie, Jeremy	D	Canada	Y	26	Career stuck in neutral, but front office feels there's still some upside.
Concannon, Nick	C	USA	Y	24	One of WHL's brightest stars with electric stick work and knack for scoring.
Connauton, Curt	R	Canada	Y	26	Everything you want in a hockey player, including winning attitude.
Conroy, Carter	C	USA	Y	26	Healthy this season, hopes to have career year.
Conti, Rich	R	USA	Y	27	Coaching staff close to giving up, short on "signs of life."
Cooke, Jeremy	D	Canada	Y	30	Loves to play, but doesn't offer much; might be playing in minors next year.
Cooper, Cameron	L	Canada	Y	28	Return to injury list halts career rebound, now faces another comeback try.

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Courtney, Rich	C	Canada	Y	33	Smart, strong vet who can complement any line.
Craig, Geoff	C	USA	N	31	One-time star unceremoniously waived out of the league.
Craig, Rick	L	USA	Y	37	More valuable as mentor to younger guys than as the scorer he once was.
Creighton, Greg	D	Canada	Y	28	Able to stay healthy, turns in creditable season on defensive end.
Cuillerier, Roland	G	Canada	N	37	Wraps up career with shutout in otherwise meaningless last game.
Currie, Doug	D	Canada	Y	33	Healthier this year, but handwriting may be on the wall.
Curtis, Kieran	R	Canada	Y	28	"Reformed" enforcer now a legitimately solid defender.
Czerwinski, Augie	R	Poland	N	28	Deemed expendable due to lack of scoring prowess.
Dagenais, Jean-Sebastien	R	Canada	R	23	Came out of nowhere to wow club, fans with maturity, consistency.
Daneyko, Martin	D	Canada	R	21	Minor league team captain, good leadership skills, smart and coachable.
Davis, Edward	D	Canada	N	26	Patience of front office runs out, development too slow.
Delmore, Fred	D	Canada	R	21	Relishes hitting people, sometimes at the expense of hockey basics.
DeLong, Dean	R	Canada	Y	28	Inconsistent in most areas, shows occasional brilliance.
Dempsey, Will	C	USA	Y	27	Continues to contribute at star-level, consistent scoring threat.
Denis, Chris	C	Canada	Y	31	Highly productive season expected from this league superstar.
Desautels, Regan	D	Canada	Y	31	Classic over-achiever with modest skill set, big heart.
Diamente, Tony	C	USA	N	24	Sent back to minors for seasoning.
Dickson, Brendan	D	Canada	Y	23	Anti-social, bordering on psychopath behavior toward opponents.
Dingman, Martin	R	Canada	R	19	Has the tools scouts look for, impressed enough in pre-season to earn spot.
DiSalvatore, Tony	D	USA	Y	21	Diamond-in-the-rough, could develop into well-rounded star; not there yet.
Doherty, Dylan	D	USA	Y	30	Has become fixture on all-league teams with stellar play.
Donnelly, Tim	R	Canada	Y	31	Makes plays between the blue lines, rarely scores goal.
Dow, Scott	R	Canada	R	20	Offensive wunderkind with uncanny knack for scoring in tight spots.
Dreschler, Kevin	D	USA	N	28	Victim of salary cap numbers game, could re-surface somewhere.
Dunbar, Damon	D	Canada	Y	29	Friction with front office over re-negotiated (downward) salary.
DuPerre, Yvan	D	Canada	N	35	Not much ice time in 2015-16, decides to hang it up.
Dyer, Larry	R	USA	Y	33	Former Olympic hockey hero, still remembered for contribution.
Edgerton, Mike	L	Canada	Y	29	With stellar play last two seasons, has moved into leagues's upper tier.
Edwards, Corey	C	Canada	Y	36	Off-season conditioning keeps him playing at a high level.
Elomo, Tomi	R	Finland	Y	25	Value player who has exceeded expectations, become bright light for club.
Embry, Rich	R	Canada	Y	30	Distinct lack of speed offset by intangibles, toughness.
