



2026-27 HERSHEY BEARS ROSTER

CALDER CUP CHAMPIONS: 1947, 1958, 1959, 1969, 1974, 1980, 1988, 1997, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2023, 2024



KEY: [C] - Captain, [A] - Alternate Captain, <R> - Rookie, <V> - Veteran, ** - Must clear waivers by 2 p.m. on 9/27 before assignment to Hershey; *** Must clear waivers by 2 p.m. on 9/28

#	NAME	POS	CONTRACT	HT	WT	S	DOB	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	DRAFT	2025-26 TEAM(S)	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
2	Cam Allen <R>	D	NHL	6-1	200	R	1/7/2005	21	Toronto, ON	WSH, 5th (136), 2023	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	22	3	4	7	22
4	Justin Holl <V>***	D	NHL	6-4	194	R	1/30/1992	34	Tonka Bay, MN	CHI, 2nd (54), 2010	Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL) St. Louis Blues (NHL)	41 9	2 1	12 1	14 2	10 6
5	Ryan Chesley <R>	D	NHL	6-2	210	R	2/27/2004	22	St. Paul, MN	WSH, 2nd (37), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	64	6	10	16	18
6	Kyle Jackson <R>	F	AHL	6-2	190	L	10/17/2002	23	Ottawa, ON	SEA, 7th (196), 2022	Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL) Bloomington Bison (ECHL)	12 38	1 17	1 27	2 44	0 12
7	Louie Belpedio <V>***	D	NHL	5-11	200	R	5/14/1996	30	Skokie, IL	MIN, 3rd (80), 2014	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	68	9	25	34	67
11	Spencer Smallman <V>***	C	NHL	6-1	205	R	9/9/1996	30	Summerside, PEI	CAR, 5th (138), 2015	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	24	4	7	11	15
12	Theodor Niederbach	C	NHL	6-0	196	R	2/25/2002	24	Bjåsta, SWE	DET, 2nd (51), 2020	Frölunda HC (SHL)	52	13	19	32	16
13	Eriks Mateiko	C	NHL	6-6	223	L	11/18/2005	20	Jelgava, LAT	WSH, 3rd (90), 2024	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	27	1	5	6	16
14	Tyler Kopff	LW	NHL	6-4	220	L	4/22/2003	23	Ridgewood, NJ		Rochester Americans (AHL) Jacksonville Icemen (ECHL)	30 10	1 2	4 4	5 6	23 0
15	Lynden Lakovic <R>	LW	NHL	6-4	200	L	12/12/2006	19	Kelowna, BC	WSH, 1st (27), 2025	Moose Jaw Warriors (WHL)	22	18	11	28	8
18	Terik Parascak <R>	RW	NHL	6-0	190	R	5/28/2006	20	Lethbridge, AB	WSH, 1st (17), 2024	Prince George Cougars (WHL)	61	33	46	79	53
19	Grant Cruikshank	C	AHL	5-11	193	L	7/19/1998	28	Delafield, WI		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	67	10	8	18	45
20	Andrew Cristall <R>	LW	NHL	5-10	187	L	2/4/2005	21	Vancouver, BC	WSH, 2nd (40), 2023	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	72	20	40	60	24
21	Josh Dunne	F	NHL	6-4	208	L	12/8/1998	27	O'Fallon, MO		Buffalo Sabres (NHL) Rochester Americans (AHL)	34 2	1 1	3 0	4 1	38 4
22	Jonny Brodzinski <V>***	C	NHL	6-0	206	R	6/19/1993	33	Ham Lake, MN	LA, 5th (148), 2013	New York Rangers (NHL)	55	6	10	16	12
23	Jalen Luypen	C	AHL	5-10	171	L	6/28/2002	24	Kelowna, BC	CHI, 7th (216), 2021	Tucson Roadrunners (AHL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	22 2	4 1	2 0	6 1	6 0
24	Ludwig Persson <R>	LW	NHL	6-1	195	L	10/8/2003	22	Göteborg, SWE	WSH, 3rd (85), 2022	South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	35 7	14 0	23 1	37 1	16 2
25	Landon McCallum <R>	RW	AHL	5-11	172	R	9/5/2003	23	Delhi, ON		South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL) Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL) Kansas City Mavericks (ECHL)	41 3 55	9 0 13	14 0 30	23 0 43	10 4 42
