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 9/26 before assignment to Hershey

#	NAME	POS	CONTRACT	HT	WT	S	DOB	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	DRAFT	2025-26 TEAM(S)	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
6	Kyle Jackson <R>	F	AHL	6-2	190	L	10/17/2002	23	Ottawa, ON	SEA, 7th (196), 2022	Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL)	12	1	1	2	0
											Bloomington Bison (ECHL)	38	17	27	44	12
14	Tyler Kopff	LW	NHL	6-4	220	L	4/22/2003	23	Ridgewood, NJ		Rochester Americans (AHL)	30	1	4	5	23
											Jacksonville Icemen (ECHL)	10	2	4	6	0
19	Grant Cruikshank	C	AHL	5-11	193	L	7/19/1998	28	Delafield, WI		HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	67	10	8	18	45
21	Josh Dunne**	F	NHL	6-4	208	L	12/8/1998	27	O'Fallon, MO		Buffalo Sabres (NHL)	34	1	3	4	38
											Rochester Americans (AHL)	2	1	0	1	4
23	Jalen Luypen	C	AHL	5-10	171	L	6/28/2002	24	Kelowna, BC	CHI, 7th (216), 2021	Tucson Roadrunners (AHL)	22	4	2	6	6
											HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	2	1	0	1	0
											South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	35	14	23	37	16
24	Ludwig Persson <R>	LW	NHL	6-1	195	L	10/8/2003	22	Göteborg, SWE	WSH, 3rd (85), 2022	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	7	0	1	1	2
											South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	41	9	14	23	10
25	Landon McCallum <R>	RW	AHL	5-11	172	R	9/5/2003	23	Delhi, ON		Coachella Valley Firebirds (AHL)	3	0	0	0	4
											Kansas City Mavericks (ECHL)	55	13	30	43	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)	8	0	1	1	47
											Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL)	53	1	7	8	74
36	Petr Sikora <R>	C	NHL	6-0	194	L	1/2/2006	20	Karvina, CZE	WSH, 6th (178), 2024	HC Oceláři Třinec (Czechia)	24	3	6	9	8
											HC Frýdek-Místek (Czechia-2)	4	2	4	6	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)	38	18	22	40	4
											HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	2	0	0	0	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)	4	0	0	0	4
											HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	43	4	3	7	79
44	Bogdan Trineyev**	RW	NHL	6-3	206	R	3/4/2002	24	Voronezh, RUS	WSH, 4th (117), 2020	Washington Capitals (NHL)	2	0	0	0	0
											HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	62	17	28	45	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
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)	13	0	2	2	12
											Wichita Thunder (ECHL)	44	9	32	41	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)	28	9	14	23	4
											Cincinnati Cyclones (ECHL)	17	3	3	6	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)	3	0	1	1	0
											Idaho Steelheads (ECHL)	61	2	19	21	18
58	Nick Andrews <R>	D	TRYOUT	5-11	194	L	7/6/2001	25	Canton, MI		Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL)	1	0	0	0	0
											Toledo Walleye (ECHL)	72	4	22	26	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)	17	5-9-3	3.72	0.876
											South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	7	4-2-0	2.37	0.929
33	Ben Kraws	G	AHL	6-5	195	L	8/2/2000	26	Cranbury, NJ		Texas Stars (AHL)	4	0-3-0	4.34	0.840
											Idaho Steelheads (ECHL)	31	16-12-2	3.03	0.908
35	Mitch Gibson**	G	NHL	6-2	204	L	6/25/1999	27	Phoenixville, PA	WSH, 4th (124), 2018	HERSHEY BEARS (AHL)	23	9-9-3	2.94	0.903
											South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)	13	8-5-0	2.32	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

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24	**PERSSON, LUDWIG**	PUHR-suhn
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
57	**HRESCHUK, AIDAN**	HUHR-shuk

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LIEBMAN, JESSE	LEEB-man
NEMISH, KENDALL	NEEM-ihsh
ROBITAILLE, LOUIS	ROH-bih-TIGH, LOO-ee