Esposito, Freddie	D	USA	Y	34	Former all-star with reduced production, pared-back salary.
Exelby, Ross	C	Canada	Y	23	Continues to get better, multi-faceted contributor.
Fahey, Drew	G	USA	Y	25	Plays well at times—but not ALL the time.

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Fedyk, Garrett	R	Canada	Y	19	Sky's the limit for this hockey prodigy, already playing a high level.
Ferrante, Zach	L	USA	Y	26	Plays best in close quarters, no as effective on open ice.
Ferraro, Scott	C	USA	R	22	Major college hockey background, could make instant impact in pros.
Fontaine, Remy	D	Canada	Y	32	Head-scratching lack of production for pint-sized fan favorite.
Forsberg, Nik	D	Sweden	Y	33	Another rock-solid season for this established vet.
Fortin, Francois	D	Canada	Y	36	Continues to amaze despite inching another year closer to 40.
Foster, Patrick	L	USA	N	34	Solid role player in long career, but all good things must come to an end.
Francis, Nicholas	D	Canada	Y	31	Adequate defender who generates little buzz.
Franssen, Peter	L	Sweden	N	35	Health issues force end to career of frequent all-star.
Fredriksson, Jason	R	Sweden	Y	26	Healthy again, sharp with stick.
Furst, Kristian	D	Germany	Y	22	Returns to ice with bulkier frame from off-season conditioning.
Gagne, Ryan	C	Canada	Y	26	Deserving of all-star consideration with strong all-around effort.
Galanov, Maxim	L	USSR	Y	35	Still some gas left in the tank, valuable as tactician, mentor.
Gallard, Spencer	R	Canada	Y	29	One of WHL's best-kept "secrets," routinely excellent on game night.
Garreau, Georges	C	Canada	N	32	Veteran player but modest skill set, unable to land roster spot
Gauthier, Brian	C	Canada	Y	27	Strong defender, good team player.
Genovy, Paul	D	USA	Y	25	In the conversation when talk turns to top WHL defenders.
George, Justin	C	USA	RT	30	Out of hockey last year, signs veteran minimum contract.
Ghozzi, Phil	G	USA	RT	26	Returns to big time after year in minors.
Gilchrist, Corey	D	Canada	R	19	Highly-regarded for speed and athleticism, seen as can't-miss prospect.
Gill, Doug	L	Canada	Y	33	Iron-man player, rarely scratched from the line-up; tough and smart.
Gillies, Pete	D	Canada	Y	21	Dad was three-time all-star, champion; son starting to play like dad.
Golubovsky, Nikolai	D	USSR	R	22	Raw but with upside for a roster spot. Speaks no English.
Gould, Zack	R	USA	N	36	Unable to press on through flurry of injuries, retires.
Grant, Darryl	R	Canada	Y	31	Could be on his way out of league with another mediocre or worse season.
Grigorenko, Sergei	D	USSR	Y	25	Rapid ascent to star status: big, agile and fast.
Haas, Turner	C	USA	Y	24	Injury in pre-season puts damper on expected production.
Halderson, Howie	L	USA	Y	23	Takes a step backward in production, uncomfortable in new scheme.
Halko, Jeff	C	Canada	R	20	Genteel kid who sets pleasantries aside on ice; plays with intensity
Hanigan, Justin	G	Canada	Y	28	Hangs on for another season, but clock is ticking
Hannan, Chase	L	Canada	Y	32	Has lost a step over the years but can still help create the critical goal.
Harper, Evan	D	Canada	Y	27	Rewarded with new contract after another outstanding season.
Hart, Peter	R	Canada	Y	30	Not much of a scoring threat, but has enough tools to be of value.
Hecht, Patrik	C	Germany	R	22	Dexterity on skates despite size makes opponents take notice.

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Hejda, Jiri	R	Czechoslovakia	Y	26	Big numbers, champion-like effort from this established WHL star.
Henriksson, Jorgen	L	Sweden	Y	34	Continues to be one of WHL's most dangerous threats with the puck.