26	Jacob MacDonald <V>	D	NHL	6-0	208	L	2/26/1993	33	Portland, OR		Colorado Eagles (AHL)	17	4	8	12	2
29	Cam Morrison	LW	AHL	6-3	209	L	8/27/1998	28	Aurora, ON	COL, 2nd (40), 2016	Stavanger Oilers (Norway)	40	18	12	30	10
32	Rhett Parsons <R>	D	AHL	6-3	222	R	10/10/2003	22	Cremona, AB		Toronto Marlies (AHL) Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL)	8 53	0 1	1 7	1 8	47 74
34	Leon Muggli	D	NHL	6-1	180	L	7/9/2006	20	Cham, SUI	WSH, 2nd (52), 2024	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	27	1	6	7	4
36	Petr Sikora <R>	C	NHL	6-0	194	L	1/2/2006	20	Karvina, CZE	WSH, 6th (178), 2024	HC Oceláři Třinec (Czechia) HC Frydek-Místek (Czechia-2)	24 4	3 2	6 4	9 6	8 0
37	Dalton Smith <V>	LW	AHL	6-2	205	L	6/30/1992	34	Oshawa, ON	CBJ, 2nd (34), 2010	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	60	2	4	6	85
38	Alex Gaffney <R>	F	AHL	5-9	177	L	6/25/2002	24	West Orange, NJ		Univ. of St. Thomas (NCAA) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	38 2	18 0	22 0	40 0	4 0
41	Alex Suzdalev	RW	NHL	6-2	190	L	3/5/2004	22	Khabarovsk, RUS	WSH, 3rd (70), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	41	10	14	24	4
43	Sam Bitten	LW	AHL	6-2	220	L	3/21/2000	26	Ottawa, ON		Springfield Thunderbirds (AHL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	4 43	0 4	0 3	0 7	4 79
44	Bogdan Trineyev	RW	NHL	6-3	206	R	3/4/2002	24	Voronezh, RUS	WSH, 4th (117), 2020	Washington Capitals (NHL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	2 62	0 17	0 28	0 45	0 31
45	Matt Strome <V>	LW	AHL	6-4	206	L	1/6/1999	27	Mississauga, ON	PHI, 4th (106), 2017	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	55	8	15	23	30
46	Jérémie Biakabutuka <R>	D	AHL	6-4	203	R	3/5/2002	24	Longueuil, QC		Tulsa Oilers (ECHL)	43	4	19	23	30
47	Jon McDonald	D	AHL	6-0	181	L	6/15/1998	28	Livonia, MI		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	60	3	9	12	38
48	David Gucciardi	D	NHL	6-2	211	L	10/9/2002	23	Toronto, ON	WSH, 7th (213), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	52	3	10	13	55
49	Noah Beck <R>	D	AHL	6-3	205	L	3/25/2001	25	Richmond Hill, ON	STL, 7th (194), 2020	San Jose Barracuda (AHL) Wichita Thunder (ECHL)	13 44	0 9	2 32	2 41	12 22
51	Ryan Sandelin	F	TRYOUT	6-0	185	R	1/3/1999	27	Hermantown, MN		Iowa Wild (AHL)	58	4	5	9	18
52	Jaxson Murray <R>	F	TRYOUT	5-10	181	R	7/9/2003	23	St. Clements, ON		Univ. of Waterloo (USports) Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL)	28 17	9 3	14 3	23 6	4 2
53	Josh Prokop	D	TRYOUT	5-11	185	R	1/30/2000	26	Edmonton, AB		Herning Blue Fox (Denmark)	47	17	19	36	12
55	Joey Anderson <V>	RW	PTO	5-11	199	R	6/19/1998	28	Roseville, MN	NJ, 3rd (73rd), 2016	Rockford IceHogs (AHL)	52	17	16	33	14
57	Aidan Hreschuk <R>	D	TRYOUT	5-11	190	L	2/19/2003	23	Long Beach, CA	CAR, 3rd (94), 2021	Texas Stars (AHL) Idaho Steelheads (ECHL)	3 61	0 2	1 19	1 21	0 18
58	Nick Andrews <R>	D	TRYOUT	5-11	194	L	7/6/2001	25	Canton, MI		Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL) Toledo Walleye (ECHL)	1 72	0 4	0 22	0 26	0 23
59	Miles Gendron	D	TRYOUT	6-3	187	L	6/28/1996	30	Oakville, ON	OTT, 3rd (70), 2014	Reading Royals (ECHL)	45	2	12	14	36