Henry, Jeff	L	Canada	Y	25	Solid, steady player, could emerge with added ice time.
Hlavac, Mika	L	Czechoslovakia	R	22	Discovered in minor Euro league, could be a force with time in weight room.
Hoerner, Clayton	C	Canada	Y	28	Puzzling mix of potential and actual-performance.
Holliday, Greg	D	Canada	Y	29	Fearless hitter who's work often shows up on sports highlight reels.
Holm, Dexter	G	Canada	N	35	Cut from team early in pre-season; poor play, conditioning issues.
Holmes, Alex	R	Canada	Y	26	Ekes out roster spot with good showing late in training camp.
Houma, Manny	D	USA	R	22	Exciting player in college, counted on to make the big play, both ends.
House, Rob	D	Canada	Y	21	Smart kid, a little undersized but makes up for it with flair for big plays.
Howard, Ryan	G	USA	Y	28	Injury history has led to career inconsistency, but solid when healthy.
Hubbard, Jason	D	USA	Y	30	Serviceable pro who can be counted on to step up when needed.
Hubl, Zbynek	L	USSR	Y	26	A solid season, but front office was hoping for more than "solid."
Hudson, Darcy	D	Canada	Y	33	Late-bloomer whose career revitalized thanks to time in weight room.
Hull, Jake	R	Canada	Y	31	Crowd-pleasing star piles up goals and points in "routine" banner season.
Hutchinson, Jerry	D	USA	Y	38	Farewell season for this long-time fixture on WHL ice.
Ignatyev, Anton	L	Russia	Y	27	Proven vet, unselfish and steady.
Jarvis, Joey	D	Canada	Y	27	Stable contributor, somewhat unrefined but durable, dependable.
Jonasen, Mats	L	Sweden	Y	25	Back to full health, but noticeably slower.
Jorgensen, Anders	L	Sweden	Y	27	Smart and agile, back to earlier form.
Kanko, Petr	C	Czechoslovakia	Y	27	Plays much bigger than he actually is, can dish out surprising hits.
Kapanen, Pasi	R	Finland	R	21	Blazing speed, good instincts, somewhat fragile.
Kasparik, Michal	L	Czechoslovakia	Y	26	Contract re-work coincidental with reduced production: not a good sign.
Kea, Sheldon John	R	Canada	Y	21	"Sophomore slump," but expected to resume career ascent.
Kelleher, Chris	R	USA	R	25	Bounced around minors for half-dozen years, gets his shot at the big time.
Kelley, Colt	C	Canada	Y	23	Aiming for super-star status, and plenty of years left to get there.
Kiernan, Kerry	G	Canada	Y	29	"Jolly Roger" face mask well-known in WHL arenas.
Kilger, Dwayne	C	Canada	R	20	From Yukon, put up big early numbers against lesser competition.
King, Eric	R	USA	N	35	Surprising salary cap casualty, unable to land new contract.
Kinney, Chris	L	USA	Y	28	Comeback continues, has written a book about it.
Koffler, Grant	G	Canada	N	36	Could have continued to play, but takes job in broadcast booth instead.
Kolesnikov, Emil	D	Russia	Y	27	Hoped-for leap to star status hasn't happened—yet.
Konowalchuk, Steve	L	USA	R	23	Highly sought-after thanks to big year in top minor league.
Kopecky, Marion	L	Czechoslovakia	Y	31	Good citizen, calming demeanor in tense situations.

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Kovach, Milan	R	Czechoslovakia	Y	29	Off-season injury back-tracks recent successes on ice; new deal off table.
Kovalev, Nikita	L	Russia	Y	24	Decent scoring threat, still refining skills.
Krol, Jaropelk	D	Poland	Y	27	Frustrating absence of progress for once-touted Euro star.
Kruchinin, Artem	D	USSR	Y	27	One of league's up-and-coming defense stars.
Kulikov, Vladimir	L	USSR	Y	34	Bald head, toothless smile a familiar sight on post-game TV after GWG.
Kustrin, Jamie	L	Canada	Y	32	Career seems to be in fade-out mode, limited ice time.