Goaltenders

#	NAME	POS	CONTRACT	HT	WT	C	DOB	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	DRAFT	2025-26 TEAM(S)	GP	REC	GAA	SV%
1	Garin Bjorklund <R>	G	AHL	6-2	195	L	5/28/2002	24	Grande Prairie, AB	WSH, 6th (179), 2020	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	17 7	5-9-3 4-2-0	3.72 2.37	0.876 0.929
30	Cal Petersen	G	PTO	6-3	187	R	10/19/1994	31	Waterloo, IA	BUF, 5th (129), 2013	Iowa Wild (AHL)	33	13-16-2	2.73	0.896
31	Clay Stevenson***	G	NHL	6-5	196	L	3/3/1999	27	Chilliwack, BC		Washington Capitals (NHL) HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	4 37	3-1-0 18-13-3	2.00 2.62	0.921 0.912
33	Ben Kraws	G	AHL	6-5	195	L	8/2/2000	26	Cranbury, NJ		Texas Stars (AHL) Idaho Steelheads (ECHL)	4 31	0-3-0 16-12-2	4.34 3.03	0.840 0.908
35	Mitch Gibson	G	NHL	6-2	204	L	6/25/1999	27	Phoenixville, PA	WSH, 4th (124), 2018	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL) South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	23 13	9-9-3 8-5-0	2.94 2.32	0.903 0.917

Bears Management & Coaches

NAME	TITLE
John Lawn	President & CEO, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts
Bryan Helmer	V.P. of Hockey Operations
Derek King	Head Coach
Louis Robitaille	Assistant Coach
Brent Thompson	Assistant Coach
Juha Lehtola	Associate Goaltending Coach
Bill Downey	Video Coach
Kendall Nemish	Strength & Conditioning Coach

Bears Hockey Ops & Support Staff

NAME	TITLE
Max Finley	Head Athletic Trainer
Jacqui Gutierrez	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Josh Carter	Head Equipment Manager
Dillon Filepas	Assistant Equipment Manager
Kyle Harris	Team & Equipment Services Administrator
Zack Fisch	Sr. Manager of Hockey Communications & Broadcasting
Jesse Liebman	Media Specialist

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1	BJORKLUND, GARIN	B'YOHRK-luhnd, GAIR-ihn
4	HOLL, JUSTIN	HAWHL
7	BELPEDIO, LOUIE	bell-PEE-dee-oh
13	MATEIKO, ERIKS	mah-TAY-koh, AIR-ihks
18	PARASCAK, TERIK	PAIR-uh-SAK, TAIR-ihk
19	CRUIKSHANK, GRANT	CROOK-shank
22	BRODZINSKI, JONNY	brawd-ZIHN-skee
23	LUYPEN, JALEN	LIGHP-ihn
24	PERSSON, LUDWIG	PUHR-suhn
34	MUGGLI, LEON	MOOG-lee
41	SUZDALEV, ALEX	SOOZ-dah-lehv
44	TRINEYEV, BOGDAN	TRIHN-nay-yev, BAHG-dan
46	BIAKABUTUKA, JÉRÉMIE	bee-AK-a-buh-TOO-kah, JAIR-eh-mee
48	GUCCIARDI, DAVID	goo-chee-ARR-dee
57	HRESCHUK, AIDAN	HUHR-shuk

STAFF

FILEPAS, DILLON	FILL-uh-piss
LIEBMAN, JESSE	LEEB-man
NEMISH, KENDALL	NEEM-ihsh
ROBITAILLE, LOUIS	ROH-bih-TIGH, LOO-ee