LaChance, Kevin	D	USA	R	23	Offensive-minded defender who creates scoring chances with deft play.
Lafontaine, Jacques	R	Canada	Y	38	Will be final season for this long-time star.
Lambert, Corey	D	Canada	Y	26	Overlooked for all-star team but plays well enough to be considered.
Larssen, Jussi	L	Sweden	R	21	Fan favorite in pre-season for timely goals and lively post-game interviews.
Laverdure, Alexandre	C	Canada	N	24	Confrontation with coach punched bus ticket home.
LeClerc, Andre	C	Canada	Y	31	Noticeable drop-off in production has career hanging in balance.
Ledrov, Vjtor	C	USSR	Y	33	Quiet, solid pro makes another solid contribution.
Lehoux, Yanick	L	Canada	Y	24	Has top-selling jersey in WHL souvenir stores; major star with huge draw.
Lehtonen, Sakari	D	Finland	N	24	Inflexible with what coaches asked of him, released.
Lenkkeri, Lauri	C	Finland	Y	25	Has developed into dangerous, multi-faceted star player.
Lessard, Henri	C	Canada	Y	35	Veteran know-how again secures roster spot.
Lewis, Buck	L	Canada	Y	26	Long string of memorable hits, both on ice and in local rock band.
Lillico, Austin	L	USA	Y	27	Appears to be playing with less intensity—injury-related?
Lind, Kent	R	USA	Y	32	Not the same player he was before serious knee injury, but still trying.
Lindqvist, Filip	G	Sweden	Y	30	Stoic in the net, established as league star.
Little, Dominic	G	Canada	Y	26	Still struggling to be consistent, too many goals are getting past him.
LoDuca, Terry	G	Canada	Y	33	Solid, unspectacular performer; seems to have lost earlier flair.
Lofgren, Petr	C	Sweden	Y	37	Relegated to spot duty status, but still wants to play.
Logan, Denny	L	Canada	RT	28	missed 2015-16 with injury, rehab; hoping to resume career.
Long, Josh	R	USA	N	27	Former top draft pick never lived up to advance billing.
Longo, Donato	L	Italy	N	25	Unexpected, inexplicable decline in performance—what happened?
Lundin, Ebbe	D	Sweden	Y	22	Didn't play hockey until age 17—still learning the intricacies of pro hockey.
Lyons, Mike	D	USA	Y	24	Seems to have picked up chip on shoulder, which hasn't helped his play.
Maddox, Chase	L	Canada	Y	27	Can be key cog in anyone's hockey machine with scoring strength and grit.
Madsen, Mikkel	C	Denmark	N	23	Returns to Denmark, unable to adapt to more physical WHL game.
Magnuson, Wes	C	USA	Y	27	Seems to have settled in as role player, special teams.
Makela, Mikko	L	Finland	Y	24	Lithe player who sometimes creates goals but can be intimidated.
Malik, Anton	R	Czechoslovakia	RT	34	Takes reserve role at reduced salary to keep playing.

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Malik, Martin	L	Czechoslovakia	Y	32	Showing signs of wear and tear, dinged up but productive.
Maltby, Aaron	C	Canada	R	19	Junior star with fast fists, "tough guy" reputation.
Manning, Robert	L	Canada	Y	35	Stable, solid veteran resisting inevitable career descent.
Mapletoft, Shawn	R	Canada	Y	24	Hits with gusto but lacks refinement everywhere else.
Marchesseault, Daniel	D	Canada	Y	21	French-speaking former junior star; big, strong and still learning the game.
Marcil, Maury	R	Canada	Y	35	Fans remember his dominant playoff performance of half-dozen years ago.
Markov, Nikolas	D	USSR	Y	33	Time starting to take toll, but still a creditable defender with plenty of ice time.
Mattson, Erik	R	USA	Y	26	Selfless attitude and strong enthusiasm for game, modest hockey skills.
McCawley, Danny	G	USA	Y	26	Frustrates coaches with rigid style, but often plays pretty well.
McEachern, Travis	D	USA	Y	24	Well-known around the league for punishing hits, frequent fines.
McFarlane, Koby	R	Canada	Y	30	Has stepped up game a notch and quietly approaching star status.
McNaughton, Brayden	C	Canada	Y	35	Another season of big hits and dropped gloves, straight ahead.
McNiell, Kent	D	Canada	Y	30	Has stepped up his game to nearly star-level, and people are noticing.
McQuaid, Dillon	D	Canada	Y	25	One of the league's biggest, fastest defenders.
Medvedev, Nikolai	C	USSR	Y	31	Continued parade of injury issues threatens end to career.
Milroy, Lance	D	Canada	Y	23	Consistently good on defense, with flashes of greatness.
Mofflin, Zack	C	Canada	Y	31	Popular with team mates, smaller contribution this season.
Moise, Vail	D	Canada	Y	30	Pint-sized (5-5, 150) first-liner who gets fans on their feet with timely goals.
Monroy, Medrano	G	USA	N	21	Gave up cascades of goals in pre-season, sent to minors for work.
Montador, Marc	D	Canada	R	20	Wide skill set, tremendous work ethic, some health concerns.
Montgomery, Jonathan	L	USA	Y	28	Capable, but not the dominating player some projected he would be.
Monych, Shane	R	Canada	Y	21	Has work to do, but shaping up as a quality player for years to come.
Morneau, Bernard	L	Canada	Y	38	Continues to be fan-draw, but less ice time, more talk of retirement.
Morrison, Craig	D	Canada	Y	25	Big rookie contract has yet to pay dividends. Doesn't play poorly, but...
Morrow, Brett	R	Canada	Y	24	Named to first all-star team, reaching goal of doing so within three years.
Muller, Erik	G	USA	Y	32	Lands roster spot with bargain-basement contract, could be his last.
Mullins, Blake	C	Canada	Y	35	Excellence in support role, provides leadership and strength.
Musgrave, Dave	L	Canada	Y	35	Somewhat reduced ice time in the interest of preserving valuable property.
Musil, Zdeno	D	Czechoslovakia	Y	35	Now valued for leadership, experience, but declining skills mean less ice time.
Mychal, Mitch	C	Canada	Y	23	Durable, dependable mid-liner.
Naylor, Matt	D	Canada	Y	31	Middle-of-the-road defender, but durable and strong.
Nedorost, Dmitri	D	Czechoslovakia	R	25	Older "rookie" with extensive Euro ice time, expected to make splash.
Nepryavev, Viktor	L	USSR	Y	26	Nobody's favorite player, sullen and often uncooperative—but he can play.
Neumann, Jerrod	C	USA	Y	28	Sturdy shot-maker, frequently plays at all-star level.

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Niinimaki, Ahren	L	Finland	Y	26	Annually in the running for MVP with all-around superstar play.
Nikitin, Mikhail	R	USSR	Y	35	Health becoming an annual issue for this formerly stalwart player.
Noel, Serge	C	Canada	Y	23	Breakout season moves youngster into league elite status.
Nordstrom, Kalle	G	Sweden	Y	26	Noticeable progress has front office talking long-term contract.
Norwood, Simon	C	Canada	Y	30	Not well liked, on ice or off.--always looking for trouble.
Novak, Frantisek	R	Czechoslovakia	Y	33	Solid basic skill set earns him another roster spot.
Nurminen, Mikal	L	Finland	N	33	Unwilling to accept reduced role (and salary), released.
Nyquist, Owen	C	Canada	Y	24	Keeps to himself, but is quietly effective on ice.
O'Dette, Dan	D	Canada	Y	22	Insiders feel he could reach superstar level, given time and coaching.
Odelein, Rupe	D	Canada	Y	21	Superstar billing not lived up to—turning point season in development.
Okoye, Kenny	C	Canada	Y	34	Fans and team-mates love his no-nonsense playing style, easy demeanor.
Orszagh, Rail	L	Czechoslovakia	R	22	Good with fundamentals but lacking in finesse; project player.
Osborne, Wayne	R	Canada	Y	32	Not the all-star he once was, but still a strong contributor.
Ott, George	R	Canada	Y	25	Still finding his game, has mental lapses that counter his physical abilities.
Parsons, Tom	L	Canada	Y	27	Steady development into dependable veteran presence.
Peat, Colin	G	USA	R	22	Amateur star at club level, has only played hockey since high school.
Peltola, Ilka	L	Finland	Y	31	Doesn't get buzz on sports shows, but his numbers speak for themselves.
Pennington, Lucas	R	Canada	Y	32	There's always a market for the services of this prototype "goon"
Perrault, Stephane	D	Canada	N	40	Hangs it up after long, productive career: considering move to coaching.
Petre, Lasse	C	Sweden	Y	23	Still learning, but showing progress after slow start in pros.
Petrov, Anton	C	USSR	Y	32	Leadership a plus, but less ice time as skill decline.
Pilar, Krisjanis	G	Czechoslovakia	R	25	Extensive Euro experience makes him a "rookie" in name only.
Pivko, Lasse	D	Finland	N	24	Never showed enough for time, money invested, waived.
Pletka, Andrei	L	USSR	R	20	Superb physique, solid stats in Euro play, questionable attitude.
Ponomaryov, Vitaly	D	Russia	Y	24	Prone to make mistakes, negating advantages in size and quickness.
Popelka, Pavel	D	Czechoslovakia	N	25	Injured in pre-season, never able to regain form.
Porter, Chris	D	Canada	N	22	Reports to camp out of shape and not able to keep up.
Posmyk, Petr	G	Czechoslovakia	R	23	Solid in Euro play but unimpressive at WHL level—so far.
Potulny, Jon	G	USA	Y	24	Undersized (5-6, 160), poor performance in pre-season.
Powers, Tracy	C	Canada	Y	35	Solid vet starting to show some wear and tear. Still a threat with stick.
Prpic, Joey	D	Canada	R	21	Hard-hitting "Shaker-Upper" in minor leagues, deemed ready for pros.
Racine, Mike	R	Canada	Y	30	Articulate, polished and respected.
Rainey, Trey	L	USA	Y	25	Jury still out whether he'll ever be a top-line player. Flashes of brilliance.
Rehn, Sammie	D	Finland	Y	31	All-around success, moved to special teams role where he, of course, thrived.

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Reiniger, Dirk	L	Canada	Y	25	Drafted as franchise player but career path has been much more modest.
Reinikainen, Tuomo	R	Finland	Y	32	Another big year fir one of WHL's top scorers.
Reppo, Jukka	D	Finland	Y	30	Skilled defender who also packs notable offensive punch.
Ricci, Furio	D	Canada	Y	25	Establish goal-creator who happens to play on defense.
Rivard, Jean	D	Canada	Y	31	Long career in down-swing after starring as youngster.
Roberts, Jerry	L	USA	Y	29	More or less anonymous, but gets the job done when called upon.
Robson, Benjamin	R	Canada	N	37	Former all-star calls it a career after year spent mostly on bench.
Rocher, Yves	C	Canada	N	29	Quietly clears waivers, ending mostly unremarkable career.
Roe, Denny	C	USA	Y	24	Struggling to learn schemes, slower to develop than hoped by management.
Romanov, Alex	D	USSR	Y	27	A contributor, but enthusiasm wanes for this former blue-chip prospect.
Rossi, Pierino	L	Italy	Y	25	Likable and hard-working with top-shelf agility and speed.
Royer, Lucas	L	Canada	N	34	On the bubble at end of camp, veteran salary the deciding factorr.
Rudenko, Igor	G	USSR	Y	32	"Igor the Great," established WHL star delivers on-par with past seasons.
Rudin, Xeno	G	Russia	Y	25	Little-known Russian star responding well to coaching, mentoring
Rybackek, Zdenek	D	Czechoslovakia	Y	29	Tough, wily, highly respected defender.
Saarinen, Antero	D	Finland	Y	38	Likely final season for long-time league defender.
Saavedra, John	R	USA	N	30	Displayed alarming lack of speed in pre-season, released.
Sabotin, Konstantin	R	USSR	Y	30	Good size and speed, but not much beyond that.
Saindon, Ernest	L	Canada	N	31	Out of league after unimpressive pre-season.
Saint-Clair, Adam	R	Canada	N	39	Long-time WHL star retires, accepts coaching role.
Samuelsson, Cari	R	Sweden	Y	23	Better health has him playing more intensely; solid assist man.
Sanderson, Patrick	C	Sweden	Y	31	Back at full-strength after injury-plagued season.
Sarault, Francois	C	Canada	R	22	Super-quick and never gets hurt.
Sarno, Petr	D	Czechoslovakia	Y	22	Honed defensive skills, team plays better when he's on the ice.
Savage, Sammy	R	Canada	Y	24	Quickness and scoring acumen, but less physical play.
Scalzo, Jason	C	USA	Y	22	Respectable performance in first WHL season, hopes to build on it.
Schlater, Michael	D	Canada	Y	31	Earns roster spot based on leadership, willingness to mentor.
Schock, Travis	R	USA	Y	23	Pint-sized whirlwind, plays angry—somewhat of a hot-head.
Scott, Kieran	D	Canada	Y	24	Progress seems to have stalled with this kid, but he gets another year.
Seleznev, Anton	C	Russia	Y	24	Plays hard, limited by smallish stature.
Shaffer, Jim	D	Canada	Y	29	Smart coaching has him playing better, more balanced game.
Shasby, Gary	G	USA	Y	28	Beginning to look like the player he was in college—solid, dependable.
Sheehan, Hayden	L	Canada	Y	34	Getting older but can still bring the wood, and enjoys doing so.
Shuster, Jorg	C	Germany	N	24	Unimpressive in training camp, released.

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Simonson, Derrin	G	Canada	Y	26	Still trying to gain the consistency necessary to be top goalie.
Sirois, Richard	R	Canada	RT	24	Year in minors pays off in sharpened skills and improved confidence.
Smirnov, Sergei	R	USSR	Y	29	Modest decline in production due to pre-season injury issues.
Smith, Dennis	G	USA	Y	32	Classic goalie demeanor: quirky, uneven.
Smrek, David	C	Czechoslovakia	R	20	Doesn't say much, but impressed coaches with perceptiveness and power.
Sollie, Sigurd	L	Norway	Y	23	Coaching transition leaves former Euro star stuck in career-neutral.
Spencer, Cameron	R	Canada	Y	20	Project player, still finding his place. Coaching staff confident in future role.
Stacy, Seth	R	Canada	Y	32	Former all-star, should be in prime of career but—inexplicably—not so.
Staios, Ross	D	Canada	R	20	Seemingly everywhere on ice during MVP minor league season.
Steele, Dylan	G	Canada	Y	34	Reliable veteran returns to previous form after last year's drop-off.
Stefan, Radek	D	USSR	Y	35	Still a force on defense, but starting to show signs of age.
Stephenson, Quinn	C	Canada	Y	27	Has built reputation as a hard, clean hitter.
Stinson, Brent	D	Canada	R	20	Flies to the puck, plays selflessly, makes most of abilities.
Stussi, Berto	L	Switzerland	Y	25	Former Euro star continues development as goal-creator..
Sullivan, Ben	D	USA	Y	27	One foot out the door after pre-season skirmish with team-mate.
Sutter, Ian	C	Canada	Y	25	Flashy, big hitter willing to dish off, let someone else take the shot.
Tallinder, Magnus	D	Sweden	R	22	Strong skills on both ends of ice, recruited from Euro league with sweet deal.
Thomas, Dwight	L	Canada	Y	30	Non-stop motor, gets more out of his abilities than most players at his level.
Thompson, Matt	D	USA	Y	26	Clings to roster spot because of contract (too expensive to cut him).
Thompson, Noah	D	Canada	Y	34	Loner-type, "doesn't play well with the other kids."
Thorssen, Sven	D	Sweden	Y	27	One of league's top play-makers serves up another fine season.
Thygessen, Christiaan	L	Sweden	N	33	Early-season injury puts him on IR for year; hopes to return to star level.
Tkachenko, Dmitri	R	USSR	Y	33	Compact physique, but explosive and feisty; gets the job done with muscle.
Tomaszewski, Joey	L	USA	Y	30	Heaviest playing weight of career, and it showed: waived.
Toskala, Teppo	G	Finland	Y	33	Generally accepted as WHL's top goalie.
Toth, Brian	L	Canada	Y	31	Veteran player out of his comfort zone.
Tremblay, Simon	L	Canada	Y	27	Energy line hitter, not great with puck.
Trepanier, Cole	L	Canada	R	19	Fuzzy-faced kid, junior superstar with lethal stick.
Turner, Brent	D	USA	Y	30	Not as flashy as other stars but his contribution on ice is considerable.
Unger, Luca	C	Germany	Y	28	Not a flashy player, but quietly gets the job done with outstanding results.
Urbanek, Doug	D	Canada	Y	32	Decent player, but not a value at his current salary.
Van Allen, Chad	L	Canada	R	20	Prairie kid, solid all-around player, willing to do whatever is asked of him.
VanderMeer, Robby	L	Canada	Y	24	On the cusp of being the kind of player teams are built around.
Vasiljevs, Agris	R	Latvia	R	22	Little-known player from obscure Euro league, quick to catch on to schemes.

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Vihko, Mikko	D	Finland	Y	28	Another injury-riddled season, could be his last.
Vilimek, Radek	R	Czechoslovakia	Y	24	Often featured on sports highlight shows for dramatic breakaway goals.
Vondrka, Janos	D	Hungary	Y	24	Every-day player who hits the ice, works hard without a ton of sparkle.
Vuori, Tommie	G	Finland	Y	35	Suddenly unable to stop shots he once handled with ease.
Walsh, Kerry	D	Canada	Y	26	Patience thin with coaches, front office: time is now to produce, or get out.
Wannstrom, Geoff	D	Canada	Y	20	Still learning the ropes, has a ways to go to fulfill club's hopes.
Welch, Noah	D	Canada	Y	21	Not much improvement after a couple seasons of work, might try football.
Weller, Kyle	C	Canada	Y	24	Student of game, valued contributor.
Willsie, Boomer	G	USA	Y	25	Exciting player, but still not trustworthy as the "main guy."
Wilson, Justin	R	Canada	Y	29	Sufficient size, speed and ability. Helpful, useful player.
Wood, Logan	C	Canada	Y	31	Fans shout "Bring the Wood" when this star hits the ice! All-star vote leader.
Woods, Keenan	D	Canada	Y	35	Respected defender, relying more now on smarts than strength.
Wyatt, Dave	C	Canada	Y	35	Solid veteran contributor, starting to think about life after hockey.
Yli-Sirmio, Taneli	D	Finland	N	25	Window of opportunity closes, sent back to Scandinavia.
Yonkmann, Chuck	R	Canada	R	20	Lunch-pail rookie, drives pick-up, wears cowboy hat, listens to C&W music.
Yorke, John	D	Canada	Y	27	Another season earning keep as WHL's highest-paid defender.
Yushenko, Yuri	G	Russia	Y	29	Candidate for Comeback Player of Year, successful return from health issues.
Zadov, Ivan	R	USSR	Y	32	Recurrent fines have him playing with more reserve than previous years.
Zajac, Todd	D	Canada	Y	30	Hometown hero with great play, off-ice community involvement.
Zemanek, Jan	G	Czechoslovakia	Y	21	Groomed for future, not yet ready for every-night hockey. Has potential.
Zigomanis, Rich	D	Canada	Y	24	Aggressive defender and able to get the puck to team-mates on offense.
Zito, Tullio	D	Italy	Y	22	Undersized for a defender, but opponents know he can hit—hard.